

Rare birds in the Netherlands in 1995

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This is the 16th annual report on rare birds in the Netherlands to be published in Dutch Birding. This report comprises records from 1995 as well as belated and reconsidered records, dating from 1994 back to 1916, which have been evaluated by the Dutch rarities committee, the Commissie Dwaalgasten Nederlandse Avifauna (CDNA). Several records for 1995 and earlier years are still under consideration, for various reasons.

Compared with previous reports, the records are presented in a slightly different way. Details included for each accepted record are, if available: date(s); locality and/or municipality; province; 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 in the literature, which normally include (inter)national and not regional journals, and published photographs. A compilation of most of the birds videoed can be found in ter Ellen et al (1996) and some (also) appear in Opperman et al (1997). In contrast with previous reports, the sequence in which the records are presented is chronological, not by province. Numbers after each (sub)species' name refer to the total number of individuals 1 from 1 January 1800 to 31 December 1979, 2 since 1 January 1980 but excluding 3 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. In February 1997, Edward van IJzendoorn and Hans Schekkerman have left the committee, to be succeeded by Max Berlijn and Ruud F J van Beusekom; Jan van der Laan has become chairman. Records should be sent to CDNA, Postbus 45, 2080 AA Santpoort-Zuid, Netherlands, preferably using standard forms, which can be obtained free of charge from CDNA.

The CDNA has decided not to consider records of Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis* and Pallas's Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus proregulus* from 1

January 1997 onwards. Both species were recorded more than four times, on average, per year during the last five years, and had a nearly 100% acceptance rate. Of course, pre-1997 records are still welcomed by the committee.

In 1995, again more species than ever were recorded, clearly the result of improved telecommunication between birders. Four new species were added to the Dutch list in 1995, all of which were documented photographically while being observed by 10s to 100s of observers: Bulwer's Petrel *Bulweria bulwerii*, Upland Sandpiper *Bartramia longicauda*, Greater Yellowlegs *Tringa melanoleuca* and Daurian Jackdaw *Corvus dauuricus*. An amazing seven species had their second accepted record: Bonelli's Eagle *Hieraetus fasciatus*, Demoiselle Crane *Anthropoides virgo*, Greater Yellowlegs, Forster's Tern *Sterna forsteri*, Hawk Owl *Sumia ulula*, White-throated Robin *Irania gutturalis* and Dartford Warbler *Sylvia undata*. Noteworthy older records were the first Caspian Yellow-legged Gull *Larus cachinnans cachinnans*, dating from 1991, and the second Cretzschmar's Bunting *Emberiza caesia*, from 1994.

Systematic list of accepted records

White-billed Diver *Gavia adamsii* 20,8,1

30 December to 20 January 1996, Reeuwijk, Zuid-Holland, first-winter, photographed, videoed (B de Lange, E van der Burg, M Berlijn et al; Dutch Birding 18: 42, plate 27, 1996; Birding World 9: 11, 1996, 10: 20, 1997; Birdwatch nr 45: 60, 1996).

An earlier record of probably the same bird at a different locality is still under consideration. After a moribund bird in 1986 and a dead one in 1994, this was the first healthy bird since November 1985.

* Bulwer's Petrel *Bulweria bulwerii* 0,0,1

21 August, Westplaat, Westvoorne, Zuid-Holland, photographed (A Schaftenaar, B de Bruijn et al; Schaftenaar 1995, 1996; Dutch Birding 17: 175, plate 144, 180, plate 153, 1995, 18: 222, plate 220-221, 1996; Birding World 8: 333, 1995).

While trying to relocate a 'lesser golden plover' *Pluvialis dominicus / tulva*, this astonishing new species came into view of the observers. This species can be regarded as one of the rarest Western Palearctic seabirds in north-western Europe, with only six records north of Spain until 1996 (Schaftenaar 1996).



95 White-billed Diver / Geelsnavelduiker *Gavia adamsii*, first-winter, Reeuwijk, Zuid-Holland, 14 January 1996 (Arnoud B van den Berg)

96 Birders twitching Bonelli's Eagle / Havikarend *Hieraaetus fasciatus*, Vliehors, Vlieland, Friesland, 17 September 1995 (Rudy Offereins)



Mediterranean Shearwater *Puffinus mauretanicus* 5,35,3

17 July, *Vlieland*, Friesland (N C Hoogendoorn); 22 July, *Lauwersoog*, *De Marne*, Groningen (W P Vellinga); 3 August, *Camperduin*, *Schoorl*, Noord-Holland (A Schaafenaar, R de Beer, M van Steenis).

1993 2 August, *Camperduin*, *Schoorl*, Noord-Holland (T M van der Have, J D Eerdman, H Schekkerman).

These records further illustrate the midsummer occurrence of this species in Dutch coastal waters. More than half of the records are from July and August. The 1993 record fits in the array of records between 24 July and 5 August of that year, which all were assumed to refer to a single bird (Wiegant et al 1996). The record at *Lauwersoog* on the Wadden Sea coast was the first away from the North Sea coast.

European Storm-petrel *Hydrobates pelagicus* -,48,1

22 October, *Ilmuiden*, *Velsen*, Noord-Holland (M Wilsefors, L J A Edelaar).

1993 16 November, *Camperduin*, *Schoorl*, Noord-Holland, two (N F van der Ham).

The two 1993 birds are the first accepted without description of the underwing pattern (cf Wiegant et al 1996). Apart from the huge influx of at least 27 on 21-23 September 1990, the annual average of accepted records is only one.

Atlantic Great Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo carbo* 6,6,0

20 December 1994 to 18 February, *Rotterdam*, Zuid-Holland, adult, ring read (P G Schrijvershof).

This record was already included in the 1994 report.

Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis* 33,59,1

23 August, *Wanneperveen*, *Brederviede*, Overijssel, adult (M Klemann).

1994 4-6 November, *Wassenaar*, Zuid-Holland, photographed (A Remeeus).

1993 27-28 April, *Driessensven*, *Bergen*, Limburg, adult (E Nieuwstraten).

1992 15 May, *Broekhuizen*, *Broekhuizen*, Limburg, two (J J F Jansen).

1986 29 October, *Heiloo*, Noord-Holland (W A van Splunder).

The two 1992 birds were erroneously published in the 1994 report for 14 May. A poor year compared with the average for the previous years. Since 1984, the numbers were always higher than one per year, with an average of almost four.

Glossy Ibis *Plegadis falcinellus* -,44,2

4 November 1994 to 20 May, *Haarlem*, Noord-Holland, first-winter (A B van den Berg, P Munsterman et al; Dutch Birding 18: 297, plate 289-290, 1996); 7 April, *Welsrijp*, *Littenseradiel*, Friesland (J J F Jansen); 25-30 April, *Willige-Langerak*, *Lopik*, Utrecht (E B Ebels et al).

The *Haarlem* record was already included in the 1994 report. Apart from the 1994 influx, three would still be slightly higher than the average of one for the

years 1980-95, possibly indicating a few individuals lingering from 1994. A bird photographed at *Eemshaven*, Groningen, on 3 May (Grauwe Gors 23: 94, 1995) is still under consideration.

Greenland White-fronted Goose *Anser albifrons flavirostris* -,9,5

25 November, *Rutten*, *Noordoostpolder*, Flevoland, five, two adult, three first-winter (J D Vermeulen, E D van der Linden).

Contrary to popular belief, the orange bill-colour is not the single identification pointer. Larger size, darker overall colour, and higher intensity of black belly-markings should help to identify this taxon.

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

13 January to 10 March, *Scheelhoek*, *Goedereede*, Zuid-Holland (M van Dijk; Dutch Birding 17: 82, plate 67, 1996; Birding world 8: 58, 1995; 9: 22, 1996, erroneously captioned December 1995).

For the winter of 1995/96, no record of this individual has (yet) been submitted.

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

25 January, *Gaast*, *Wûnseradiel*, Friesland, photographed (M Berlijn).

Most submitted Lesser Canada Geese are of darker, western subspecies, which are not accepted because it is assumed that they cannot arrive as wild vagrants.

Black Brant *Branta nigricans* 7,57,3

16 October 1994 to 27 May, *Zeeburg*, *Texel*, Noord-Holland, two, adult (M Berlijn, J J F Jansen); 28 March to 24 April, *Midsland*, *Terschelling*, Friesland, adult, photographed (T Bakker, A Ouwkerk; Birding World 10: 13, 1997); 10-11 April, *Formerum*, *Terschelling*, Friesland, adult, photographed (T Bakker); 8-27 May, *Vlieland*, Friesland, two, adult (J J F Jansen); 25 November to 12 May 1996, *Texel*, Noord-Holland, two, adult (A Wassink).

The record of two birds on *Texel* from 1994 into 1995 was erroneously recorded as concerning only one individual (Wiegant et al 1996). One of these individuals is considered the same as the one recorded there in previous years. The record of two birds from 25 November to 12 May concern the same as those in the preceding winters. The long-staying *Midsland*, *Terschelling*, individual is the same as an individual recorded on 6 April 1993 and from 27 March to 10 May 1994, which could be recognized by the fact that it had a leg injury.

