

# Rare birds in the Netherlands in 2024

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This is the 45th annual report on rare birds in the Netherlands to be published in Dutch Birding. Most reviewed reports are from 2024 but belated and reconsidered records dating back to 1850 have also been included. The reports have been assessed by the Dutch rarities committee (Commissie Dwaalgasten Nederlandse Avifauna; CDNA), a joint committee of the Dutch Birding Association (DBA) and the Netherlands Ornithologists' Union (NOU). The submissions are assessed digitally over a maximum of three (or four, in exceptional cases) rounds (the first round is blind) by eight voting members. Records of all taxa accepted up to and including 2024, as well as pending reports, can be found in the online database [www.dutchavifauna.nl](http://www.dutchavifauna.nl) (DA). Note that some reports from 2024 and earlier are still under review, or still await submission, and are therefore not included.

## 2024 summary

With a total of 384 recorded species (figure 1), 2024 was a good year for species diversity. The average over the past 10 years (2015-24) is 378. In

2024, four new species were added to the Dutch list which as of 1 January 2025 stood at 543. In all, there were 20 records of taxa recorded 10 times or less (14 in 2023):

**1st** Canvasback *Aythya valisineria*, Allen's Gullinule *Porphyrio alleni*, Dark-sided Flycatcher *Muscicapa sibirica* and Pechora Pipit *Anthus gustavi*.

**2nd** Sandhill Crane *Antigone canadensis*, Red-wattled Lapwing *Vanellus indicus* and Western Sandpiper *Calidris mauri*.

**3rd** Moustached Warbler *Acrocephalus melanopogon*.

**4th** Egyptian Vulture *Neophron percnopterus*.

**5th** Greater Yellowlegs *Tringa melanoleuca* and Brown Shrike *Lanius cristatus*.

**5-6th** Cinereous Vulture *Aegypius monachus*.

**6-7th** Blue-cheeked Bee-eater *Merops persicus*.

**7th** Red-necked Stint *C. ruficollis*, Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularius* and Crested Lark *Galerida cristata* (since 2015).

**9th** Bufflehead *Bucephala albeola*.

**10th** (to 12th) Pygmy Cormorant *Microcarbo pygmaeus*.

In addition, there were the third and eighth record of the superspecies Siberian/Stejneger's Stonechat *Saxicola maurus/stejnegeri* and Red-tailed/Daurian Shrike *L. phoenicuroides/isabellinus*, respectively. There were record numbers of four species: Pygmy Cormorant (three, was two in 1999), Roseate Tern *Sterna dougallii* (11 (involving 14 individuals), was six in 2021), Blue-cheeked Bee-eater (two, singles in five years) and Blyth's Pipit *A. godlewskii* (seven, was three in 2020). Furthermore, Lesser Scaup *A. affinis* equalled its previous best year (2023) with seven, Greater Sand Plover *Anarhynchus leschenaultii* with two (2006 and 2011), Cinereous Vulture with two (2019) and Daurian Shrike *L. isabellinus* with two (five years). A belated record of a Kumlien's Gull *Larus glaucooides kumlieni* from March 2021 becomes the seventh.

**Workload**

This report contains 212 submissions, of which 166 (78%) were accepted. On average, 1.6 voting rounds were needed to draw a final conclusion. The average circulation time per submitted file in the first round was 24 days (28 in 2023). 90% of all submissions were assessed within 48 days after they went into circulation (80 days in 2023).

**Additional committee work**

In March and December, the committee held their biannual meetings. The most important decision was the implementation of the AERC categories system after approval by the boards of the DBA and the NOU (see below). We have finished a full update of the species texts in DA and discussed how to deal with heard-only (sound-recorded) birds, especially considering the recently increased use of autonomic acoustic recording devices where a bird was not heard live but only in retrospect on the recording. Furthermore, the CDNA corrected several records in DA to only include the trapping or finding date of birds taken into care/captivity as the date mentioned; previously, the period in captivity was also included in the date range of such records.

**Members**

The following CDNA members voted on some or all records in this report: Garry Bakker (voting member until April 2024), Nils van Duivendijk, Enno Ebels (chairman since March 2025), Thijs Fijen (chairman until February 2025), Justin Jansen (voting member since May 2024), Pim Rijk (voting member since March 2025), Hans Schekkerman (secretary until 15 July 2025), Koen Stork (secre-



FIGURE 1 Number of species (category A) recorded in the Netherlands per year in 2015-24 (average: 378) / aantal vastgestelde soorten (categorie A) per jaar in Nederland in 2015-24 (gemiddeld: 378).

tary since 15 July 2025), Rinse van der Vliet (treasurer) and Jaco Walhout. Gerjon Gelling (archivist) and August van Rijn (assistant) provided pivotal support to the committee as non-voting members by preparing the dossiers for the committee and submitting many reports published on national and regional websites.

**Glossary**

Details included for each record are, if available: date(s); location and/or municipality (municipal divisions as of 1 January 2025); province; number of birds, age and sex; type of record if ringed, photographed, sound-recorded, videoed or found dead (and where specimen is stored, if known); names of up to three observers involved in finding, identifying and recording, and relevant references in the literature, which normally include (inter)national but not regional journals, and published photographs. Records from 2023 lasting into 2024 that have already been published in the 2023 report (Gelling et al 2024) are repeated here without reference. Observations not (yet) submitted but mentioned in the 2023 report are not repeated in this report. The sequence of the records in the species accounts is from the current year backwards, with records within one year presented per province (starting with the province with the first record of the year), and then chronologically within each province. The numbers after each (sub)species name refer to the total number of records **1** from 1 January 1800 to 31 December 1979, **2** since 1 January 1980 but excluding, **3** the current year. The total number of individuals involved in all these records is shown between brackets after these three numbers. Taxa marked with an asterisk \* are new to the Dutch list. Date and locality extensions or changes of previously accepted records are marked with an #.

Abbreviations for provinces are: DR Drenthe, FL Flevoland, FR Friesland, GE Gelderland, GR Groningen, LI Limburg, NB Noord-Brabant, NH Noord-Holland, OV Overijssel, UT Utrecht, ZL Zeeland and ZH Zuid-Holland. For ageing, calendar-year is abbreviated to cy prefixed with 1, 2, 3 or 4 to indicate first, second, third or fourth and so on.

The number of species recorded per year (figure 1) is based upon records for all rare species, in addition to the occurrence of at least one sighting in the online observation database [www.waarneming.nl](http://www.waarneming.nl) that was approved by administrators for all other species. Records of closely related species that were not identified to species level (for instance an unidentified *Clanga* eagle) were added to the yearly totals if there were no certain other observations of the particular species that year.

Decisions regarding taxonomy have been delegated to the Dutch committee for avian systematics (Commissie Systematiek Nederlandse Avifauna; CSNA) and are beyond the responsibility of the CDNA. Reports have mostly been submitted through the electronic form on [www.dutchavifauna.nl](http://www.dutchavifauna.nl) or by using a link on [www.waarneming.nl](http://www.waarneming.nl).

### Corrections to annual report 2023

The listed total number of records for Little Crane *Zapornia parva* should have been 29,53,4 (95) instead of 29,58,4 (95). The correct numbers for Siberian Stonechat *S maurus* are 7,47,2 (58) instead of 7,46,2 (57). This error was caused in the annual report 2022 where the numbers were wrongly mentioned as 7,45,1 (55) but should have been 7,45,2 (56). The not accepted Great Snipe *Gallinago media* from De Putting, Hengstdijk, Hulst ZL was erroneously listed for 26 May but this should have been 19 May.

### Categories

Since 1 January 2024 the CDNA makes use of the categories system adopted by the Association of European Records and Rarities Committees. The accepted records treated in the systematic list of this report are grouped as follows: **Category A** holds all the records of taxa which have been recorded in an apparently wild state at least once since 1 January 1950. This category includes all (native) breeding birds, migratory species, winter guests and rarities. **Category B** holds all the records of accepted taxa which have only been recorded between 1800 and 1950. **Category C** holds all released or escaped taxa which have established a self-sustaining breeding population in the Netherlands; also birds originating from a category

C population in another country (with the species not breeding in the Netherlands) are in this category. **Category D** holds taxa that are very difficult to assign to any of the other categories, when the vagrancy potential is considered unclear and, at the same time, a captive origin is considered likely. Category D is a holding category, where a taxon can be placed as long as there is no decisive argument to put it in one of the other categories. The committee has not yet made a decision on any species in this category. In the next report category D will be implemented. **Category E** holds all remaining taxa that are certainly or assumedly escaped from captivity or are proven ship-assisted with human help. Individual records of species in category A, B or D can also be placed in category E, if the record refers to a proven or strongly suspected escape.

### Accepted (category A)

#### White-headed Duck / Witkopeend

*Oxyura leucocephala* 4,13,1 (20)

UTRECHT Eemmeer, *Eemnes*, and *Blaricum* NH, 15 September, female, photographed, videoed (B van Nieuwenhoven, U Keller et al).

The first for September and as almost always a female-type.

#### Ross's Goose / Ross' Gans

*Anser rossii* 0,8,0 (15)

FRIESLAND Brekkenpolder, Lemmer, and Uitheingpolder, and Tacozijl, and Polder Wollegaast, and Huitebuursterbuitenpolder, and Heaburgen, Nijemirdum, and Hoite Brekken, Tjerkgaast, *De Fryske Marren*, 9 March to 1 April, two adults, white morph, male wearing metal ring, photographed, videoed (S Bernardus et al, via CDNA).

Rediscovered after wintering in West-Vlaanderen, Belgium, from 9 October 2023 to 5 March; the same birds migrating along the coast were already accepted for 8 October 2023 (Dupont et al 2023, Gelling et al 2023). On 10 April, the two birds were found in the north of Germany, on 13 April in southern Sweden, on 17 April in western Estonia and, finally, only the male (ringed at Cambridge Bay, Nunavut, Canada, on 4 August 2017) on 14 May near Kuopio in Finland (Dutch Birding 46: 190, 2024).

#### King Eider / Koningseider

*Somateria spectabilis* 1,18,1 (21)

NOORD-HOLLAND North Sea, Castricum aan Zee, *Castricum*, 23 March, also seen at North Sea, De Vulkan, Westduinpark, *Den Haag* ZH, 25 March, subadult male (H Schekkerman, H Groot, V van der Spek et al).

The same bird was seen on a seawatch two days (and 60 km) apart. With five records, March is the best month.



