

# Rare birds in the Netherlands in 1993

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This is the 14th annual report on rare birds in the Netherlands to be published in Dutch Birding (a Dutch-language version of this report appears in Limosa). It comprises records from 1993 as well as belated and reconsidered records, dating from 1992 back to 1956, which have been evaluated by the Dutch rarities committee, the Commissie Dwaalgasten Nederlandse Avifauna CDNA. Several records for 1993 and earlier years are still under consideration, for various reasons. A complete review of all rarity decisions from 1800-1980 still awaits publication.

Details included for each accepted record are, if available: province and locality; date(s); number of birds if more than one, plumage and sex; type of record if trapped, photographed, sound-recorded or found dead (and where specimen is stored); names of up to three observers and relevant references in the literature, which normally include (international and not regional journals. Numbers after each (sub)species' name refer to the total number of individuals 1 since 1 January 1980 but excluding 2 the current year. (Sub)species marked with an asterisk \* are new to the Dutch list.

The following CDNA members voted on some or all of the records in this report: Edward J van IJzendoorn, Jan van der Laan, Karel A Mauer, Cock R Reijnders, C S (Kees) Roselaar, Jelle Scharringa, Hans Schekkerman, Gerard H Steinhaus and Wim M Wiegant. In January 1994, Cock Reijnders has left the Committee, to be succeeded by Jan van der Laan.

Records should be sent to CDNA, Postbus 45, 2080 AA Santpoort-Zuid, the Netherlands, preferably using standard forms, which can be obtained free of charge from CDNA.

The CDNA has decided not to consider records of Russian Common Gull *Larus canus heinei* and Eurasian Treecreeper *Certhia familiaris* (subspecies *C f. familiaris* as well as *C f. macrodactyla*) from 1 January 1995 onwards. A number of (sub)species are not considered anymore by the CDNA, for one or more of the following reasons: 1 the (sub)species has been recorded too often to be regarded as rare, or 2 it is observ-

ed much more often than appears from the number of records submitted. The species which have been dropped from the CDNA's list since 1989 are (with the main reason for its removal, followed by the last year for which records are still considered): Greater Flamingo *Phoenicopterus ruber roseus* (1; 1992), Lesser White-fronted Goose *Anser erythropus* (1; 1989), Icelandic Black-tailed Godwit *Limosa limosa islandica* (2; 1989), Marsh Sandpiper *Tringa stagnatilis* (1; 1992), Russian Common Gull (2; 1994), Long-tailed Skua *Stercorarius longicaudus* (2; 1992), Gull-billed Tern *Gelochelidon nilotica* (2; 1992), European Bee-eater *Merops apiaster* (1; 1992), Red-throated Pipit *Anthus cervinus* (2; 1991), Aquatic Warbler *Acrocephalus paludicola* (1; 1992), Barred Warbler *Sylvia nisoria* (1; 1992), Eurasian Treecreeper *Certhia familiaris* (1; 1994), Parrot Crossbill *Loxia pytyopsittacus* (1; 1992), and Common Rosefinch *Carpodacus erythrinus* (1; 1991). Note, however, that Siberian Chiffchaff *Phylloscopus collybita tristis/fulvescens* is again considered from 1 January 1994. More information on the procedures of the CDNA can be found in Dutch Birding 9: 141-143, 1987; 11: 83-85, 1989; 12: 201, 1990; 15: 210, 1994.

The year 1993 produced two new species for the Netherlands, Demoiselle Crane *Anthropoides virgo* and Isabelline Shrike *Lanius isabellinus*. The most notable other rarities in 1993 were the fourth Griffon Vulture *Gyps fulvus*, the second Booted Eagle *Hieraetus pennatus*, the third Baird's Sandpiper *Calidris bairdii*, the fourth Ross's Gull *Rhodostethia rosea*, the third Citrine Wagtail *Motacilla citreola*, the fourth Pied Wheatear *Oenanthe pleschanka*, the fourth and fifth Sardinian Warbler *S melanocephala* and the second Black-faced Bunting *Emberiza spodocephala*. A new subspecies of the Eurasian Treecreeper, *C f. macrodactyla*, appeared to be breeding in small numbers and the first Balearic Woodchat Shrike *L senator badius* was identified (although an earlier record is still under review).

Among the rejected records are some which were documented by photographs: Black-shouldered Kite *Elanus caeruleus* in 1992, Kittlitz's Plover *Charadrius pecuarius* in 1990,

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Laughing Gull *L atricilla* in 1993 and Long-tailed Rosefinch *Uragus sibiricus* in 1991 and 1993.

### Systematic list of accepted records

#### Balearic Shearwater *Puffinus yelkouan* 28,4

NOORDHOLLAND Camperduin, 11 July (S Lagerveld); Camperduin, 25 July (E Ermens, D J Moerbeek, S Lagerveld), Camperduin, 26 July (M P Olthoff, S de Bruin, E Sangster); Camperduin, 30 July (S Lagerveld, N F van der Ham). ZEELAND Westkapelle, 11 September (P J van Tuil, T Koppejan).

The records at Camperduin on 25 and 26 July are referring to one individual, according to the observers. There are now 37 records, dating from July (seven), August (12), September (13) and October (five). More than two third of the records are from after 1987.

#### Atlantic Great Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo carbo* 4,0

The previously accepted 1991 record has been rejected, based on the fact that Continental Great Cormorants *P c sinensis* also breed in the colony where the 1991 bird was ringed (Graham Ekins in litt). For information on the occurrence of Atlantic Great Cormorants in the Netherlands, see van den Berg (1988).

#### Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis* 41,5

FLEVOLAND Oostvaardersplassen, 11-21 May (S Puyman, A Hendrix). FRIESLAND Workum, 27 August to 2 October, photographed (M Versluys, S Bernardus et al). ZUIDHOLLAND Baambrugge, 29 August (J F J Jansen). UTRECHT Rhenen, 19 September to 10 October, two, after 29 September one, photographed (F Bos, A Vink et al). 1992 GRONINGEN Noordbroek, 4-6 September, photographed (A de Bruin, E Koops, L J R Boon). GELDERLAND Horssen, 5 November (A J H Scheeuwe). 1990 ZUIDHOLLAND Lisse, 25 October to 3 November (J van der Linden).

One may wonder whether the Rhenen birds were actually wild; possibly they originated from a nearby zoo. The 1990 record was already published for 25-28 October (van den Berg et al 1991). The 1992 records bring the total for that year to nine, the highest ever.

#### Glossy Ibis *Plegadis falcinellus* 12,2

FRIESLAND Laaxum, 6-15 June, photographed (C R Reijnders, R Mulder). ZEELAND Wolphaartsdijk, 3-6 October, photographed (J M Walhout, E Sanders, H Gebuis; van Dongen et al 1993).

#### Ross's Goose *Anser rossii* 3,0

1991 FRIESLAND Workum, 25 January to 16 March 1992, photographed (M Weston).

The 1991 record refers to a date extension of a record already published for 25-27 January (van den

Berg et al 1993). Should there be an award for 'most boring rarity', this species, together with Falcated Duck *Anas falcata*, would certainly be among the nominees. Yet, true wild origin of this species is a possibility (cf van den Berg & Cottaar 1986, Scott 1995).

