

Rare birds in the Netherlands in 1996

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This is the 17th annual report on rare birds in the Netherlands to be published in Dutch Birding. This report comprises records from 1996 as well as belated and reconsidered records, dating from 1995 back to 1896, which have been evaluated by the Dutch rarities committee, Commissie Dwaalgasten Nederlandse Avifauna (CDNA). Several records for 1996 and earlier years are still under consideration, for various reasons.

Details included for each accepted record are, if available: date(s); location 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 involved in finding, identifying and recording, and relevant references in the literature, which normally include (international and not regional journals, and published photographs. Records from 1995 lasting into 1996 which were already published in the 1995 report are repeated here without references, for the sake of completeness. Sequence of records is from 1996 backwards, with records within one year presented chronologically. A compilation of most of the birds videoed can be found in Opperman et al (1997). 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: Max Berlijn, Ruud F J van Beusekom, A (Bert) de Bruin, Jan van der Laan (chairman), Karel A Mauer, C S (Kees) Roselaar, Jelle Scharringa (secretary), Gerard H Steinhaus and Wim M Wiegant (archivist). In February 1998, Gerard Steinhaus left the committee and was succeeded by Bert de Bruin. 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.

Decisions regarding taxonomy have been delegated to the taxonomic sub-committee, Commissie Systematiek Nederlandse Avifauna (CSNA), which consists of the following mem-

bers: Arnoud B van den Berg, C S (Kees) Roselaar, Cornelis J Hazevoet, George Sangster (secretary) and Ronald Sluys.

The CDNA has decided not to consider records of Pontic Gull *Larus cachinnans cachinnans* (formerly named Caspian or Pontic Yellow-legged Gull) from 1 January 1998 onwards. Although prior to 1997 there were very few records, it is now clear that this taxon is not rare: in the winter of 1997/98, at least 60 were reported. Also records of Balearic Shearwater *Puffinus mauretanicus* and Iceland Gull *L glaucooides* will no longer be considered from 1 January 1998 onwards. Of course, older records of these species are still welcomed by the committee.

In 1996, a cumulative total of at least 356 species was recorded with three species new to the Dutch list: White-throated Needletail Swift *Hirundapus caudacutus*, Isabelline Wheatear *Oenanthe isabellina* and Myrtle Warbler *Dendroica coronata*. There were second records of Lesser Scaup *Aythya affinis*, Semipalmated Sandpiper *Calidris pusilla*, Red-necked Stint *C ruficollis*, Blyth's Pipit *Anthus godlewskii* and Blyth's Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus dumetorum*. Other highlights included a long-staying male Steller's Eider *Polysticta stelleri* and two Short-toed Eagles *Circus gallicus* together at one site for several weeks.

Systematic list of accepted records

Hutchins's Canada Goose *Branta hutchinsii hutchinsii* 0,-,-
Greater Canada Goose *Branta canadensis parvipes* 0,-,-
22 February, Aijen, Bergen, Limburg, two, photographed (J J F Jansen, C van der Wardt, P Palmen); 12-13 May, Workumerwaard, Nijefurd, Friesland (A van der Spek); 28-29 December, Dirksland, Zuid-Holland, five (R-M Lafontaine, M Peeterl).
1992 12 January, Oudemirdum, Gaasterlân-Sleat, Friesland (R E van der Vliet).

Following the CSNA decision to include *parvipes* in Greater Canada Goose *Branta canadensis* rather than in Lesser Canada Goose *B hutchinsii*, the identification of small Greater Canada Goose from Hutchins's Canada Goose *B h hutchinsii* has been put in a different light and has become quite difficult. Therefore, the records above, accepted as either *B c parvipes* or *B h hutchinsii*, will be reviewed together with the only previously accepted record, at Piaam, Nijefurd, on 23-30 January 1994 (cf Wiegant et al 1996; Dutch Birding 16;

86, plate 62, 1994, 18: 107, plate 104, 1996). A previously accepted record on 25 January 1995 at Gaast, Wûnseradiel, Friesland, has been withdrawn by the observer and is no longer accepted.

Black Brant *Branta nigricans* 7,58,3

3 February, Den Oever, *Wieringen*, Noord-Holland, two, adult, photographed (P M A van der Wielen, K Hendriks); 25 April, Hoorn, *Terschelling*, Friesland (T Bakker); 24 October to 18 May 1997, *Texel*, Noord-Holland, two, adult (A Wassink); 14 December to 16 February 1997, *Normerpolder*, *Wieringen*, Noord-Holland (R E Brouwer, B de Lange; Dutch Birding 19: 233, plate 236, 1997).

The *Terschelling* individual has also been recorded in 1993-95 (cf Dutch Birding 19: 99, 1997) and the two of *Texel* are considered the same as in previous years (since 1991). The total number is unclear due to wandering and returning individuals. The record of two birds on *Vlieland*, Friesland, on 8-27 May 1995, published in the 1995 report (Wiegant et al 1997) should be deleted.

Lesser Scaup *Aythya affinis* 0,1,1

13 January, *Lelystad-Haven*, *Lelystad*, Flevoland, adult male, photographed (J D Eerdman, R M van Dongen; Eerdman & van Dongen 1996; Dutch Birding 18: 52, plate 41, 1996).

This bird was seen by only a handful of birders, contrary to the first, a long-staying male at several sites in Zeeland from 20 November 1994 to 21 June 1995.

White-headed Duck *Oxyura leucocephala* 5,6,1

5 April, *Oostvaardersdijk*, *Lelystad*, Flevoland, adult female, photographed (P Symens, D Symens, J Elst).

This was the first record since 1991 and the first for April. The other records were from November (4), December (2), January (2), February (2) and March (1).

Steller's Eider *Polysticta stelleri* 0,3,1

20 May to at least 24 July, *Verdrongen Land* van *Saeftinghe*, *Hontenisse/Hulst*, Zeeland, adult male moulting into eclipse plumage, photographed, videoed (J Maebe, M A Capello, P L Meininger; Meininger 1996, Maebe & Meininger 1996; Dutch Birding 18: 153, plate 166, 217, plate 216, 1996; 19: 68, plate 68-70, 1997).

The bird was seemingly paired with a female Common Shelduck *Tadorna tadorna*. This behaviour also occurred with a male in the German part of the Wadden Sea in 1991. The first record in 1980-82 concerned a male paired with a female Common Eider *Somateria mollissima*.

Falcated Duck *Mareca falcata* 0,5,0

10-28 May, *Lauwermeer*, *De Marne*, Groningen, adult male, photographed (T Bakker).

This individual is considered the same as the one recorded at the same location on 21-22 May 1994 and from 3 May to 12 June 1995. CDNA has not yet decided whether all records should be regarded as referring to escapes.

American Wigeon *Mareca americana* 5,16,1

1-9 June, *Lepelaarsplassen*, *Almere*, Flevoland, adult female, photographed (R A C Halff, M van der Aa).

1994 23 February to 20 March, *Wijk bij Duurstede*, Utrecht, adult male (E Bos, A Schaftenaar, J F J Jansen). 1991 10 June, *Oostvaardersplassen*, *Lelystad*, Flevoland, adult male (D Kok, J de Bruijn).

This year's record is the first of a female. The 1994 record was published previously for 23-27 February (Wiegant et al 1996). A previously accepted first-winter male at Megen, Oss, Noord-Brabant, on 5-7 January 1991 (cf Dutch Birding 16: 134, 1994) has been withdrawn and is no longer accepted.

Blue-winged Teal *Anas discors* 6,14,2

4 May, *Terschelling*, Friesland, male, photographed (A Ouwerkerk; Dutch Birding 18: 149, plate 163); 30 November, *Veenhuizerstukken*, *Stadskanaal*, Groningen, male, photographed (K van Dijken).

The 30 November record was the first to be documented via the Internet, on a homepage, rather than by photograph, film or video.

Green-winged Teal *Anas carolinensis* 6,6,2

3-18 April, *Tienhoven*, *Maarssen*, Utrecht, male, photographed (H R Russer et al); 21 April to 16 May, *Keihoogte Inlaag*, *Wissekerke*, *Noord-Beveland*, Zeeland, adult male (T Koppejan; Dutch Birding 18: 149, plate 162, 1996).

Eight out of 14 individuals were from April. The other records were in January (1), March (2), May (1) and November (2).

White-billed Diver *Gavia adamsii* 20,10,1

4 April, *Terschelling*, Friesland, adult male, found dead, photographed (A Ouwerkerk; Dutch Birding 18: 145, plate 153, 1996).

1995 23-24 December, *Maurik*, Gelderland, immature (H Feith); 30 December to 20 January 1996, *Reeuwijk*, Zuid-Holland, first-winter.

Possibly, the bird at *Maurik* was the same individual as the one recorded from 30 December 1995 onwards at *Reeuwijk* which already was included in the 1995 report (Dutch Birding 19: 97-98, 1997).

Cory's Shearwater *Calonectris borealis* 2,5,1

27 September, *Fijnaart*, *Fijnaart en Heijningen*, Noord-Brabant, found exhausted, taken into a bird hospital, where it died, skin retained by Nationaal Natuurhistorisch Museum at Leiden, Zuid-Holland (H Westerland; Dutch Birding 18: 273, plate 259, 1996).

One would consider an inland location not a good place for finding rare seabirds, but there is also a record of an exhausted Great Shearwater *Puffinus gravis* at Rotterdam, Zuid-Holland, approximately 30 km inland. Curiously enough, there are no inland records of the much commoner species such as Sooty Shearwater *P. griseus*. Currently, all records referring to field observations are under review, since Cory's Shearwater *C. borealis* has now been split into Cory's Shearwater *C. borealis* and Scopoli's Shearwater *C. diomedea*.