**489** Canvasback / Grote Tafeleend *Aythya valisineria*, second calendar-year male, Vogelplas Starrevaart, Leidschendam, Zuid-Holland, 31 May 2024 (*Michel Veldt*)

**490** Ross's Geese / Ross' Ganzen *Anser rossii*, adult, with Greater White-fronted Geese / Kolganzen *A. albifrons*, Lemmer, Friesland, 24 March 2024 (*Eric Menkveld*)



**Surf Scoter / Brilzee-eend**

*Melanitta perspicillata* 3,30,1 (45)  
 FRIESLAND North Sea, Groene Strand, *Ameland*, 3 November, male (T Schipper, T Los).  
 2009 FRIESLAND North Sea, Nesserduinen, *Ameland*, 21 February, two, adult male (R Cazemier, D Hoekstra, R Hovinga).  
 March-April and November-December are the best periods to find this species.

**Bufflehead / Buffelkopeend**

*Bucephala albeola* 0,8,1 (9)  
 FLEVOLAND Pampushaven, and Lepelaarplassen, *Almere*, 30 December intermittently to 18 May 2025, 1cy to 2cy female, photographed, videoed (G van Duin et al; Dutch Birding 47: 66, plate 84, 2025).  
 The second definite first-winter female, the others concern four first-winter males and three (not aged/sexed) female types.

**\*Canvasback / Grote Tafeleend**

*Aythya valisineria* 0,0,1 (1)  
 ZUID-HOLLAND Nieuwe Driemanspolder, *Zoetermeer*, 31 May to 2 June, also seen at Vogelplas Starrevaart, *Leidschendam-Voorburg*, 2-28 June, 2cy male, photographed, videoed (S Strik, D van Berkel et al; Dutch Birding 46: 275, plate 430-431, 2024).  
 After the rejected male present from 2003 to 2008 near Castricum NH of which photographs showed a metal wing-clip (Ovaa et al 2010), the CDNA had no issue with accepting this as the first. It also concerned the first for mainland Europe after eight records in Britain and one in Iceland. There were no anomalies in the plumage or behaviour and it concerned a 2cy. This was very probably the same bird as a male of the same age at Abberton reservoir, Essex, England (c 250 km from the sites in Zuid-Holland), from 11 December 2023 to 31 January 2024 and back there on 11 August 2024 (Andy Holden in litt).

**Ring-necked Duck / Ringsnaveleend**

*Aythya collaris* 5,52,1 (59)  
 NOORD-HOLLAND Stad van de Zon, and Park van Luna, Heerhugowaard, *Dijk en Waard*, 23 October 2023 to 2 May, and 21 September to 9 April 2025, 2cy to adult male, photographed, videoed (T Marijnissen et al; Dutch Birding 46: 135, plate 194, 2024).  
 Kennemermeer, IJmuiden, *Velsen*, 3 December 2023 to 30 March, and Vogelmeer, Nationaal Park Zuid-Kennemerland, *Bloemendaal*, 31 March to 11 April, and Meijndel, and Berkheide, *Wassenaar* ZH, 18-24 May, and Vogelmeer, and Kennemermeer, and Duinmeer, Nationaal Park Zuid-Kennemerland, *Bloemendaal*, and *Velsen* NH, 14 September to 2 March 2025, adult male, photographed (R Bink, J Duivenvoorden et al; Dutch Birding 46: 135, plate 193, 282, plate 452, 418, plate 626, 2024).  
 GELDERLAND Cortenoever, *Brummen*, 13-21 April, female, photographed, videoed (T Majoor et al; Dutch Birding 46: 209, plate 315, 2024).  
 Both returning males from Noord-Holland have been present since autumn 2023 and were still present in 2025.

**Ring-necked x Tufted Duck / Ringsnaveleend x Kuifeend**

*Aythya collaris* x *fuligula* 0,14,1 (15)  
 GELDERLAND Drielse Rijndijk, Driel, *Overbetuwe*, 24 January, adult male, photographed (R Keizer).  
 1993 # NOORD-HOLLAND De Hoge Dijk, Amsterdam, and Abcoudermeer, *De Ronde Venen* UT, 5-8 February (was De Hoge Dijk, *Amsterdam*, 5-6 February), adult male, photographed (J H van Steenis).  
 The 1993 bird was probably present in the area from 22 January to 12 February 1993 but the documentation for other dates was not fully convincing (Keizer 1994, van den Berg & Bosman 2001).

**Lesser Scaup / Kleine Topper**

*Aythya affinis* 0,38,7 (45)  
 FLEVOLAND Pampushaven, and De Blocq van Kuffeler, and Lepelaarplassen, *Almere*, 30 November 2023 to 25 January, and 11 July to 7 August, also seen at Gouwee, Marken, *Waterland* NH, 25-29 January, adult male, photographed, videoed (J Molenaar, D van der Hoeven et al; Dutch Birding 46: 135, plate 196, 2024).  
 Wolderwijd, *Zeewolde*, 13-17 November and 14-17 December, adult male, photographed (J D Eerdmans et al).  
 LIMBURG Stevolplas, Stevensweert, *Maasgouw*, 20 March to 8 April, 2cy male, photographed, videoed (R M van Dongen et al; Dutch Birding 46: 208, plate 314, 2024).  
 NOORD-HOLLAND Wei van Brasser, Noordhollands Duinreservaat, *Castricum*, 6 April, 2cy male, photographed, videoed (R S A van Bemmelen et al).  
 Vogelmeer, Nationaal Park Zuid-Kennemerland, *Bloemendaal*, 9 August to 29 March 2025, adult male, photographed, videoed (S Venhuis et al, via CDNA; Dutch Birding 46: 418, plate 629, 2024).  
 Gouwee, Marken, *Waterland*, 24 November, adult male, photographed, videoed (P Rijk).  
 UTRECHT Hoogekampse Plas, Groenekan, *De Bilt*, 21 April, adult male, photographed, videoed (G Blijleven et al; Dutch Birding 46: 209, plate 317, 2024).  
 Eemmeer, *Eemnes*, 28 June to 5 August, also seen at Delta Schuitenbeek, Nuldernauw, *Putten* GE, 17 September, adult male, photographed (B van Nieuwenhoven, R Drenth et al).  
 FRIESLAND IJsselmeer, Workumerwaard, and Bocht fan Molkwar, *Súdwest-Fryslân*, 29 May to 12 June, adult male, photographed, videoed (S Bernardus et al).  
 ZUID-HOLLAND Ventjagersplaten, Haringvliet, *Goeree-Overflakkee*, 21-26 December, male, photographed, videoed (G Koomen et al).  
 Three returning birds: Almere/Waterland, Eemmeer and Bloemendaal. All concerned males seen in six provinces. The CDNA members did their best to differentiate between the different records but this was not always easy and some duplication is possible.

**Blue-winged Teal / Blauwvleugeltaling**  
*Spatula discors* 6,39,1 (47)  
 ZUID-HOLLAND Nieuwe Dordtse Biesbosch, *Dordrecht*, 10-16 February, adult female, photographed, videoed (A Vink et al, via E Schuller; Dutch Birding 46: 135, plate 192, 2024).

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FRIESLAND Ezumakeeg-Noord and Ezumakeeg-Zuid, Lauwersmeer, *Noardeast-Fryslân*, 29 June to 1 July, adult male, photographed, videoed (K van der Ploeg, J van der Ploeg et al).

The female in Zuid-Holland is a returning bird, first seen near Leidschendam-Voorburg ZH in March 2023 and at the same location as above in May 2023.

### Baikal Teal / Siberische Taling

*Sibirionetta formosa* 8,7,1 (16)

NOORD-HOLLAND Polder Vronermeer, Sint Pancras, *Dijk en Waard*, 18 October, and 21 December to 7 April 2025, adult male, photographed, videoed (T Marijnissen et al; Dutch Birding 47: 64, plate 81, 2025).

### Falcated Duck / Bronskopeend

*Mareca falcata* 0,13,0 (13)

ZUID-HOLLAND Zoetermeerse Plas, 11-28 February, and Nieuwe Driemanspolder, *Zoetermeer*, 2 March and 6-9 May, and Landtong, Rozenburg, Rotterdam, 19 March to 26 April, and Nieuwe Driemanspolder, *Leidschendam-Voorburg*, 9 May, adult male, photographed, videoed (F van der Meer et al; Dutch Birding 46: 134, plate 190, 2024).

The returning bird from 2023.

### American Wigeon / Amerikaanse Smient

*Mareca americana* 6,65,- (71)

2000 # NOORD-HOLLAND Noordzeekanaal-Vogelkijkscherm, *Velsen*, 31 December, also seen at Afrika-haven, *Amsterdam*, 7 January 2001 (was Spaarnwoude, *Haarlemmerliede en Spaarnwoude*, 31 December), adult male (R E Brouwer, P A Nuyten).

This species is no longer considered since 1 January 2015 but the CDNA still welcomes records before this date.

### Oriental Turtle Dove / Oosterse Tortel

*Streptopelia orientalis* 0,12,0 (12) (0,8,0, *S o meena*)

FRIESLAND Lemmerweg-West, Sneek, *Südwest-Fryslân*, 27 December 2023 to 13 February, adult, *S o meena*, photographed, videoed.

Already accepted for 2023, also for Lytsewierrum from 7 to 28 October 2023, c 7 km north of Sneek (see also Gelling et al 2024).

### Great Spotted Cuckoo / Kuifkoekoek

*Clamator glandarius* 7,22,1 (30)

NOORD-HOLLAND De Slufter, 2 and 5-15 May, and De Nederlanden, *Texel*, 19-24 May, 2cy, photographed, videoed (T Schilte et al; Dutch Birding 46: 191, plate 276, 277, plate 434-435, 2024).

All but two of the records concern first-year birds.

### Little Crake / Klein Waterhoen

*Zapornia parva* 29,57,2 (97)

FRIESLAND Twijzelmieden, *Achtkarspelen*, 24 May to 25 June, male, sound-recorded (R van der Land et al).

NOORD-BRABANT Noordpolder van Ossendrecht, *Woensdrecht*, 14 June to 3 July, adult female, photographed, sound-recorded, videoed (G Tanis et al; Dutch Birding 46: 351, plate 541, 2024).

Spring records account for over 50% of the total, mostly males but also c 10 females. However, a singing female in spring, like the one at Woensdrecht, is very unusual. Both stayed long enough to reach the criterium for a valid territory.