#### Black Brant *Branta bernicla nigricans* 48,4

ZEELAND Philipsdam, 30 January (H P Braam, H Westerlaken); Serooskerke, 30 January (H P Braam, H Westerlaken); Middelburg, 23 February to 1 March (J M Walhout et al).

FRIESLAND Terschelling, 6 April (T Bakker, A Ouwerkerk).

NOORDHOLLAND Texel, 20 November to 25 March 1994 (A Wassink).

Since the first record, as recent as in 1974, this subspecies has been recorded annually since 1980, always in flocks of Black-bellied Brent *B b bernicla*. The Texel bird is believed to be the same individual already reported in 1991-92 and 1992-93.

#### American Wigeon *Anas americana* 13,1

GELDERLAND Voorst, 30 October, adult male (H van Oosten, J Voerknecht).

Since 1985, this species has been recorded annually, with the exception of 1990. All records refer to males.

#### Ring-necked Duck *Aythya collaris* 8,1

FLEVOLAND Oostvaardersdijk, 13-19 November, male, photographed (R E van der Vliet, E B Ebels; van Dongen et al 1994, Lichtenbeld 1994).

This is the 14th record. There are now records in all months from November to May. As in the previous species, all records refer to males.

#### Ring-necked Duck x Tufted Duck *Aythya collaris x fuligula* 0,2

NOORDHOLLAND Abcoude, 5-6 February, adult male, photographed (K J Eigenhuis, E B Ebels, R Offereins; Keizer 1994).

ZUIDHOLLAND Vlaardingen, 20 March to 4 April, adult male, photographed (H Prinsen, J F J Jansen, H Westerlaken; van Dongen et al 1993).

These were the first records of this type of hybrid. Possibly, both refer to the same bird.

#### King Eider *Somateria spectabilis* 4,1

NOORDHOLLAND De Cocksdorp, Texel, 24 March to at least 20 May and 19 November to 20 June 1994, adult female, photographed (A Wassink, E B Ebels).

One would expect females to go undiscovered for most of the time. Since 1980, however, there are records of two females and three males.

#### Griffon Vulture *Gyps fulvus* 0,1

NOORDHOLLAND Durgerdam, 28 April to 3 May, seventh-year male, photographed, ring read (F Padmos, A Veen et al; Anonymus 1993, van Dongen et al 1993, Lichtenbeld 1993, Padmos & Ebels 1993, Anonymus 1994).

This fourth record concerned a bird with an unusual

history. It was found as a weakened juvenile in north-eastern Italy, and kept in a cage for over four years. It was released, ringed and radio-tagged as part of a re-introduction scheme in February 1992 in northern Italy, where it was last observed on 21 April 1992 (Fulvio Genero in litt). This record evidenced the vagrancy potential of this species to north-western Europe and added a new dimension to discussions on what 'wild origin' really means.

**Short-toed Eagle** *Circaetus gallicus* 3,1

FRIESLAND Terschelling, 2 August, photographed (A Ouwerkerk; van Dongen et al 1993, Anonymus 1993).

Although this stunningly photographed bird gave the impression that it was about to land on Terschelling, it could not be relocated the next day. There are now seven accepted records, dating from 1907, 1959, 1979, 1981, 1989, 1990 and 1993, of which five from June-August.

**Golden Eagle** *Aquila chrysaetos* 3,1

ZEELAND Westkapelle, 29 September, immature (R Sponselee, E Sanders).

Since the mid-80's, *Aquila* eagles seem to elude twitchers. Like the one in 1992, this individual was seen only by a few observers. There are now 12 20th century records, with four since 1980.

**Booted Eagle** *Hieraetus pennatus* 1,1

FLEVOLAND Knardijk, 24 April, light morph, photographed (H Prinsen, M Snethlage; van Dongen et al 1993, Prinsen & Ebels 1993, Dees et al 1994).

Contrary to the first in 1992, this record referred to a light morph, which was circling overhead a group of observers for 15 min.

\* **Demoiselle Crane** *Anthropoides virgo* 0,1

GRONINGEN Rottumeroog, 30 April, adult, photographed (K van Dijken, W Steenge).

For the second time, this species is listed as new for the Netherlands. Previously accepted and now rejected records concern two individuals in eastern Noordbrabant in 1989, followed by observations of single birds in the same region in 1991 and 1992 (Berlijn 1991). These were, however, birds which had apparently escaped from an aviary (van den Berg et al 1991). The CDNA has decided that there is no reason to consider the Rottumeroog bird, which was seen overflying this tiny island in north-easterly direction, as clearly referring to an escape. Two other records from 1993 are still under review.

**Little Bustard** *Otis tarda* 5,1

ZEELAND Grijpskerke, 5-14 December, female or first-winter male, photographed (J Goedbloed; van Dongen et al 1994, Sanders & Koppejan 1994).

According to unconfirmed local information, this bird was already present in November. Since 1900, there have been 37 records. Six records were accepted since 1980: in 1983, 1986, 1987 (two), 1988 and 1993. These six records constitute the only field obser-

vations; all previous records concerned collected birds.

**Black-winged / Collared Pratincole** *Glareola nordmanni/pratincola* 1,2

1992 ZEELAND Philipsdam, 7 June, two (J J Blankert, C Quispel).

The CDNA could not agree with identification of these birds as Black-winged Pratincole, although statistics would be in favour: of 33 pratincoles recorded this century, seven were accepted as Collared, 21 as Black-winged, whereas six could not be specifically identified.

**Greater Sand Plover** *Charadrius leschenaultii* 2,1

FRIESLAND Schiermonnikoog, adult, 10 August (H-G Folz).

The quality of the description was outstanding, leading to the first accepted record of a non-photographed individual of this species. Dutch birders tend to avoid the Wadden Isles during the tourist season but, obviously, rare waders do not, which then have to be found by foreign birders. All three live birds (the first was found dead in July 1977) date from August, in 1984, 1985 and 1993.

**Sociable Plover** *Chettusia gregaria* 14,1

GELDERLAND Nijkerk, 9 August (W G G Smeets, I A J Smeets-Boelen; Smeets 1993).  
1991 OVERIJSSEL Olst, 8-18 December (K Scholten, S Luinenburg, E Nieuwstraten).

The 1991 record represents the first for December. There are now records in April (five), May (three), June (two), July (four), August (four), September (three), October (two), November (two) and December (one).

**Baird's Sandpiper** *Calidris bairdii* 2,1

NOORDHOLLAND Julianadorp, 31 July to 1 August, adult, photographed (D J Moerbeek; van den Berg 1993a, van Dongen et al 1993, Moerbeek 1994).

Keen birding at inundated bulb-fields produced this third record. The first two concerned juveniles, on 21-28 September 1980 and 23-28 August 1981.

**Pectoral Sandpiper** *Calidris melanotos* 46,8

ZEELAND Tholen, 18-22 May, photographed (M Berlijn; van Dongen et al 1993, Lichtenheld 1993).  
GRONINGEN Lauwersmeer, 21-22 May, two (R E Brouwer, H Groot); Lauwersmeer, 25 August (E Klunder, H-J Wight, K Scholten).  
ZUIDHOLLAND Valkenburg, 23 May (N C Hoogenboom).

NOORDHOLLAND Julianadorp, 28-30 August, two, photographed (C R Reijnders, D J Moerbeek), Julianadorp, 4 September (K Kraaijeveld, J F J Jansen et al).