Falcated Duck *Mareca falcata* 0,5,0

1 January to 18 March, *Spaarndam*, *Haarlem*, Noord-Holland, adult male (A P Ros); 3 May to 12 June, *Lauwersmeer*, *De Marne*, Groningen, adult male (M P Olthoff).

1992 18 April, *Bennebroek*, Noord-Holland, adult male (A P Ros).

The records in *Bennebroek* in 1992 and at *Spaarndam* in 1995 are considered to refer to the same



97 Booted Eagle / Dwergarend *Hieraetus pennatus*, second-year, dark morph, Hoge Veluwe, Gelderland, 14 July 1995 (Arnoud B van den Berg) **98** Upland Sandpiper / Bartrams Ruiter *Bartramia longicauda*, Maasvlakte, Zuid-Holland, 28 October 1995 (Arnoud B van den Berg) **99** Greater Yellowlegs / Grote Geelpootruiter *Tringa melanoleuca*, first-summer, Braakman, Zeeland, 21 April 1995 (Marc Guyt) **100** Golden Eagle / Steenarend *Aquila chrysaetos*, immature male, collected at Noordlaren, Groningen, 16 November 1916 **101** Collared Pratincole / Vorkstaartplevier *Glareola pratincola*, Lutjebroekerweel, Noord-Holland, 30 May 1995 (Niels L M Gilissen) **102** Collared Pratincoles / Vorkstaartplevieren *Glareola pratincola*, Lutjebroekerweel, Noord-Holland, 30 May 1995 (Arnoud B van den Berg)

individual as the one seen each consecutive winter in Zuid-Kennemerland, Noord-Holland, from 22 January 1992 into 1996. The bird at Lauwersmeer is presumed to be the same as the one recorded at this site on 21-22 May 1994.

The status of this species is currently under review.

Green-winged Teal *Anas crecca carolinensis* 6,4,2
6-20 April, Lauwersmeer, *De Marne*, Groningen, two, adult male, photographed (K van Dijken et al).

This is the first record of two birds together and the first since 1991.

Blue-winged Teal *Anas discors* 6,13,1
18 February, Kroonpolders, *Terschelling*, Friesland, adult male (J A J Vink, C M Lok).

It has been rumoured that this bird was ringed with a plastic ring, in which case it should be considered escaped. However, until this rumour is substantiated it will be considered wild. Records of this species are quite scattered over the year, with the majority in April-June. There are now records from January (2), February (1), April (5), May (5), June (2), August (1), September (1), October (2) and December (1).

Ring-necked Duck *Aythya collaris* 5,11,2
9-17 April, Onderdijk, *Wervershoof*, Noord-Holland, adult male (B Winters, M Berlijn); 3 May, Zuidermeerdijk, *Noordoostpolder*, Flevoland, adult male (R Vermoolen, P Krijnen, J Vermoolen).

Again two records, as in 1993. Only in 1982 there were three records in one year.

Lesser Scaup *Aythya affinis* 0,1,0
21 November 1994 to 13 January, *Veere*, Zeeland, 14 January to 5 February, *Middelburg*, Zeeland, 26 March to beginning of May, *Veere*, and 27 May to 21 June, *Sas-van-Gent*, Zeeland, first-winter male, photographed, videoed (J Goedbloed, M Berlijn, E B Ebels et al; Goedbloed & Sponselee 1996; Dutch Birding 17: 34, plate 30, 1995, 18: 64, plate 59, 107, plate 103, 1996).

The 1994 individual, already included in the 1994 report, was the first for the Netherlands and remained in the region until late spring.

King Eider *Somateria spectabilis* 1,6,0
1994 25 September 1994 to 28 May, *Texel*, Noord-Holland, adult female (A Wassink).

This individual was already included in the 1994 report, where the record was erroneously published with 18 May as latest date. The bird was first recorded on 24 March 1993.

White-headed Duck *Oxyura leucocephala* 5,6,0
1989 8 January to at least 13 February, immature, Stevensweert, *Maasbracht*, Limburg (P Verbeek, W Vergoossen).

This record was already given in the 1989 report (van den Berg et al 1991) for 22 January.

Lesser Spotted Eagle *Aquila pomarina* 4,2,0
1994 3 May, *Schiermonnikoog*, Friesland, adult, photographed (R Mulder).

This was the first record of a bird not (eventually) collected. Most submitted sight records are rejected, due to the difficulty of identifying (and adequately describing) large eagles. Although not suitable for publication, the photographs facilitated acceptance.

Golden Eagle *Aquila chrysaetos* 10,4,0
1916 22 November, Noordlaren, *Haren*, Groningen, immature male, collected (specimen disposed), photographed (H A M van Asch van Wijck; Jaarber Club Ned Vogelk 7: 18, 1917, H van Asch van Wijck in litt).

A photograph of the mounted specimen (which was burned because of its very bad condition in the late 1940s or 1950s) recently emerged, enabling the CDNA to re-instate this record, which earlier had been removed from the Dutch list (van IJzendoorn et al 1996).

Booted Eagle *Hieraetus pennatus* 0,2,1
13-26 July, Hoge Veluwe, *Ede*, Gelderland, dark morph, second-year, photographed, videoed (N L M Gilissen et al; Dutch Birding 17: 178, plate 147-148, 1995; Birding World 8: 290, 1995; Birdwatch nr 39: 60, 1995; Br Birds 89: 30, plate 18, 1996).

The third record in only four years. The two previous records were a dark-morph on 30 May 1992 and a pale-morph on 24 April 1993. This year's bird was discovered during a count of Dark Green Fritillary *Mesoacidalia aglaja*. It demonstrates that even while watching butterflies it may pay to carry a pair of binoculars and look up occasionally.

Bonelli's Eagle *Hieraetus fasciatus* 1,0,1
17-20 September, Vliehors, *Vlieland*, Friesland, and 20 September, De Cocksdorp, *Texel*, Noord-Holland, juvenile, photographed, videoed (P I Waanders et al; Waanders & Ebels 1995, Waanders 1996; Dutch Birding 17: 221, plate 194, 1995, 18: 123, plate 121-124, 1996; Birding World 8: 333, 1995).

A very spectacular record on the desolate sand flats of the Vliehors, used for training by military aircraft, where it was found in the morning after a day of good raptor migration. It was first seen on a Sunday, when there were no military activities, but the following Monday and Tuesday the bird did not seem disturbed by artillery. After a three-day stay, it left flying high over Texel, heading south. After revision of older records (van IJzendoorn et al 1996), only one record remained, so this record constituted the second. The previous one was a first-winter male found dead on 24 January 1958 at Gendringen, Gelderland.

Little Crake *Porzana parva* -,5,1
26-29 May, Nederland, Weerribben, *IJsselham*, Overijssel, singing male, tape-recorded (P Martens, S Deuzeman).

Baillon's Crake *Porzana pusilla* -,15,0
1994 16-25 May, Groenlanden, Ooypolder, *Ubbergen*,

Gelderland, male, sound-recorded (G W M van Aalst); 4-7 July, Oude Waal, Ooyppolder, *Nijmegen*, Gelderland, male, sound-recorded (O van Hoorn, E A W Ernens). 1992 16-17 May, Blauwe Kamer, *Wageningen*, Gelderland, sound-recorded (J W de Roever, F Ossendorp).

In the 1994 report, the first of the 1994 records was erroneously published under the name of the first observer of the second record and the second record was erroneously omitted.

Demoiselle Crane *Anthropoides virgo* 0,1,1

1 May, *Baarn*, Utrecht, adult (H Schekkerman, N Swijnenberg, O Vervoort).

The bird flew past, like the previous one on 30 April 1993 on Rottumeroog, Groningen. Given the longevity in this species, one single individual (whether wild or not) may lead to several records, perhaps including two records from 1993 that are still under consideration.

Little Bustard *Tetrax tetrax* -,6,1

29 December to 2 January 1996, Den Hoorn, *Texel*, Noord-Holland, photographed, videoed (M C Witte et al; Dutch Birding 19: 46, plate 39, 1995).

Field observations of this species are all since 1982: February 1983, January 1986, January 1987, December 1987, April 1988 and December 1993. The dates suggest that 'wintering' birds arrive quite late, unless all were discovered after they had been present for several months.

Stone-curlew *Burhinus oedicnemus* -,16,0

1994 5-7 June, Wilp, *Voorst*, Gelderland, first-summer, ring read, photographed (R Versteeg, P de Vries, M Zekhuis).

1980 4 April, Echterweerd, *Echt*, Limburg, photographed (P Verbeek, R Schols).

1975 1 May, Ohé en Laak, *Maasbracht*, Limburg, found dead, skin retained by Heemkundig Museum, Echt.