### \*Allen's Gallinule / Afrikaans Purperhoen

*Porphyrio alleni* 0,0,1 (1)

GRONINGEN Eemshaven, *Het Hogeland*, 5 February, 2cy male, found dead, collected, in collection of Naturalis Biodiversity Center, Leiden ZH, photographed (G-J van Veen; Dutch Birding 46: 136, plate 198, 2024).

There was no doubt about identification, age and sex, yet status was discussed as it was found dead (crashed) in a busy seaport. Dissection of the bird in Naturalis Biodiversity Center revealed that the bird had an empty stomach except for some pebbles. Since there are few (mainly winter) records in northern Europe, the CDNA researched the origin of ships in the ports of Eemshaven and Delfzijl GR in the first week of February. It turned out that no ship of African, Macaronesian, Mediterranean or Black Sea origin had been present. Ship-assistance is still a possibility and could not be excluded with certainty but there is no indication the bird travelled (a significant part of) the full distance on a ship.

### Sandhill Crane / Canadese Kraanvogel

*Antigone canadensis* 0,1,1 (2)

ZUID-HOLLAND Westplaat, *Voorne aan Zee*, 6 June, photographed (M Hoekstein; Dutch Birding 46: 282, plate 451, 2024).

A flyby during a waterbird count, identified from photographs soon afterwards. The next day, it turned up in Denmark. De Vries & König (2025) analysed the occurrence of this species in Europe and concluded that after 2014 probably only three roaming birds were involved. This bird was first found in Sweden in October 2020 and rediscovered at over 30 different locations in seven north-western European countries until December 2024, when it started wintering in Germany.

### Yellow-billed Loon / Geelsnavelduiker

*Gavia adamsii* 20,22,1 (44)

DUTCH CONTINENTAL SHELF Doggersbank, North Sea, 8 May, two, adult summer plumage and adult winter moulting to summer plumage, photographed (M Gottschling, T Karwinkel).

These birds were observed and photographed in the Dutch part of the Doggersbank during a German ship survey in Danish, Dutch and German waters.

### Cory's/Scopoli's Shearwater / Kuhls/Scopoli's Pijlstormvogel

*Calonectris borealis/diomedea* 0,16,0 (16)

2017 # NOORD-HOLLAND Stommeerweg, *Aalsmeer*, 22 November (was 22-25 November; Gelling et al 2023), 2cy female, found weakened, collected and brought to Vogel- en Zoogdierenopvang de Toevlucht, Amsterdam NH (where it died on 25 November; skin in collection of Naturalis Biodiversity Center, Leiden ZH), photographed.



491 Great Spotted Cuckoo / Kuifkoekoek *Clamator glandarius*, second calendar-year, De Nederlanden, Texel, Noord-Holland, 21 May 2024 (René Pop)

492 Allen's Gallinule / Afrikaans Purperhoen *Porphyrio alleni*, second calendar-year, Eemshaven, Groningen, 5 February 2024 (Gert-Jan van Veen)



**Squacco Heron / Ralreiger**

*Ardeola ralloides* 31,83,- (121)

1850 # ZUID-HOLLAND Rotterdam, 10 May (was 10 May 1830), adult male, found dead, in collection of American Museum of Natural History, New York, USA (via J J F Janssen; contra Snouckaert van Schauburg 1915, Eykman et al 1941).

This species is no longer considered since 1 January 2018 but the CDNA still welcomes records before this date.

**Pygmy Cormorant / Dwergaalscholver**

*Microcarbo pygmaeus* 0,9,3 (12)

NOORD-HOLLAND Amsterdamse Waterleidingduinen, Zandvoort, 17 August, also seen at Grote Plas, Oostvaardersplassen, Lelystad FL, 30 August, and Vijfhoek, Diemen NH, 31 August, 1cy, photographed (R Zuiddam, P Rijk, S Hietkamp et al; Dutch Birding 46: 351, plate 538, 2024).

OVERIJSSSEL Duursche Waarden, *Olst-Wijhe*, 14 October, 1cy, photographed (H van Aar; Dutch Birding 46: 418, plate 627, 2024).

FLEVOLAND Natuurpark Lelystad, *Lelystad*, 17 December into 2025, 1cy to 2cy, photographed, videoed (J van Wijk, L Eenink et al; Dutch Birding 47: 65, plate 82, 2025).

Three in one year is a record and reflects the increase of this species in central Europe. The one in Flevoland remained until at least late November 2025.

**Red-wattled Lapwing / Indische Kievit**

*Vanellus indicus* 0,1,1 (2)

FRIESLAND Kooisplek and Kooisplekklid, *Vlieland*, 27 July, also seen at Oranjezon, Oostkapelle, *Veere* ZL, 31 July to 2 August, and Buren, *Ameland* FR, 4 August, adult, photographed, sound-recorded, videoed (H Knol, E Speksnijder, H Rispens et al, via E B Ebels and J J F Janssen; Dutch Birding 46: 350, plate 536-537, 2024).

It was not easy to decide on status, especially because it was in active primary moult, usually not associated with a recently arrived migrant. However, in Northern Lapwings *V vanellus* it seems to be rather common to migrate while in primary moult. Furthermore, there was a previous record of an individual with strong credentials for a true vagrant. This year's bird turned up in three different locations. Remarkably, both were last seen on Ameland.

**Sociable Lapwing / Steppiekievit**

*Vanellus gregarius* 12,46,1 (59)

UTRECHT Achterbergse Hooilanden, Achterberg, *Rhenen*, and Bennekomse and Binnenveldse Hooilanden, *Wageningen* GE, 25-27 March, 2cy male, photographed, videoed (B de Vries, J Janse, J Miedema et al; Dutch Birding 46: 210, plate 321, 2024).

So far, recorded in 14 years (22 birds) this century.

**Greater Sand Plover / Woestijnplevier**

*Anarhynchus leschenaultii* 1,19,2 (22)

FRIESLAND Vrijheidsplaat, *Ameland*, 29 July, photographed (J Bisschop, R Pater).

GRONINGEN Rottumeroog, *Het Hogeland*, 24 August, 2cy, photographed (L Steen, J Bredenbeek; Dutch Birding 46: 354, plate 546, 2024).

1977 # ZUID-HOLLAND Ouddorp, *Goeree-Overflakkee*, 20 July, 2cy or older (formerly considered probably 1cy), found dead, formerly in collection of Bezoekerscentrum Mar & Klif, Oudemirdum, *De Fryske Marren* FR (now lost).

With 13 records, the peak occurrence falls between mid-July and late August. The bird from 1977 concerns a re-assessment of age (Jackson 2017, Gelling et al 2022).

**Red-necked Stint / Roodkeelstrandloper**

*Calidris ruficollis* 0,6,1 (7)

NOORD-HOLLAND Balgzand, *Hollands Kroon*, 6 August, adult summer plumage, photographed, videoed (P Rijk; Dutch Birding 46: 354, plate 548, 2024).

A nice find and certainly not an easy bird to identify, as it was just moulting into winter plumage. The CDNA was divided at first and needed the full three rounds to reach a decision.

**Pectoral Sandpiper / Gestreepte Strandloper**

*Calidris melanotos* 10,86,- (105)

1985 # FLEVOLAND Keersluisplas, Oostvaardersplassen, *Lelystad*, 1-2 June, 2cy, probably female (was 1-2 June 1986, no age and sex; de By & Winkelman 1987) (R M van Dongen, A Schaftenaar et al).

This record was accepted for the wrong year. This species is no longer considered since 1 January 2000 but the CDNA still welcomes records before this date.

**Western Sandpiper / Alaskastrandloper**

*Calidris mauri* 0,1,1 (2)

FRIESLAND Holwert-Veerdam, and Ferwert-Buitendijks, *Noardeast-Fryslân*, 15-22 August, 2cy, photographed, videoed (L van de Zande et al; Dutch Birding 46: 345, plate 529, 352, plate 542-543, 2024).

Found exactly five years after the first and also at a high tide roost, on intertidal mudflats c 25 km to the east. Luckily for the CDNA, this bird was documented very well, allowing for easy identification.

**Spotted Sandpiper / Amerikaanse Oeverloper**

*Actitis macularia* 1,5,1 (7)

ZEELAND Scherpenissepolder-West, Scherpenisse, *Tholen*, 31 July, photographed, videoed (R van Dijk, D M Stofmeel et al; Dutch Birding 46: 355, plate 552, 2024).

Still remarkably rare compared with the status in Britain. July is the best month with four records.

**Greater Yellowlegs / Grote Geelpootruiter**

*Tringa melanoleuca* 0,4,1 (5)

ZUID-HOLLAND Groene Jonker, *Nieuwkoop*, 16 August, photographed, videoed (A Dwarshuis).

Only seen by the finder. The first in August and for Zuid-Holland.

**Lesser Yellowlegs / Kleine Geelpootruiter**

*Tringa flavipes* 2,57,3 (6)

NOORD-HOLLAND Renvogelveld, *Texel*, 1-2 June, also



**493** Roseate Tern / Dougalls Stern / *Sterna dougallii*, adult summer, De Putten, Camperduin, Noord-Holland, 14 June 2024 (Hugo Wieleman) **494** Pygmy Cormorant / Dwergaalscholver *Microcarbo pygmaeus*, first calendar-year, Amsterdamse Waterleidingduinen, Noord-Holland, 17 August 2024 (Richard Zuidjam) **495** Pygmy Cormorant / Dwergaalscholver *Microcarbo pygmaeus*, first calendar-year, Natuurpark Lelystad, Lelystad, Flevoland, 27 December 2024 (Peter Gelten/devogelspotters.nl) **496** Collared Pratincole / Vorkstaartplevier *Glareola pratincola*, adult summer, Nieuwe Driemanspolder, Zoetermeer, Zuid-Holland, 30 July 2024 (Garry Bakker) **497** Spotted Sandpiper / Amerikaanse Oeverloper *Actitis macularia*, adult summer, Scherpenisse, Zeeland, 31 July 2024 (Adri Clements) **498** Red-necked Stint / Roodkeelstrandloper *Calidris ruficollis*, adult summer, Balgzand, Noord-Holland, 6 August 2024 (Pim Rijk)



499 Sociable Lapwing / Steppekievit *Vanellus gregarius*, second calendar-year male, Binnenveld, Wageningen, Gelderland, 26 March 2024 (Sven Valkenburg)

500 Red-wattled Lapwing / Indische Kievit *Vanellus indicus*, adult, Oranjezon, Oostkapelle, Zeeland, 31 July 2024 (Marcel Klootwijk)



seen at Badweg, Oosterend, *Terschelling* FR, 5-6 June, 2cy, photographed, videoed (E Schuller, K de Jong, D van der Elsken et al; Dutch Birding 46: 278, plate 438, 2024).