107 Short-toed Eagle / Slangenarend *Circaetus gallicus*, Hoge Veluwe, Gelderland, 5 August 1996 (Arnoud B van den Berg) **108** Tengmalm's Owl / Ruigpootuil *Aegolius funereus* (found dead at Zwolle, Overijssel, c 14 October 1996), Zwolle, Overijssel (Kees Moeliker) **109** Greater Sand Plover / Woestijnplevier *Charadrius leschenaultii*, first-summer female, De Cocksdorp, Texel, Noord-Holland, 1 August 1996 (Leo J R Boon/Cursorius)



Balearic Shearwater *Puffinus mauretanicus* 5,47,12

7 June, c 48 km west off Texel, Continental Shelf (P A Wolf); 19-20 July, Camperduin, *Schoorl*, Noord-Holland (N F van der Ham); 5 August, Camperduin, *Schoorl*, Noord-Holland (F J Maas, N F van der Ham); 7 August, Camperduin, *Schoorl*, Noord-Holland (N F van der Ham); 11 and 29 August, Camperduin, *Schoorl*, Noord-Holland (N F van der Ham); 23 August, Noordwijk aan Zee, *Noordwijk*, Zuid-Holland (A Steenvoorden); 24 August, Scheveningen, *Den Haag*, Zuid-Holland (A Mendoza, B van den Boogaard) and Katwijk aan Zee, *Katwijk*, Zuid-Holland (J Dijkhuizen, M Verdoes, A van Egmond); 25 August, Camperduin, *Schoorl*, Noord-Holland (F J Maas); 29 August, *Schiernmonnikoog*, Friesland (N van Duivendijk); 6 September, *Domburg*, Zeeland (E Nieuwstraten); 27 September, De Koog and Westerslag, *Texel*, Noord-Holland (D Kok, D Groenendijk, A Schaftenaar); 28 September, Camperduin, *Schoorl*, Noord-Holland (N F van der Ham, S Lagerfeld).

1995 9 July, Camperduin, *Schoorl*, Noord-Holland (N F van der Ham); 16 July, Camperduin, *Schoorl*, Noord-Holland (N F van der Ham); 31 July to 5 August Camperduin, *Schoorl*, Noord-Holland (N F van der Ham, A de Bruin, F J Maas); 2 August *Vlieland*, Friesland (J J F Jansen); 4 August, Camperduin, *Schoorl*, Noord-Holland (N F van der Ham); 8 September, *Westkapelle*, Zeeland (P A Wolf); 16 September, Camperduin, *Schoorl*, Noord-Holland (N F van der Ham); 5 October, Camperduin, *Schoorl*, Noord-Holland (N F van der Ham).

According to the observer, sightings on 11 and 29 August at Camperduin concerned the same individual. The sightings on 24 August at Katwijk and Scheveningen are assumed to refer to the same individual since they were only c 35 min and 15 km apart. The record on 7 June concerned the first accepted rarity seen from a flying plane, albeit during the counting of seabirds.

European Storm-petrel *Hydrobates pelagicus* -,50,3

29 August, *Westkapelle*, Zeeland (P A Wolf, T O V Muisse); 9 November, *Den Helder*, Noord-Holland (J Bisschop, S Bernardus); 22 November, *Westkapelle*, Zeeland (P A Wolf, G A Davidse).
1995 28 September, *Westkapelle*, Zeeland, two (P A Wolf, M Hoekstein, S Lilipaly).

Still more than half of the records since 1980 date from a single influx in September 1990.

Squacco Heron *Ardeola ralloides* -,13,1

11 June, Berkenwoude, *Bergambacht*, Zuid-Holland, adult summer, photographed (fam Houweling).

This first record since 1992 concerned an individual photographed in the observer's back-garden; certainly a magnificent addition to someone's garden list!

Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis* 33,65,2

18-21 May, Belt-Schutsloot, *Brederwiede*, Overijssel, photographed (R O Winters); 27 September, *Boxtel*, Noord-Brabant (M Renders).

1994 25 June to 10 July, Loo, *Apeldoorn*, Gelderland, immature, photographed (E A W Ernens, M Hageman, D Zoetebier).

1993 29 August, Baambrugge, *Abcoude*, Utrecht (J J F Jansen).

1992 15 May, Broekhuizerbroek, *Broekhuizen*, Limburg, two (J J F Jansen); 24 May, De Haeck, *Nieuwkoop*, Zuid-Holland, two, adult summer (K D Dijkstra).

1987 25 July, Wormer, *Zaanstad*, Noord-Holland (A B van den Berg, P Munsterman; Vogeljaarkalender 1989: 15).

1983 13 September to 8 October, Hoogkerk, *Groningen*, Groningen, photographed (H-J Wight, S de Bruin).

For the 1994 record, the latest date has been extended; for the 1993 record, Baambrugge was erroneously situated in Zuid-Holland instead of Utrecht; the location of two birds in 1992, already published in the 1995 report, should read Broekhuizerbroek instead of Broekhuizervorst.

Glossy Ibis *Plegadis falcinellus* -,49,0

1995 3 May, Eemshaven, *Eemmond*, Groningen, photographed (E Koops); 14 May, Lauwersmeer, *De Marne*, Groningen (H A Diephuis).

For the first time since 1988, there were no accepted records. Maybe the 34 individuals in 1994 and 1995, compared with an average of one per year over 1980-93, should best be attributed to an influx rather than a sudden increase. However, CDNA still awaits information on a flock of 20 reported at Alphen aan den Rijn, Zuid-Holland, on 4 October 1996 and a flock of eight at Oosterhout, Noord-Brabant, on 23 October 1996 (cf Dutch Birding 18: 293-301, 1996).

Greater Flamingo *Phoenicopterus roseus*

1989 10-23 September, Makkumerwaard, *Wânseradiel*, Friesland, photographed (S Bernardus).

This species is no longer considered from 1 January 1993 onwards.

Short-toed Eagle *Circus gallicus* 3,5,2

4 August (probably earlier) to 15 August, two, one until 29 August, Hoge Veluwe, *Ede*, Gelderland, photographed, videoed (H J P Derks, A Vink et al; Birding World 9: 301, 1996; Dutch Birding 18: 209, plate 200, 213, plate 205, 1996).

This is the first record of long-staying individuals. All earlier records referred to dying or dead birds or birds flying past. These two birds were first misidentified as Common Buzzards *Buteo buteo* or Ospreys *Pandion haliaetus* by several birders, because two Short-toeds together were considered too unlikely! Although exchange of prey between the two birds has been recorded, there was no reason to believe that they were breeding.

Little Crake *Porzana parva* -,6,1

15-27 June, Harderbroek, *Zeewolde*, Flevoland, singing male, sound-recorded (H Zevenhuizen, N van Duivendijk).



110 Collared Pratincole / Vorkstaartplevier *Glareola pratincola*, Lepelaarsplassen, Flevoland, 1 June 1996 (Marc Guyt) **111** White-rumped Sandpiper / Bonapartes Strandloper *Calidris fuscicollis*, adult, Wagejot, Texel, Noord-Holland, 13 August 1996 (Ruud E Brouwer) **112** Pectoral Sandpiper / Gestreepte Strandloper *Calidris melanotos*, juvenile, Julianadorp, Noord-Holland, 28 September 1996 (Arnoud B van den Berg) **113** Great Bustard / Grote Trap *Otis tarda*, Rolde, Drenthe, January 1996 (Patrick Palmen)

Baillon's Crane *Porzana pusilla* -,17,1

21-23 June, Singraven, Denekamp, Gelderland, singing, sound-recorded (O de Bruijn, P Knolle, C Derks). 1995 11 May to 13 June, Kleimeer, Langedijk, Noord-Holland, singing, sound-recorded (M Platteeuw, R E Brouwer, F Vogelzang); 3 to at least 7 July, Oude Waal, Nijmegen, Gelderland, male, sound-recorded (O van Hoorn, E A W Ernens). 1994 20-25 May, De Hamert, Bergen, Limburg, male, sound-recorded (H Alards).

The first date of the 1995 record at Nijmegen was previously published as 4 July (cf Dutch Birding 19: 102, 1997).

Little Bustard *Tetrax tetrax* -,7,1

19-27 March, Westerschouwen, Zeeland, male, photographed, videoed (mr van Lienden van Zandenburg et al; Dutch Birding 18: 101, plate 94).

1995 29 December to 2 January, Den Hoorn, Texel, Noord-Holland, male.

The 1995 record already was included in the 1995 report. Most records were in late winter, and the majority of those sexed were males.

Great Bustard *Otis tarda* -,65,1

13 January to 9 March, Rolde, Drenthe, male, photographed, videoed (R Dillerop, A Derks; Dutch Birding 18: 46, plate 38, 98, plate 91, 1996).

After a number of blank years from 1988 to 1993, this is the second recent year in which this species turned up.

Stone-curlew *Burhinus oedicnemus* -,16,2

30 March to 1 April, Westerschouwen, Zeeland, photographed, videoed (M Berlijn et al; Dutch Birding 18: 101, plate 97, 1996); 11 July to 20

August, Mokbaai, Texel, Noord-Holland, photographed (A B van den Berg).

The bird at Westenschouwen was wearing a red ring; it was colour-ringed in England.

Collared Pratincole *Glareola pratincola* 5,5,1

29 May to 2 June, 14-16 June and 7-11 July, Lepelaarsplassen, Almere, Flevoland, photographed, videoed (H S Lichtenbeld, K A Mauer; Dutch Birding 18: 140, plate 148, 1996).

This individual could be recognized by one broken tail streamer and was possibly also seen in England.

Black-winged Pratincole *Glareola nordmanni* 12,10,1

10 August, Lauwersmeer, De Marne, Groningen (E Klunder, R Romijn) and 11 August, Bandpolder, Dongeradeel, Friesland, adult summer, photographed, videoed (J de Jong, H A Diephuis et al).

This is the first record since 1988. Most individuals were recorded in August (11) and September (4); others were in May (3), June (3) and November (2).

Collared / Black-winged Pratincole *Glareola pratincola / nordmanni* 3,3,1

1990 15 September, IJtreen, Maastricht, Limburg (J Wouters, P Wouters, K Lemmens).

CDNA could not agree with the bird's identification as Collared Pratincole *G pratincola* based on calls.

Greater Sand Plover *Charadrius leschenaultii* 1,4,1

31 July to 2 August, De Cocksdorp, Texel, Noord-Holland, female, photographed (A Wassink, E Bos, R E Brouwer; Dutch Birding 9: 300, 1996; Dutch Birding 18: 203, plate 206, 1996).

