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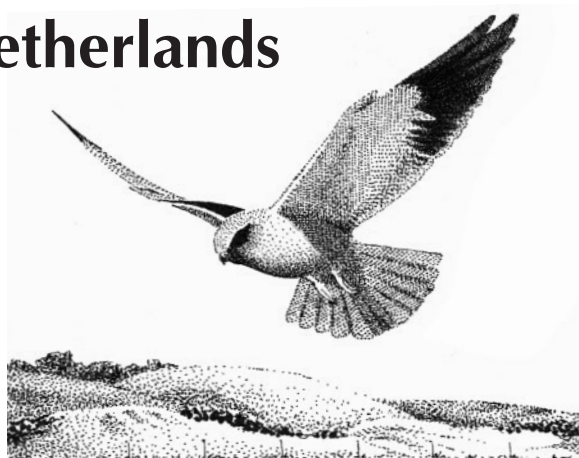
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This is the 19th annual report on rare birds in the Netherlands to be published in Dutch Birding. This report comprises records from 1998 as well as belated and reconsidered records, dating back to 1952, which have been evaluated by the Dutch rarities committee, the Commissie Dwaalgasten Nederlandse Avifauna (CDNA). Several records for 1998 and earlier years are still under consideration, for various reasons.

The CDNA is delighted with the publication of *Zeldzame vogels van Nederland – Rare birds of the Netherlands. Avifauna van Nederland 1* (van den Berg & Bosman 1999), which summarizes all accepted rarities from 1800 until 1996, including two major revisions of the Dutch list (van IJzendoorn & de Heer 1985, van IJzendoorn et al 1996), and also comprises some later records. The information in van den Berg & Bosman (1999) overrules all annual reports by CDNA before the 1997 report. Data presented in this and the 1997 report (Wiegant et al 1999), and future reports, in turn overrule the information in van den Berg & Bosman (1999).

This report includes corrections of data presented for 1800-1996 in van den Berg & Bosman (1999). For records in 1997-99, usually referred to as 'provisional additions', one should consult the rarity reports by CDNA in Dutch Birding. As a consequence, the CDNA reports should be followed when there is a difference in information between van den Berg & Bosman (1999) and the CDNA reports for 1997-99.

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 (inter)national and not regional journals, and published photographs. Records from 1997 lasting into 1998, which were already published in the 1997 report, are repeated here without references, for the sake of completeness. Sequence of the records in the species accounts is from the



current year backwards, with records within one year presented chronologically. A compilation of most of the birds videoed can be found in Plomp et al (1999). 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. Taxa 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: Theo Bakker, 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) and Wim M Wiegant (archivist). Records should be sent to CDNA, Postbus 45, 2080 AA Santpoort-Zuid, the Netherlands, preferably using standard forms, which can be obtained free of charge from CDNA. Records can also be submitted through e-mail (cdna@dutchbirding.nl) or via the CDNA-site on the Dutch Birding homepage (<http://www.dutchbirding.nl>), using an electronic submission form.

Decisions regarding taxonomy have been delegated to the Dutch committee for avian systematics, the Commissie Systematiek Nederlandse Avifauna (CSNA), which on 1 January 1999 consisted of the following members: Arnaud B van den Berg, Cornelis J Hazevoet, C S (Kees) Roselaar, George Sangster (secretary) and Ronald Sluys.

CDNA has decided to no longer consider records of European Storm-petrel *Hydrobates pelagicus*, Glossy Ibis *Plegadis falcinellus* and Pectoral Sandpiper *Calidris melanotos* from 1 January 2000 onwards (contra van den Berg & Bosman 1999). All three have become increasingly regular over

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the last 10 years and are (much) more often seen than submitted. The next annual report, covering 1999, will be the last in which these three taxa are treated (apart from belated pre-2000 records). CDNA has also decided to stop considering records of Middle Spotted Woodpecker *Dendrocopos medius* in retrospect from 1 January 1998 onwards, instead of 1 January 1999 as previously decided (cf Wiegant et al 1999); for further information, see the species account.

In 1998, a total of at least 352 species was recorded with only one species new to the Dutch list: Stilt Sandpiper *Micropalama himantopus*. Further highlights were the second Black-winged Kite *Elanus caeruleus*, second white-morph (sixth in total) Gyr Falcon *Falco rusticolus*, second and third Sharp-tailed Sandpipers *C acuminata*, second Blue-cheeked Bee-eater *Merops persicus*, second Black-headed Wagtail *Motacilla feldegg*, third Red-necked Stint *C ruficollis*, third Rufous-tailed Rock Thrush *Monticola saxatilis*, third Blyth's Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus dumetorum* (paired with a Marsh Warbler *A palustris* and raising two hybrid young), fourth White-tailed Lapwing *Vanellus leucurus*, fourth Lesser Yellowlegs *Tringa flavipes* and fourth Black-throated Thrush *Turdus ruficollis atrogularis*. There were second consecutive breeding records of Eurasian Eagle Owl *Bubo bubo* (four fledged young) and House Crow *Corvus splendens* (one fledged young).

Systematic list of accepted records

Whistling Swan / Fluitzwaan

Cygnus columbianus 1,4,0

18-28 December, Gieterveen, *Gieten*, Drenthe (E Klunder, P Zuidhof et al) and 5-10 January 1999, Lauwersmeer, *De Marne*, Groningen (T Bakker, R O Winters). 1997 28 November to 8 February 1998, *Veendam* and *Hoogezand-Sappemeer*, Groningen, and Nieuw-Annerveen and Spijkerboor, *Hunze en Aa*, Drenthe (de Bruin & Klunder 1997, 1998).

The individual from the winter of 1997/98 returned and was relocated at Lauwersmeer in early 1999. Probably, the same individual was also seen at Welney, Norfolk, England, in early March 1999 (Kemp 1999). Only the second for Britain was a bird in Lincolnshire, England, on 22 January 1998 (Br Birds 92: 561, 1999). A possible Whistling Swan at Joensuu, Finland, on 7-10 May 1998, was not accepted by the Finnish rarities committee because a hybrid origin was suspected (Annika Forsten in litt).

Greenland White-fronted Goose / Groenlandse Kolgans

Anser albifrons flavirostris 14,18,1

29 December, Bandpolder, *Dongeradeel*, Friesland, adult (K H Scholten, O Tol).

Sooner or later some taxa may step up to species status, and this is the main reason for the greater awareness amongst birders for this taxon.

Hutchins's Canada Goose / Hutchins' Canadese Gans

Branta hutchinsii hutchinsii 0,-,2

9-12 February, Aalkeetbuitenpolder, *Vlaardingen*, Zuid-Holland (F van der Lans, T J C Luijendijk, D J Moerbeek); 24-26 April, Bandpolder, *Dongeradeel*, Friesland, and 26 april Lauwersmeer, *De Marne*, Groningen, adult, photographed (R Mulder, E Koops, R Offereins; Grauwe Gors 26: 99, 1998).

1997 16 November 1997 to 2 January 1998, Korendijkse Slikken, *Korendijk*, and Stad aan 't Haringvliet/Den Bommel, *Middelhamis/Oostflakkee*, Zuid-Holland, adult.

The 1997 record was already included in the 1997 report; the Vlaardingen record is not considered to refer to the same bird as the 1997 bird, contrary to what has been stated previously (van den Berg & Bosman 1999, Wiegant et al 1999).

Black Brant / Zwarte Rotgans

Branta nigricans 7,72,6

15-22 March, *Texel*, Noord-Holland, two adults and two juveniles (A Wassink; Loos & Wassink 1999); 2 April to 8 May, Midsland, *Terschelling*, Friesland, adult, photographed (T Bakker); 8 April to 8 May, Midsland, *Terschelling*, Friesland, adult, photographed (T Bakker).

1997 18 October to 17 May 1998, eastern part of Texel, *Texel*, Noord-Holland, four, possibly five, adult; 1 November to 29 December, Ouddorp and Goedereede, *Goedereede*, Zuid-Holland, and 30 December to 19 January 1998, Scharendijke, *Schouwen-Duiveland*, Zeeland, adult; 7 December to 9 February 1998, Prunjepolder, *Schouwen-Duiveland*, Zeeland.

The 1997 records were already included in the 1997 report, but the family of four birds on Texel, erroneously reported for 1997 in Wiegant et al (1999), should have been listed for 1998. The date of the bird in Zuid-Holland and Zeeland in 1997 has been extended. From 1 January 1999 onwards, this species is no longer considered by CDNA.

White-headed Duck / Witkopeend

Oxyura leucocephala 5,7,1

17-27 January and 2 and 12 February, Nieuwe Diep, Zeeburg, *Amsterdam*, and 28 January and 1, 3-8 and 14 February, Ouderkerkerplas, *Ouder-Amstel*, Noord-Holland, first-winter, photographed, videoed (G van Duin, F Vogelzang, A B van den Berg; van den Berg & Bosman 1999, van Duin & Vogelzang 1999; Birdwatch 7 (70): 65, 1998, Dutch Birding 20: 46, plate 16-17, 1998, 21: 28, plate 25-26, 1999).

Out of a total of 13 individuals, three were recorded at practically this same location, in 1965, 1985 and 1998, while one was at a nearby site in 1955. One can only guess why this location is of such interest for this species, because it does not look particularly different.



