

Rare birds in the Netherlands in 1994

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This is the 15th annual report on rare birds in the Netherlands to be published in Dutch Birding. It is the first time that there will be no Dutch-language version of this report in Limosa (cf Limosa 69: 22, 1996). The report comprises records from 1994 as well as belated and reconsidered records, dating from 1993 back to 1965, which have been evaluated by the Dutch rarities committee, the Commissie Dwaalgasten Nederlandse Avifauna (CDNA). Several records for 1994 and earlier years are still under consideration, for various reasons. A complete review of all rarity decisions from 1800-1979 is will be published shortly in Dutch Birding (van IJzendoorn et al in press).

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, videoed, sound-recorded or found dead (and where specimen is stored); names of up to three observers and relevant references (including published photographs) in the literature, which normally include (inter)national 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 Mauer, C S (Kees) Roselaar, Jelle Scharringa, Hans Schekkerman, Gerard H Steinhaus and Wim M Wiegant. 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 to no longer consider records of Whiskered Tern *Chlidonias hybridus* from 1 January 1996 onwards. Records before this date are still welcome.

In 1994, a cumulative total of 334 species was recorded in the Netherlands (cf Ebels 1994a), which is 11 species more than ever before. In the years 1980-84, 1985-89 and 1990-94, respectively, on average 307, 317 and 322 species were recorded, reflecting an increase in the number of

birdwatchers and their identification skills. In 1994, three species were recorded for the first time, Lesser Scaup *Aythya affinis*, Southern Grey Shrike *Lanius meridionalis* and House Crow *Corvus splendens*. Also the first Lesser Canada Goose *Branta canadensis* ssp was accepted. Other interesting records include the second White-rumped Sandpiper *Calidris fuscicollis*, the second Rock Thrush *Monticola saxatilis*, the second Desert Warbler *Sylvia nana*, the third and fourth Desert Wheatear *Oenanthe deserti*, and the fourth Cirl Bunting *Emberiza cirlus*. On top of this, there were multiple records of American Golden Plover *Pluvialis dominica*, Pacific Golden Plover *P. pacifica* and Ross's Gull *Rhodostethia rosea*, and a remarkable influx of Glossy Ibis *Plegadis falcinellus*. Photographically documented, but rejected records include Baikal Teal *Anas formosa*.

Systematic list of accepted records

White-billed Diver *Gavia adamsii* 7,1

NOORD-HOLLAND Texel, 15 April, found dead, photographed, skin retained at Zoological Museum Amsterdam (ZMA), Noord-Holland (J Huyghe, M Hamerlinck; Prins 1995).

The first record since 1986, and only the second April record, apart from the summering individual in January-September 1980. There are now 28 records, including nine in 1979.

Mediterranean Shearwater *Puffinus mauretanicus* 31,4

NOORD-HOLLAND Camperduin, 5 July (N F van der Ham); Camperduin, 17 August (J W Wierda, N F van der Ham, K J Eigenhuis), Camperduin, 18 August, two (M Olthoff, A van Dijk), Camperduin, 21 August (N F van der Ham), Camperduin, 30 August (N F van der Ham), Camperduin, 1 September (N C Hoogendoorn, N F van der Ham, O Zijlstra).

ZEELAND Westkapelle, 29 September (R Sponselee).

1993 NOORD-HOLLAND Camperduin, 24 July (N F van der Ham), Camperduin, 3 August (N F van der Ham), Camperduin, 5 August (N F van der Ham).

The Camperduin records are assumed to refer to a maximum of three birds. In 1993, there were records of single birds at Camperduin at 24, 25, 26 and 30 July, and 3 and 5 August (cf Wiegant et al 1995). This is reason for the CDNA to assume that these records refer to one bird (not two), staying from 24 July to 5 August.

European Storm-petrel *Hydrobates pelagicus* 40,1
NOORD-HOLLAND Camperduin, 3 October (N F van der Ham).

Apart from the large 1990 influx, which involved 27 birds, this species is accepted at a rate of less than one per year; the last record concerned two birds at Ternaard, Friesland, on 24 December 1991. For acceptance of a record, it is not strictly necessary that the white underwing-patches have been seen, although in that case it is imperative that the description includes details on upperwing and rump pattern, as well as flight behaviour.

Atlantic Great Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo carbo* 6,2

ZUID-HOLLAND Rotterdam, 13 February and 20 December to 18 February 1995, adult, ring read (P G Schrijvershof); Dintelhaven, Rotterdam, 13 March, adult female, found dead, ring read (J M van Muiswinkel).

The Dintelhaven bird was ringed on 16 June 1984 on St Margaret's Island, Tenby, Dyfed, Wales.

Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis* 47,7

GELDERLAND Loo, 25 June to 7 July, juvenile, photographed (E A W Ernens, M Hageman, D Zoetebier).

FRIESLAND Kornwerderzand, 8-20 August, adult, winter plumage, photographed (G Minnema); Anjum, 7-8 October, two, adult and juvenile (F Douma, K Scholten).

GRONINGEN Oostpolder, 21-30 August, adult, winter plumage, photographed (J Nienhuis, A de Bruin, E Koops).

ZUID-HOLLAND Gouda, 31 August to 11 September, adult, winter plumage (E van Boheemen).

NOORD-BRABANT Wou, 27 November to 4 December, adult, winter plumage, photographed (J J F J Jansen, P Palmen, E A W Ernens).

1990 ZUID-HOLLAND Schiedam, 16 December, photographed (C van As).

A good year, with the majority of records in autumn. The numbers are still increasing; in 1992-94, 21 of the total of 85 were recorded.

Glossy Ibis *Plegadis falcinellus* 14,31

FLEVOLAND Oostvaardersdijk, 28 May, adult, summer plumage (R de Beer, A Schaftenaar).

NOORD-BRABANT Kampina, 10 September, eight (P Slingerland, R Smulders).

NOORD-HOLLAND Texel, 24 September, 10, all first-winter (K Kraaijeveld, E van der Burg, K de Vries); Haarlem, 4 November to 20 May 1995, first-winter (van Dongen et al 1995, plate 27; Br Birds 88: 265, plate 65, 1995).

LIMBURG Brunssum, 27 September to 2 October, photographed (W Quadackers).

GRONINGEN Stitswerd, 27 September to 8 October, seven, two adult and five first-winter, photographed (S de Bruin; van Dongen et al 1994, plate 211).

FRIESLAND Terschelling, 29 September to 1 October, adult, winter plumage, photographed (E A W Ernens).

ZUID-HOLLAND 's Gravenzande, 10 October (J Westerlaken, van Bemmelen); Vlaardingen, 11-23 November,

photographed (J Westerlaken).

In early autumn, a large influx commenced. Probably, at least 31 birds were involved, but possibly even up to 37 (Smulders & Slingerland in press). At least seven records were not (yet) formally submitted (Oostvaardersdijk, Flevoland, 17 August; Boschplaat, Terschelling, Friesland, 1 September; Terschelling, 25 September; Wissenkerke, Zeeland, 2 October; Kroon's Polder, Vlieland, Friesland, 8 October; Petten, Noord-Holland, 9 October; and Spaarndam, Noord-Holland, 10 October); some of these records may refer to birds already accepted. This influx has led the CDNA to decide that in retrospect all records relating to a large influx (of any species) may be more easily accepted. All records will be published by Smulders & Slingerland (in press).

Greenland White-fronted Goose *Anser albifrons flavirostris* 5,4

FRIESLAND Idzegahuizum, 1 February (C Derks, P Knolle); Oudega, 5 February, three, two adults and one first-winter (J D Vermeulen, E D van der Linden).