Since 1989, this commonest of the supposedly trans-atlantic vagrants shows up in small groups: there are 60 records, including two in September 1989, May 1993 and September 1993, and three in September 1992.

**Broad-billed Sandpiper** *Limicola falcinellus* 47,2

FRIESLAND Oosterend, Terschelling, 20 May (L Steijn, E



74 Iceland Gull / Kleine Burgemeester *Larus glaucopterus*, adult, Vlissingen, Zeeland, February 1993 (Hans Gebuis)  
75 Alpine Swift / Alpengierzwaluw *Apus melba*, juvenile, Westkapelle, Zeeland, 17 September 1993 (Peter L Meininger)  
76 Ring-necked Duck / Ringsnavelarend *Aythya collaris*, male, Oostvaardersdijk, Flevoland, November 1993 (Arnoud B van den Berg)  
77 King Eider / Koningseider *Somateria spectabilis*, adult female, De Cocksdorp, Texel, Noordholland, April 1993 (Arnoud B van den Berg)

Nieuwstraten, M Zekhuis).

NOORDHOLLAND Julianadorp, 28-30 August, juvenile, photographed (D J Moerbeek et al).

The Julianadorp inundated bulb-fields produced no less than five rare sandpipers within six weeks, one Baird's, three Pectoral, and one Broad-billed. It makes clear that it is not the number of shorebirds that produces the rarities but the possibility to study them closely.

#### **Buff-breasted Sandpiper** *Tryngites subruficollis* 4.1

FRIESLAND Lauwersmeer, 12-17 June, adult, summer plumage, photographed (P Knolle, B Balten, A de Bruin et al; Knolle & Balten 1993).

This is the second spring record. There are now eight records, in May (one), June (one), August (two), September (two), October (one) and November (one).

#### **Russian Common Gull** *Larus canus heinei* 12.0

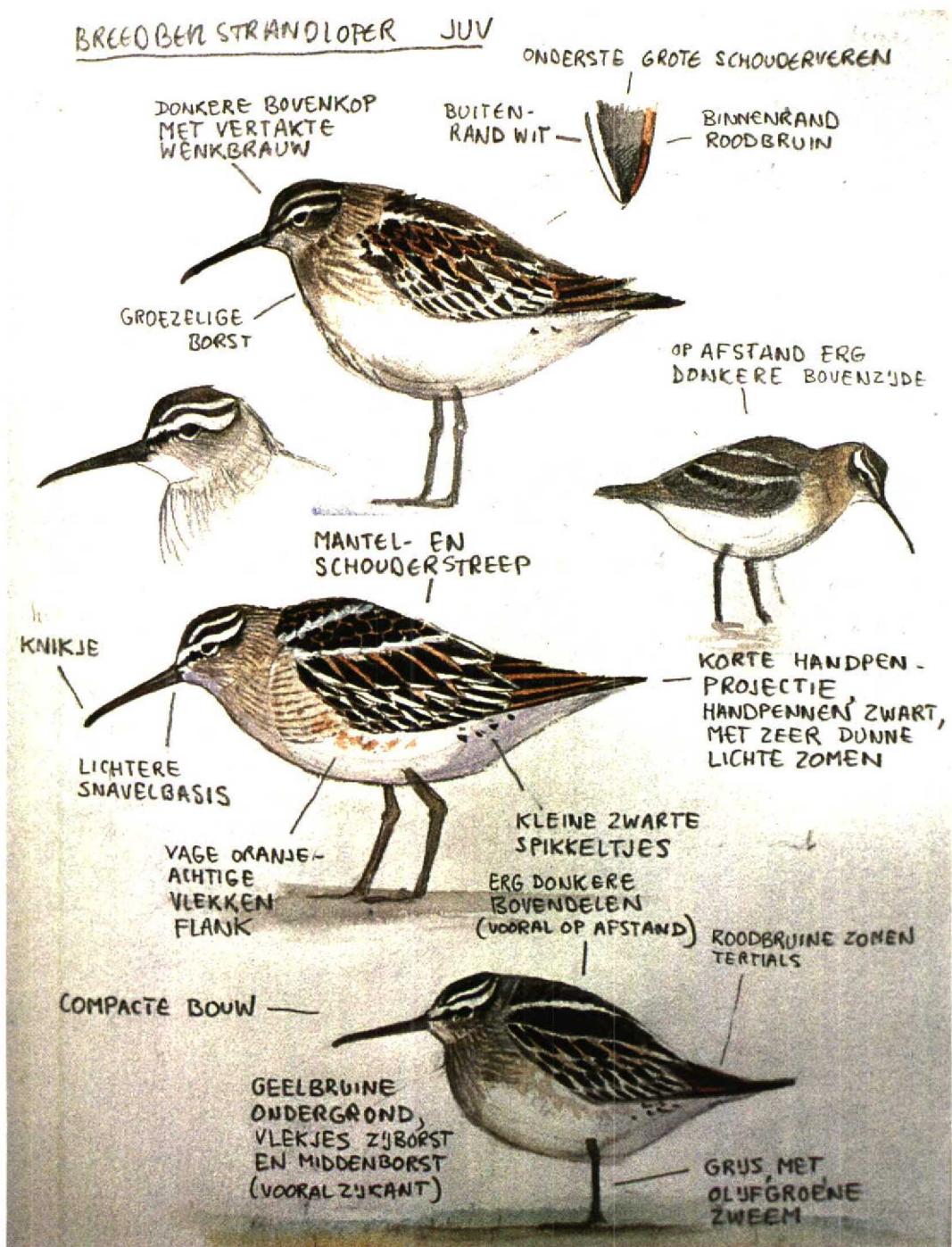
1991 ZUIDHOLLAND Maasvlakte, January, adult male, found dead; Maasvlakte, 16 February, adult female, found dead; Scheveningen, February, adult female, found dead (Kompanje & Post 1993).

NOORDBRABANT Nuenen, 12 February, adult male, ring read (N van Swelm; Kompanje & Post 1993).

NOORDHOLLAND Location not specified, 12 February, adult male, found dead (Kompanje & Post 1993).

1990 ZUIDHOLLAND Maasvlakte, 27 January, adult male, found dead; 9 February, adult male, found dead; Scheveningen, February, adult male, found dead; Maasvlakte, 11 May, adult male, found dead (Kompanje & Post 1993).

These records were published by Kompanje & Post (1993), the identification of the birds found dead being



FIGUUR 1 Broad-billed Sandpiper / Breedbekstrandloper *Limicola falcinellus*, Julianadorp, Noordholland, August 1993 (Dirk J Moerbeek)

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based on internal and external measurements. Apparently, this subspecies occurs less rarely than previously thought. Combined with the fact that it is virtually impossible to separate from nominate Common Gull with certainty in the field, this has led the CDNA to remove it from the list of considered subspecies from 1 January 1995.

### Iceland Gull *Larus glaucopterus* 37,4

ZEELAND Vlissingen, 6-10 February, and Nieuwdorp, 24 February, adult, winter plumage, photographed (R Sponselee, E van Boheemen et al; van Dongen et al 1993); Vlissingen, 7 February to 4 March, first-winter, probably male, photographed (J M Walhout, R Sponselee, P van Tuil et al).