324 Black-winged Pratincole / Stepevorkstaartplevier *Glaucopis trichoptera*, adult, Hooge Zwaluwe, Noord-Brabant, 2 July 1998 (*Hans Gebuis*) **325** Black-winged Kite / Grijze Wouw *Elanus caeruleus*, Eierlandse Duinen, Texel, Noord-Holland, 30 March 1998 (*René van Rossum*) **326** Hutchins's Canada Goose / Hutchins's Canadese Gans *Branta hutchinsii hutchinsii*, Bandpolder, Friesland, 25 April 1998 (*Roef Mulder*) **327** White-headed Duck / Witkopeend *Oxyura leucocephala*, Nieuwe Diep, Amsterdam, Noord-Holland, 21 January 1998 (*Arnoud B van den Berg*) **328** Terek Sandpiper / Terekruiter *Xenus cinereus*, adult, Camperduin, Noord-Holland, 10 October 1998 (*Jan den Hertog*) **329** Red-necked Stint / Roodkeelstrandloper *Calidris ruficollis*, adult, Oud-Beijerland, Zuid-Holland, 4 July 1998 (*Hans Gebuis*)

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330 Gyr Falcon / Giervalk *Falco rusticolus*, immature, white morph, Schiermonnikoog, Friesland, 27 March 1998 (Arnoud B van den Berg)



331 Eurasian Griffon Vultures / Vale Gieren *Gyps fulvus*, Draaibrug, Zeeland, 25 June 1998 (M Renes)

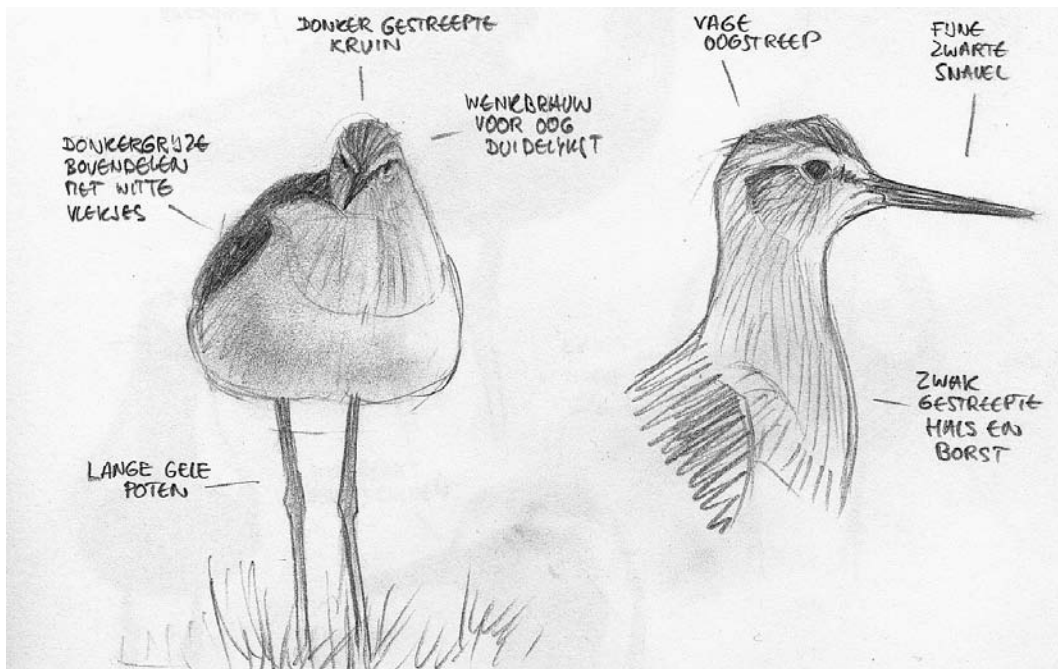


FIGURE 1 Lesser Yellowlegs / Kleine Geelpootruiter *Tringa flavipes*, adult, Oude Robbengat, Lauwersmeer, Groningen, July 1998 (Dirk J Moerbeek)

Falcated Duck / Bronskopeend

Mareca falcata 0,4,0

2 May, Jaap Deensgat, Lauwersmeer, *De Marne*, Groningen, adult male, summer plumage (H-J Wight).

1994 21-31 May, Jaap Deensgat, Lauwersmeer, *De Marne*, Groningen, adult male, summer plumage (W J B Fontijn).

1992 7 June, Philipsdam, *Bruinisse*, Zeeland, adult male (M Berlijn, P Keizer et al).

The 1994 bird was already accepted for 21-22 May. In line with previous records, the 1998 record is regarded as referring to the bird already recorded for Lauwersmeer on 21-31 May 1994, 3 May to 12 June 1995 and 10-28 May 1996. In 1998, presumably the same bird was regularly seen at Ezumakeeg, Dongeradeel, Friesland, between 22 April and 12 June, but has not yet been submitted. The 1992 bird should have been listed in van den Berg & Bosman (1999) as the observers verified that it was unringed (Max Berlijn in litt, cf Dutch Birding 16: 134-137, 1994). A previously accepted record of a bird at Hurwenen, Zaltbommel, Gelderland, on 15-31 March 1985 was rejected after review since it was not established with certainty that the bird was unringed (cf van den Berg & Bosman 1999).

American Wigeon / Amerikaanse Smient

Mareca americana 5,20,2

27 March, Jaap Deensgat, Lauwersmeer, *De Marne*, Groningen, adult male, summer plumage (T Bakker, G ter Haar); 21 April, Eemmondig, *Eemnes*, Utrecht, adult male, summer plumage (R F J van Beusekom).

Other years with multiple records were 1977 and 1997 with three records and 1985, 1986, 1987 and 1992 with two. A record at Hekslootpolder, Haarlem, Noord-Holland, on 25-28 March 1998 has recently been submitted.

Blue-winged Teal / Blauwvleugeltaling

Anas discors 6,17,0

CDNA has decided to reject a previously accepted record from Kroonspolders, Terschelling, Friesland, on 18 February 1995 (Wiegant et al 1997), on the basis of the fact that an individual photographed at a distance of 1.5 km from that location on 10-14 April 1995 clearly was an escape, having differences in length of both wings and a small metal ring.

Green-winged Teal / Amerikaanse Wintertaling

Anas carolinensis 6,9,1

9 May, Abtskolk, Petten, *Zijpe*, Noord-Holland, adult male, summer plumage, videoed (M Adelaar, J Bijleveldt, J van der Laan et al).

Since 1988, this species has been recorded annually, except during 1992-94.

Pied-billed Grebe / Dikbekfuut

Podilymbus podiceps 0,1,1

1-10 January, Aalkeetbuitenpolder, *Vlaardingen*, Zuid-Holland, adult, winter plumage, photographed, videoed (W van Rijswijk jr et al; Wattel et al 1998; Dutch Birding 20: 274, plate 235, 1998).

This second record came within a year after the first on 19-21 April 1997 at Akersloot, Noord-Holland. Possibly, it was the same bird, but CDNA prefers to regard it as a separate individual. The finding of this bird is a good demonstration of serendipity – the finding of something while looking for something else – since the observers arrived at the bird's location only after losing their way to another bird.

European Storm-petrel / Stormvogeltje

Hydrobates pelagicus -,57,16

26 October, Camperduin, *Schoorl*, Noord-Holland (R Offereins, K J Eigenhuis, W Schep); 30 October, Scheveningen, *Den Haag*, Zuid-Holland, 11 (G Bakker, G J van den Berg, K J Eigenhuis et al); 30 October, Westkapelle, *Veere*, Zeeland (M Berlijn, P L Meininger, P A Wolf); 31 October, Camperduin, *Schoorl*, Noord-Holland, three (D Groenendijk, M Platteeuw, S Lagerfeld et al).

This was the second-best year ever and may, through additional records, become the best year ever. An influx occurred in late October; on 30 October, 12 birds were counted, nearly all past Scheveningen. No less than 26 individuals were reported past Scheveningen on 31 October, but have only recently been submitted. Other reports recently submitted or awaiting submission include one past Den Helder, Noord-Holland, on 30 October and at least four at Zuidpier, IJmuiden, Velsen, Noord-Holland, on 31 October. A comparable influx, comprising at least 27 birds, occurred on 21-23 September 1990 (cf van den Berg 1990). Apart from these two influxes, this remains a rare species, with an average of less than two birds per year.

Glossy Ibis / Zwarte Ibis

Plegadis falcinellus 115,49,10

4 October, Eemshaven, *Eemsmond*, Groningen, seven (M P Olthoff), 4 October, Harlingen-Haven, *Harlingen*, Friesland, seven (R Keizer), and 10-18 October, *Gaast*, Friesland, five, photographed (M Berlijn, C Reijnders et al; Dutch Birding 20: 247, plate 201, 1998); 17 October, Den Burg and Den Hoorn, *Texel*, Noord-Holland, three, two adult and juvenile (A Smits, R R Smits), and 18 October, Camperduin, *Schoorl*, Noord-Holland, three (N van Duivendijk, H Zevenhuizen).

The group of seven, seen flying off at Eemshaven in the morning of 4 October, apparently rushed to Harlingen-Haven, c 100 km to the west, to be seen there in the afternoon. The Gaast group is also considered to consist of birds from the group of Harlingen-Haven. The three birds seen on 17 October on Texel are considered the same as the three seen the next day at Camperduin, c 30 km to the south.