These were the first records since five were recorded in 1986-87.

Ross's Goose *Anser rossii* 3,0

ZUID-HOLLAND Steldendam, adult, white morph, 9 January and 6 March (J J F J Jansen, P Geysels, A Schaftenaar); Maasvlakte, adult, white morph, 20 February (P Geysels).

FRIESLAND Workumerwaard, February, adult, white morph, photographed (M Weston).

These records are considered to refer to the same bird(s) seen in previous winters.

*** Lesser Canada Goose** *Branta canadensis hutchinsii/parvipes* 0,1

FRIESLAND Paaam, 23-30 January (G J ter Haar, E B Ebels, P Knolle; van Dongen et al 1994, plate 62).

Following the first records of genuinely wild Lesser Canada Geese in Britain (cf van den Berg 1993ab, 1994a, van den Berg & Sangster 1995, 1996), a flood of records of Lesser Canada Geese was submitted. Nearly all of them, however, referred to the western American subspecies *B c minima*, which is unlikely to appear in Europe as a wild bird, or to birds which were obvious escapes. Contrary to an earlier announcement (van den Berg & Roselaar 1995a), records of these subspecies (*B c hutchinsii/parvipes*) will still be considered.

Black Brant *Branta bernicla nigricans* 52,5

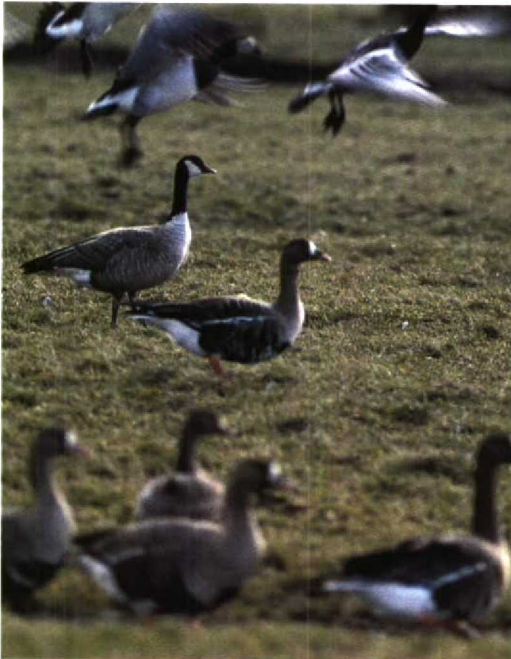
FRIESLAND Lauwersmeer, 27 March, two, adult (D Schuit, D Blok); Terschelling, 27 March to 10 May, adult (A Ouwerkerk, H Horn); Terschelling, 6 April, adult (T Bakker, A Ouwerkerk); Terschelling, 3-9 May, adult (T Bakker, A Ouwerkerk).

NOORD-HOLLAND Zeeburg, Texel, 16 October to 27 May 1995, adult (M Berlijn et al).

The Texel individual is considered the same as the one recorded there in previous years.



103 Lesser Scaup / Kleine Topper *Aythya affinis* with Tufted Ducks / Kuifeenden *A. fuligula*, males, Veere, Zeeland, December 1994 (*Tobi Koppejan*) **104** Lesser Canada Goose / Kleine Canadese Gans *Branta canadensis hutchinsii/parvipes*, adult, Workum, Friesland, 30 January 1994 (*Arnoud B van den Berg*) **105** King Eider / Koningseider *Somateria spectabilis*, first-winter female, Scheveningen, Zuid-Holland, 27 October 1994 (*René Pop*)





106 Pacific Golden Plover / Aziatische Goudplevier *Pluvialis fulva*, Petten, Noord-Holland, 24 July 1994
(Arnoud B van den Berg)

107 Steppe Grey Shrike / Steppeklapekster *Lanius meridionalis pallidirostris*, De Cocksdorp, Texel, Noord-Holland,
22 September 1994 (Arnoud B van den Berg)





108 Desert Wheatear / Woestijntapuit *Oenanthe deserti*, Maasvlakte, Zuid-Holland, 6 November 1994
(Arnoud B van den Berg)

109 Desert Wheatear / Woestijntapuit *Oenanthe deserti*, Zandvoort, Noord-Holland, 9 October 1994
(René van Rossum)





110 Buff-breasted Sandpiper / Blonde Ruiter *Tryngites subruficollis*, Julianadorp, Noord-Holland, 30 August 1994 (Arnoud B van den Berg) **111** American Golden Plover / Amerikaanse Goudplevier *Pluvialis dominica*, Texel, Noord-Holland, 20 October 1994 (Arnoud B van den Berg) **112** Cattle Egret / Koereiger *Bubulcus ibis* with Mute Swan / Knobbelzwaan *Cygnus olor*, Oostpolder, Groningen, August 1994 (Eric Koops) **113** Black Guillemot / Zwarte Zeekoet *Cephus grylle*, juvenile, Ilmuiden, Noord-Holland, 25 August 1994 (Arnoud B van den Berg)

American Wigeon *Anas americana* 14,2
UTRECHT Wijk bij Duurstede, 23-27 February, adult male (E Bos, A Schaftenaar, J J F J Jansen).
NOORD-HOLLAND Spaarnwoude, 13-15 November, adult male (E B Ebels, G H Steinhaus, R Slaterus).

Since 1985, this species has been recorded yearly, with the exception of 1990.

Falcated Duck *Anas falcata* 4,1
GRONINGEN Lauwersmeer, 21-22 May, adult male (P Edelaar, A de Bruin).
NOORD-HOLLAND AW-duinen, Bloemendaal, 15-29 October, adult male (J J F J Jansen).
1993 NOORD-HOLLAND AW-duinen, Bloemendaal, 26 April, adult male (H Nuijen, A M Nuijen-de Bruine).

The bird from AW-duinen is considered the same individual as the one recorded there on 22-28 January 1992 (Wiegant et al 1994).

Blue-winged Teal *Anas discors* 11,3
DRENTHE Kraloërheide, 9 April, and Dwingelo, 27 April to 2 May, adult male (K A van Eerde, T J J van Steekelenburg, A Remmerswaal).
GRONINGEN Lauwersmeer, 6-12 May, adult male, photographed (B van der Hoorn, A de Bruin, C Derks; van Dongen et al 1994, plate 125).
NOORD-HOLLAND AW-duinen, Zandvoort, 16-21 October, adult male, photographed (J J F J Jansen, A B van den Berg; van Dongen et al 1994, plate 209).

In 1982-94, this species has not been recorded in

1983, 1989-91 and 1993. A total of three was recorded only once before, in 1988. The CDNA still awaits confirmation that the Noord-Holland bird stayed into January 1995.

*** Lesser Scaup** *Aythya affinis* 0,1

ZEELAND Veere, 21 November to 13 January 1995 and 26 March to first week of May 1995, Middelburg, 14-15 January, 20 January and 5 February 1995, Sas-van-Gent, 27 May to 21 June 1995, first-winter male, photographed, videoed (J Goedbloed, M Berlijn, G Driessens; van Dongen et al 1995, plate 30, Goedbloed & Sponselee 1996, plate 59-62).

This record constitutes the country's first. After the first WP record in 1987 (in England), no less than c 27 individuals occurred in the WP until summer 1996 (Goedbloed & Sponselee 1996).

King Eider *Somateria spectabilis* 5,1

NOORD-HOLLAND Texel, 19 November 1993 to 21 June and 25 September to 18 May 1995, adult female (A Wassink; Wiegant et al 1995, plate 77).

