

# The Rare Birds of Finnmark: 1996-1999

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The latest report of this kind from Finnmark was published in Lappmeisen nr. 2/98 (Norwegian version). Since then LRSK has received a huge number of reports. We are sorry that we've not been able to publish these observations until now, but instead of presenting a long list of explanations we're happy to say that this is probably the most comprehensive report ever. Both new and older observations are included according to the list in Lappmeisen nr. 1/99. This time we have chosen not to be too strict while requiring documentation and/or description of some species (e.g. Gadwall), but from the next report we will not accept observations without description if this is required according to the list.

This report mainly includes records from 1996-1999, but also quite a few records from previous years. A lot of reports have been sent directly to us, but in addition we've searched through a variety of reports and publications looking for interesting observations. Records that are accepted by NSKF (for example Pectoral Sandpiper) are also included. A few of these records are still not published in the NSKF-reports.

LRSK only had two members this last year, Morten Günther (Kirkenes) and Håkon Heggland (Vadsø). Roy Tore Magnussen (Porsanger) joined the committee in autumn 2000. Also former committee member Jon Asmar Olsen (Krampenes) contributed with collection of observations to this report. Morten and Håkon wrote the text. During the years 1997-2000 a total of 41 observations are forwarded to NSKF.

Finnmark is a big county with only a few birdwatchers - a fact that also is reflected in this report. The records of many species are concentrated to a small number of locations where there are local birders. A large percent of the reports are coming from a small number of resident birdwatchers. The situation is usually changing a bit in June and July when a number of birdwatchers are visiting from abroad. However, their reports and descriptions are often hard to get hold on.

We hope that this report will inspire both "resident" and "migrating" birders to keep on sending their reports and observations to LRSK. We know that many birders possess information that would be useful to us. We believe that LRSK still has an important function to evaluate and publish information concerning the rare and uncommon birds in our county.

## Changes to the Report Guide:

This is the first report based on the new report guide (Lappmeisen 1/99). The observations we have received so far already demonstrate that a few changes could be useful. The following changes become valid from 2001:

**Red-throated Diver:** only records from Dec-Mar  
**Black-throated Diver:** only records from Nov-Mar  
**White-billed Diver:** only records from Nov-Apr and Jul-Aug  
**Leach's Storm Petrel:** all observations wanted  
**Storm Petrel:** all observations wanted  
**Greylag Goose:** only records from Oct-Mar  
**Steller's Eider:** from Eastern Finnmark only large numbers and systematic counts are wanted  
**King Eider:** only large numbers and systematic counts are wanted  
**Common Eider:** only records from Dec-Mar  
**Velvet Scoter:** only records from Dec-Mar  
**Hen Harrier:** all observations wanted  
**Rough-legged Buzzard:** only records from Nov-Mar  
**Northern Lapwing:** records from Oct-Mar; and all records from Eastern Finnmark wanted

**Eurasian Woodcock:** records from Aug-Apr; and all records from Eastern Finnmark wanted  
**Pomarine Skua:** all records wanted; however from May only systematic counts and large numbers  
**Black-headed Gull:** only records from Nov-Mar  
**Glaucous Gull:** only systematic counts, large numbers  
**Great Spotted Woodpecker:** all observations  
**Lesser Spotted Woodpecker:** all observations  
**Dunnock:** records from Sep-Apr; and all records from Eastern Finnmark  
**European Robin:** records from Sep-Apr; and all records from Eastern Finnmark  
**Common Starling:** records from Oct-Mar; and all records from Eastern Finnmark  
**Twite:** records from medio Oct-Apr  
**Snow Bunting:** records from Nov-medio Mar

## Abbreviations:

**1 M, 2 M:** one male, two males  
**1 F, 2 F:** one female, two females  
**1K, 1K+, 2yr etc.:** bird in first calendar year (hatched the same year), bird in first calendar year or older, bird in second calendar year etc.  
**Juv. :** juvenile  
**Subad. :** subadult

**Ad. :** adult  
**(F):** photo documentation available  
**(V):** video documentation available  
**LRSK:** Lokal rapport- og sjeldenhetskomité for fugl (The Local Report- and Rarity Committee)  
**NSKF:** Norsk sjeldenhetskomité for fugl (The Norwegian Rarity Committee)

## Accepted records:

**Red-throated Diver (*Gavia stellata*)** - Records from December-April

**1995:** 1 ind. Prestøya, Sør-Varanger 30.04. (BCA).

**1997:** 1 ind. Nesseby church, Nesseby medio February (HHE), 3 ad. Prestøya, Sør-Varanger 30.04. (BCA).

**1998:** 1 ind. Nesseby church, Nesseby 31.01. (HHE).

**1999:** 1 ind. Prestøya, Sør-Varanger 29.04. (MGÜ), 1 juv. Vadsø harbour, Vadsø 11.12. (HHE).

Red-throated Diver seems to be the most frequently recorded of the smaller divers in Finnmark during winter.

**Black-throated Diver (*Gavia arctica*)** - Records from November-April

**1997:** 1 ind. Mortensnes, Nesseby 22.03. (MGÜ), 1 ind. Vadsø harbour, Vadsø 22.11. (HHE).

**Great Northern Diver (*Gavia immer*)** - All records

**1994:** 1 ad. Ekkerøya-Hamningberg 18.05. (ELA), 1 ad. and 1 subad. Hamningberg, Båtsfjord 19.05. (ELA), 3 2yr Skallelv, Vadsø 28.06. (RBE).

**1995:** 4 ind. Kvalskjera, Rolvsøy, Måsøy 08.04. (PTA, JPO), 1 ad. also 30.04.-01.05. (PTA, HMØ, JPO), 1 ad. Persfjorden-Hamningberg 17.05. (ELA), 1 ind. Hamningberg, Båtsfjord 21.05. (ELA), 1 ind. also 17.06. (DAS).

**1996:** 1 ad. Kiberg, Vardø 08.05. (ELA), 2 ind. Sandfjord, Båtsfjord 18.05. (BCA, RKN), 1 2K/3K Nordfjord, Båtsfjord 17.06. (HMA, MMA), 1 ind. Korset N, Slettnes, Gamvik 08.07. (PTA, KRM, MDA), 1 2yr Store Ekkerøy, Vadsø 01.-09.08., 1 ad. also 08.-09.08. (MFT), 2 2yr Store Ekkerøy, Vadsø 31.07.-01.08. (THE, JST).

**1997:** 1 ind. Mortensnes, Nesseby 23.03. (TPE, JAO), 1 ind. Finnvik, Båtsfjord 11.05. (MGÜ, DKO, JAO), 2 ad. Sandfjord, Båtsfjord 17.05. (TPE, JAO), 1-2 ad. Persfjorden, Vardø 14.-15.06. (ABL, BCA), 1 2yr Kramvik, Vardø 17.06. (ABL), 1 2yr Hamningberg, Båtsfjord 24.06. (PKS, MEG), 2 ind. Persfjorden 28.06 (BCA), 2 subad. Store Ekkerøy, Vadsø 02.07. (JSE), 1 ad. also 31.07.-01.08. (JRM), 1 ind. Varangerfjorden 19.-31.08. (JPY a.o.), 1 ad. in almost full summer plumage Hamningberg 01.11. (HHE).

**1998:** 1 2yr Indre Kiberg, Vardø 08.06. (BOT, AGU), 1 2yr Mortensnes. Nesseby 23.06. (HHE), 1 ad. Sandfjord, Båtsfjord 15.07. (?), 1 2yr Varangerbotn, Nesseby and 1 2yr Nesseby church, Nesseby 28.07. (HKO, MHA, VJO, FSI), 2 ind. Varangerfjorden 28.-29.07. (MHO ++), 1 ad. Store Ekkerøy, Vadsø 01.08. (JRM), 2 ind. Varangerbotn 02.08. (BCA), 1 2yr Nesseby church 14.08. (HHE), 1 ind. also 15.08. (BCA), 1 2yr 17.08. (HHE), 1 ind. Hamningberg, Båtsfjord 20.08. (BCA), 1 ind. Nesseby church 22.-23.08. (HAL), 1 2yr 26.08. (HHE), 1 ind. 30.08. (TBO), 1 ind. Store Ekkerøy 30.08. (TBO), 3 ind. Varangerbotn 31.08. (?), 3 ind. Nyborg, Nesseby 07.09. (RKE), 1 2yr Nesseby church 06. and 12.09. (HHE), 1 ad. and 1 1yr Hamningberg 04.10. (HHE).

**1999:** 1 ind. Skallelv, Vadsø 02.04. (HKA, OKA, ALI, HMI), 2 ad. Hamningberg, Båtsfjord 13.05. (HHE), 1 ad. Persfjorden-Hamningberg 15.05. (ELA), 2 ad. Hamningberg and 7 ad. Hamningberg-Persfjorden 16.05. (ELA), 1 ad. Hamningberg 18.05. (ELA), 5 ind. Slettnes, Gamvik 11.-23.05., 1 migrating and 4 resident (3 ad, 2 2K) (NHO), 2 ind. Ropelv, Sør-Varanger 21.05. (GCO, FDI), 1 2yr Kiberg-Hamningberg 09.06. (KVA), 3 ind. Store Ekkerøy, Vadsø 18.-20.06. (TLU), 1 ad. Hamningberg 19.-20.06. (TLU), 5 2yr in a flock Nesseby church 22.07. (KHH), 1 ind. also 28.10. (HHE), 1 ad. in winter plumage Seglodden/Finnvik, Båtsfjord 31.10. (HKA, OKA).

The large number of records is a big surprise. This suggests that our county is visited by birds arriving directly from their breeding sites in autumn. During spring and summer Finnmark seems to be regularly visited by an unknown number of sexually immature birds. It is interesting to notice that the Great Northern Diver may be as common as White-billed Diver in the Varanger-area during summer and all large divers should be identified very carefully this time of the year.

**White-billed Diver (*Gavia adamsii*)** - Records from Nov-Apr and Jul-Aug; big numbers

**1991:** 37 ad. 1 subad., also 46 ad. 5 subad. *immer/adamsii* Hamningberg, Båtsfjord 13.05. (ELA).

**1993:** 27 ind. and 6 *immer/adamsii* between Bussesundet and Hamningberg 18.05., 68 *immer/adamsii* Vardø 18.05. (ELA), 58 ad. 1 subad., and 19 ad. and 2 subad. *immer/adamsii* Hamningberg, Båtsfjord 19.05. (ELA).

**1994:** 3 ad. at both Neverfjord and Vargsund, Kvalsund 10.04. (PTA). 29 ad. 4 subad., and 32 *immer/adamsii* Ekkerøya-Hamningberg 18.05. (ELA), 35 ad. 7 subad. and 67 ad. 2 subad. *immer/adamsii* Hamningberg, Båtsfjord 19.05. (ELA), 4 ad. 1 subad. and 18 ad. *immer/adamsii* 20.05. (ELA).

**1995:** 1 ad. Rolvsøy, Måsøy 19.02. (PTA, HMØ), 1 ind. also 08. and 28.04. (PTA, JPO), 6 ind. 30.04.-01.05. (PTA, JPO, HMØ), 43 ad. 1 subad. and 18 ad. *immer/adamsii* Nesseby-Kiberg 16.05. (ELA), 41 ad. 1 subad. and 67 *immer/adamsii* Vardø-Hamningberg 17.05. (ELA), 3 ad. and 23 ad. *immer/adamsii* Hamningberg, Båtsfjord 18.05., 4 ad. and 9 ad. *immer/adamsii* Persfjorden, Vardø 18.05. (ELA), 5 ad. Berlevåg 19.05. (ELA), 15 ad. 2 subad. and 12 ad. *immer/adamsii* Kiberg-Golnes 20.05. (ELA), 9 ad. 2 subad. and 5 *immer/adamsii* Hamningberg 21.05. (ELA), 7 ad. 1 subad. and 7 ad. *immer/adamsii* Hamningberg 22.05. (ELA). 1 ind. also 02.07. (PTA, MPE, SIV).

**1996:** 15 ind. Rolvsøy, Måsøy 24.02. (PTA), 1 ind. Kvalsundet, Kvalsund 06.03. (PTA), 21 ad. 1 subad. and 9 ad. *immer/adamsii* Krampenes-Kiberg 05.05. (ELA), 22 ad. and 108 *immer/adamsii* Berlevåg 09.05. (ELA), 12 ad. and 62 *immer/adamsii* also 10.05. (ELA), 9 ad. and 18 *immer/adamsii* 11.05. (ELA), 3 ad. and 12 ad. *immer/adamsii* 12.05. (ELA), 41 ad. and 21 ad. 1 subad. *immer/adamsii* Ekkerøya-Vardø 12.-13.05. (ELA), 3 ind. Hamningberg, Båtsfjord 03.07. (PTA, KRM, MDA), 1 2yr Store Ekkerøy, Vadsø 31.07., 1 ad., 1 3K and 1 2K/3K also 06.08. (THE, JST).

**1997:** 2 ind. Persfjorden, Vardø 10.05. (TBO), 8 ind. between Persfjorden and Sandfjord, Båtsfjord 10.05. (TBO), 10-15 ind. between Vardø and Hamningberg, Båtsfjord 11.05. (DKO, JAO). Observed at Hamningberg 17.-29.05. (ELA, HHE, TPE, JAO). Max. 20 ad. 17.05. and 19 ad. (and 6 unidentified *adamsii/immer*) 26.05., 1 ind. Hamningberg 02.07. (JSE), 1 subad. Kongsfjord, Berlevåg 06.07. (JSE), 4 ad. Hamningberg 01.11. (HHE), 6 1yr Nesseby-Varangerbotn, Nesseby 08.11. (HHE), 2 ad. Vadsø-Vardø 09.11. (HHE, TPE), 1 1yr Nesseby church, Nesseby 11.11. (HHE),

**1998:** 7 ind. Nesseby church, Nesseby 31.01. (HHE), 158 ind. (147 ad. 11 subad.) Slettnes, Gamvik and Kjølnes, Berlevåg 16.-20.05. (PKO, MOS), 20 ad. 1 subad. Varangerbotn-Kiberg 16.05. (ELA), observed at Hamningberg, Båtsfjord 17.-20.05 (ELA, HHE). Totally 137 ad. and 3 subad. Also 121 unidentified *immer/adamsii*. Max. 69 White-billed Divers and 17 unidentified large divers 20.05. (ELA), 12 ad. 1 subad. and 5 *immer/adamsii* Langbunes-Kiberg, Vardø 18.05. (ELA), 4 ad. 1 subad. between Kiberg, Vardø and Store Ekkerøy, Vadsø, also 1 *immer/adamsii* 21.05. (ELA), 9 ad. Hamningberg 24.05. (HHE, TPE), 10 ad. Hamningberg 27.05. (?), 1 ad. and 1 2yr Nesseby church 29.06. (HHE), 1 ind. Nesseby church 13.07. (HHE), 1 2yr Kramvik 28.-29.06. (HKO, MHA, VJO, FSI), 1 3K Persfjorden, Vardø 06.08. (HHE), 2 ind. Persfjorden (?), 17 ind. Hamningberg 25.10. (HHE). 12 ad. in full summer plumage, several ad. was almost in full winter plumage, 1 ad. in summer plumage, 2 in partly winter plumage Persfjorden 25.10. (HHE).

**1999:** 1 ind. Repparfjord, Kvalsund 31.03. (RTM), 33 ad. and 3 *immer/adamsii* Hamningberg, Båtsfjord, 31 ad. Persfjorden-Hamningberg 13.05. (HHE), 5 ad. and 2 *immer/adamsii* Varangerbotn-Skallelv 13.05. (ELA), 9 ad. Skallelv-Vardø and 40 ad. 2 subad. in addition to 54 *immer/adamsii* Persfjorden-Hamningberg 14.05. (ELA), 34 ad. and 28 *immer/adamsii* Hamningberg 15.05. (ELA), 54 ad. and 35 *immer/adamsii* Hamningberg, 114 ad. and 36 *immer/adamsii* Hamningberg-Persfjorden 16.05. (ELA), 142 ad. and 46 ad. *immer/adamsii* Hamningberg 17.05. (ELA), 278 ad. 1 subad. and 23 *immer/adamsii* (mostly adults) Hamningberg 18.05. (ELA, HHE, PKO, MOS), 94 ad. 1 subad. Hamningberg, 16 ad. 4 ad. *immer/adamsii* Kiberg-Store Ekkerøy 19.05. (ELA), 7 ad. Hamningberg 22.05. (HHE), 153 migrating at Slettnes, Gamvik 11.-21.05., max 188 resting 13.05. (in addition to 26 unidentified *immer/adamsii*), totally estimated approx. 300 resting (NHO), 1 1yr near Klubben, Nesseby and 5 1yr Meskfjorden, Nesseby 30.10. (HKA, OKA), 42 ind. between Prestnæringen, Vardø and Hamningberg, of which 14 1yr and 8 ad. in summer plumage (HKA, OKA), 1 1yr Vadsø harbour, Vadsø 11.12. (HHE).

The observations above document that an extensive and concentrated migration of White-billed Divers takes place in the middle of May. The total of 279 White-billed Divers and 23 unidentified "large" divers at Hamningberg 18.05.1999 is clearly the highest one-day-total ever recorded at a single location in Norway. It is also noteworthy that a lot of birds seem to migrate "on water" - they are swimming eastwards on the sea currents. This migration is however more difficult to count than the migration of flying birds. The extent of migration in April and early May is mostly unknown. Our observations indicate that the local winter population is relatively small and the summer population is changing between years.

**Red-necked Grebe (*Podiceps griseigena*)** - All records

**1995:** 1 ad. Krampen, Vadsø 23.07. (RLE), 2 ad. Skjåholmen, Nesseby 03.09. (JPY, PTO), 1 1yr Halsen N, Kvalsund 12.10. (PTA).

**1996:** 2 ind. Varangerbotn, Nesseby 30.07. and 04.08. (THE, JST), 1 ad. Valen syd, Store Ekkerøy, Vadsø 07.07. (PTA, KRM, MDA), 1 ind. Nyborg, Nesseby 27.07. (RLE), 1 ind. Kiberg harbour, Vardø 03.11. (TPE, JAO).

**1997:** 1 ad. Skjåholmen, Nesseby 30.08. (JPY, PTO), 1 ind. Gornitak, Nesseby 07.-08.11. (HKA, HHE m. fl.).

**1998:** 1 2yr Store Ekkerøy, Vadsø 11.04. (BCA, MGÜ).

**1999:** 2 ind. mellom Skallelv, Vadsø and Vardø 14.05. (ELA), 1 ind. migrating E Nesseby church, Nesseby 09.10. (HHE).

**Slavonian Grebe (*Podiceps auritus*)** - Records from Oct-April; all records from E Finnmark

**1993:** 1 ind. Storbukt, Kvalsund 21.11. (RTM).

**1995:** 1 pair Langfjorden, Rolvsøy, Måsøy 30.04. (PTA, HMØ).

**1996:** 2 ind. Varangerbotn, Nesseby 30.07., 3 ind. also 04.08. (THE, JST).

**1999:** 1 ind. Golnes, Vadsø 07.06. (TAX).

Even though we have a breeding population in western parts this species is very rare further east.

**Northern Fulmar (*Fulmarus glacialis*)** - Big numbers

**1998:** Approx. 100 000 ind. migrating E at Hamningberg, Båtsfjord 17.05. (ELA, HHE).

This is the highest one-day-total ever recorded at a single location in Norway.

**Sooty Shearwater (*Puffinus griseus*)** - All records

**1997:** 1 ind. Hornøya, Vardø 07.07. (TVA), 1 ind. Mortensnes, Nesseby 27.07. (HHE, AHE), 1 ind. Hamningberg, Båtsfjord 24.08. (HHE), 1 ind. Mortensnes 27.09. (HHE).

**1998:** 1 ind. Nesseby church, Nesseby 11.10. (F) (HHE).

The limited number of observations indicate that the Sooty Shearwater is a very rare guest in Finnmark. Observers should consider the possible confusion with dark morph Northern Fulmars and dark Skuas.

**Manx Shearwater (*Puffinus puffinus*)** - All records

**1978:** 5 ind. Nesseby church, Nesseby 30.06.-02.07. (BCA).

**1997:** 1 ind. Hamningberg, Båtsfjord 08.07. (MVA, TVA, ØHA), 1 ind. Mortensnes, Nesseby 27.07. (HHE), 3 ind. Mortensnes 01.08. (HHE), 1 ind. Hamningberg 13.08. (HHE), 2 ind. Nesseby church 14.08. (HHE), 1 ind. Vadsøya, Vadsø 14.08. (TPE). The bird at Vadsøya is probably the same as one of the birds at Nesseby. 3 ind. Nesseby church 16.08. (HHE).

**1998:** 2 ind. in the Varanger fjord between Vardø and Kirkenes 03.06. (ONY, OPI), 1 ind. Nesseby church, Nesseby 22.06. (HHE), observed regularly at Nesseby church 07.-19.07. (HHE ++), max. count 25 ind. 13.07. (HHE ++), 1 ind. Hornøya, Vardø 16.07. (HHE), 3 ind. Nesseby church 28.07. (HKO, MHA, FSI), 14 ind. also 30.07. (HHE), 1 ind. Vadsøya, Vadsø

31.07. (HHE), 2 ind. Mortensnes, Nesseby 05.08. (HHE), 1 ind. Nesseby church 14.08. (HHE), 3 ind. also 18.08. (BCA), 5 ind. 27.08. (BCA, HHE) and 1 ind. 10.10. (HHE).  
**1999:** 1 ind. Hamningberg, Båtsfjord 21.06. (CLJ, CGU), 4 ind. Nesseby church, Nesseby 22.07. (KHH), 1 ind. Hamningberg 05.09. (HHE).

The number of observations in July-August 1998 is unique. The occurrence was probably caused by persistent strong winds from the east. However, the presence of birders were also exceptional. It is hard to guess how many individual birds were involved. Probably a number of birds were resident in the area for at least some days and could therefore be counted repeatedly. If we just add all observations the total would be 110 individuals. The single observation from 10.10.98 is surprisingly late, especially this far north.

#### **European Storm Petrel (*Hydrobates pelagicus*) - All records**

**1995:** 3 ind., of which 2 was trapped in a net, Kvalen, Rolvsøy, Måsøy 02.09. (PTA, KRM).

**1998:** 1 ind. migrating E Nesseby church, Nesseby 07.07. (HHE).

#### **Leach's Storm Petrel (*Oceanodroma leucorhoa*) - All records**

**1993:** 1 ind. found very exhausted at Hesseng, Sør-Varanger 27.10. (SKO).

**1997:** 1 ind. Nesseby church, Nesseby 28.06. (ØHA, TWA, TVA, MVA), 1 ind. migrating E Mortensnes, Nesseby 30.07. (TPE, JAO), 1 ind. migrating E Mortensnes 01.08. (HHE).