De Bol, *Texel*, 11 July, >1cy, photographed (K A Wevers, L Hinfelaar; Dutch Birding 46: 355, plate 553, 2024).

FLEVOLAND Grote Plas, Oostvaardersplassen, *Lelystad*, 21-31 August, >1cy, photographed, videoed (D Kok, R van Tiel, P Doorn et al).

Already the eighth and ninth for *Texel*.

#### Long-billed Dowitcher / Grote Grijs Snip

*Limnodromus scolopaceus* 0,56,5 (61)

ZEELAND Natuurontwikkeling binnendijks, Nummer Een, *Sluis*, 29 March to 14 April, and 25-28 April, moulting from winter to summer plumage, photographed (L Verroken et al; Dutch Birding 46: 209, plate 318, 2024).

Philipsdam, *Schouwen-Duiveland*, 17 April, adult summer plumage, photographed, videoed (M Pattikawa, M Sluijter, C Beeke et al).

Hedwigepolder, Emmadorp, *Hulst*, 26 December, 1cy, photographed (W De Rouck, via J Vandenhoek).

FRIESLAND Hegewiersterfjild, Kimsverd, *Súdwest-Fryslân*, 30 April to 5 May, adult summer plumage, photographed (B Ubels et al; Dutch Birding 46: 212, plate 324, 2024).

NOORD-HOLLAND Mokbaai, 12 August to 1 September, and Wadden Sea, De Cocksdorp, *Texel*, 14 September to 14 October, adult, photographed, videoed (M Janse,

P Rijk et al, via P van der Meer; Dutch Birding 46: 355, plate 551, 419, plate 632, 2024).

A good year for the species; only 2010 with six was better. For most of its stay between 17 December and 19 February 2025, the bird from Hedwigepolder was on the other side of the border at Prosperpolder Noord, Doel, Oost-Vlaanderen, Belgium (but it was also seen on 3-4 January 2025 in the Netherlands). The one near Sluis was the first to be discovered in March. The species has now been recorded in all months.

#### Great Snipe / Poelsnip

*Gallinago media* 1,59,3 (63, since 1977)

NOORD-HOLLAND Dijkmanshuizen, *Texel*, 14 August, 1cy, photographed, videoed (T Schipper, K Stork et al).

ZUID-HOLLAND Berkheide, *Wassenaar*, 9-12 September, 1cy, photographed (M Langbroek, E de Weerd et al).

Plasweg, Zuidplaspolder-Noord, *Waddinxveen*, 15-16 September, 1cy, photographed, sound-recorded (C Janse, L Janse et al).

Annual since 2015, with 32 records in that period.

#### Collared Pratincole / Vorkstaartplevier

*Glareola pratincola* 4,21,1 (28)

ZUID-HOLLAND Nieuwe Driemanspolder, *Zoetermeer*, 30 July, adult summer plumage, photographed, videoed (H Batjes, K Dijkstra et al; Dutch Birding 46: 351, plate 539, 2024).

This species has only been recorded in 15 years since 1980.

**501** Western Sandpiper / Alaskastrandloper *Calidris mauri*, second calendar-year, Holwert (Holwerd), Friesland, 16 August 2024 (Jaap Denee)



**Black-winged Pratincole / Stepevorkstaartplevier**

*Glareola nordmanni* 9,37,1 (51)

OVERIJSSSEL Oosterweilanden, Vriezenveen, *Twenterand*, 8-10 September, 1cy, photographed (P Hovenkamp et al; Dutch Birding 46: 419, plate 631, 2024).

All records are from late May to November.

**pratincole / vorkstaartplevier**

*Glareola pratincola/maldivarum/nordmanni* 3,10,1 (16)

UTRECHT Oostelijke Binnenpolder, Tienhoven, *Stichtse Vecht*, 10 August, photographed (S Polling, via CDNA).

**Ross's Gull / Ross' Meeuw**

*Rhodostethia rosea* 1,20,1 (22)

ZUID-HOLLAND Kwade Hoek, *Goeree-Overflakkee*, 27 April, 2cy, photographed, videoed (K Kraaijeveld, G Tanis, E Kraaijeveld-de Jong).

April is now the second-best month for this species with five records, after November with six. All five records since 2018 concerned first-winter individuals. Before that year, there were records of just one first-winter bird, two second-winter birds, and 14 adults.

**Ring-billed Gull / Ringsnavelmeeuw**

*Larus delawarensis* 0,11,0 (11)

DRENTHE Schoonebeek, *Emmen*, and also Daarle, *Helendoorn*, and Goor, *Hof van Twente* OV, and Cortenoever, *Brummen*, and Huissen, *Lingewaard*, 7 January, and De Bijland, Gelderse Poort, *Zevenaar*, 7-8 January, and Heumen, *Heumen* GE, and Driehuis, *Land van Cuijk*, and Bedaf, *Maashorst*, and Heirbaan, *Oosterwijk*, and Oostplas, *Goirle*, and Nieuwe Strumpt, *Baarle-Nassau* NB, 8 January, adult male, 'Kajzerka', wearing colour-ring, wearing GPS transmitter, tracked (via [www.interrex-tracking.com](http://www.interrex-tracking.com), [www.waarneming.nl](http://www.waarneming.nl) and CDNA).

This is 'Kajzerka' again, visiting the Netherlands during two days on his way from eastern Europe to his wintering grounds in Belgium. He crossed the Dutch-German border for the first time on 7 January at 11:00, spent the night at De Bijland and crossed the Belgian-Dutch border on 8 January at 17:00. The bird was only tracked, not seen. All locations are approximate (see Gelling et al 2023, 2024 for more details on this bird in 2012, 2021, 2022 and 2023).

**Kumlien's Gull / Kumliens Meeuw**

*Larus glaucooides kumlieni* 0,7,0 (7)

2021 FRIESLAND North Sea beach between Paal 19 and 21, *Terschelling*, 17-19 March, >4cy, photographed (W Dubbeldam, J Vink, via H Wieleman).

A belated record, identified afterwards from photographs of a (presumed) 'Iceland Gull *L g glaucooides*' at [www.waarneming.nl](http://www.waarneming.nl).

**Roseate Tern / Dougalls Stern**

*Sterna dougallii* 4,48,11 (70)

NOORD-HOLLAND De Putten, Camperduin, *Bergen*, 14 June, adult summer plumage, photographed, videoed (H Wieleman et al).

De Putten, Camperduin, *Bergen*, 15 June, adult summer plumage, wearing metal ring on right leg, photographed (L Verheuvél et al).

De Putten, Camperduin, *Bergen*, 16 June, adult summer plumage (J F J Jansen, C Winter).

Prins Hendrikzanddijk, *Texel*, 29 June to 3 July, adult summer plumage, photographed (D Kok et al).

De Putten, Camperduin, *Bergen*, 27 July, adult summer plumage, wearing metal ring on right leg, photographed (G O Keijl, J Schagen, K de Jager).

ZEELAND Waterdunen, Breskens, *Sluis*, 27 June to 11 July, 3cy, wearing metal ring on left leg, photographed, videoed (L van de Zande et al; Dutch Birding 46: 281, plate 441, 355, plate 550, 2024).

Neeltje Jans (Plaat), Oosterschelde, *Schouwen-Duiveland*, 30 June, two, adult summer plumage and 2cy or 3cy, one adult on 7 July, and at Waterdunen, Breskens, *Sluis*, 3, 6 and 11 July, photographed, videoed (S Lilipaly, M Ballmann, M Klootwijk et al).

Neeltje Jans (Plaat), Oosterschelde, *Schouwen-Duiveland*, 17 July, two, adult summer plumage of which one wearing metal ring on right leg, photographed (S Lilipaly).

Neeltje Jans (Plaat), Oosterschelde, *Schouwen-Duiveland*, 3 August, subadult, wearing metal ring on left leg, photographed (S Lilipaly).

Neeltje Jans (Plaat), Oosterschelde, *Schouwen-Duiveland*, 4 August, subadult, photographed (S Lilipaly, M Ballmann, M Sluijter).

ZUID-HOLLAND Strand Middelduinen, and Vuurtoren, Ouddorp, *Goeree-Overflakkee*, 8-9 July, 3cy or older, photographed (G Tanis, K Kraaijeveld).

2019 FRIESLAND Griend, *Terschelling*, 10 June, adult summer plumage, videoed (N Hijner).

By far the best year ever (was six in 2021), which is remarkable after the crash due to avian influenza in the only North Sea colony in 2022 and 2023. Most were found in colonies of other tern species (mostly Common Tern *S hirundo*). The 3cy at Waterdunen was joined by an adult on at least two dates in July. Two nestboxes were placed but despite display behaviour and one mating with a Common Tern there was no breeding attempt. The bird in 2019 was identified from a webcam in a Sandwich Tern *S sandvicensis* colony.

**Egyptian Vulture / Aagier**

*Neophron percnopterus* 0,3,1 (4)

NOORD-BRABANT Achtmaal, *Zundert*, 13 May, also seen at Groote Peel, Ospel, *Asten*, and Boshoverheide, Loozerheide, *Weert* LI, 16 May, adult, photographed (J Jansen, M van de Waarsenburg, R Bouwman et al; Ebels et al 2025; Dutch Birding 47: 18, plate 25, 2025).

This bird was found 1.5 h before a Cinereous Vulture *Aegypius monachus* (see below) by the same observer at the same spot just across the border in Belgium. Three days later, it was relocated at migration watchpoint Loozerheide. This is the third in May. Most Dutch birders eagerly await the first truly twitchable bird.