The 1994 record was erroneously published with 6 June as first date (Wiegant et al 1996) at Wilp, Deventer, Overijssel, which should read Voorst, Gelderland.

Collared Pratincole *Glareola pratincola* 5,3,2

29-31 May, Lutjebroekerweel, *Drechterland*, Noord-Holland, two, adult, summer plumage, photographed (J Buisman, E B Ebels et al; Dutch Birding 17: 128, plate 103-104, 1995).

This was the second occasion that two birds were recorded together. The first time was in March 1965. It remains intriguing that this species is much rarer than Black-winged Pratincole *G. nordmanni* of which there are 20 records, whereas in all neighbouring countries the reverse is true.

American Golden Plover *Pluvialis dominicus* 1,5,1

16-19 October, Mokbaai, *Texel*, Noord-Holland, adult, moulting into winter plumage (M Berlijn et al).

Possibly this individual was the same as recorded on 16-28 October 1994 on Texel, but since it was seen on quite a different spot on this large island, it is counted as a separate record.

Pacific Golden Plover *Pluvialis fulva* 9,6,0

1991 13-15 September, *Middelburg*, Zeeland, adult, photographed (J Walhout et al; Catley 1994, van Dongen et al 1994, Eigenhuis et al 1994, Millington 1994; Dutch Birding 16: 70, plate 47-51, 1994).

This record was first accepted, but before it could be published as such, its acceptance was argued in favour of American Golden Plover *P. dominicus* (Eigenhuis et al 1994), and the record was recirculated, rejected and accepted as 'lesser golden plover' *P. dominicus / fulva*. The rejection and the series of photographs published in Eigenhuis et al (1994) provoked much discussion, this time in favour of the identification as *P. fulva* (Catley 1994, van Dongen et al 1994, Millington 1994). After revision, the CDNA has decided to accept this record again as *P. fulva*, which may cast a dark light on the abilities of the CDNA to form an opinion on its own, but on the other hand may be taken as an indication of its willingness to open and re-open discussions on any record!

American / Pacific Golden Plover *Pluvialis dominicus / fulva* 0,1,1

19-20 August, Westplaat, Maasvlakte, *Westvoorne*, Zuid-Holland (R de Beer, M van der Aa, L Steijn).

This individual, by withholding its specific identity, actually led to the discovery of the Bulwer's Petrel *Bulweria bulwerii*.

Sociable Lapwing *Vanellus gregarius* 12,15,2

8-22 July, Kamerik, *Woerden*, Utrecht, adult, moulting into winter plumage, photographed (F Parmentier, N van Duivendijk, M Berlijn; Dutch Birding 17: 178, plate 152, 1995); 16 October, Bolwerksweiden, *Deventer*, Overijssel (V Kalkman).

Pectoral Sandpiper *Calidris melanotos* 9,58,3

29 July to 3 August, *Texel*, Noord-Holland, adult (A Wassink); 5-7 August, Julianadorp, *Den Helder*, Noord-Holland, juvenile (E Groenewoud); 7-11 August, Knardijk, *Lelystad*, Flevoland, juvenile (E Groenewoud).

A return to a regular number of records, after only one in 1994.

Broad-billed Sandpiper *Limicola falcinellus* 22,49,1

20 May, Den Oever, *Wieringen*, Noord-Holland (A Vink, W M Wiegant).

There are now only three records since 1992, whereas there were 45 in 1984-91, averaging more than five records annually.

Long-billed Dowitcher *Limnodromus scolopaceus* 0,9,1

26-27 May, Petten, *Zijpe*, Noord-Holland, photographed (J Buisman, S Lagerveld).

Since the second record in 1986 (the first was as recent as 1983), this species has been recorded each year, with the exception of 1993. The pattern of records strongly suggests that some records are referring to returning individuals.



103 Western Bonelli's Warbler / Bergfluit *Phylloscopus bonelli*, Maasvlakte, Zuid-Holland, 17 September 1995 (Hans Gebuis) **104** Whiskered Tern / Witwangstern *Chlidonias hybridus*, Den Oever, Noord-Holland, 18 November 1995 (Ruud E Brouwer) **105** Yellow-breasted Bunting / Wilgengors *Emberiza aureola*, first-winter, Westkapelle, Zeeland, 12 September 1995 (Marc Guyt) **106** Little Bunting / Dwerggors *Emberiza pusilla*, Breezanddijk, Friesland, April 1995 (Roef Mulder)

* **Upland Sandpiper** *Bartramia longicauda* 0,0,1
28 October, Maasvlakte, Rotterdam, Zuid-Holland, first-winter, photographed (H E Mom, D van der Spoel et al; Mom & van der Spoel 1995; Dutch Birding 17: 228, plate 207-208, 1995).

One may wonder whether the behaviour of slightly over-enthusiastic birders may have tempted this individual to an early leave; the bird stayed for only a few hours. This new American wader for the Dutch list complies with the general rule-of-thumb that American waders have to be recorded some 20-40 times in Britain before the Netherlands have a fair chance. After Buff-breasted Sandpiper *Tryngites subruticollis* in 1955, Pectoral Sandpiper *Calidris melanotos* in 1961, Wilson's Phalarope *Phalaropus tricolor* in 1966, Spotted Sand-

piper *Actitis macularia* in 1975, White-rumped Sandpiper *C. fuscicollis* in 1977, Lesser Yellowlegs *Tringa ilavipes* in 1979, Baird's Sandpiper *C. bairdii* in 1980, Long-billed Dowitcher *Limnodromus scolopaceus* in 1983, Semipalmated Sandpiper *C. pusilla* in 1989 and Upland Sandpiper and Greater Yellowlegs *T. melanoleuca* in 1995, Stilt Sandpiper *Micropalama himantopus* or Least Sandpiper *C. minutilla* seem due to enter the Dutch list before long.

* **Greater Yellowlegs** *Tringa melanoleuca* 0,0,2
15 January, Grijskerke, Mariëkerke, Zeeland, photographed (J Goedbloed; Driessens & Ebels 1996; Dutch Birding 17: 34, plate 32, 1995); 21 April to 26 May, Braakman, Terneuzen, Zeeland, first-winter moulting to



107 Iceland Gull / Kleine Burgemeester *Larus glaucooides*, first-winter, Groningen, Groningen, 10 March 1995 (Rudy Offereins) **108** Daurian Jackdaw / Daurische Kauw *Corvus dauuricus*, Katwijk aan Zee, Zuid-Holland, May 1995 (Hans Gebuis) **109** Rosy Starling / Roze Spreeuw *Sturnus roseus*, juvenile, 't Horntje, Texel, Noord-Holland, 21 October 1995 (Hans Gebuis)



first-summer, photographed (A Kind et al; Ebels 1996a; Dutch Birding 17: 128, plate 105, 1995; Birding World 9: 26, 1996).

It is not clear whether the Grijskerke record refers to the same individual as the one in Cumbria, England, in November 1994 and the first for Belgium at Zeebrugge, West-Vlaanderen, in November-December 1994. Comparison of the photographs taken at Braakman and the detailed description of the Belgian bird show that they were different individuals (Gunter De Smet in litt). Given the relatively poor documentation of the Grijskerke bird, it is not possible to reach a definite conclusion on the individual identity of this bird, but in time it was closer to the Belgian bird than to the bird of Braakman; therefore, the CDNA has tentatively accepted these records as referring to two different birds. The distance between Zeebrugge and Grijskerke is roughly the same as the distance between Zeebrugge and Braakman, c. 35 km.

With the discovery of the Grijskerke bird, Jan Goedbloed managed to discover two new species for the Netherlands in a row, an achievement hard to beat. He also discovered the first Lesser Scaup *Aythya affinis*.

Lesser Yellowlegs *Tringa flavipes* 1,1,1

6 August, Bakkersdam, Petten, *Zijpe*, Noord-Holland, adult, summer plumage (G O Keijl, T M van der Have; van der Have & Keijl 1995).

This was only the third record. Within 15 minutes after its discovery, it flew off, never to be relocated.

Wilson's Phalarope *Phalaropus tricolor* 6,9,1

24-25 June, Wevers Inlaag, *Middenschouwen*, Zeeland, adult male, pied morph (D Kok, H Zevenhuijzen, A van Kleunen; Dutch Birding 17: 178, plate 151, 1995).

50% of all records refer to summer occurrences. There are now records from April (2), May (2), June (3), July (3), August (2), September (2) and October (2).

Ring-billed Gull *Larus delawarensis* 0,3,1

8 January, Stevensweert, *Maasbracht*, Limburg, adult (P J M Evers, H Swinkels, T Cuyppers; Evers et al 1996).

This bird constituted the fourth record for both the Netherlands and Belgium. Border crossings of vagrant gulls are not as rare as they may seem: it happened also with the second record of this species in 1991, and with the first Franklin's Gull *L. pipixcan* for both countries in 1987.

*** Caspian Yellow-legged Gull** *Larus cachinnans cachinnans* 0,1,0

1991 11 December, *Geldermalsen*, Gelderland, first-winter, ring read (J M van Muiswinkel; Ebels et al 1996).

