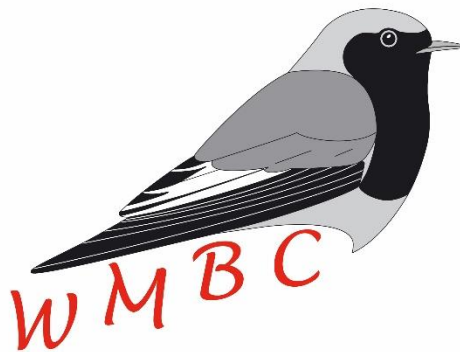


West Midland Bird Club

Records of species requiring supporting details

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It is important that the records of species and sub-species contained in our Annual Reports can be relied upon to be accurate. The identification of some species is tricky and, to be certain that the identification is correct, it is important that some means of checking is in place. The lack of an acceptable description may lead to records being rejected, failure to send your sightings to the appropriate County Recorder has the inevitable consequence of records being unsubstantiated or going totally unnoticed. In that respect, the following table outlines which species require a **description** or **supporting details**. As the status of each species is not necessarily the same across the four counties, supporting details may be required for some counties but not for others. The level of detail required will, of course, vary with the species concerned; some requiring only a brief sentence or photograph while other, rarer species, more detailed notes. By far the greatest assist in record validation is an accompanying photograph, even the most basic of 'record shots' can be of great value to County Recorders. However, if the bird you are claiming is unfamiliar to you, or you are unsure of its identity, then don't be afraid to send in a description - even if it is not requested. If in any doubt, do contact your county recorder (details at the end). Don't assume that someone else has already sent in details. Better to have multiple descriptions than none at all.

The ultimate guide to record submission can be found in the West Midland Bird Club publication *A Checklist of the Birds of Staffordshire, Warwickshire, Worcestershire and the West Midlands and Guide to Status and Record Submission*.

Members of the West Midland Bird Club are provided with a copy of this publication (while stocks last). Anyone wishing to obtain a copy, again subject to availability, should contact the Membership Secretary - membership@westmidlandbirdclub.org.uk. All those submitting records are encouraged to follow the guidelines set out in this booklet.

The table is in alphabetical order, rather than the systematic sequence we are used to. This is to make it easier to find the species.

The following abbreviations are used:

BBRC	A full description is required by British Birds Rarities Committee
A	A description or supporting details required for ALL counties
Wa, Wo, St, WM	A description or supporting details required for Warwickshire, Worcestershire Staffordshire and West Midlands respectively

Alpine Accentor	BBRC	Black Grouse	A
Alpine Swift	A	Black Kite	A
American Golden Plover	A	Black Redstart	A
American Wigeon	A	Black Stork	BBRC
Aquatic Warbler	BBRC	Black-bellied Dipper	A
Arctic Redpoll	A	Black-headed Bunting	BBRC
Arctic Skua	A	Black-necked Grebe	Wa, Wo, WM
Arctic Warbler	BBRC	Black-throated Diver	A
Avocet	Wa, WM	Black-throated Thrush	BBRC
		Black-winged Stilt	A
Baikal Teal	A	Blue-headed Wagtail	A
Baird's Sandpiper	BBRC	Bluethroat	A
Baltimore Oriole	BBRC	Blue-winged Teal	BBRC
Barred Warbler	A	Bonaparte's Gull	BBRC
Bar-tailed Godwit	WM	Brent Goose	A
Bearded Tit	A	Broad-billed Sandpiper	BBRC
Belted Kingfisher	BBRC	Buff-breasted Sandpiper	A
Bewick's Swan	A	Bufflehead	BBRC

Cackling Goose	A
Caspian Gull	Wa, Wo, WM
Caspian Tern	BBRC
Cattle Egret	A
Cetti's Warbler	WM
Cirl Bunting	A
Citrine Wagtail	BBRC
Collared Pratincole	BBRC
Common Crane	A
Common Crossbill	WM
Common Eider	A
Common Guillemot	A
Common Nightingale	Wa, St, WM
Common Quail	A
Common Redpoll	A
Common Rosefinch	A
Common Scoter	WM
Corn Crake	A
Cory's Shearwater	A
Curlew Sandpiper	WM
Dartford Warbler	A
Desert Wheatear	BBRC
Dipper	Wa, WM
Dotterel	A
Dusky Thrush	BBRC
Dusky Warbler	A
Eastern Black Redstart	A
Egyptian Goose	WM
Eurasian Bittern	Wa, Wo, WM
Eurasian Spoonbill	A
European Bee-eater	A
European Nightjar	Wa, Wo, WM
European Roller	BBRC
European Serin	A
European Storm-petrel	A
Falcated Duck	A
Ferruginous Duck	A
Firecrest	A
Franklin's Gull	BBRC
Fulmar	A
Glaucous Gull	A
Glossy Ibis	A
Golden Eagle	A
Golden Oriole	A
Golden Pheasant	A
Great Bustard	BBRC
Great Grey Shrike	A
Great Northern Diver	A
Great Reed Warbler	BBRC
Great Skua	A
Great Snipe	BBRC
Great White Egret	Wa, Wo, WM
Great White Pelican	A
Greater Flamingo	A
Greenland Wheatear	A (autumn only)
Greenland White-fronted Goose	A
Green-winged Teal	A
Grey Phalarope	A