**502** Cinereous Vulture / Monniksgier *Aegypius monachus*, second calendar-year, Teteringen, Noord-Brabant, 13 May 2024 (*Luuk van Oerle*) **503** Cinereous Vulture / Monniksgier *Aegypius monachus*, immature, Kekerdom, Duffelt, Gelderland, 8 June 2024 (*Harvey van Diek*) **504** Booted Eagle / Dwergarend *Aquila pennata*, second calendar-year, with Common Buzzard / Buizerd *Buteo buteo*, Maasvlakte, Zuid-Holland, 28 May 2024 (*Guido Spek*) **505** Sandhill Crane / Canadese Kraanvogel *Antigone canadensis*, Westplaat, Voorne, Zuid-Holland, 6 June 2024 (*Mark Hoekstein*)

**Cinereous Vulture / Monniksgier**

*Aegypius monachus* 1,3,2 (6)

NOORD-BRABANT Achtmaal, *Zundert*, also seen at Sportpark, Zandberg, Ijpelaar, and Teteringen, *Breda*, and Langen Bruggert, *Altena*, and Zwolle-Zuid, Wipstrik and Ordelseweg, *Zwolle* OV, 13 May, 2cy, photographed (J Jansen, T Luiten, D C Uit de Weerd et al; Dutch Birding 46: 282, plate 449, 2024).

GELDERLAND Duffelt, *Berg en Dal*, 8 June, immature, photographed (H van Diek; Dutch Birding 46: 282, plate 450, 2024).

The first bird was found in Belgium just across the border flying north into the Netherlands, subsequently seen at two other locations in the west of Noord-Brabant and less than four hours later relocated near Zwolle. Remarkably, 1.5 h later the same observer then found the fourth Egyptian Vulture (see above). The second bird was photographed by one lucky observer.

**Lesser Spotted Eagle / Schreeuarend**

*Clanga pomarina* 3,23,2 (28)

LIMBURG Rivierpark Maasvallei-Visserweert, *Echt-Susteren*, also seen at Trierveld-Oost, Schipperskerk, *Sittard-Geleen*, 1 May, 4cy female, photographed (G A H de Hoog, H Corten).

Groote Peel, Ospel, *Nederweert*, 1 May, subadult, photographed (N Holtman, via CDNA).

May and June are the best months with 22 (79%) records.

**Greater/Lesser Spotted Eagle / Bastaardarend/Schreeuarend**

*Clanga clanga/pomarina* 0,15,3 (18)

LIMBURG Grevenbicht, *Sittard-Geleen*, 5 May, 3cy or older, photographed (R Schols, A Schols).

FRIESLAND Drachtstercompagnie, *Smallingerland*, 14 May, 2cy, photographed (D Hoekstra, via CDNA).

GRONINGEN Plas Langebosch, Wildervank, *Veendam*,

14 May, 3cy or older, photographed (R Oving, M van der Hurk).

The Limburg bird was most likely a Greater Spotted Eagle *C clanga* but a hybrid could not be sufficiently excluded. The Friesland and Groningen birds were probably Lesser Spotted Eagles *C pomarina* but again in both cases a hybrid could not be ruled out.

### Booted Eagle / Dwergarend

*Aquila pennata* 0,51,8 (59)

NOORD-BRABANT Polder de Zalm, Noordwaard, Brabantse Biesbosch, *Altena*, also seen at Van Assendelftgaard, *Hendrik-Ido-Ambacht* ZH, 25 February, 2cy, dark morph, photographed (K Vrisekoop, H Geerdink, C Fokker; Dutch Birding 46: 140, plate 203, 2024).

Schijndel, *Meerijstad*, 30 April, 2cy, pale morph, photographed (W J F Thijs; Dutch Birding 46: 213, plate 327, 2024).

NOORD-HOLLAND Mussenveld, Amsterdamse Waterleidingduinen, *Zandvoort*, 6 May, 2cy, rufous morph, photographed (C J van den Dungen; Dutch Birding 46: 282, plate 448, 2024).

ZEELAND Zeedijk, Nieuwvliet, and Groede, and Heerenpolder, and Telpost, *Breskens*, *Sluis*, 12 May, 2cy, pale morph, photographed (N van Houtum, S Rijnbeek, O van Herwaarden et al; Dutch Birding 46: 284, plate 454, 2024).

Waanweg, Hoedekenskerke, *Borsele*, 22 May, 2cy, dark morph, photographed (M Hoekstein).

Veermansplaat, Grevelingen, *Schouwen-Duiveland*, 25 May, also seen at Maasvlakte, *Rotterdam*, and De Banken, 's-Gravenzande, *Westland*, and De Vulkaan, Westduinpark, and Bomen- en Bloemenbuurt, and Nieuwe Scheveningse Bosjes, and Benoordenhout, and Malieveld, *Den Haag*, and Valkenburg, *Katwijk*, and Warmond, *Teylingen* ZH, 28 May, 2cy, dark morph, photographed, videoed (M Hoekstein, G Jenniskens, G Spek et al; Dutch Birding 46: 282, plate 447, 2024).

Hedwigeschor, Emmadorp, *Hulst*, 27 May, rufous morph, photographed (K Hessel).

GELDERLAND Waterrijk-Oost, Park Lingezegen, *Overbetuwe*, 18 May, dark morph, photographed (E Wieman).

The Brabantse Biesbosch bird constituted the first record outside April-October and was also seen at several locations in Belgium in March-April. The bird at Hedwigeschor was also seen at Doelpolder Noord, Doel, Oost-Vlaanderen, Belgium. There has clearly been an increase in records with 45% (n=27) of all records (since the first in 1992) in the last five years.

### Eurasian Pygmy Owl / Dwerguil

*Glaucidium passerinum* 0,12,1 (13)

2023 LIMBURG Landgoed Wellensteyn, *Nederweert*, 17 June, male, sound-recorded (R M van Dongen).

This bird was sound-recorded with an autonomous acoustic recording device (audiomoth) during a survey in June 2023 in the area. This is the first record of any species with this method.

### Tengmalm's Owl / Ruigpootuil

*Aegolius funereus* 3,21,0 (66)

2023 # GELDERLAND Holterhoek, Eibergen, *Berkelland*, 23-25 April (was 23-24 April), singing, sound-recorded (J van de Kamp).

### Eurasian Scops Owl / Dwergooruil

*Otus scops* 4,15,1 (20)

ZUID-HOLLAND Klaas Engelbrechtspolder, Den Hoorn, *Midden-Delfland*, 26 May to 17 June, singing, sound-recorded, videoed (thermal imaging camera) (F van der Knaap, F van der Lans et al).

Probably present before 26 May (according to the local resident) but exact date is not known. Apart from three birds found dead or moribund in March and September, all 17 others were found singing between 8 May and 19 June. This is the seventh to stay for at least 10 days and therefore considered a valid territory.

### Blue-cheeked Bee-eater / Groene Bijeneter

*Merops persicus* 1,4,2 (7)

ZUID-HOLLAND Amsterdamse Waterleidingduinen, *Noordwijk*, 16-17 July, adult, photographed, sound-recorded, videoed (R Rotscheid, J Philippart et al; Dutch Birding 46: 265, plate 409, 357, plate 554, 2024).

GELDERLAND Onderlangs, *Wageningen*, 3 August, photographed (M van Laarhoven, via CDNA).

The first bird showed very well feeding on butterflies and dragonflies. The second was photographed by someone who was not aware what he had seen.

### European Roller / Scharrelaar

*Coracias garrulus* 50,24,1 (79)

LIMBURG Nationaal Park de Meinweg, *Roerdalen*, 1-3 July, adult, photographed (J Cauberg, G A H de Hoog et al).

The 10th this century.

### Gyr Falcon / Giervalk

*Falco rusticolus* 4,6,0 (10)

NOORD-HOLLAND De Slufter, and De Muy, *Texel*, 7 December 2023 to 19 February, 1cy to 2cy, grey morph, photographed, videoed.

Already accepted for 2023. December is the best month with four. This is the third that stayed for a significant part of the winter.

### Brown Shrike / Bruine Klauwier

*Lanius cristatus* 0,4,1 (5)

NOORD-HOLLAND Hondsbossche Zeewering, and Vereenigde Hager- en Petteempolder, *Camperduin*, *Bergen*, 6 October, 1cy, photographed (B Mijnen, J W Dekker et al; Dutch Birding 46: 428, plate 650, 2024).

The third in October. The first two records were in winter and remained for a long time.

### Daurian Shrike / Daurische Klauwier

*Lanius isabellinus* 0,19,2 (21)

NOORD-HOLLAND Mandenvallei, Eierlandse Duinen, *Texel*, 15 October, 1cy, photographed, videoed (M van



506 Blue-cheeked Bee-eater / Groene Bijeneter *Merops persicus*, adult, Amsterdamse Waterleidingduinen, Zuid-Holland, 16 July 2024 (Garry Bakker)

507 Gyrfalcon / Giervalk *Falco rusticolus*, second calendar-year, Texel, Noord-Holland, 17 February 2024 (Peter de Man)





**508** Daurian Shrike / Daurische Klauwier *Lanius isabellinus*, first calendar-year, Eierlandse Duinen, Texel, Noord-Holland, 15 October 2024 (*Jos van den Berg/birdingtexel.com*) **509** Brown Shrike / Bruine Klauwier *Lanius cristatus*, first calendar-year, Camperduin, Noord-Holland, 6 October 2024 (*Jan Willem Dekker*) **510** Eurasian Crag Martin / Rotszwaluw *Ptyonoprogne rupestris*, first calendar-year, Oosterend, Texel, Noord-Holland, 26 October 2024 (*Peter de Man*)





**511** Isabelline Wheatear / Izabeltapuit *Oenanthe isabellina*, first calendar-year, Berkheide, Zuid-Holland, 22 October 2024 (*Rob A C Halfj*) **512** Dark-sided Flycatcher / Roetvliegenvanger *Muscicapa sibirica*, third calendar-year or older, Meijendel, Zuid-Holland, 6 October 2024 (*Thijs Glastra*) **513** Desert Wheatear / Woestijntapuit *Oenanthe deserti*, first calendar-year male, Normerpolder, Noord-Holland, 11 November 2024 (*Wim Kuitems*)





**514** Pallas's Grasshopper Warbler / Siberische Sprinkhaanzanger *Locustella certhiola*, first calendar-year, Kroonspolders, Vlieland, Friesland, 29 September 2024 (Carl Zuhorn) **515** Siberian Pipit / Siberische Waterpieper *Anthus japonicus*, adult, 's-Gravendeel, Zuid-Holland, 9 January 2024 (Cornelis Fokker) **516** Moustached Warbler / Zwartkoprietzanger *Acrocephalus melanopogon*, adult male, Blauwe Kamer, Rhenen, Utrecht, 6 March 2024 (Jolanda Balm)

Bruggen et al; Dutch Birding 46: 424, plate 641, 2024). Infiltratiegebied Kieftenvlak, and Bassinvlak, Noord-hollands Duinreservaat, *Heemskerk*, 27 October to 4 November, 1cy, photographed, videoed (W Bol, H Schekkerman, R G M Altenburg et al; Dutch Birding 47: 68, plate 87, 2025).