This bird was ringed as a chick on 25 May 1991 at the northern shore of the Sea of Azov, Ukraine (Ebels et al 1996). Although this is the first documented record of this taxon, Ebels et al (1996) indicate that it is probably a regular winter visitor in very small numbers in eastern parts of the Netherlands. Subtle differences

identify it from Mediterranean Yellow-legged Gull *L. c. michahellis*, such as smaller size, longer projection of wing beyond tail, longer legs and longer neck. Adults may have a dark iris, at least in winter, and a black bill band. Papers on the identification and taxonomy of *cachinnans* and *michahellis* (which may deserve species status) have recently been published by Garner (1997), Klein & Buchheim (1997) and Klein & Gruber (1997).

Iceland Gull *Larus glaucoideus* -,52,7

5 January to 28 March, *IJmuiden*, *Velsen*, Noord-Holland, first-winter, photographed (G van der Bent, P de Vries); 17 January, *Enschede*, Overijssel, immature (P Knolle); 4 March to 20 April, *Groningen*, Groningen, first-winter to first-summer, photographed (K van Dijk et al; Dutch Birding 17: 83, plate 68, 84, plate 69, 1995; Birding World 8: 88, 1995); 17-23 April, *Deventer* and *Wilp*, Overijssel, second-year, photographed (P de Vries, R Versteeg); 22 April, *Oosterscheldedam*, *Westerschouwen*, Zeeland, second-winter, photographed (D J Moerbeek); 23 April to 1 May, *Twentekanaal*, *Gorssel*, Gelderland, photographed (H van Oosten); 30 April, *Camperduin*, *Schoorl*, Noord-Holland, first-summer (N F van der Ham); 8 May, *IJmuiden*, *Velsen*, Noord-Holland, second-year (D J Moerbeek).

1994 22 to 26 January, *Aijen*, *Bergen*, Limburg, found dead on 26, first-winter, skin retained by P Palmen (P Palmen). 28 December, *Wevers Inlaag*, *Middenschouwen*, Zeeland, second-winter (D Kok).

1993 2 April, *Egmond aan Zee*, *Egmond*, Noord-Holland, second-year, photographed (W A van Splunder, R A van Splunder); 20 November, *De Cocksdorp*, *Texel*, Noord-Holland, first-winter (M Plomp, D Kok).

1992 14 April *Egmond aan Zee*, *Egmond*, Noord-Holland, second-year (W A van Splunder).

In the 1994 report (Wiegant et al 1996) it was erroneously stated that the skin of the bird found dead in January 1994 was not retained. In the same report the first of the two 1993 records was given for 2 March instead of 2 April.

Ross's Gull *Rhodostethia rosea* 1,6,2

4 November, *Westkapelle*, Zeeland, first-winter (G Davidse, T Koppejan); 7-9 and 11 November, *IJmuiden*, *Velsen*, Noord-Holland, second-winter, photographed (P Vink, E Groenewoud, J J F Jansen et al; Dutch Birding 17: 262, plate 240-241, 1995); 15 November, *Katwijk aan Zee*, *Katwijk*, Zuid-Holland (B D van der Burg).

The IJmuiden and Katwijk records are presumed to refer to the same individual. Who could have expected this former extreme rarity to occur so often? There have now been five records in the last three years.

Forster's Tern *Sterna forsteri* 0,1,1

5 January, *Kinderdijk*, *Nieuw-Lekkerland*, Zuid-Holland, first-winter, photographed (P van Meerkerk; Dutch Birding 17:32, plate 26, 1995).

Possibly, this bird succumbed at the time of discovery, as it already seemed to be in a bad condition. It constituted the second record for both the Netherlands

and continental Europe; the first was an adult at Sloehaven, Vlissingen, Zeeland, on 1-2 November 1986.

Bridled Tern *Sterna anaethetus* 0,2,0

1989 3 August, following ferry between Vlissingen and Breskens, Oostburg, Zeeland, adult (B D van der Burg).

A complementary record of one of the two birds seen in Zeeland in summer 1989. It is believed that all records from 1989 refer to no more than two birds.

Whiskered Tern *Chlidonias hybridus* -,79,21

22 April, Scheveningen, Den Haag, Zuid-Holland, adult, summer plumage (V van der Spek); 29-30 April, Wolderwijd, Harderwijk/Zeewolde, Flevoland/Gelderland, two, adult, summer plumage (P Wink); 3-4 May, Braakman, Terneuzen, Zeeland, two, adult, summer plumage, photographed (T Koppejan, A Wieland); 26-27 May, Bandpolder, Dongeradeel, Friesland, two, adult, summer plumage (M P Olthoff, R E Brouwer, R Halff); 27 May, Knardijk, Lelystad, Flevoland, five, adult, summer plumage (W van Assche, J Huyghe); 27 May, Markiezzaatmeer, Reimerswaal, Zeeland, adult, summer plumage (M Berlijn, P M Gnodde); 27 May, Sondelerleijen, Gaasterlân-Sleat, Friesland, adult, summer plumage (G A Morel); 29 May, Eindhoven, Noord-Brabant, adult, summer plumage (R G Bouwman, M Berlijn); 30 May, Soerendonk, Maarheeze, Noord-Brabant, adult, summer plumage (H Vrolijk); 11 June, Soerendonk, Maarheeze, Noord-Brabant, adult, summer plumage (H Vrolijk); 17-18 September, Harlingen-Haven, Harlingen, Friesland, winter plumage (E B Ebels, E van der Burg et al); 4 November to 4 December, maximum of three (4 November one, 5 November two, 6-15 November three, of which one to 4 December), Den Oever, Wieringen, Noord-Holland, one adult winter and two first-winter, photographed (R E Brouwer, J Bisschop, E B Ebels; Dutch Birding 18: 46, plate 37, 1996).

1994 1 November, Kornwerderzand, Wûnseradiel, Friesland, winter plumage, photographed (S Bernardus).

1993 25-29 May, Woerden, Zuid-Holland, adult, summer plumage (C Witkamp, D Kok); 30 June, Woerden, Zuid-Holland, two, adult, summer plumage (J de Bruijn, D Kok).

1988 8 May, Steyl, Tegelen, Limburg, four, adult (W J M Scheres).

With an average of just over six records per year since 1980 (but none in 1984-85) and virtually all reports being accepted, it seems justified not to consider this species any longer. This was the last year for which reports were considered. As always, earlier records are still welcomed.

Black Guillemot *Cephus grylle* -,32,2

28 December 1994 to 18 January, West-Terschelling, Terschelling, Friesland, first-winter, photographed (J van der Laan, A Ouwerkerk); 16 September, Camperduin, Schoorl, Noord-Holland, adult, winter plumage (N F van der Ham); 19 November, Westkapelle, Zeeland, first-winter (G A Davidse).

1992 7-10 October, Egmond aan Zee, Egmond, Noord-Holland, first-winter (W A van Splunder, L Stegeman).

1990 10 October Egmond aan Zee, Egmond, Noord-Holland, first-winter (W A van Splunder).

The West-Terschelling record was already included in the 1994 report. The 1992 record, published in the 1994 report for 7-10 September, is considered to refer to the same bird already recorded on 25 September and 10 and 18-25 October 1992 (van den Berg et al 1994). The 1990 record is considered to refer to the same first-winter individual recorded at Camperduin on the same day (van den Berg et al 1992). It was erroneously presented in the 1994 report as an adult in winter plumage.

Great Spotted Cuckoo *Clamator glandarius* 6,7,2

28-29 July, Schiermonnikoog, Friesland, juvenile, photographed (J Mulder; Dutch Birding 17: 178, plate 150, 1995); 7 October, Makkumerwaard, Wûnseradiel, Friesland, first-year (G Minnema, S Bernardus, P M A van der Wielen).

Only once before, in 1982, there were two records in one year.

Hawk Owl *Surnia ulula* 1,0,1

2 April, Brunssum, Limburg, photographed (H van de Laar; van de Laar & Ebels 1997; Dutch Birding 17: 128, plate 106, 1995, 19: 13, plate 14-15, 1997).

Enjoying the delights of spring in his garden, the observer made a quite remarkable discovery just outside it, which he was able to document with a few photographs. The only previous accepted record concerns a bird collected at Amerongen, Utrecht, on 5 October 1920.

Alpine Swift *Apus melba* 7,16,0

1987 20 October, Kijkduin, Den Haag, Zuid-Holland, photographed (D Laponder, R Messemaker).

1994 30 April, Nummer Eén and Breskens, Oostburg, Zeeland (A Wieland; Wieland 1994).

A report at Velsen, Noord-Holland, on 27 May 1995 is still under consideration. A much disputed, multi-observer report at Breskens on 2 May 1995 was rejected.