NOORDHOLLAND Wervershoof, 16 February, second-winter, found dead, skin retained in private collection, photographed (B Winters); Velsen, 16-22 February, first-winter, photographed (J van 't Hof, K J Eigenhuis, D J Moerbeek).

Adults are rare: the one in Vlissingen was only the second; the first was in 1988. This year's total of four records equals the totals of 1981, 1984 and 1992.

### Ross's Gull *Rhodostethia rosea* 2,1

NOORDHOLLAND Egmond aan Zee, 16 December, adult (W A van Splunder, R A van Splunder).

This fourth record was a bird flying by, foraging close to the shore, amidst Little Gulls *L. minutus*.

### Gull-billed Tern *Gelochelidon nilotica*

1992 ZUIDHOLLAND Lisse, 1-2 August, two (T J C Luijendijk).

This record was published in the 1992 report as referring to only one individual. This species is no longer considered by the CDNA since 1993.

### Roseate Tern *Sterna dougallii* 13,1

NOORDHOLLAND Camperduin, 25-28 June, adult, summer plumage, photographed (K J Eigenhuis, M Berlijn, M Guyt).

### Whiskered Tern *Chlidonias hybridus* 64,4

NOORDBRABANT Strabrechtse Heide, 19 May, adult, summer plumage (F Bos, J J Bakhuizen, R de Beer); Soerendonk, 22-24 May, adult, summer plumage, photographed (H Vrolijk, M Berlijn).

ZUIDHOLLAND Woerden, 29 May, adult, summer plumage (J F J Jansen).

GRONINGEN Eemshaven, 5 June, adult, summer plumage (M Jonker, A Pot).

1992 NOORDHOLLAND Huizen, 5-6 May, two, adult and second-year, summer plumage (R F J van Beusekom).

OVERIJSSEL Vriezenveen, 31 May, adult, summer plumage (T Kruissink, R Brunink et al).

After 18 in 1992, four records is just below the average of approximately five per year since 1980.

### Black Guillemot *Cephaloscyphus grylle* 21,2

NOORDHOLLAND Camperduin, 26 September, adult,

winter plumage (N F van der Ham, S Lagerveld); Camperduin, 11 November, first-winter (S Lagerveld, N F van der Ham).

Since 1980, there are four years without records, four with one, two with two, two with three and two with four records.

### Alpine Swift *Apus melba* 12,1

ZEELAND Westkapelle, 17 September, juvenile, photographed (F Arts, C Berrevoets et al; Meininger 1993).

This bird could be identified as a juvenile on account of the pale fringes on the coverts, just visible on the photographs. The only other individual that could be aged concerned a first-year bird found dead in September 1974 (Stel 1975).

### Red-rumped Swallow *Hirundo daurica* 19,1

GRONINGEN Rottumeroog, 1 May (W Steenge).

After five records in 1954-85, this species has been recorded annually since 1988, with two or three each year, except in 1989 (six, including a group of five) and 1993 (one).

### Red-throated Pipit *Anthus cervinus*

1991 ZUIDHOLLAND Maasvlakte, 31 March (S Tas, M van Dijk).

This record is extremely early: all other 37 spring records in 1980-1991 were between 27 April and 26 May. The species is no longer considered by the CDNA since 1992.

### Citrine Wagtail *Motacilla citreola* 2,1

GELDERLAND Wilp, 4-5 May, male (most probably first-summer), photographed (P de Vries, J J F J Jansen et al; van Dongen et al 1993, de Vries & Ebels 1993, de Vries 1995).

The first 'twitchable' Citrine Wagtail. The bird was also seen flying above the neighbouring province of Overijssel. The CDNA did not dare to conclude it was belonging to the subspecies *M c. werae*, as the extension of the breeding range towards the west may well induce some intergradation between the subspecies *M c. werae* and *M c. citreola*.

### Thrush Nightingale *Luscinia luscinia* 17,2

NOORDHOLLAND Amsterdam, 22-24 May, male, singing, sound-recorded (H Groot, F G S M Hieselaar et al). FRIESLAND West-Terschelling, Terschelling, 25 May, male, singing, sound-recorded (T Bakker, A Ouwerkerk).

The CDNA still awaits information about this bird's stay into June.

### Red-spotted Bluethroat *Luscinia svecica svecica* 20,2

GRONINGEN Rottumeroog, 12 May, male, summer plumage, photographed (W Steenge).

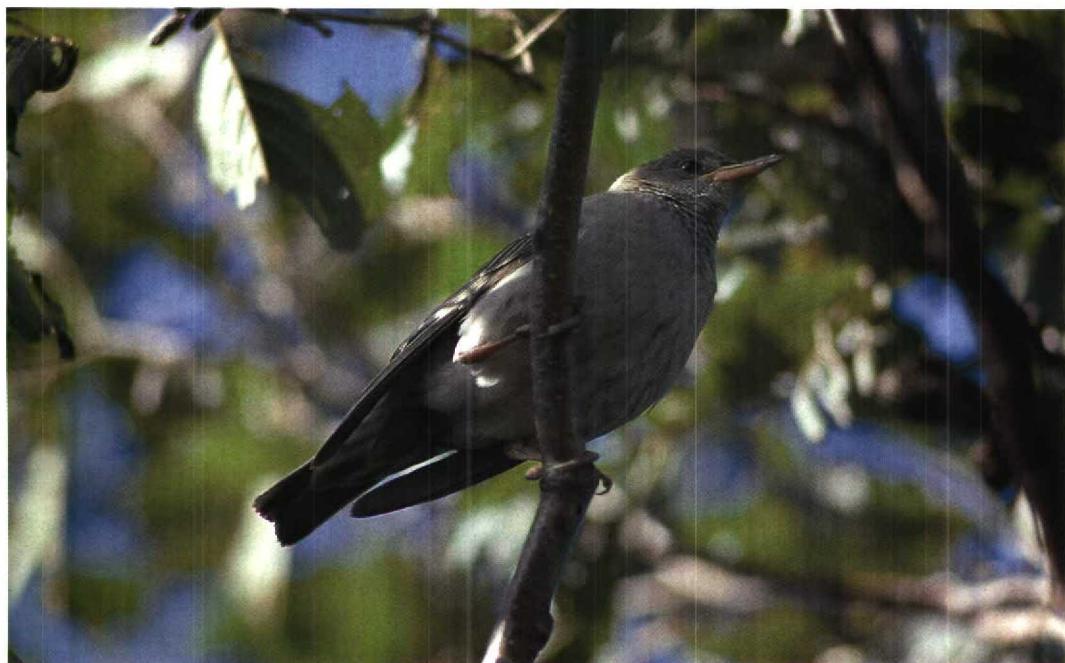
NOORDHOLLAND De Cocksdorp, Texel, 29 May, male, summer plumage, photographed (J van der Laan, P M Gnodde et al; van Dongen et al 1993).

1991 GRONINGEN Rottumerplaat, 16 May, male, summer plumage (D Lutterop).



78 Melodious Warbler / Orpheusspotvogel *Hippolais polyglotta*, Rottumeroog, Groningen, 22 May 1993  
(Koen van Dijken)

79 Rosy Starling / Roze Spreeuw *Sturnus roseus*, juvenile, De Cocksdorp, Texel, Noordholland, October 1993  
(René Pop)



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Both Zuidholland records in the 1992 report should be deleted. They refer to a single bird photographed in 1989, already published in the 1991 report (van den Berg et al 1993).