**1998:** Observations from Nesseby church, Nesseby: 2 ind. migrating E 05.07. (HHE), 29 ind. migrating E 07.07. (HHE), 39 ind. migrating E 12.07. (HHE), 24 ind. towards E 13.07. (HHE m. fl.), 76 ind. towards E 14.07. (HHE m. fl.), 15 ind. towards E 15.07. (HHE ++), 1 ind. towards E 19.07. (HHE).

The occurrence at Nesseby church in July 1998 is exceptional. The large number at 14.07. is probably the highest number of daytime migrating Leach's Storm Petrels ever recorded in Norway. See also the comments regarding Manx Shearwater.

#### **Unidentified dark-rumped "Storm Petrel" (*Oceanodroma sp.*) - All records**

**1998:** 1 ind. with flight, build and wing pattern as a Leach's Storm Petrel, but with a seemingly totally dark rump migrated westwards at Nesseby church, Nesseby 15.07. (HHE, GGU, MHE, MLP, RHO, FJØ).

There are several records of the "dark rumped" Swinhoe's Petrel both in Norway and other European countries. However, it has not been possible to confirm the identity of this bird from Nesseby.

#### **Great Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax carbo*) - Inland records**

**1996:** 1 ind. found hurt, Svanvik, Sør-Varanger 28.04. (IHA), 1 ind. Fjærvannet, Sør-Varanger 03.06. (GEV, PEA, PGT, SWI).

**1997:** 12 ind. Ruskebukta, Sør-Varanger migrating S 10.09. (MGÜ).

**1999:** 3 ind. Utnes, Sør-Varanger 10.06. (MGÜ), 1 ind. Fjærvannet and 4 ind. Gravholmen, Sør-Varanger 09.09. (MGÜ), 1 ind. Jergul, Karasjok 13.09. (BNI), 3 ind. Jergul 20.09. (BNI).

#### **Northern Gannet (*Sula bassana*) - Records from November-March**

**1999:** 1 ad. Vadsøya, Vadsø 26.02. (HHE).

#### **Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis*) - All records**

**1999:** 1 ind. Repvåg, Nordkapp from ultimo September until 26.10. (F, V) (SSA, HHE ++).

This is the second record in Norway. The first bird was seen near Skoganvarre, Porsanger in August 1988. The record from Repvåg is previously published by Heggland (2000).

**Grey Heron (*Ardea cinerea*)** - All records

**1993:** 1 ind. Alta 04.09. (BCA).

**1994:** 1 ind. Halsen, Kvalsund 28.04. (PTA, PBR), 1 ind. Billefjordvatnet N, Indre Billefjord, Porsanger 03.06. (PTA), 1 2K+ Ariselva, Repparfjordbotn, Kvalsund 28.08. (PTA, HMØ, BOH).

**1999:** 1 ind. near Kiberg, Vardø primo June (LLU).

**Tundra Swan (*Cygnus columbianus bewickii*)** - All records

**1995:** 1 ind. Langbunes, Vardø 20.05. (ELA).

**1996:** 1 ind. Barvikvannet, Vardø 05.08. (MFT).

**1997:** 1 ad. Skallelv, Vadsø 06.-10.06. (HHE, GSH, TPE, RTM), 1 ad. Barvikvannet, Vardø 24.-28.06. (BCA, MGÜ).

**1998:** 1 ad. Barvikmyrene, Vardø 07.06. (HHE, BOT, AGU), 1 ind. Adamstoppen, Båtsfjord 20.07. (MHE, MLP, RHO), 1 ind. Båtsfjordfjellet, Båtsfjord 03.09. (RPB a.o.).

**Whooper Swan (*Cygnus cygnus*)** - Records from November-March

**1998:** 1 ind. Noatun, Sør-Varanger 30.03. (PNY).

**Mute Swan (*Cygnus olor*)** - All records

**1994:** 1 ind. Nyhavn, Sør-Varanger 28.04. (ATR).

**1995:** 1 ind. Gjesvær, Nordkapp 25.04. (SGT).

**1996:** 4 ind. Berlevåg sentrum, Berlevåg from medio January until medio February. One of them was found dead (EMO).

The swans in Berlevåg are previously mentioned in "Finnmarken" 22.02.1996. They were reported as Whooper Swans, but a photo of one of the birds clearly shows a Mute Swan.

**Bean Goose (*Anser fabalis*)** - Records from November-April

**1999:** 1 ind. Bjørkåsen fellesbeite, Sør-Varanger 24.04. (MGÜ), 1 ind. Svanvik, Sør-Varanger 28.04. (MGÜ), 6 ind. Kistrand, Porsanger 26.04. (YNI), 1 1yr Vadsø harbour, Vadsø 13.11. (HHE).

**Pink-footed Goose (*Anser brachyrhyncus*)** - All records

**1993:** 1 ind. Valan, Nordkapp 07.05. (SGT), 2 ind. Store Ekkerøy, Vadsø 27.05. (RBE).

**1995:** 1 ind. Rolvsøy, Måsøy 14.05. (PTA, HMØ), 17 ind. Hamningberg, Båtsfjord 02.07. (PTA, MPE, SIV).

**1996:** 1 ind. Repparfjordbotn, Kvalsund 31.05. (PTA), 3 ind. Sirma, Tana 31.05. (AFO), 1 ind. Marielva, Båtsfjord 01.-02.07. (KRA a.o.).

**1997:** 6 ind. Vestre Jakobselv, Vadsø 11.05. (DKO, JAO), 2 ind. Skallelv, Vadsø 01.06. (JTA), 1 ind. also 13.06. (BCA), 2 ind. 19.06. (ACE, HHE), 2 ind. 21.06. (MGÜ, PKS, MEG), 3 ind. Kramvikmyra, Vardø 24.-25.06. (MGÜ, TPE), 2 ind. Bjørkåsen fellesbeite, Sør-Varanger 25.06. (MGÜ).

**1998:** 1 ind. Kariel, Vadsø 09.05. (TPE, JAO, HHE, GSH), 2 ind. also 18.05. (KRU), 1 ind. Sandfjorden, Båtsfjord 27.05. (?), 1 ind. Store Ekkerøy, Vadsø 01.06. (HHE).

**1999:** 1 ind. Vaggatem, Sør-Varanger 14.05. (MGÜ), 2 ind. Hamningberg, Båtsfjord 17.05. (ELA), 5 ind. Stabbursnes, Porsanger 20.05. (PTA, YNI), 1 ind. Kariel, Vadsø 23.05. (MGÜ, HHE), 8 ind. near Giskananjåkka, Nesseby 23.05. (HHE, MGÜ), 4 ind. Kariel 24.05. (HHE), 7 ind. near Nesseby church, Nesseby 24.05. (HHE), 5 ind. Kariel 27.05. (HHE), 4 ind. Kariel 28.05. (HHE, PTA), 2 ind. Skallelv 28.05. (GCO, FDI), 3 ind. Skoganvarre, Porsanger 30.05. (PTA), 1 ind. Kariel 30.05. (GCO, FDI).

**White-fronted Goose (*Anser albifrons*) - All records**

**1993:** 3 ind. Svartnes, Vardø 23.05. (RBE), 2 ind. Store Ekkerøy, Vadsø 27.05. (RBE), 1 ind. Skjåholmen, Nesseby 27.06. (RBE).

**1995:** 1 ad. Vestre Jakobselv, Vadsø 02.06. (PTA, YNI, HMØ, KRM).

**1996:** 1 2yr Kistrand, Porsanger 12.05. (PTA), 1 ind. Kariel, Vadsø 17.05. (BCA), 7 ind. Stabbursnes, Porsanger 19.06. (HMA, MMA).

**1997:** 1 ind. Skallelv, Vadsø 01.06. (JTA), 1 ad. Store Ekkerøy, Vadsø 10.06. (HHE), 2 ad. Skallelv seen for approx. one week medio June (HHE).

**1998:** 2 ind. Rørholmen, Alta 27.05. (AØS), 1 ad. Store Ekkerøy, Vadsø 07.06. (HHE, BOT, AGU).

**1999:** 2 ad. Stabbursnes, Porsanger 20.05. (PTA, YNI), 1 2yr Skallelv, Vadsø 22.-23.05. (HHE, MGÜ), 3 2yr Kariel, Vadsø 27.05. (HHE), 1 ad. Nesseby church, Nesseby 29.05. (HHE), 1 ad. Stabbursnes 30.05. (PTA), 23 2yr Skallelv 31.05. (HHE), 5 2yr Kariel 31.05. (HHE), 1 ad. Komagvær, Vardø 06.06. (HHE, TAX).

All identified birds showed the characters of the eastern subspecies *albifrons*.

**Lesser White-fronted Goose (*Anser erythropus*) - All records**

**1994:** Records from Valdak, Porsanger: 3 pairs 12.05. (PTA), 3 pairs and 6 1yr 17.08. (PTA, BOH), 8 pairs and 16 1yr 26.08. (PTA, TAA), 4 pairs and 12 1yr 03.-06.09. (PTA, TST). One ind. with a satellitetransmitter found dead at Skjåholmen, Nesseby in autumn (PTO).

**1995:** Records from Valdak, Porsanger: 4 ad. 11.06. (PTA), 6 2yr 28.06. (PTA, MPE, SIV). A total of 18 ad. and 21 pullus were found in a known breeding area 20.07.-02.08. (TAA, IJØ). A total of approx. 50 ind. Skjåholmen, Nesseby between 23.8. and 04.09. (PTO, JPY, KRU).

**1996:** 2 ad. Sirma, Tana 31.05. (AFO), 2 ad. Skjåholmen, Nesseby 07.06. Approximately 5 pairs rested on the island during the spring (TAA, IJØ). A total of 13 ind. Skjåholmen 25.08.-02.09. (PTO).

**1997:** Approx. 20 ad. seen between Store Ekkerøy, Vadsø and Skallelv, Vadsø between 24.05. and 24.06. (HHE, ELA, TPE ++). The highest daily total was 7 ind. Storelvosen, Vadsø 02.06. (MGÜ), 6 ind. Krampenes, Vadsø 13.06. (JTA) and 5 ad. Skallelv 21.06. (PKS, MEG, HHE ++). These birds were not ringed. 2 ad. Skjåholmen, Nesseby 02.06. (TAA, IJØ). A total of 40-49 ind. Skjåholmen 20.-30.08. (JPY, PTO, KRU), 1 1yr Kiberg, Vardø 26.10.-16.11. (HHE, TPE, KSH, HKA).

**1998:** 21 ind. Slettnes-Kjølnes 16.-20.05. (PKO, MOS), 4 ad. Store Ekkerøy, Vadsø and Storelvosen, Vadsø 21.05, 5 ad. Storelvosen 23.05. (MGÜ), 5 ad. Store Ekkerøy-Skallelv 24.05. (MGÜ, TPE, HHE), 2 ad. Skallelv 27.05. and 2 ad. Sirma, Tana 27.05. (KRU, JRI, MUK), 2 ad. Høyholmen, Tana 29.05. (KRU, JRI, MUK), 1 ad. Store Ekkerøy 30.05. (HHE), 2 ad. Nesseby church, Nesseby 22.06. (HHE). The birds flew away towards Skjåholmen. One pair and two single birds were registered while surveying known breeding areas (JPÄ). Totally 17-22 ind. Skjåholmen, Nesseby between 18.8. and 31.08. (JPY, RKA, PTO).

**1999:** 1 ind. Fæg fjordholmen, Kvalsund 27.04. (YNI), 2 ad. Store Ekkerøy, Vadsø 17.05. (HHE, GSH), 2 ad. Sirma, Tana (one with coloured ring) 14. and 17.05. (PKO, MSA, MPA, PKI, MAL), 1 pair Store Ekkerøy 19.05. (PKO, MSA), 2 ad. towards E at Nesseby church, Nesseby 20.05., 1 ad. Sirma 20.05. (PKO, MSA), 7 ind. Store Ekkerøy 22.05. (MPA, PKI, MAL), 1 ad. Sirma 29.05. (MPA, PKI, MAL), 3 ad. Skallelv, Vadsø 31.05. (HHE), 1 pair Høyholmen, Tana 08.06. (MKO), 2 ad. Kiberg-Hamningberg 09.06. (KVA), 2 ad. Store Ekkerøy 29.06. (ERI), 6 ind. migrating north somewhere in W Finnmark 01.07. (JPÄ), 1 ad. 2 juv. daily at Skjåholmen, Nesseby 19.-27.08. (JPY, PPO, PTO), 5 ind. migrating east at Skjåholmen 21.08. (PPO).



<b>Resting Lesser White-fronted Geese at Valdakmyra, Porsanger 1994-1999 (TAA, IJØ):</b>						
	<b>Spring</b>				<b>Autumn</b>	
	<b>Max</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Period</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Period</b>
1994	24	19.-20.5.	56	15.5.-6.6.	64	17.8.-6.9.
1995	48	23.5.	60+	16.5.-3.6.	128	19.8.-6.9.
1996	31	31.5.	56	14.5.-11.6.	39	22.8.-5.9.
1997	32	30.-31.5.	59	15.5.-20.6.	57	20.8.-3.9.
1998	37	21.5.	84	15.5.-16.6.	60	17.8.-2.9.
1999	35	23.5.	58	14.5.-5.6.	43	16.8.-3.9.

All records from Valdakmyra, Porsanger during the monitoring period are presented in the above table. All other records are presented in the text. The record from Kiberg in October-November 1997 are extreme and this is probably the latest autumn record in Norway ever. This year extraordinary numbers of birds were resting at the Varanger peninsula during spring migration. For details check out the annual reports from the Lesser White-fronted Goose Project.

#### **Greylag Goose (*Anser anser*) - Records from October-April**

**1999:** 36 ind. Kistrand, Porsanger 26.04. (YNI).

#### **Bar-tailed Goose (*Anser indicus*) - All records**

**1997:** 3 ind. Skjåholmen, Nesseby 21.-27.08. (JPY, PTO).

**1998:** 1 ad. Svanvik, Sør-Varanger 14.06. (LFL, BOF), 12 ind. and 2 probable hybrids Bar-tailed x Brent Goose in Sandfjorden, Båtsfjord 27.06. (?), 2 ind. Svartnes, Vardø 28.06. (GHÖ).

#### **Snow Goose (*Anser caerulescens*) - All records**

**1997:** 1 ind. (white phase) Skjåholmen, Nesseby 21.-27.08. (JPY, PTO).

#### **Canada Goose (*Branta canadensis*) - All records**

**1997:** 1 ind. Bugøyfjord, Sør-Varanger 01.05. (MGÜ), 1 ind. Noatun, Sør-Varanger 19.05. (SWI).

**1998:** 1 ind. Kariel, Vadsø 18.05. (KRU). Fuglen viste karakterer som er forenlige med en av de små nordamerikanske underartene, men funnet er ikke behandlet av NSKF.

#### **Barnacle Goose (*Branta leucopsis*) - All records**

**1995:** 4 ind. Nesseby 06.06. (PIL).

**1996:** 1 ad. Stabbursnes, Porsanger 09.06. (PTA, YNI, PBR), 1 ind. Berlevåg sentrum, Berlevåg 01.07. (KRA ++).

**1997:** 1 ind. migrating SE at Hamningberg, Båtsfjord 28.09. (HHE, TPE), 5 ind. Skallelv, Vadsø 28.09. (HHE, TPE), 8 ind. Nesseby church, Nesseby 30.08.-29.09. (BCA, HHE, TPE, MGÜ).

**1998:** 2 ind. Slettnes-Kjølnes 16.-20.05. (PKO, MOS), 7 ind. Nesseby church 02.09. (HHE), 6 ind. also 05.09. (HHE), 7 ind. 06.09. (HHE), 5 ind. towards S at Nesseby church 03.10. (HHE, TPE).

**1999:** 1 ind. Slettnes, Gamvik 22.05. (NHO), 2 ind. Skallelv, Vadsø 22., 23. and 30.05. (HHE, MGÜ).

**Brent Goose (*Branta bernicla*)** - All records

**1994:** 1 ind. Hamningberg, Båtsfjord 17.06. (DAS).

**1996:** 1 ind. Berlevåg sentrum, Berlevåg 01.07. (KRA ++), 1 ind. Svartnes, Vardø 03.11. (TPE, JAO).

**1997:** 5 ad. *bernicla*, Svartnes, Vardø 21.06. (HHE).

**1999:** 2 ind. between Kiberg, Vardø and Hamningberg 09.06. (KVA), 1 ind. migrating towards SW at Nesseby church, Nesseby 10.10. (HHE).

Only the birds at Svartnes in 1997 was identified to subspecies. So far only the eastern subspecies *bernicla* is proved recorded in Finnmark county.

**Common Shelduck (*Tadorna tadorna*)** - Records outside Nesseby and Porsanger and records from October-March

**1993:** 3 ind. Svanhovd, Sør-Varanger in May-June (LFL).

**1996:** 2 ind. Høyholmen, Tana 16.06. (HME, MMA) and 1 F 02.07. (KRA ++).

**1997:** 1 ind. Markop, Kvalsund 24.04. (YNI), 1 M Finnvik, Båtsfjord 10.-11.05. (MGÜ, DKO, JAO, TBO), 2 ind. Høyholmen 07.06. (BCA), 3 ind. Leirpollen, Tana (RTM), 1 ind. Kirkenes, Sør-Varanger 17.06. (JTA). The last juvenile was seen at Nesseby church, Nesseby 18.10. (HHE).

**1998:** 2 ind. Melsvik, Alta 14.04. (PAA), 1 pair Bognelv, Alta 30.05. (AØS), 1 pair Leirpollen, Tana 14.06. (BOF).

**1999:** 1 ind. Kariel, Vadsø 23.05. and 1 ind. Storelvosen, Vadsø 23.05. (MGÜ), 1 ad. F seen in the small pond at Vadsøya, Vadsø 17.08 (HHE). The last two juveniles were seen at Nesseby church 14.10. (HHE).

**Eurasian Wigeon (*Anas penelope*)** - Records from November-April

**1997:** 1 pair in Vadsø harbour, Vadsø until 06.12. (HHE, TPE).

**Gadwall (*Anas strepera*)** - All records

**1994:** 1 pair Noatun, Sør-Varanger 03.06. (ARU, JKO).

**1999:** 1 pair Gjøkbukta, Sør-Varanger 31.05. (MGÜ), 1 pair Noatun, Sør-Varanger 18.06. (TPE, OBH), 1 F also 19.06. (MGÜ).

**Northern Pintail (*Anas acuta*)** - Records from November-April and breeding records.

**1991:** 1 clutch with 4 pull Repparfjordbotn, Kvalsund 16.08. (RTM).

**1993:** 1 ind. Repparfjordbotn 21.11. (RTM).

**1994:** 1 ad. M Ariselva, Kvalsund 26.03. (PTA, TST), 1 ad. M Kvalsund village, Kvalsund 24.11.-20.12. (PTA). Breeding at Børselv, Porsanger 19.07. (BCA).

**1995:** 1 ad. M Ariselva, Kvalsund 29.01. (PTA, HMØ), 1 ad. M Dypelvbukta, Kvalsund 02.02. (PTA), 1 ad. M Leira, Rolvsøy, Måsøy 18.02. (PTA, HMØ).

**1996:** 1 ind. Kirkenes, Sør-Varanger 10.-17.10. was quite late (BCA).

All winterrecords could possibly be the same individual.

**Garganey (*Anas querquedula*)** - All records

**1986:** 3 ad. Skallelv, Vadsø 06.06. (KKE).

**1995:** 1 M Valan, Nordkapp 06.06. (SGT).

**1996:** 1 F Gjøkbukta, Sør-Varanger 16.09. (MGÜ).

**1997:** 1 M Prestøya, Sør-Varanger 17. and 22.05. (MGÜ), 2 M 1 F Bugøyfjord, Sør-Varanger 20. and 24.06. (BCA, MGÜ).

**1999:** 1 pair Noatun, Sør-Varanger 03.06. (MGÜ), 1 M Nesseby church, Nesseby 04.06. (TBO).

**Northern Shoveler (*Anas clypeata*) - All records**

**1992:** 1 M Krampen, Vadsø date unknown (KKE).

**1993:** 1 pair Kariel, Vadsø 21.05. (RBE), 1 pair Hamningberg, Båtsfjord 24.05. (RBE).

**1994:** 4 M 1 F Loken, Sør-Varanger 21.05. (SWI).

**1995:** 2 ad. Kvalsund 27.05. (YNI), 1 M Vaggatem, Sør-Varanger 04.06. (KRM, PTA), 1 F Noatun, Sør-Varanger 03.07. (BCA).

**1996:** 1 M Stabbursnes, Porsanger 04.06. (PTA, YNI), 1 M 1 F Noatun, Sør-Varanger 16.09. (MGÜ).

**1997:** 1 pair Nyrud, Sør-Varanger 30.05. and 04.06. (GEV, MGÜ, PEA, PGT), 1 pair Gjøkbukta, Sør-Varanger 06.06. (MGÜ), 1 pair Skrøytnes, Sør-Varanger 11.06. (BCA).

**1998:** 1 M Nesseby church, Nesseby 22.05. (MGÜ), 1 pair Skrøytnes, Sør-Varanger 31.05.-01.06. (BCA), 1 pair Gjøkbukta, Sør-Varanger 02.06. (MGÜ), 2 ind. Nesseby church 23.08. (HHE), 2 ind. Nesseby church 27.08. (BCA), 1 ind. Skrøytnes, Sør-Varanger 01.09. (TBO), 1 ind. Lyngmo, Sør-Varanger 09.09. (MGÜ, SWI), 1 F Prestøya, Sør-Varanger 20.09. (MGÜ).

**1999:** 1 M Nesseby church, Nesseby 29.05. (HHE), 1 M Skrøytnes, Sør-Varanger 08.06. (MGÜ), 1 pair Store Ekkerøy, Vadsø 09.06. (HHE), 1 pair Meskelv, Nesseby 09.06. (KVA), 2 MM Meskelv, Nesseby 10.06. (KVA), 4 ind., probably 1K, Hamningberg, Båtsfjord 22.08. (HHE, GSH).

**Common Pochard (*Aythya ferina*) - All records**

**1994:** 1 M Noatun, Sør-Varanger 04.06. (ARU, JKO).

**1997:** 1 F Kiberg harbour, Vardø 09.11. (TPE, HKA, HHE).

**1999:** 1 M Mathisvannet, Alta 24.05. (BRU).

**Tufted Duck (*Aythya fuligula*) - Records from November-April**

**1996:** 1 ind. ved Prestøya, Sør-Varanger 17.02.-03.03. (TBO).

**King Eider (*Somateria spectabilis*) - Records from June-August, total counts, large numbers**

**1991:** 2100 ind. Varangerbotn-Hamningberg 11.-14.05. (ELA).

**1992:** 915 ind. Varangerbotn-Hamningberg 23.-26.05. (ELA).

**1993:** 80 ind. Kirkenes-Varangerbotn-Hamningberg 15.-20.05. (ELA).

**1994:** 1501 ind. Bugøynes-Varangerbotn-Hamningberg 15.-20.05 (ELA)

**1995:** 3207 ind. Bugøynes-Varangerbotn-Hamningberg 15.-23.05. (ELA), 230 ind. Skallelv, Vadsø 06.07. (JEB, SGR, ATM, KES).