Middle Spotted Woodpecker *Dendrocopos medius* -,6,1

25 February, Heeswijk, Heesch, Noord-Brabant, male (F van Binsbergen).

It seems that this species slowly is reclaiming the ground it has lost previously. When will it reappear as a breeding bird?

Short-toed Lark *Calandrella brachydactyla* 3,12,3

5-6 May, Katwijk aan Zee, Katwijk, Zuid-Holland, photographed (R E van der Vliet et al; Dutch Birding 17: 128, plate 108, 1995); 30 May, Breezanddijk, Wûnseradiel, Friesland (R Keizer, P Eerdman et al); 18-19 August, Terschelling, Friesland (D van Dulleman, P P Jonker, S H Laan).

1994 5-7 May, Rottumeroog, Eemmond, Groningen, photographed (K van Dijken, S de Bruin).

A record year. The bird seen at Maasvlakte, Zuid-



110 Forster's Tern / Forsters Stern *Sterna forsteri*, first-winter, Kinderdijk, Zuid-Holland, 5 January 1995
(Piet van Meerkerk)

111 Citrine Wagtail / Citroenkwikstaart *Motacilla citreola*, first-winter, Petten, Noord-Holland, 29 September 1995
(Hans Gebuis)



Holland, on 28-29 October, found during the search for the Upland Sandpiper *Bartramia longicauda*, which was observed being killed by a Great Grey Shrike *Lanius excubitor*, is still awaiting submission.

Red-rumped Swallow *Hirundo daurica* 2,23,2

4 May, Breskens, Oostburg, Zeeland (M Hoekstein); 6 May, Texel, Noord-Holland (A Wassink, R G Bouwman, H Vrolijk).

Records away from Breskens, where this species is mainly discovered on days with impressive migration of Barn Swallows *H. rustica*, are still quite rare.

Citrine Wagtail *Motacilla citreola* 0,4,1

25-29 September, Petten, Zijpe, Noord-Holland, first-winter, photographed (G Driessens, M Berlijn; Dutch Birding 17: 222, plate 198, 1995).

This individual was a fair consolation prize for those searching in vain for the much studied mystery sandpiper *Calidris* at nearby Groote Keeten, Noord-Holland, which most probably was a hybrid Temminck's x Little Stint *C. temminckii* x *minuta* (Jonsson 1996). There have been records in 1984, 1991 and 1993-95.

Thrush Nightingale *Luscinia luscinia* 7,20,7

3-24 June, Zeewolde, Flevoland, seven, pair raising five young, photographed, sound-recorded (R F J van Beusekom, N Marra sr).

1980 18 May to 12 June, Ooij, Ubbergen, Gelderland, singing, sound-recorded (J W de Roever et al).

The 1995 record represents the first proved breeding of this slowly increasing species. The observer who discovered it had great remorse keeping the breeding pair secret, because to do so he also had to withhold a singing River Warbler *Locustella fluviatilis*! The 1980 record is a correction to previous publications on two records at Tubbergen, Overijssel, and Ubbergen (Blankert & CDNA 1982, Scharringa & Osieck 1981).

Red-spotted Bluethroat *Luscinia svecica svecica* -,24,3

23 May, Katwijk aan Zee, Katwijk, Zuid-Holland, male, summer plumage (A van Duijvenboden, G van der Bent); 26 May, Egmond aan Zee, Egmond, Noord-Holland, male, summer plumage (W A van Splunder); 26 May, Vlieland, Friesland, male, summer plumage, photographed (L J A Edelaar).

1994 24 May, Rottumeroog, Eemmond, Groningen, male, summer plumage, photographed (K van Dijken, S de Bruin).

Although the format of this report in Dutch Birding prescribes making notion of sex, this seems a little bit superfluous in this subspecies, of which only males are identified.

White-throated Robin *Irania gutturalis* 0,1,1

2 June, Katwijk aan Zee, Katwijk, Zuid-Holland, second-year female, photographed (J Dijkhuizen et al; Dijkhuizen & Meijer 1997; Dutch Birding 17: 129, plate 11, 1995, 19: 15, plate 16-17, 1997; Birding World 8: 210, 1995).

The first was a male on 3-4 November 1986 at Maasland, Zuid-Holland.

Siberian Stonechat *Saxicola torquata maura* 9,9,3

9 October, Petten, Zijpe, Noord-Holland, first-winter or female (P M A van der Wielen); 17 October, De Koog, Texel, Noord-Holland, first-winter, male (T M van der Have, R E van der Vliet, A Wassink); 18-20 October, Texel, Noord-Holland, first-winter, male (A Wassink).

A fourth bird, photographed at camping Stortemelk, Vlieland, Friesland, on 4 October, is still awaiting acceptance.

Pied / Black-eared Wheatear *Oenanthe pleschanka / hispanica* 0,1,0

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

It was not noted in the previous report that the record referred to a male.

Zitting Cisticola *Cisticola juncidis* -,25,1

9-14 July, Paal, Hulst, Zeeland (A Schaftenaar, B de Bruijn, L J A Edelaar et al).

1993 16-21 August, Hellegat, Terneuzen, Zeeland, two, singing (A Wieland); 29 June to 10 September, Paal, Hulst, Zeeland, up to three, singing (A Wieland; Dutch Birding 15: 237, plate 163, 1993).

River Warbler *Locustella fluviatilis* 7,15,4

28 May to 3 June, Annen, Anloo, Drenthe (R Penninx, T Hansen); 11-13 June, Zeewolde, Flevoland, sound-recorded, photographed (R F J van Beusekom, J van Beusekom, N Marra); 24 June to 6 July, Groningen, Groningen, sound-recorded, photographed (P Elferich et al; Dutch Birding 17: 178, plate 149, 1995); 19 August, Oostvaardersdijk, Almere, Flevoland, first-year, trapped, photographed (C M Liebrechts-Haaker, H Liebrechts).

A regular number, in view of recent years' standards. All spring records concerned singing birds.

Aquatic Warbler *Acrocephalus paludicola* -,,-

1992 25 July, Makkum, Wûnseradiel, Friesland; 19 August, Makkum, Wûnseradiel, Friesland, two; 19 August, Someren, Noord-Brabant; 22 August, Makkum, Wûnseradiel, Friesland; 10 September, Makkum, Wûnseradiel, Friesland; 12 September, Makkum, Wûnseradiel, Friesland.

1991 3 August, Makkum, Wûnseradiel, Friesland; 5 August, Mokkebank, Nijefurd, Friesland; 8 August, Mokkebank, Nijefurd, Friesland; 9 August, Makkum, Wûnseradiel, Friesland, two; 12 August, Mokkebank, Nijefurd, Friesland, 13 August, Zandvoort, Noord-Holland; 15 August, Makkum, Wûnseradiel, Friesland; 16 August, Elburg, Gelderland; 16 August, Vlieland, Friesland; 21 August, Makkum, Wûnseradiel, Friesland; 21 August, Someren, Noord-Brabant; 29 August, Zandvoort, Noord-Holland; 30 August, Oostburg, Zeeland; 12 September, Zandvoort, Noord-Holland.

1990 27 July, Lelystad, Flevoland; 2 August, Makkum, Wûnseradiel, Friesland; 3 August, Kampereiland, Kampen, Overijssel; 4 August, Elburg, Gelderland; 4 August, Zandvoort, Noord-Holland; 5 August, Zandvoort, Noord-Holland; 9 August, Makkum, Wûnseradiel, Fries-

land; 9 August, Mokkebank, *Nijefurd*, Friesland; 11 August, Makkum, *Wûnseradiel*, Friesland; 11 August, Mokkebank, *Nijefurd*, Friesland; 14 August, *Elburg*, Gelderland; 23 August, *Elburg*, Gelderland; two; 25 August, *Zandvoort*, Noord-Holland.

1989 12 August, *Elburg*, Gelderland; 16 August, *Elburg*, Gelderland; two; 18 August, *Elburg*, Gelderland; 4 September, Makkum, *Wûnseradiel*, Friesland; 20 September, *Somerens*, Noord-Brabant.

Sometimes the pursuit of completeness can become a little bit boring. These data originate from the Vogeltrekstation (Dutch ringing office) archives, from the period of 1989-92, when reports of ringed birds were automatically accepted. All records refer to trapped first-year birds. They complete the Aquatic Warbler data until 1 January 1993, when the CDNA stopped considering records of this species.

Booted Warbler *Hippolais caligata* 0,4,2

19 September, De Cocksdorp, *Texel*, Noord-Holland (A Wassink, J J Brinkman, C Zuyderduyn); 6 October, Maasvlakte, *Rotterdam*, Zuid-Holland, photographed, videoed (A Schaftenaar, H Gebuis et al; Dutch Birding 17: 267, plate 246, 248, 1995).

For the first time, there were two records in one year. Previous records were in October 1982, October 1986, September 1988 and September 1990.

Melodious Warbler *Hippolais polyglotta* 2,16,0

1994 12-18 June, Cotessen, *Vaals*, Limburg, singing, photographed, sound-recorded (F J Schepers, M Berlijn, P Palmen).