This bird belonged to one of the large-billed subspecies *leschenaultii* or *crassirostris*.

American Golden Plover *Pluvialis dominicus* 1,6,1

3-5 October, Aagtekerke, Mariekerke, Zeeland, adult (T Koppejan, K Kuijpers).

There are now two records from May, four from October and two from November.

Pacific Golden Plover *Pluvialis fulva* 9,6,2

26 July to 4 August, De Putten, Schoorl, Noord-Holland, adult, probably male, summer plumage, photographed, videoed (J J F Jansen, J Mulder; Dutch Birding 18: 208, plate 198, 219, plate 218, 1996); 3-11 August, Bandpolder, Dongeradeel, Friesland, adult summer moulting into winter plumage, photographed (M Berlijn, L J R Boon).

1994 21-27 July, Bakkersdam, Petten, Zijpe, Noord-Holland, adult summer, photographed (L J A Edelaar, R Vlek; Ebels 1994a).

The 1994 record has been extended with one day (cf Dutch Birding 18: 111, 1996). Possibly, it was the same individual as at nearby De Putten in 1996. With the first field record of 'lesser golden plover' *P dominicus / fulva* as recent as 1989, it is quite remarkable that within seven years the total (including those not specifically identified) now stands at 17.

Sociable Lapwing *Vanellus gregarius* 12,17,2

3-14 April, Lopik, Utrecht, adult summer, photographed, videoed (A Boele, M Berlijn; Dutch Birding 18: 95, plate 88, 98, plate 90 & 92, 1996); 18-20 May, Leusden, Utrecht (K de Vries, E B Ebels, A B van den Berg) and 12 June-26 July, Bennekommer Meent, Veenendaal, Utrecht, adult, photographed (B van Dort, W M Wiegant).

A bird at Swalmen, Asselt, Noord-Brabant, on 17-18 April, has only recently been submitted.

Semipalmated Sandpiper *Calidris pusilla* 0,1,1

18-19 July, Lepelaarsplassen, Almere, Flevoland, adult, photographed (M Berlijn; Berlijn 1997; Dutch Birding 18: 215, plate 211, 19: 185-187, plate 195, 1997).

The second record and the first to be documented photographically. The much debated first record in Flevoland on 12-13 June 1989 (van der Veen 1991, cf van der Laan 1992, Scharringa & Wassink 1992) has been reconsidered and remains accepted.

Red-necked Stint *Calidris ruficollis* 0,1,1

25 July, Mokbaai, Texel, Noord-Holland, adult (A Wassink, E Sandberg).

This second record, after the first on 29 May 1987 at Lauwersmeer, Groningen, was close to being rejected (for instance, since Sanderling *Calidris alba* might be involved) until convincing field sketches emerged.

White-rumped Sandpiper *Calidris fuscicollis* 1,1,3

13 August, Wagejot, Texel, Noord-Holland, adult, moulting from summer to winter plumage, photographed (A Wassink et al; Dutch Birding 18: 215, plate 212-213, 1996); 18 August, Ballum, Ameland, Friesland, adult (R F J van Beusekom); 7 September, De Cocksdorp, Texel, Noord-Holland, adult, moulting from summer to winter plumage (A Wassink).

According to the observer who discovered both birds, the two Texel records refer to different individuals. The (only) previous records were at IJmuiden, Noord-Holland, in October 1977 and at Holwerd, Friesland, in August 1994.

Pectoral Sandpiper *Calidris melanotos* 9,6,2

1 September, Stichtse Putten, Zeewolde, Flevoland, juvenile (R F J van Beusekom); 28 September to 2 October, Julianadorp, Den Helder, Noord-Holland, juvenile, photographed, videoed (J M Walhout, T O V Muisse).

1995 31 July to 3 August, Eemshaven, Eemmond, Groningen, adult (E J Boekema, A de Bruin).

1990 19-20 May, Lauwersmeer, De Marne, Groningen, adult, photographed (E J Boekema, A de Bruin).

Broad-billed Sandpiper *Limicola falcinellus* 23,50,7

16-17 May, Broekhuizen, Limburg, six, photographed (A Ova, J J F Jansen); 16-22 May, Starrevaat, Leidschendam, Zuid-Holland, photographed (M Verdoes, B D van der Burg, M van Duin et al).

1964 22 August, Groote Peel, Asten, Noord-Brabant, filmed (P H Kemp).



114 Pacific Golden Plover / Aziatische Goudplevier *Pluvialis fulva*, De Putten, Schoorl, Noord-Holland, 26 July 1996
(Arnoud B van den Berg)

115 Great Snipe / Poelsnip *Gallinago media*, juvenile, West aan Zee, Terschelling, Friesland, 27 August 1996
(Hans Gebuis)



There have been several records of more than two individuals are rather scarce. Groups of three were recorded at Lauwersmeer, Groningen, in 1987 and 1988; in Flevoland, groups of three (1973), five (1971) and eight (1984) were recorded. The 1964 record was rejected during the revision of the Dutch list (van IJzendoorn et al 1996). However, after examination of the original film which emerged recently, it has again been accepted.

Buff-breasted Sandpiper *Tryngites subruficollis* 3,6,1
18 May, Oud-Sabbinge, Veerse Meer, Goes, Zeeland, adult, photographed, videoed (P L Meininger, P A Wolf).

This is only the third spring record. The others were in May 1986 and in June 1993.

Great Snipe *Gallinago media* -,11,4
23-28 August, West aan Zee, Terschelling, Friesland, juvenile, photographed (N J Dingemans et al; Dutch Birding 18: 219, plate 219, 1996, Birding World 9: 359, 1996); 23-24 September, Kelderhuispolder, Texel, juvenile (A Vink, J M Walhout et al); 6-13 October, Noordoosthoek, Vlieland, Friesland (P M A van der Wielen et al); 24-25 October, Broekhuizen, Limburg, juvenile (J J F Jansen).

Four records in one year constitute the highest total since this species was considered from 1977 onwards. Previous years with multiple records were 1980 (2), 1984 (2) and 1994 (2).

Long-billed Dowitcher *Limnodromus scolopaceus* 0,11,2

12 June, Krammerse Slikken, Oude Tonge, Oostflakkee, Zuid-Holland, adult summer, photographed (P L Meininger, P A Wolf); 11-13 August, Workumerwaard, Nijefurd, Friesland, adult summer, photographed (J Bisschop et al; Dutch Birding 18: 217, plate 214, 1996).

1995 6-10 May, Molenplaat, Bergen op Zoom, Noord-Brabant, adult summer (J W Vergeer, J M Walhout).

With a first record in 1983, this species has now been recorded annually since 1986, with the exception of 1993. All records are from May to August, apart from one in November 1989 and one in January 1990.

Slender-billed Curlew *Numenius tenuirostris* 8,0,0
1896 September, Canisvliet, Sas van Gent, Zeeland, adult, shot, skin retained at Koninklijk Belgisch Instituut voor Natuurwetenschappen, Brussel, Belgium (De Smet 1997; Dutch Birding 19: 231, plate 235, 1997).

Investigations by a member of the Belgian rarities committee revealed that this individual has been shot on Dutch ground. It becomes the third of a total of eight records of this highly endangered species, the last dating from 1947. The chance that this former rare winter visitor, with records in September, November, December (2), January (3) and February, will be recorded ever again may be considered practically nil, although one reported in England in May 1998 (Cleaves 1998) raises hope.

Marsh Sandpiper *Tringa stagnatilis*

1990 3-8 May, Stevensweert, Maasbracht, Limburg (W Helmer, S Woldhek).

This species is no longer considered from 1 January 1993 onwards.

Terek Sandpiper *Xenus cinereus* 1,11,1

3 May, Buggenum, Haalen, Limburg, adult summer, photographed (D Meeuwissen, I Meeuwissen, M Berlijn).

1993 16 August, Maasvlakte, Rotterdam, Zuid-Holland, adult summer (T O V Muisse).

Interestingly, the individual at Buggenum was at the same location as one in May 1988. There are now 13 records, eight of which were in May, with the remainder in June-September.

Ring-billed Gull *Larus delawarensis* 0,4,1

10 April, Woerden, Zuid-Holland, second-summer, photographed (D Kok; Dutch Birding 18: 149, plate 159, 1996).

With so many records on the Atlantic coast from Morocco to Norway, one may wonder how many are overlooked.

*** Baltic Gull** *Larus fuscus* 0,1,0

1992 18 October, Schiermonnikoog, Friesland, adult, photographed (R O Winters).

The CDNA agrees with the conclusions reached in the recent review of Dutch records of this taxon (Hoogendoorn & van Scheepen 1998). Therefore, all previous records, which all referred to ringing recoveries, have been rejected. This implies that the above record constitutes the first of this species. Although the species is likely to be not as rare as its current status may suggest, it is beyond doubt hard to identify. The combination of a mantle as black as that of Great Black-backed Gull *L. marinus*, preferably seen in direct comparison with both Great and Lesser Black-backed Gulls *L. graellsii*, the virtual absence of dark head markings in winter plumage, a moult timing different from Lesser Black-backed, and a smaller and thinner bill all are useful identification pointers.

Pontic Gull *Larus cachinnans cachinnans* 0,8,0

1989 4 March, Deventer, Overijssel, two, adult (G Groot Koerkamp); 25 March, Deventer, Overijssel, subadult (G Groot Koerkamp); 19 September, Zutphen, Gelderland (G Groot Koerkamp); 2 October, Zutphen, Gelderland (G Groot Koerkamp); 29 October, Deventer, Overijssel (G Groot Koerkamp).

1988 19 September to 16 November, Zutphen and Voorst, Gelderland, photographed (G Groot Koerkamp, E B Ebels et al; Groot Koerkamp & Ebels 1997; Dutch Birding 19: 282, plate 291-293, 1997).

This series of old records by a single observer indicates that this species must be much commoner than the low numbers of accepted records suggests. A number of recently submitted reports from Twente, Overijssel, are still under consideration. The 1988 and 1989 records precede the only previously accepted

record at Geldermalsen, Gelderland, on 11 December 1991 (Ebels et al 1996).

