

Rough-legged Buzzard (*Buteo lagopus*).

40 individuals have been recorded since the first on Oct 15th and 26th 1966, which were followed by singles on Dec 28th 1970 and on Oct 17th and Nov 19th during the invasion year of 1973. Another large influx in 1974 began with three off the sea on Oct 24th and six on the 26th and with large numbers of rabbits stricken by myxomatosis there were almost daily occurrences to the year end, involving at least eight individuals with the fantastic spectacle of five together on Dec 31st. At least three wintered with sightings through to May 3rd 1975. Three were seen annually in 1978, 1979 and 1980, but only 16 individuals have been recorded since, involving one-two about every other year with a large gap from 1996 to 2005. In a recent upturn two were seen during Oct/Nov in both 2008 and 2010, three were recorded in 2011, two were seen in 2013 and one on the 12th March 2104.. The earliest autumn record is Sep 12th (2013) and the latest over-winterer and/or spring migrant was on May 17/18th (1980).