Black-winged Kite / Grijs Wouw

Elanus caeruleus 1,0,1

29-31 March, Eierlandse Duinen, *Texel*, Noord-Holland, adult, photographed, videoed (M Witte et al; Witte 1998, van den Berg & Bosman 1999; Alula 4: 70, 1998, Birding World 11: 133, 1998, 12: 16, 1999, Dutch Birding 20: 85, plate 40-41, 100, plate 58-59, 1998).

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This second record coincided with the first for Denmark, at Skagen, Nordjylland, found on the same day. Apparently, both had been carried north by the strong southerly winds on 28 and 29 March. The first record was in Flevoland on 31 May 1971.

Eurasian Griffon Vulture / Vale Gier

Gyps fulvus 9,2,6

25 June, Draaibrug, *Sluis-Aardenburg*, Zeeland, six, photographed (M Renes).

This is the first record of more than one bird together since World War II, when also a group of six was seen, of which three were shot, at Schijndel, Noord-Brabant, in October 1944. The stunned observer was lucky enough to have a camera at hand. Without photographs, this record would be very hard to believe! Although the birds were flying north, there were no subsequent sightings.

Gyr Falcon / Giervalk

Falco rusticolus 4,1,1

24-30 March, *Schiermonnikoog*, Friesland, immature, white morph, photographed, videoed (L Peters et al; Peters 1998, van den Berg & Bosman 1999; Birding World 11: 133, 1998, Birdwatch 7 (71): 64, 1998, Dutch Birding 20: 92, plate 50-51, 1998).

This magnificent bird, the second white morph after one in December 1909, generated the second-largest birdwatching crowd ever; after its appearance on a television news broadcast, 275 would-be observers gathered on 28 March, joined by radio and television teams. After six long hours of waiting in cold drizzle, the bird finally showed up and warmed the hearts of the crowd. The largest crowd ever to watch a bird in the Netherlands was, reportedly, on 17-18 January 1971, when 'several 10 000s of people' gathered to see an escaped Indian White-backed Vulture *Gyps bengalensis* at Dongen, Noord-Brabant, which mainly sat on the roof of a farmhouse for three weeks before it was captured (Bogaers 1971).

Little Crake / Klein Waterhoen

Porzana parva -,7,-

A bird staying at Kollumerpomp, Kollumerpomp en Nieuwkruisland, Friesland, from 30 May to 7 June (sound-recorded) has recently been submitted.

Baillon's Crake / Kleinst Waterhoen

Porzana pusilla -,21,2

8-19 July, Dwingelderveld, *De Wolden*, Drenthe, two, male, singing, sound-recorded (K A van Eerde, J Kleine). 1997 19 June to 7 July, Tjamme, Beerta, *Reiderland*, Groningen, male, singing, sound-recorded (A van der Spoel, T Bakker, A de Bruin et al).

A bird trapped and videoed at Makkumer Zuidwaard, Wûnseradiel, Friesland, on 16 August 1997 is still in circulation.

Stone-curlew / Griel

Burhinus oedicanus -,21,1

9 May, Hoek van Holland, *Rotterdam*, Zuid-Holland

(N van Houtum, M Renders, J Ophorst).

A bird sound-recorded at De Blocq van Kuffeler, Almere, Flevoland, on 26 April has recently been submitted.

Collared Pratincole / Vorkstaartplevier

Glareola pratincola 5,8,3

9 May, Breskens, *Oostburg*, Zeeland (D Kok et al); 13-25 June, Oostvaardersplassen, *Lelystad*, Flevoland, first-summer (D Groenendijk, S Rijnbeek); 29 July to 1 August, Stinkgat, *Tholen*, Zeeland, videoed (Marc Plomp).

1997 1-5 August, Workumerwaard and Doniaburen, *Nijefurd*, Friesland, adult, photographed, videoed (E Nieuwstraten, M Zekhuis et al; Nieuwstraten & Zekhuis 1997, van den Berg & Bosman 1999; Birding World 10, 290, 1997, Dutch Birding 19: 201, plate 204, 211, plate 218-219, 1997).

The benefits of modern communication technology were demonstrated with the Breskens bird, which was announced to the Breskens migration watchers by mobile telephone, having been seen flying over at Het Zwin, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium, on the Belgian-Dutch border, some 12 km to the southwest; it was also accepted by the Belgian rarities committee (BAHC). A bird seen at Stinkgat, Tholen, Zeeland, on 29 July to 1 August has not yet been submitted.

There has been an extensive dispute about the identity of the 1997 bird, which was originally identified and published as Oriental Pratincole *G. maldivarum*. After thorough research by Gerald Driessens (in litt), Jan van der Laan and, especially, C S (Kees) Roselaar, the conclusion was reached that the pattern of the tail combined with the thin white trailing edge to the secondaries contradicts any other identification than Collared Pratincole and that it was not a 'Collared/Oriental Pratincole' (cf van den Berg & Bosman 1999).

Black-winged Pratincole / Steppenvorkstaartplevier

Glareola nordmanni 12,11,1

1-7 July, Hooge Zwaluwe, *Hooge en Lage Zwaluwe*, Noord-Brabant, adult, summer plumage, photographed, videoed (M Berlijn et al; Dutch Birding 20: 192, plate 153, 1998).

This is the first record for July. Previous records were in May (3), June (3), August (11), September (4) and November (2).

American Golden Plover / Amerikaanse Goudplevier

Pluvialis dominicus 1,8,1

20-24 September, Middelplaten, Veerse Meer, *Goes*, Zeeland (T Koppejan, M Berlijn).

After the first record in 1900 and two in 1989, this species has been recorded annually since 1994. Apart from two May records, all other records were from July-November.

Pacific Golden Plover / Aziatische Goudplevier

Pluvialis fulva 9,8,1

18 July to 3 August, De Putten, *Schoorl*, Noord-Holland, adult, summer plumage, photographed,



332 Pacific Golden Plover / Aziatische Goudplevier *Pluvialis fulva*, De Putten, Schoorl, Noord-Holland, 23 July 1998 (René Pop)

333 Ring-billed Gull / Ringsnavelmeeuw *Larus delawarensis*, adult male, Goes, Zeeland, 20 January 1998 (Hans Gebuis)



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videoed (J Koerts, M Roosien, W M Wiegant; Dutch Birding 20: 189, plate 148, 1998).

This is again a record in July from De Putten, where at least one individual was seen in July 1994 (and another 1 km to the north) and one in July 1996.

Sociable Lapwing / Steppiekievit

Vanellus gregarius 12,20,2

1-9 April, Welschap, *Eindhoven*, Noord-Brabant, adult, summer plumage, photographed, videoed (M Berlijn, P Palmen et al; Dutch Birding 20: 90, plate 49, 1998); 25 June to 17 August, Spaarnwoude, *Haarlemmerliede en Spaarnwoude*, Noord-Holland, adult, photographed, videoed (E J van IJzendoorn, A B van den Berg; Dutch Birding 20: 190, plate 150, 1998).

The Eindhoven record is the earliest ever. There are records from all months in April-December, indicating that birds apparently move further south or west in winter (cf van den Berg 1984).

White-tailed Lapwing / Witstaartkievit

Vanellus leucurus 1,2,1

21 February to 8 March and 4 September to 9 October, Krommenie and Assendelft, *Zaanstad*, Noord-Holland, adult, summer and winter plumage, photographed, videoed (M Roos et al; Meijer & Roos 1998, 1999, van den Berg & Bosman 1999; Birding World 11: 50, 1998, 12: 18, 1999, Dutch Birding 20: 56, plate 26, 93, plate 53, 1998, 21: 16, plate 17-19, 1999).

One of the deepest wishes of the Dutch birding community was fulfilled at an unexpected moment: this was the earliest individual to be recorded in Europe. Since the previous winter had been very mild, and the previous year experienced the largest influx in Europe ever, it seems reasonable to assume that this bird wintered in Europe (Meijer & Roos 1998, 1999). Apparently, it returned after having spent the summer elsewhere; it was not seen in the period between 8 March and 4 September, although the location was monitored regularly.

Semipalmated Sandpiper / Grijze Strandloper

Calidris pusilla 0,5,1

8-17 August, Ezumakeeg, *Dongeradeel*, Friesland, adult (M Berlijn, R Offereins et al).

This is the third consecutive year in which this species was recorded. Another adult, observed at Slikken van Bommenede, Schouwen-Duiveland, Zeeland, on 5-12 August, has recently been submitted.

Red-necked Stint / Roodkeelstrandloper

Calidris ruficollis 0,2,1

4 July, Den Bosschen, *Oud-Beijerland*, Zuid-Holland, adult, summer plumage, photographed, videoed (M Prins et al; Ebels & Prins 1998, van den Berg & Bosman 1999; Dutch Birding 20: 144, plate 106, 192, plate 154, 1998).

This is the third record of this very rare wader. The first was on 29 May 1987 at Lauwersmeer, Groningen, and the second on 25 July 1996 on Texel, Noord-Holland.