Iceland Gull *Larus glaucoideus* -,60,2

12-14 January, Arcen, *Arcen en Velden*, Limburg (J J F Jansen, T Cuyppers); 18 February, De Putten, *Schoorl*, Noord-Holland, first-winter (R E Brouwer).

1995 22 January, Stevensweert, *Maasbracht*, Limburg, second-year (J J F Jansen, T Cuyppers).

1992 15 January to 4 April, Scheveningen, *Den Haag*, Zuid-Holland, first- or second-winter, photographed (J Regeer, G van der Bent, M Berlijn; Dutch Birding 14: 66, plate 64-65); 5-7 March and 16 May, Katwijk aan Zee, *Katwijk*, second-winter, photographed (K J Eigenhuis, R van Rossum).

1984 8-20 April, Ilmuiden, *Velsen*, Zuid-Holland, first-winter (A B van den Berg, H Schouten; Vogeljaarkalender 1986: 4).

The two records from 1992 were published earlier, but now the dates have been extended. The 1984 record reflects a gradual change in policy of the CDNA; it is now quite common for the CDNA to accept photographically documented records which have never been officially submitted. Formerly, it was the policy of CDNA that records should be submitted, if they were to be accepted. The relief of this policy puts documentation of records in a more important place than their formal submission. However, in cases of species difficult to identify or of very rare species, CDNA may require more documentation for its consideration than a single published photograph.

Whiskered Tern *Chlidonias hybridus*

1995 3-4 May, Braakman, *Terneuzen*, Zeeland, two, adult summer, photographed (A Kind, A Wieland).

1985 30 June, IJzendoom, *Echteld*, Gelderland, adult summer (H J P Derks, J Scharringa).

1983 28 April to 6 May, vloeivelden Suikerunie, *Groningen*, Groningen, adult summer (E J Boekema).

This species is no longer considered from 1 January 1996 onwards.

Black Guillemot *Cephus grylle* -,33,2

29 August, *Schiernmonnikoog*, Friesland, first-summer moulting to second-winter (N van Duivendijk); 24 September, Westerslag, *Texel*, Noord-Holland, adult winter (K H Scholten, R Hofkamp, S Luinenburg).

1994 31 August, Oost-Vlieland, *Vlieland*, Friesland, adult summer (W van der Waal).

1993 26 September, Egmond aan Zee, *Egmond*, Noord-Holland, adult winter (R A van Splunder); 26 October, Egmond aan Zee, *Egmond*, Noord-Holland, probably adult winter (R A van Splunder).

1951 25 December, De Hors, *Texel*, Noord-Holland, adult winter, found dead, skin retained by museum EcoMare, Texel, Noord-Holland (G J de Haan, A Oosterbaan).

The September 1993 record is considered to refer to the same bird already recorded on the same date further north off Noord-Holland, at Camperduin (cf Wiegant et al 1995).

Great Spotted Cuckoo *Clamator glandarius* 7,9,0

1954 12 August, Hijum, *Ferweradeel*, Friesland, first-summer female, found dead, photographed, skin retained by Fries Natuurhistorisch Museum, Leeuwarden, Friesland (van der Ploeg et al 1977).

A photograph of the mounted specimen was published in a book on the birds of Friesland but was never officially submitted.

Eagle Owl *Bubo bubo* 1,4,2

3 March to 26 April, Cadier en Keer, *Margraten*, Limburg, male, photographed, videoed, sound-recorded (J J F Jansen, P Palmen, F Bos; Palmen & Jansen 1996; Dutch Birding 18: 146, plate 154, 1996); 11 October, Roggel, *Roggel en Neer*, Limburg, photographed (mrs Schra; Dutch Birding 19: 35, plate 36, 1997).

Snowy Owl *Nyctea scandiaca* 7,5,0

1992 8-9 April, *Ameland*, Friesland, first-year female, photographed (Versluys et al 1997).

This record is considered to refer to the same bird that was recorded on Schiermonnikoog, Friesland, on 28 June 1992.

Tengmalm's Owl *Aegolius funereus* -,5,0

1993 c 14 October, *Zwolle*, Overijssel, found dead after crash against school window, skin retained by Natuurmuseum West-Overijssel, Zwolle, Overijssel (D Tuitert, T C M Kemperman).

Too sad this highly sought-after species was found dead. There have been no records of live birds since 1987.

*** White-throated Needletail Swift** *Hirundapus caudacutus* 0,0,1

22 May, *Middelburg* and *Veere*, Zeeland (E Sanders, S Lilipaly, P A Wolf; Sanders et al 1996, 1998).

The first record of this extreme rarity. No photographs were taken, but the bird was discovered independently by two (groups of) observers. It was relocated about 10 km north of the place of discovery, not to be found again by some 50 would-be observers.

Alpine Swift *Apus melba* 7,18,1

23 May, Molenplaat, *Bergen op Zoom*, Noord-Brabant (J J Blankert).

1995 27 May, Velsen-Noord, *Velsen*, Noord-Holland (D J Moerbeek).

The bird at Molenplaat was discovered as a consolation prize by a birder desperately seeking for the White-throated Needletail Swift *Hirundapus caudacutus* seen the day before at Middelburg and Veere, Zeeland.

Middle Spotted Woodpecker *Dendrocopos medius* -,7,4

28 January to 9 February, Vijlenerbos, *Wittem*, Limburg, photographed, videoed (J J F Jansen, P Palmen; Jansen & Palmen 1996; Dutch Birding 18: 101, plate 95, 1996); 14 December to 8 February 1997, *Heeze*, Noord-Brabant, adult, photographed (R G Bouwman et al; Birding World 10: 9, 1997; Dutch Birding 19: 42,

plate 41-42, 1997); 22 December, Vijlenerbos, *Wittem*, Limburg, photographed (K Lemmens; Dutch Birding 19: 43, plate 43, 1997); 25-26 December, Ter Apel, *Vlagtwedde*, Groningen, photographed (E-J Alblas, H A Diephuis; Dutch Birding 19: 43, plate 44, 1997).

After long years with very few records, a sudden increase in numbers became apparent, indicating a possible return to its former status as an (almost) regular, but rare, breeding bird.

Short-toed Lark *Calandrella brachydactyla* 3,16,0

1995 28-29 October, Dintelhaven, *Rotterdam*, Zuid-Holland, photographed (G De Smet).

This individual was killed by a Great Grey Shrike *Lanius excubitor* while being watched by birders. Although seen by many, it lasted for almost two years before it was submitted.

Red-rumped Swallow *Hirundo daurica* 2,26,3

18 April, *Wageningen*, Gelderland (M Soes); 24-25 April, *Terschelling*, Friesland, photographed (T Bakker, A Ouwerkerk, T Hek; Dutch Birding 18: 146, plate 155, 1996); 1 May, *Breskens*, *Oostburg*, Zeeland (J W Wierda).

1995 2 May, *Den Treek*, *Amersfoort/Leusden*, Utrecht (E Lindhout).

There are now five individuals from April, 17 from May, two from September and seven from October.

Blyth's Pipit *Anthus godlewskii* 0,1,1

25-28 October, *Maasvlakte*, *Rotterdam*, Zuid-Holland, photographed, videoed, sound-recorded (M Plomp, P C Meijer, M Berlijn et al; Plomp & Meijer 1996, Berlijn et al 1997; Dutch Birding 18: 283, plate 275, 284, plate 278, 335, plate 324, 1996, 19: 178, plate 186-189, 1997).

Only the second record, and the first field observation. The first record concerned a bird trapped on 13 November 1983 at Westenschouwen, Zeeland. The identification process was quite typical in the sense that, initially, observers could not decide whether this late and large pipit was a Richard's Pipit *A richardi* or a Tawny Pipit *A campestris*, until the correct identification was clinched.

Citrine Wagtail *Motacilla citreola* 0,5,2

7 June, *Berkheide*, *Katwijk/Wassenaar*, Zuid-Holland, male, photographed (K D Dijkstra, R van Rossum; Dutch Birding 18: 140, plate 151, 1996); 25 August to 1 September, *Stichtse Putten*, *Zeewolde*, Flevoland, adult (R F J van Beusekom).

The slow but apparently steady westerly progress of the breeding range of this species is perhaps reflected by the fact that, for the first time, two were recorded in one year.

Thrush Nightingale *Luscinia luscinia* 7,27,3

28-29 May, *Berkenplas*, *Schiermonnikoog*, Friesland, singing, sound-recorded (R Keizer); possibly 25 May and 6-12 June, *Westerplas*, *Schiermonnikoog*, Friesland, singing, sound-recorded (R Keizer); 29 May-2

June, *Twiske*, *Oostzaan*, Noord-Holland, singing, sound-recorded (E Groenewoud).

1993 22 May to 6 June, *Ruigoord*, *Amsterdam*, Noord-Holland, singing, sound-recorded (H Groot, F G S M Hieselaar).

The 1993 record originally was published for 22-24 May (cf Wiegant et al 1995).

Red-spotted Bluethroat *Luscinia svecica svecica* -,29,2

19 May, *Oost-Vlieland*, *Vlieland*, Friesland, male (E Groenewoud); 22 May, *Uithuizermeeden*, *Eemsmond*, Groningen, male, photographed (P H Wijk).

1985 13 May, *Eemshaven*, *Eemsmond*, male (E Klunder, K Koffijberg).

1980 27 May, *Schiermonnikoog*, Friesland, male (J Scharringa).

All post-1980 records fall within the period 10-29 May, except for one on 1 May and one on 10 June.

Siberian Stonechat *Saxicola maura* 9,14,5

3 October, *Maasvlakte*, *Rotterdam*, Zuid-Holland, first-winter female, photographed (N van Duivendijk); 12-16 October, *Den Helder*, Noord-Holland, first-winter male, photographed (R E Brouwer; Dutch Birding 18: 335, plate 321); 14-16 October, *Petten*, *Zijpe*, Noord-Holland, first-winter female, photographed (R E Brouwer); 17 October, *De Koog*, *Texel*, Noord-Holland, first-year male (T M van der Have, R E van der Vliet); 18-20 October, *Cadzand-Bad*, *Oostburg*, Zeeland, photographed (E Nieuwstraten).