1991 31 May to 1 June, Schiermonnikoog, Friesland, singing, sound-recorded (T M van der Have et al).

The 1994 individual was erroneously published in the 1994 report for 14-18 June.

Dartford Warbler *Sylvia undata* 1,0,1

26 November to 3 December, *Westkapelle*, Zeeland, female, photographed (P A Wolf, M Berlijn et al; Wolf 1995; Dutch Birding 17: 271, plate 255, 1995, 18: 45, plate 31, 1996).

This was the second record; the first concerned a male at Hoophuizen, Nunspeet, Gelderland, on 1-3 April 1959. The CDNA would appreciate any information on a singing male appearing on a compact disc with bird sounds by Vogelbescherming Nederland (1995), which apparently was sound-recorded at the Belgian border just in or outside Zeeuws-Vlaanderen near Retranchement, Sluis, Zeeland, in May 1994.

Subalpine Warbler *Sylvia cantillans* 5,19,5

6 May, Hagen aan Zee, *Schoorl*, Noord-Holland, male, second-year, photographed (S Lagerveld, M Berlijn et al); 6 May, Velsen-Noord, *Velsen*, Noord-Holland, adult male, photographed (D J Moerbeek, M Berlijn, M Guyt et al); 6 May, Maasvlakte, *Rotterdam*, Zuid-Holland, female, photographed (P Geysels, S de Sin, W Verachter; Dutch Birding 17: 126, plate 102, 1995); 27 May, De Cocksdorp, *Texel*, Noord-Holland, photographed (E Nieuwstraten, D Kok, A Wassink); 27

May, Velsen-Noord, *Velsen*, Noord-Holland, female (D J Moerbeek).

The five individuals in 1995 were discovered on only two dates, illustrating that multiple arrivals are almost the rule with this species. The number in 1995 was only equalled by that in 1983.

Sardinian Warbler *Sylvia melanocephala* 0,5,1

8-14 May, De Cocksdorp, *Texel*, Noord-Holland, male (A Wassink).

This bird occurred only a few 100 m away from the locality of the May 1993 record. There are now three records for Groningen and three for Noord-Holland. The CDNA still awaits information on a male singing at Egmond-Binnen, Noord-Holland, from 12 November to 26 December 1995.

Barred Warbler *Sylvia nisoria* -,-,-

1992 18 August, Kennemerduinen, *Bloemendaal*, Noord-Holland; 19 August, Mokkebank, *Nijefurd*, Friesland; 22 August, *Harlingen*, Friesland; August; 31 August, Berkheide, *Wassenaar*, Zuid-Holland (Meijer et al 1996); 6 September, *Harlingen*, Friesland; 24 September, *Vlieland*, Friesland; 29 September, Kennemerduinen, *Bloemendaal*, Noord-Holland.

1991 16 August, Kennemerduinen, *Bloemendaal*, Noord-Holland; 22 August, Makkumer Zuidwaard, *Wûnseradiel*, Friesland; 27 August, Amsterdamse Waterleidingduinen, *Zandvoort*, Noord-Holland; 28 August, Amsterdamse Waterleidingduinen, *Zandvoort*, Noord-Holland; 1 September, Kennemerduinen, *Bloemendaal*, Noord-Holland; 3 September, *Achtarspelen*, Friesland; 9 September, Kennemerduinen, *Bloemendaal*, Noord-Holland; 14 September, Amsterdamse Waterleidingduinen, *Zandvoort*, Noord-Holland; 28 September, *Vlieland*, Friesland; 29 September, Kennemerduinen, *Bloemendaal*, Noord-Holland.

1990 12 August, *Klundert*, Noord-Brabant; 25 August *Vlieland*, Friesland; 24 October, *Somerens*, Noord-Brabant. 1989 31 August, *Hooge en Lage Zwaluwe*, Noord-Brabant; 20 September, *Somerens*, Noord-Brabant.

Unless stated otherwise, these data originate from the Vogeltrekstation (Dutch ringing office) archives, from the period of 1989-92, when reports of ringed birds were automatically accepted. All records refer to trapped first-year birds. They complete the Barred Warbler data until 1 January 1993, when the CDNA stopped considering records of this species.

Greenish Warbler *Phylloscopus trochiloides* 6,8,1

3-9 September, Katwijk aan Zee, *Katwijk*, Zuid-Holland, photographed, sound-recorded (A W J Meijer, T J C Luijendijk; Dutch Birding 17: 224, plate 203, 1995).

Pallas's Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus proregulus* 9,47,5

22 October, found dead on 25 October, Petten, *Zijpe*, Noord-Holland, photographed, skin retained by P Spannenburg (P Spannenburg, R E Brouwer); 23 October, Petten, *Zijpe*, Noord-Holland, singing (A van Kleunen, H Zevenhuizen); 26-28 October, De Cock-



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dorp, Texel, Noord-Holland (H J Lichtenbeld, A Wassink); 2 November, De Cocksdorp, Texel, Noord-Holland (A Wassink); 4-8 November, Ganzenhoek, Wassenaar, Zuid-Holland (C Zuyderduyn, B D van der Burg); 7 November, De Cocksdorp, Texel, Noord-Holland (A Wassink, R E Brouwer).

1994 16-17 October, Schorrenweg, Texel, Noord-Holland (B Balten, A de Bruin, A Wassink et al).

This species is ever increasing, obviously (partly) due to greater observer awareness. From 1 January 1997 onwards, records will no longer be considered.

Dusky Warbler *Phylloscopus fuscatus* 1,16,1

26 October, Petten, Zijpe, Noord-Holland, sound-recorded (R E Brouwer).

Western Bonelli's Warbler *Phylloscopus bonelli* 5,9,1

17 September, Maasvlakte Rotterdam, Zuid-Holland, calling, photographed (P van Rij, H Gebuis, J van Holten; Dutch Birding 17: 221, plate 210, 1995).

1993 29 April, Retranchement, Sluis, Zeeland, singing (A Wieland).

A bird photographed and sound-recorded on 6 May at Groningen, Groningen, is still under consideration; a bird reported at Oosterend, Terschelling, Friesland, on 19-20 augustus 1994 has not yet been submitted.

Siberian Chiffchaff *Phylloscopus collybita tristis* -,5,1

2-11 April, Schiedam, Zuid-Holland, photographed, videoed, sound-recorded (B van As, J van Holten et al; Dutch Birding 17: 128, plate 107, 1995).

All prerequisites for acceptance of this subspecies (captured or sound-recorded) were met in this case, plus an extra excellent documentation by video. A bird trapped at Schiermonnikoog, Friesland, on 2 November is still under consideration.

Wallcreeper *Tichodroma muraria* 0,1,0

There are persistent rumours, letters (Ruud Vlek in litt) and even a publication (Ad Valvas, 21 March 1996), that the only record for the Netherlands, a female in Amsterdam, Noord-Holland, from 13 November 1989 to 11 April 1990 and from 27 November 1990 to 5 April 1991 (van de Staaij & Fokker 1991) is referring to one of a number of birds presumably escaped from nearby Schiphol airport, Noord-Holland, a low but unknown number of days before the discovery of the Amsterdam bird. The CDNA considers this record as still referring to a wild bird on the basis of 1 the absence of any documentation (no description and no photograph) of the alleged Schiphol birds, 2 the fact that large numbers of Plumbeous Redstart *Rhyacornis fuliginosus* are imported, which often are labelled with the same Dutch name ('Rotskruiper') as that for Wallcreeper, 3 the fact that Wallcreeper is unknown as a cage bird in the Netherlands and is never offered for sale in Dutch cage bird trade (Leo Heemskerk pers comm), 4 an accepted record at Heist, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium, on 5 November 1989, of a bird flying by (van der Elst et al 1990), and 5 the return of the bird in the winter following on its discovery.

Eurasian Treecreeper *Certhia familiaris* -,70,-

1994 17 October, Ringstation Overdinkel, Losser, Overijssel, adult, trapped (L Hassing).

This species is no longer considered from 1 January 1995 onwards.

Isabelline Shrike *Lanius isabellinus* 0,2,1

4 May, De Cocksdorp, Texel, Noord-Holland, adult male *L i phoenicuroides*, summer plumage, photographed (H van Oosten, A Wassink, R G Bouwman; Wassink 1996; Dutch Birding 17: 28, plate 110, 1995, 18: 130, plate 133, 1996; Birding World 8: 174, 1995). 1985 18-19 October, Texel, Noord-Holland, first-winter, photographed (P Wouters; Wouters 1996; Dutch Birding 18: 132, plate 134-136, 1996).

The 1985 record becomes the first for the Netherlands. The observer realized that his bird was not a Red-backed Shrike *L collurio* only after publication of the Dutch edition of Lars Jonsson's field guide (Jonsson 1994), on the cover of which it is depicted. Presumably, all Dutch records refer to 'Red-tailed Shrike' *L i phoenicuroides*.