**1996:** 364 ind. Bugøynes-Varangerbotn-Hamningberg-Berlevåg 04.-12.05. (ELA).

**1997:** 212 ind. Karlebotn-Hamningberg 24.-29.05. (ELA).

**1998:** 700 ind. migrating at Nesseby church, Nesseby 31.10. (HHE).

**1999:** 1092 ind. Karlebotn-Hamningberg 13.-20.05. (ELA), 530 ind. Vardø 12.06. (HHE), 1 leucistic M Hasselneset, Vardø 19.06. (TLU), 1500 ind. Vadsø-Vardø 21.-22.11. (HHE).

LRSK has chosen to only publish a few of the many reports on this species. This species is regular in the Varanger area throughout the year, single observations have limited value, but we encourage observers to do systematic counts in specific areas.

### **Spectacled Eider (*Somateria fischerii*) - All records**

**1997:** 1 M migrating towards W at Mortensnes, Nesseby 15.06. (HHE).

This is the third record in Norway and the fourth in Europe. Both previous Norwegian records are from Vardø. Rumours about Spectacled Eiders in the Varanger area are heard from time to time. However, the number of accepted records are still very low. Male Common Eiders in beginning eclipse plumage and some eider hybrids may cause some confusion.

### **Common Eider (*Somateria mollissima*) - Large numbers**

**1996:** More than 10 000 ind. between Hamningberg and Vardø 02.08. (THE, JST).

**1997:** 6500 ind. Persfjorden, Vardø 26.07. (AHE, HHE).

**1998:** 7000 ind. Persfjorden-Sandfjorden 06.08. (HHE).

### **Hybrid Common x King Eider (*S. mollissima* x *S. spectabilis*)**

**1998:** 1 ad. M Angsnes-Meskelv, Nesseby 01.02., 27.02. and 22.03. (HHE), 1 ad. M Skallelv, Vadsø 08.03. (HHE, TMU, MVA).

The two hybrid males in the Varangerfjord in 1998 was apparently looking the same, but the occurrence indicate two different individuals.

### **Steller's Eider (*Polysticta stelleri*) - Records from W Finnmark, extensive counts, large numbers**

**1991:** 1 pair Rolvsøy, Måsøy 14.04. (PTA, TST), 6657 ind. Varangerbotn-Hamningberg 11.-14.05. (ELA).

**1992:** 7606 ind. Varangerbotn-Hamningberg 23.-26.05. (ELA).

**1993:** 10 137 ind. Kirkenes-Varangerbotn-Hamningberg 15.-20.05. (ELA).

**1994:** 9221 ind. Bugøynes-Varangerbotn-Hamningberg 17.-21.05. (ELA).

**1995:** 2 pairs Rolvsøy 08.04. (PTA, JPO), 2-3 ind. Rolvsøy 29.04.-01.05. (PTA, HMØ, JPO), 10 401 ind. Bugøynes-Varangerbotn-Hamningberg 15.-23.05. (ELA).

**1996:** 8676 ind. Bugøynes-Varangerbotn-Hamningberg-Berlevåg 04.-12.05. (ELA).

**1997:** 1489 ind. Karlebotn-Hamningberg 24.-29.05. (ELA). Several hundred ind. stayed the summer (HHE, TPE). 8100 ind. Varangerbotn-Vardø 15.-16.11. (HHE).

**1998:** 6000 ind. Angsnes-Vardø 07.-08.03., 7347 ind. Karlebotn-Hamningberg 16.-21.05. (ELA), 300 ind. Vadsø harbour, Vadsø 21.06. (HHE), 8300 ind. Varangerbotn-Vardø 07.-08.11. (HHE).

**1999:** 8356 ind. Karlebotn-Hamningberg 13.-20.05. (ELA), Approx. 2000 ind. in the Varangerfjord primo June, only a few later, probably less than 50 ind. in July-August (HHE), 10 900 ind. Varangerbotn-Vardø 21.-22.11. and 03.12. (HHE).

Until now little information is published about the early winter population. However, these data indicate that large numbers are present already in medio November. Counts suggest that numbers are decreasing in January. Large numbers in May are also interesting.

### **Common Scoter (*Melanitta nigra*) - Records from November-April**

**1995:** 1 F Lian W, Kvalsund 28.01. (PTA, HMØ, KAK), 20 ind. Langfjorden, Rolvsøy, Måsøy 09.04. (PTA), 10 ind. Krykkjeneset E, Rolvsøy, Måsøy 28.04. (PTA).

**1996:** 10 ind. Grense Jakobselv, Sør-Varanger 16.11. (MGÜ).

**1997:** 10 ind. Varangerbotn, Nesseby 08.11. (HHE), 50 ind. Skallelv, Vadsø 16.11. (HHE).

**1998:** 30 ind. Komagvær, Vardø 11.04. (MGÜ).

**1999:** 50 ind. Nesseby church, Nesseby 04.11. (HHE), 4 F Reinøysund, Sør-Varanger 14.11. (MGÜ), 200 ind. Vadsø-Kramvik 21.11. (HHE), 2 ind. Buholmen, Sør-Varanger 27.11. (MGÜ).

**Velvet Scoter (*Melanitta fusca*)** - Records from November-April

**1995:** 10 ind. Indre Billefjord, Porsanger 27.02. (PTA), 20 ind. Indre Billefjord 18.03. (PTA, KAK), 3-4 ind. Repparfjorden, Kvalsund 04.-05.11. (PTA, BKA, TST).

**1996:** 2 ind. Kvalsundet 18.01. (PTA), 200 ind. Grense Jakobselv, Sør-Varanger 16.11. (MGÜ).

**1997:** 24 ind. Nesseby church, Nesseby 22.03. (MGÜ), 1 ind. migrating W at Hamningberg, Båtsfjord 01.11. (HHE), 50 ind. Varangerbotn, Nesseby and 5 ind. Nesseby church 08.11. (HHE), 50 ind. Skallelv 16.11. (HHE), 1 ind. Vadsø 22.11. (HHE), 1 M Prestøya, Sør-Varanger 22.11. (MGÜ).

**1998:** 12 ind. Byluft, Nesseby 07.03. (MGÜ), 5 ind. Gandvik, Sør-Varanger 11.04. (MGÜ), 14 ind. Veinesbukta, Nesseby 11.04. (MGÜ), 10 ind. Nesseby church, Nesseby 11.04. (MGÜ), 13 ind. Nesseby church 12.04. (HHE, TPE), 10 ind. Simanes, Alta 14.04. (PAA),

**1999:** 2 ind. Vadsø 20.02. (HHE), 25 ind. Nesseby church, Nesseby 02.11. (HHE), 70 ind. Nesseby church 04.11. (HHE), 2 ind. 03.12. (HHE).

**Long-tailed Duck (*Clangula hyemalis*)** - Large numbers

**1991:** 225 000 ind. resting and migrating NW at Vardø 12.-13.05. (ELA).

**1999:** 10 046 ind. migrating at Slettnes, Gamvik during the period 11.-21.05. (NHO), 8000 ind. Nesseby church, Nesseby 10.10., hence 7000 towards W high above land (HHE).

The record in Vardø 1991 is without doubt the highest number ever recorded in Norway.

**Common Goldeneye (*Bucephala clangula*)** - Records from November-April

**1994:** 1 ad. M Kvalsund village, Kvalsund 18.11.-20.12. (PTA, TST), 1 F Repparfjordbotn, Kvalsund 20.11. (PTA).

**1997:** 2 ind. Gornitak, Nesseby 08.11. (HHE).

**1999:** 1 M Vadsø harbour, Vadsø 20.02. (HHE), 1 pair Nyrud, Sør-Varanger 24.04. (MGÜ).

**Smew (*Mergus albellus*)** - All records

**1993:** 1 ind. Karasjok 12.07. (IFL).

**1994:** 1 pair Skogfoss, Sør-Varanger 23.05. (SWI), 1 pair Sortbrysttjern, Sør-Varanger 02.06. (ARU, JKO), 2 pairs Noatun, Sør-Varanger 03.06. (ARU, JKO), 7 M 1 F Noatun 04.06. (ARU, JKO), 5 F Sandnesvannet, Sør-Varanger 05.-09.07. (EGR, KBS, KSC), 6 ind. Sandnesvannet 24.07. (EGR, KBS, KSC), 1 F and 1 pull Noatun 28.07. (BCA), 4 ind. Gjøkbukta, Sør-Varanger and 4 ind. Noatun 24.09. (BOH, PTA, HMØ).

**1995:** 2 M and 3 F Nyrud, Sør-Varanger 03.06. (PTA, YNI, HMØ, KRM), 1 F Tommamya, Sør-Varanger 30.06. (PTA, MPE, SIV), 6 M 6 F Noatun, Sør-Varanger 01.07. (JEB, SGR, ATM, KES), 6 ind. Sandnesvannet, Sør-Varanger 02.07. (JEB, SGR, ATM, KES), Pasvik 27.06-23.08.: max. 18 ind. Skrøytnes and 2 ind. Vaggatem 23.08. (BCA, MGÜ).

**1996:** 23 ind. between Jordanfoss and Hestefoss, Sør-Varanger 03.06. and 17 ind. in the same area 08.06. (GEV, PEA, PGT, SWI), Pasvik 19.07.-13.10.: 15 locations, max. 50 ind. Noatun 17.09. (MGÜ). 1 ind. on the fjord at Elvenes, Sør-Varanger 18.08. and 22.09. (MGÜ).

**1997:** 1 F Virdnejavre, Kautokeino 22.06. (AØS), 13 ind. in one flock Pasvikelva, Sør-Varanger 28.06. Also approx. 10 ind. in Pasvik (PKS, MEG), Pasvik 30.05-21.09.: 12 locations, max. 42 ind. in four locations 10.09. (MGÜ), 1 ind. on the fjord at Elvenes, Sør-Varanger 21.09. (MGÜ).

**1998:** 2 F Sandnesvannet, Sør-Varanger and 4 F and 2 pull near Gjøkåsen, Sør-Varanger 23.07. (MHE, MLP, RHO), Pasvik 19.05.-18.09.: 13 locations, max. 42 ind. in three different locations 09.09. (MGÜ), 2 ind. Kautokeino 02.08. (BCA), 1 F Neidenfjorden 04.09. (BCA), 1 ind. Prestøya, Sør-Varanger 20.09. (MGÜ).

**1999:** 15 ind. Pasvik 18.-19.06. (TPE, OBH). Pasvik 31.05.-09.09.: 14 locations, max. 60 ind. in 6 different locations 09.09. (MGÜ).

Arten forekommer regelmessig som hekkefugl and på trekk blant annet i Pasvik, Sør-Varanger. Funnene herfra presenteres derfor bare i grove trekk.

**Goosander (*Mergus merganser*)** - Records from November-April

**1997:** 1 ind. Altafjorden 05.04. (PAA), 1 ind. Sandfjorden, Båtsfjord 01.11. (HHE), 1 ind. Bergebyelva, Nesseby 08.11. (HHE).

**1998:** 1 M Kirkenes sentrum, Sør-Varanger 22.02. (MGÜ).

**1999:** 1 F Skrukkebukt vannet, Sør-Varanger 03.11. (MGÜ), 1 M Kirkenes sentrum, Sør-Varanger 11.12. (MGÜ).

**Honey Buzzard (*Pernis apivorus*)** - All records

**1996:** 1 ind. Sautso, Alta 16.08. (AØS).

This is probably the first record from Finnmark.

**Western Marsh-harrier (*Circus aeruginosus*)** - All records

**1992:** 1 F Salttjern, Vadsø 21.07. (HNI, SIN, ENI, JHN).

**Hen Harrier (*Circus cyaneus*)** - Records from October-April, breeding records and coastal records

**1992:** 7 observations of M and F from Kautokeino 22.05.-02.06. (SGR, TOL, ATM).

**1993:** 1 M Heiskarimyra, Sør-Varanger 04.07. (MGÜ).

**1994:** 1 F Skallelv, Vadsø 12.07. (EGR, KBS, KSC).

**1995:** 1 F Kautokeino 26.06. (JEB), 1 M Kautokeino 29.06. (AØS).

**1997:** 1 F Vadsø medio May (HHE), 1 F Fredheim, Porsanger 26.05. (MGÜ), 1 F Valdak, Porsanger 26.05. (MGÜ), 1 M Gjøkbekken, Sør-Varanger 04.06. (GEV, PGT), 1 M Vaggatem, Sør-Varanger 06.06. (MGÜ), 1 ind. Gjøkbukta, Sør-Varanger 09.06. (GEV, PGT), 1 M Bekkevoll, Sør-Varanger 10.06. (MGÜ), 1 F Skrøytnesmyra, Sør-Varanger 25.06. (MGÜ), 1 F Elvestad, Sør-Varanger 25.06. (MGÜ), 1 F hunting near Krampen, Vadsø in June (JTA), 1 M Skrøytnes, Sør-Varanger 30.08. (MGÜ), 1 F Færdesmyra, Sør-Varanger 31.08. (MGÜ).

**1998:** 1 M Kløvereng, Sør-Varanger 15.05. (MGÜ), 1 F Vadsø airport, Vadsø 12.05. (TPE).

**1999:** 1 M Nyrudneset, Sør-Varanger 31.05. (MGÜ), 1 F Store Ekkerøy, Vadsø 18.06. (TLU).

All available records are published.

**Northern Goshawk (*Accipiter gentilis*)** - Breeding and coastal records

**1995:** Two pairs breeding in Alta municipality (AØS).

**1996:** One pair breeding in Alta municipality (AØS).

**1997:** 1 ind. Skjåholmen, Nesseby 24.08. (JPY, PTO), 1 1yr Nesseby church, Nesseby 30.-31.08. (HHE, TPE), 1 ind. Vadsø 02.10. (HHE), breeding in Alta municipality (AØS).

**1998:** 1 2yr Vadsø in February (HHE, GSH), 1 1yr Store Ekkerøy, Vadsø 31.08 (?), 1 1yr F Båtsfjordfjellet 03.09. (RPR a.o.), 1 1yr M Nesseby church, Nesseby 13.09. (HHE), 1 1yr Vadsø 09.11. (HHE). Breeding in two locations in Alta municipality (AØS).

**1999:** One pair breeding in Alta municipality (AØS), 1 1yr Blåbærnes, Vadsø 03.10 (HHE).

**Eurasian Sparrowhawk (*Accipiter nisus*)** - All records

**1993:** 1 ind. Neverfjord, Kvalsund 15.08. (RTM).

**1995:** 1 ad. F Solbakken SV, Kvalsund 10.06. (PTA, HMØ), One pair breeding in Alta municipality (AØS).

**1996:** Two pairs breeding in Alta municipality (AØS), 1 F Talvik, Alta 16.06. (BR, AØS), 1 F Sautso, Alta 13.07. (AØS).

**1997:** 1 ind. Furumo, Sør-Varanger 22.02. (MGÜ), 1 ind. Bjørnelvdalen, Sør-Varanger 18.03. (MGÜ), 1 F Noatun, Sør-Varanger 14.05. (MGÜ), 1 ind. Vadsø 04.10. (HHE).

**1999:** 1 ind. Øksfjordbotn, Loppa 03.01. (AØS).

**Common Buzzard (*Buteo buteo*)** - All records

**1994:** 1 ind. Bjørnneset, Vesterbotn, Porsanger 12. and 15.05. (PTA, TST).

**1996:** 1 ind. 03.09. Lebesby (PTN).

**1997:** 1 ind. mot vest Nesseby 25.08. (JPY, PTO), 1 ind. Fredheim, Sør-Varanger 21.09. (MGÜ).

**Rough-legged Buzzard (*Buteo lagopus*)** - Records from November-April

**1993:** 1 ind. Neverfjord, Kvalsund 23.11. (RTM).

**1997:** 1 ind. Myrset, Sør-Varanger 11.01. (BCA, MGÜ). Seen in Sør-Varanger from 25.04. (MGÜ).

**1999:** Seen in Sør-Varanger from 23.04. (MGÜ). First bird arrived 24.04. in Kautokeino (AØS).

**Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*)** - Records from October-April, breeding records

**1996:** 1 ind. Sautso, Alta 22.07. (AØS).

**1998:** 1 ad. in Alta municipality 27.06. (AØS).

**1999:** 1 ind. Nattvann, Karasjok 23.05. (YNI), 1 ind. Varangerbotn, Nesseby 21.06. (TPE, OBH).

The Osprey is quite rare in Finnmark except near the breeding sites in Sør-Varanger. All records outside Sør-Varanger are published.

**Common Kestrel (*Falco tinnunculus*)** - Records from October-April

**1999:** 1 ind. Skrøytnes, Sør-Varanger 24.04. (MGÜ).

**Merlin (*Falco columbarius*)** - Records from October-April

**1998:** 1 ind. Kiberg, Vardø 04.10. (HHE).

**Gyr Falcon (*Falco rusticolus*)** - Records from December-February, breeding records

**1994:** 1 1yr Klubbukt, Kvalsund 11.12. (PTA).

**1995:** 1 ad. Kvaløya 21.01. (PTA, KAK).

**1996:** 1 ind. Høybukt, Sør-Varanger 21.12. (MGÜ).

**1997:** 1 ind. Fállejárþákti, Sør-Varanger 08.02. (MGÜ), 2 ad. Store Ekkerøy, Vadsø medio February (HHE).

The bird from 1994 was found exhausted on the beach. After two weeks of recovery it was released. According to the report guide also breeding records are very much welcome, but due to safety restrictions such records will not be published here.

**Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*)** - All records

**1978:** 1 ad. and 1 1yr Syltefjord, Båtsfjord 04.-05.07. (BCA).

**1994:** 1 ind. Aspeåsen, Sør-Varanger 31.05. (ARU, JKO).

**1995:** 1 ad. in Alta during the breeding season (AØS), 1 pair breeding in W Finnmark (AØS), breeding in Porsanger municipality (ALA), 1 ad. Skjåholmen, Nesseby 24.-26.08. (JPY, PTO).

**1996:** 1 ad. Kistrand 12.05. (PTA), 1 pair breeding in W Finnmark (AØS), 1 ad. Kongsfjord 04.08. (THE, JST), 1 ind. Skjåholmen, Nesseby 23.-24.08. (JPY, PTO), 1 ind. Karlebotn, Nesseby 25.08. (PTO).

**1997:** 1 ind. Valdak, Porsanger 07.06. (BCA), 1 subad. Vadsøya, Vadsø 16.08. (TPE), 1 ad. Nesseby church, Nesseby 17.08. (HHE, KSH), 3 ad. Varangerfjorden 19.-31.08. (JPY a.o.), 1 ad. Nesseby church 06.09. (HHE), 1 breeding record in W Finnmark (AØS).

**1998:** 1 ad. Nesseby church, Nesseby 21.05. (HHE), 1 ad. again 24.05. (HHE), 1 ind. Vardø municipality in July (MHE, MLP, RHO), 1 ad. F Laukvik, Vardø 17.07. (TLA), 1 pair Sør-Varanger municipality July (MHE, MLP, RHO), 2 ind. Nesseby church 02.08. (BCA), 1 1yr Prestøya, Sør-Varanger 03.08. (BCA), 1 ind. near Skallelv, Vadsø 16.08. (DKO), 1 ind. near Vadsø 31.08. (RPR a.o.), 2 ind. Vardø-Hamningberg 01.09. (RPR a.o.), 1 1yr Nesseby church 12.09. (HHE), 1 ad. seen at breeding site in W Finnmark (AØS).

**1999:** 1 subad. Kongsfjordfjellet, Berlevåg 20.06. (TPE), 1 ind. Prestøya 25.06. (MGÜ), 1 pair breeding in W Finnmark (PJT), 2 ad. Nesseby church, Nesseby 17.07. (BCA).

**Capercaillie (*Tetrao urogallus*)** - Uncommon observations

**1999:** 1 M with a partly female like plumage shot at Føllbrann, Sør-Varanger 15.10. (BAS).

Breast and belly variegated whitish like a female. Parts of breast deep chestnut. Throat brown. Head like a male, dark black with red eyebrows. Wings brown with white parts like a male. Tail black with some white outermost. Rump variegated brownish grey with white edges.

**Black Grouse (*Tetrao tetrix*)** - All records

**1995:** 1 F Oldernes, Kvalsund 09.09. (PTA, YNI, BKA).

**1999:** 1 F between Skogfoss and Skjellbekken, Sør-Varanger 22.05. (GCO, FDI).

**Hybrid Capercaillie x Black Grouse (*Tetrao urogallus x Tetrao tetrix*)**

**1996:** 1 ind. shot at Tangenfoss, Sør-Varanger 19.09. (LHO).

**Common Quail (*Coturnix coturnix*)** - All records

**1995:** 1 ind. found in the snow near Gamvik in November, probably 04.11. (F). The bird was brought indoors and kept most of the winter, until it was sent to Tromsø (KGR).

**Common Moorhen (*Gallinula chloropus*)** - All records

**1999:** 1 ind. Bekkarfjord, Lebesby from approx.15.-30.04. (PJE, OSA), 1 1yr Vadsøya, Vadsø 03.-19.09. (HHE).

The record from 1999 is the first from the Varanger peninsula.



**Common Crane (*Grus grus*)** - Records from October-April, breeding- and coastal records

**1995:** 1 ind. Valdak, Porsanger 27.-28.06. (JEB, SGR, ATM, KES).

**1997:** 1 ind. Markop, Kvalsund 15.05. (YNI), 3 ind. migrating NW across Persfjorden, Vardø 25.05. (HHE, JAO), at least 2 ind. Varangerbotn, Nesseby 31.08. (JPY, PTO).

**1998:** 1 ind. Mortensnes, Nesseby 04.07. (HHE), 2 ad. 1 juv. Skrøytnesmyra, Sør-Varanger 24.09. (MGÜ).

The last few years Common Cranes have probably bred regularly on some of the larger bogs in Pasvik, Sør-Varanger.

**Eurasian Oystercatcher (*Haematopus ostralegus*)** - Records from October-March

**1991:** 1 ind. Rolvsøy, Måsøy 27.03. (PTA, TST).

**1992:** 1 ind. Rolvsøy, Måsøy 19.03. (PTA, TST).

**1994:** 1 ind. Kvaløya, Hammerfest 29.03. (PTA, TST).

**1995:** 1 ind. Neverfjord, Kvalsund 01.10. (PTA, TST).

**1996:** 1 ind. Repparfjordbotn, Kvalsund 30.03. (PTA).

**1999:** 40 ind. between Alta and Øksfjordbotn 31.03. (AØS), 1 ind. Nesseby church, Nesseby 09.-10.10. (HHE).

**Common Ringed Plover (*Charadrius hiaticula*)** - Large numbers

**1997:** Approx. 400 ind. Nesseby church, Nesseby ultimo July (HHE).

**European Golden Plover (*Pluvialis apricaria*)** - Records from October-April

**1992:** 1 M Rolvsøy, Måsøy 29.04. (PTA, TST).

**1994:** 1 1yr Kvalsundet, Kvalsund 02.10. (PTA).

**1997:** 1 ind. Nesseby church, Nesseby 10.10. (HHE).

**1999:** 1 ad. Nesseby church 10.10. (HHE), 2 ind. Svanvik, Sør-Varanger 13.10. (MGÜ).

The bird at Nesseby church in 1999 was in bad condition.