ZUID-HOLLAND Scheveningen, 24 October to 12 November, first-winter female, photographed (D Laponder, M Roos, M Berlijn; van Dongen et al 1994, plate 206, van den Berg 1995b, *Birding World* 7: 391, 1994, *Birdwatch* nr 31: 60, 1995, *Limicola* 9: 42, 1995).

The Texel female returned for its second and third winter. With the last male recorded in 1991, females seem to be the trend now.

Short-toed Eagle *Circaetus gallicus* 4,1

GRONINGEN Lauwersmeer, 11 May (B van Gennip).

Curiously, there were no other May records. All seven previous records were from June to November. There has been no twitchable bird since the one at the Maasvlakte, Zuid-Holland, in August 1981.

Little Crake *Porzana parva* 4,1

GRONINGEN Eemshaven-Oost, 6 September, juvenile (A van Kleunen).

The previous record also concerned a juvenile at the Eemshaven, in 1990. Since 1980, advertising individuals have been recorded only twice: a male in May 1980 and a female in May 1985, both in Flevoland. Quite often, claims of advertising males turn out to be Water Rails *Rallus aquaticus*.

Baillon's Crake *Porzana pusilla* 12,1

GELDERLAND Oude Waal, Nijmegen, 16-25 May, adult male, sound-recorded (O van Hoorn, G W M van Aalst).

Two additional records from the Ooypolders, Gelderland, are still under consideration.

Great Bustard *Otis tarda* 58,1

GELDERLAND Meddo, 15-27 February, male (P Knolle; van Dongen et al 1994, plate 58, van den Berg 1994b).

The first record since the influx of the winter 1986/87, during which 20 birds were recorded. The decrease in occurrence of this species reflects the continuing decline in eastern Germany.

Stone-curlew *Barbinus oedicnemus* 14,1

GELDERLAND Wilp, 6-7 June, first-summer, wearing colour-ring, photographed (R Versteeg, R de Vries, M Zekhuis; van Dongen et al 1994, plate 127).

1993 NOORD-HOLLAND Zwanenwater, Callantsoog, 19 July, adult (A Vink, H Vink-Slotboom).

The 1993 individual is considered the same as the one in 1992 at the same location. Reportedly, it was present since April 1993; the CDNA would be pleased to have this confirmed. The bird at Wilp was ringed in August 1993 in the Norfolk/Suffolk border area, England.

Greater Sand Plover *Charadrius leschenaultii* 3,1

ZUID-HOLLAND Maasvlakte, 4 September, adult (V van der Spek, J G Stuut, H Westerlaken).

This bird was seen independently by two observers and a single one. Sadly, it could not be found later that day.

Pacific Golden Plover *Pluvialis fulva* 3,2

NOORD-HOLLAND Camperduin, 21-26 July, adult, summer plumage (F J Maas, G J ter Haar; Ebels 1994d); Bakkersdam, Petten, 21-26 July, adult, summer plumage, photographed (L Edelaar, R Vlek; Ebels 1994d, plate 134, *Br Birds* 88: 38, plate 6, 1995).

A third individual, present on 25-27 July nearby the first bird (cf Ebels 1994d), was not described well enough for acceptance.

American Golden Plover *Pluvialis dominica* 2,3

ZEELAND Grijskerke, 24-27 May, adult, summer plumage, photographed (J Goedbloed; Ebels 1994b).

OVERIJSEL Olst, 30 May, first-summer male, photographed (M Zekhuis; van Dongen et al 1994, plate 129).

NOORD-HOLLAND Texel, 16-28 October, adult, summer plumage, photographed (J Mulder; van den Berg 1994a, plate 201).

A record three in one year, after only three previous records, in 1900 (one) and 1989 (two).

White-rumped Sandpiper *Calidris fuscicollis* 0,1

FRIESLAND Holwerd, 19-21 August adult, photographed (C Dietzen, S Rösner, A de Bruin; van Dongen et al 1994, plate 179; de Bruin & Dietzen 1995, plate 128-129).

This is only the second record and the first 'twitchable'. One of the CDNA members commented: 'Vielen Dank, Deutsche Freunde', because, like the 1993 Greater Sand Plover *Charadrius leschenaultii* on Schiermonnikoog, Friesland, and the 1985 Buff-breasted Sandpiper *Tryngites subruficollis* on Texel, Noord-Holland, this bird was found by German birders visiting the Wadden Sea area. The first record was at IJmuiden, Noord-Holland, in October 1977.

Pectoral Sandpiper *Calidris melanotos* 56,1

GRONINGEN Eemshaven, 3-5 September, juvenile, photographed (E G C van Ommen, M Olthoff, T Bakker).

1991 FLEVOLAND Oostvaardersdijk, 20 September, juvenile (R F J van Beusekom).

Only one record is much below the average of nearly five a year during the previous 10 years. The 1991 bird at Flevoland was found close to the first Great Knot *Calidris tenuirostris* (van den Berg et al 1993). Although seen by many, it was not submitted before. At least four 1994 reports have not (yet) been submitted (cf van Dongen et al 1994).

Buff-breasted Sandpiper *Tryngites subruficollis* 5,1

NOORD-HOLLAND Julianadorp, 29 August to 3 September, adult, photographed (R Bekebrede, E Groenewoud; Groenewoud 1994, van Dongen et al 1994, plate 178).

The famous inundated bulb-fields at Julianadorp again produced a rare wader. This is the ninth record, following the rejection of three records before 1980 during the revision of the Dutch list (van IJzendoorn et al in press). There are now records from 1955 (two), 1960, 1985, 1986 (two), 1988, 1993 and 1994.

Great Snipe *Gallinago media* 9,2

NOORD-HOLLAND AW-duinen, Zandvoort, 24-26 July, juvenile, photographed, ringed (P Veel, T M van Spanje, A B van den Berg; van den Berg 1994a, plate 111, van Spanje et al 1995, plate 86-90, Birding World 7: 309, 1994, Birdwatch nr 28: 60, 1994, Br Birds 88: 36, plate 5, 1995).

FRIESLAND Workumerwaard, 30 July to 6 August, juvenile, photographed (M Berlijn, T J C Luijendijk; Berlijn & Luijendijk 1994, 1995, plate 126-127).

Just like 32 out of the total of 33 Dutch museum specimens, both birds were juveniles. The dates are unusually early; only one museum specimen was collected in July (cf Blankert 1980).

Long-billed Dowitcher *Limnodromus scolopaceus* 8,1

ZEELAND Philipsdam, 7 May, adult male, summer plumage, photographed, sound-recorded (T J C Luijendijk, J J Blankert, C Quispel).

This bird was identified as a male because of its attempts to mate with a Common Redshank *Tringa totanus*! The potential offspring could produce some serious identification problems.

Marsh Sandpiper *Tringa stagnatilis*

1992 FRIESLAND Workumerwaard, 7 August, adult, winter plumage (J Bisschop)

1991 FLEVOLAND Oostvaardersdijk, 18 August, adult (J J F Jansen).

The 1991 record has erroneously been published for 19 July (Wiegant et al 1994). From 1 January 1993, this species is no longer considered.

Wilson's Phalarope *Phalaropus tricolor* 8,1

GRONINGEN Eemshaven-Oost, 15 October to 13 November, photographed (L B Scholtens, E Klunder, E B Ebels et al).

This is the 15th record. All previous records were from April to October, with 21 October (in 1969) as last date.

