



HARTLAND BIRD DIARY 2025



From 2019 onwards there's been a White-tailed Eagle project based on the Isle of Wight, run by Roy Dennis Wildlife Foundation and Forestry England, under licence from Natural England and NatureScot. The birds released there are fitted with satellite tags to enable the team to follow their movements. This has shown that Exmoor has become a White-tailed Eagle hot spot, with 12 separate birds visiting since 2019.
2025 also saw the first nesting pair at RSPB Arne in Dorset.

Jan	Feb	Mar	April	April
Jan 17 - Chiffchaff (Eldern Point)	Feb 10 Bullfinch Feb 27 - Wheatear (Eldern Point)	Mar 9 - Swallows (South Hole) Mar 23 - Woodcock (South Hole) Mar 24 - Swallows, Sand Martins (50) (East Titchberry) Mar 5 - From Devon Birds sighting: "First early arrivals of Swallows and Sand Martins at around 4pm." Mar 25 - Swift (Speke's Cliff) Mar 31 - White-tailed Eagle (Speke's valley)	Apr 1 - Red Kite (West Street) Apr 1 - Red Kite (2), Sand Martins (30), Swallows (2) (East Titchberry) Apr 9 - Hoopoe (Spekes) Apr 9 - Hoopoe (Cranham)	Apr 9 - Grasshopper Warbler (Eldern Point) Apr 10 - Cuckoo (Abbey Wood) Apr 13 - Hoopoe (Kings Arms) Apr 16 - Hoopoe (Fosfelle) Apr 30 - Swifts, House Martins (Hartland Square)

Though many of these arrive from Africa in March, an increasing number of Chiffchaff overwinter here



Further afield reports of 80 Hoopoe seen in Ireland- two influxes. Also reports of these birds in South West Cornwall and Scilly Isles early April. Earliest record probably 9th Mar. Hoopoes continued to appear through the year in small numbers in other parts of the UK. (Norfolk, Lincolnshire, Shropshire to name but a few)