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

1994 4-23 September, Texel, Noord-Holland, first-winter, photographed (G Witte, M C Witte, A Wassink et al; van den Berg & Wassink 1994, Wassink 1997).

The record was erroneously published in the 1994 report for 3-22 September.

Woodchat Shrike *Lanius senator* -,36,2

10-20 May, Den Helder, Noord-Holland, first-summer female, photographed (R Half, C van der Vliet; Dutch Birding 17: 126, plate 100, 1995); 27 May, Wassenaar, Zuid-Holland, adult female (J N J Kooijman).

1993 5 June, Berkheide, Katwijk and Wassenaar, Zuid-Holland, female, photographed (P Schaap, G van der Benti). 1982 1-2 September, Geleen, Limburg, first-year or female, photographed (R Schols).

1980 9 August, Geleen, Limburg, female, photographed (R Schols); 11-15 September, Geleen, Limburg, adult male, photographed (R Schols).

*** Daurian Jackdaw** *Corvus dauuricus* 0,0,1

1 May, Hargen, Schoorl, Noord-Holland (P Veel), 4-6 May, Katwijk aan Zee, Katwijk, Zuid-Holland, photographed (A W J Meijer et al; Dutch Birding 17: 129, plate 112, 1995; 18: 228, plate 223-225, 1996; Birding World 8: 174, 1995, 9: 34, 1996), 7 May, Ganzenhoek, Wassenaar, Zuid-Holland (H Burgers), 7 May, Westduinpark, Den Haag, Zuid-Holland, photographed (M Roos; Dutch Birding 18: 228, plate 222, 1996), 13-15 May, Scheveningen, Den Haag, Zuid-Holland (M de Niet et al).

All records refer to one individual, gradually working its way along the Dutch coast (Meijer 1996). The CDNA decided to accept the poorly documented first discovery at Hargen as a sort of 'reversed sequential observation' on the basis of the field sketch (Meijer 1996), clearly illustrating the white indentation in the black breast, which is not shown in field guides.

House Crow *Corvus splendens* 0,3,0

10 April 1994 to at least 31 March 1997, Hoek van Holland, Rotterdam, Zuid-Holland, two, first-summer (H Westerlaken, E B Ebels et al; Ebels & Westerlaken 1996; Dutch Birding 19: 89, plate 87, 1997); 21 November 1994 to 26 December, Renesse, Westerschouwen, Zeeland, adult (J W Vergeer; Ebels & Westerlaken 1996), 19 November, Brouwersdam, Goedereede, Zuid-Holland, adult, photographed, R-M Lafontaine, L Raty et al).

These records were already included in the 1994 report. The Renesse record was erroneously published for Zuid-Holland, not Zeeland, in the 1994 report. The Brouwersdam bird was found after an unsuccessful search at nearby Renesse and undoubtedly concerns the same individual.

Rosy Starling *Sturnus roseus* 21,21,2

16-23 September, Nes, Ameland, Friesland, juvenile, photographed (R Mulder et al; Dutch Birding 17: 224, plate 202, 1995); 17-29 October, 't Horntje, Texel, Noord-Holland, juvenile, photographed (A Schaftenaar, M Berlijn, A Wassink; Dutch Birding 17: 267, plate 247, 1995, 18: 244, plate 234, 1996; Birding World 8: 377, 1995, 9: 32-33, 1996).

The Texel juvenile became so confiding that it could be persuaded to pose upon its field guide illustration for just a few berries. An adult observed at Petten, Noord-Holland, on 15 October is still under consideration.

Arctic Redpoll *Carduelis hornemanni* 42,22,3

15 November, Texel, Noord-Holland, first-winter or female (A Wassink); 21 December, Grave, Noord-Brabant (K Eradus); 24 December, Enschede, Overijssel, first-winter or female (P Knolle, A Poelmans et al).

Since 1984, this species has been recorded annually, with the exception of 1991-93. Influxes coincide with large-scale movements of Mealy Redpoll *C flammea flammea*.

Two-barred Crossbill *Loxia leucoptera* 37,19,0

1991 15-21 April, Beekbergen, Apeldoorn, Gelderland, female, photographed (E B Ebels, C Derks et al). 1990 11-18 November, Baarn, Utrecht, immature female, photographed (R F J van Beusekom).

The first record was published previously with 21 April as only date (van den Berg et al 1993) and the second with 20 November as last date (van den Berg et al 1992).

Pine Bunting *Emberiza leucocephala* 15,9,0

1994 23-28 October, Texel, Noord-Holland, first-winter female, photographed (A Wassink, N Marra jr, E Boerma).

This record was erroneously published in the 1994 report with 25 October as date of discovery.

Girl Bunting *Emberiza cirlus* 2,2,1

13 March, Hoogerheide, Woensdrecht, Noord-Brabant, second-year male, found dead, skin retained by

Zoologisch Museum Amsterdam, Amsterdam, Noord-Holland (E Joosse; Prins 1996; Dutch Birding 18: 16-17, plate 11-12, 1995).

This individual was found dead after hitting a window. Examination of the corpse showed no signs of captivity. This record substantiates the belief that this species could occasionally be wintering in the southern parts of the country.

Cretzschmar's Bunting *Emberiza caesia* 1,0,1

1994 7-11 May, Ameland, Friesland, second-year male, filmed (F Klinge, F Buissink; Klinge et al 1997; Dutch Birding 19: 8, plate 12-13, 1997).

Only the second record, and the first this century. It adds another highlight to the already rarity-crowded year of 1994. The few audacious birders who tried to locate this bird missed it by a few 100 m. The first record concerned a first-winter female collected at Overveen, Bloemendaal, Noord-Holland, on 11 October 1859. Only three species remain on the Dutch list without any records in the 20th century: Macqueen's Bustard *Chlamydotis macqueenii* (recorded in 1850), Belted Kingfisher *Ceryle alcyon* (1899) and Siberian Thrush *Zoothera sibirica* (1853 and 1859).

Rustic Bunting *Emberiza rustica* 13,34,4

6 October, Hoek van Holland, Rotterdam, Zuid-Holland, adult male (E Sandberg, T Verburg); 8 October, Noordoosthoek, Vlieland, Friesland, first-winter, photographed (J Scharringa, L Steijn, E B Ebels); 19-20 October, Horsmeertjes, Texel, Noord-Holland (P Knolle, C Derks, M Berlijn); 29 October, Wassenaar, Zuid-Holland (A Remeus).

1994 16 October, Rottumeroog, Eemmond, Groningen, female (M R Jonker).

1980 1-2 November, Oosterend, Terschelling, Friesland, adult male, photographed (R Schols, R Foppen, F Schepers).

Little Bunting *Emberiza pusilla* 27,43,6

14-15 April, Breezanddijk, Wânseradiel, Friesland, photographed (R Mulder et al); 22 September, Texel, Noord-Holland, photographed (A Wassink, E Nieuwstraten); 30 September, Texel, Noord-Holland (A Wassink, M C Witte, G Witte); 5-6 October, West-Terschelling, Terschelling, Friesland, probably first-year, photographed (E A W Ernens, R Keizer); 18 December to 6 February 1996, Katwijk aan Zee, Katwijk, Zuid-Holland, two, first-winter, photographed (M Verdoes, M Berlijn; Dutch Birding 18: 45, plate 32, 1996).

1994 2 October, Schiermonnikoog, Friesland, trapped, photographed (G J Gerritsen, M van der Aa).

The birds in Katwijk represent the first staying in winter.

Yellow-breasted Bunting *Emberiza aureola* 3,5,2

9 September, Noordoosthoek, Vlieland, Friesland, first-winter female (R de Haas, A Nusse); 12 September, Westkapelle, Zeeland, first-winter (M Zekhuis, P A Wolf; Dutch Birding 17: 222, plate 200, 1995; Birding World 9: 34, 1996).

The first year with more than one record. Of all Dutch records, only one refers to an adult male, in July 1977. Two more birds, both reported on 3 September (one on Vlieland and one on Terschelling, Friesland), have not yet been submitted (cf van Dongen et al 1995).

Red-headed Bunting *Emberiza bruniceps* -,0,1 2 June, Slikken van de Heen, *Tholen*, Zeeland, male, photographed (P L Meininger; Meininger 1996; Dutch Birding 17: 120, plate 96, 1995, 18: 71, plate 63-64, 1996).

A review of all older records of this species is still in circulation.

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 when 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).