1995 4 October, *Camping Stortemelk*, *Vlieland*, Friesland, first-winter, probably male, photographed (W A van Splunder, R A van Splunder).

This is the second-best year for this species. In 1977, six were recorded, among which twice two together.

*** Isabelline Wheatear** *Oenanthe isabellina* 0,0,1

21 October to 8 November, *Maasvlakte*, *Rotterdam*, Zuid-Holland, first-winter, photographed, videoed (J W Maas, W J M Dijkman; Maas & Dijkman 1996, Dijkman & Maas 1997; Birding World 9: 399, 1996, 10: 29, 1997; Dutch Birding 18: 284, plate 276, 333, plate 316, 1996, 19: 161, plate 167, 183, plate 190-193, 184, plate 193-194, 1997).

This bird needed a real 'second look' before the observers realized that it indeed was an Isabelline and not a pale Northern Wheatear *O oenanthe*. It stayed in the same area and in the same period as a Blyth's Pipit *Anthus godlewskii*. The bird was very popular and became less and less shy during its stay; apparently, it had learnt that humans carrying telescopes will retreat upon approach!

Pied Wheatear *Oenanthe pleschanka* 0,4,1

17 November, *Stroe*, *Wieringen*, Noord-Holland, first-winter male, photographed (P van Franeker, R E Brouwer; Birding World 9: 464, 1996; Dutch Birding 18: 335, plate 319, 1996).

This is the latest record; other records were in May and October (3).



116 Red-spotted Bluethroat / Roodsterblauwborst
Luscinia svecica svecica, Uithuizermeeden,
Groningen, 22 May 1996 (Piet H Wijk)



117 Citrine Wagtail / Citroenkwikstaart *Motacilla citreola*, male, Berkheide, Zuid-Holland, 7 June 1996
(René van Rossum)

Western Black-eared Wheatear *Oenanthe hispanica* 3,1,1
2-4 June, Aagtekerke, Mariekerke, Zeeland, first-summer male, photographed, videoed (M Klootwijk, S Lilipaly et al; Klootwijk & Kuypers 1996; Birding World 9: 215, 1996; Dutch Birding 18: 140, plate 149, 154, plate 168, 1996).

There are now five records, dating from 1937, 1970, 1975, 1982 and 1996. The c. 100 birders searching in vain on 2 June for the nearby Steller's Eider *Polysticta stelleri* had little distance to travel to twitch this bird. A policeman showing up brought some panic to many who had parked their car incorrectly along the road but the man wanted to see the bird and had had no time to change his uniform.

Desert Wheatear *Oenanthe deserti* 1,3,2

30 October to 12 November, Grafelijkheidsduinen, Den Helder, Noord-Holland, adult male, photographed, videoed (H Wijnja, M Wijnja, M Renden; Birding World 9: 464, 1996; Dutch Birding 18: 268, plate 254, 334, plate 317-318, 1996); 14-24 December, Westernieland, De Marne, Groningen, first-winter male, photographed (A Zahavi, T Groothuis et al; Dutch Birding 19: 45, plate 49, 1997).

Except for one spring record in April 1989, all records concern occurrences from October to December.

Black-throated Thrush *Turdus rufo-collis atrogularis* 0,2,1

4 January to 20 March, Den Helder, Noord-Holland, first-winter female, photographed, videoed (N H Harder, R A C Halff; Brouwer et al 1996, 1997, Barthel 1998; Birding World 9: 12, 1996, 10: 30, 1997; Br Birds 89: 265, plate 113-114, 1996; Dutch Birding 18: 43, plate 28, 103, plate 100, 1996, 19: 270, plate 278-280, 271, plate 281, 1997; Limicola 12: 44, 1998).

This bird was found in a tiny garden during a cold spell. It was only the third record after rejection of the

one in 1977 (van IJzendoorn et al 1996). The first was at Groningen, Groningen, from 31 March to 3 April 1981, and the second on Schiermonnikoog, Friesland, on 9 October 1982.

Cetti's Warbler *Cettia cetti* -42,1

22 August to 6 October, Haagse Waterleidingduinen, Wassenaar, Zuid-Holland, sound-recorded (A Remeeus). 1995 16 October, Ouddorp, Goedereede, Zuid-Holland (P A Wolf).

A bird seen and heard on Vlieland, Friesland, on 28 September and trapped on 4, 11 and 17 October has not yet been submitted. This species has become very rare from 32 individuals (26 records) during 1980-83 down to an average of less than one record per year since 1984.

Zitting Cisticola *Cisticola juncidis* -34,1

19-26 July, Fochterlooërveen, Norg, Drenthe, male, photographed (R Hovinga, S Witvoet, H Feenstra). 1995 23-24 September, Kroonspolders, Vlieland, Friesland, maximum of six (R Schols).

Records away from the almost regular sites in Zeeuws-Vlaanderen, Zeeland, are very rare.

River Warbler *Locustella fluviatilis* 7,19,3

21-31 May and 24 July, Sint Jansklooster, Brederwiede, Overijssel, singing, sound-recorded (R Messemaker); 2-12 June, Nuenen, Nuenen, Gerwen en Nederwetten, Noord-Brabant, singing, sound-recorded, videoed (R Buij); 4-8 June, Kerkrade, Limburg, singing, photographed (N W Schaafstra).

From 31 May to 20 June 1995, a singing bird was reported at exactly the same locality at Sint Jansklooster, but not yet accepted.

Melodious Warbler *Hippolais polyglotta* 2,16,2

25 May to 28 June, Wijlre, Gulpen, Limburg, two, breeding, photographed, videoed, sound-recorded (R Gold-



118 Siberian Stonechat / Aziatische Roodborsttapuit *Saxicola maura*, first-winter male, Den Helder, Noord-Holland, 12 October 1996 (Ruud E Brouwer)

119 Desert Wheatear / Woestijntapuit *Oenanthe deserti*, first-winter male, Westernieland, Groningen, 23 December 1996 (Leo J R Boon/Cursorius)





120 Western Black-eared Wheater / Westelijke Blonde Tapuit *Oenanthe hispanica*, first-summer male, Aagtekerke, Zeeland, 4 June 1996 (René Pop)

121 Desert Wheatear / Woestijntapuit *Oenanthe deserti*, adult male, Den Helder, Noord-Holland, 8 November 1996 (Diederik Kok)



bach, M Berlijn; Dutch Birding 18: 149, plate 160, 1996; Limburgse Vogels 8: 71, 1997).

1993 14-27 June, Ankeveen, 's-Graveland, Noord-Holland, male, singing, sound-recorded (W J R de Wijs).

The 1993 record was already published for 14-26 June. The Gulpen birds concerned the second breeding record for the Netherlands; the first was in 1990 in Flevoland.

Paddyfield Warbler *Acrocephalus agricola* 1,6,1

27 August, Makkumer Zuidwaard, *Wûnseradiel*, Friesland, trapped, photographed (Vrs Menork, W Bil, K A van Eerde, J Taal; Dutch Birding 18: 274, plate 261, 1996).

Four out of a total of eight records refer to birds trapped along the IJsselmeer coast of Friesland. The only field record, on Vlieland, Friesland, in September 1994 (van der Veen & Ebels 1996), is currently under review.

Blyth's Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus dumetorum* 0,1,1

20 June to 1 July, Walem, *Valkenburg aan de Geul*, Limburg, singing male, photographed, videoed, sound-recorded (J-E Kikkert, M Berlijn et al; Kikkert 1996, 1997; Birding World 9: 260, 1996, 10: 32, 1997; Br Birds 90: 91, plate 4, 1997; Dutch Birding 18: 154, plate 167, 213, plate 207, 1996, 19: 274, plate 282-285, 1997).

This was (only) the second record and the first field record, giving many birders an excellent opportunity to become acquainted with this difficult species.

Booted Warbler *Acrocephalus caligatus* 0,6,2

31 August to 1 September, Maasvlakte, *Rotterdam*, Zuid-Holland, photographed, videoed (H Zevenhuizen et al; Dutch Birding 18: 273, plate 257, 1996); 9-11 September, Katwijk aan Zee, *Katwijk*, Zuid-Holland, photographed, videoed (B D van der Burg, C Zuyderduyn et al; Dutch Birding 18: 274, plate 262-263, 1996).

The 1996 records were unusually early; all previous records were between 19 September and 11 October.

Subalpine Warbler *Sylvia cantillans* 5,24,2

21 May, Rottumerplaat, *Eemsmont*, Groningen, male, photographed (G Kasemier, D Lutterop); 22 May, Rottumeroog, *Eemsmont*, Groningen, female, photographed (K van Dijken, E Koopman; Dutch Birding 18: 146, plate 156, 1996).

1983 25 April, Vrakelberg, *Voerendaal*, Limburg, male, photographed (F Schepers).

The 1983 record adds a remarkable inland location to that year's influx of a total of six individuals, a number still unsurpassed.

Sardinian Warbler *Sylvia melanocephala* 0,7,0

1995 12 November to 29 December, Egmond-Binnen, *Egmond*, Noord-Holland, male, photographed, sound-recorded (W van der Waal et al).

There were two earlier late autumn and winter records, also of long-staying birds (Amsterdam, Noord-Holland, 14 December 1980 to 22 February 1981 and Lauwersoog, Groningen, 30 October to 22 November 1993); the remaining records were in April and May. A

bird trapped at Mokkebank, Nijefurd, Friesland, on 24 April 1996 has not yet been submitted (cf Dutch Birding 18: 148, 1996).

Greenish Warbler *Phylloscopus trochiloides* 6,9,6

23 May, Rottumeroog, *Eemsmont*, Groningen, photographed (K van Dijken); 25 June, Rottumeroog, *Eemsmont*, Groningen, photographed, sound-recorded (K van Dijken, E Koopman; Dutch Birding 18: 215, plate 209, 1996); 15-16 August, Rottumeroog, *Eemsmont*, Groningen, photographed (K van Dijken, E Koopman); 30 August to 1 September, Neeltje Jans, *Veere*, Zeeland, first-year, photographed (M Hoekstein; Dutch Birding 18: 273, plate 256, 1996); 1 September, Neeltje Jans, *Veere*, Zeeland (R E van der Vliet, A van Kleunen); 9 September, Maasvlakte, *Rotterdam*, Zuid-Holland, photographed (A Schaftenaar, H Gebuis).