**Grey Plover (*Pluvialis squatarola*)** - Records from medio October-June

**1996:** 1 ind. towards S at Lyngmo, Sør-Varanger 16.09. (MGÜ).

**1997:** 1 ind. Store Ekkerøy, Vadsø 24.06. (MGÜ).

**1998:** 1 ind. Nesseby church, Nesseby primo June (HHE).

**1999:** 1 ind. Vadsø 29.05. (GCO, FDI), 1 ind. Store Ekkerøy 06.06. (HHE, TAX), seen until 24.10. (3 1K) at Nesseby church (HHE), 1 1yr Kiberg, Vardø 30.10. (HKA, OKA).

The inland record from 1996 is the first observation of this species in Pasvik.

**Northern Lapwing (*Vanellus vanellus*)** - All records

**1991:** 2 ind. Rolvsøy, Måsøy 13.04. (PTA).

**1992:** 2 ind. Rolvsøy, Måsøy 29.04. and 1 ind. again 20.05. (PTA).

**1993:** 1 ind. Langfjorden, Alta 27.06. (MGÜ).

**1994:** 5 ind. Neverfjord, Kvalsund 04.04. (PTA), 2 ind. also 01.06. (PTA, TST), 1 pair with 5 1yr Kvalsund village, Kvalsund 13.08. (PTA), 1 ind. Rolvsøy 10.09. (PTA, HMØ) and 20 ind. 14.09. (PTA), 1 M Kvalsund village 07. and 20.12. (PTA, TST).

**1995:** 1 ind. Vadsø 28.03. (HLE), Seen several places in Kvalsund and Måsøy from 10.04.

until 30.05., max. 10 ind. 18.04. Possible breeding in the area (PTA, TST, HMØ, JPO). 1 ind. Nyrud, Sør-Varanger 28.04. (BCA), 4 ad. 3 pull. Stabbursneset, Porsanger 27.06. (ATM ++), 2 ind. Viekker, Porsanger 28.06. (ATM ++), 1 ind. Elgryggen, Sør-Varanger 04.07. (BCA),

2 ind. Stabbursnes, Porsanger 15.05. (PTA), 7 ind. Altaoaset, Alta 27.05. (PTA, TST), 1 1yr Neverfjord, Kvalsund 01.10. (PTA, TST).

**1996:** Sen several places in Kvalsund and Måsøy from 13.04. until 22.05., also later, max. 6 ind. 27.04. Possibly breeding. (PTA, TST), 10 ind. Ålgåt Iggaldas, Porsanger 01.05. (PTA, EHA), 1 ind. Jarfjord, Sør-Varanger 09.05. (BCA), 5 ind. Stabbursnes, Porsanger 12.05. (PTA), 2 ind. Varangerbotn, Nesseby 17.05. (BCA), 2 ind. Tommamya, Sør-Varanger 02.-05.06. (GEV, PGT), 1 nest with nestlings Viekker, Porsanger 29.06. (DKE), 1 ind. Hestefosdammen, Sør-Varanger 25.07. (MGÜ).

**1997:** 1 ind. Børselv, 6 ind. Valdak, 1 ind. Kistrand, Porsanger 26.05. (MGÜ), 6 ind. Valdak 27.05 (MGÜ), 1 ind. Elvestad, Sør-Varanger 29.05. (MGÜ), 1 ind. Valdak 07.06. (BCA), 1 ind. Varangerbotn, Nesseby 23.06. (HHE, GSH), 1 ind. Viekker and 2 ind. Valdak 29.06. (BCA), 3+ ind. Tommamya, Sør-Varanger 04.07. (MGÜ).

**1998:** 1 ind. Nesseby church, Nesseby 25.04. (HHE, GSH), 1 ind. Birrivara jængæ, Sør-Varanger 26.-31.05. (GEV, PGT), 1 ind. Tommamya, Sør-Varanger 26.-31.05. (GEV, PGT) and 22.07. (MHE, MLP, RHO).

**1999:** 2 ind. Loken, Sør-Varanger 14.05. (MGÜ), 1 M Valfjordbotn, Rolvsøy, Måsøy 21.05. (PTA), 1 M Halsen, Kvalsund 22.05. (PTA), 1 ind. Slettnes, Gamvik 12.-14.05. and 7 ind. Gamvik village, Gamvik 19.05. (NHO), 2 ind. Tommamya, Sør-Varanger 30.05.-02.06. (GEV, PGT).

This species is scarce in Eastern Finnmark. Probably more common in other parts of the county.

**Red Knot (*Calidris canutus*)** - Records from October-April, large numbers

**1997:** Large numbers: 10 000 ind. Ytre Billefjord, Porsanger 17.05. (YNI).

**1999:** 1 1yr Nesseby church 07.08. was very early for a juvenile (HHE).

**Sanderling (*Calidris alba*)** - Records from October-medio May

**1998:** 2 1yr Hamningberg, Båtsfjord 04.10. (HHE).

**Pectoral Sandpiper (*Calidris melanotos*)** - All records

**1993:** 1 ind. Store Ekkerøy, Vadsø 24.-28.05. (F) (JRB, JBR, TLE, MLE, JAO).

**1997:** 1 ind. Kramvik, Vardø 24.-25.05. (F) (HHE, MGÜ), 1 ind. Store Ekkerøy, Vadsø 25.05. (HHE).

The birds in May 1997 showed some differences in plumage which indicate two different individuals involved.

**Dunlin (*Calidris alpina*)** - Large numbers

**1997:** 700 ind. Nesseby church, Nesseby 17.08. (HHE, TPE).

**1998:** 750 ind. Nesseby church, Nesseby 23.08. (HHE).

**1999:** 1850 ind. Vadsøya, Vadsø 23.05. (HHE), 2200 ind. Høyholmen, Tana 13.09. (HHE), 1600 ind. Høyholmen 18.09. (HHE).

It is remarkable that Vadsø harbour is by far the most important for migrating Dunlins during spring, while Høyholmen seems to have the highest numbers during autumn migration. Dunlins occur regularly in the Varanger area until ultimo October, but records from November are very rare.

**Broad-billed Sandpiper (*Limicola falcinellus*)** - All records

**1994:** 1 pair + 1 M Tommamya, Sør-Varanger 08.07. (EGR, KBS, KSC).

**1995:** At least two pairs. Four pullus ringed at Skrøytnesmyra, Sør-Varanger 30.06. (ATM ++).

**1996:** 4 ind. Tommamya, Sør-Varanger (GEV, PGT).

**1997:** 1 ind. migrating towards E at Store Ekkerøy, Vadsø 01.06. (HHE), 1yr Nesseby church, Nesseby 17.08. (HHE, TPE), at least 9 ind. Tommamyra, Sør-Varanger 06.06. (GEV, PGT), 7+ ind. on breeding site in Sør-Varanger 03.-04.07. (TVA ++)

**1998:** At least 3 ind. Tommamyra, Sør-Varanger 26.-31.05. (GEV, PGT), 1 ind. Nesseby church, Nesseby 06.06. (BOT, AGU), 1 ind. again 15.06. (HHE, GSH).

**1999:** 1 ind. Pasvik, Sør-Varanger 23.05. (GCO, FDI), 4 ind. Tommamyra, Sør-Varanger 30.05.-02.06. (GEV, PGT).

Small numbers of this species are breeding in some areas, but we have not received any breeding records this time. The species is more common than the above observations indicate. However, we can conclude that Broad-billed sandpipers are very rarely seen on migration. The record from Pasvik 23.05.99 was extremely early.

#### **Jack Snipe (*Lymnocyptes minimus*) - Coastal records**

**1997:** 1 displaying at Kramvik, Vardø 25.05. (HHE), 2 displaying at Krampen, Vadsø in June (JTA).

#### **Common Snipe (*Gallinago gallinago*) - Records from October-April**

**1991:** 2 ind. displaying at Gunnarsnes, Rolvsøy, Måsøy 30.04. (PTA, TST).

#### **Eurasian Woodcock (*Scolopax rusticola*) - All records**

**1993:** 3 ind. Gjøknes, Porsanger 29.06. (MGÜ), 1 ind. Maggadalen, Sør-Varanger 02.-04.07. (MGÜ).

**1994:** 1 displaying Gargia Fjellstue, Alta 21.05. (PTA, TST), 1 ind. displaying at three different locations in Kvalsund 24.05.-05.06. (PTA), 1 ind. Høybuktmoen, Sør-Varanger 05.07. (EGR, KBS, KSC), 1 ind. Vadsø sentrum, Vadsø 10.07. (EGR, KBS, KSC). Hekkefunn Eiby, Alta 18.07. (BCA).

**1995:** 1 ind. displaying at four different locations in Kvalsund 24.05.-21.06. (PTA), 1 ind. Langvasseid, Sør-Varanger 26.06. (BCA), 2 ind. Jarfjordbotn, Sør-Varanger 29.06. (ATM ++), 1 ind. Brattli and 1 ind. Skogfoss, Sør-Varanger 03.07. (BCA).

**1996:** 1 ind. displaying at Oldernes, Kvalsund 13.06. (PTA), 1 ind. Gaedgejavrr, Kautokeino 20.06. (HMA, MMA).

**1997:** 1 ind. Sandli, Tana 25.05. (MGÜ), 1 ind. Maggadalen, Sør-Varanger 02.06. (MGÜ), 1 ind. Rødsand, Sør-Varanger 05.06. (MGÜ), 1 ind. Høyholmen, Tana 07.06. (BCA), 1-2 males displaying regularly in June –July from 09.06. at Tomaselva, Vadsø (TPE, HHE), 1 ind. Storfjellet and 1 ind. Bjørnelvdalen, Sør-Varanger 10.06. (MGÜ), 1 ind. displaying at Vestre Jakobselv, Vadsø 17.-18.06. (ACE), 1 ind. Bjørnelvdalen 19.06. (MGÜ), 2 ind. Neiden chapel, Sør-Varanger 24.06. (MGÜ), 1 ind. Vestre Jakobselv 27.06. (JSE), 1 ind. Elvenes, Sør-Varanger 30.06. (MGÜ), 1 ind. Neiden, Sør-Varanger 06.07. (JSE).

**1998:** 1 ind. displaying regularly in the Vadsø-area from 27.05. through June and July (TPE, HHE), 1 ind. displaying Seglnes, Kvalsund 22.06. (PTA, SPE), 1-2 ind. in five different locations in Sør-Varanger from 19.05. until 09.07. (BCA, MGÜ).

**1999:** 1 ind. Slettnes, Gamvik 12.05. (NHO), 2 ind. Repparfjordbotn, Kvalsund 22.05. Common species in Repparfjord, probably several breeding pairs (YNI, PTA). 1 ind. displaying regularly in the Vadsø-area from 23.05. through June and July (HHE), 1 ind. Lille Spurvann, Sør-Varanger 09.06. (MGÜ).

This species is still uncommon in Eastern Finnmark. Further west it is more common and we have probably not received all observations.

**Black-tailed Godwit (*Limosa limosa*)** - All records

**1992:** 2 ad. and 1 1yr Stormyra, Rolvsøy, Måsøy 22.07. (PTA, TST).

**1993:** 1 pair at Nesseby church, Nesseby for one week from 15.05. (RBE).

**1995:** 1-2 ind. Rolvsøy, Måsøy 30.04.-16.06. (PTA, HMØ, KRM, JPO, TST), 1 M Kvalsund village, Kvalsund 05.05. (PTA, KAK), 1 ind. Repparfjordbotn, Kvalsund 19.-20.05. (PTA), 1 M Stabbursnes, Porsanger 28.05. (PTA), 1 1yr Leira, Rolvsøy, Måsøy 01.09. (PTA, KRM).

**1997:** 2 ind. Rørholmen, Alta 20.05. (AØS), 2 ind. Valdak, Porsanger 27.05. (MGÜ).

**1999:** 1 pair Markøp, Kvalsund 16.05. (YNI), 1 F Repparfjordbotn, Kvalsund 19.05. (YNI), 2 M Valdak, Porsanger 19.-20.05. (PTA, YNI), 1 pair Sandfjordvatnet, Rolvsøy, Måsøy 21.05. (PTA), 1 F Vadsø harbour, Vadsø 26.-27.05. (HHE).

The bird in Vadsø in 1999 was the only one which was identified to subspecies. It was reported as an *islandica*.

**Bar-tailed Godwit (*Limosa lapponica*)** - Records from October-April, large numbers

**1995:** 400 ind. Valdak, Porsanger 27.06. (JEB, SGR, ATM, KES).

**1996:** 1 ind. Sandneset, Sør-Varanger 06.10. (MGÜ), 5 ind. Nesseby church, Nesseby 06.10. (MGÜ), 500 ind. Stabbursnes, Porsanger 20.06. (HMA, MMA).

**1997:** 900 ind. Nesseby church, Nesseby 23.06. (HHE).

**1998:** 700 ind. Nesseby church, Nesseby 29.06. (HHE).

**1999:** 1 injured ad. Nesseby church, Nesseby 01.10. (HHE), 1 1yr also until 24.10. (HHE).

**Eurasian Curlew (*Numenius arquata*)** - Records from October-medio April

**1991:** 1 M Gunnarnes, Rolvsøy, Måsøy 05.04. (PTA, TST).

**1992:** 1 M Gunnarsnes, Rolvsøy, Måsøy 10.04. (PTA, TST).

**1995:** 2 ind. Repparfjord, Kvalsund 12.04. (PTA).

**Common Redshank (*Tringa totanus*)** - Records from October-April

**1991:** 1 ind. Valfjordbotn, Rolvsøy, Måsøy 28.04. (PTA).

**1995:** 1 pair Leira, Rolvsøy, Måsøy 28.04. (PTA).

**1999:** 1 1yr Nesseby church, Nesseby 09.10. (HHE).

**Common Greenshank (*Tringa nebularia*)** - Records from October-April

**1998:** 1 ind. Skjåholmen, Nesseby 19.05. (KRU), 1 ind. Kiberg, Vardø 24.05. (BCA, MGÜ).

**1999:** 1 ind. Vadsøya, Vadsø 20.06. (HHE), 1 1yr also 04.09. (HHE).

The Common Greenshank is not seen annually on the Varanger Peninsula.

**Green Sandpiper (*Tringa ochropus*)** - All records

**1996:** 1 ind. Neverfjord, Kvalsund 21.04. (PTA, YNI).

**1998:** 1 ind. Vestre Jakobselv, Vadsø 09.05. (TPE, JAO).

**1999:** 1 ind. Meskelv, Nesseby 06.06. (KVA).

**Terek Sandpiper (*Xenus cinereus*)** - All records

**1999:** 1 ind. Hamningberg, Båtsfjord 18.-19.06. (F) (MUL ++), 1 ind. Høyholmen, Tana 12.09. (F) (RPR a.o.)

This is the third accepted record from Finnmark. However, there are also a few older records which are still not submitted to NSKF. The bird in Tana is the second Norwegian autumn record.

**Common Sandpiper (*Actitis hypoleucos*)** - Records from September-April

**1996:** 1 ind. Kirkenes, Sør-Varanger 02.09. (BCA), 1 ind. Elvenes, Sør-Varanger 02.-10.09. (BCA).

**Ruddy Turnstone (*Arenaria interpres*)** - Records from September-April

**1995:** 1 pair Leira, Rolvsøy, Måsøy 30.04. (PTA, HMØ).

**1996:** 1 ind. Nesseby church, Nesseby 06. and 08.10. (MGÜ, BCA).

**1997:** 1 ind. Skaidi, Hammerfest 01.03. (RBM).

**Red-necked Phalarope (*Phalaropus lobatus*)** - Large numbers, migrating birds

**1994:** 5 1yr Kvalsund 07.08. and 15 1yr 19.08. (PTA).

**1995:** Observed in Kvalsund 05.-26.08. (PTA, FKS, TST, KRM), max. 274 1yr and 1 ad. Kvalsundbrua, Kvalsund 06.08. (PTA, FKS).

**1997:** Seen in the Varanger-area 27.05.-23.08. (HHE).

**1998:** Seen in the Varanger-area 22.05.-14.08., max. 560 ad. Vadsøya, Vadsø 02.07. (HHE).

**1999:** Seen in the Varanger-area 24.05.-28.08., max. 305 ad. Vadsøya, Vadsø 03.07. (HHE ++).

The large number at Vadsøya in July 1998 is probably the highest number ever recorded in a single location in Norway. The birds were found partly in the small pond on the island and partly in the harbour. The birds in Kvalsund was found on the sea. NFKF request all observations of migrating phalaropes, but since this species is very common in Finnmark, also during migrating, we only publish the most interesting observations.

**Grey Phalarope (*Phalaropus fulicarius*)** - All records

**1996:** 1 F Mortensnes 23.-26.06. (F) (JKN, JGR, JPL).

**1997:** 2 ind. migrating East at Mortensnes, Nesseby 15.06. (HHE), 1 F Store Ekkerøy, Vadsø 15.-17.07. (F) (TPE, JAO, HHE ++), 4 ad. in a flock migrating W at Mortensnes 01.08. (HHE).

**1998:** 1 1yr Vadsøya, Vadsø 17.10. (HHE). This bird was seen at sea and on the banks in the harbour.

**1999:** 1 ind. Mortensnes, Nesseby 24.05. (HHE), 1 F Sandfjorden, Båtsfjord 05.06. (F) (TAX, HHE), 3 ind. in a flock migrating E at Nesseby church, Nesseby 09.10. (HHE).

The record from 24.05. is very early. Most birds seen during spring migration are seen later in June.

**Pomarine Skua (*Stercorarius pomarinus*)** - Some selected observations

**1993:** 781 ind. migrating passed Vardø 18.05. (ELA).

**1994:** 1 ind. Vadsøya, Vadsø 11.07. (EGR, KBS, KSC), 2 ind. Skallelv, Vadsø 12.07. (EGR, KBS, KSC), 1 ind. Hamningberg, Båtsfjord 13.07. (EGR, KBS, KSC). Records from Kvalsund municipality: 1 1yr 15.10. (PTA, HMØ), 1 1yr 04.11. (PTA), 1 ad. 06.11. (PTA), 2 1yr 13.11. (PTA, TST), 1 1yr 14.11. (PTA).

**1995:** 1 ad. Komagvær, Vardø 03.07. (ATM, JEB, SGR, KES), 1 ad. Svartnes, Vardø 05.07. (GHØ, JEB, SGR, ATM, KES), 1 2yr Hjelmsøya, Måsøy 17.06. (PTA, HMØ, KRM).

**1996:** 420 ind. migrating past Berlevåg 11.05. (ELA), 305 ind. several places in the Varanger fjord 17.05., e.g. 115 ind. Store Ekkerøy, Vadsø and 150 ind. Krampen-Skallelv (BCA), 1 ind. Syltefjord, Båtsfjord 02.07. (KRA a.o.), 1 2yr Golnes, Vadsø 03.07. (PTA, KRM), 1 ad. Hamningberg, Båtsfjord 05.07. (PTA), 1 ind. Grense Jakobselv, Sør-Varanger 29.09. (MGÜ).

**1997:** 1 ind. Grense Jakobselv, Sør-Varanger 08.05. (MGÜ), 2 ind. Persfjorden, Vardø 10.05. (TBO), 130 ind. towards N at Kiberg, Vardø 11.05. (DKO, JAO), 1 ind. Vadsøya, Vadsø 14.05. (TPE), 141 ind. migrating at Hamningberg, Båtsfjord 25.05. (ELA), 4 ind. Nesseby church, Nesseby 20.06. (HHE), 8 ind. Nesseby church, Nesseby 18.-24.06., of which at least

4 2yr (MGÜ, BCA), 1 ind. Hamningberg both 08. and 09.07. (ØHA, TWA, TVA, MVA), 2 ind. migrating E at Mortensnes, Nesseby 01.08. (HHE), 4 ind. migrating W at Hamningberg 13.08. (HHE), 4 ind. Skjåholmen, Nesseby 19.-31.08. (JPY a.o.), 1 1yr migrating E at Mortensnes 17.09. (HHE), 2 1yr towards W at Hamningberg 02.11. (HHE, TPE).

**1998:** 2 ind. Vadsøya, Vadsø 09.05. (TPE), 1050 ind. migrating E at Slettnes, Gamvik and Kjølnes, Berlevåg 16.-20.05. (PKO, MOS), 874 ind. towards E at Hamningberg, Båtsfjord 17.05. (ELA, HHE), 186 ind. towards E at Hamningberg 18.05. (ELA), 35 ind. towards E at Hamningberg 19.05. (ELA), 1 ind. Hamningberg 20.05. (ELA), 5 ind. Skjåholmen, Nesseby 23.05 (?), 1 ind. between Vardø and Hamningberg 20.06. (Finnish group), 6 ind. Svartnes, Vardø 01.07. (GHØ), 1 dark ad. Nesseby church, Nesseby 05.07. (HHE), 1 ad. Kariel, Vadsø 13.07. (HHE), 1 ind. Grense Jakobselv, Sør-Varanger 14.07. (MGÜ), 3 ind. Kjølnes 20.07. (MHE, MLP, RHO), 1 dark ad. Nesseby church 12.08. (HHE), 1 ind. also 15.08. (BCA), 1 ad. 29.08. (HHE), 3 ad. and 1 1yr towards W 12.09. (HHE), 1 ind. Vadsøya 27.09. (TPE), 2 1yr towards E, 1 1yr towards W Nesseby church 11.10. (HHE).

**1999:** 1610 ind. towards E at Slettnes, Gamvik 11-21.05., max. 1347 ind. 18.05. (NHO), 2 ad. Skagen, Vardø 09.05. (HHE), 2 ad. towards E at Hamningberg, Båtsfjord 13.05. (HHE), 4 ind. Skallelv-Vardø 14.05. (ELA), 1 ind. Hamningberg 15.05. (ELA), 1 ind. Hamningberg 17.05. (ELA), 721 ind. towards E 18.05. (ELA, PKO, MOS, HHE), 9 ind. 19.05. (ELA), 1 lys ad. towards E Nesseby church, Nesseby 22.05. (HHE), 2 ind. Markop, Kvalsund 26.05. (YNI), 1 ad. Store Ekkerøy, Vadsø 07.06. (TAX), 12 1yr Kramvik-Kiberg 24.09. (HKA), 6 1yr towards W Vadsøya, Vadsø 30.09. (HHE), 322 ind. migrating past Nesseby church 02.10.-02.11. (HHE). Only two ad. and one subadult bird was seen, all others were juveniles. The majority of birds were migrating W. The highest total in one day was 113 ind. 02. and 100 ind. 09.10.

