**BHI UPDATE**

As mentioned in the introduction, a frustrating aspect of this guide is that no sooner has it been published than new species turn up. So it has proved with seven newcomers since publication, increasing the local list to 345 species. The new species are:-

**GLOSSY IBIS** *Plegadis falcinellus*. A sub-adult visited the Lough on 29 May 2018.

**LITTLE BITTERN** *Ixobrychus minutus* A female was at Waren Mill on Budle Bay, on 4–5 May 2018.

**PACIFIC GOLDEN PLOVER** *Pluvialis fulva* One was in the Crooked Lonnen area from 21–29 July 2019 and was again present during October.

**ASIAN DESERT WARBLER** *Sylvia nana* Northumberland’s first and Britain’s 13th was at the Snook from 15-19 June 2020.

**TWO-BARRED GREENISH WARBLER** *Phylloscopus plumbeitarus* The county’s first was at the southern end of the reserve at Budle Point from 29 Sept–2 Oct 2020.

**CETTI’S WARBLER** *Cettia cetti*. A male sang at the Lough on 20–21 October 2018. Another was present from October 2019 into 2020.

**BROWN SHRIKE** *Lanius cristatus.* A first-winter individual, first for Northumberland, was between Chare Ends and the Straight Lonnen from 14 October 2020 until the end of the month.

**Other additional rare or unusual sightings include:-**

**Page 100** Gadwall: Female with single duckling at Lough in July 2018 was the first island breeding record.

**Page 101** Black Scoter. The wintering drake of 2017–18 returned in winters 2018–19 and 2019–20.

**Page 101** Surf Scoter. A drake flew north at Emmanuel Head on 6 October 2018.

**Page 106** Little Egret. New local peak of 23 on reserve in October 2019.

**Page 107** Red Kite. One flew north across the island on 27 February 2019.

**Page 103** White-billed Diver. In 2018, singles were off Ross Back Sands on 10 November and Cheswick on 16 December.

**Page 106** Slavonian Grebe. Winter 2019-20 produced gatherings of over 30 off Ross.

**Page 110** Stone Curlew. One was in Budle Bay on 29 October 2019.

**Page 112** Broad-billed Sandpiper. One was on the North Shore from 18 May–5 June 2019.

**Page 113** White-rumped Sandpiper. One was on the North Shore on 11–12 August 2019.

**Page 119** Turtle Dove. One was in the strawberry field area during October 2020.

**Page 120** Tawny Owl. A bedraggled individual was in the Straight Lonnen during an easterly gale and rain on 3 October 2020

**Page 122** Hoopoe. One was at the Snook on 28 September 2018.

**Page 123** Lesser Grey Shrike. One was on the island on 4 October 2020.

**Page 124** Raven. A pair was resident on the island during 2020.

**Page 126** Woodlark. One in the Crooked Lonnen/Rocket Field on 11–12 October 2018.

**Page 127** Greenish Warbler. One in Vicarage garden until 10 October 2019 was the latest county record.

**Page 127** Arctic Warbler. During October 2020, singles were in the Captain’s Garden-Lindisfarne Hotel trees on 8–10 and at Crossgates on 21.

**Page 127** Pallas’s Warbler. One was in the Crooked Lonnen between 15–19 October 2020.

**Page 128** Dusky Warbler. One was in village gardens between 15–19 October 2020 with two present by the latter date.

**Page 129** Subalpine Warbler. One was at the Chare Ends willow patch from 26–28 April 2019.

**Page 130** Marsh Warbler. During May 2018, singles were in the Vicarage garden and singing in the dunes north east of Straight Lonnen onwith probably same individual visiting the Lough. A male then sang in potential breeding until late June.

**Page 131** Rosy Starling. A juvenile was regularly with Common Starling flock in Sandham Bay in October 2020.

**Page 132** Spotted Flycatcher. One around the Vicarage until 11 November 2019, equalled the latest county records.

**Page 133** Red-flanked Bluetail. At least two and perhaps as many as four visited the island in October 2020 with sightings at the Straight Lonnen, Snook, Greenshiel excavations and in the village.

**Page 133** Bluethroat. Three were on the island during an influx on 18 May 2019. One was at the Snook on 4 October 2020.

**Page 133** Red-breasted Flycatcher. A female at the Snook on 26–27 May 2018 was the first spring record since 1998.

**Page 136** Olive-backed Pipit. One was found just off the Straight Lonnen on 7 October 2019.

**Page 138** Bullfinch. A Northern race female was in the Straight Lonnen from 9–12 April 2018, the first spring record for 23 years.

**Page 140** Ortolan Bunting. One flew calling over the Snook on 18 May 2019.

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