Pectoral Sandpiper / Gestreepte Strandloper

Calidris melanotos 9,6,8,7

14-18 July, Oude Robbengat, Lauwersmeer, *De Marne*, Groningen, and Ezumakeeg, *Dongeradeel*, Friesland, adult (M Berlijn); 25 July, Ezumakeeg, *Dongeradeel*, Friesland, adult, photographed (R Offereins); 27 July, Ezumakeeg, *Dongeradeel*, Friesland, adult (R Offereins); 3-5 August, Hanssummerweerd, *Roggel en Neer*, Limburg, adult, summer plumage, probably male, photographed (R M van Dongen, M Berlijn; van den Berg & Bosman 1999; Dutch Birding 20: 189, plate 149, 1998); 1-12 September, 't Zand, *Zijpe*, Noord-Holland, adult, summer plumage (T O V Muusse, M Berlijn); 9-11 September, Assendelft, *Zaanstad*, Noord-Holland, juvenile, photographed, videoed (M Berlijn et al); 4 October, Oostelijke Binnenpolder, *Maarsse*, Utrecht, probably juvenile (R F J van Beusekom).

The three birds at Ezumakeeg in July were carefully identified as different individuals. Seven birds in one year is a good total; the best years so far were 1988 (7), 1989 (9), 1991 (7), 1992 (7) and 1993 (8).

Sharp-tailed Sandpiper / Siberische Strandloper

Calidris acuminata 0,1,2

6-23 August, Ezumakeeg, *Dongeradeel*, Friesland, adult, photographed, videoed (R Offereins et al; Offereins 1998, van den Berg & Bosman 1999; Dutch Birding 20: 184, plate 139, 196, plate 158, 1998); 6-8 August, Ezumakeeg, *Dongeradeel*, Friesland, adult, videoed (R Offereins, R Slaterus, F G S M Hieselaar; Offereins 1998).

These are the second and third record. There was a great deal of confusion when two different groups of observers each saw a different individual at c 200 m distance from each other. It constituted the first time in Europe that two individuals were recorded together, although most of the time the two birds were not in each other's vicinity. The second bird disappeared within three days but the other could be visited by numerous birdwatchers.

* Stilt Sandpiper / Stelstrandloper

Micropalama himantopus 0,0,1

24 July, Blauwe Kamer, *Rhenen*, Utrecht, adult, moulting from summer to winter plumage, photographed, videoed (M Janse, A Vink et al; Vink & Wiegant 1998, van den Berg & Bosman 1999, Vink et al 1999; Dutch Birding 20: 190, plate 151, 195, plate 157, 1998, 21: 333, plate 350, 1999).

This is the first record, after a rejected report in 1997; the bird stayed for just over half a day. This new American wader for the Dutch list complies with the general rule-of-thumb that American wader species have to be recorded some 20-40 times in Britain before the Netherlands have a fair chance (Wiegant et al 1997). After the addition of Greater Yellowlegs *Tringa melanoleuca* and Upland Sandpiper *Bartramia longicauda* to the Dutch list in 1995, now Least Sandpiper *Calidris minutilla* statistically has the first right to be added.



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 335 White-tailed Lapwing / Witstaartkievit *Vanellus leucurus*, Assendelft, Noord-Holland, 6 September 1998 (Hans Gebuis)
 336 Black Guillemot / Zwarte Zeekoet *Cepphus grylle*, first-winter, Den Helder, Noord-Holland, 2 January 1999 (Ruud E Brouwer)
 337 Feather of Tengmalm's Owl / Ruigpootuil *Aegolius funereus*, found at Berkenheuvel, Drenthe, 29 May 1994 (Niels L M Gilissen)
 338 Lesser Grey Shrike / Kleine Klapekster *Lanius minor*, adult male, De Nederlanden, Texel, Noord-Holland, 16 June 1998 (Jan van Holten)
 339 House Crow / Huiskraai *Corvus splendens*, adult, Kollumerpomp, Friesland, 15 August 1998 (Roef Mulder)

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Buff-breasted Sandpiper / Blonde Ruiter

Tryngites subruficollis 3,7,1

16-19 September, Polder Eijerland, *Texel*, Noord-Holland, juvenile, photographed, videoed (D Kok, N van Duivendijk, J de Bruijn).

This record formed the highlight of the annual Dutch Birding week which, for its 12th year, was held on Texel.

Great Snipe / Poelsnip

Gallinago media -,15,2

25 April, In den Vloed, *Nederweert*, Limburg, adult (H Vossen); 18-19 September, *Horsmeertjes*, *Texel*, Noord-Holland, juvenile, photographed (N van Duivendijk, H Zevenhuizen, J de Bruijn).

The bird in April was only the third spring record since 1980. The Texel bird was found within metres of the spot where one was found in 1996, also during the Dutch Birding week.

Long-billed Dowitcher / Grote Grijze Snip

Limnodromus scolopaceus 0,13,0

An adult in summer plumage present at Ezumakeeg, Dongeradeel, Friesland, from 25 April to 9 May, has not yet been submitted. An individual present a year earlier at Bandpolder, Dongeradeel, Friesland, from 24 April to 1 May 1997, cannot be identified properly from the video (Plomp et al 1998); it may have been the same individual as the one from this year. Only recently full details of this individual, including a description of the call, have been submitted.

dowitcher / grijze Snip

Limnodromus scolopaceus/griseus 1,2,0

1989 27 July, Workumerwaard, *Nijefurd*, Friesland (J Bisschop, S Bernardus).

The numbers exclude birds specifically identified as Long-billed Dowitcher; Short-billed Dowitcher is not on the Dutch list.

Lesser Yellowlegs / Kleine Geelpootruiter

Tringa flavipes 1,2,1

15-17 and 21 July, Oude Robbengat, Lauwersmeer, *De Marne*, Groningen, adult, videoed (R Romijn, E Koops et al).

This is (only) the fourth record; the other records were in November 1979, October 1991 and August 1995.

Terek Sandpiper / Terekrutter

Xenus cinereus 1,12,3

17-24 May, Den Oever, *Wieringen*, Noord-Holland, photographed (G Keresztes et al); 28-29 May, Kwade Hoek and Buitenhaven Stellendam, *Goedereede*, Zuid-Holland, probably first-summer, photographed (T O V Muusse, P L Meininger, P A Wolf et al); 9-11 October, De Putten, Camperduin, *Schoorl*, Noord-Holland, adult, winter plumage, photographed (W Schep, E Meindersma; Dutch Birding 20: 249, plate 209, 1998).

This is the first year with three records. Of the 13 previous records, 11 concerned birds seen on a single

day but this year's records all proved to be exceptions to that rule.

Wilson's Phalarope / Grote Franjepoot

Phalaropus tricolor 6,10,0

The bird present at De Putten, Camperduin, Schoorl, Noord-Holland, on 3-12 September 1981 (photographed and filmed) was a first calendar-year; it concerned the first juvenile or first-winter (cf Dutch Birding 5: 7, 1983; contra van den Berg & Bosman 1999).

Ring-billed Gull / Ringsnavelmeeuw

Larus delawarensis 0,6,1

18 January to 11 February and 18 September to at least January 1999, *Goes*, Zeeland, adult male, photographed, sound-recorded, videoed (M Hoekstein et al; van den Berg & Bosman 1999; Birding World 11: 98, 1998, Dutch Birding 20: 52, plate 22-23, 1998).

1997 14 February, *Aqua-Best*, *Best*, Noord-Brabant, adult (N van Houtum, M Renders).

The Goes bird was the first long-stayer, which returned for its third winter on 29 August 1999. All other records referred to birds which disappeared within days or were very elusive.

Baltic Gull / Baltische Mantelmeeuw

Larus fuscus 0,1,3

1-2 May, Katwijk aan Zee, *Katwijk*, Zuid-Holland, probably second-summer, photographed, videoed (M Guyt, M Berlijn et al; Dutch Birding 20: 138, plate 105, 1998); 27 September, *Rutbekerveld*, *Enschede*, Overijssel, first-summer (P Knolle); 29 September, *Westkapelle*, *Veere*, Zeeland, adult (J M Walhout, J Luiten, C Beeke).

The photograph of the Katwijk bird had been published as a *presumed* Baltic Gull. It has now been definitely accepted, based on moult and plumage details which were visible on the video. Since the elevation of this taxon to species level, reports have increased dramatically – but to get them accepted is quite a different story. Recently published identification papers (Jonsson 1998, Gruber 1999, Rauste 1999) may be of help but also show that the identification of 'lesser black-backed gulls' *L. fuscus/graellsii/heuglini* is extremely complicated.

Pontic Gull / Pontische Meeuw

Larus cachinnans cachinnans 0,47,-

1997 25 October to 10 January 1998, Klein Vink, *Arcen en Velden*, Limburg, maximum of seven adult and two immature; 10 November to 15 February 1998, probably male, probably fourth-winter, photographed, sound-recorded, videoed, *Huizen*, Noord-Holland; 15-16 November and 11 January 1998, 't Leuken, *Bergen*, Limburg, maximum of two, subadult, photographed, videoed (J Jansen, P Palmen; Plomp et al 1998); 5-7 December *Stevensweert*, *Maasbracht*, Limburg, adult (M Berlijn; Dutch Birding 19: 185, 1999); 6 December to 26 January 1998, *Oost-Maarlant*, *Eijsden*, Limburg, one, in 1998 maximum of three; 29 December to February 1998, *Itteren*, *Maastricht*, Lim-

burg, maximum of five (M Berlijn).
1995 early August, Oost-Vlieland, *Vlieland*, Friesland, subadult, photographed (Ted Post).