**Siberian Stonechat** *Saxicola torquata maura* 6,1  
NOORDHOLLAND Velsen, 2 October, first-winter, photographed (C R Reijnders, D J Moerbeek).

**Pied Wheatear** *Oenanthe pleschanka* 3,1  
FRIESLAND Vlieland, 7-8 October, first-winter male, photographed (W A van Splunder et al; van Splunder 1993, van den Berg 1993b).

**White's Thrush** *Zoothera dauma* 2,1  
ZEELAND Breskens, 9 April, photographed (A H Oavaa, J Goedbloed, J M Walhout et al; Sponselee & Walhout 1993).

This is only the second field record; all others were either found dead or trapped. One can imagine the bewildered looks of the c 10 observers counting spring passage migrants, when it became clear the large thrush they saw approaching and flying by was not a Mistle Thrush *Turdus viscivorus*! There are now 15 records, dating from March (one), April (two), September (four), October (seven), and December (one). The single photograph is not suitable for publication.

**Zitting Cisticola** *Cisticola juncidis* 21,2  
ZEELAND Paal, 29 June to 17 August, male, singing, photographed (M Berlijn, E Sangster; van Dongen et al 1993); Kloosterzande, 19-21 August, male, singing, photographed (E van Boheemen, C Zuyderduijn, M van Dijl).

For the first time since 1990, singing males appeared at their once regular localities in Zeeland. Since 1975, this species has not been recorded in 1986-89 and 1991-92.

**Melodious Warbler** *Hippolais polyglotta* 10,2  
GRONINGEN Rottumeroog, 22 May, male, singing, photographed (K van Dijken, E de Weerd; van Dongen et al 1993).  
NOORDHOLLAND Ankeveen, 14-26 June, male, singing, sound-recorded (W J R de Wijs).

Details on a multi-observer record of a singing male staying at the Flediteweg near Zeewolde, Flevoland, in June are still circulating.

**Subalpine Warbler** *Sylvia cantillans* 14,4  
FRIESLAND Oosterend, Terschelling, 1 May, male, summer plumage (J Rahder); Vlieland, 3 May, adult male, summer plumage (W van der Waal, P Marcus).  
GRONINGEN Rottumerplaat, 28-30 May, male, summer plumage (D Lutterop, G Kasemir).  
NOORDHOLLAND Texel, 2 June, male, first-summer (A Wassink).

This species tends to turn up in small influxes in spring. Since 1980, years with more than one record have been the rule rather than the exception, with sin-

gle records in 1982 and 1988, two in 1987 and 1992, three in 1986, four in 1993 and five in 1983. Only one of these concerned a female, in June 1983.

**Sardinian Warbler** *Sylvia melanocephala* 3,2  
NOORDHOLLAND Texel, 26-29 May, male, first-summer, photographed (A Wassink et al; van Dongen et al 1993, van den Berg 1993b, Wassink & van den Berg 1993).

GRONINGEN Lauwersoog, 30 October to 22 November, adult male, photographed (R de Lange, S de Bruin, I de Bruin et al; van den Berg 1993b).

The fourth and fifth record. The first was a wintering bird in Amsterdam, Noordholland, from 14 December 1980 to 22 February 1981, the second was photographed at Eemshaven, Groningen, on 13 May 1983 and the third was trapped on Rottumeroog, Groningen, on 20 April 1991. All records refer to males.

**Barred Warbler** *Sylvia nisoria*  
1992 FRIESLAND Vlieland, 20 September, first-year, photographed (F Ossendorp, E B Ebels).

This species is no longer considered by the CDNA since 1993.

**Greenish Warbler** *Phylloscopus trochiloides* 6,2  
GRONINGEN Rottumeroog, 9-13 August, male, sound-recorded (K van Dijken, W Steenge).  
FRIESLAND Schiermonnikoog, 30 August, first-winter, trapped and photographed (A J van Loon, C Schouten; van Dongen et al 1993).

All records since 1980 were from the Wadden Sea area, and four of these on Schiermonnikoog and Rottumeroog.

**Pallas's Warbler** *Phylloscopus proregulus* 42,3  
NOORDHOLLAND De Cocksdorp, Texel, 16-19 October (D J Moerbeek et al); De Cocksdorp, Texel, 18-19 October (K H Scholten, G van Aalst et al); Texel, 2 November (A Wassink).

The Dutch Birding week on Texel, since 1986 held during the third week of October, clearly is the best time and place to see this species. Out of 45 post-1980 records, 15 were seen during this event.

**Dusky Warbler** *Phylloscopus fuscatus* 14,0  
1992 FRIESLAND Vlieland, 31 October (A W J Meijer, L van der Veen et al).

After the first record in 1978, this species has been recorded 13 times during 1986-90, but only once since.

**Eastern Bonelli's Warbler** *Phylloscopus bonelli orientalis* 3,1  
FRIESLAND Vlieland, 30 April to 1 May, male, singing (W van der Waal).

This is the fourth record of this subspecies. Others were in May 1983 (two) and July 1986. There are 22 records of the species, with 13 since 1980. All records of *P b orientalis* were in coastal woodlands, whereas records away from the coast always referred to the

western subspecies *P b bonelli*. However, *P b bonelli* has also been recorded in coastal areas.

**Eurasian Treecreeper** *Certhia familiaris* 41,11

NOORDHOLLAND Bloemendaal, 1 October, trapped, photographed (P de Nobel); Texel, 28-29 October, (R F J van Beusekom).

FRIESLAND Oosterend, Terschelling, 14-16 October, two, photographed (A Schaftenaar, R de Beer, J J Bakhuizen et al; van Dongen et al 1993); Vlieland, 29 October (D J Moerbeek); Schiermonnikoog, 12 November, two (P Edelaar, L Bakker).

GRONINGEN Lauwersoog, 24 October to 14 December, photographed (K van Dijken, A van Dijk, R Winters et al).

1992 FRIESLAND Terschelling, 15 December, two (A van Kleunen, G van den Berg, D Groenendijk).

The 15 December 1992 record for Terschelling was included in the 1992 report as referring to only one bird; one of the two records of 29 March 1990 in Groningen in the 1992 report should be dated 20 March and has been erroneously published as accepted (cf Wiegant et al 1994). From 1 January 1995, records of this species are no longer considered by the CDNA. The numbers include those of birds subspecifically identified.

**\* Central-European Treecreeper** *Certhia familiaris macrodactyla* 0,4

LIMBURG Vijlen, 22-28 March, two, photographed, sound-recorded (F Schepers, M Berlijn; Schepers 1994); Vijlen, 7-8 August, at least two (P Vossen, M van Dijk, C van der Wardt).

These are the first accepted records of this subspecies. The CDNA has decided that these birds should be considered as belonging to the subspecies *C f macrodactyla* on the basis of their distribution: birds in adjacent forests in Belgium and Germany also belong to this subspecies. On photographs of the Vijlen birds also a brownish tinge on the rear flanks was discernible, which adds in favour of this decision. It seems that this subspecies is a regular breeding bird in Limburg for some time (Schepers 1994). In 1995, at least 10 territories were established (Max Berlijn pers comm). From 1 January 1995, records of this subspecies are no longer considered by the CDNA.