Grey Plover	Wa, WM
Grey-headed Wagtail	A
Gull-billed Tern	BBRC
Gyr Falcon	BBRC
Hawfinch	St, Wa, WM
Hen Harrier	A
Honey-buzzard	A
Hooded Crow	A
Hooded Merganser	A
Hoopoe	A
Hume's Warbler	BBRC
Iceland Gull	A
Icterine Warbler	A
Indigo Bunting	A
Kentish Plover	A
Kittiwake	Wa, WM
Kumlien's Gull	A
Lady Amherst's Pheasant	A
Lapland Bunting	A
Laughing Gull	BBRC
Leach's Storm-petrel	A
Least Sandpiper	BBRC
Lesser Grey Shrike	BBRC
Lesser Scaup	A
Lesser White-fronted Goose	A
Lesser Yellowlegs	BBRC
Little Auk	A
Little Bittern	BBRC
Little Bunting	A
Little Bustard	BBRC
Little Crake	BBRC
Little Gull	WM
Little Stint	WM
Little Tern	A
Long-billed Dowitcher	BBRC
Long-eared Owl	Wa, Wo, WM
Long-tailed Duck	A
Long-tailed Skua	A
Manx Shearwater	A
Marbled Duck	A
Marsh Harrier	Wa, WM
Marsh Sandpiper	BBRC
Marsh Tit	WM
Marsh Warbler	A
Melodious Warbler	A
Merlin	Wa, WM
Montagu's Harrier	A
Night Heron	A
Northern Gannet	A
Northern Goshawk	A
Nutcracker	BBRC
Osprey	WM
Pacific Golden Plover	BBRC
Pale-bellied Brent Goose	A
Pallas's Leaf Warbler	A

Pallas's Sandgrouse	BBRC	Siberian Chiffchaff	A
Pectoral Sandpiper	A	Slavonian Grebe	A
Pied Flycatcher	Wa, WM	Smew	Wo, WM
Pine Bunting	BBRC	Snow Bunting	A
Pink-footed Goose	Wa, WM	Snow Goose	A
Pomarine Skua	A	Sooty Tern	BBRC
Puffin	A	Spanish Wagtail	A
Purple Heron	A	Spotted Crake	A
Purple Sandpiper	A	Spotted Redshank	Wa, Wo, WM
Razorbill	A	Spotted Sandpiper	BBRC
Red Grouse	Wo, Wa, WM	Squacco Heron	BBRC
Red Knot	WM	Stone-curlew	A
Red-backed Shrike	A	Surf Scoter	A
Red-billed Chough	A	Taiga Bean Goose	A
Red-breasted Flycatcher	A	Temminck's Stint	A
Red-breasted Goose	A	Tengmalm's Owl	BBRC
Red-breasted Merganser	A	Tundra Bean Goose	A
Red-crested Pochard	WM	Turnstone	WM
Red-footed Falcon	A	Turtle Dove	Wa, St, WM
Red-headed Bunting	A	Twite	A
Red-necked Grebe	A	Two-barred Crossbill	BBRC
Red-necked Phalarope	A	Upland Sandpiper	BBRC
Red-rumped Swallow	A	Velvet Scoter	A
Red-throated Diver	A	Water Pipit	A
Red-throated Pipit	BBRC	Waxwing	A (non-invasions)
Richard's Pipit	A	Whimbrel	WM
Ring Ouzel	WM	Whiskered Tern	BBRC
Ring-billed Gull	A	White Stork	A
Ring-necked Duck	A	White-fronted Goose	A
River Warbler	BBRC	White-headed Duck	A
Rock Pipit	WM	White-rumped Sandpiper	A
Roseate Tern	A	White's Thrush	BBRC
Rose-coloured Starling	A	White-tailed Eagle	A
Ross's Goose	A	White-tailed Lapwing	BBRC
Rough-legged Buzzard	A	White-throated Needletail	BBRC
Ruddy Duck	A	White-winged Black Tern	A
Ruddy Shelduck	Wa, Wo, WM	White Wagtail	A (autumn only)
Ruff	WM	Whooper Swan	Wa, Wo, WM
Rustic Bunting	BBRC	Willow Tit	Wa, Wo, WM
Sabine's Gull	A	Wilson's Phalarope	BBRC
Saker	A	Wood Sandpiper	Wa, Wo, WM
Sanderling	WM	Wood Warbler	Wa, WM
Sandwich Tern	Wa, Wo, WM	Woodchat Shrike	A
Savi's Warbler	BBRC	Woodlark	A (Not on Cannock Chase)
Scandinavian Chiffchaff	A	Wryneck	A
Scandinavian Rock Pipit	A	Yellow-browed Warbler	A
Shag	A		
Shore Lark	A		
Short-eared Owl	WM		
Short-toed Lark	A		

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