Including unidentified isabelline shrikes, the Dutch list now holds 19 1cy birds, five adult males, three (adult) females and two birds not aged/sexed.

**Red-tailed/Daurian Shrike / Turkestaanse/Daurische Klauwier**

*Lanius phoenicuroides/isabellinus* 0,7,1 (8)  
OVERIJSSSEL Kiersche Wijde West, De Wieden, *Steenwijkerland*, 18 October, 1cy, photographed (M van der Maar).

This was probably a Daurian Shrike *L. isabellinus*. The period late September to October produced 25 (71%) out of the 35 isabelline shrikes *sensu lato*.

**Lesser Grey Shrike / Kleine Klapekster**

*Lanius minor* 21,44,2 (67)  
NOORD-BRABANT Leikeven, Huis ter Heide, *Tilburg*, 6-8 September, photographed, videoed (R Hoppenbrouwers et al).  
FRIESLAND Paal 12, Duinen, and Formerum aan Zee, *Terschelling*, 30 October to 2 November, adult, photographed (C de Rond et al, via J Bos; Dutch Birding 47: 68, plate 88, 2025).

The one on Terschelling is only the second in November; the other in 2024 appeared on a more classic date.

**Crested Lark / Kuifleeuwerik**

*Galerida cristata* -,6,1 (7, since 2015)  
LIMBURG Karstraat, Wahlwiller/Nijswiller, *Culpen-Wittem*, 2 May, photographed, sound-recorded (B Alards, M van der Weijde, D Eijkemans).

Only the sixth record, of this once common breeding bird, since the last territorial bird disappeared in spring 2015.

**Greater Short-toed Lark / Kortteenleeuwerik**

*Calandrella brachydactyla* 3,73,1 (77)  
NOORD-HOLLAND Paal 29, Eierlandsche Duinen, *Texel*,  
12 October, sound-recorded (N Bosch).

A migrating bird not seen but the recorded calls were diagnostic. One third of all records are from autumn (including one overwintering), the rest are from (late) spring.

**Eurasian Crag Martin / Rotszwaluw**

*Ptyonoprogne rupestris* 0,10,1 (15)  
NOORD-HOLLAND Oosterend, *Texel*, 25-26 October,  
1cy, photographed, videoed (J ten Horn, S Kuehn et al;  
Dutch Birding 46: 425, plate 642, 2024).

In the evening of the first day, it roosted on a wall of the local church. In the hours after sunset, it was still visible by the church light.

**Cetti's Warbler / Cetti's Zanger**

*Cettia cetti* 163,67,- (230)  
1973 # GELDERLAND Nieuwe Zuiderlingedijk, Heuke-  
lum, *West Betuwe*, 24 April to 13 May (was 30 April to  
13 May), singing (W Hoogendoorn, R Rook, S Braaks-  
ma et al).

This species is no longer considered since 1 January 2004 but the CDNA still welcomes records before this date.

**Iberian Chiffchaff / Iberische Tjiftjaf**

*Phylloscopus ibericus* 2,70,4 (76)  
LIMBURG Kerperbos, *Vaals*, 6 April to 13 June, singing,  
photographed, sound-recorded, videoed (R van der  
Weijde, J van der Weijde-Kemp, D Krantz et al; Dutch  
Birding 46: 213, plate 328, 2024).

OVERIJSEL Diezerpoort, *Zwolle*, 12 April, singing, photo-  
graphed, sound-recorded (J Zoeter et al).

NOORD-BRABANT Stroomgebied Molenleij, *Breda*, 22-24  
April, 2cy, singing, photographed, sound-recorded  
(B van den Berg, M Nuiver, T van Oerle et al).

ZUID-HOLLAND Havenhoofd, Goedereede, *Goeree-Over-  
flakkee*, 10 May, singing, photographed, sound-  
recorded (K Kraaijeveld, E Kraaijeveld et al).

Almost all concerned singing birds in spring, 43 (59%)  
stayed longer than 10 days and can be considered being  
on territory.

**Pallas's Grasshopper Warbler / Siberische Sprinkhaan-  
zanger**

*Locustella certhiola* 0,12,1 (13)  
FRIESLAND Kroonspolders, *Vlieland*, 29 September, 1cy,  
ringed, photographed (G Bochem, C Zuhorn).

Surprisingly, only the first for the Wadden Sea area,  
which is often the most productive area for both eastern  
and western rarities.

**Paddyfield Warbler / Veldrietzanger**

*Acrocephalus agricola* 1,42,1 (47)  
NOORD-HOLLAND Groote Keeten, *Schagen*, 2-3 Septem-  
ber, 1cy, photographed, sound-recorded, videoed  
(H Wieleman et al; Dutch Birding 46: 428, plate 651,  
2024).

At last, the first twitchable bird. Two earlier field records

(September 1994 and October 2011) were only seen by  
a lucky few, and all others were ringed.

**Moustached Warbler / Zwartkoprietzanger**

*Acrocephalus melanopogon* 0,2,1 (3)  
UTRECHT Hoorwerk aan de Grebbe, *Rhenen*, 28 Febru-  
ary to 15 March, adult male, photographed, sound-  
recorded, videoed (A Sleuvenhoek et al; Dutch  
Birding 46: 141, plate 206, 213, plate 329, 2024).

A typical early bird. Found singing and initially very dif-  
ficult to see but eventually sighted with some perse-  
verance by many thankful visitors, as the first was a ring-  
ing record which was only heard after release and the  
second was only seen by a lucky few. The previous two  
were found in March and April.

**Zitting Cisticola / Graszanger**

*Cisticola juncidis* 33,32,- (126)  
1999 ZEELAND Westenschouwense Inlaag-West, Westen-  
schouwen, *Schouwen-Duiveland*, 28 August, singing  
(T J C Sluijter).

This species is no longer considered since 1 January  
2001 but the CDNA still welcomes records before this  
date.

**White's Thrush / Goudlijster**

*Zoothera aurea* 11,12,1 (24)  
NOORD-HOLLAND Visitor Centre, Noordhollands Duin-  
reservaat, *Bergen*, 22 September, 1cy, found dead,  
window victim (now in collection of Bezoekers-  
centrum Noordhollands Duinreservaat, Bergen NH),  
photographed (L Knijsberg et al, via A Bos; Dutch  
Birding 46: 427, plate 649, 2024).

The Dutch list holds 17 dead birds (c 71%), two ringed  
and only five field records, two in spring and three in  
autumn (the only three twitchable birds).

**\*Dark-sided Flycatcher / Roetvliegenvanger**

*Muscicapa sibirica* 0,0,1 (1)  
ZUID-HOLLAND Ganzenhoek, Meijndel, *Wassenaar*,  
5-6 October, adult, photographed, videoed (B van  
Gennip, M Lakeman et al; van Gennip et al 2025;  
Dutch Birding 46: 410, plate 610, 426, plate 645-646,  
2024, 47: 155-158, plate 219-226, 2025).

A spectacular find in a coastal pine forest. Only the third  
for the Western Palearctic and the first adult, the two oth-  
ers concerning unmoulted juveniles (see also Hellström  
2025).

**Red-spotted Bluethroat / Roodsterblauwborst**

*Luscinia svecica svecica* 24,61,3 (89)  
FRIESLAND Meerswal, Makkum, *Súdwest-Fryslân*, 7 May,  
2cy male, photographed (G Westerhuis).  
GRONINGEN Rottumerplaat, *Het Hogeland*, 17 May, 2cy  
male, photographed (J Miedema, B de Vries).  
NOORD-HOLLAND Geulduinen, *Texel*, 19 May, 2cy  
male, photographed (K Stork).

Three is above average, with 73 birds in the last 50 years.  
The timing is classic with all but five in May-June.

**Siberian/Stejneger's Stonechat / Aziatische/Stejnegers Roodborsttapuit**

*Saxicola maurus/stejnegeri* 0,3,0 (3)

2020 ZEELAND Noordervroon, Westkapelle, Veere, 25 May, 2cy male, photographed, videoed (T Luiten et al).

Only the third spring record of an eastern stonechat after two birds in April and May 1998 (both accepted as *maurus*). After 2020, several more spring records of *S maurus hemprichi* would follow.

**Isabelline Wheatear / Izabeltapuit**

*Oenanthe isabellina* 0,27,2 (29)

GELDERLAND Wageningse Bovenpolder, Wageningen, 9 May, male, photographed, videoed (R Beunen, R Vermoolen et al; Dutch Birding 46: 286, plate 465, 2024). ZUID-HOLLAND Berkheide, Katwijk, 20-22 October, 1cy, photographed, videoed (M Langbroek, F van Wezenberg et al; Dutch Birding 46: 427, plate 648, 2024).

The Wageningen bird is the first in May and only the second in spring.

**Desert Wheatear / Woestijntapuit**

*Oenanthe deserti* 1,50,4 (55)

NOORD-HOLLAND Prins Hendrik Polder, Texel, 8-14 October, 1cy male, photographed (C J Camphuysen et al, via A Wassink).

Noorderbuurt, and Normerpolder, Wieringen, *Hollands Kroon*, 9-11 November, 1cy male, photographed (W Tijssen, B Woets et al; Dutch Birding 47: 68, plate 90, 2025).

FRIESLAND Vrijheidsplaat, Vogelpôle, Zuidergrie, and Lange Sloot, *Ameland*, 21-22 October, 1cy female, photographed (H Velzen et al, via A Bos; Dutch Birding 46: 429, plate 655, 2024).

UTRECHT Zouweboezem, Ameide-Meerkerk, *Vijfheerenlanden*, 25 October, male, videoed (S Philips).

There has been a significant increase in records with all but two in the last three decades.

**Pied Wheatear / Bonte Tapuit**

*Oenanthe pleschanka* 0,34,1 (35)

ZUID-HOLLAND Zuidpolder van Delfgauw, Delfgauw, *Pijnacker-Nootdorp*, 15 October, 1cy female, photographed (T J C Luijendijk et al; Dutch Birding 46: 429, plate 654, 2024).

Most (83%) are from October and November along with five between late May and early July, plus one in December.