**\* Isabelline Shrike** *Lanius isabellinus* 0,1

NOORDHOLLAND Texel, 21 October, first-winter, photographed (M A Capello, W R L Mahu, E B Ebels; van Dongen et al 1993, Ebels 1993b, Capello et al 1994).

This long-awaited new species for the Netherlands was discovered rather late in the day, making it impossible even for many participants of the Dutch Birding week on Texel to see the bird. The next day, it could not be relocated.

**Woodchat Shrike** *Lanius senator* 28,4

DRENTHE Paterswolde, 20 May, photographed (T Sikkens, J Sikkens, E B Ebels).

NOORDHOLLAND Amsterdamse Waterleidingduinen, 9

June, female (D J Moerbeek, K J Eigenhuis).

FRIESLAND Schiermonnikoog, 4-5 September, juvenile, photographed (J de Jong, H van der Jeugd, I T van der Veen et al).

The 1992 record on the Maasvlakte, Zuidholland, was on 10-11 May, not 10-11 June (cf Wiegant et al 1994). The totals include Balearic Woodchat Shrike *L s badius*.

**\* Balearic Woodchat Shrike** *Lanius senator badius* 0,1

ZUIDHOLLAND Voorhout, 6 June, male, photographed (A W J Meijer, W Remmerswaal; van den Berg 1993b).

A new subspecies for the Netherlands. The subspecific identity of an earlier record at Knardijk, Flevoland, in June 1983 (Blankert & Steinhaus 1983) is still under review.

**Rosy Starling** *Sturnus roseus* 16,1

NOORDHOLLAND De Cocksdorp, Texel, 16-17 October, juvenile, photographed (T M van der Have; van Dongen et al 1993).

Since 1980, this species has been recorded almost every year, with the exception of 1982 and 1987. In most years there was one record; there were two in 1986 and 1988, and four in 1984.

**Two-barred Crossbill** *Loxia leucoptera* 18,1

UTRECHT Baarn, 27 November to 9 January 1994, first-winter male, photographed (R F J van Beusekom; van Dongen et al 1994).

This individual turned up at exactly the same locality where two were seen during the influx of 1990 (cf Ebels 1993a).

**Common Rosefinch** *Carpodacus erythrinus*

1987 FRIESLAND Hoorn, Terschelling, 30 May, male (K van Dijk, M Smith et al); West-Terschelling, Terschelling, 31 May, male (P J Zumkehr); Formerum, Terschelling, 31 May, adult male (P J Zumkehr); West-Terschelling, Terschelling, 9 June, adult male (P J Zumkehr).

1986 FRIESLAND Nieuw-Formerum, Terschelling, 14-17 June, adult male (L Bot, J M Peerenboom, P J Zumkehr); West-Terschelling, Terschelling, 19 June, adult male (P J Zumkehr).

1985 FRIESLAND Hoorn, Terschelling, 7 June, adult male (P J Zumkehr).

Every once-in-a-while, requests appear in Dutch Birding or other journals for observations of certain species, in order to write an article on their occurrence. Most of these papers never appear in print, though. However, these requests often bring to light records which were not yet submitted to the CDNA. This influx of Common Rosefinches in 1985-87 is the result of such a request, further substantiating 1987 as the year of the break-through of this species in the Netherlands. There had been 14 records before 1980, one in 1980 and 1981, none in 1982, three in 1983, one in 1984 and 1985 and eight in 1986, while in 1987 the total stands on 39, among which the first breeding record (Blankert et al 1988). After 1987, the number of accepted records no longer reflects the actual numbers.

**Black-faced Bunting** *Emberiza spodocephala* 1,1

FRIESLAND Schiermonnikoog, 28 October, first-winter male, trapped, photographed (A Conings; Conings & van Loon 1994).

This is the second record. The first was trapped on 16 November 1986 and also concerned a first-winter male (van Ree & van den Berg 1987).

**Rustic Bunting** *Emberiza rustica* 22,3

FRIESLAND Oosterend, Terschelling, 15-22 May, male, summer plumage, photographed (L Steijn, J J Blankert et al; van Dongen et al 1993); Terschelling, 28 September (H P van der Jeugd, M Zekhuis, J van der Laan).

NOORDHOLLAND Spaarnwoude, 9 November (P J Marcus).

The November record is the latest ever. The only other November record was on 1 November 1956.

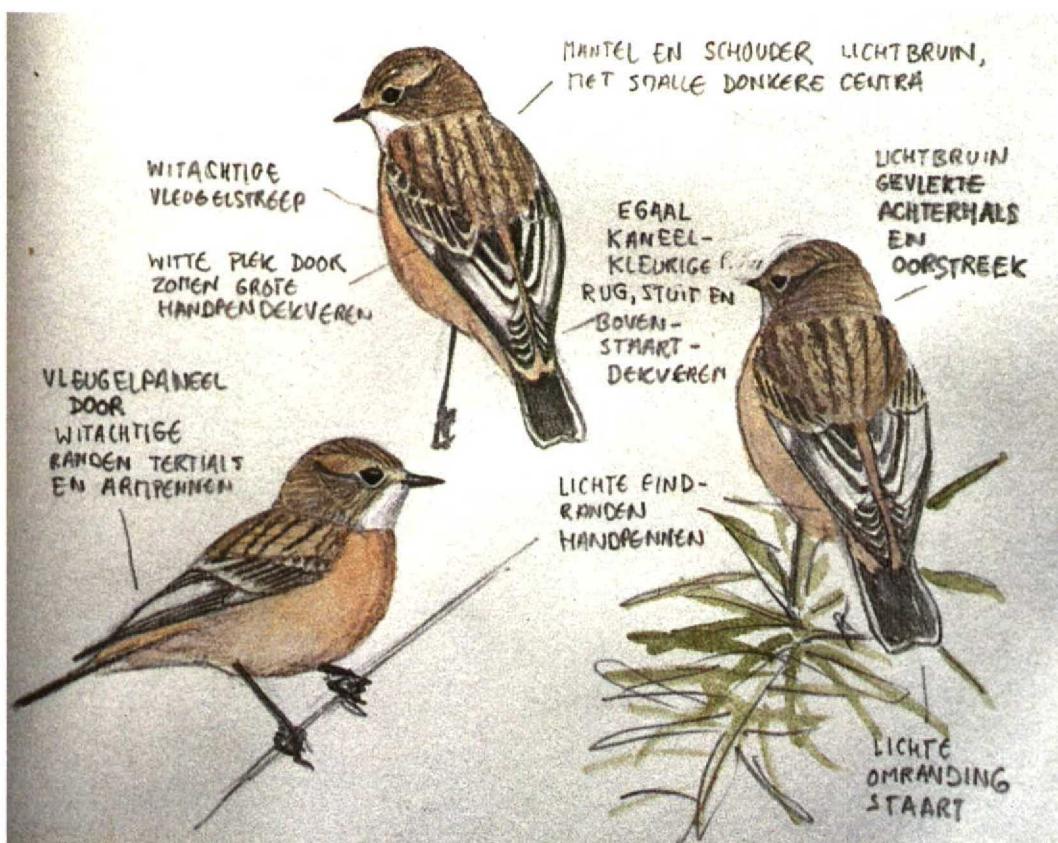
**Little Bunting** *Emberiza pusilla* 36,1

NOORDBRABANT Budel-Dorplein, 10-11 April, adult (H Vrolijk, W Poelmans).