Pomarine Skua is regular along our coast between May and October, but the numbers are varying a lot from one year to another. The occurrence described above is without doubt the highest numbers ever recorded in Norway. Large numbers of Pomarine Skua are probably migrating along our coast every year, but the migration is only visible from the shore if weatherconditions are favourable. Most birds seem to be passing in just a few days, usually near medio May. Until recently only a few birds are seen in Finnmark during autumn migration. However, observations from 1999 indicate that large numbers can be seen also this time of the year. The occurrence during summer seems to vary a lot. Some late November records are also interesting. Except for May all available records are published.

#### **Arctic Skua (*Stercorarius parasiticus*)** - Records from October-April, large numbers

**1997:** 450 ind. migrating W at Hamningberg, Båtsfjord 13.08. (HHE).

**1999:** 570 ind. migrating at Slettnes, Gamvik between 11. and 21.05. (NHO). At least 1 ad. at Nesseby church, Nesseby 10.10. (HHE).

#### **Long-tailed Skua (*Stercorarius longicaudus*)** - Records from September-medio May, migrating birds

**1992:** 1 ad. Skoltefjellet N, Rolvsøy, Måsøy 11.09. (PTA).

**1993:** 238 ind. migrating past Vardø 18.05. (ELA).

**1995:** 46 ind. towards SE at Hamningberg, Båtsfjord 21.05. (ELA), 11 ind. Hamningberg 22.05. and 49 ind. Vardø 22.05. (ELA).

**1996:** 4 ind. Berlevåg 11.05. (ELA), 1 ind. Fjærvannet, Sør-Varanger 11.05. (PGT, SWI).

**1997:** 28 migrating towards E at Hamningberg, Båtsfjord 25.05. (ELA).

**1998:** 1 ad. Nesseby 15.05. (HHE), 81 ind. migrating at Slettnes, Gamvik and Kjølnes, Berlevåg 16.-20.05. (PKO, MOS), 32 ind. towards E at Hamningberg, Båtsfjord 17.05. (ELA, HHE), 5 ind. towards E also 18.05. (ELA), 10 ind. towards E 19.05. (ELA), 2 ind. towards E 20.05. (ELA), 7 ind. migrating at Skjåholmen, Nesseby 23.05. (KRU m.fl.).

**1999:** 250 ind. migrating E at Slettnes, Gamvik 11.-21.05., max. 195 ind. 18.05. (NHO), 2 ind. Markop, Kvalsund 12.05. (YNI), 6 ind. migrating E at Hamningberg, Båtsfjord 17.05. (ELA), 263 ind. towards E at Hamningberg 18.05. (ELA, PKO, MAS, HHE), 33 ind. migrating E also 19.05. (ELA), 2 ind. towards E 22.05 (HHE), a flock with 15 ind. migrating S in Tanafjorden 29.05. (HHE), 4 1yr migrating W at Hamningberg 05.09. (HHE), 2 1yr migrating W at Nesseby church, Nesseby 02.10. (HHE), 1 1yr W and 2 1yr E 09.10. (HHE) and 2 1yr W 10.10 (HHE).

The above occurrence during spring migration in May is extraordinary. Usually, most birds are passing unseen. Autumnrecords are generally uncommon, and records from October are very rare.

### **Great Skua (*Stercorarius skua*) - All records**

**1992:** 3 ind. Hamningberg, Båtsfjord 25.05. (ELA).

**1993:** 1 ind. Vardø 18.05. (ELA).

**1995:** 1 ad. Rolvsøy, Måsøy 09.04. (PTA), 1 ind. Vardø 22.05. (ELA), 1 ind. Nesseby 29.06. (JEB, SGR, ATM, KES), 4 ind. Grense Jakobselv, Sør-Varanger 29.06. (BCA), 1 ind. Kjølnes, Berlevåg 01.07. (KRA ++), 25-30 ind. Skjåholmen, Nesseby between 23.08. and 04.09. (JPY, PTO).

**1996:** 1 ad. Reinøya, Vardø 03.07. (PTA, KRM, MDA), 3 ind. Store Ekkerøy, Vadsø 31.07., 1 ind. 01.08. and 3 ind. 04.08. (THE, JST).

**1997:** 2 ind. passed by Hamningberg, Båtsfjord 25.05. (ELA), 2 ind. Nesseby church, Nesseby 17.06. (ABL, BCA), 1 ind. Vardø 23.06. (SVA), 2 ind. Mortensnes, Nesseby 28.06. (ØHA, TWA, TVA, MVA), 1 ind. Persfjorden, Vardø 28.06. (BCA), 1 ind. Hamningberg 08.07. (MVA, TVA, ØHA), 1 ind. Mortensnes 01.08. (HHE), 1 ind. Hamningberg 13.08. (HHE), 6 ind. Skjåholmen, Nesseby 19.-31.08. (JPY, PTO), 1 ind. Mortensnes 27.09. (HHE).

**1998:** 22 ind. passed by Slettnes, Gamvik and Kjølnes, Berlevåg between 16. and 20.05. (PKO, MOS), 2 ind. towards E at Hamningberg, Båtsfjord 17.05. (ELA, HHE), 1 ind. also 18.05. (ELA), 2 ind. 19.05. (ELA), 2 ind. 20.05. (ELA), 21 ind. Skjåholmen, Nesseby 20.-23.05. (KRU m.fl.), max. 12 ind. 23.05, 1 ind. Mortensnes, Nesseby 06.06. (BOT, AGU), 4 ind. Mortensnes 04.07. (HHE), 2 ind. Nesseby church, Nesseby 12.07. (HHE), 1 ind. also 15.07. (HHE), 2 ind. 19.07. (HHE), 3 ind. Varangerfjorden 28.-29.07. (MHA ++), 3 ind. Hamningberg 29.07 (HKO, MHA, VJO, FSI), 1 ind. Nesseby church 30.07 (HHE), 1 ind. towards W Hamningberg 06.08. (HHE), 1 ind. Nesseby church 12.08. (HHE), 1 ind. Hamningberg 23.08. (HAL), 1 ind. Nesseby church 27.08. (BCA), 1 ind. also 12.09. (HHE), 1 ind. towards E Hamningberg 04.10. (HHE), 1 ind. towards E at Nesseby church 10.10. (HHE).

**1999:** 35 ind. migrating E at Slettnes, Gamvik 11.-21.05., max. 14 ind. 18.05. (NHO), 2 ind. between Skallelv, Vadsø and Vardø 14.05. (ELA), 4 ind. Hamningberg, Båtsfjord 15.05. (ELA), 2 ind. also 17.05. (ELA), 6 ind. towards E 18.05. (ELA, PKO, MOS, HHE), 2 ind. 19.05. (ELA), 1 ind. 28.05. (PTA), 1 ind. Store Ekkerøy, Vadsø 04.06. (TAX, HHE), 1 ind. Skallelv 05.06. (TAX, HHE), 1 ind. Store Ekkerøy 07.06. (TAX), one pair copulating near Vardø medio June (HHE), 8 ind. Nesseby church, Nesseby 14.06. (HHE), 1 ind. Vardø 19.06. (TPE) and 8-9 ind. Hamningberg 19.-20.06. (TLU, TPE), 1 ind. Komagvær, Vardø 20.06. (TPE), 4 ind. passed by Vadsøya, Vadsø 22.06. (HHE), 5 ind. Nesseby church 22.07. (KHH), 2 ind. towards W at Hamningberg 05.09. (HHE).

The Great Skua is scarce, but regular along the Finnmark coast between May and August. Large numbers of migrating birds in 1998 and 1999 are noteworthy, likewise the observation of copulating birds in 1999.

**Little Gull (*Larus minutus*)** - All records

**1984:** 1 ad. Nesseby church, Nesseby 20.06. (KKE).

**1987:** 1 1yr Høybukt, Sør-Varanger 07.08. (ATM, KBØ).

**1993:** 1 ad. Prestøya, Sør-Varanger 28.08. (BCA).

**1995:** Juvenile Little Gulls were observed almost daily at Skjåholmen, Nesseby between 23.08. and 04.09. Max. 32 1yr 28.08. (JPY, PTO).

**1996:** 15 ind. Jordanfoss, Sør-Varanger 03.06. and 13 ind. 08.06. (GEV, PEA, PGT, SWI), 1 ad. Store Saltjern, Vadsø 03.07. (PTA, KRM).

**1997:** 3 ad. Skogfoss, Sør-Varanger 25.-26.06. (BCA, MGÜ), 1 ad. Melkefoss, Sør-Varanger 26.06. (MGÜ), 1 ind. Bergebyelva, Nesseby 27.06. (BCA), 1 ad. migrating at Nesseby church, Nesseby 28.06. (ØHA, TWA, TVA, MVA), 2 ind. Melkefoss 21.07. (MGÜ), 1 1yr Skjåholmen, Nesseby 24.08. (JPY, PTO), 1 1yr Per Larsavika, Nesseby 09.08. (HHE), 1 1yr Mortensnes, Nesseby and 2 1yr Nesseby church 05.10. (HHE).

**1998:** 1 ad. migrating E at Slettnes or Kjølnes between 16. and 20.05. (PKO, MOS), 2 ad. Grasbakken, Nesseby 12.06. (BOF), 1 ad. Noatun, Sør-Varanger 04.08. (BCA), 1 2yr at Grense Jakobselv, Sør-Varanger 03.09. (TBO), 2 1yr Bergebyelva, Nesseby 05.09. (HHE), 1 1yr Nesseby church, Nesseby 06.09. (HHE).

**1999:** 1 ad. migrating E at Slettnes, Gamvik 19.05. (NHO), 1 ad. Leirvika, Hammerfest 20.05. (PTA, YNI), 2 ad. Lille Skogøy, Sør-Varanger 26.05. (MGÜ), 3 ad. Fjærvannet, Sør-Varanger 31.05. (MGÜ). At least 15 ad. in a breeding colony of Black-headed Gulls near Utnes, Sør-Varanger 09.-24.06. (MGÜ, SWI, TPE, OBH). At least five eggs was found and photographed 10.06. (MGÜ, SWI), 1 ad. and 1-3 1yr near Utnes 20.07. (BCA), 8 ad. Skrøytnes, Sør-Varanger 20.07. and 1 ad. 26.07. (BCA), 2 1yr Nesseby church, Nesseby 17.08. (HHE), several dozens, mainly 1K, Skjåholmen, Nesseby in August (PTO), 1 2yr Mortensnes, Nesseby 10.10. (HHE).

The breeding record in Sør-Varanger in 1999 is the first documented in Finnmark. This species now seems to be regular in Pasvik in May-June. It is also annual during autumn migration in the Varanger fjord. The increased occurrence in Eastern Finnmark is probably caused by the dramatic increase in Northern Finland. Several colonies are now known just south of Lake Inari. For further details: Günther, M.: "Første hekkefunn av dvergmåke *Larus minutus* i Finnmark", Vår Fuglefauna 23 (2000), p. 82-84 (in Norwegian).

**Black-headed Gull (*Larus ridibundus*)** - Records from November-April

**1991:** 4 ad. Valfjordbotn, Rolvsøy, Måsøy 13.04. (PTA).

**1992:** 6 ind. Stormyra, Rolvsøy, Måsøy 09.04. (PTA, TST).

**1994:** 5 ad. Repparfjordbotn, Kvalsund 27.04. (PTA).

**1996:** 1 ad. Repparfjordbotn, Kvalsund 05.04. (PTA).

**1997:** 1 ind. Vadsø harbour, Vadsø 05.04. (TPE), 1 Prestøya, Sør-Varanger 27.04. (MGÜ), 3 ind. 29.04. (MGÜ), 1 ad. Varangerbotn, Nesseby 08.11 (HKA, OKA).

**1998:** 1 2yr Prestøya, Sør-Varanger 07.04. (BCA), 1 2yr Vadsø harbour, Vadsø 12.04. (HHE, TPE), 10 ind. Alta 14.04. (PAL), 1 ind. Prestøya 19. and 22.04. (MGÜ).

**1999:** 1 ind. Nesseby church, Nesseby 03.04. (HKA, OKA, ALI, HMI), up to 10 ind. in the area surrounding Kirkenes, Sør-Varanger 17.-28.04. (MGÜ).

**Common Gull (*Larus canus*)** - Records from November-March

**1988:** 1 2yr Vadsø 12.-13.03. (ATM).

**1996:** 1 ind. Kirkenes, Sør-Varanger 25.03. (BCA), up to 15 ind. Prestøya, Sør-Varanger 17.11. (MGÜ).

**1997:** As an example 20 ind. seen at Mortensnes, Nesseby and Vestre Jakobselv, Vadsø 08.11. (HHE), from December: 1 1yr Vadsø 06.12. (HHE), 1 ad. Vardø 20.12. (HHE).



**1998:** Regular between January and March. Approx. 10-20 ind. wintering, the first migrants arrived in the end of March (HHE). Regular in Vadsø all November, max. 59 ind. (54 ad. and 5 1K) 22.11. (HHE). Smaller numbers also regular in December (HHE). Up to 4 ind. (1 ad, 3 1K) in the Kirkenes-area, Sør-Varanger 21.-29.03. and 01.-28.11. (MGÜ), 10 ind. Hammerfest 10.02. (AØS).

**1999:** Up to 30 ind. (20.02) in Vadsø harbour, Vadsø between January and March (HHE). Up to 7 ind. in Vadsø in November (13.11) and up to 13 ad. in December (11.12) (HHE). Up to 6 ind. in the Kirkenes-area 16.01.-28.02. and up to 6 ad. again 14. -27.11. (MGÜ).

A few birds seem to be wintering around Vadsø and Kirkenes, but due to no reports it is hard to conclude on the winter occurrence in other parts of Finnmark.

### **Lesser Black-backed Gull (*Larus fuscus*) - All records from Eastern Finnmark**

**1991:** 1 ad. 18.05. (PTA).

**1993:** 2 ad. *fuscus* Vadsø sentrum, Vadsø 30.06. (MGÜ).

**1995:** 1 ad. Kvalsundet, Kvalsund 06.05. (PTA), 1 pair Stabbursnes, Porsanger 15.05. (PTA, YNI), 1 ad. Repparfjordbotn, Kvalsund 17.05. (PTA), 2 ad. Beritsjorda, Kvalsund 10.06. (PTA, TST), 1 ad. Kvaløya, Hammerfest 12.06. (PTA), 2 ad. also 23.06. (PTA, TST), 1 ad. *fuscus* Karlebotn, Nesseby 23.08. (JPY, PTO).

**1996:** 1 ad. Stabbursnes, Porsanger 04.06. (PTA, YNI).

**1999:** 1 ad. *fuscus* Kariel, Vadsø 22.05. (HHE), 3 ind. showing characters of *graellsii/heuglini* Slettnes, Gamvik 22.-23.05. (USK), 1 ad. *fuscus* Vadsø harbour, Vadsø 26.05. (HHE), 2 ad. *fuscus* Nesseby 18.06. (TLU), 2 ad. *intermedius* Nesseby 18.06. (TLU), 1 ad. *intermedius* Vardø 19.06. (TLU), 1 subad. Bergebyelva, Nesseby 19.-20.06. (TPE, MDA, HHE, MGÜ), 1 1yr Vadsøya, Vadsø 13.09. (HHE).

All reported birds are published. This species have become very rare in Eastern Finnmark. It is important to identify carefully all the Lesser Blacked-backed Gulls found in Finnmark. Actually, four different subspecies may show up in our area, *fuscus*, *intermedius*, *graellsii* and *heuglini*.

### **Iceland Gull (*Larus glaucoides*) - All records**

**1992:** 1 2yr Sandfjorden, Båtsfjord 24.05. (ELA).

**1993:** 1 ad. and 2 subad. Vadsø 16.05. (ELA).

**1994:** 4 subad. Vadsø 17.-20.05. (ELA), 1 subad. Vadsø 18.-20.05. (ELA), 1 1yr Kvalsund village, Kvalsund 08.10. (PTA, TST, PBR) and 16.11. (PTA).

**1995:** At least 6 ind. Vadsø 27.-31.03. (HLE), 1 2yr Hammernes, Nesseby 18.06. (BCA), 1 ad. and 1 1yr Kvalsundbrua, Kvalsund 28.09. (PTA), 1 1yr (probably the same) 30.09. (PTA, KAK).

**1996:** 5+ ad. Vardø sentrum, Vardø 02.03. (TBO), 1 ad. and 3 subad. Svartnes, Vardø 23.-24.03. (BCA), 1 ad, 1 2yr ,1 3K Vadsø 24.03. (BCA), 1 subad. Smelror, Vardø 06.05. (ELA), 1 subad. Kiberg, Vardø 06.05. (ELA), 1 subad. Berlevåg 12.05. (ELA), 1 subad. Vadsø 12.05. (ELA), 1 new subad. Vadsø 13.05. (ELA), 1 2yr Prestøya, Sør-Varanger 10.-14.05 (BCA), 1 2yr Nakken, Kvalsund 31.05. (PTA), 1 2yr Repparfjordbotn, Kvalsund 03.06. (PTA, YNI), 1 2yr Vadsøya, Vadsø 07.06. (PTA, YNI).

**1997:** At least 6 ind. Vadsø harbour, Vadsø (2 ad, 1 3K, several 2K) between February and April. 1 3K seen in June (HHE, TPE, MGÜ). 1 ind. Prestøya, Sør-Varanger 04., 09., and 30.03. (MGÜ), 1 ad. Vardø 22.03. (MGÜ), 4 subad. Karlebotn-Hamningberg 24.-29.05. (ELA), 1 2yr Kiberg, Vardø 12.06. (ABL), 1 3K Bergebyelva, Nesseby 09. and 16.08. (HHE). This bird was in the area since 29.06. (JSE). 1 1yr Hamningberg, Båtsfjord 28.09. (HHE, TPE), 1 ad. Svartnes, Vardø 01.11. (HHE), 1 ad. and 1 4K Kiberg 16.11. (HHE), 1 ad. Vadsø 22.11. (HHE), 3 1yr and 1 ad. Kiberg 23.11. (HHE), 1 ad. and 1 sub ad. Vardø 30.11. (HHE),

1 ad. and 1 subad. Vadsø 06.12. (HHE), 1 1yr Kramvik, Vardø 14.12. (HHE), 1 subad. Vadsø 21.12. (HHE, TPE), 2 ind. Varangerfjorden 30.-31.12. (KMI).

**1998:** Observed daily in Vadsø harbour, Vadsø from 31.01. until medio April. Max. 10 ind. 01.03. (HHE). Totally 20 ind. may have been involved. 1 2yr Bugøynes, Sør-Varanger 07.03. (MGÜ), 1 3K Nesseby church, Nesseby 07.03. (MGÜ), at least 1 2yr and 1 3K in the Kirkenes-area, Sør-Varanger 21.03.-06.04. (MGÜ), 1 3K Vestre Jakobselv, Vadsø 12.04. (HHE, TPE), 3 ind. (2 2yr, 1 3K) Nesseby church ultimo April (HHE), 1 3K Kåfjord, Alta and 1 2yr Langnesholmen, Alta 14.04. (PAA), 1 ind. between Karlebotn and Hamningberg 16.-21.05. (ELA), 1 2K/3K Vadsø 30.05. (HHE), 1 3K Kramvik, Vardø 13.06. (BOT, AGU, HHE), 1 2yr Kiberg, Vardø 06.-21.08. (HHE, GSH, BCA), 1 ind. Nesseby church, Nesseby 30.08. (TBO), 1 ad. and 1 1yr Vadsø 17.10. (HHE), 3 ad. and 1 subad. Vadsø-Vardø 23.10. (HHE), 1-2 ad. stayed in Vadsø from 31.10. until the end of the year, max. 4 ad. was seen 28.11. (HHE).

**1999:** Seen daily in Vadsø harbour, Vadsø from 17.01. until ultimo March. Max. 7 ind. 21.03. Totally approx. 15 ind. may have been involved (HHE), at least 1 2yr and 1 3K in the Kirkenes-area, Sør-Varanger 17.01.-28.02. (MGÜ), 3 ind. Repparfjord, Kvalsund 31.03. (RTM), 6 ind. Vardø and 1 ind. Kiberg, Vardø 09.05. (HHE), 1 2yr also 13.05. (HHE), 1 4K 14.-15.05. (HHE), 2 ad. and 2 2yr 22.05. (HHE), 1 ind. 30.05. (HHE), 1 2yr and 1 3K Slettnes, Gamvik 11.-23.05. (NHO), 10 ind. Karlebotn-Hamningberg 13.-20.05. (ELA), 1 2yr Kiberg 27.-28.05. (PTA), 1 ad. Kiberg-Hamningberg 09.06. (KVA), 1-2 ad. Vadsø harbour 25.10.-12.12. (HHE), 1 ad. Kirkenes, Sør-Varanger 27.11. (MGÜ).

The Iceland Gull is a regular guest during winter in Finnmark. A few individuals, mainly younger birds, are present all year round. To find out more about the occurrence of this species it is important that all observations are reported. Careful studies of wintering Iceland Gulls may reveal the rare Kumlien's Gull (see below).

#### **Kumlien's Gull (*Larus glaucooides kumlieni*) - All records**

**1995:** 1 ad. Vadsø harbour, Vadsø 09.-10.03. (V) (HAS, TNU, RSU) and 27.03. (F) (TLE, JAL, HJL, VNI).

**1998:** 1 ad. Store Ekkerøy, Vadsø 08.11. and probably the same ind. Vadsø harbour, Vadsø 21.11. (HHE)

These are the two first accepted records of this North American subspecies in Norway. Both observations in 1995 are probably concerning the same individual. On the second date the bird seemed to be in bad shape.

#### **Glaucous Gull (*Larus hyperboreus*) - Large numbers**

**1997:** 165 ind. Karlebotn-Hamningberg 24.-29.05. (ELA) and 60 ind. Svartnes-Hamningberg 25.05. (HHE) are large numbers in May. The first juvenile this autumn showed up at Store Ekkerøy, Vadsø 14.09. (HHE, TPE), 42 ind. towards W at Hamningberg, Båtsfjord 02.11. (HHE, TPE), 610 ind. between Kiberg and Vardø 07.12. (HHE, TPE).

**1998:** 200 ind. counted daily in Vardø harbour in February (HHE), 270 ind. Vadsø-Vardø 23.10. (HHE), 400 ind. between Salttjern, Vadsø and Vardø 01.11. (HHE, GSH).

**1999:** 80 ind. Vadsø 20.02. is a large number in the inner parts of Varanger (HHE), 270 ind. Vardø-Kiberg 09.05, hence approx. 30 ad. (HHE), 325 ind. Karlebotn-Vardø 13.-20.05. (ELA), 64 ind. migrating E at Slettnes, Gamvik 11.-21.05. (NHO).

The number of Glaucous Gulls in Finnmark is varying through the winter. A few birds may be present in spring and summer as well. Only selected observations (large numbers) are published this time.

#### **Hybrid Herring x Glaucous Gull (*L. argentatus* x *L. hyperboreus*) - All records**

**1997:** 1 3K Vardø harbour, Vardø 26.04. (HHE), 1 ad. Persfjorden, Vardø 25.05. (HHE).

**Herring Gull (*Larus argentatus*) - Albino**

**1998:** 1 albino Kiberg 06. and 15.08 (HHE, GSH)

**Sabine's Gull (*Larus sabini*) - All records**

**1994:** 1 2K+ Vadsøya, Vadsø 28.07. (JRB).

**1997:** 4 ad. Mortensnes-Bergebyelva, Nesseby 06.-07.08. (F) (HHE, KHH, MAS, HPA, JAO), 3 1yr migrating together towards W at Mortensnes 07.09. (HHE).