**Alpine Accentor / Alpenheggenmus**

*Prunella collaris* 0,20,1 (22)

FRIESLAND De Folgeren, *Drachten*, 23 April, 2cy, photographed (K Walinga-Brouwer).

With nine records, April is the most productive month followed by May with eight.

**eastern yellow wagtail / oostelijke gele kwikstaart**

*Motacilla tschutschensis/macronyx/taivana* 0,2,0 (2)

2022 NOORD-HOLLAND Dorpzicht, De Cocksdoorp, *Texel*, 15-19 October, 1cy, photographed, sound-

recorded, videoed (W Lely, S Kooijman et al, via A Wassink; Dutch Birding 44: 475, plate 705, 2022).

Only the second to be accepted after the Vlieland bird in October 2008. Both the calls and plumage matched eastern yellow wagtail and not one of the western taxa. The bird was found and photographed by two birders who thought they had seen a Grey Wagtail *M cinerea*. Luckily, they shared the photographs so the bird could be twitched by many birders.

**Blyth's Pipit / Mongoolse Pieper**

*Anthus godlewskii* 0,20,7 (27)

ZEELAND De Nolle, Duinen Vijgheter, *Vlissingen*, 6 October, photographed, sound-recorded (M Pattikawa et al).

NOORD-HOLLAND Hondsbossche Zeewering, *Bergen*, 6 October, sound-recorded (D Dolman, A Borhem, J Schagen).

Eierlandse Duinen, and Vuurtoren, and De Muy, and De Nederlanden, and Bertusnol, and Westerduinen, and Bollekamer, and Parkeerterrein Paal 9, *Texel*, 12 October, photographed, sound-recorded, videoed (F van der Veen et al, via R F J van Beusekom).

ZUID-HOLLAND Duindamse Slag, Noordduinen, *Noordwijk*, 12 October, sound-recorded (M Wielstra).

Crezéepolder, *Hendrik-Ido-Ambacht*, 15 October, photographed, sound-recorded (D de Jong, J van den Ende).

FRIESLAND Zwanewaterduinen, *Ameland*, 23-26 October, 1cy, photographed, sound-recorded (R Pater, J J F J Jansen et al).

Banckspolder, Waddenzeedijk, Veerhaven, and Oosterveld, *Schiernomonnikoog*, 24-25 October, photographed, sound-recorded (A Dwarshuis, S Fleur, J P Sinnema et al).

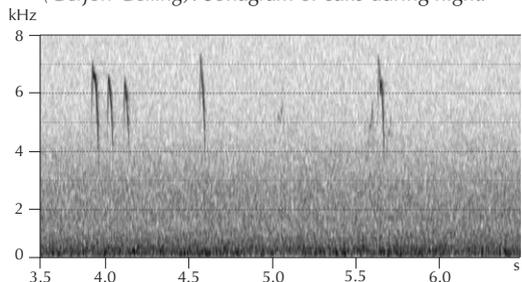
Seven in a year, all between 6 and 24 October, is remarkable. The previous record year was 2020 with three. Apart from four wintering birds and three in November (among which the only two ringed birds), the other 20 are from the period 6-31 October.

**\*Pechora Pipit / Petsjorapieper**

*Anthus gustavi* 0,0,1 (1)

ZUID-HOLLAND De Vulkaan, Westduinpark, *Den Haag*, 1 November, sound-recorded (G J Gelling, S Tas, E Mulders).

FIGURE 2 Pechora Pipit / Petsjorapieper *Anthus gustavi*, Den Haag, Zuid-Holland, 1 November 2024 (Gerjon Gelling). Sonagram of calls during flight.



A long-awaited new species for the Dutch avifauna. Seen flying by and heard by two bird migration counters and an accidental guest on this visible migration (hot)spot. The sonograms of the sound-recording showed seven calls, spot-on for this species (figure 2). This is one of the few accepted flybys in Europe. A rejected sighting from 2012 is currently being reassessed.

### Siberian Pipit / Siberische Waterpieper

*Anthus japonicus* 0,1,0 (1)

ZUID-HOLLAND Polder Nieuw-Bonaventura, Strijen, Hoeksche Waard, 3-25 January, adult, photographed, sound-recorded, videoed (C Fokker et al; Dutch Birding 46: 142, plate 209, 2024).

The discoverer of the first in February 2023 surprisingly relocated the same bird in the same area 11 months later.

### Arctic Redpoll / Witsluitbarmsijs

*Acanthis hornemanni* 31,63,- (118)

1975 # NOORD-HOLLAND Naarderbos, *Gooise Meren*, 23-30 November (was 25-30 November), two, ringed (J Rahder et al).

Between 23 and 30 November, and possibly between 15 November and 6 December (Jonkers et al 1987, van den Berg & Bosman 2001), at least two birds were present at Naarderbos, trapped and ringed on 30 November. This species is no longer considered since 1 January 2015 but the CDNA still welcomes records before this date.

### Two-barred Crossbill / Witbandkruisbek

*Loxia leucoptera* 6,69,0 (285)

1972 # FRIESLAND Hollum, *Ameland*, 28 July (was 31 July), female, ringed, photographed (via J F J Jansen). Taken into care until 31 July, ringed and released afterwards.

### White-throated Sparrow / Witkeelgors

*Zonotrichia albicollis* 3,4,0 (7)

1967 # ZUID-HOLLAND Overschie, *Rotterdam*, 28 September, trapped, photographed (Hoogerwerf & Tekke 1969).

# Zuidbuurt, *Vlaardingen*, 8 October, male, trapped, photographed (Hoogerwerf & Tekke 1969).

Hoogerwerf & Tekke (1969) stated that both White-throated Sparrows caught in 1967 were kept in captivity and would be donated to the Natural History Museum, Tring, Hertfordshire, England, and to Natuurhistorisch Museum, Leiden ZH (now Naturalis Biodiversity Center, Leiden ZH) after their death. However, the bird from 8 October 1967 reached the Zoological Museum Amsterdam NH (now at Naturalis Biodiversity Center, Leiden ZH and registered as ZMA.AVES.25295), while the 28 September 1967 bird never reached the Natural History Museum. So, the latter specimen is lost but fortunately represented by a photograph (Hoogerwerf & Tekke 1969).

### Baltimore Oriole / Baltimoretroepiaal

*Icterus galbula* 0,2,0 (2)

1987 # FRIESLAND Kroonspolders, *Vlieland*, 14 October (was 14-19 October, Wiegant et al 1996), 1cy female, ringed, photographed.

Trapped on 14 October and subsequently held in captivity until 18 October and then released. After being seen shortly on 19 October, it was retrapped at the same place on 20 October (van den Berg et al 1989, de By & de Knijff 1989, Ebels & van Eck 1992).

### Category E

#### Baikal Teal / Siberische Taling

*Sibirionetta formosa*

FRIESLAND Hegewiersterfjild, Kimswerd, *Súdwest-Fryslân*, 26 June, >1cy male, photographed (B Ubels; Dutch Birding 46: 276, plate 433, 2024).

Identification accepted but escaped doubtful because of severely damaged plumage, which suggests escape from captivity.

#### Rock Sparrow / Rotsmus

*Petronia petronia*

FLEVOLAND Jan van den Boschpad, Oostvaardersplassen, *Lelystad*, 27 April, adult male, photographed (R Vos).

Identification accepted but escaped from captivity: the bird carried a closed ring used for captive-bred birds.

2023

#### Yellow-billed Kite / Geelsnavelwouw

*Milvus aegyptius*

OVERIJSSSEL Hooge Broek, *Raalte*, 29 April, adult, photographed (S Bruggeman, via CDNA).

Identification accepted but probably escaped from captivity as tail and wings were severely damaged. Also seen in Belgium and Britain.

1986

#### # Bald Eagle / Amerikaanse Zeearend

*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*

NOORD-BRABANT *Zundert*, autumn 1986 (was autumn 1986 to 29 July 1989), immature moulting to adult female (van der Vliet et al 2003).

The bird, of unknown origin, was taken into care at the bird care centre in Zundert and stayed there until 29 July 1989, when it was transported by Vogelbescherming Nederland to Union Québécoise de Rehabilitation des Oiseaux de proie, St Huyacinte, Quebec, Canada, for rehabilitation into the wild.

1971

#### Common Nighthawk / Amerikaanse Nachtzwaluw

*Chordeiles minor*

ZUID-HOLLAND *Rotterdam*, 14 May, brought alive by unknown person to Stichting Vogelklas Karel Schot, Rotterdam, where it died quickly after (skin in collection of Natuurhistorisch Museum Rotterdam), photographed (via J F J Jansen).

Identification accepted but it is unclear how the bird reached the country.

1852

#### Senegal Thick-knee / Senegalese Griel

*Burhinus senegalensis*

ZEELAND unknown location, January, adult, in collection

of Jan Pieter van Wickevoort Crommelin (1830-1891) which is now at Naturalis Biodiversity Center, Leiden ZH, photographed (via C S Roselaar, J J F J Jansen; cf Keijl et al 2020).

Identification accepted but it is unclear how and in what condition the bird reached the country.

### Not accepted reports

This list contains all reports not accepted by the CDNA other than definite category E records. Reports marked with @ were not accepted by all committee members in the first or second voting round. Most reports were rejected because the identification was not fully established (often due to lack of documentation). When a bird showed signs of captivity, such as dubious rings, suspicious wear and/or aberrant behaviour, it is placed in category E.