**Systematic list of records not accepted**

This list contains all records not accepted by the CDNA. Records marked with @ were rejected by all committee members in the first or second voting, those with @-1 by all except one, and the remaining by two or more (with at least two votes against rejection). Most records were rejected if the identification was not fully established (often because of a lack of documentation) or when the bird showed signs of captivity, such as dubious rings, excessive wear or aberrant behaviour. Species for which the CDNA unanimously decided that all records refer to birds of captive origin are indicated with \*. This includes records of birds of which all ancestors are assumed to be of captive origin (introduced species of British category C).

**Great Shearwater** *Puffinus gravis* Scheveningen (Zuid-holland) 5 December @ (incomplete description).



FIGUUR 2 Siberian Stonechat / Aziatische Roodborsttapuit *Saxicola torquata maura/stejnegeri*, first-winter, Velsen, Noordholland, 2 October 1993 (Dirk J Moerbeek)

**European Storm-petrel** *Hydrobates pelagicus* Camperduin (Noordholland) 15 November, four (only one bird described, incompletely). **Glossy Ibis** *Plegadis falcinellus* Overveen (Noordholland) 25 October @ (identification accepted, but considered escaped because of tameness). **Ross's Goose** *Anser rossii* Lauwersmeer (Groningen) 29 August to 1 September @-1 (identification accepted, but considered escaped because of time of year). **Hooded Merganser\*** *Mergus cucullatus* Brouwersdam, 22 November (Zuidholland) @ (not considered by CDNA). **Egyptian Vulture** *Neophron percnopterus* Katwijk, Makkinge and Wijnjewoude (Friesland) 6 March to 14 April @ (photographs proved it to be light-coloured Common Buzzard *Buteo buteo*). **Short-toed Eagle** *Circaetus gallicus* Bellingwolde (Drenthe) 22 May @ (Honey-buzzard *Pernis apivorus* and Common Buzzard not excluded). **Steppe Buzzard** *Buteo buteo vulpinus* Kornwerderzand (Friesland) 12 December @ (poor description; virtually impossible to recognize in the field). **Pallid Harrier** *Circus macrourus* Knardijk (Flevoland) 24 April (description incomplete, Hen Harrier *C. cyaneus* not adequately excluded). **Cream-coloured Courser** *Cursorius cursor* Rottumer-oog (Groningen) 21 June @ (flying bird, poorly seen). **American / Pacific Golden Plover** *Pluvialis dominica / fulva* Camperduin (Noordholland) 12 March @ (description incomplete). **Great Snipe** *Gallinago media* Westenschouwen (Zeeland) 6 December @ (virtually no description). **Dowitcher** *Limnodromus* Breskens (Zeeland) 12 April @ (description incomplete, white-backed wader with retracted legs, which quite often occurs, not adequately excluded; cf Grant 1983). **Long-billed Dowitcher** *Limnodromus scolopaceus* Kornwerderzand (Friesland) 30 May @ (poor description). **Slender-billed Gull** *Larus genei* Hellegat (Zeeland) 30 October, two (description incomplete; birds were flying, so some crucial details, for instance bare parts coloration, not seen; this is prerequisite for acceptance as first record). **Laughing Gull** *Larus atricilla* Harderwijk (Gelderland) 25 and 28 September (although bird was photographed (van Dongen et al 1993), CDNA considers this record inadequately documented for first record: the photographs cannot be regarded as sufficient evidence, as their quality is poor, and the description is not complete). **Ring-billed Gull** *Larus delawarensis* Alphen aan de Rijn (Zuidholland) 11 April (other *Larus* species not fully excluded). **Yellow-legged Gull** *Larus cachinnans 'omissus'* IJmuiden (Noordholland) 28 February (photographs show a bird indeed showing all characters of this subspecies, but the existence of the subspecies itself is questioned: in Finland, birds with these characters are considered variations of Herring Gull *L. argentatus*; all possible intergradations from completely dull yellow to fleshy legs do occur; Harry Lehto in litt). **Iceland Gull** *Larus glaucopterus* Serooskerke, Schouwen (Zeeland) 30 October, immature @-1 (considered leucistic Herring Gull *L. argentatus*); Scheveningen (Zuidholland) 24 December @ (no description). **Roseate Tern** *Sterna dougallii* Terschelling (Friesland) 12 April, three @-1 (description incomplete); Vlissingen (Zeeland) 30 April @ (photograph shows

bird which looks like Roseate Tern but, on closer examination, clearly is not; possibly it is hybrid Roseate x Common Tern *S. hirundo*, but details are lacking for that conclusion). **Tengmalm's Owl** *Aegolius funereus* Kootwijk (Gelderland) 20 April @ (poor description). **Short-toed Lark** *Calandrella brachydactyla* Den Burg, Texel (Noordholland) 22 October (description quite complete, apart from call apparently belonging to another species, but CDNA finds it hard to believe that this bird could not be relocated by some 200 birders searching for the Isabelline Shrike *Lanius isabellinus* in the immediate vicinity). **Black-headed Wagtail** *Motacilla flava feldegg* Itteren (Limburg) 24-25 April, photographed (considered impossible to identify from photographs; dark-headed individuals of subspecies *M. f. thunbergi* very hard to eliminate). **Siberian Stonechat** *Saxicola torquata maura* Terschelling (Friesland) 22 October @ (description incomplete). **Black-eared Wheatear** *Oenanthe hispanica* Den Haag (Zuidholland) 13 April @ (poor description). **Blue Rock Thrush** *Monticola solitarius* Vlissingen (Zeeland) 31 May @ (poor description, escaped blue cagebird, of which there are quite a few species, not excluded). **Siberian Thrush** *Zoothera sibirica* Rotterdam (Zuidholland) 13 April @-1 (bird has been seen too short, less than few seconds, for acceptance as first record of this species this century). **Greenish Warbler** *Phylloscopus trochiloides* Rottumeroog (Groningen) 26 May @-1 (CDNA considers five seconds too short for positive identification). **Bonelli's Warbler** *Phylloscopus bonelli* Vlieland (Friesland) 22 May @ (description incomplete). **Collared Flycatcher** *Ficedula albicollis* Steenwijk (Overijssel) 12 April (description by inexperienced birders marginally insufficient). **Siberian Tit** *Parus cinctus* Chaam (Noordbrabant) spring, two @ (poor description; after checking by member of CDNA it turned out to be pair of Tree Sparrows *Passer montanus*). **Subalpine Warbler** *Sylvia cantillans* Texel (Noordholland) 22 April (description incomplete). **Lesser Grey Shrike** *Lanius minor* Baarn (Utrecht) 18 August @ (poor description). **Woodchat Shrike** *Lanius senator* Zaltbommel (Gelderland) 9 May (poor description). **Long-tailed Rosefinch** *Uragus sibiricus* Terschelling (Friesland) 29 May (identification accepted, but CDNA considers it highly likely that records of this species refer to birds escaped from captivity; there is quite some trade in this species and genuine vagrancy is not considered to be a real possibility). **Yellow-rumped Warbler** *Dendroica coronata* 's-Gravenzande (Zuidholland) 21-22 November @ (description lacks details necessary for new species for the Netherlands).