Most 1997 records were already presented in the 1997 report. Since 1 January 1998, this species is no longer considered by CDNA. It appears that this species is actually more common in winter in the east of the country than Yellow-legged Gull *L. michahellis*! A number of records near Enschede, Overijssel, submitted by Paul Knolle and accepted for 1995-97 are at variance with those presented in van den Berg & Bosman (1999). The adult on 27 December 1995 at Het Rutbeek mentioned in van den Berg & Bosman (1999) has not been submitted (and should be disregarded). For 1996, there are additional records of adults on 5-9 January at Rutbekerveld/Het Rutbeek and on 6 March at Het Rutbeek; the number of individuals accepted for November 1996 to March 1997 in Enschede was five (not 'c 10') (cf van den Berg & Bosman 1999; Dutch Birding 21: 72, 1999).

Ross's Gull / Ross' Meeuw

Rhodostethia rosea 1,9,1

9 April, Sterneplak, West-aan-Zee, *Terschelling*, Friesland, adult, photographed (T Bakker, A Ouwerkerk; Bakker et al 1998; Birding World 11: 113, 1998, Dutch Birding 20: 99, plate 56, 1998).

While observing and discussing Icelandic Black-tailed Godwit *Limosa limosa islandica*, the observers saw this bird swimming into their telescope view! After an hour, the bird disappeared.

Roseate Tern / Dougalls Stern

Sterna dougallii 3,17,2

29 June, Colijnsplaat, *Noord-Beveland*, Zeeland, adult, summer plumage (T Koppejan); 14 September, Lauwersoog, *De Marne*, Groningen (H-G Folz).

These are the first records since 1994. There were records in 1977-79 and 1982-1994 and during part of the latter period (mixed) breeding was recorded. The September bird, which was seen from the ferry to Schiermonnikoog when leaving Lauwersoog, was the first for the Wadden Sea area.

Black Guillemot / Zwarte Zeekoet

Cepphus grylle 28,37,2

22 November to 3 December, Brouwersdam, *Schouwen-Duiveland*, Zeeland, first-winter, photographed, videoed (P A Wolf, J den Hertog et al; Dutch Birding 20: 315, plate 270, 1998); 28 December to 6 March 1999, Nieuwe Haven, *Den Helder*, Noord-Holland, first-winter, photographed (C van der Vliet, F Geldermans et al).

1995 19 November, Westkapelle, *Veere*, Zeeland, first-winter (G A Davidse; Dutch Birding 19: 106, 1997)

The 1995 record was erroneously omitted in van den Berg & Bosman (1999). This year's two long-staying individuals were exceptional because most individuals are seen flying by. These two were the first to be visited by birders since the one at West-Terschelling,

Terschelling, Friesland, from 28 December 1995 to 18 January 1996.

European Scops Owl / Dwergooruil

Otus scops 5,0,1

17 May to 11 June, Ooyse Bandijk, *Ubbergen*, Gelderland, sound-recorded (E van Winden, O van Hoorn; Ebels & van Winden 1998, Ebels et al 1999, Plomp et al 1999).

This is only the sixth record. The first three records referred to individuals found dead, in 1890, 1906 and 1958. In 1967 and 1970, two individuals were trapped. Therefore, this is the first record of a singing individual. It is one of just a few rare species of which the occurrence frequency has only decreased in recent times, perhaps reflecting a decline in breeding numbers (cf van den Berg & Bosman 1999).

Eurasian Eagle Owl / Oehoe

Bubo bubo 1,12,4

The breeding pair at St Pietersberg, Maastricht, Limburg, was present all year and again reared four young, as in 1997, which have been included in the counts.

Tengmalm's Owl / Ruigpootuil

Aegolius funereus -,4,0

1994 29 May, Berkenheuvel, *Diever*, Drenthe, feather found, photographed, retained by finder (R Noordhuis, F Arts, A Ovaa).

This record is even 'worse' than the latest one which concerned a bird found dead in October 1993; this time, only one feather was found, which was considered just enough evidence for an acceptable record.

Alpine Swift / Alpengierzwaluw

Apus melba 7,20,2

8 May, Breskens, *Oostburg*, Zeeland, photographed (P L Meininger, D Kok et al); 6 June, Jaap Deensgat, Lauwersmeer, *De Marne*, Groningen (W J B Fontijn).

This species has now been recorded annually since 1991. Only once, on 3 October 1981 at Scheveningen, Den Haag, Zuid-Holland, two individuals were seen together. Records are scattered in the summer half year, with eight records in both May and September, four records in both April and October, three in June and one in July.

Blue-cheeked Bee-eater / Groene Bijeneter

Merops persicus 1,0,1

18 May, Noordvaarder, *Terschelling*, Friesland, photographed (A Ouwerkerk, T Hek; van den Berg & Bosman 1999, Ouwerkerk 1999; Birding World 11: 213, 1998, Dutch Birding 20: 138, plate 101-102, 1998, 21: 270, plate 283, 1999).

One of the highlights of the year was only seen (and photographed) by two observers. It constituted the earliest record in northern Europe of this species. The only other record was also on a Wadden Sea island, on Texel, Noord-Holland, on 30 September 1961, and still is one of the very few autumn records for Europe.



340 European Roller / Scharrelaar *Coracias garrulus*, Alblasterdam, Zuid-Holland, 19 June 1998 (Hans Gebuis)

341 Black-throated Thrush / Zwartkeellijster *Turdus ruficollis atrogularis*, adult male, West-Terschelling, Terschelling, Friesland, 13 April 1998 (Eric Koops)



European Bee-eater / Bijeneter

Merops apiaster 104,115,-
1952 28-29 April, Amstelrust, Amsterdam, Noord-Holland, three, filmed (Ardea 43: 258-259, 1955, Natura 52: 114-115, 1955; contra van den Berg & Bosman 1999).

This record was published as referring to one individual in van den Berg & Bosman (1999). The total for 1800-1992 now stands at 219 individuals. This species is no longer considered from 1 January 1993 onwards.

European Roller / Scharrelaar

Coracias garrulus 53,13,1
18-19 June, Alblasserdam, Zuid-Holland, photographed, videoed (M Berlijn; van den Berg & Bosman 1999; Dutch Birding 20: 133, plate 95, 1998).

This bird was apparently very tired after having lost its way. During bad weather, it seemingly lost all interest in its surroundings and became very confiding. The next day, however, the weather cleared and it disappeared shortly after.

Middle Spotted Woodpecker / Middelste Bonte Specht

Dendrocopos medius -, 41,-
1997 14 December to 27 February 1998, G J van Heekpark, Enschede, Overijssel, photographed (R A de By, C Derks, P Knolle et al; Dutch Birding 20: 54, plate 24, 1998).

Although it was hard to foresee, CDNA's decision to no longer consider records of this species from 1 January 1999 onwards (Wiegant et al 1999) clearly came too late; there were a number of breeding records in Limburg and sightings elsewhere, but none was actually submitted. From a practical viewpoint, it is better to regard 1 January 1998 as the closing date for consideration of records and, therefore, CDNA has decided to no longer consider records from 1 January 1998 onwards (cf van den Berg & Bosman 1999).

Greater Short-toed Lark / Kortteenleeuwerik

Calandrella brachydactyla 3,18,1
3 May, Breezanddijk, Wûnseradiel, Friesland, videoed (L J R Boon et al).

The first five records concerned trapped birds. Since the first sight record in 1986, sight records have become the rule: the species has been recorded annually since 1992, with the exception of 1996.

Red-rumped Swallow / Roodstuitzwaluw

Hirundo daurica 2,27,7
22 April, Breskens, Oostburg, Zeeland (P A Wolf, J M Walhout, K Kuijpers); 10 May, Breskens, Oostburg, Zeeland, two (P L Meininger, S Lilipaly); 13 May, Breskens, Oostburg, Zeeland (R Sponselee et al); 14 May, Eemshaven-Oost, Eemshaven, Groningen (J Blijleven, P Pepers); 14 May, Breskens, Oostburg, Zeeland, two (J Luiten).

Since the third record in 1982, this species has had blank years only in 1984, 1986, 1987 and 1997. Out of 36 individuals recorded, 13 were from the Breskens migration observation post.

Olive-backed Pipit / Siberische Boompieper

Anthus hodgsoni 0,7,1
7 October, Maasvlakte, Rotterdam, Zuid-Holland (W Janse, E van Domburg, A Linckens).

This was the eighth individual to be recorded, and the first since 1991. A record from Texel on 11-12 October 1998 is still in circulation.

Black-headed Wagtail / Balkankwikstaart

Motacilla feldegg 0,1,1
12 May, Harderwijk, Gelderland (A van der Spek, C van der Wardt et al).

This second record has the benefit of the general conception that this taxon cannot be as rare as the single record so far suggested, and the identification can not be as difficult as previously thought (cf van den Berg & Oreel 1985). A previously rejected report at Ifteren, Maastricht, Limburg, on 24 April 1993 is under review.

Citrine Wagtail / Citroenkwikstaart

Motacilla citreola 0,8,2
10 May, De Cocksdorp, Texel, Noord-Holland, male, photographed (A Wassink et al; Dutch Birding 20: 138, plate 104, 1998); 11-14 May, Noordvaarder, Terschelling, Friesland, female, photographed (T Bakker, A Ouwkerk, T Hek; Dutch Birding 20: 137, plate 99, 1998).