**White-headed Duck / Witkopend** *Oxyura leucocephala* 20 September, Gooimeer, *Gooise Meren* NH, photographed (@ photographs not of sufficient quality to exclude Ruddy Duck *O. jamaicensis*, which is known to be present in the area). **Todd's Canada Goose / Todds Canadese Gans** *Branta canadensis interior* 14 May, Spaarndammerpolder-zuid, *Haarlem* NH, photographed (@ photographs not detailed enough to exclude other taxa or hybrids; description incomplete and status doubtful). **Canvasback / Grote Tafeleend** *Aythya valisineria* 29 June, Vogelplas Starrevaart, *Leidschendam-Voorburg* ZH (description incomplete, even for a date extension). **Ring-necked Duck / Ringsnaveleend** *Aythya collaris* 29 April, Fivelpoort, Appingedam, *Eemdelta* GR, male, photographed (@ visible features on the single photograph do not fully fit this species and photograph not sufficiently detailed to exclude Tufted Duck *A. fuligula* or hybrid). **Falcated Duck x Northern Shoveler / Bronskopeend x Slobeend** *Mareca falcata* x *Spatula clypeata* 6 February to 6 April, Heilooërbossen / Landgoed Nijenburg, *Heiloo*, and De Hoef, and Munikkenboschpolder, *Alkmaar*, and Loterijlanden, *Bergen* NH, adult male, photographed (no DNA, parental species unclear and status doubtful regarding behaviour and location; cf Lehnhus 2025). **Great Spotted Cuckoo / Kuifkoekoek** *Clamator glandarius* 5 July, Ezumakeeg-Zuid, Lauwersmeer, *Noardeast-Fryslân* FR (intriguing observation but short observation time and no second look, description incomplete). **Lesser Yellowlegs / Kleine Geelpootruiter** *Tringa flavipes* 30 June, Achter de Zwart, Lauwersmeer, *Het Hogeland* GR, photographed (good candidate but not all key features seen or described and photographs not of sufficient quality to exclude other species). **Great Snipe / Poelsnip** *Gallinago media* 5 May, Oudeland van Strijen, *Hoeksche Waard* ZH (good candidate but short observation time and no second look, not all features for this species seen or described). **Ring-billed x Common Gull / Ringsnavelmeeuw x Stormmeeuw** *Larus delawarensis* x *canus* 5 November, Oosterschar, *De Fryske Marren* FR, photographed (@ most probably this hybrid but Ring-billed Gull not excluded with 100% certainty).

**Roseate Tern / Dougalls Stern** *Sterna dougallii* 18 May, Zuiderhavenhoofd, Scheveningen, *Den Haag* ZH, photographed (@ photographs show Sandwich Tern *S. sandvicensis*). **Lesser Spotted Eagle / Schreeuarend** *Clanga pomarina* 30 April, Karstraat, Wahlwiller / Nijswinger, *Gulpen-Wittem* LI (@ description incomplete). **Booted Eagle / Dwegarend** *Aquila pennata* 2 March, Middelplaat, Brouwersdam, *Goeree-Overflakkee* ZH (@ description incomplete); 14 May, Egmond-Binnen, *Bergen* NH, dark morph (@ description incomplete); 14 May, Wimmenummerduinen, Egmond aan Zee, *Bergen* NH, pale morph (@ description incomplete); 30 May Rokkehage, *Zoetermeer*, and Groene Wal, *Gouda* ZH, pale morph, photographed (@ possibly this species but description incomplete and photograph not of sufficient quality to exclude other species); 29 June, Noordwelle, *Schouwen-Duiveland* ZL (good candidate but description not complete enough to be certain). **Golden Eagle / Steenarend** *Aquila chrysaetos* 15 May, Velp, *Rheden* GE, photographed (@ photographs show Common Buzzard *Buteo buteo*). **Eurasian Pygmy Owl / Dweguil** *Glaucidium passerinum* 18 March to 18 April, Planken Wambuis, *Ede* GE, sound-recorded (@ sound-recordings not of sufficient quality to exclude other species); 29 June, Landgoed Rozendaal, *Roerdalen* LI, sound-recorded (bird not seen and sound-recording does not fully match this species); 14-15 October, Nistelrode, *Bernheze* NB, sound-recorded (@ recorded sound does not match this or any other bird species, probably something mechanistic). **Tengmalm's Owl / Ruigpootuil** *Aegolius funereus* 6 April, Reuver, *Beesel* LI, sound-recorded (bird not seen, recorded sound not typical for this species, and too much doubt about the circumstances). **Eurasian Scops Owl / Dwegooruil** *Otus scops* 7 November, Roege Bos, *Groningen* GR, sound-recorded (@ sound-recording suggestive but only a single call and bird not seen). **Grey-headed Woodpecker / Grijskopspecht** *Picus canus* 3 September, Goorscheveld, *Haaksbergen* OV (@ description incomplete). **Greater Short-toed Lark / Kortteenleeuwerik** *Calandrella brachydactyla* 18 October, Brobbelbies, *Maashorst* NB, sound-recorded (@ bird not seen and only one non-characteristic call recorded). **Eurasian Crag Martin / Rotszwaluw** *Ptyonoprogne rupestris* 2 October, Krimweg, *Texel* NH (description incomplete of bird seen very briefly). **Sykes's Blue-headed Wagtail / Russische Gele Kwikstaart** *Motacilla flava beema* 27 April, Park Lingezege, Elst, *Overbetuwe* GE, adult male summer plumage, photographed, videoed (@ the bird showed the morphological characters that fit well for *beema*. Based on plumage aspects, hybrids of Blue-headed x Yellow Wagtail *M. flava* x *flavissima*, known as 'Channel Wagtail', could be excluded. Because *beema* has not yet been confirmed with certainty in surrounding countries, other committees affiliated with the AERC were asked how they deal with this difficult taxon. None of the responding committees has records of *beema*, and some committees consider this taxon as 'not identifiable' in the context of a rarity assessment. Subsequently the CDNA conducted exploratory research into the variation of *beema* and *flava* in possible transitional areas which revealed that this variation is un-

known and therefore current knowledge not sufficient. It was therefore decided that the bird, although it looks like *beema*, is (for the time being) not acceptable until the variation has been further investigated.). **eastern yellow wagtail / oostelijke gele kwikstaart** *Motacilla tschutschensis/macronyx/taivana* 13 October, Noordduinen, Noordwijk ZH, photographed, sound-recorded (@ interesting bird but photographs and sound-recordings not of sufficient quality to exclude western taxa). **Two-barred Crossbill / Witbandkruisbek** *Loxia leucoptera* 11 October, Palmven, De Maashorst, Maashorst NB, sound-recorded (@ sound-recording does not match this species but resembles flight call of House Sparrow *Passer domesticus* or more probably Eurasian Tree Sparrow *P. montanus*). **Black-headed Bunting / Zwartkopgors** *Emberiza melanocephala* 5 October, De Punt, Westenschouwen, Schouwen-Duiveland ZL, 1cy, photographed, videoed (@ based on description, photographs and videos Red-headed Bunting *E. bruniceps* cannot be excluded). **Cirl Bunting / Cirlgors** *Emberiza cirlus* 18 October, Luttenberg, Raalte OV, sound-recorded (@ bird not seen and sound-recording, although intriguing, not completely matching).

2023

**Blue-winged Teal x Northern Shoveler / Blauwvleugeltaling x Slobeend** *Spatula discors x clypeata* 4 June, Polder IJdoorn, Amsterdam NH, >1cy male, photographed (although the bird shows several obvious features of this hybrid type, there are also some aspects in the plumage that could point towards Australian Shoveler *S. rhynchotis* as one of the parents, like the heavier bill and darker and heavier striped flank than earlier accepted birds). **Falcated Duck x Northern Shoveler / Bronskopeend x Slobeend** *Mareca falcata x Spatula clypeata* 5 January to 3 April, Súdhoeko and Zuidhoeksterpolder, Wommels, Súdwest-Fryslân FR, adult male, photographed (no DNA, parental species unclear and status doubtful regarding behaviour and location; cf Lehms 2025); 28 January to 16 December, Zanderslootweg, Heiloo, and De Hoef, Alkmaar NH, adult male, photographed (see 2024). **Sykes's Blue-headed Wagtail / Russische Gele Kwikstaart** *Motacilla flava beema* 22 April, Eemshaven-Oost, Het Hogeland GR, two, adult male summer plumage, photographed (see 2024).

2022

**Falcated Duck x Northern Shoveler / Bronskopeend x Slobeend** *Mareca falcata x Spatula clypeata* 2 January to 8 April, Polder Boekelermeer and De Hoef and Alkmaarderhout, Alkmaar, and Zanderslootweg, Heiloo and Loterijlanden, Bergen NH, adult male, photographed (see 2024).

2021

**Falcated Duck x Northern Shoveler / Bronskopeend x Slobeend** *Mareca falcata x Spatula clypeata* 4-13 March, Alkmaarderhout, Alkmaar, and Zanderslootweg, Heiloo NH, adult male, photographed (see 2024). **Steppe Eagle / Stepparend** *Aquila nipalensis* 23 October, Naardermeer, Gooise Meren NH, videoed (@ description incomplete and videos not detailed enough to exclude other species).

2018

**eastern yellow wagtail / oostelijke gele kwikstaart** *Motacilla tschutschensis/macronyx/taivana* 16 September, Strypsche Wetering, Rockanje, Voorne aan Zee ZH, photographed, sound-recorded (@ appearance and recorded call within variation of Blue-headed Wagtail *M. flava*).

2015

**Thick-billed Murre / Kortbekzeekoet** *Uria lomvia*, probably July, Maasvlakte, Rotterdam ZH, coracoid and scapula (bones) found, in private collection (identification accepted but exact day and month of find unknown and it is unclear whether it reached Dutch territorial waters or the beach unassisted and died here). **Homeyer's Grey Shrike / Taigaklapkester** *Lanius excubitor homeyeri* 18 October, Eemshaven-Oost, Het Hogeland GR, probably adult male, ringed, photographed (intriguing and distinctive bird but, based on current knowledge, other taxa, especially *galliae*-type birds, cannot be excluded and therefore not eligible for acceptance).

2009

**Olive-backed Pipit / Siberische Boompieper** *Anthus hodgsoni* 18 October, Lange Paal, Vlieland FR (@ description incomplete).

2006

**Oriental Turtle Dove / Oosterse Tortel** *Streptopelia orientalis* 7 January, Sint Jacobiparochie, Waadhoeke FR, photographed (@ photographs show European Turtle Dove *S. turtur*).

2005

**Isabelline Wheatear / Izabeltapuit** *Oenanthe isabellina* 16 October, Kroonspolders, Vlieland FR, photographed (@ description made weeks after observation and photographs not detailed enough to exclude Northern Wheatear *O. oenanthe*).

1985

**Dusky Warbler / Bruine Boszanger** *Phylloscopus fusca-tus* 10-11 October, Fazantenkamp, Maarssenbroek, Stichtse Vecht UT (@ description not detailed enough to exclude other species).

1908

**# Steppe Buzzard / Steppebuizerd** *Buteo buteo vulpinus* 10 November, Deurne NB, first-winter female, collected (skin retained at Naturalis Biodiversity Center, Leiden ZH), photographed (not accepted after reassessment; based on skin analysis, see van Duivendijk (2011), Common Buzzard *B. b. buteo* cannot be excluded). Date corrected to 10 November 1908 (was 10 November 1902; Ova et al 2009; and 16 November 1908; van Duivendijk 2011).

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