Bonaparte's Gull *Larus philadelphia* 3,1

ZUID-HOLLAND 's Gravenzande, 6 April, first-winter (J G Stuit, J de Kleyn).

The previous three records concerned an adult in August 1985 and a first-summer moulting to second-winter from June 1988 to January 1989, both at IJmuiden, Noord-Holland, and a first-winter in February 1990 at Ritthem, Zeeland.

Ring-billed Gull *Larus delawarensis* 3,0

1992 ZUID-HOLLAND Alphen aan den Rijn, 6 December, adult (P de Krijff).

This record was lost during circulation. It has re-entered the circuit again, two years after its submission. The previous records, in July 1986 and April 1992, also referred to adults.

Iceland Gull *Larus glaucoideus* 42,4

NOORD-HOLLAND IJmuiden, 15-20 February, first-winter, photographed (J van 't Hof, D J Moerbeek, K J Eigenhuis).

LIMBURG Aijen, 22-26 January, found dead, first-winter, skin not retained (P Palmen).

ZEELAND Vlissingen, 9 April, first-winter, photographed (P A Wolf, M Hoekstein, S Lilipaly; van Dongen et al 1994, plate 90).

FRIESLAND Harlingen-Haven, 20 August, adult (E de Weert, R Mulder, F Bos).

1993 NOORD-HOLLAND Egmond aan Zee, 2 March, second-year, photographed (W A van Splunder, R A van Splunder).

An average year, according to recent standards, although an adult in August is quite remarkable.

Ross's Gull *Rhodostethia rosea* 3,3

NOORD-HOLLAND Camperduin, 24 March, adult, summer plumage (K J Eigenhuis, N F van der Ham; Eigenhuis 1994), De Cocksdorp, Texel, 26 March (A Wasink); Camperduin, 29 October, adult, winter plumage (E Groenewoud; N F van der Ham); Camperduin, 22 November, adult, winter plumage (N F van der Ham, K Klitsie).

The two records in March are considered to refer to the same individual. These three records, together with the one in December 1993 (cf Wiegant et al 1995), suggest that only one individual is involved. In almost 20 years of nearly day-to-day seawatching at Camperduin, only once before this species was seen, in January 1981.

Roseate Tern *Sterna dougallii* 15,2

NOORD-HOLLAND Camperduin and Petten, 26-28 June, adult, summer plumage (N F van der Ham, K J Eigenhuis, A Schaftenaar); Petten, 26 July, adult, summer plumage, wearing two aluminium rings (A Holvoet, J J F Jansen).

1993 NOORD-HOLLAND Camperduin, 13 April, adult, summer plumage (N F van der Ham); Camperduin, 24-29 June, adult, summer plumage (N F van der Ham).

The Camperduin record from 24-29 June 1993 is an extension of the one published previously for 25-28

June 1993 (Wiegant et al 1995). The actual number of birds involved may be lower than accepted; it is possible that since 1984 11 birds were involved, instead of 15.

Whiskered Tern *Chlidonias hybridus* 69,6

FLEVOLAND Harderbroek, 7-8 May, adult, summer plumage, photographed (E B Ebels, G H Steinhuis; van Dongen et al 1994, plate 126).

NOORD-HOLLAND Huizen, 9 May, two, adult, summer plumage (R F J van Beusekom).

NOORD-BRABANT Markiezaatsmeer, Bergen op Zoom, 23 May, two, one remaining until 27 May, adult, summer plumage (P A Wolf, J J F Jansen, H Vrolijk).

FRIESLAND Kornwerderzand, 1 November, adult, photographed (S Bernardus).

1993 NOORD-HOLLAND Huizen, 5-6 May, two, adult and second calendar-year (R F J van Beusekom).

1992 GRONINGEN Lauwersmeer, 21 May, adult, summer plumage (R Mulder).

The 1993 record was erroneously published for 1992 (Wiegant et al 1995). During 1987-94, 54 records were accepted. From 1 January 1996, this species will no longer be considered.

Black Guillemot *Cephus grylle* 27,5

NOORD-HOLLAND Camperduin, 24 August, adult, winter plumage (A Schaftenaar, S Lagerveld); Egmond aan Zee and IJmuiden, 25 August, juvenile, photographed (W A van Splunder, C Crommelin, G J van den Berg; van Dongen et al 1994, plate 177, Birding World 8: 105, 1995); Bergen aan Zee, 25 August, adult, winter plumage (N F van der Ham).

FRIESLAND Formerum, Terschelling, first-winter, 17 October (M Schildwacht); West-Terschelling, Terschelling, 28 December to 18 January 1995, first-winter, photographed (J van der Laan; van Dongen et al 1995, plate 71, Birding World 8: 153, 1995).

1992 NOORD-HOLLAND Egmond aan Zee, 7-10 September, first-winter (W A van Splunder, L Stegeman); Egmond aan Zee, 25 September, first-winter (W A van Splunder).

1990 NOORD-HOLLAND Egmond aan Zee, 10 October, adult, winter plumage (W A van Splunder).

1988 NOORD-HOLLAND Camperduin, 16 May, adult, summer plumage (W A van Splunder, R A van Splunder).

The second 1992 record is considered to refer to the same bird already accepted for 10 and 18-25 October 1992 (Wiegant et al 1994).

Great Spotted Cuckoo *Clamator glandarius* 6,1

GRONINGEN Zuidlaardermeer, 26 March to 27 April, first-summer, photographed (A Molema, H Grooters; van den Berg 1994a, van Dongen et al 1994, plate 54, 89, van Dijk & Koops 1994, Birding World 7: 135, 1994, Birdwatch nr 24: 57, 1994).

This first 'twitchable' individual stayed comfortably long after its discovery. The previous 12 records were in 1939, 1940, 1948, 1968, 1970, 1976, 1980, 1982 (two), 1983, 1990 and 1991, in March-May and August-October.

Alpine Swift *Apus melba* 13,2

NOORD-HOLLAND Camperduin, 9 May (N F van der Ham).

ZEELAND Vlissingen, 4 July (P A Wolf).

In most years only one has been seen, but in 1976, 1982, 1987 and 1992 there were two, and in 1981 three. A record from April 1994 (Wieland 1994) is still under consideration and may take this year's total to three as well.

European Roller *Coracias garrulus* 9,2

ZEELAND Zaamslag, 4-7 June (van Dongen et al 1994, plate 122; Sanders et al 1994).

NOORD-HOLLAND Camperduin, 14 September (N F van der Ham).

This classic overshoot migrant is becoming increasingly rare. In 1966-82, it was recorded yearly with one or two records, and three in 1968, six in 1971 and four in 1982. Thereafter, it has been recorded only in 1988 (two), 1992 and 1994. It was too bad that the birders involved in the Zaamslag bird did not dare to spread the news, because of the alleged unwillingness of the landowners, of which the landowners themselves were unaware.

Middle Spotted Woodpecker *Dendrocopos medius* 3,1

LIMBURG Epen, 19 February, photographed (M Berlijn, O V Endtz; van den Berg 1994c, van Dongen et al 1994, plate 59).

Recent records of this species in the south-east may reflect the recent increase in adjacent parts of Belgium and Germany.

Short-toed Lark *Calandrella brachydactyla* 10,2

GRONINGEN Rottumeroog, 5-7 May, adult, photographed (K van Dijken).

FRIESLAND Schiermonnikoog, 5-7 October, photographed (W Janssen, K Kraaijeveld, E Nieboer).