The Texel bird showed characters of Steppe Citrine Wagtail *M c werae* but was not formally accepted as such, because *M c citreola* and *M c werae* can be very hard to separate, even in the hand. Other (spring) records have been tentatively attributed to the same taxon, eg, the bird at Wilp, Voorst, Gelderland/Overijssel, on 4-5 May 1993 (cf de Vries 1995).

Thrush Nightingale / Noordse Nachtegaal

Luscinia luscinia 7,33,3
18-28 May, Overdiemerweg, Diemen, Noord-Holland, singing, sound-recorded (F Vogelzang, G van Duin); 23-26 May, Twiske, Oostzaan, Noord-Holland, singing, sound-recorded (M S Robb); 20 September, Castricum, Noord-Holland, first-year, trapped, photographed (A J van Loon et al; Dutch Birding 20: 257, plate 217, 1998).

Siberian Stonechat / Aziatische Roodborsttapuit

Saxicola maura 9,18,1
2-3 May, Breezanddijk, Wûnseradiel, Friesland, female, photographed, videoed (J Bisschop, S Bernardus, E de Weert).

This is the second spring record; the first was a female photographed on 19 March 1981 at Veldhoven, Noord-Brabant. All other records were in October (22, involving 24 birds) and November (2). A spring report of a male holding territory at Planken Wambuis, Ede, Gelderland, on 18-22 April 1998, is still under consideration.

Rufous-tailed Rock Thrush / Rode Rotslijster

Monticola saxatilis 1,1,1
17 May, Hoge Veluwe, Ede, Gelderland, photographed, videoed (A Vink, W B Janssen et al; van den Berg &



342 Western Bonelli's Warbler / Bergfluits *Phylloscopus bonelli*, De Cocksdorp, Texel, Noord-Holland, 15 September 1998 (Jan van Holten)

343 Radde's Warbler / Raddes Boszanger *Phylloscopus schwarzi*, Bomenland, Vlieland, Friesland, 11 October 1998 (Lucien Davids)



Bosman 1999; Dutch Birding 20: 132, plate 93-94, 1998).

A search for the Short-toed Eagle(s) *Circaetus gallicus* at Hoge Veluwe, where this species resided during the previous two summers, led to the finding of a distant, reddish bird which turned out to be the country's third Rufous-tailed Rock Thrush. The two previous records were also in spring, a male on 22-23 April 1951 and a female on 12-13 May 1994.

Black-throated Thrush / Zwartkeellijster

Turdus ruficollis atrogularis 0,3,1

12-14 April, West-Terschelling, *Terschelling*, Friesland, adult male, summer plumage, photographed, videoed (K de Vries, M Berlijn; Bakker et al 1998, van den Berg & Bosman 1999; Birding World 12: 25, 1999, Dutch Birding 20: 88, plate 46, 99, plate 57, 1998).

This fourth record concerned the first of an adult male in summer plumage. It was very confiding, which resulted in a number of beautiful photographs.

Zitting Cisticola / Graszanger

Cisticola juncidis -,37,1

16 October, Stuifdijk, Maasvlakte, *Rotterdam*, Zuid-Holland (W Brouwer, P W Logtmeijer).

This bird was recorded away in time and place from the more regular late summer location at Verdrongen Land van Saeftinge, Hontenisse/Hulst, Zeeland.

Melodious Warbler / Orpheusspotvogel

Hippolais polyglotta 2,20,2

1 July, Horsterwold, *Almere*, Flevoland (R F J van Beusekom); 13 October, De Cocksdorp, *Texel*, Noord-Holland (K-H Heyne).

1997 26 August, De Cocksdorp, *Texel*, Noord-Holland (A Wassink).

The October record is the latest ever. CDNA would appreciate the submission of a singing bird sound-recorded at Waalbroek, Simpelveld, Limburg, on 7 June 1997.

Blyth's Reed Warbler / Struikrietzanger

Acrocephalus dumetorum 0,2,1

14 June to 23 July, *Nieuwegein*, Utrecht, male, singing, photographed, trapped and ringed on 23 July (M Poot, F Engelen et al).

This male was paired with a female Marsh Warbler *A palustris*. The hybrid pair successfully raised two young, which were ringed before fledging on 13 July. On 23 July, the abandoned nest was collected and is now in the collection of Nationaal Natuurhistorisch Museum at Leiden. This is only the third record; the other two concerned one trapped on 26 June 1990 at Lelystad, Flevoland, and a singing male from 20 June to 1 July 1996 at Walem, Valkenburg aan de Geul, Limburg.

Blyth's Reed Warbler x Marsh Warbler / Struikrietzanger x Bosrietzanger

Acrocephalus dumetorum x palustris 0,0,2

13 July, *Nieuwegein*, Utrecht, two, ringed at nest be-

fore fledging, photographed (M Poot, F Engelen et al).

For further details, see Blyth's Reed Warbler.

Subalpine Warbler / Baardgrasmus

Sylvia cantillans 5,26,3

27-28 April, De Cocksdorp, *Texel*, Noord-Holland, male (N Marra jr, A Wassink); 30 May, Maasvlakte, *Rotterdam*, Zuid-Holland, second-year male, photographed, videoed (A Schaftenaar et al); 6 June, Breskens, *Oostburg*, Zeeland, adult female (P L Meininger).

After not having been recorded in 1997, three records is a return to recent standards. Since 1980, the average is close to two per year, with six in 1983 and no records in 1980-81, 1984-85, 1989-91 and 1997. An individual ringed in 1983 in Wûnseradiel, Friesland, and retrapped on 21 May 1983 on Helgoland, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, concerned the male from 12 May at Makkumerwaard, not the female from 30 April at Kornwerderzand (Jan de Jong pers comm, contra van den Berg & Bosman 1999).

Barred Warbler / Sperwergrasmus

Sylvia nisoria 93,109,-

The ringing record on 23 August 1986 in Friesland was from Rohel, Gaasterlân-Sleat (not Rohel, Achtkarspelen) (Jan de Jong pers comm, contra van den Berg & Bosman 1999).

Greenish Warbler / Grauwe Fitis

Phylloscopus trochiloides 6,15,1

1 June, Lewenborg, *Groningen*, Groningen, male, singing, sound-recorded (A van Dijk, A de Bruin).

The Groningen bird, which was singing in a suburb of the city, was the second inland. The other was a window victim at Leeuwarden, Friesland, on 30 June 1969.

Arctic Warbler / Noordse Boszanger

Phylloscopus borealis 2,7,0

The previously accepted record from Paal 18, Oosterend, Terschelling, Friesland, on 2 October 1996, has been rejected after review. This bird was identified, submitted, accepted and published (van der Vliet & Ouwerkerk 1998; Dutch Birding 18: 277, plate 281, 1996, 20: 290, plate 246, 1998) as Arctic Warbler. However, after publication of a photograph showing the wing in detail, sharp-eyed birders noted that on the photograph the emargination of the sixth primary (numbered from outside) can be seen (Peter Kennerley in litt, Brian Small in litt); this feature is counterdiagnostic for Arctic Warbler and fits the greenish warbler-complex *P nitidus/plumbeitarsus/trochiloides*. The characters shown seem to fit Two-barred Warbler *P plumbeitarsus* best (of which there is one previous record) and the record is currently recirculating as such. A paper discussing the identification of this bird will soon be published in Dutch Birding.

Radde's Warbler / Raddes Boszanger

Phylloscopus schwarzi 2,7,1

10-11 October, Bomenland, *Vlieland*, Friesland, photo-

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graphed, videoed, sound-recorded (K de Vries, M Berlijn et al; Dutch Birding 20: 252, plate 213, 1998).

This remarkably confiding individual was the first to stay for more than one day and, therefore, attracted many birders.

Dusky Warbler / Bruine Boszanger

Phylloscopus fuscatus 1,20,0

1997 5 November, Westkapelle, Veere, Zeeland (J-E Kikkert).

Western Bonelli's Warbler / Bergfluitier

Phylloscopus bonelli 5,16,2

8-30 May, Hoge Veluwe, Ede, Gelderland, singing, photographed, videoed, sound-recorded (W B Janssen, M Berlijn); 14-16 September, De Cocksdorp, Texel, Noord-Holland, photographed, videoed (N van Duiven-dijk, H Zevenhuizen et al; Dutch Birding 20: 258, plate 218, 1998).

1997 31 October, De Banjaard, Noord-Beveland, Zeeland (M Hoekstein, P A Wolf).

1993 3 May, Kroonspolders, Vlieland, Friesland (P Marcus, W van der Waal).

Although the Hoge Veluwe bird was persistently singing, it apparently did not succeed in finding a mate. The 1997 record is the latest ever; previously the latest date of discovery was 5 October in 1992, although the last date of a long-staying bird was 14 October in 1991. Remarkably, the Vlieland bird followed just two days after an Eastern Bonelli's Warbler *P orientalis* on the same island, a few kilometers away, on 30 April and 1 May 1993.

Siberian Chiffchaff / Siberische Tjiftjaf

Phylloscopus collybita tristis -,9,1

26-28 November, Park Zestienhoven, Rotterdam, Zuid-Holland, photographed (Dutch Birding 20: 315, plate 271, 1998).

1997 16 November to 13 December, Gooierdijkpark, Huizen, Noord-Holland, photographed, sound-recorded (R F J van Beusekom).