A record year. The tiny islet of Rottumeroog and its warden Koen van Dijken have now been involved in five out of a total of 21 records. This high incidence of a single location and a single observer in records of a species is only matched by Nick van der Ham's countless, and uncountable, records of Balearic Shearwater *Puffinus mauretanicus* at Camperduin, Noord-Holland.

Arctic Warbler *Phylloscopus borealis* 2,6,1

2 October, Oosterend, *Terschelling*, Friesland, first-year, photographed (A Ouwerkerk, R E van der Vliet; Ebels 1996; Dutch Birding 18: 277, plate 270, 1996).

This is only the first field record. It appeared to have just arrived, since it was seen coming in from the North Sea during a seabird watch. Except for the first, which was found dead on 2 November 1935, all previous records were of birds trapped between 9 September and 11 October.

Pallas's Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus proregulus* 9,59,19

10 October, Breezanddijk, *Wûnseradiel*, Friesland, photographed (R E Brouwer, R A C Halff); 14 October, Bloemendaal, *Zandvoort*, Noord-Holland, photographed (Vrs Cornelis van Lennep; Ebels 1996b; Dutch Birding 18: 278, plate 272, 1996); 15 October, Breezanddijk, *Wûnseradiel*, Friesland (J Bisschop); 15 October, Oost-Vlieland, *Vlieland*, Friesland (J Bisschop, S Bernardus); 15 October, Noordoosthoek, *Vlieland*, Friesland (J Bisschop, S Bernardus); 15 October, West-Terschelling, *Terschelling*, Friesland (A Ouwerkerk, T Bakker, H Neuteboom); 22 October, De Cocksdorp, *Texel*, Noord-Holland (A Wassink); 23 October, Breezanddijk, *Wûnseradiel*, Friesland, photographed (W A van Splunder, R A van Splunder); 25 October, Oost-Vlieland, *Vlieland*, Friesland (N L M Gilissen); 26 October, De Cocksdorp, *Texel*, Noord-Holland (E Nieuwstraten); 26 October to 10 November, Petten, *Zijpe*, Noord-Holland (R E Brouwer, P Spannenburg); 1 November, Selwerderhof, *Groningen*, Groningen (A de Bruin); 8 November, Haastrecht, *Vlist*, Zuid-Holland, photographed (C Oskam, M Schildwacht); 13 November, Coendersborg, *Groningen*, Groningen (S de Bruin); 16 November, Den Burg, *Texel*, Noord-Holland (F J Maas, H Brugge, M Brugge); 16 November, Maas-



122 Desert Wheatear / Woestijntapuit *Oenanthe deserti*, first-winter male, Westernieland, Groningen, December 1996 (Rudy Offereins) 123 Isabelline Wheatear / Izabeltapuit *Oenanthe isabellina*, Maasvlakte, Zuid-Holland, 23 October 1996 (René Pop) 124 Booted Warbler / Kleine Spotvogel *Acrocephalus caligatus*, Katwijk aan Zee, Zuid-Holland, 10 September 1996 (Hans Gebuis)





125 Melodious Warbler / Orpheusspotvogel *Hippolais polyglotta*, Wijlre, Limburg, 30 May 1996 (Roy de Haas)

126 Blyth's Reed Warbler / Struikrietzanger *Acrocephalus dumetorum*, Walem, Limburg, 24 June 1996 (Hans Gebuis)

127 Arctic Redpoll / Witsuitbarmsijs *Carduelis hornemanni*, Groningen, Groningen, 6 February 1996 (Rudy Offereins)



vlakke, Rotterdam, Zuid-Holland, photographed (A Schaftenaar, N L M Gilissen); 15-19 November, Westkapelle, Zeeland, two on 18 November (M Zekhuis); 7 December, Breezanddijk, Wûnseradiel, Friesland (S Bernardus, M Berlijn).

1995 28-29 October, Hargen aan Zee, Schoorl, Noord-Holland, singing (R E Brouwer); 30 October, De Cocksdorp, Texel, Noord-Holland (M C Witte, A Wassink).
1988 19 October, Tegelen, Limburg, trapped (P H J Maeghs).

The record of the singing individual on 28-29 October 1995 was erroneously dated 23 October in the previous report (Wiegant et al 1997). This year's total eclipses the previous best year 1989, which had 13 records. Remarkably, one lucky observer discovered three individuals at three different locations on the same day! From 1 January 1997 onwards, records of this species are no longer considered.

Hume's Warbler *Phylloscopus humei* 2,11,0

1995 17 December to 3 January 1996, Den Haag, Zuid-Holland, photographed, sound-recorded (T J C Luijendijk et al; Dutch Birding 18: 45, plate 33, 1996).
1981 18 October, Midland aan Zee, Terschelling, Friesland, photographed (R Schols, R Foppen).

Identification of the 1995 bird was partly based on a sonagram. The 1981 record becomes the third.

Radde's Warbler *Phylloscopus schwarzi* 2,4,3

11 October, Korverskooi, Texel, Noord-Holland, trapped, photographed (A Wassink; Dutch Birding 18: 277, plate 269, 1996); 11 October, Noordoosthoek, Vlieland, Friesland, photographed, sound-recorded (F Osendorp, J Scharringa et al); 12 October, Amsterdamse Waterleidingduinen, Zandvoort, Noord-Holland, trapped, photographed (Dutch Birding 18: 277, plate 268).

Three records in one year, and more specifically, in two days, is quite exceptional. Contrary to Dusky Warbler *P. fuscatus*, this species still manages to elude most twitchers who are eager to see it in the field. A sonagram was of great help in identifying the Vlieland bird which, without detailed photographs, would have been hard to get accepted. A bird trapped at Kamperhoek, Dronten, Flevoland, on 3 October has not yet been submitted.

Dusky Warbler *Phylloscopus fuscatus* 1,18,0

1994 21-22 October, Hargen aan Zee, Schoorl, Noord-Holland, photographed (S Lagerveld, W A van Splunder).

A trapped bird photographed at Zandvoort, Noord-Holland, on 8 October has not yet been submitted (cf Dutch Birding 18: 277, plate 271, 1996).

Western Bonelli's Warbler *Phylloscopus bonelli* 5,12,1

31 August, De Cocksdorp, Texel, Noord-Holland (A Wassink, H Prinsen, M C Witte).

1995 6 May, Esserveld, Groningen, Groningen, photographed, sound-recorded (S de Bruin).

1994 10-20 August, Oosterend, Terschelling, Friesland (T O V Muisse).

1991 21 September to 14 October, Kornwerderzand, Wûnseradiel, Friesland, trapped, photographed (J Bischoff).

The 1991 record was previously published for 14 October only (van den Berg et al 1993).

Siberian Chiffchaff *Phylloscopus collybita tristis* 0,6,0

1995 2 November, Groene Glop, Schiermonnikoog, Friesland, first-year, trapped (B Nijboer, A Meenink, K Kraaijeveld).

1985 26 October, Spaubeek, Beek, Limburg, singing, sound-recorded (R Schols).

Collared Flycatcher *Ficedula albicollis* 23,2,2

16-19 May, Lange Paal, Vlieland, Friesland, first-summer male, photographed, videoed (W van der Waal, G van Duin, M Berlijn et al; van der Waal 1996; Birding World 9: 175, 1996; Dutch Birding 18: 146, plate 157, 1996); 12-14 October, Terschelling, Friesland, first-winter male, photographed (A Ouwkerk, R van Rossum; Dutch Birding 18: 335, plate 323, 1996).

The other two post-1980 records also were in one year, in May 1985. All but four previous records were in May; others were in April (2), July and August. All records refer to males except for a trapped female at Maasvlakte, Zuid-Holland, in May 1985. With the increased knowledge of identification features, one may expect more autumn records in the future.

Eurasian Treecreeper *Certhia familiaris*

1994 7 October, Lange Paal, Vlieland, Friesland, two (E B Ebels, G J ter Haar, G H Steinhaus); 4 November to 5 February 1995, Lauwersoog, De Marne, Groningen, photographed (K van Dijken).

1975 25-26 December, Domburg, Zeeland (C J G Scharringa, J Scharringa).

1972 24-26 December, Overduin, Oostkapelle, Domburg, Zeeland (C J G Scharringa, J Scharringa).

The 1972 and 1975 records have been published in the past for 24 December 1972 at Westkapelle, Zeeland, and for 25 December, respectively. This species is no longer considered from 1 January 1995 onwards.

Turkestan / Daurian Shrike *Lanius phoenicuroides / speculigerus* 0,3,1

8-11 December, Lauwersoog, De Marne/Dongeradeel, Groningen/Friesland, photographed (P Herkenrath, D G Duff, T Bamberger; de Bruin 1996; Dutch Birding 18: 339, plate 327, 1996, 19: 43, plate 46, 1997).

Currently, CDNA investigates all previous records of 'isabelline shrike' *L. isabellinus/phoenicuroides/speculigerus*. It may turn out that both *phoenicuroides* and *speculigerus* are involved.

Lesser Grey Shrike *Lanius minor* 21,11,1

8-9 June, Schiermonnikoog, Friesland, photographed (C Bennink; Dutch Birding 18: 140, plate 146, 1996).

Out of 33 records, 19 were in May and June, with other records in July (5), August (2), September (2), October (4) and even November (1).



