

SHETLAND BIRD NAMES

The following names are included in species headings in *Shetland Bird Reports* and were also included in species headings in *The Birds of Shetland*. These were the names considered by Shetland Bird Club chairman Dennis Coutts to be in widespread current use. A more complete list of names may be found in *The Birds of Shetland*. Some of the names are used more widely and are not restricted to Shetland. The origin of the name is indicated where this is considered to be fairly certain: Dan. = Danish, Dut. = Dutch, Far. = Faroese, Ice. = Icelandic, LSc. = Lowland Scots, No. = Norwegian, ON = Old Norse and Shet. = Shetland.

Mallard	<i>Stock Deuk</i>
Eider	<i>Dunter</i> from ON <i>dunt</i> (to bob up and down)
Long-tailed Duck	<i>Calloo</i> is onomatopoeic
Red-breasted Merganser	<i>Herald Deuk</i>
Red-throated Diver	<i>Rain Gös</i> from the traditional association with weather
Great Northern Diver	<i>Immer Gös</i> , <i>Emmer Gös</i> from No. name <i>imbre</i>
Fulmar	<i>Maali</i> , from Dut. name <i>mollymawk</i>
Manx Shearwater	<i>Leerie</i>
Storm Petrel	<i>Alamootie</i> possibly from ON <i>adl</i> (squirting out) and <i>mootie</i> (small being)
Gannet	<i>Solan</i>
Cormorant	<i>Muckle Scarf</i>
Shag	<i>Scarf</i> from ON name <i>skarfr</i>
Grey Heron	<i>Haigrie</i> from ON name <i>hegri</i>
White-tailed Eagle	<i>Erne</i> from ON name <i>örn</i> or LSc. name <i>ern</i>
Oystercatcher	<i>Shalder</i> from ON name <i>tjaldr</i>
Ringed Plover	<i>Sandiloo</i> , from ON <i>ló</i> and No. <i>lo</i> (the name for Golden Plover)
Golden Plover	<i>Plivver</i>
Lapwing	<i>Tieve's Nacket</i> is onomatopoeic
Dunlin	<i>Plivver's Page</i>
Snipe	<i>Horsegok</i> from ON name <i>Hrossagaukr</i> , No. names <i>Rossegauk</i> or <i>Horsegauk</i> or Dan. <i>Horsegøg</i> (the 'drumming' is said to sound like a cantering horse) <i>Snippick</i> from No. name <i>Snipa</i>
Curlew	<i>Whaap</i>
Turnstone	<i>Steenpikker</i> from LSc. <i>Stane Pecker</i>
Arctic Skua	<i>Skootie Alan</i> from LSc. <i>skoot</i> (to emit liquid excrement) <i>Shooi</i> may be from ON <i>þjófr</i> (a thief)
Great Skua	<i>Bonxie</i> , <i>Skui</i>
Black-headed Gull	<i>Hoodie Maa</i>
Common Gull	<i>Peerie Maa</i>
Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Peerie Swaabie</i>
Herring Gull	<i>Herring Maa</i> <i>Scorie</i> usually applied to immature gulls, except in Lerwick
Great Black-backed Gull	<i>Swaabie</i> from ON name <i>soartbakr</i> (black back)
Kittiwake	<i>Rippeke Maa</i> , <i>Weeg</i>
terns	<i>Tirrick</i> from LSc. name <i>tirrock</i>
Guillemot	<i>Longwi</i> from ON name <i>Langve</i>

	<i>Loom</i> from ON name <i>Lómr</i> (the name for a diver)
Razorbill	<i>Sea Craa, Wylkie</i>
Black Guillemot	<i>Tystie</i> from ON name <i>þeiste</i>
Little Auk	<i>Rotchie</i> from Frisian name meaning 'little sea rat'
Puffin	<i>Tammie Norie</i>
Rock Dove	<i>Doo</i>
Skylark	<i>Laverek, Ledyin</i>
Meadow Pipit	<i>Hill Sparrow</i>
Rock Pipit	<i>Banks Sparrow, Stinkle</i>
Wheatear	<i>Chak, Stinkle, Sten-shakker</i>
Hooded Crow	<i>Hoodie Craa</i>
Raven	<i>Corbie</i> is widely used in Scotland
Twite	<i>Lintie, Hedder Lintie, Sistimoosie</i>
Snow Bunting	<i>Snaa Ful</i> possibly from ON <i>snjófugl</i> (snowbird)
Corn Bunting	<i>Docken Sparrow</i>