**1998:** 2 ad. Nesseby church, Nesseby 26.08. (HHE).

The four adult birds in August were seen together with a large number of Kittiwakes. This is probably the largest number of adult Sabine's Gulls ever seen together in Norway. Autumn records in Finnmark are rare, most birds are seen during summer. The three juveniles found in September 1997 may be related to the exceptional numbers of Sabine's Gulls seen in the North Sea-area in September-October that year.

**Common Tern (*Sterna hirundo*) - Indications of breeding**

**1978:** Found breeding near Båtsfjord airport, Båtsfjord 02.07.(BCA).

**1987:** 1 pair breeding in a colony of Arctic Terns in Høybukta, Sør-Varanger (ATM).

**1995:** 1 1yr Forsø, Hammerfest 21.08. (AHN).

**1997:** Several pairs probably breeding at Vadsøya, Vadsø (HHE).

**1998:** 2 pairs at Persfjorden, Vardø in July (MHE, MLP, RHO). Several pairs probably breeding at Vadsøya, Vadsø (HHE).

**1999:** Several pairs probably breeding at Vadsøya, Vadsø (HHE).

**Arctic Tern (*Sterna paradisaea*) - Records from October-April, 2y/3y-birds, large numbers**

**1995:** Up to 5 2yr in adult flocks at Kvalsund May/June (PTA), 1 2yr Bergebyelva, Nesseby 03.07. (ATM ++).

**1997:** Approx. 10 2yr seen at Vadsøya, Vadsø during the breeding season (HHE ++).

**1998:** Approx. 10 2yr seen at Vadsøya, Vadsø during the breeding season (HHE), 1 2K/3K Båtsfjord 20.07. (MHE, MLP, RHO), 2 1yr towards E at Nesseby church, Nesseby 11.10. (HHE), 2 1yr also 17.10. (MGÜ).

**1999:** Approx. 5-10 2yr and 2 probable 3K seen at Vadsøya, Vadsø during the breeding season (HHE), 1 1yr migrating W at Nesseby church, Nesseby 02.10. (HHE), 2000 ind. towards E at Hamningberg, Båtsfjord 18.05. (HHE a.o.), 1500 ind. Vadsøya 23.05. (HHE), 1 1yr at Nesseby church, Nesseby 02.10. (HHE).

**Black Tern (*Chlidonias niger*) - All records**

**1999:** 1 ad. Vadsøya, Vadsø 18.-23.06. (F) (MUL, TPE ++).

**Common Guillemot (*Uria aalge*) - Inland records and large numbers**

**1999:** 12 200 ind. migrating towards N at Hornøya, Vardø 03.04. between kl.09:35 and 09:55. (HKA, OKA, ALI, HMI).

**Brünnich's Guillemot (*Uria lomvia*) - Large numbers**

**1999:** 1000 ind. between Varangerbotn, Nesseby and Skallelv, Vadsø 13.5. (ELA), 2000 ind. between Skallelv, Vadsø and Vardø 14.5. (ELA), 1000 ind. at Hamningberg, Båtsfjord 15.5., 700 ind. 16.5. and 500 ind. 17.5. (ELA).

**Atlantic Puffin (*Fratercula arctica*) - Large numbers**

**1998:** 11 000 ind. migrating towards E at Nesseby church, Nesseby 11.10. (HHE). 1 albino at Hornøya, Vardø 16.08 (HHE)

**1999:** 33 000 ind. migrating past Slettnes, Gamvik between 11. and 21.5. (NHO).

**Little Auk (*Alle alle*)** - Inland records and large numbers

**1991-1993:** 1 ind. Sennalandet, Alta (RTM). Exact date and year is unknown.

**1998:** 3 500 ind. migrating towards E at Nesseby church, Nesseby 10.10. (HHE).

**Unidentified Alcidae (*Alcidae sp.*)** - Large numbers

**1991:** 60 000 resting and migrating towards NW at Vardø 12.-13.05. (ELA).

**Stock Dove (*Columba oenas*)** - All records

**1998:** 1 ind. Makkenes, Vadsø 23.05. (BCA, MGÜ).

The first record from the Varanger peninsula. Stock Dove is only seen a few times in Finnmark so far.

**Wood Pigeon (*Columba palumbus*)** - All records

**1994:** 1 ind. Kistrand, Porsanger 15.05. (PTA, TST), 4 ind. Oldernes N, Kvalsund 15.05. (PTA, TST).

**1995:** 1 ind. Skrøytnes, Sør-Varanger 26.6. (BCA), 1 ind. Skogfoss, Sør-Varanger 04.07. (BCA).

**1996:** 5 ind. Birrivara jængæ, Sør-Varanger 25.07. (MGÜ).

**1997:** 2 ind. Noatun, Sør-Varanger 30.05. (MGÜ).

**1998:** 1 ind. Skrøytnes, Sør-Varanger 29.05. (MGÜ), 1 ind. Skogum, Sør-Varanger 10.08. (BCA), 2 ind. Elgryggen, Sør-Varanger 25.08. (BCA), 2 ind. Skrøytnes, Sør-Varanger 02.09. (BCA), 2 ind. Svanvik, Sør-Varanger 09.09. (MGÜ), 5 ind. Bonakas, Tana medio September (DKO).

This species seem to be annual during summer. Most observations are from the forests in Sør-Varanger.

**Collared Dove (*Streptopelia decaocto*)** - All records

**1998:** 1 ind. Kiberg, Vardø 24.05.-13.06. (HHE ++).

**1999:** 1 ind. Vardø sentrum, Vardø 31.10. (HKA, OKA).

**European Turtle Dove (*Streptopelia turtur*)** - All records

**1999:** 1 ind. Vardø sentrum, Vardø primo October (F) (?)

**Common Cuckoo (*Cuculus canorus*)** - Records from September-May

**1997:** 1 M Nyrud, Sør-Varanger 30.05. (MGÜ), 1 M Blankvassåsen, Sør-Varanger 30.05. (MGÜ), 1 M Gjøkbuksa, Sør-Varanger 30.05. (MGÜ).

**1999:** 1 M Noatun, Sør-Varanger 24.-25.05. (GCO, FDI), 1 M Skrøytnes, Sør-Varanger 26.05. (MGÜ), 1 M Nyrudneset, Sør-Varanger 31.05. (MGÜ).

**Snowy Owl (*Nyctea scandiaca*)** - All records

**1995:** 1 ad. M Vardø municipality 20.05 (ELA), 1 ad. M towards SE in Båtsfjord municipality 21.05 (ELA), Vadsø municipality 02.06. (PTA, YNI, HMØ, KRM), 1 2yr M Vardø municipality 03.-04.07. (ATM, PTA ++).

**1996:** 1 M Sør-Varanger municipality 25.03. (AHA), 1 ind. Domen, Vardø 05.08 (JAO, THE, JST)

**1997:** 1 M Vardø municipality 10.05. (TBO) and 1 F 11.05. (MGÜ), 2 ind. Vardø municipality 06.-09.06. (JTA), 1 ind. Nesseby municipality 22.06. (?), 1 ind. Vardø municipality 24.-25.06. (MGÜ, TRS ++), 1 ind. Vadsø municipality 27.06. (JSE), 1 ind. Vardø municipality 08.07. (TVA), 1 ind. Nesseby municipality 17.08. (HHE).

**1998:** 1 ind. Gamvik municipality 16.-20.05. (MOS, PKO), 2 ind. Vardø municipality 03.06. (ONY, OPI), 1 ind. between Varangerbotn and Hamningberg 13.06. (HHE).

**1999:** 1 F Lebesby municipality 04.06. (TAX).

This species is very vulnerable and details about locations are not published. Because several local observers keep their records secret, Snowy Owl may be more common than indicated above. Most birds are seen in May and June.

**Pygmy Owl (*Glaucidium passerinum*)** - All records

**1996/1997:** Two observations at Gjøkåsen, Sør-Varanger during winter (LTP).

**Great Grey Owl (*Strix nebulosa*)** - All records

**1993:** 2 ind. L-1, Sør-Varanger 17.-18.03. (ØTO).

**1994:** Several observations in Pasvik, Sør-Varanger from March until May (SWI), observed several times at L-2, Sør-Varanger in July (SWI).

**1996:** 1 ind. L-3, Sør-Varanger in November (SWI). Several observations at L-4, Sør-Varanger during autumn (IRA).

**1997:** 1-2 ind. L-4, Sør-Varanger 07.01.-07.05. (MGÜ ++). Two ind. was seen in the area 06.02., 07.04., 17.04., 23.04., 25.04. and 30.04., 1 ind. L-5, Sør-Varanger 12.01. (BCA, MGÜ), 1 ind. L-6, Sør-Varanger 09.02. and 22.02. (MGÜ), 1-2 ind. at L-1, Sør-Varanger 22.02.-17.04. (MGÜ ++), 1 ind. L-7, Sør-Varanger 22.02. (MGÜ), 1 ind. L-8, Sør-Varanger 22.02. (MGÜ), 1 ind. L-9, Sør-Varanger 07.-12.03. (MGÜ), 1 ind. L-10, Sør-Varanger 24.03. (MGÜ), 4 ind. L-2, Sør-Varanger 22.04. (SWI), 1 ind. L-11, Sør-Varanger 19.05. (SWI), 1 ind. L-12, Sør-Varanger 16.06. (JTA), 1 ind. L-13, Sør-Varanger 27.06. (PKS, MEG).

**1998:** 1 ind. found dead L-14, Sør-Varanger 27.03. (SST), 1-3 ind. L-6, Sør-Varanger 30.03.-15.04. (BCA, MGÜ ++). Three ind. seen together 30.03. and two ind. 06.04. One of the birds was found dead 09.04. (SWI), 1-2 ind. L-4, Sør-Varanger 31.03.-23.04. (BCA, MGÜ). Two ind. was seen several times. 1 ind. L-15, Sør-Varanger 31.03.-02.06. (BCA, MGÜ). 1 ind. found dead at L-16, Sør-Varanger 07.04. (PEA) and another bird was seen 08.04. (MGÜ), 1 ind. L-10, Sør-Varanger 06.04. (BCA, MGÜ).

**1999:** 1 ind. Pasvik, Sør-Varanger 18.-19.6. (TPE, OBH), 1 ind. L-5, Sør-Varanger 21.06. (SST).

Because this species is vulnerable and much sought after, details about the locations in Pasvik are not published. Instead the locations are numbered L-1 to L-17. During the winters 1996/97 and 1997/98 several Great Grey Owls were seen in Sør-Varanger. In March-April both years at least 10 ind. were present, but the number may well have been higher. The owls seemed quite stationary near snowcovered fields and meadows. Two birds were found dead in March 1997; probably due to undernourishment. One of them was only 700 gram. A thick snowcrust above 50 cm of snow made it hard for the owls to hunt. Also in spring 1998 three owls were found dead or dying. One of them was ringed as 3y+ F at nest in Råneå, Sweden 20.04.1997. This indicate that Great Grey Owl may travel long distances in search for good huntingareas. Only a few summerrecords are known from the last years; no indications on breeding.

**Short-eared Owl (*Asio flammeus*)** - Records from October-April

**1999:** 1 ind. hunting at Elvestad, Sør-Varanger 27.01. in -49°C (MGÜ).

This is the first winter record of this species from Sør-Varanger. The bird was seen on one of the coldest days in modern history. The bird seemed to be in good shape, but was not seen again.

**Long-eared Owl (*Asio otus*)** - All records

**1997:** 1 ind. Nyrud, Sør-Varanger 04.06. (RTM).

**Tengmalm's Owl (*Aegolius funereus*)** - All records

**1993:** 1 ind. Svanvik, Sør-Varanger 22.03. (OIS).

**1994:** 1 ind. Stangåsen, Sør-Varanger 04.06. (Dutch ornithologist).

**1996/1997:** One single observation at Gjøkåsen, Sør-Varanger during winter (LTP).

**1998:** 1 ind. at a feeder near Svanvik, Sør-Varanger 13.04. (SWI).

**1999:** 1 ind. found inside a house in Sørrelvdalen, Alta 02.01. (AØS), 2 ind. heard all spring in Tverrelvdalen, Alta (AØS).

Tengmalm's Owl is probably more common in Western Finnmark than indicated by the above observations. However, this species is still very rare further east.

**Common Swift (*Apus apus*)** - All records

**1978:** 1 ind. Store Ekkerøy, Vadsø 26.06. (BCA).

**1993:** 1 ind. Vadsø sentrum, Vadsø 30.06. (MGÜ).

**1995:** 3 ind. Noatun, Sør-Varanger 03.07. (BCA), 1 ind. Skrøytnes, Sør-Varanger 23.08. (BCA).

**1997:** 2 ind. Vadsø sentrum, Vadsø 19.06. (ACE), 1 ind. until 24.06. (HHE, MGÜ), 1 ind. Tommamoen, Sør-Varanger 22.07. (MHE, MLP, RHO).

**1998:** 1 ind. Kiberg, Vardø 14.06. (HHE), 3 ind. Noatun, Sør-Varanger 04.08. (BCA), 3 ind. Kjølnes fyr, Berlevåg 15.08. (BCA), 18 ind. migrating S at Skrøytnes, Sør-Varanger 23.08. (BCA).

The birds in Vadsø in 1993 and 1997 was seen around the same building in central Vadsø.

**European Bee-eater (*Merops apiaster*)** - All records

**1998:** 2 2K+ Lakselv, Porsanger 08.08. (F) (CBJ, KSJ).

This record is accepted by NSKF.

**Hoopoe (*Upupa epops*)** - All records

**1993:** 1 ind. Melkefoss, Sør-Varanger 03.10. (LOL).

**1995:** 1 ind. Klemetstad, Porsanger 15.10 (V) (GSA, ASA).

**1997:** 1 ind. Nesseby church, Nesseby 10.10. (lokalbefolkningen via HHE).

**Eurasian Wryneck (*Jynx torquilla*)** - All records

**1994:** 1 M Vaggatem, Sør-Varanger 03.06. (ARU, JKO), 1 M Gargia fjellstue, Alta 23.06. (PTA).

**1997:** 1 ind. Kobbfoss, Sør-Varanger 12.06. (BCA).

**Black Woodpecker (*Dryocopus martius*)** - All records

**1995:** 1 ind. at Noatun, Sør-Varanger 08.10. (RKO).

**1997:** 1 ind. at Gjøkbukta, Sør-Varanger 30.05. (MGÜ).

**Great Spotted Woodpecker (*Dendrocopos major*)** - Special observations

**1994:** 2 F Indrevoll Ø, Kvalsund 07.10. (PTA, YNI, PBR).

Some years Great Spotted Woodpeckers are invading Finnmark, but usually this species is quite uncommon. In the future we may wish to receive all observation of this species.

**Little Woodpecker (*Dendrocopos minor*)** - Special observations

**1990:** 1 M Indre Gåsvika, Rolvsøy, Måsøy 23.08. (PTA, JPO).

**1996:** 1 ind. Kvalsund 24.03 (YNI)

Records from the coast are very rare in Finnmark.

**Three-toed Woodpecker (*Picoides tridactylus*)** - Special observations

**1995:** 1 ad. M Valle Ø, Kvalsund 03.11. (PTA).

Records from the coast are very rare in Finnmark.

**Horned Lark (*Eremophila alpestris*)** - Records from October-April, migration

**1991:** 3 ind. Varangerbotn-Hamningberg 11.-14.05 (ELA)

**1993:** 10 ind. Kirkenes-Varangerbotn-Hamningberg 15.-20.05 (ELA)

**1994:** 20 ind. Bugøynes-Varangerbotn-Hamningberg 17.-21.05 (ELA)

**1995:** 26 ind. Bugøynes-Varangerbotn-Hamningberg-Berlevåg 15.-23.05 (ELA)

**1996:** 46 ind. Bugøynes-Varangerbotn-Hamningberg-Berlevåg 04.-12.05 (ELA)

**1997:** 33 ind. Karlebotn-Hamningberg 24.-29.05 (ELA), 42 ind. Vadsøya, Vadsø 29.09. (HHE), 25 ind. Vadsøya 03.10 (HHE), 1 ind. at both Mortensnes and Nesseby 05.10 (HHE), 1 ind. Mortensnes and 2 ind. Nesseby church 10.10 (HHE), 7 ind. 12.10. (HHE).

**1998:** 39 ind. Karlebotn-Hamningberg 16.-21.05 (ELA), 20 ind. Komagvær, Vardø 27.09. (HHE), 24 ind. Vadsøya, Vadsø 27.09., 4 ind. until 18.10. and 1 ind. 25.10. (MGÜ, HHE), 25 ind. Skallelv, Vadsø 25.10. (HHE).

**1999:** 20 ind. Karlebotn-Hamningberg 13.-20.05 (ELA), 100 ind. Vadsøya, Vadsø 23.09., 45 ind. 24.-25.09. and 60 ind. 30.09. (HKA, HHE). Last record: 1 ind. Vardø 16.10 (HHE)

Most observations are from the northern side of the Varanger fjord. Please notice the large numbers from Vadsøya in autumn 1999.

**Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*)** - Records from medio September-medio May

**1997:** 1 ind. Vintervollen, Sør-Varanger 08.05. (MGÜ).

**1999:** 1 ind. Noatun, Sør-Varanger 14.05. (MGÜ).

The first of these was chasing insects around a sheep cot in driving snow.

**House Martin (*Delichon urbica*)** - Records from medio September-medio May

**1999:** 2 ind. Markop, Kvalsund 27.04. (YNI).

A very early spring record!!!

**Buff-bellied Pipit (*Anthus rubescens*)** - All records

**1997:** 1 1K+ Nesseby church, Nesseby 10.10. (F) (HHE).

This is the first accepted Norwegian record of this North American species.

**Rock Pipit (*Anthus petrosus*)** - Records from October-April, inland records

**1991:** 1 pair Leira, Rolvsøy, Måsøy 14.04. (PTA, TST).

**1992:** 1 ind. Leira, Rolvsøy, Måsøy 20.03. (PTA, TST).

**1994:** 1 pair Tappen, Kvalsund 06.04. (PTA).

**1995:** 1 ind. Kvitbergbukta, Kvalsund 21.01. (PTA, KAK), 2 ind. Gunnarsnes, Rolvsøy, Måsøy 08.04. (PTA, JPO), 2 ind. Kvalen, Rolvsøy, Måsøy 08.04. (PTA, JPO), 2 ind. Tufjord W, Rolvsøy, Måsøy 08.04. (PTA, JPO)

**1996:** 3 ind. Vardø 24.03. (BCA)

**1998:** 2 ind. Hamningberg, Båtsfjord 04.10. (HHE).

**Meadow Pipit (*Anthus pratensis*)** - Records from October-April

**1997:** 5 ind. Fossen, Vadsø 02.10 (HHE), 5 ind. Nesseby church and 5 ind. Mortensnes, Nesseby 05.10 (HHE), 1 ind. Fossen, Vadsø 12.10 (HHE)

**1998:** 1 ind. Vadsøya, Vadsø 17.10. (HHE).

**1999:** 1 ind. Vadsøya 18.10 (HHE).

**Tawny Pipit (*Anthus campestris*)** - All records

**1999:** 1 ind. Store Ekkerøy, Vadsø 04.-06.06 (F) (RBE, HHE, TAX, JAO).

This is the first record of this southern species in Finnmark.

**Blue-headed Wagtail (*Motacilla flava*)** - Records from September-April

**1999:** 1 ind. Vadsøya, Vadsø 09.09. (HHE).

**White Wagtail (*Motacilla alba*)** - Records from October-April

**1995:** 1 M Gunnarsnes, Rolvsøy, Måsøy 30.04. (PTA, HMØ).

**1998:** 1 ind. Vadsøya, Vadsø 25.04. (HHE).

**1999:** 1 ind. Svanvik, Sør-Varanger 21.-29.04. (MGÜ), 1 ind. south of Kautokeino 25.04. (AØS), 1 ind. Vadsø sentrum, Vadsø 01.10 (HHE) and 06.10. (HHE).

**Grey Wagtail (*Motacilla cinerea*)** - All records

**1998:** 1 ind. Sjursok, Tana 16.07. (TLA).

**Winter Wren (*Troglodytes troglodytes*)** - All records

**1995:** 1 ind. singing near Alta kraftstasjon, Alta 14.07. (AØS, PJT).

**Dunnock (*Prunella modularis*)** - All records

**1994:** 1 pair Porsa, Kvalsund 03.05. (PTA), 1 M Kvalsundelva Upper, Kvalsund 17.05. (PTA), 1 M Oldernes N, Kvalsund 15.06. (PTA).

**1995:** 1 M Finnbyen, Kvalsund 03.-17.05. (PTA, TST), 1 pair Kvalsundelva Upper, Kvalsund 23.-29.05. (PTA, KAK), 1 M Valle Ø, Kvalsund 24.05.-15.06. (PTA, BKA), 1 M Øvergård, Alta 26.05. (PTA, TST), 1 pair Oldernes N, Kvalsund 27.05. (PTA), 1 M Sandslett SV, Porsanger 28.05. (PTA, KRM, HMØ), 1 ind. south of Lakselv, Porsanger 28.06. (ATM ++), 1 ind. Stabbursdalen, Porsanger 28.06. (ATM ++), 1 ind. Sandfjord, Båtsfjord 04.07. (ATM ++).

**1996:** 1 pair Finnbyen, Kvalsund 07.-18.05. (PTA, TST, TTA), 3 M Oldernes N, Kvalsund 25.05. (PTA, YNI), 1 ind. Skyttermyra, Sør-Varanger 12.09. (MGÜ). Heard throughout the summer several places in Alta and Kautokeino (AØS).

**1997:** 1 ind. Bonakas, Tana 09.-10.05. (DKO), 1 ind. Myrland, Sør-Varanger 24.05. (MGÜ), 1 ind. Silffarvarri, Porsanger 26.05. (MGÜ), 1 ind. Svartaksla, Sør-Varanger 28.05. (MGÜ), 1 ind. Neiden chapel, Sør-Varanger 21.-23.06. (BCA, MGÜ), 2 ind. Elvenes, Sør-Varanger 21.06. (BCA), 1 ind. Storskog, Sør-Varanger 22.06. (BCA), 1 ind. Bjørnelvdalen, Sør-Varanger 22.06. (MGÜ), 1 ind. Vestre Jakobselv, Vadsø 24.06. (BCA), 1 ind. Kolvik,



Porsanger 29.06. (BCA), 3 ind. south of Lakselv, Porsanger 29.06. (BCA), 1 ind. Vadsø sentrum, Vadsø 02.10. (HHE).