1995 11-23 December, Huizerpier, Huizen, Noord-Holland (R F J van Beusekom); 13 December to 2 January 1996, Gooierdijkpark, Huizen, Noord-Holland (R F J van Beusekom).

The criteria for identification of this taxon remain questionable and would benefit from more studies; however, late autumn and winter chiffchaffs seem to have the best chance to show the features considered necessary for acceptance.

Collared Flycatcher / Withalsvliegenvanger

Ficedula albicollis 23,4,1

28 April to 17 May, Doorn, Utrecht, adult male, singing, photographed, sound-recorded (A J Dees).

This individual was paired with a female Pied Flycatcher *F hypoleuca*. Although many birders would have been eager to see this bird, its presence was not made public.

Lesser Grey Shrike / Kleine Klapekster

Lanius minor 21,12,3

31 May, Groene Strand, Terschelling, Friesland, adult female, photographed (T Bakker, A Ouwerkerk, T Hek); 15-20 June (probably earlier), De Nederlanden, Texel, Noord-Holland, adult male, photographed, videoed (A Wassink; Dutch Birding 20: 130, plate 91, 1998); 3-6 July, Noordeinde, Oldebroek, Gelderland (H A van der Hart).

Out of a total of 36 records, 21 are from May and June. In each month from July to October, there are two to five records and there is one from November.

Woodchat Shrike / Roodkopklauwier

Lanius senator -,49,5

9 May, De Bleek, Egmond aan Zee, Egmond, Noord-Holland, adult, photographed (W A van Splunder); 11 May, Noordduinen, Noordwijk, Zuid-Holland, adult male, photographed (J Goudzwaard, A Steenvoorden); 22-25 May, Ooij, Ubbergen, Gelderland, adult female, photographed (G van Aalst, N L M Gilissen); 8 June, Haps, Cuijk, Noord-Brabant, adult male, photographed (N L M Gilissen); 13 June, Schiermonnikoog, Friesland, adult male, photographed (R Keizer, C van de Wal, H Abma).

Apart from two April records, the distribution in time matches that of the previous species quite well. The lower number of autumn records may be attributed to the fact that this species is less easily identified in juvenile plumage; there are only three records of juveniles.

House Crow / Huiskraai

Corvus splendens 0,4,2

From 9 July, Hoek van Holland, Rotterdam, Zuid-Holland, juvenile, photographed, videoed (W B Janssen, E B Ebels, L J R Boon; Ebels 1998); 15-19 August, Kollumerpomp, Dongeradeel, Friesland, adult, photographed (O Tol et al; Birding World 11: 293, 1998) and 20-22 September, Winsum, Groningen, adult, photographed (G ter Haar, A de Bruin et al).

Again, the resident pair in Hoek van Holland present since April 1994 raised one young (with the young from 1997 still present), but a new adult was discovered on two inland locations in Friesland and Groningen, c 20 km apart. Because of the proximity in time and place, both inland records are considered to refer to the same bird.

Rose-coloured Starling / Roze Spreeuw

Sturnus roseus 21,33,5

9 May, Breskens, Oostburg, Zeeland, adult male, summer plumage, photographed, videoed (E C L Marteiijn, T J C Lujendijk, M Berlijn; van den Berg & Bosman 1999; Birding World 11: 176, 1998, Dutch Birding 20: 137, plate 100, 1998); 21-23 May, Schiermonnikoog, Friesland, adult, photographed (R Feije; Vogeljaar 46: 192, 1998); 10-30 September, Westduinpark, Den Haag, Zuid-Holland, juvenile, videoed (D Laponder et al); 19-25 September, Slufter and Westplaat, Maasvlakte, Rotterdam/Westvoorne, Zuid-Holland, juvenile (N L M Gilissen, A Schaftenaar, P L Meininger);



344 Collared Flycatcher / Withalsvliegenvanger
Ficedula albicollis, adult male, Doorn, Utrecht,
4 May 1998 (Albert J Dees)



345 Black-headed Bunting / Zwartkopgors *Emberiza melanocephala*, adult male, Castricum aan Zee, Castricum, Noord-Holland, 21 June 1998 (Jan van Holten)

28 September, juvenile, West-Terschelling, *Terschelling*, Friesland (P W Logtmeijer, F Dorèl, R Vlek).
1997 10-12 October, Oost-Vlieland, *Vlieland*, Friesland, two (one on 10 October), juvenile, photographed (G J ter Haar, F Majoor, M Berlijn et al).

The 1997 Vlieland record is the first of two juveniles together. The only other record involving two birds concerned adults at Noordwijk, Zuid-Holland, on 9 May 1997.

Arctic Redpoll / Witsluitbarmsijs

Carduelis hornemanni 43,49,0
1996 26 December, Collse Zegge, *Eindhoven*, Noord-Brabant, adult (H M A Hendriks).

Other blank years in this decade were 1991-93 and 1997.

Two-barred Crossbill / Witbandkruisbek

Loxia leucoptera 37,134,67
31 January to 5 April, Noordhollands Duinreservaat, *Castricum*, and *Egmond*, Noord-Holland, maximum seven, probably nine, on 13 March (D J Moerbeek, H Niessen); 8 February to 18 April, Dieren and Rheden, *Rheden*, Gelderland, maximum of 15 birds on 29 March (R Vogel); 14 February to 1 May, *Smilde*, and Berkenheuvel, *Diever*, Drenthe, maximum of approximately 16 birds, possibly up to 26 (R G Bijlsma); 25 February to 6 April 1998, Zevenlindenweg, *Baarn*, Utrecht, maximum of 17 birds on 16 March (R F J van Beusekom, E B Ebels, M S Robb; Dutch Birding 21: 87, plate 83-84, 1999); 8 April, Planken Wambuis, *Ede*, Gelderland, adult male (R G Bijlsma); 9 April, Napoleongat, Ugchelse Bos, *Apeldoorn*, Gelderland, male and female (S Deuzeman).

1997 30 October to 31 January 1998, Oranje-Nassau's Oord, *Wageningen*, Gelderland, maximum 16 on 27 December, 14-15 still present on 6 January; 2 December to 29 January 1998, IJzeren Veld, *Huizen*, Noord-

Holland, maximum of 22 on 13 December, five still present in mid-January; 5 December to 12 January 1998, *Kuinderbos*, Noordoostpolder, Flevoland, maximum of 18 on 21 December, at least 16 still present on 10 January; 25 December to 25 July 1998, *Opsterland*, Friesland, at least four between 25 and 30 December, seven on 31 December, maximum 16 on 5 January 1998, two singing males on 19 and 25 July.

Many of the birds were already present in 1997. The total number of birds during this unprecedented invasion, covered in detail by Ebels et al (1999), amounts to 181.

Parrot Crossbill / Grote Kruisbek

Loxia pytyopsittacus 15,560+,-
1990 3 December, *Geldrop*, Noord-Brabant, three, female (J-E Kikkert).
1991 9 March, Strabrechtse Heide, *Mierlo*, Noord-Brabant, two, female (J-E Kikkert).

A late addition to the largest invasion of the 20th century, comprising over 300 individuals (cf van den Berg & Bosman 1999). The species is no longer considered from 1 January 1993 onwards.

Pine Bunting / Witkopgors

Emberiza leucocephalos 15,15,1
10-15 March, Kooioerdstuifdijk, *Ameland*, Friesland, male (D J Moerbeek, S Gardeslen).

Although most records are from October and November, there are now three records (four individuals) from February-March, indicating wintering.

Rustic Bunting / Bosgors

Emberiza rustica 13,41,1
26 September, Maasvlakte, *Rotterdam*, Zuid-Holland, male (J van Holten, R Hofland, E van der Burg).

This is only the first record for the Maasvlakte, which would seem an ideal location to find this species.

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There is only one autumn record away from the coast, on 24 October 1888, at Harderwijk, Gelderland. On the other hand, at that time it should be considered a coastal location, since it was long before the development of Flevoland.

Little Bunting / Dwegrgors

Emberiza pusilla 17,55,3

18 September, De Hors, *Texel*, Noord-Holland, first-winter (D Groenendijk, G van den Berg); 20-21 September, *Terschelling*, Friesland (A Ouwerkerk; Dutch Birding 20: 258, plate 219, 1998); 12 October, Oostervallei, *Vlieland*, Friesland, photographed (J M Walhout, G A Davidse et al).

The bird on Texel could not be relocated by some 50 birders during the Dutch Birding week, but the search did result in the finding of a Great Snipe *Gallinago media*!

Black-headed Bunting / Zwartkopgors

Emberiza melanocephala 2,5,1

21 June, Castricum aan Zee, *Castricum*, Noord-Holland, adult male, photographed, videoed (L Steijn, M Berlijn et al; Dutch Birding 20: 130, plate 92, 1998).

A record of a male on Schiermonnikoog, Friesland, also on 21 June, has not been submitted.

Systematic list of rejected records

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 decided that all records so far 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).

Ross's Goose / Ross' Gans *Anser rossii* 24-27 December, Prunjepolder, *Schouwen-Duiveland*, Zeeland, adult, white morph (identification accepted, considered escape on basis of coloured plastic ring). **Hutchins's Canada Goose / Hutchins' Canadese Gans** *Branta hutchinsii hutchinsii* 11-18 April, Workumerwaard, *Nijefurd*, Friesland, adult, photographed (Greater Canada Goose *B canadensis* of small race *parvipes* not excluded). **Blue-winged Teal / Blauwvleugeltaling** *Anas discors* 14-16 November, Twiske, *Oostzaan*, Noord-Holland, adult male, summer plumage (@ identification accepted; considered escaped on basis of presence of plastic ring).