1993 FRIESLAND Oosterend, Terschelling, 1 October (L Steijn).

With only three records before 1980 and six in 1981-90, this species has now already been recorded six times in 1991-94. From the total of 15, six were from April-May and nine from September-November.

Red-rumped Swallow *Hirundo daurica* 20,3

ZEELAND Breskens, 3 May, adult (D Groenendijk, A Vink, A Schaftenaar); Breskens, 12 May, adult (D J Moerbeek); Grevelingendam, 12 September, adult (J J F Jansen).

Most records are from April-May, but there are also four autumn records, one of which concerned a group of five birds in late October 1989. Out of the total of 25 no less than 20 were recorded in 1988-94.

Citrine Wagtail *Motacilla citreola* 3,1

GRONINGEN Eemshaven-Oost, 5 September, adult, winter plumage, photographed (A de Bruin; van Dongen et al 1994, plate 213, de Bruin & de Bruin 1995, plate 56, Wassink 1995).

Previous records were in August-September 1984, April 1991 and May 1993. An adult in autumn is

remarkable; most autumn records in western Europe concern first-winters. Sexing of adults in autumn is complicated (cf Wassink 1995).

Thrush Nightingale *Luscinia luscinia* 19,1

UTRECHT Veenendaal, 23-28 May, male, singing, sound-recorded (A Vink).

Red-spotted Bluethroat *Luscinia svecica svecica* 22,1

GRONINGEN Rottumeroog, 24 May, male (K van Dijken, S de Bruin).

A typical record on a typical date and location.

Siberian Stonechat *Saxicola torquata maura* 8,1

FRIESLAND Vlieland, 8 October, first-winter male, photographed (W E M van der Schot, E B Ebels).
1993 FRIESLAND Oosterend, Terschelling, 22 October, first-winter female (K Kraaijeveld, K de Vries, R Kraaijeveld).

Pied/Black-eared Wheatear *Oenanthe pleschanka/hispanica* 6,1

1992 FRIESLAND Vlieland, 13 October, first-winter (R A van Splunder, W A van Splunder, M O Blijerveld).

The CDNA could not agree with identification as Pied Wheatear *O. pleschanka*, but decided for acceptance as belonging to one of the two species. Totals include those specifically identified.

Desert Wheatear *Oenanthe deserti* 1,2

NOORD-HOLLAND Zandvoort, 8-9 October, first-year male, photographed (T M van Spanje; Ebels 1994f, plate 183; van den Berg 1994a, plate 203, Birding World 7: 391, 1994, 8: 31, 1995, Birdwatch nr 30: 60, 1994).
ZUID-HOLLAND Maasvlakte, 6 November, male, photographed (M van der Schalk, R Huisman, K Renes; van Dongen et al 1994, plate 208).

The first record was within the city limits of Eindhoven, Noord-Brabant, in November 1970, whereas the second stayed along a ditch at Oud-Alblas, Zuid-Holland, in April 1989. The third was found at Zandvoort by a hungry observer purchasing a herring! Only the last bird was discovered at a more regular birding hotspot.

Rock Thrush *Monticola saxatilis* 0,1

NOORD-HOLLAND Noordburen, 12-13 May, first-summer female, photographed (S Lagerveld, R A van Splunder, W A van Splunder; van den Berg 1994a, plate 112, Lagerveld 1994, plate 92, 1995, plate 91-93, Birding World 7: 183, 1994).

This bird was found by birders who were working on a big day, trying to locate as many species as possible within 24 hours, while searching for a Black Redstart *Phoenicurus ochruros* (cf Ebels 1994c)! The species' only other record concerns a first-summer male on 22-23 April 1951 at Borger Compagnie, Groningen.

Cetti's Warbler *Cettia cetti* 39,1

ZEELAND Veere, 10-19 May, singing, sound-recorded (A de Bruin, E B Ebels, B Balten).

Again only a single record of this former breeding

bird, which apparently still does not succeed to recolonize territories lost 15 years ago.

River Warbler *Locustella fluviatilis* 14,1

GRONINGEN Groningen, 15 May, singing, sound-recorded (E J Boekema, A de Bruin).

1991 FLEVOLAND Lepelaarsplassen, Almere, 5 July, singing (R F J van Beusekom).

This species has now been recorded in each year since 1986, except for 1993. It can not be long before the first breeding success will be reported. All field records (except one in August 1955) concern singing individuals in the period 13 May to 5 July, of which nine in the two weeks between 25 May and 6 June.

Paddyfield Warbler *Acrocephalus agricola* 5,1

FRIESLAND Vlieland, 18 September, photographed (L van der Veen, S Lagerveld, A Veen; Ebels 1994e, van der Veen & Ebels 1996, plate 10).

The first field observation of this elusive species. It was found at the eastern dunes on Vlieland, where dense reeds are absent, so the bird had no choice other than to skulk through the bushes and eventually expose itself.

Melodious Warbler *Hippolais polyglotta* 13,2

FRIESLAND Makkumer Zuidwaard, 12 May, adult, ringed, photographed (Vrs Menork, K A van Eerde).

LIMBURG Cotessen, 14-18 June, singing, photographed, sound-recorded (F J Schepers, M Berlijn, P Palmen; van Dongen et al 1994, plate 121).

1993 FLEVOLAND Flediteweg, Zeewolde, 13-21 June, singing (R F J van Beusekom).

This species, like River Warbler, is slowly increasing. The first two records were in 1979, three in 1980-84, two in 1985-89, and seven in 1990-94, including the first breeding record, in 1990 (van Beusekom 1995).

Subalpine Warbler *Sylvia cantillans* 18,1

NOORD-HOLLAND De Muy, Texel, 30 April to 1 May, male, photographed (M van der Aa, F Ossendorp, A Schaftenaar).

The CDNA could not agree with subspecific identification as *S. c. albstriata*, which would have been the first for the Netherlands.

Desert Warbler *Sylvia nana* 1,1

ZUID-HOLLAND Scheveningen, 8-9 October, photographed (A Remeus; Ebels 1994f, plate 184, Remeus 1995, plate 224-225, Birding World 7: 389, 1994, 8: 33, 1995, Birdwatch nr 30: 60, 1994).

The first was in October-November 1988. The 1994 record curiously coincided with one of the year's two Desert Wheatears *Oenanthe deserti*, also on the Holland beach, c 40 km to the north. The simultaneous occurrence of these two species in Africa and Asia is mentioned in some field guides, but who would expect them to turn up simultaneously as vagrants?

Pallas's Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus proregulus* 45,5

NOORD-HOLLAND Sluftervallei, Texel, 17 October



114 Central European Eurasian Treecreeper / Kortsnavelboomkruiper *Certhia familiaris macrodactyla*, Vijlenerbos, Limburg, 3 April 1994 (Max Berlijn) **115** Great Spotted Cuckoo / Kuifkoekoek *Clamator glandarius*, first-summer, Zuidlaardermeer, Groningen, 10 April 1994 (Eric Koops) **116** Hume's Yellow-browed Warbler / Humes Blackoning *Phylloscopus humei*, Lauwersoog, Groningen, 11 November 1994 (Koen van Dijken/Cursorius) **117** Dusky Warbler / Bruine Boszanger *Phylloscopus tuscatus*, Katwijk aan Zee, Zuid-Holland, 3 November 1994 (René van Rossum) **118** Birders at Dusky Warbler / vogelaars bij Bruine Boszanger *Phylloscopus tuscatus*, Hargen aan Zee, Noord-Holland, October 1994 (Rudi Otiereins)



119 Rock Thrush / Rode Rotslijster *Monticola saxatilis*, Noordburen, Noord-Holland, May 1994 (Hans Gebuis)



120 Desert Warbler / Woestijngrasmus *Sylvia nana*, Scheveningen, Zuid-Holland, 8 October 1994 (Chris Schenk)

(S Poley, A Wassink); Texel, 21 October (R M van Dongen, A Wassink).