## 1992

**Great Shearwater** *Puffinus gravis* Lauwersoog (Groningen) 4 September (description quite complete, but does not exclude skua *Stercorarius* species). **Black-winged Kite** *Elanus caeruleus* Hazeldonk (Noordbrabant) 24 October, first-year (identification accepted, cf plate 210 in Liosi & van den Berg 1992, but this record is not considered acceptable as the CDNA was unable to track the conditions under which the bird was found

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nor the finder. The find of a dead bird within a few 100 m from the Belgian border is quite suspect: bringing a dead bird into a police station is the thing to do to accomplish a legal transport of birds found (or shot) elsewhere). **Short-toed Eagle** *Circaetus gallicus* Kerk-Avezaath (Gelderland) 12 May (Honey-buzzard *Pernis apivorus* not fully excluded). **Lesser Spotted Eagle** *Aquila pomarina* Vlieland (Friesland) 30 May @-1 (description incomplete, underparts not described). **Booted Eagle** *Hieraetus pennatus* Doetinchem (Gelderland) 12 September @ (description wrong for this species: apparently it was Common Buzzard *Buteo buteo* or Honey-buzzard). **Dowitcher** *Limnodromus* species Keersluisplas (Flevoland) 6 November (incomplete description does not exclude Bar-tailed Godwit *Limosa lapponica*). **Marsh Sandpiper** *Tringa stagnatilis* Rhenen (Gelderland) 26-27 August (description incomplete). **Long-tailed Skua** *Stercorarius longicaudus* Maasvlakte (Zuidholland) August (photographs show Arctic Skua *S. parasiticus*). **Iceland Gull** *Larus glaucopterus* Zandvoort (Noordholland) 2 April @ (no description). **Roseate Tern** *Sterna dougallii* Vlissingen (Zeeland) 23 May @-1 (lack of 'second look'). **Forster's Tern** *Sterna forsteri* Den Oever (Noordholland) 5 September (description lacks details for acceptance as second record). **European Bee-eater** *Merops apiaster* Engbertsdijkvennen (Overijssel) 17 August (poor description). **Black-headed Yellow Wagtail** *Motacilla flava feldg* Eemshaven (Groningen) 20 May @-1 (upperparts not described). **Pied / Black-eared Wheatear** *Oenanthe pleschanka* / *hispanica* Koudekerke (Zeeland) @ 3 October (description incomplete: other species of wheatear *Oenanthe* not excluded). **Azure Tit** *Parus cyanus* Rotterdam, November, two @ (poor description). **Cirl Bunting** *Emberiza cirlus* Vlieland (Friesland) 6 October, two @ (no description). **Rustic Bunting** *Emberiza rustica* Schiermonnikoog (Friesland) 1 October (poor description).

### 1991

**Baird's Sandpiper** *Calidris bairdii* Oudega, Smallingerland (Friesland) 22 May, three @ (considered Sanderling *C. alba*). **Broad-billed Sandpiper** *Limicola falcinellus* Rottumerplaat (Groningen) 1 September @ (poor description). **Long-tailed Skua** *Stercorarius longicaudus* Katwijk (Zuidholland) 18 October @ (poor description). **Baltic Lesser Black-backed Gull** *Larus fuscus fuscus* Ubbergen (Gelderland) 13 August @ (dark-mantled *L. f. intermedius* not excluded). **Gull-billed Tern** *Gelochelidon nilotica* Knardijk (Flevoland) 9 May @ (no description). **Olive-backed Pipit** *Anthus hodgsoni* IJmuiden (Noordholland) 21 January @ (description wrong for this species). **Red-throated Pipit** *Anthus cervinus* Griend (Friesland) 20-21 September @-1 (poorly seen; no sound recording). **Black-eared Wheatear** *Oenanthe hispanica* Eemshaven (Groningen) 12 April @ (description incomplete). **Barred Warbler** *Sylvia nisoria* Katwijk (Zuidholland) 4 October @ (description incomplete). **Eurasian Treecreeper** *Certhia familiaris* Schiermonnikoog (Friesland) 9 October (description incomplete). **Long-tailed Rosefinch** *Uragus sibiricus*

Amsterdamse Waterleidingduinen (Noordholland) 24 October (identification accepted; it apparently was escaped cagebird, as bill was deformed and moult pattern irregular). **Little Bunting** *Emberiza pusilla* Texel (Noordholland) 12 October (description incomplete).

### 1990

**Glossy Ibis** *Plegadis falcinellus* Valkenburg (Zuidholland) 18 November @ (description incomplete). **Spotted Eagle** *Aquila clanga* Valkenburg aan de Geul (Limburg) 21 May (description incomplete, some plumage details not sufficiently described). **Gyr Falcon** *Falco rusticolus* Zierikzee (Zeeland) 26 February @ (description incomplete; hybrids of large falcon species, which are difficult to identify, not safely excluded). **Kittlitz's Plover** *Charadrius pecuarius* Den Helder (Noordholland) 30 April (identification accepted, but CDNA is not convinced that the photograph was actually taken at Den Helder, based on the extremely sharp contrast of the shade and the high position of the sun in the photograph, the fact that the location of the photograph could not be found, and the fact that the grass species on the photograph would all be blooming extremely early in the year; still, CDNA does not question the integrity of the photographer: apparently, an incomprehensible exchange must have taken place; all in all, this was one of the records with the longest circulation in the existence of the CDNA). **Long-toed Stint** *Calidris subminuta* Westkapelle (Zeeland) 24 August @ (description incomplete, lacking detail and comparison with other *Calidris* species). **Eurasian Treecreeper** *Certhia familiaris* Broekmeden (Overijssel) 6 December @ (description incomplete). **Arctic Redpoll** *Carduelis hornemannii* AW-duinen (Noordholland) 8 December @ (description lacks comparison with Redpoll *C. flammeus*). **Pine Bunting** *Emberiza leucocephalos* Breskens (Zeeland) 29 May (description over-detailed for bird flying by).

### 1989

**Steppe Eagle** *Aquila nipalensis* Weert (Limburg) 28 July @ (poor description). **Wallcreeper** *Tichodroma muraria* Castricum (Noordholland) 12 November @ (description not considered sufficient for date extension of first record of bird discovered at Amsterdam, Noordholland, next day).

### 1985

**Black-headed Yellow Wagtail** *Motacilla flava feldg* Schiermonnikoog (Friesland) 16 May (*M. f. thunbergi* not fully excluded).

### 1984

**White-backed Woodpecker** *Dendrocopos leucotos* Ede (Gelderland) 28 September @ (number of characters fit retarded juvenile Greater Spotted Woodpecker *D. major*).

### 1982

**Yellow-headed Blackbird** *Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus* Texel (Noordholland) 18 and 20 May (incomplete).

te description of bird which, if identification had been accepted, would be regarded as escaped cagebird).

1956

**Lesser Grey Shrike** *Lanius minor* Hijkenerzand (Drenthe) breeding @-1 (CDNA was brought to its attention an old article (De Zwerver in Gods Vrije Natuur 17: 127, 1957), containing a photograph of the species at the nest; however, the committee is not convinced that the photograph actually refers to the nest at the specified location, and did not succeed in locating the photographer).

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