1995

Whistling Swan *Cygnus columbianus* 1 January, Broekhuizen, *Broekhuizen*, Limburg (@ CDNA does not believe that this species can be identified in flight). **Lesser Canada Goose** *Branta canadensis* ssp Scheelhoek, *Goedereede*, Zuid-Holland, two (not clear which subspecies was involved); 28 October, Bandpolder, *Dongeradeel*, Friesland, two (* western subspecies *B. c. minima*, and thus considered escaped). **Black Brant** *Branta nigricans* 28 February, *Vlieland*, Friesland (@ description incomplete). **Steller's Eider** *Polysticta stelleri* 2 December, Brouwersdam, *Westerschouwen*, Zeeland, male (@ description most probably referring to male Hooded Merganser *Lophodytes cucullatus*). **Gyr Falcon** *Falco rusticolus* 18 February, Koudekerkse Inlaag, *Westerschouwen*, Zeeland (most probably falconer's hybrid with Saker *F. cherrug* parentage; large falcons always extremely difficult to identify due to risk of escaped hybrids). **Great Knot** *Calidris tenuirostris* 17 September, Petten, *Zipe*, Noord-Holland (@ description incomplete; most likely Red Knot *C. canutus*). **Long-billed / Short-billed Dowitcher** *Limnodromus scolopaceus* / *griseus* 21 March, Breskens, *Oostburg*, Zeeland (flying bird; Bar-tailed Godwit *Limosa lapponica* not fully excluded). **Laughing Gull** *Larus atricilla* 5 May,

Katwijk aan Zee, *Katwijk*, Zuid-Holland (flying bird, seen at dawn, so some essential features such as bill and leg colour, not established; this should be the case with a first record). **Yellow-legged Gull** *Larus cachinnans* 'omissus' 5 March, Broekhuizen, *Broekhuizen*, Limburg (@ *L. c. 'omissus'* is considered a yellow-legged Herring Gull *L. argentatus*, cf Wiegant et al 1995). **Iceland Gull** *Larus glaucoides* 21 February, Rutbekerveld, *Enschede*, Overijssel (description incomplete; leucistic large gull not excluded; not every white gull is a Glaucous Gull *L. hyperboreus* or Iceland Gull); 1 April, Arcen, *Broekhuizen*, Limburg, two (see previous comment). **Roseate Tern** *Sterna dougallii* 15 April, Katwijk aan Zee, *Katwijk*, Zuid-Holland (description incomplete; bird seen too briefly). **Alpine Swift** *Apus melba* 2 May, Breskens, *Oostburg*, Zeeland (@ although seen by many, including CDNA members, seen too briefly for sufficient exclusion of aberrant Common Swift *A. apus*). **Grey-headed Woodpecker** *Picus canus* 30 September, Vlaardingen, Zuid-Holland (@ poor description). **Yellow-headed Wagtail** *Motacilla flava lutea* 26 April, *Oldebroek*, Gelderland (@ description incomplete). **Pied / Black-eared Wheatear** *Oenanthe pleschanka* / *hispanica* 24 May, *Vlieland*, Friesland (@ description incomplete; flying bird). **Black-eared Wheatear** *Oenanthe hispanica* 28 May, Den Burg, *Texel*, Noord-Holland (bird seen by inexperienced birdwatchers; CDNA was perplexed by the submission of a copy of an illustration of the species from a field guide!). **Swainson's Thrush** *Catharus ustulatus* 1 November, Diemerzeedijk, *Amsterdam*, Noord-Holland (@ seen too briefly for positive identification). **Western Bonelli's Warbler** *Phylloscopus bonelli* 14 May, *Vlieland*, Friesland (@ withdrawn by observer). **Eastern Bonelli's Warbler** *Phylloscopus orientalis* 27-28 April, *Amsterdam*, Noord-Holland (description incomplete). **Siberian Chiffchaff** *Phylloscopus collybita tristis* 18-19 December, Woerden, Zuid-Holland (@ this subspecies will only be accepted if trapped or documented by photograph or sound-recording). **White-cheeked Starling** *Sturnus cineraceus* 4 May, Breskens, *Oostburg*, Zeeland, photographed (* identification accepted but considered escaped; Ebels 1996b, plate 69, Birding World 8: 430, 1995). **Arctic Redpoll** *Carduelis hornemanni* 7 January, *Sondel*, Friesland, photographed (considered Common Redpoll *C. flammea*). **Pine Grosbeak** *Pinicola enucleator* 23-24 March, *Beilen*, Drenthe, photographed (@ description incomplete, bird on photograph most probably another species). **Savannah Sparrow** *Passerculus sandwichensis* 6 August, *Julianadorp*, Noord-Holland, photographed (bird on photographs definitely not a Savannah Sparrow but probably a female of an African species of weaver *Ploceus* or widowbird *Euplectes*). **Black-faced Bunting** *Emberiza spodocephala* 14-16 January, Grijskerke, *Mariekerke*, Zeeland (@ identified long after observation; a number of characters not described).

1994

Lesser Canada Goose *Branta canadensis* ssp 29 January, Workum, *Nijeturd*, Friesland, two (* identifica-

tion accepted but subspecies *minima* regarded escaped). **Spotted Eagle** *Aquila clanga* 11 October, Venlo, Limburg (@ seen very short; other eagles not sufficiently excluded). **Saker** *Falco cherrug* 7-14 October, Bergen op Zoom, Noord-Brabant (essential details not described; hybrid not fully excluded). **Pacific Golden Plover** *Pluvialis fulva* 25 July, Petten, Zijpe, Noord-Holland (description incomplete). **Black-headed Wagtail** *Motacilla flava feldegg* 7 May, IJtteren, Meerssen, Limburg, photographed (Grey-headed Wagtail *M. f. thunbergi* not safely excluded). **Black-eared Wheatear** *Oenanthe hispanica* 16 May, Hoogland, Amersfoort, Utrecht, adult female (bird not seen well enough for positive identification; Northern Wheatear *O. oenanthe* not fully excluded, preventing acceptance as Pied / Black-eared Wheatear *O. pleschanka* / *hispanica*). **Pallas's Leaf Warbler** *Phylloscopus proregulus* 20 October, De Cocksdorp, Texel, Noord-Holland (no description). **Eurasian Treecreeper** *Certhia familiaris* 17-19 January, Rozendaal, Gelderland (description incomplete; accidentally published in the 1994 report for 1993). **Central European Eurasian Treecreeper** *Certhia familiaris macrodactyla* 5 November, Vijlen, Wittem, Limburg, two (description incomplete). **Oriental Greenfinch** *Carduelis sinica* 26 September, Zandvoort, Noord-Holland, male, trapped, photographed (* identification accepted but considered escaped; Ebels 1996b, plate 72).

1993

Bulwer's Petrel *Bulweria bulwerii*, last week of November, Europoort, Rotterdam, Zuid-Holland, brought in alive by ship, taken into care, where it died and now in collection of Natuurmuseum Rotterdam, Rotterdam, Zuid-Holland (identification accepted, rejected because proven ship-assisted; Moeliker & Kompanje 1996, plate 226-227). **Whistling Swan** *Cygnus columbianus* 5 and 17 January, Lopik, Utrecht (description too brief). **Short-toed Eagle** *Circus gallicus* 20 May, Amsterdam, Noord-Holland (description does not fully exclude Common Buzzard *Buteo buteo* or Honey-buzzard *Pernis apivorus*). **Little Crake** *Porzana parva* 20 August, Lepelaarsplassen, Almere, Flevoland, adult (description incomplete; record was erroneously published in the 1994 report for 25 August). **Iceland Gull** *Larus glaucoideus* 24 December, Scheveningen, Den Haag, Zuid-Holland (@ description incomplete). **Roseate Tern** *Sterna dougallii* 13 June, Hellegat, Terneuzen, Zeeland (@ description incomplete).

1992

Eastern Great Egret *Casmerodius albus modestus* 20 May, Oostvaardersplassen, Lelystad (@ nominate *C. a. albus* may also have variable red legs and a black bill for a very short period during courtship). **Iceland Gull** *Larus glaucoideus* 17 May, IJmuiden, Velsen, Noord-Holland, second-year (leucistic large gull not excluded).

1989

Pink-backed Pelican *Pelecanus rufescens* 22 September, Lauwersmeer, De Marne, Groningen, immature,

photographed (* identification accepted but considered escaped; Ebels 1996b, plate 67); **European Scops Owl** *Otus scops* spring, also spring 1990 and 1993, Hulst, Zeeland (@ description too fragmented for such a rarity). **Collared Flycatcher** *Ficedula albicollis*, May, Schoonebeek, Drenthe (@ description incomplete; erroneously published in the 1994 report for 1990).

1985

Lazuli Bunting *Passerina amoena* 6 May, Maasvlakte, Rotterdam, Zuid-Holland, first-summer male, photographed (* identification accepted but considered escaped; Ebels 1996b, plate 71).

1984

Little Crake *Porzana parva* 4 April, Engbertsdijkvenen, Vriezenveen, Overijssel, adult male (CDNA considers three seconds too brief for identification).

1983

Demoiselle Crane *Anthropoides virgo* 25-31 December, Schimmert, Voerendaal, Limburg, two (@ identification accepted, but pattern of half-grown or half-missing primaries in one wing indicative for captive origin). **Eagle Owl** *Bubo bubo* spring, locality withheld, Limburg, breeding (@ CDNA is not convinced by second-hand description).

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