FRIESLAND Schiermonnikoog, 18 October, first-winter, ringed, photographed (A J van Loon, J W M van de Staaij).

FLEVOLAND Almere, 2 November (R F J van Beusekom). GRONINGEN Groningen, 4-5 November, photographed (E de Weert, A de Bruin, A Diephuis).

In addition, c 10 more birds were reported (van Dongen et al 1994, 1995) but not (yet) submitted.

Hume's Yellow-browed Warbler *Phylloscopus humei* 7,2 GRONINGEN Lauwersoog, 10-13 November, photographed (B van Gennip, A de Bruin). ZUID-HOLLAND Katwijk aan Zee, 26 November (J Dijkhuizen, T J C Luijendijk).

This species generally is the latest of the vagrant *Phylloscopus* warblers. There are 11 records, dating from October (one), November (five), December (four) and January (one).

Dusky Warbler *Phylloscopus fuscatus* 14,2 NOORD-HOLLAND Hargen aan Zee, 21-22 October, photographed (S Lagerveld). ZUID-HOLLAND Katwijk aan Zee, 3 November, photographed (T J C Luijendijk; van Dongen et al 1994, plate 214).

There are now records from 1978, 1986 (two), 1987 (five), 1988, 1989, 1990 (four), 1992 and 1994 (two).

Western Bonelli's Warbler *Phylloscopus (bonelli) bonelli* 9,2

NOORD-HOLLAND AW-duinen, Vogelenzang, 29-31 May, male, sound-recorded (L Edelaar et al). GRONINGEN Eemshaven, 3 September, first-year, photographed (M Olthoff, E G C van Ommen).

The CDNA still awaits details of a record on Terschelling on 19-20 August. A decision of the CDNA on

the specific status of this taxon is pending. Totals exclude the four records (all after 1980) of Eastern Bonelli's Warbler *P (bonelli) orientalis*, but include birds not specified as one of the two taxa.

Iberian Chiffchaff *Phylloscopus (collybita) brehmii* 7,1 ZUID-HOLLAND Den Haag, 1 May to 9 June, singing, photographed, sound-recorded (van Dongen et al 1994, plate 128).

A decision of the CDNA on the specific status of this taxon is pending.

Eurasian Treecreeper *Certhia familiaris* 61,8 UTRECHT Bunnik, 5-8 February, singing (J Couwenberg, R Karskens).

NOORD-HOLLAND Texel, 17-19 October (A Wassink). FRIESLAND Schiermonnikoog, 18 October, ringed, photographed (A J van Loon, J W M van de Staaij; van Dongen et al 1994, plate 207).

1993 FRIESLAND Oosterend, Terschelling, photographed, 16-22 October, (J J F J Jansen, R van Rossum; van Dongen et al 1993, plate 208); West-Terschelling, Terschelling, 17-22 October, (J J F J Jansen, A Ouwerkerk); Vlieland, 29-30 October, photographed (E B Ebels). GRONINGEN Lauwersoog, 5-7 November (K van Dijken, J J F J Jansen, E Koops).

The Vlieland individual from 1993 is not the same as the one reported in the 1993 report for the same island on 29 October. The total for 1993 now stands at 12. From 1 January 1995, this species is no longer considered. Totals include records of *C f macrodactyla* below.

Central European Eurasian Treecreeper *Certhia familiaris macrodactyla* 5,5

LIMBURG Vijlenerbos, Epen, 12 February, two (J J F J Jansen, P Palmen); Elzetterbos, Epen, 26 February to 28 August, two (M Berlijn); Vijlenerbos, Epen, 17 April (E B Ebels).

1993 LIMBURG Vijlenerbos, Epen, 28 August, (P Vossen, J J F J Jansen).

This is the last year for which records of this rare but regular (at least since 1993) breeding subspecies (Schepers 1994, Wiegant et al 1995) are considered.

Lesser Grey Shrike *Lanius minor* 10,1

ZEELAND Rammegors, 1-3 October, adult, photographed (G L Ouweeneel, M Berlijn).

1991 FLEVOLAND Oostvaardersplassen, 16 November (T H Slagboom, A J van Keken, W C Knol).

The 1991 record is the latest record ever; there are no previous November records.

*** Steppe Grey Shrike** *Lanius meridionalis pallidirostris* 0,1

NOORD-HOLLAND Texel, 3-22 September, first-winter, photographed (G Witte, M Witte, A Wassink, R M van Dongen; van den Berg & Wassink 1994, plate 184a, Birding World 8: 305, 1995).

This is the first record of this species, of which *L. meridionalis* (Southern Grey Shrike) is the correct scientific name (Isenmann & Lefranc 1994). It was alternately identified as Great Grey Shrike *L. excubitor* and Lesser Grey Shrike *L. m. pallidirostris* was revealed. In the WP, there are two groups of 'Greater' Grey Shrikes, the northern *excubitor*-group and the southern *meridionalis*-group. Eight subspecies are described in the southern group, of which the migratory Steppe Grey Shrike has the most north-easterly distribution, from Kazakhstan into Mongolia. Representatives of both the northern and southern group not only breed in France without hybridizing but also in Mongolia (Proc West Found Vert Zool 6: 26-33, 1995). Therefore, they can better be treated as two distinct species (Isenmann & Bouchet 1993).

Woodchat Shrike *Lanius senator* 33,1

NOORD-BRABANT Eersel, 8-9 May, adult, summer plumage (H Prinsen, M Berlijn).

1993 ZUID-HOLLAND Katwijk aan Zee, 5 June, adult female, summer plumage, photographed (P Schaap, G van der Bent).

Totals include records of *L. s. badius* below.

*** Balearic Woodchat Shrike** *Lanius senator badius* 2,0

1983 FLEVOLAND Knardijk, 5 June, female, photographed (H Westdorp, R van Bree, E B Ebels; Blankert & Steinhaus 1983, plate 69, Blankert et al 1986, plate 6).

After the discovery of the first Balearic Woodchat Shrike on 6 June 1993 (cf Wiegant et al 1995), this older record, already accepted as Woodchat Shrike (cf Blankert et al 1986), came to light when one of the observers took a better look at the published photographs.

*** House Crow** *Corvus splendens* 0,3

ZUID-HOLLAND Hoek van Holland, 10 April to at least 8 April 1996, two, first-summer (H Westerlaken; van Dongen et al 1994, plate 131, Ebels & Westerlaken 1996, plate 4-5, Birding World 7: 214, 1994, 8: 36,

1995, Birdwatch nr 27: 60, 1994, Br Birds 88: 43, plate 9, 1995, 89: 263, plate 109, 1996); Renesse, 21 November 1994 to 26 December 1995, adult (J W Vergeer, E B Ebels et al; Ebels & Westerlaken 1996, plate 6).

The CDNA has commented that although this species can not reach the Netherlands without any form of assistance, ship-assisted colonization is apparently common in this species (van den Berg & Roselaar 1995b). In this way, a number of regions near harbours have been colonized, most of them in Asia and East Africa, close to the original distribution of the species, the Indian Subcontinent. In the WP, these regions include Eilat in Israel, Aqaba in Jordan, and Suez in Egypt (Cramp & Perrins 1994, Ebels & Westerlaken 1996).