128 Myrtle Warbler / Mirtezanger *Dendroica coronata*, male, Oost-Vlieland, Vlieland, Friesland, 13 October 1996
(Arnoud B van den Berg)

129 Red-eyed Vireo / Roodoogvireo *Vireo olivaceus*, Lange Paal, Vlieland, Friesland, 6 October 1996 (Hans Gebuis)





130 White-crowned Sparrow / Witkruingors
Zonotrichia leucophrys leucophrys, adult, Spaarndam,
Noord-Holland, January 1982 (Jan Kleiberg)



131 Pine Bunting / Witkopgors *Emberiza leucocephalos*, female, Katwijk, Zuid-Holland, November 1996
(Marc Guyt)

Woodchat Shrike *Lanius senator senator* -,39,4

26 May, Blocq van Kuffeler, *Almere*, Flevoland, adult female (P M A van der Wielen, A P Leegwater); 27 May, Rottumerplaat, *Eemmond*, Groningen, male, photographed (G Kazemir, D Lutterop); 30 May, *Texel*, Noord-Holland, female, photographed (A Wassink, M C Witte); 11 June, Hoorn, *Terschelling*, Friesland, male, photographed (B Koks, T Bakker, G Krottje). 1993 1 May, *Vlieland*, Friesland, male, photographed (W van der Waal).

House Crow *Corvus splendens* 0,3,0

The two individuals at Hoek van Holland, *Rotterdam*, Zuid-Holland, remained all year (cf Wiegant et al 1997).

Rosy Starling *Sturnus roseus* 21,25,2

14 September to 12 October, Kroonspolders, *Vlieland*, Friesland, adult (P M Gnodde, B de Lange, K de Vries); 3 November, *Bussum*, Noord-Holland, juvenile, found dead, skin retained at Zoologisch Museum Amsterdam, Amsterdam, Noord-Holland (T G Prins).

1995 14 September, *Vlieland*, Friesland, juvenile (L Steijn); 15 October, Petten, *Zijpe*, Noord-Holland, adult (R E Brouwer, R A C Halfé).

Red-eyed Vireo *Vireo olivaceus* 0,4,1

3-8 October, *Vlieland*, Friesland, photographed, videoed (P de Knijff, E B Ebels et al; de Knijff & Ebels 1996, de Knijff 1998; *Birding World* 9: 400, 1996; *Dutch Birding* 18: 277, plate 266-267, 337, plate 326, 1996, 20: 12, plate 2, 1998).

The first record concerned a window crash at Wormerveer, Zaanstad, Noord-Holland, on 13 October 1985. Three other records referred to trapped birds: on Rottumerplaat, Eemmond, Groningen, on 19 October 1985 and on Vlieland on 24 September and 2 October 1991. With three out of a total of five records, Vlieland is certainly the location to find this species.

Arctic Redpoll *Carduelis hornemanni* 42,31,12

13-14 January, Oosterend, *Terschelling*, Friesland, two (T O V Muusse); 19 January, Broekhuizen, *Broekhuizen*, Limburg (J J F Jansen); 27 January to 18 March, *Lopik*, Utrecht, photographed, videoed (M Berlijn; *Dutch Birding* 18: 45, plate 34, 1996); 6-7 February, *Groningen*, Groningen, two, photographed (T Bakker); 8 February, *Haren*, Groningen (T Bakker); 8 February, Appelscha, *Ooststellingwerf*, Friesland (A McGeehan); 23-24 February, *Bergen*, Noord-Holland (S Lagerveld; *Dutch Birding* 18: 104, plate 101, 1996); 10-22 March, *Sneek*, Friesland, photographed (J Bisschop); 2-3 April, *Texel*, Noord-Holland (A Wassink); 20 November, *Wageningen*, Gelderland (A Schaftenaar).

1995 4 November, *Blaricum*, Noord-Holland (R F J van Beusekom); 11 November, *Bloemendaal*, Noord-Holland, trapped, photographed (Vrs Cornelis van Lennep, F Cottaar); 14-15 December, Brouwersdam, *Middenschouwen*, Zeeland (P A Wolf).

*** Myrtle Warbler** *Dendroica coronata* 0,0,1

13-15 October, *Vlieland*, Friesland, male, photographed, videoed, sound-recorded (T M van der Have, G M L Bulteel et al; van der Have & Deception Tours 1996, van der Have & Bulteel 1997; *Birding World* 9: 401, 1996; *Dutch Birding* 18: 283, plate 273-274, 333, plate 315, 1996, 19: 226, plate 229, 227, plate 231-234, 1997).

The finding of this bird, just one week after a Red-eyed Vireo *Vireo olivaceus* on the same island, made birders realize that American landbirds are not beyond imagination for the Netherlands. This first record was not the first for the continent since one was seen on Utsira, Rogaland, Norway, on 8 October 1996.

*** White-crowned Sparrow** *Zonotrichia leucophrys leucophrys* 0,1,0

1981 mid-December to mid-February 1982, Spaarndam, *Haarlemmerliede en Spaarnwoude*, Noord-Hol-

land, adult, photographed (J Kleiberg; Kleiberg 1984).

Curiously, this record has never officially been published in CDNA reports despite being published in van den Berg et al (1990). It has taken some 15 years before this omission was brought to light. It is worth while to mention that the photographs dated from January 1982, not December 1981.

Pine Bunting *Emberiza leucocephalos* 15,9,6

26 February to 25 March, *Oirschot*, Noord-Brabant, two, male, photographed, videoed (A Mendoza, H Vrolijk, M Berlijn; Ebels 1996a; Birding World 9: 134, 1996; Dutch Birding 18: 101, plate 96, 1996); 3-13 March, Mossel, *Ede*, Gelderland, male (B de Bruijn); 14-15 October, *Vlieland*, Friesland, male, photographed (R A van Splunder, K A Mauer); 24 November, *Oirschot*, Noord-Brabant, male, photographed (A Mendoza, R G Bouwman); 24-27 November, Katwijk aan Zee, Katwijk, Zuid-Holland, female, first-winter, photographed (M Verdoes, A van Egmond, A W J Meijer; Dutch Birding 18: 335, plate 322, 1996; Birding World 9: 463, 1996).

For the first time, two birds were found together. The bird in *Oirschot* in November might have been one of the two that were also present at the same location in February-March. The total of five records is equal to the total of 1994. Two 1994 birds have still not been submitted to the CDNA: a bird trapped at Westerschouwen, Zeeland, on 14 October and one staying on Terschelling, Friesland, on 27-30 October.

Rustic Bunting *Emberiza rustica* 13,39,1

23 September, *Westkapelle*, Zeeland (P A Wolf). 1995 29 October, *Vlissingen*, Zeeland (P A Wolf). 1993 15-25 May, Oosterend, *Terschelling*, Friesland, male, summer plumage, photographed (L Steijn; Dutch Birding 15: 186, plate 114, 1993).

The 1993 record was previously published for a shorter period (cf Wiegant et al 1995).

Little Bunting *Emberiza pusilla* 27,52,0

1995 13 September, *Schiermonnikoog*, Friesland, trapped (B Nijeboer, K Kraaijeveld); 2 October, Oostvaardersdijk, *Almere*, Flevoland, first-year, trapped (C Liebrechts-Haaker); 2 November, *Schiermonnikoog*, Friesland, trapped, photographed (K Kraaijeveld, B Nijeboer); 18 December to 10 January 1996, Katwijk aan Zee, Katwijk, Zuid-Holland, photographed (M Verdoes); 19 December to 17 March 1996, Katwijk aan Zee, Katwijk, Zuid-Holland (J Dijkhuizen). 1994 16 October, *Schoorl*, Noord-Holland (S Lagerveld).

The two wintering birds in 1995 in Katwijk were already included in the 1995 report, with different dates. For the third year since 1967 there were no records; other blank years were 1970 and 1981.

Black-headed Bunting *Emberiza melanocephala* 2,1,2

26-27 May, *Ameland*, Friesland, first-summer male, photographed, videoed (E Bos, M Berlijn; Bos et al 1996; Dutch Birding 18: 153, plate 165, 1996); 31 May, Westplaat, Maasvlakte, *Rotterdam/Westvoorne*,

Zuid-Holland, male (P L Meininger, P A Wolf).

1993 4 June, *Krimpen aan den IJssel*, Zuid-Holland, adult male (A P Ros).

The discoverer of the *Ameland* bird was astonished to see the bird behind a young rabbit pointed out to him by one of his companions. The wild provenance of birds in May-June is now less disputed than in the past.

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. Most records were rejected because the identification was not fully established (often due to 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).

Greenland White-fronted Goose *Anser albifrons flavirostris*

21 February, Broekhuizen, *Broekhuizen*, Limburg (@ description not convincing and containing mistakes); 7 March, Bleskensgraaf, *Graafstroom*, Zuid-Holland, two (brief description lacks comparison with White-fronted Goose *A a albifrons*).

Balearic Shearwater *Puffinus mauretanicus*

2 August, Rottumeroog, *Eemmond*, Groningen, two (description incomplete; details of undertail and head are missing); 7 August, *Vlieland*, Friesland (field sketch includes incorrect details). 'greater shearwater' *Puffinus gravis* / *Calonectris* 27 September *Texel*, Noord-Holland (@ bird too distant for any definitive conclusion).

Steppe Buzzard *Buteo buteo vulpinus*

30 September, *Wageningen*, Gelderland (CDNA has the opinion that this taxon, due to many intermediate morphs, is virtually impossible to identify in the field).

Long-legged Buzzard *Buteo rufinus*

25 December, *Kampen*, Overijssel (@ most probably Common Buzzard *B buteo*).

Lesser Spotted Eagle *Aquila pomarina*

15 September, Rammegors, *Tholen*, Zeeland, immature (Steppe Eagle *A nipalensis* not fully excluded, some critical features not described).

Golden Eagle *Aquila chrysaetos*

4 August, *Dalfsen*, Overijssel (@ description incomplete).

Black-winged Pratincole *Glareola nordmanni*

10 March, *Den Helder*, Noord-Holland, three (@ seen too briefly for positive identification); 11 August, *Eerste Exloërmond*, *Odoorn*, Drenthe, two (@ description incomplete).

'lesser golden plover' *Pluvialis dominicus* / *fulva*

13 August, *Waalwijk*, Noord-Brabant (description not quite convincing; grey underwings as only identification mark not considered sufficient for identification).

Semipalmated Sandpiper *Calidris pusilla*

12 October, Oostvoornse Meer, *Westvoorne*, Zuid-Holland, juvenile (complicated description does not fully exclude worn adult Little Stint *C minuta*).

