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~~ii-Merill No. 5, August 1971.~~

~~Page 15. the entry under Grag Martin (*Hirundo rupestris*)
"1st record since 1873" should read "(1st record since 1929))."~~

~~ii-Merill No. 8, August 1972.~~

~~Page 9: the entry under Knot (*Calidris canutus*)
"1 at Ghadira" should read "1 at Salina".~~

~~ii-Merill No. 10, April 1973.~~

~~Page 10. "Another addition to the Breeding Species of Malta"
(3rd para. 1st line) : "Last year (1973)" should read "Last year (1972)".~~

~~ii-Merill No. 13, Jan-Jun 1974.~~

~~"Unpublished Rare Occurrences Before 31st December 1971" compiled by
J. Vella Gaffiero and S. Borg. Page 14,16.~~

~~Common Scoter : 1 at Salina on 2 November 1948" should read "1 at Salina
on 8 November 1948".~~

~~Pin-tailed Sandgrouse : "1 on Gozo on 15 May 1931" should read "1 on Gozo
on 15 May 1939".~~

~~Rook : "1 at il-Qadi on 25 April 1942" should read "1 at l-Ahrax on 20
September 1946".~~

~~Snow Bunting : "One in Malta in December 1955". This record should be
deleted altogether.~~

~~The above 4 erroneous records were transmitted in the original script.~~

~~The following record "Lanner : 1 at Benghisa in April 1948" should be added
to this contribution.~~

NOTABLE UNPUBLISHED OCCURRENCES PREVIOUS TO 1971

In the course of preparing the script for the M.O.S. publication "A Guide To The Birds Of Malta" a number of previously unpublished records came to light and appeared in that publication. These records were contributed by various members as listed hereunder.

Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis*) : 1 at Qormi in January 1964.

Great White Heron (*Egretta alba*) : 1 at Kalkara in December 1966.

Greater Flamingo (*Phoenicopterus ruber*) : 1 at Salina on 26 October 1965.

Common Scoter (*Melanitta nigra*) : 1 in December 1960.

Lesser Spotted Eagle (*Aquila pomarina*) : 1 at Hal Far on 15 October 1962

Saker (*Falco cherrug*) : Singles at Siggiewi on 18 November 1968 and at Mosta on December 1968.

Stone Curlew (*Burhinus oediconemus*) : 1 at Hal Far on 5 January 1964.

Pomarine Skua (*Stercorarius pomarinus*) : 1 offshore on 2 February 1968.

Short-toed Lark (*Calandrella cinerea*) : 1 in January 1965.

Bar-tailed Desert Lark (*Ammodramus cincturus*) : 1 at Birzebbuga on 11 April 1959.

Waxwing (*Bombicilla garrulus*) : 1 at Gudja on 15 November 1965.

Isabelline Wheatear (*Oenanthe isabellina*) : 1 at Salina on 13 April 1969.
Crossbill (*Loxia curvirostra*) : 1 at Portes des Bombes on 11 November 1953.
S. Borg

Bean Goose (*Anser fabalis*) : 13 at Zabbar on 27 January 1968.
Gadwall (*Anas strepera*) : 4 at Marsascala on 11 November 1965.
Slender-billed Curlew (*Numenius tenuirostris*) : 1 at Marsascala on 17 October 1968

J. Pulis

Upland Plover (*Bartramia longicauda*) : De Lucca reported 1 shot near Zebbug in September 1966 (A Revised Check-list of the Birds of the Maltese Islands — 1969). The day was 28th.

Ruppell's Warbler (*Sylvia ruppelli*) : 1 in early March 1965.
V. Sammut

Red Kite (*Milvus milvus*) : 1 at Xaghra on 28 September 1959.
Dipper (*Cinclus cinclus*) : 1 at Tal-Handaq in late September 1965. This record was twice erroneously reported (see A Guide To The Birds Of Malta page 107).

Siskin (*Caruelis spinus*) : large influxes occurred on several dates in autumn 1959.

Scarlet Rosefinch (*Caropacus erythrinus*) : 1 at Zebbug, Gozo, in autumn about 1967 (seen in captivity some years later).

Crossbill (*Loxia curvirostra*) : a small irruption in September 1963, 50+ were trapped near Rabat.

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Bar-tailed Godwit (*Limosa lapponica*) : 1 at Marsaxlokk in March 1966.

Caspian Tern (*Hydroprogne tschegrava*) : 1 in December 1966.

Bar-tailed Desert Lark (*Ammomanes cincturus*) : 1 at Delimara on 24 February 1966.

Shore Lark (*Eremophila alpestris*) : 1 at Delimara in November 1966.

Rock Bunting (*Emberiza cia*) : 1 at Zejtun on 28 April 1964.

Snow Bunting (*Plectrophenax nivalis*) : 2 at Delimara on 27 November 1965.
... A.Vassallo

Black Stork (*Ciconia nigra*) : Singles in Gozo on 8 October 1959 and on 6 October 1961.

Kittiwake (*Rissa tridactyla*) : 1 in Gozo in March 1961.

Puffin (*Fratercula arctica*) : 1 in Gozo in November 1933.

Blue-cheeked Bee-eater (*Merops superciliosus*) : 1 in Gozo in May 1958.

Temminck's Horned Lark (*Eremophila bilopha*) : Singles in Gozo in 1959 and 1962.

Crossbill (*Loxia curvirostra*) : 1 on 2 October 1959.

Snow Bunting (*Plectrophenax nivalis*) : 1 on 3 December 1959.

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