**1998:** 2 ind. Neidenfjorden, Sør-Varanger 20.05. (BCA), 1 ind. Prestøya, Sør-Varanger 21.05. (BCA), 1 ind. Neiden chapel, Sør-Varanger 28.05.-05.07. (BCA, MGÜ), 3 ind. Vestre Jakobselv, Vadsø 15.06. (HHE), 1 M Neverfjord, Kvalsund 22.06. (PTA, SPE), 1 ind. Mikkelsnes, Sør-Varanger 28.06. (MGÜ), 2 ind. Elvenes, Sør-Varanger 01.07. (MGÜ), 1 juv. Elvenes, Sør-Varanger 29.08. (BCA), 1 ind. Fossen, Vadsø 26.-27.09. (HHE).

**1999:** 1 ind. Prestøya, Sør-Varanger 28.04.-11.05. (MGÜ), 1 ind. Vadsø sentrum, Vadsø 10.05. (HHE), 10 ind. Oldernes N, Kvalsund 20.-22.05. (PTA, YNI), 20 ind. Valle Ø, Kvalsund 23.05. (PTA, YNI), 1 ind. Andersby, Vadsø (MGÜ) 23.05., 1 ind. Makkenes, Vadsø 23.05. (MGÜ), 1 M Stabbursnes, Porsanger 30.05. (PTA), 1 M Stoppelfjordvatna V, Rolvsøy, Måsøy 30.05. (PTA), 1 M Litlefjord, Måsøy 30.05. (PTA), 2-3 ind. singing at Nesseby church, Nesseby 04.06. (TBO), 1 ind. Sandnes, Sør-Varanger 17.06. (MGÜ), 1 ind. towards west at Vadsø sentrum, Vadsø 10.09. (HHE), 2 ind. Fossen, Vadsø 18.09. and 3 ind. also 28.09. (HHE).

The Dunnock is quite common locally, and several observations are probably not reported, especially from Western Finnmark.

#### **European Robin (*Erithacus rubecula*) - All records**

**1993:** 1 ind. Vaggatem, Sør-Varanger 17.10. (SWI).

**1994:** 1 M Gargia fjellstue, Alta 24.06.-12.07. (PTA), 1 M Solstad NV, Alta 27.06. (PTA), 1 ind. Strandkrysset, Sør-Varanger 05.07. (EGR, KBS, KSC), 1 ind. Skoganvarre, Porsanger 05.09. (PTA), 1 ind. Oldernes N, Kvalsund 02.10. (PTA), 2 ind. Indrevoll, Kvalsund 07.10. (PTA, YNI, PBR).

**1995:** 1 M Gargia fjellstue, Alta 26.05. (PTA, TST), 1 M Sandslett SV, Porsanger 28.05. (PTA, KRM, HMØ), 1 M Oldernes N, Kvalsund 31.05.-15.06. (PTA).

**1997:** 1 ind. Aronnes, Alta 18.05. (AØS), 1 ind. Store Ekkerøy, Vadsø 20.-21.06. (HHE).

**1998:** 1 ind. Vardø sentrum, Vardø 08.05. (JGT), 1 M Aronnes, Alta 16.05. (AØS), 1 M Neiden, Sør-Varanger 21.05. (MGÜ).

**1999:** 1 ind. Vaggatem, Sør-Varanger 27.04. (SWI), 1 M Munkelv, Sør-Varanger 18.06. (MGÜ), 1 ind. Noatun, Sør-Varanger 26.07. (BCA), 1 ind. Varangerbotn 17.10 (HHE).

#### **Stonechat (*Saxicola torquata*) - All records**

**1994:** 1 2yr M Mortensnes, Nesseby 10.07. (F) (EGR, KBS, KSC).

This bird was warning and probably defending a female Whinchat. According to the observers the bird showed the characters of subspecies *maura/stejnagri*, but the identification of subspecies was not accepted by NSKF.

#### **Whinchat (*Saxicola rubetra*) - All records**

**1994:** 1 F together with a male Stonechat at Mortensnes, Nesseby 10.07. (EGR, KBS, KSC), At least 3 ind. Vaggatem, Sør-Varanger 19.-20.07. (EGR, KBS, KSC) and 1 ind. 26.07. (BCA).

**1995:** 1 ind. Vaggatem, Sør-Varanger 03.-27.06. (BCA, KRM, PTA, YNI, HMØ), 1 ind. between Nyrudmyra and Hestefoss, Sør-Varanger 02.07. (ATM ++).

**1996:** 1 ind. Nesseby church, Nesseby 07.06. (PTA, YNI), 1 M Skogfoss, Sør-Varanger 06.07. (PTA, KRM, MDA).

**1997:** 1 F Hamningberg ultimo May (HHE), 1 ind. Grautbekken, Sør-Varanger 30.05. (MGÜ), 1 ind. Vaggatem, Sør-Varanger 09.-11.06. (BCA), 1 ind. Myrvang, Sør-Varanger 25.06. (MGÜ), 1 ind. Skrøytne, Sør-Varanger 25.06. (BCA).

**1998:** 1 ind. Vaggatem, Sør-Varanger 01.06. (BCA), 1 ind. Grautbekken, Sør-Varanger 02.06. (MGÜ), 1 ind. Kautokeino, Kautokeino 02.08. (BCA), 1 ind. Skrøytnes, Sør-Varanger 04.08. (BCA).

**1999:** 1 M Stabburneset, Porsanger 04.06. (TAX).

The Whinchat is scarcely distributed in Finnmark, but it seems to be annual in a few locations, e.g. Øvre Pasvik. Most of the observed birds are probably singing males.

#### **Blackbird (*Turdus merula*) - All records**

**1993:** 1 ind. Neiden chapel, Sør-Varanger 02.07. (MGÜ).

**1995:** 1 M Gunnarnes, Rolvsøy, Måsøy from 01.05. and a few weeks onward (PTA, HMØ, JPO).

**1996:** 1 M Gargo, Kvalsund 05.04. (PTA), 1 M Neverfjord V, Kvalsund 10.05. (PTA), 1 M Olderfjorddalen, Porsanger 19.05. (PTA).

**1997:** 1 F Hamningberg, Båtsfjord 07.06. (HHE, TPE), 1 F Svartnes, Vardø 16.07. (MHE, MLP, RHO), 1 M Vadsø sentrum, Vadsø 14.10. (HHE).

**1998:** 1 M Aronnes, Alta 15.02. (AØS), 1 M Stenbakk, Sør-Varanger 29.03. (ORØ), 1 M Svartnes, Vardø 01.07. (GHÖ).

**1999:** 1 ind. Repparfjorden, Kvalsund 02.04. (RTM), 1 M Rødsand, Sør-Varanger i April (RSE), 1 ind. Blåbærnes, Vadsø 07.11. (HHE).

#### **Fieldfare (*Turdus pilaris*) - Records from November-April**

**1996:** Up to 10 ind. Kirkenes sentrum, Sør-Varanger 21.-28.01. (BCA), 1 ind. also 27.03. (BCA) and 1 ind. 10.11. (MGÜ), 1 ind. Prestøya, Sør-Varanger 17.02.-03.03. (TBO), 1 ind. at Grense Jakobselv, Sør-Varanger 16.11. (MGÜ), 1 ind. Kvalsund 21.12 (YNI)

**1997:** Several observations in Sør-Varanger in November and December. Maximum 20 ind. at Høybukt 22.11. (MGÜ), 1 ind. Skallelv, Vadsø 14.12. (HHE).

**1998:** Single birds and small flocks were seen several places in Sør-Varanger throughout the winter. The highest number was 250 ind. migrating east at Prestøya 05.04. (BCA, MGÜ), 1 ind. Storvik, Loppa 01.02. (AØS), 1 ind. Nesseby 27.02 (HHE), 1 ind. Repparfjord, Kvalsund 03.12. (YNI).

**1999:** 1 ind. Svanvik, Sør-Varanger 28.04. (MGÜ), 1 ind. Prestøya, Sør-Varanger 14.11. (MGÜ), 1 ind. Kirkenes sentrum, Sør-Varanger 14.-27.11. (MGÜ), 1 ind. Vadsø sentrum, Vadsø 04.11.-17.12. (HHE).

Some Fieldfares seem to be wintering in Eastern Finnmark, especially in years with good production of rowan berries.

#### **Redwing (*Turdus iliacus*) - Records from November-April**

**1997:** 1 ind. Vadsø sentrum, Vadsø 16.11. (HHE).

**1999:** 3 ind. Svanvik, Sør-Varanger 30.04. (MGÜ).

#### **Song Thrush (*Turdus philomelos*) - Records from November-April, and coastal records**

**1994:** 1 M Oldernes N, Kvalsund 19.05. and utover i June (PTA, TST).

**1995:** 2 M Oldernes N, Kvalsund 25.05.-28.06. (PTA, YNI, TST ++).

**1996:** 1 M Oldernes N, Kvalsund 13.06. (PTA).

**1998:** 1 M Makkenes, Vadsø 23.05. (BCA, MGÜ).

**1999:** 2 M 1 F Oldernes N, Kvalsund 20.-22.05. (PTA, YNI).

**Mistle Thrush (*Turdus viscivorus*)** - All records

**1993:** 1 ind. Pasvikdalen 17.07 (IFL)

**1996:** 3 ind. Hestefosdammen, Sør-Varanger 17.09. (MGÜ).

**1997:** At least 4 pairs at Tommamoen, Sør-Varanger 22.07. (MHE, MLP, RHO).

**1999:** 1 ind. Gåddeuobbal, Sør-Varanger 08.06. (MGÜ).

Mistle Thrush is probably breeding annually in the western parts of Pasvik, Sør-Varanger towards the Finnish border. However, these areas are seldom visited by foreign birders.

**Sedge Warbler (*Acrocephalus schoenobaenus*)** - Records from September-May

**1998:** 1 ind. Furumo, Sør-Varanger 02.09. (BCA).

**Icterine Warbler (*Hippolais icterina*)** - All records

**1999:** 1 M Sandmelen near Lakselva, Porsanger 13.06. (PTN), 1 M Kolvik, Porsanger 27.06. (BBE).

**Lesser Whitethroat (*Sylvia curruca*)** - All records

**1995:** 1 M Elvenes bro, Sør-Varanger 30.06. (ATM ++).

**Common Whitethroat (*Sylvia communis*)** - All records

**1997:** 1 M Grautbekken, Sør-Varanger 11.06. (MGÜ).

**1998:** 1 M Tollevika, Alta 08.-09.07. (OHU).

**Garden Warbler (*Sylvia borin*)** - All records

**1993:** 1 ind. Neiden chapel, Sør-Varanger 02.07. (MGÜ).

**1994:** 1 M Gargia fjellstue, Alta 23.06.-12.07. (PTA, TST), 1 M Kvalsundelva, Kvalsund 23.06. (PTA), 1 M Sæterheim N, Alta 24.06. (PTA).

**1995:** 1 M Enebakk V, Kvalsund 14.-15.06. (PTA), 2 M Valle Ø, Kvalsund 15.-28.06. (PTA, MPE, SIV), 1 M Sletteelv, Kvalsund 15.06. (PTA), 2-3 ind. singing south of Lakselv, Porsanger 28.06. (ATM ++), 1 ind. singing between Svanvik and Furumo, Sør-Varanger 30.06. (ATM ++), 1 ind. singing at Sandfjord, Båtsfjord 04.07. (ATM ++).

**1996:** Reported from around 10 different places in Alta through the summer (AØS), 1 M Pæska, Alta 13.06. (PTA), 1 M Stabbursdalen, Porsanger 19.06. (PTA), 1 M Solstad NV, Alta 22.06. (PTA, YNI).

**1997:** 1 ind. Nesseby church medio June (HHE), 2 ind. Tanadalen 15.06 (HHE), 2 ind. Elvenes, Sør-Varanger 21.06. (BCA), 1 ind. Storskog, Sør-Varanger 22.06. (BCA), 1 M Steinbekken, Sør-Varanger 26.06. (MGÜ), 1 M south of Lakselv, Porsanger 29.06. (BCA).

**1999:** 1 ad. feeding juveniles at Elvenes, Sør-Varanger 24.07. (BCA).

The Garden Warbler is probably more common, especially in Western Finnmark, than what is reflected in the above observations.

**Blackcap (*Sylvia atricapilla*) - All records**

**1994:** 1 ind. singing at Langfjordvannet, Sør-Varanger 05.07. (EGR, KBS, KSC).

**1996:** 1 M Neiden chapel, Sør-Varanger 06.07. (PTA, KRM, MDA).

**1998:** 1 M Repparfjord, Kvalsund 25.09.-12.10. (YNI), 1 ind. trapped at Svartnes, Vardø 02.11. (LLA). The bird was later flown by a domestic plane to Molde where it was released.

**1999:** 1 F Repparfjord, Kvalsund 16.-26.10. (YNI), 1 M at feeder in Lakselv, Porsanger 29.10. (PTN).

The Blackcap is significantly more rare than Garden Warbler in Finnmark. Most of the observations are done late in autumn.

**Common Chiffchaff (*Phylloscopus collybita*) - All records**

**1993:** 1 ind. Neiden chapel, Sør-Varanger 02.07. (MGÜ), 1 ind. Torvfjellvatnet, Sør-Varanger 30.07. (KES).

**1994:** 1 M Porsa, Kvalsund 03.05. (PTA), 1 M Oldernes N, Kvalsund 19.05. (PTA), 1 M Enebakk V, Kvalsund 25.05.-07.07. (PTA, TST).

**1995:** 1 M Porsa, Kvalsund 19.-21.05. (PTA, TST), 1 M Oldernes N, Kvalsund 21.05. (PTA, MPE, SIV), 1 M Neiden chapel, Sør-Varanger (PTA, YNI, HMØ, KRM), 1 M Livheim, Kvalsund 15.06. (PTA), 1 ind. singing south of Lakselv, Porsanger 28.06. (ATM ++).

**1996:** 1 M Oldernes N, Kvalsund 25.05. (PTA, YNI).

**1997:** 1 ind. Storskog, Sør-Varanger 01.06. (MGÜ), 3 ind. Elvenes, Sør-Varanger 21.06. (BCA), 4 ind. south of Lakselv, Porsanger 29.06. (BCA), 1 ind. Vinterveiskaret, Sør-Varanger 04.07. (MGÜ), 1 ind. Vaggatem, Sør-Varanger 04.07. (MGÜ).

**1998:** 1 M Sandfjorden, Vardø 16.05. (HHE), 1 ind. Hamningberg, Båtsfjord 17.05. (HHE, ELA), 1 ind. Neiden chapel, Sør-Varanger 21.05.-28.06. (MGÜ, ONY, OPI), 1 ind. Vadsø sentrum, Vadsø 28.05. (HHE), 1 ind. Langvatnet, Sør-Varanger 31.05. (BCA), 1 M Stabbursnes, Porsanger 23.06. (PTA, SPE), 1 ind. Bjørknes, Sør-Varanger 05.07. (MGÜ), 1 ind. Fossen, Vadsø 27.09. (HHE).

**1999:** 1 ind. Neiden chapel, Sør-Varanger 22.05.-26.06. (MGÜ), 1 M Valle Ø, Kvalsund 23.05. (PTA, YNI), 2 M Oldernes N, Kvalsund 23.05. (PTA), 1 ind. Prestøya, Sør-Varanger 25.06. (MGÜ), 1 ind. singing at Elvenes, Sør-Varanger 24.07. (BCA).

The Chiffchaff seems to be spreading in Finnmark. Singing males are now annual in suitable habitats several places in our county. However, we have not received any breeding reports yet.

**Wood Warbler (*Phylloscopus sibilatrix*) - All records**

**1995:** 1 M Stabbursnes, Porsanger from ultimo May and through the summer (F) (PTA, YNI, TST, HMØ, KRM), 1 M south of Lakselv, Porsanger 28.06. (ATM ++).

**1997:** 1 M Neiden chapel, Sør-Varanger 21.06.-06.07. (BCA, MGÜ, JSE, PKS, MEG).

**Goldcrest (*Regulus regulus*) - All records**

**1995:** 1 M Gjøkbuktmyra Ø, Sør-Varanger 03.06. (PTA, YNI), 1 M Eiby, Alta 14.10. (AØS).

**1996:** 1 1yr found exhausted in Børselv, Porsanger. The bird was ringed and released in Lakselv 12.10 (PTN)

**1999:** 1 ind. Njakkajavre, Karasjok 23.-26.05. (PTA, YNI).

**Pied Flycatcher (*Ficedula hypoleuca*) - Records from September-medio May**

**1993:** 1 M Roavvegieddi, Tana 30.06. (MGÜ).

**1996:** 1 ind. Trangsund, Sør-Varanger 20.08. (MGÜ).

**1997:** 1 M Prestøya, Sør-Varanger 28.05. (MGÜ), 1 M Ødevassbekken, Sør-Varanger 30.05. (MGÜ), 1 ind. Elvenes, Sør-Varanger 02.09. (BCA).

**Spotted Flycatcher (*Muscicapa striata*)** - Records from September-May

**1994:** 2 ind. Stabbursdalen, Porsanger 03.09. (PTA, TST).

**1995:** 1 ind. Neverfjord, Kvalsund 21.05. (PTA), 1 ind. Finnbyen, Kvalsund 29.05. (PTA, TST).

**1996:** 1 pair Finnbyen, Kvalsund 25.-30.05. (PTA, TST).

**Siberian Tit (*Parus cinctus*)** - Coastal records

**1994:** Up to 4 ind. Valle Ø, Kvalsund 03.-30.12. (PTA).

**1995:** 1 ind. Valle Ø, Kvalsund 24.-25.03. (PTA).

**1996:** 1 ind. Prestøya, Sør-Varanger between 27.01. and 03.03. (BCA, TBO).

**1998:** Up to 3 ind. Fossen, Vadsø 20.-27.09. (HHE).

**Blue Tit (*Parus caeruleus*)** - All records

**1990:** 1 pair confirmed breeding in Vardø sentrum, Vardø (BSØ).

**1993:** 1 ind. was wintering in Repparfjord from 13.11 (GWI), 1 ind. Hesseng, Sør-Varanger 14.12. (IDE)

**1994:** 1 ind. Enebakk V, Kvalsund 10.04. (PTA), 1 F Finnbyen, Kvalsund 29.10.-30.12. (PTA, TST).

**1994/1995:** 2 juv. Skogfoss, Sør-Varanger during the winter (SWI).

**1995:** 1 ind. Kvalsund 01.01 (PBR), 1 M Valle Ø, Kvalsund 22.01. and 04.03. (PTA), 1 F Finnbyen, Kvalsund 29.01. (PTA, HMØ, TST), 1 pair Finnbyen, Kvalsund 17.11. (PTA), 1 ind. Repparfjord 26.11 (YNI), observed in Bugøyfjord, Sør-Varanger (JKK)

**1996:** 1 ind. Lakselv 27.01 (OHE), 1 ind. Seida, Tana 25.02 (ALA), 2 ind. Vadsø 01.03 (RRL), 1 2K+ Skaidi, Kvalsund 04.-05.04. (AHN), 1 M Finnbyen, Kvalsund 15.04. (PTA), 2 ind. Prestøya, Sør-Varanger 18.07. (MGÜ), 1 ind. Skogfoss, Sør-Varanger 12.11. (MGÜ), 3 ind. Svanvik, Sør-Varanger 21.11. (MGÜ). 1 ind. Repparfjord 23.12.96 and into 1997 (YNI)

**1997:** 1 ind. Repparfjord from 1996 (above) until 01.02 (YNI), 2 ind. Svanvik, Sør-Varanger 12.03. (MGÜ), 1 ind. Bjørnemo, Sør-Varanger 13.04. (MGÜ).

**1999:** 1 ind. Vadsø sentrum, Vadsø during the summer (KAD), 1 ind. Varangerbotn 17.10 (HHE), 1 ind. Vaggatem, Sør-Varanger in the beginning of December (SWI).

The Blue Tit seems to be establishing a small population in Finnmark. The number of observations is increasing. In Ivalo, Finland a few pairs have been breeding since some years ago, but they are probably depending on human feeders to survive the cold winter. According to the local population in Skogfoss, Sør-Varanger, some Blue Tits have been seen during the preceding winters.

**Long-tailed Tit (*Aegithalos caudatus*)** - All records

**1993:** A flock at Solvang, Sør-Varanger in the end of November (AWI).

**1998:** 1 ind. Skjellbekken, Sør-Varanger 20.10. (PEA).

**Eurasian Nuthatch (*Sitta europaea*)** - All records

**1995:** 1 ind. Gargia, Alta from 18.10 and onwards (F) (BLA, HLA), 1 ind. Jarfjord, Sør-Varanger several days until 01.11. (RPE), 1-2 ind. Langvasseid, Sør-Varanger from the end of October until 20.11. (RMO, RRA), 1 ind. Nordvestbukta, Sør-Varanger from November and the rest of the year (HSØ).

**1996:** The bird in Nordvestbukta, Sør-Varanger was present until Easter (V) (HSØ).

Records of Eurasian Nuthatch in Finnmark are probably birds of the eastern subspecies *asiatica*. However, most birds are not significantly identified. The bird in Nordvestbukta showed the characters of *asiatica* and a video documentation are sent to NSKF for their judgement.

**Great Grey Shrike (*Lanius excubitor*) - All records**

**1994:** 2 ind. Vaggatem, Sør-Varanger 18.-26.07. (BCA, EGR, KBS, KSC), 2-3 ind. between Hestefoss and Grenseberget, Sør-Varanger 18.07. (EGR, KBS, KSC), 1 ind. Doaresjavri S, Karasjok 05.09. (PTA), 1 ad. Falis, Karasjok 05.09. (PTA), 1 ad. Skoganvarre, Porsanger 05.09. (PTA).

**1995:** 1 ind. Neverfjord, Kvalsund 19.05. (HMØ, PTA), 1 ind. Birrivara jængæ, Sør-Varanger 27.06. (BCA) and 1 ind. also 02.07. (ATM ++), 1 ind. Svanvik, Sør-Varanger 01.07. (ATM ++), 2 ind. Skrøytnes, Sør-Varanger 23.08. (BCA), 2 ind. Nordvestbukta, Sør-Varanger 23.08. (BCA).

**1996:** 1 ind. Nilamyra, Sør-Varanger 02.-04.06. (GEV, PGT), 4 ind. Birrivara jængæ, Sør-Varanger 25.07. (MGÜ), 1 ind. Skrøytnesmyra, Sør-Varanger 25.07. (MGÜ), 1 ind. Bjørklund gård, Sør-Varanger 23.08. (MGÜ), 1-2 ind. seen several times in Sautso, Alta during August (AØS), 1 ind. Dalheim, Sør-Varanger 09.09. (MGÜ), 1 ind. Skyttermyra, Sør-Varanger 10.09. (MGÜ), 1 ind. Rødsand, Sør-Varanger 11.09. (MGÜ), 1 ind. Heiskarimyra, Sør-Varanger 16.09. (MGÜ), 1 ind. Bjørkåsen fellesbeite, Sør-Varanger 17.09. (MGÜ), 1 ind. Nilamyra, Sør-Varanger 17.09. (MGÜ), 1 ind. Vaggatem, Sør-Varanger 17.09. (MGÜ), 1 ind. Sametbrua, Sør-Varanger 12.11. (MGÜ).