Rosy Starling *Sturnus roseus* 17,4

NOORD-HOLLAND Texel, 11-12 June, adult (A Wassink). ZEELAND Vlissingen, 1 July, adult (P A Wolf); Sas van Gent, 27 October, juvenile (F L L Tombeur).

ZUID-HOLLAND Maasvlakte, 23 September, juvenile, photographed (A Schaftenaar, R de Beer, M van Steenis).

A good year for this species, equalling the best year 1984. It has now been recorded yearly since 1979, with the exception of 1982 and 1987.

Arctic Redpoll *Carduelis hornemanni* 20,2

NOORD-HOLLAND De Cocksdorp, Texel, 17-19 October, photographed (W M Wiegant, A Wassink; van Dongen et al 1994, plate 205); De Cocksdorp, Texel, 20-30 October, adult male (A Wassink).

The first bird astonished its discoverers by gathering a crowd of over 100 observers before they even returned from spreading the news!

Common Rosefinch *Carpodacus erythrinus*

1986 ZUID-HOLLAND Vlaardingen, 12 June, second calendar-year male, singing (W Breedveld).

This was the ninth record for 1986 of this species, which became much more numerous the following year. From 1 January 1992, this species is no longer considered. Older records are still welcome.

Pine Bunting *Emberiza leucocephalos* 6,3

NOORD-HOLLAND IJmuiden, 20-24 October, first-winter male, wearing aluminium ring (ring not read), photographed (J Mulder, R F J van Beusekom; van Dongen et al 1994, plate 210); Texel, 25-28 October, first-winter female, photographed (A Wassink, N Marra jr, E Boerma); Bloemendaal, 4 November, first-winter male, ringed, photographed (J de Bruin, J van Velzen; van Dongen et al 1995, plate 29).

A small influx occurred, among which the first female ever to be observed in the field. There are now 24 records, including two in 1911, three in 1961 and three in 1987. All records are from October-November, except for the first, which was in May 1873. The CDNA still awaits information on males trapped at Westenschouwen, Zeeland, on 14 October and observed on Terschelling, Friesland, on 27-30 October (van Dongen et al 1994).

Cirl Bunting *Emberiza cirlus* 1,1

ZUID-HOLLAND Westplaat, Maasvlakte, 23 April, male (S Stuurman, R G Bouwman; van Dijk 1994).

Just like the country's third at Breskens, Zeeland, in May 1992, this fourth was only seen by a handful of lucky birders. It disappeared within hours after its discovery.

Rustic Bunting *Emberiza rustica* 25,7

GRONINGEN Rottumerplaat, 8-9 June, photographed (D Lutterop, G Kasimir);

NOORD-HOLLAND Texel, 18-19 September, first-winter female (L Steijn, A Wassink).

FRIESLAND Oosterend, Terschelling, 26 September, female, photographed (J Jukema); Oosterend, Terschelling, 29 September to 2 October, three, photographed (A Schaftenaar, R de Beer; van Dongen et al 1994, plate 215).

ZUID-HOLLAND Wassenaar, 14-15 October, male, sound-recorded (A Remeeus).

The remarkable total of seven was only surpassed in 1980, when there were nine, including groups of three and four birds.

Little Bunting *Emberiza pusilla* 35,5

NOORD-HOLLAND AW-duinen, Zandvoort, 19 September (P J Marcus); De Cocksdorp, Texel, 12 October (A Wassink); Schoorl, 16 October (S Lagerveld); De Cocksdorp, Texel, 17 October, male (R Nuiver, H H van Dillen).

ZEELAND Vlissingen, 10 October (R Sponselee).

Yellow-breasted Bunting *Emberiza aureola* 4,1

FRIESLAND Vlieland, 17-18 September, juvenile, photographed (L Heemskerk, A Veen; van Dongen et al 1994, Ebels 1994e).

This is only the third sight record. The other five records refer to birds found dead (one) or trapped.

Baltimore Oriole *Icterus (galbula) galbula* 1,0

1987 FRIESLAND Vlieland, 14-19 October, first-year female, photographed (Ebels & van Eck 1992, plate 173-174, Limosa 62: 205, 1989).

This bird was already accepted as 'Northern Oriole' *I (g) galbula/bullocki* (van den Berg et al 1989), but now the CDNA has agreed with the identification down to (sub)specific level, as Baltimore Oriole *I (g) galbula*. Both taxa have recently been re-elevated to specific status by the American Ornithological Union (Auk 112: 819-830, 1995).

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 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).

1994

Storm Petrel *Hydrobates pelagicus* Westkapelle (Zeeland) 5 December (description incomplete). **Ross's Goose** *Anser rossii* Lauwersmeer (Groningen) blue phase, 1 and 18 April @ (hybrid not excluded); Lauwersmeer (Groningen), two (considered escaped; most probably same birds as in next record); Rottumerplaat, 1-12, 14-15 and 22 June, two (identification accepted, but considered escaped because of unusual date). **Lesser Canada Goose** *Branta canadensis* ssp Workum (Friesland) 25 January (although identification as belonging to *B c parvipes* or *B c hutchinsii* initially accepted, withdrawn by observer as referring to *B c minima*; Lauwersmeer (Groningen) 4 April, photographed @ (photograph too distant to allow identification on subspecific level); Haringhuizen (Noord-Holland) 3-12 August, adult @ (identification accepted, but considered escaped; bird was with group of feral Barnacle Geese *B leucopsis*); Workum (Friesland) 27 March adult @ (identification accepted, but considered escaped; bird was wearing small yellow ring). **Black-bellied Brent x Black Brant** *Branta bernicla bernicla x nigricans* Texel (Noord-Holland) 16 October to 27 May 1995, adult @ (poor description). **Eurasian Wigeon x American Wigeon** *Anas penelope x americana* Texel (Noord-Holland) 13 January, adult male @ (for positive identification of a hybrid, a full description is considered necessary). **American Wigeon** *Anas americana* Ouder-Amstel (Noord-Holland) 18 January (hybrid not excluded); Kornwerderzand (Friesland), 15 August, male in eclipse plumage (hybrid not excluded). **Baikal Teal** *Anas formosa* Broekhuizen (Limburg) 25 December to at least 8 April 1995, first-winter male, photographed (van Dongen et al 1995, plate 31, Br Birds 88: 269, plate 268, 1995; identification accepted, but considered escaped, mostly because of tameness). **Barrow's Golden-eye** *Bucephala islandica* Denekamp (Overijssel) 3-4 December, female, wearing aluminium ring (ring not read), photographed @ (identification accepted, but considered escaped). **Pallid Harrier** *Circus macrourus* Rhederbrug (Groningen) 11-20 June, adult female @ (poor description). **Lesser Spotted Eagle** *Aquila pomarina* @ Kinderdijk (Zuid-Holland) 17 October 1994 (lack of white U on rump does not fit this species; other *Aquila* eagles not fully excluded). **Golden Eagle** *Aquila chrysaetos* Almere (Flevoland) 23 October, immature (description incomplete, other raptor species not excluded). **Booted Eagle** *Hieraetus pennatus* Schiermonnikoog (Friesland) 24 April, dark morph (although apparently seen quite close, 'headlights' not described). **Bonelli's Eagle** *Hieraetus fasciatus* Eindhoven (Noord-Brabant)

