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### Summary of bird sightings in the Isle of Man, February 2024

**White-fronted Goose** – A single bird was among Pink-footed Geese at Loch Mallow on 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Pink-footed Goose** – At Loch Mallow 337 were present on 1<sup>st</sup>, likely the same flock was also reported overflying Ramsey that day. Smaller counts included two at Ballanette on 9<sup>th</sup> and 19 over the Ayres on 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Common Scoter** – Nine flew south off Peel on 16<sup>th</sup>, with one south on 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Long-tailed Duck** – The male has remained present at Derbyhaven throughout the month.

**Goosander** – Numbers rose to four at Kionslieu with two male and two redheads present on 9<sup>th</sup>, though only two present by 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Slavonian Grebe\*** - An individual was present in Douglas Bay from 13<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>, largely off Loch Promenade.

**Greenshank** – The Langness bird remained throughout the month.

**Mediterranean Gull** – Single adults were reported from Douglas Bay on 13<sup>th</sup> and Sandwick on 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Cattle Egret\*** - First reported on 26<sup>th</sup> a single bird was in fields along Mount Gawne Road up to 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Great White Egret\*** - At Bishop's Dub a bird was present from 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>; potentially the same bird from late 2023.

**Black Redstart** – A female type bird was present at Chapel Bay, Port St Mary on 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Waxwing** – A single bird was seen in Governors Hill on 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Dusky Warbler\*** – A bird was identified in a private garden on 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Tree Sparrow\*** - Continued presence of the group near Ballabeg being monitored.

**Twite** – Four were present at Peel Castle on 16<sup>th</sup>. Two records from Poilvaish, 12 on 6<sup>th</sup> and 18 on 24<sup>th</sup>.



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Great White Egret, Bishop's Dub 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024. © David Kelly

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