Pectoral Sandpiper *Calidris melanotos*

30 September, Grafelijkheidsduinen, Den Helder, Noord-Holland (brief description with incorrect details). **Buff-breasted Sandpiper** *Tryngites subruficollis* 27 August, Wolphaartsdijk, Goes, Zeeland (@ description incomplete). **Audouin's Gull** *Larus audouinii* 9 September, Camperduin, Schoorl, Noord-Holland (@ flying bird, seen too briefly, without chance of 'second look'). **Bonaparte's Gull** *Larus philadelphia* 13 April, Katwijk aan Zee, Katwijk, Zuid-Holland (description of very light mantle colour not correct for this species; aberrant Black-headed Gull *L. ridibundus* not fully excluded). **Baltic Gull** *Larus fuscus* 21 September, Texel, Noord-Holland (although seen by many birders, parts of the descriptions are contradictory; determination on mantle colour alone is considered insufficient and description lacks details about the moult pattern of the wings). **Roseate Tern** *Sterna dougallii* 19 June, Neeltje Jans, Veere, Zeeland (seen very briefly, wing pattern not described, hybrid not excluded). **Siberian Stonechat** *Saxicola maura* 9 April, Amsterdamse Waterleidingduinen, Zandvoort, Noord-Holland (variability in summer plumage of male European Stonechat *S. rubicola* is large; white rump is in itself not diagnostic). **Western Black-eared Wheatear** *Oenanthe hispanica* 18 May, Kollumerwaard, Kollumerland en Nieuw-kruisland, Friesland, male, videoed (video shows very little detail, no description was made). **Pied Wheatear** *Oenanthe pleschanka* 30 May to 5 June, Vrouwenpolder, Veere, Zeeland (@ too little detailed in description for exclusion of other rare wheatear species). **Lanceolated Warbler** *Locustella lanceolata* 1 September, IJmuiden, Velsen, Noord-Holland (although the description fits quite well, CDNA considers 15 sec of pure observation time too brief for critical examination of such a rare species). **Arctic Redpoll** *Carduelis hornemanni* 10 March, Breskens, Oostburg, Zeeland (@ identification of this species in flight pushes it a little too far). **Pine Grosbeak** *Pinus enucleator* 24 March, Melissant, Dirksland, Zuid-Holland, adult male, photographed (De Zoete & Meininger 1998; Dutch Birding 20, 69, plate 36, 1998; Sterna 41: 54-55, 1996; @ identification accepted, but considered escaped; critical examination of the bird on the photographs revealed extremely long claws, at least twice their normal length, which is reason to assume it was an escape). * **Long-tailed Rosefinch** *Uragus sibiricus* 19 May, Kornwerderzand, Wûnseradiel, Friesland, photographed (@ identification accepted, but considered escaped); 1-3 October, Terschelling, Friesland, photographed (@ identification accepted, but considered escaped).

1995

Hutchins's Canada Goose *Branta hutchinsii hutchinsii*, 25 January, Piaam, Nijefurd, photographed (withdrawn by observer, most probably involving *B. h. minima*). * **Hooded Merganser** *Lophodytes cucullatus* 13 February, Houten, Utrecht, adult female (@ identification accepted, but considered escaped). **Balearic Shearwater** *Puffinus mauretanicus* 22 July, Katwijk aan Zee, Katwijk, Zuid-Holland (description of underparts lacks sufficient detail). **European Storm-petrel** *Hydrobatas*

pelagicus 28 March, Camperduin, Schoorl, Noord-Holland (marginally rejected; there is always much discussion in CDNA about birds on which white on the underwing is not described; in this case the description is considered insufficient). **Pelican** *Pelecanus* 8 August, Brouwersdam, Westerschouwen, Zuid-Holland, photographed (@ identification of genus accepted, but escaped species not excluded). **Glossy Ibis** *Plegadis falcinellus* 8 August, Workumerwaard, Nijefurd, Friesland (description of 30 words considered too brief). **Golden Eagle** *Aquila chrysaetos* 15 January, Epse, Voorst, Gelderland (photograph of very distant bird without description did not rule out White-tailed Eagle *Haliaeetus albicilla*). **Bonelli's Eagle** *Hieraetus fasciatus* 2 June, Almere, Flevoland, adult (adults are considered extremely rare; therefore, all details should be included in the description, some of which were lacking in this case). **Iceland Gull** *Larus glaucoideus* 1-2 April, Arcen, Arcen en Velden, Limburg (an improved version of a description of a rejected record always raises the question of how much one can improve when a particular detail is lacking in the initially submitted version; in this case, CDNA sees no reason to change its opinion about the rejection). **Ross's Gull** *Rhodostethia rosea* 16 November, Westkapelle, Zeeland (description of bird flying-past lacking sufficient detail). **Melodious Warbler** *Hippolais polyglotta* 10 September, Monster, Zuid-Holland (description incomplete). **Dusky Warbler** *Phylloscopus fuscatus* 28 October, Petten, Zijpe, Noord-Holland (@ description incomplete). **Western Bonelli's Warbler** *Phylloscopus bonelli* 14 May, Vlieland, Friesland (description incomplete). **Little Bunting** *Emberiza pusilla* 24 September, Eemshaven, Eemmond, Groningen (description not fully correct). * **Desert Finch** *Rhodospiza obsoleta* 12-17 December, Vlissingen, Zeeland (@ identification accepted, but considered escaped).

1994

Steppe Buzzard *Buteo buteo vulpinus* 11 April, Rutbeek, Enschede, Overijssel (combination of dark body feathers, vent and undertail with reddish uppertail seems incorrect; anyhow, CDNA considers this subspecies not safely identifiable in the field unless in typical plumage). **Golden Eagle** *Aquila chrysaetos* 29 October, Lauwersmeer, De Marne, Groningen (marginally rejected because description of underside and legs lacking of bird seen in bad weather). **Western Reef Egret** *Egretta garialis* 17-18 September, Verdrongen Land van Saeftinge, Hulst, Zeeland, photographed (bill colour does not seem to match this species; escaped Eastern Reef Egret *E. sacra* not fully excluded). **Lesser Sand Plover** *Charadrius mongolus*, 16 August, Terschelling, Friesland (@ description too little detailed for exclusion of Greater Sand Plover *C. leschenaultii*).

1993

Demoiselle Crane *Anthropoides virgo* 9 May, Zeewolde, Flevoland (flying bird, not seen well, mainly identified by call); 10 May, Oosterend, Terschelling, Friesland (description of flying bird includes incorrect details).

1992

Baltic Gull *Larus fuscus* December, Muiden, Noord-Holland (cf Hoogendoorn & van Scheepen 1998)

1991

American Wigeon *Mareca americana* 5(-7) January, Megen, Oss, Noord-Brabant, male (@ first accepted but now withdrawn by observer; re-identified as hybrid, probably Eurasian x Chiloë Wigeon *M penelope* x *sib-latris*).

1990

Siberian Chiffchaff *Phylloscopus collybita tristis* 1-2 April, Schiermonnikoog, Friesland (@ sound record refers to a *tristis*-sound alike, but most probably runt Common Chiffchaff *P c collybita*).

1989

White-throated Needletail Swift *Hirundapus caudacutus* 28 May, Philippine, Sas van Gent, Zeeland (@ although field sketches quite convincing, description incomplete, and partly inaccurate).

1987

European Storm-petrel *Hydrobates pelagicus* 27 September, Westkapelle, Zeeland (description incomplete).

1978

Baltic Gull *Larus fuscus* May, Ameland, Friesland (cf Hoogendoorn & van Scheepen 1998)

1976

Baltic Gull *Larus fuscus* 10 April, Akkrum, Boarnsterhim, Friesland (cf Hoogendoorn & van Scheepen 1998)

1968

Grey-headed Woodpecker *Picus canus* late summer, Katlijker Schar, Heerenveen, Friesland, male, mounted specimen photographed at Drachten, Friesland (Vanellus 38: 20, 1985; there is no original report by the finder: the precise month as well as the circumstances of the find are unknown; moreover, mounted specimens of this species have been imported around 1968).

1967

Baltic Gull *Larus fuscus* August, Brielle, Zuid-Holland (cf Hoogendoorn & van Scheepen 1998)

1961

Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis* 21 October to 29 November, Hardervijk and Ermelo (@ considered escaped; after renewed submission, CDNA upholds its decision of more than 30 years ago since it is unlikely that a bird missing a number of primaries and actively approaching observers to less than 5 m is of wild origin).

1950

Red-headed Bunting *Emberiza bruniceps* 28 January, location not known, Zeeland, male, found dead, skin not retained (@ poor description).

1942

Baltic Gull *Larus fuscus* 21 January, Nummer Eén, Oostburg, Zeeland (cf Hoogendoorn & van Scheepen 1998)

1936

Baltic Gull *Larus fuscus* 3 December, Schildwolde, Slochteren, Groningen (cf Hoogendoorn & van Scheepen 1998)

1930

Baltic Gull *Larus fuscus* 28 December 1930, Watergang, Waterland, Noord-Holland (cf Hoogendoorn & van Scheepen 1998)

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Corrigenda

In Dutch Birding 20 (1), 1998, is een fout opgetreden in de nummering van de platen. Gelieve de plaat van de Fluitzwaan *Cygnus columbianus* (Dutch Birding 20: 50, 1998) te beschouwen als plaat 20a.

In de fotobijschriften van platen 62-65 in het artikel over de Lachmeeuw *Larus atricilla* (Dutch Birding 20: 107-110, 1998) wordt een verkeerd jaartal genoemd. Uiteraard dateren alle foto's van 1997. REDACTIE

In Dutch Birding 20 (1), 1998, an error occurred in the plate numbers. Please amend the plate number of Whistling Swan *Cygnus columbianus* (Dutch Birding 20: 50, 1998) to 20a.

In the captions to plates 62-65 in the paper on the Laughing Gull *Larus atricilla* (Dutch Birding 20: 107-110, 1998) the wrong year is mentioned. Of course, all photographs were taken in 1997. EDITORS