Cory's Shearwater / Kuhls Pijlstormvogel *Calonectris borealis* 1 November, Camperduin, *Schoorl*, Noord-Holland (@ description incomplete). **Swinhoe's Storm-petrel / Chinees Stormvogeltje** *Oceanodroma monorhis* 11 July, Huisduinen, *Den Helder*, Noord-Holland (@ conditions not favourable for observation of sufficient detail). **Squacco Heron / Ralreiger** *Ardeola ralloides* 19 February, Lobith, *Rijnwaarden*, Gelderland (@ poor description). **Short-toed Eagle / Slangenarend** *Circaetus gallicus* 13 May, Maashorst, *Uden*, Noord-Brabant (description incomplete, wing and tail pattern not seen).

* **Lammergeier / Lammergier** *Gypaetus barbatus* 12-19 May, *Den Haag*, *Zoetermeer*, *Katwijk* and *Noordwijk*, Zuid-Holland, and *Zandvoort*, *Bloemendaal*, *Julianadorp*, *Den Helder*, *Texel* and *Broek in Waterland*, Noord-Holland, first-summer female, photographed, videoed (Dutch Birding 20: 128, plate 80, 136, plate 98, 1998; van den Berg & Bosman 1999) (identification accepted; identified as a captive-bred bird named 'Gélas' (code BG 279) released in NP Mercantour, Alpes-de-Haute-Provence/Alpes-Maritimes, France, in



FIGURE 2 Pine Bunting / Witkopgors *Emberiza leucocephalos*, male, Kooioerdstuijdijk, Ameland, Friesland, March 1998 (Dirk J Moerbeek)

1997 as part of reintroduction programme; remarkably, the bird returned to Mercantour within one week, where it was photographed on 24 May; Ouweneel 1999). **Booted Eagle / Dwergarend** *Hieraetus pennatus* 28 April, *Haren*, Groningen (Common Buzzard *Buteo buteo* not excluded); 29 August, Oostvaardersplassen, *Lelystad*, Flevoland (Common Buzzard not excluded). * **Lanner Falcon / Lannervalk** *Falco biarmicus*, 6 October, Paessens, *Dongeradeel*, Friesland, adult, videoed (@ identification accepted; rejected because subspecies could not be established and behaviour considered to be typical for falconer's bird). **Saker Falcon / Sakervalk** *Falco cherrug* 30 October, *Goedereede*, Zuid-Holland (hybrid origin not excluded). * **Demoiselle Crane / Jufferkraanvogel** *Anthropoides virgo* 16 August to 25 October, Maria Hoop, *Echt*, Limburg, adult, photographed, videoed (Dutch Birding 20: 249, plate 204, 1998) (@ identification accepted but considered escaped on the basis of tame behaviour). **Collared Pratincole / Vorkstaartplevier** *Glareola pratincola* 10 April, Hall, *Brummen*, Gelderland (incomplete description of bird flying by). **Olive-backed Pipit / Siberische Boompieper** *Anthus hodgsoni* 8 March, Kapelse Moer, *Kapelle*, Zeeland, photographed (photograph shows unusually well-marked Meadow Pipit *A pratensis*). **Sykes's Blue-headed Wagtail / Russische Gele Kwikstaart** *Motacilla flava beema* 9 May, Eemshaven, *Eemsmond*, Groningen, male, photographed (Grauwe Gors 26: 106, 1998) (field identification of this form considered difficult and only possible in well-marked individuals). **Red-spotted Bluethroat / Roodsterblauwborst** *Luscinia svecica svecica* 9 April, *Castricum*, first-year male, trapped, photographed (Dutch Birding 20: 90, plate 48, 1998; cf van den Berg & Bosman 1999) (looks more like 'retarded' winter-plumaged White-spotted Bluethroat *L s cyanecula*, for which measurements and wide malar stripe also seem more appropriate). **Paddyfield Warbler / Veldrietzanger** *Acrocephalus agricola* 19 September, Drontermeer, *Kampen*, Overijssel, trapped (@ description incomplete). **Pallas's Reed Bunting / Pallas' Rietgors** *Emberiza pallasi* 8 April, Philipsdam, *Tholen*, Zeeland (rejected on the basis of strangely contrasting supercilium, grey flanks, and white chin, throat and breast; there is too much doubt for acceptance as a first).

1997

Ross's Goose / Ross' Gans *Anser rossii* 28 December, Koudum, *Gaasterlân-Sleat*, Friesland, adult, white morph (poor description, bill not adequately described); **Great Shearwater / Grote Pijlstormvogel** *Puffinus gravis* 25 October, Scheveningen, *Den Haag*, Zuid-Holland (description incomplete). **Oriental Pratincole / Oosterse Vorkstaartplevier** *Glareola maldivarum* 1-5 August, Workumerwaard and Doniaburen, *Nijefurd*, Friesland, photographed, videoed (accepted as Collared Pratincole *G pratincola*, see main text). **Ring-billed Gull / Ringsnavelmeeuw** *Larus delawarensis* 20 December, *Utrecht*, Utrecht, adult winter (description incomplete; diagnostic details on wing pattern and comparison with Herring Gull *L argentatus* are lacking). **Baltic Gull / Baltische Mantelmeeuw** *Larus fuscus*

25 December, Het Rutbeek, *Enschede*, Overijssel (not fully in line with the criteria for identification of this species according to Jonsson (1998); for instance, head pattern wrong for this species). **Red-spotted Bluethroat / Roodsterblauwborst** *Luscinia svecica svecica* 17-18 October, Westkapelle, *Veere*, Zeeland, male, photographed (Dutch Birding 19: 313, plate 320, 1997, Birding World 10: 378, 1997; it is not clear whether males belonging to this taxon can be safely identified in the field in autumn; CDNA is currently engaged with the review of older autumn records). **Eyebrowed Thrush / Vale Lijster** *Turdus obscurus* 4 November, Hazerswoude-Dorp, *Zoeterwoude*, Zuid-Holland (@ most probably flavistic or unusually light-coloured Redwing *T iliacus*). **Collared Flycatcher / Withalsvliegenvanger** *Ficedula albicollis* 15 October, Breezanddijk, *Wûnseradiel*, Friesland, videoed (Pied Flycatcher *F hypoleuca* and Semi-collared Flycatcher *F semitorquata* not sufficiently excluded; primary patch does not seem to reach outer primaries and sound not heard). * **Long-tailed Rosefinch / Langstaartroodmus** *Uragus sibiricus* 10 March, *Bloemendaal*, Noord-Holland, trapped, photographed (Dutch Birding 19: 89, plate 88, 1997) (@ identification accepted but considered escaped).

1996

* **Egyptian Plover / Krokodilwachter** *Pluvianus aegypticus* 6-9 May, Deestsche Waarden, *Druten*, Gelderland, photographed (@ identification accepted but considered escaped). **Arctic Warbler / Noordse Boszanger** *Phylloscopus borealis* 2 October, *Terschelling*, Friesland (see main text).

1995

Blue-winged Teal / Blauwvleugeltaling *Anas discors* 18 February, Kroonspolders, *Terschelling*, Friesland (considered escaped, see main text). **Eurasian Eagle Owl / Oehoe** *Bubo bubo* 20 April, Grevenbicht, *Born*, Limburg (poor description).

1994

Blyth's Pipit / Mongoolse Pieper *Anthus godlewskii* 7 October, *Schiermonnikoog*, Friesland, photographed (description and photographs marginally insufficient: wing-coverts not sufficiently described and hindclaw not seen, and photographs very poor).

1992

Red-eyed Vireo / Roodoogvireo *Vireo olivaceus* 25 October, Someren-Eind, *Someren*, Noord-Brabant (description marginally insufficient for acceptance; description of head pattern incomplete).

1989

'Bradshaw's Warbler *Hippolais magniocoli*' 3 May, Maasvlakte, *Rotterdam*, Zuid-Holland, trapped, photographed (de Knijff & van Swelm 1998; Br Birds 91: 191, plate 56-62, 1998) (@ validity of proposed species is widely questioned; the published photographs do not support identification as *Hippolais*; identification as

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any other species than Willow Warbler *Phylloscopus trochilus* is not justified).

1988

* **Grey-headed Swamp-hen / Grijskoppurperkoet** *Porphyrio poliocephalus* 21 December to 15 February 1989, Schuddebeurs, *Schouwen-Duiveland*, Zeeland, adult, photographed (Ebels et al 1999; Dutch Birding 21: 257, plate 274-275, 1999) (identification accepted; considered to most probably belong to race *P p poliocephalus*, which is a highly unlikely vagrant; pending further clarification of vagrancy potential in swamp-hens, this record is not accepted).

1985

Falcated Duck / Bronskopeend *Mareca falcata* 15-31 March, Hurwenen, *Zaltbommel*, Gelderland, adult male (identification accepted; see main text)

1975

Great White Pelican / Roze Pelikaan *Pelecanus onocrotalus* September, Hompelvoet, Grevelingenmeer, *Goedereede*, Zuid-Holland (@ photograph shows insufficient detail; other species not excluded).

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