16 June @ (bird seen too briefly and description insufficient). **Stone-curlew** *Burhinus oedipnemus* Texel (Noord-Holland) 6 July @ (no description). **Pacific Golden Plover** *Pluvialis fulva* Petten (Noord-Holland) 25-27 July, adult (poor description); Lepelaarsplassen (Flevoland) 11 August, adult, summer plumage (description incomplete, underwing not seen, some characters more fitting American Golden Plover *P. dominica*). **Broad-billed Sandpiper** *Limicola falcinellus* Dommeldal, Eindhoven (Noord-Brabant) 1 May @-1 (poor description). **Terek Sandpiper** *Xenus cinereus* Texel (Noord-Holland) 22 October, adult @ (description incomplete). **Iceland Gull** *Larus glaucoides* Katwijk (Zuid-Holland) 21 February, first-winter @ (description incomplete; leucistic Herring Gull *L. argentatus* not excluded). **Roseate Tern x Common Tern** *Sterna dougallii* x *hirundo* Petten (Noord-Holland) 28 July (description needs full detail for establishing hybrids). **Black Guillemot** *Cephus grylle* Texel (Noord-Holland) 19 October @ (bird too distant for positive identification). **Oriental Cuckoo** *Cuculus saturatus* Spaarnwoude (Noord-Holland) 6 April, adult male @ (considered possibly escaped cagebird of unknown species). **Snowy Owl** *Nyctea scandiaca* Dokkum (Friesland) 19 March @ (description incomplete). **Black-headed Wagtail** *Motacilla flava feldegg* Eemshaven (Groningen) 16 May, adult male, summer plumage (description incomplete); **Güldenstädt's Redstart** *Phoenicurus erythrogaster* Castricum (Noord-Holland) 2-8 August, adult, summer plumage @ (considered escaped River Chat *Chaimarrornis leucocephalus*). **Siberian Chiffchaff** *Phylloscopus collybita* Hoorn, Terschelling (Friesland) 21 October, two @ (description rather concise; this subspecies can be accepted only if trapped, photographed or tape-recorded). **Eurasian Treecreeper** *Certhia familiaris* Kornwerderzand (Friesland) 24 September, photographed (number of characters good for this species, others fitting Short-toed Treecreeper *C. brachydactyla*). **Siberian Jay** *Perisoreus infaustus* Utrecht (Utrecht) 3 December, adult @ (considered escaped species, possibly Grey-sided Laughing-Thrush *Garrulax caerulatus*).

1993

European Storm-petrel *Hydrobates pelagicus* Formerum aan Zee, Terschelling (Friesland) 26 October (incomplete description; underwing not seen). **Lesser Canada Goose** *Branta canadensis* ssp. *Oostvoorne* (Zuid-Holland) 10 February, 13 @ (identification accepted, considered group of escaped individuals, apparently roaming in this area for some years). **Little Crane** *Porzana parva* Lepelaarsplassen (Flevoland) 20 August, adult (description incomplete). **Pacific Golden Plover** *Pluvialis fulva* Schiermonnikoog (Friesland) 22 June, adult, summer plumage, photographed @ (description does not exclude European Golden Plover *P. apricaria*). **Buff-breasted Sandpiper** *Tryngites subruficollis* Brederwiede (Overijssel) 10 September (critical plumage details not described). **Great Snipe** *Gallinago media* Carel Coenraad-polder (Groningen) 9 August @ (description too concise). **Laughing Gull** *Larus atricilla* Zeewolde (Flevoland) 26 October (description lacks detail for a country's first; because of its tail markings it was definitely not the

rejected bird from Harderwijk, Gelderland (Wiegant et al 1995), which was seen a few km away, one month earlier). **Iceland Gull** *Larus glaucoides* Katwijk (Zuid-Holland) 21 February, first-winter @ (incomplete description; leucistic Herring Gull *L. argentatus* not excluded). **Isabelline Wheatear** *Oenanthe isabellina* Vlieland (Friesland) 19-21 September, photographed (after careful consideration, the CDNA has the opinion that there is in fact not much reason to believe that this extensively photographed bird was not a Northern Wheatear *O. oenanthe*; this bird has dark centres of the lesser and greater coverts, whereas in *O. isabellina* these are much paler; with spread wings, the primaries of *O. isabellina* are just as pale as the coverts, whereas in this bird they were much darker). **Olivaceous Warbler** *Hippolais pallida* Rammegors, Sint Philipsland (Zeeland) 11 July @ (description does not exclude other warbler species). **Subalpine Warbler** *Sylvia cantillans* Rottumerplaat (Groningen) 28-30 May (description too concise). **Dusky Warbler** *Phylloscopus fuscatus* Wassenaar (Zuid-Holland) 17 October (description incomplete; bird was seen only for a short time and only partially). **Eurasian Treecreeper** *Certhia familiaris* Rozendaal (Gelderland) 17-19 January (description incomplete); Oosterend, Terschelling (Friesland) 20 October (description incomplete). **Little Bunting** *Emberiza pusilla* Biddlinghuizen (Flevoland) 11 October (description does not exclude Lapland Bunting *Calcarius lapponicus*).

1992

Lesser Canada Goose *Branta canadensis minima* Pampushaven (Flevoland) 25 March @ (identification accepted, but considered escaped); Eijsden (Limburg) 9 October @ (identification accepted, but considered escaped); Grevelingen (Zeeland) @ (identification accepted, but considered escaped). **Blue-winged Teal** *Anas discors* Waddinxveen (Zuid-Holland) 7 June, two @ (considered escaped because of tameness). **Iceland Gull** *Larus glaucoides* Ilmuiden, 17 May, second calendar-year @ (leucistic Herring Gull *L. argentatus* not excluded). **Red-throated Pipit** *Anthus cervinus* Broekhuizenvorst (Limburg) 26 September (description incomplete). **Siberian Chiffchaff** *Phylloscopus collybita tristis* Terschelling (Friesland) 21 October, two (description incomplete). **Rustic Bunting** *Emberiza rustica* Delfzijl (Groningen) 31 December, three, adult male, winter plumage (Lapland Bunting *Calcarius lapponica* not excluded).

1991

Icelandic Redwing *Turdus iliacus coburni* Lelystad (Flevoland) 3 May adult, found dead (cf Vinketouw 68: 18, 1992; although ringed on Iceland in March 1989, it is not certain whether this bird actually originated from Iceland, so its subspecies remains uncertain).

1990

Collared Flycatcher *Ficedula albicollis* Schoonebeek (Drenthe) May @ (description incomplete).

1988

Lesser Canada Goose *Branta canadensis minima* Grevelingen (Zeeland) 6 February (identification accepted, but considered escaped); Kekerdom (Gelderland) 21 February on-and-off to 18 September 1991 (identification accepted, but considered escaped).

1987

Yellow-legged Gull *Larus cachinnans omissus* Tilburg (Noord-Brabant) 6 July, ringed (de Mesel 1990; subspecies not considered valid and regarded by CDNA as yellow-legged Herring Gull *L. argentatus 'omissus'*, cf Wiegant et al 1995).

1984

Little Crake *Porzana parva* Engbertsdijkvenen (Overijssel) 4 April, adult male @ (seen too briefly, c 3 sec, and without binoculars, for positive identification); **Brün-nich's Guillemot** *Uria lomvia* Terschelling (Friesland), photographed (photograph shows Common Guillemot *U. aalge*).

1978

Northern Eider *Somateria mollissima borealis* IJmuiden (Noord-Holland) 7 January @ (considered impossible to identify in the field).

1965

Yellow-legged Gull *Larus cachinnans* Marken (Noord-Holland) @ (if accepted, this would be the first record; however, since it is not clear whether actually is referred to a location in the Netherlands (Stromar 1967), this record has not been accepted).

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