**1997:** 1 ind. Karasjok, Karasjok 06.06. (BCA), 1 ind. Tommamyra, Sør-Varanger 03.07. (ØHA, TWA, TVA, MVA), 1 ind. Nyrud, Sør-Varanger 07.07. (JSE), at least 4 pairs at Tommamyra, Sør-Varanger 22.07. (MHE, MLP, RHO), 1 ind. Rødsand, Sør-Varanger 12.08. (MGÜ), 1 ind. Myrset, Sør-Varanger 25.08. (MGÜ), 2 ind. Kløvereng, Sør-Varanger 02.09. (MGÜ), 1 ind. Skrøytnesmyra, Sør-Varanger 02.-10.09. (MGÜ), 1 ind. Elvestad, Sør-Varanger 10.-12.09. (MGÜ), 1 ind. Fjærvannet, Sør-Varanger 10.09. (MGÜ), 1 ind. Elveli, Sør-Varanger 10.09. (MGÜ), 1 ind. Bjørkåsen fellesbeite, Sør-Varanger 12.09. (MGÜ), 1 ind. Vaggatem, Sør-Varanger 12.09. (MGÜ), 1 ind. Elvenes, Sør-Varanger 12.09. (BCA), 1 ind. Rødsand, Sør-Varanger 16.-23.09. (MGÜ).

**1998:** 1 M Gargia fjellstue, Alta 27.06. (PTA, SPE), 1-2 ind. Nordvestbukta, Sør-Varanger 04.-13.08. (BCA), 1-2 ind. Vaggatem, Sør-Varanger 04.-11.08. (BCA), 1 ind. Noatun, Sør-Varanger 04.08. (BCA), 1 ind. Elgryggen, Sør-Varanger 10.08. (BCA), 1 ind. Skogmo, Sør-Varanger 13.08. (BCA), 1-2 ind. Skrøytnes, Sør-Varanger 23.-25.08. (BCA), 1 ind. Skogum, Sør-Varanger 25.08. (BCA), 1 ind. Nesseby church, Nesseby 30.08. (TBO), 1 ind. Nesseby church, Nesseby 26.09. (HHE).

**1999:** 1 ind. Rødsand, Sør-Varanger 20.04.-10.05. (MGÜ), 1 ind. Heiskarimyra, Sør-Varanger 12.05. (MGÜ), 1 ind. Heimly, Sør-Varanger 08.06. (MGÜ), 1 ind. Pasvik, Sør-Varanger 18.-19.6. (TPE, OBH), 1 ind. Midtvegs, Sør-Varanger 21.08. (MGÜ), 1 ind. Nilrud, Sør-Varanger 09.09. (MGÜ), 1 ind. Elvestad, Sør-Varanger 09.09. (MGÜ), 1 ind. Høyholmen, Tana 20.09. (HHE), 1 ind. Mortensnes, Nesseby 30.10. (HKA, OKA).

Most observations in Sør-Varanger are done in August and September. This may indicate that a significant number of Russian birds are migrating through our area.

**Eurasian Jay (*Garrulus glandarius*) - All records**

**1993:** 1-2 ind. Svanvik, Sør-Varanger from 11.09. until the beginning of December (SWI), 1 ind. Vaggatem, Sør-Varanger 16.-17.10. (SWI), 2 ind. Storbukt, Sør-Varanger from the end of November until 07.12. (IMA).

**1994:** 1 ind. Svanvik, Sør-Varanger until April and again 06.-08.09. (SWI).

**1995:** Quite numerous all over Sør-Varanger from the end of October. Sightings are reported from Skogfoss, Vaggatem, Svanvik, Langvasseid and Bjørnevåtn (SWI).

**1996:** Same situation as the previous year. Observed at Svanvik, Vaggatem, Langvasseid, Holmfoss and Skogfoss from medio October (MGÜ, SWI), 1 ind. Avze, Kautokeino 29.12. (AØS).

**1997:** 2 ind. at a feeder in Bugøyenes, Sør-Varanger through the winter (THA). Also 1 ind. Svanvik, Sør-Varanger until May (SWI).

**1998:** 1 ind. Strand, Sør-Varanger 14.10. (PEA), 1 ind. Rødsand, Sør-Varanger 15.10. (PEA), 1 ind. Skogfoss, Sør-Varanger 20.10. (PEA), 1 ind. Sametielva, Sør-Varanger 20.10. (PEA), 1 ind. Svanvik, Sør-Varanger 01.11. (SWI).

**1999:** 1 ind. Vaggatem, Sør-Varanger 21.02. and again 05.-06.03. (SWI), 1 ind. Emanuelbekken, Sør-Varanger 25.09. (SWI), 2 ind. Vaggatem, Sør-Varanger 09.10. and 3 ind. also in December (SWI), 1 ind. Svanvik, Sør-Varanger 02.11. (MGÜ), 1 ind. Bjørnemo, Sør-Varanger 12.11. (MGÜ), 3-4 ind. at a feeder Svanvik, Sør-Varanger in December (SWI). Single observations several places in Pasvik through the autumn (SWI).

A few Eurasian Jays are now occurring regularly in Sør-Varanger. Most observations are done during autumn, but some individuals are probably present all year round.

#### **Eurasian Jackdaw (*Corvus monedula*) - All records**

**1995:** 1 ind. (eastern) Vestre Jakobselv, Vadsø 31.03. (HLE).

#### **Rook (*Corvus frugilegus*) - All records**

**1995:** 1 ind. Neverfjord, Kvalsund from 27.04. until medio May (PTA, TST).

**1996:** 1 ind. Karasjok kirkested 21.06. (YNI).

#### **Common Starling (*Sturnus vulgaris*) - Records from October-March**

**1994:** 8 ind. Finnbyen, Kvalsund 02.10. (PTA), up to 25 ind. Halsen, Kvalsund 04.10.-08.11. (PTA).

**1995:** 40 ind. Finnbyen, Kvalsund 09.10. (PTA) and 55 ind. also 12.10. (PTA, TST), 3 ind. Halsen, Kvalsund 19.10. (PTA) and 1 ind. also 24.10. (PTA).

**1997:** 6 ind. Nesseby church 10.10, 2 ind. the day after (HHE).

**1999:** 3 ind. Vestre Jakobselv 13.10 (HHE), 1 ind. Vadsø 20.10 (HHE).

Unfortunately the Common Starling has almost disappeared from Eastern Finnmark during the last few years. In the future we will probably wish to have reports on all sightings from this part of the county.

#### **Rosy Starling (*Sturnus roseus*) - All records**

**1999:** 1 ad. Kariel, Vadsø from July/August until 14.08 (F) (GDA, HHE++)

The bird was seen together with some adult and juvenile Common Starlings, but left the area before the others.

#### **Tree Sparrow (*Passer montanus*) - All records**

**1978:** 1 ind. Store Ekkerøy, Vadsø 26.06. (BCA).

**1996:** 1 M Lakselv 30.03 (PTN)

**1996-97:** 3 ind. wintering in Kautokeino, Kautokeino (MPA).

#### **Chaffinch (*Fringilla coelebs*) - All records**

**1994:** 1 M Enebakk W, Kvalsund 27.04. (PTA), 1 M Finnbyen, Kvalsund 01.05. (PTA), 1 M Gargia, Alta 29.06. (PTA).

**1995:** 1 F Finnbyen, Kvalsund 05.04. (PTA, TBS) and 1 M also 24.05. (PTA, TST, TTA), 1 M Neiden chapel, Sør-Varanger 29.06. (PTA, MPE, SIV), 1 M Skogfoss, Sør-Varanger 04.07. (BCA).

**1996:** 1 M Finnbyen, Kvalsund 26.04. and 16.05. (PTA, MTA, TST, TTA), 1 F Vaggatem, Sør-Varanger 13.05. (SWI), 1 M Tverrelvdalen, Alta 16.05. (AØS), 1 M Jansvannet,

Hammerfest 05.06. (AHN), 1 M Svanvik, Sør-Varanger 03.-19.09. (MGÜ), 3 ind. Skaidi, Kvalsund 26.10. (AHN).

**1997:** 1 M Nyrud, Sør-Varanger 02.-04.05. (MGÜ, TBO), 1 M Gardsjøen, Sør-Varanger 08.05. (MGÜ), 1 M Bjørnstad, Sør-Varanger 08.05. (MGÜ), 1 M Vadsø medio May (HHE), 1 ind. Neiden chapel, Sør-Varanger 24.05. (MGÜ), 1 M Stabbursnes, Porsanger 27.05. (MGÜ), 1 ind. Vajamokkenjarga, Karasjok 28.05. (MGÜ), 1 ind. Nyrud, Sør-Varanger 05.06. (MGÜ), 1 M south of Lakselv, Porsanger 29.06. (BCA), 2 M Sorrisniva, Alta 19.07. (AØS).

**1998:** 1 F Gaukstad, Sør-Varanger 01.06. (BCA), 1 M Svanvik, Sør-Varanger 30.06. (MGÜ).

**1999:** 1 pair Rødsand, Sør-Varanger in April (RSE), 1 ind. Svanvik, Sør-Varanger 29.04. (MGÜ), 4 F Njakkajavre, Karasjok 23.-24.05. (PTA, YNI), 1 M Neiden chapel, Sør-Varanger 26.06. (MGÜ).

#### **Brambling (*Fringilla montifringilla*) - Records from October-April**

**1996:** 5+ ind. Midtvegs, Sør-Varanger 02.10. (MGÜ), 5+ ind. Svanvik, Sør-Varanger 02.10. (MGÜ), 5 ind. Strand, Sør-Varanger 04.10. (MGÜ), 1 ind. Bjørnemo, Sør-Varanger 04.10. (MGÜ), 1 ind. Skyttermyra, Sør-Varanger 10.10. (MGÜ).

**1997:** 1 ind. Svanvik, Sør-Varanger 01.10. (MGÜ).

#### **European Greenfinch (*Carduelis chloris*) - Breeding records**

**1994:** A nest with four eggs found near Korselva, Kvalsund 11.06. (PTA, TST).

**1995:** Two nests with four and five eggs found near Kvalsundelva, Kvalsund 29.05. (PTA).

#### **Common Siskin (*Carduelis spinus*) - All records**

**1993:** 1 ind. Nittisekshøgda, Sør-Varanger 04.07. (MGÜ).

**1994:** 1 M 1 F Enebakk W, Kvalsund 24.05. (PTA), 2 ind. Skogfoss, Sør-Varanger for several weeks until 05.06. (HTH).

**1995:** 1 ind. between Svanvik and Furumo, Sør-Varanger 30.06. (ATM ++).

**1996:** 1 M 1 F Oldernes N, Kvalsund 14.06. (PTA), 2 ind. Kvalsund, date not specified (YNI).

**1997:** 1 ind. Blankvannet, Sør-Varanger 30.05. (MGÜ), 1-2 ind. Noatun, Sør-Varanger 30.05.-06.06. (MGÜ), 2 ind. Nyrud, Sør-Varanger 05.06. (MGÜ), a few small flocks at Kjerringneset, Sør-Varanger 15.06. (JTA).

**1999:** 1 pair Rødsand, Sør-Varanger in April (RSE).

#### **Common Linnet (*Carduelis cannabina*) - All records**

**1996:** 1 M Markopp, Kvalsund from 02.06. and a few weeks longer (PTA, YNI).

**1999:** 1 ind. Fossen, Vadsø 09.10. (HHE).

#### **Twite (*Carduelis flavirostris*) - Records from October-April**

**1995:** 1 M Rolvsøy, Måsøy 29.04. (PTA).

**1996:** Up to 6 ind. Skaidi Ø, Kvalsund 27.-28.04. (PTA).

**1997:** 3 ind. Vadsø sentrum, Vadsø 19.10. (HHE).

**1999:** 5 ind. Nesseby church, Nesseby 10.10. (HKA, OKA), 5 ind. also 14.10. (HHE).

#### **Hawfinch (*Coccothraustes coccothraustes*) - All records**

**1996:** 1 ind. Neiden, Sør-Varanger 21.02. (JKK).

**1998:** 1 ind. Langvasseid, Sør-Varanger one week in February (IRA).

**1999:** 1 M ringed in Lakselv, Porsanger 26.05. (PTN).



**Two-barred Crossbill (*Loxia leucoptera*)** - All records

**1997:** A flock at Kjerringneset, Sør-Varanger 15.06. (JTA), 1 ad. 1 imm. Gjøkvasslia, Sør-Varanger 26.06. (MGÜ), 1 1yr Gjøkåsen, Sør-Varanger 27.06. (PKS, MEG), 2 M 2 F 3-4 1yr near Vinkeltjønnna, Sør-Varanger 22.07. (MHE, MLP, RHO).

**1999:** 1 1yr Kobbfossmyra, Sør-Varanger 29.07. (BCA), 1 ind. Vadsø sentrum, Vadsø 11.09. (HHE).

**Common Crossbill (*Loxia curvirostra*)** - All records

**1996:** 20 ind. Skyttermyra, Sør-Varanger 10.09. and 10 ind. also 11.09. (MGÜ), 6 ind. Svanvik, Sør-Varanger 22.11. (MGÜ).

**1997:** 2 ind. Mattismyra, Sør-Varanger 02.05. (MGÜ), 2 ind. Steintjernet, Sør-Varanger 30.05. and 1 ind. also 26.06. (MGÜ), 1 ind. Gjeddeåsen, Sør-Varanger 11.06. (BCA), 2 ind. Neiden chapel, Sør-Varanger 21.06. (MGÜ), 1 ind. Nyrud, Sør-Varanger 26.06. (MGÜ), 100+ ind. Gjøkvasslia, Sør-Varanger 26.06. (MGÜ), 70+ ind. Hessengåsen, Sør-Varanger 26.06. (MGÜ), 5 ind. Strandmyran, Sør-Varanger 26.06. (MGÜ), 1 F with a juvenile between Krampen and Skallelv, Vadsø 28.06. (JSE), 1 ind. Golnes, Vadsø 30.06. (JSE), 20+ ind. Kveldro, Sør-Varanger 12.09. (MGÜ).

Because the occurrence of Parrot- and Common Crossbills seem to overlap in Eastern Finnmark there is a chance some individuals are misidentified. It also seems that the occurrence for both species are varying very much from one year to another. No records of crossbills are reported from the western parts of the county.

**Parrot Crossbill (*Loxia pytyopsittacus*)** - All records

**1993:** 2 ind. Gjøkåsen, Sør-Varanger 04.07. (MGÜ), 2 ind. Sarimajængæ, Sør-Varanger 04.07. (MGÜ).

**1994:** 7 ind. Steintjønnna, Sør-Varanger 03.06. (ARU, JKO), 1 pair Koietjern, Sør-Varanger 03.06. (AKU, JKO), 1 ind. Grensefoss, Sør-Varanger 28.07. (BCA), 2 ad. and 4 juv. Grenseberget, Sør-Varanger 28.07. (BCA)

**1996:** 6 ind. Grensefoss, Sør-Varanger 03.08. (MGÜ), 8 ind. Noatun, Sør-Varanger 17.09. (MGÜ), 2 ind. Gjøkbukta, Sør-Varanger 28.09. (MGÜ), 1 ind. Skyttermyra, Sør-Varanger 10.10. (MGÜ).

**1997:** 5+ ind. Gjøkvasslia, Sør-Varanger 26.06. (MGÜ), 4 ind. Nyåsen, Sør-Varanger 26.06. (BCA), 1 ind. Grenseberget, Sør-Varanger 02.07. (TVA ++), 1 ind. Noatun, Sør-Varanger 03.07. (TVA ++).

See comments under Common Crossbill.

**Pine Grosbeak (*Pinicola enucleator*)** - All records

**1994:** 1 pair Kjerringneset, Sør-Varanger 03.06. (ARU, JKO), 1 pair west of Nittisekshøgda, Sør-Varanger 06.07. (EGR, KBS, KSC), 1 M between Svanvik and Vaggatem, Sør-Varanger 07.07. (EGR, KBS, KSC).

**1995:** 1 pair Pahtavaara, Tana ultimo March (HLE), 1 M Gjøkvasslia East, Sør-Varanger (PTA, YNI), 1 M Aspeåsen NØ, Sør-Varanger 29.06. (PTA, MPE, SIV), 1 M 1 F Nyåsen N, Sør-Varanger (PTA, MPE, SIV), 2 ind. between Gjøkåsen and Hestefoss 02.07. (ATM ++), 1 M fed three fledglings near Alta powerstation, Alta 20.07. (AØS).

**1996:** 1 M 1 F Aspeåsen NØ, Sør-Varanger 06.07. (PTA, KRM), 10 ind. Gjøkbukta, Sør-Varanger 17.09. (MGÜ).

**1997:** 1 M Furumo, Sør-Varanger 07.03. and one pair also 15.03. (MGÜ), often heard in Pasvik, Sør-Varanger during March (SWI), 1 F Grensefoss, Sør-Varanger 30.05. (MGÜ), 2 ad. 1 imm. Gjøkvasslia, Sør-Varanger 26.06. (MGÜ), 1-2 ind. Tømmamyra, Sør-Varanger 03.-04.07. (TVA), 1 ind. SW of Nyrud, Sør-Varanger 07.07. (JSE), 4 ind. Myrset, Sør-

Varanger 26.-28.10. (MGÜ), 1 ind. Firkantvannet, Sør-Varanger 06.11. (MGÜ), 5 ind. Brattli, Sør-Varanger 07.11. (MGÜ), 4 ind. Furumo, Sør-Varanger 07.11. (MGÜ), 4 ind. Svanvik, Sør-Varanger 14.11. (MGÜ).

**1998:** 3 ind. Svanvik, Sør-Varanger 02.03. (MGÜ), 2 ind. Bekkevoll, Sør-Varanger 31.03. (BCA, MGÜ).

**1999:** 1 M seen in Kautokeino village, Kautokeino 26.04. (AØS), 8-10 ind. Noatun, Sør-Varanger 25.05. (GCO, FDI).

#### **Snow Bunting (*Plectrophenax nivalis*) - Records from November-March**

**1992:** 20+ ind. Gunnarsnes, Rolvsøy, Måsøy 26.03. (PTA, TST, DPE).

**1995:** A flock near Vaggatem, Sør-Varanger 27.03. (SWI).

**1996:** 3 ind. Sandfjord, Båtsfjord 03.11. (TPE, JAO).

**1997:** 3 ind. Vestre Jakobselv, Vadsø medio February (HHE), 3 ind. Vardø sentrum, Vardø 09.11. (HHE, TPE).

**1998:** 2 ind. Vadsøya, Vadsø 10.02. (TPE), 10 ind. Vadsø harbour, Vadsø 22.03. (TPE).

**1999:** 1 F at a feeder in Repparfjord, Kvalsund 05.-06.01. (YNI), 1000+ ind. Domen, Vardø 25.09. (OKA, HKA), 4000 ind. Skallelv-Vardø 16.10. The birds were migrating westwards at very low altitudes (HHE), 1 ind. Salttjern, Vadsø 14.11. (HHE).

The records from Vadsø and Kvalsund indicates that some individuals may winter in our county.

#### **Yellowhammer (*Emberiza citrinella*) - All records**

**1994:** 1 F Finnbyen, Kvalsund 01.-15.05. (PTA, TST), 1 M Øvergård, Alta 21.05. (PTA, TST).

**1995:** 1 F Valle Ø, Kvalsund 04.03. (PTA, TST, KAK), 1 F Vestre Jakobselv, Vadsø by the end of March (HLE), 1 M Finnbyen, Kvalsund 25.-26.04. (PTA, TST), 1 M 1 F Øvergård, Alta 27.05. (PTA).

**1996:** 2 ind. Kirkenes sentrum, Sør-Varanger 28.01. (BCA) and 1 ind. also 21.-31.03. (BCA), 1 ind. Prestøya, Sør-Varanger 17.02.-03.03. (TBO), 1 ind. Svanvik, Sør-Varanger 13. and 29.08. (MGÜ).

**1997:** 1 M Prestøya, Sør-Varanger 11.01.-30.03. (BCA, MGÜ), 1 ind. Nyrud, Sør-Varanger 02.05. (MGÜ), 2 ind. two kilometres south of Skogfoss, Sør-Varanger 04.05. (TBO), 1 ind. Sandfjord, Båtsfjord 25.05. (HHE), 1 M Stabbursnes, Porsanger 27.05. (MGÜ), 1 M south of Lakselv, Porsanger 29.06. (BCA), 1 ind. Persfjorden, Vardø 20.09. (HHE).

**1998:** 1 M Eiby, Alta 23.05. (AØS).

**1999:** 1 M Njakkajavre, Karasjok 06.-11.04. (YNI).

Yellowhammer is probably more common in the western part of the county than these records suggest. For example every summer a few birds are seen around Lakselv, Porsanger. Smaller flocks (2-6 ind.) are also seen in January and February (PTN).

#### **Rustic Bunting (*Emberiza rustica*) - All records**

**1994:** 1 pair Ødevasskoia, Sør-Varanger 05.06. (ARU, JKO).

**1996:** 1 ind. Øvre Pasvik, Sør-Varanger 01.06. (DKE). A pair with at least two fledglings Kjerringneset, Sør-Varanger 06.07. (KRM, PTA, MDA, MKE ++).

**1998:** 1 M Noatun, Sør-Varanger 01.05. (JAO).

Occasional records of Rustic Buntings are some years reported from Pasvik, Sør-Varanger. However, this species may well be overlooked.

### Little Bunting (*Emberiza pusilla*) - All records

**1994:** 1 M Strand, Sør-Varanger 06.07. (EGR, KBS, KSC), 1 M Loken, Sør-Varanger 07.-09.07. (EGR, KBS, KSC).

**1995:** 1 M Svanvik, Sør-Varanger 01.07. (ATM ++).

**1996:** 1 M Loken, Sør-Varanger 07.07. (PTA, KRM).

**1997:** 1 M Vaggatem, Sør-Varanger 09.06.-02.07. (BCA, ØHA, TWA, MVA, TVA, PKS, MEG), 1 M Ødevassbekken, Sør-Varanger 14.06. (JTA).

**1998:** 1 M Neiden chapel, Sør-Varanger 02.06. (ONY, OPI).

**1999:** 3-4 ind. i Pasvik, Sør-Varanger 18.-19.6. (TPE, OBH), 2 M 1 F Loken, Sør-Varanger 19.-22.06. (MGÜ, SWI), 2 ad. alarming at Elvenes, Sør-Varanger 24.07. (BCA).

Some of the above locations for Little Buntings are the very much the same from one year to another. A reason for this may be that foreign birders are primarily checking out well known locations to "tick off" the species. The Little Bunting is probably breeding scarce but annually in Pasvik.

### Rejected records:

**1997:** 2 Bean Goose, subspecies *rossicus*, Nesseby 26.05.

**1997:** 4 Garganey, Varangerfjorden 20.06.

**1993:** 1 Pin-tailed Swift, Lappoluobbal, Kautokeino 25.06.

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