

Calf of Man Ornithological Volunteer: Rock Pipits

Responsible to:

Calf Ornithological Warden

Dates:

1st – 29th April 2025

Limited flexibility available for start and end dates, with a possibility for extension.

Role Purpose:

To assist with the delivery of Manx Wildlife Trust's contract to provide wildlife monitoring services on the Calf of Man for Manx National Heritage, maintaining the bird research element key to the continued accreditation within the Bird Observatories Council. Specifically, to monitor the Calf of Man's breeding Rock Pipit population.

Responsibilities and Key Tasks:

- To carry out a complete census of the Calf's breeding Rock Pipit population, producing both a total number of pairs and a map of territories.
- Actively search for Rock Pipit nests, adhering to the BTO Code of Conduct. Maintain accurate records of nest visits and contents.
- Assist with trapping of Rock Pipits for enhancing the Calf's colour-ringing project on this species.
- After leaving the Calf, provide a short write-up of your time on the island.

You will also be expected to assist with general tasks around the Observatory, such as:

- Providing support with daily census counts and bird ringing activities. Assisting with other species-specific surveys.
- Assisting the estate team with any maintenance tasks, etc.
- Assisting with the general cleaning of the Observatory building.
- Providing support to other team members, as and when required.

Qualifications and Experience:

	Essential	Desirable
Qualification and/or experience in conservation/ecology/environmental protection		✓
Bird identification skills	✓	
Other wildlife identification skills		✓
Previous nest finding experience/knowledge		✓
Comfortable working on uneven terrain and around heights	✓	
BTO Trainee (or higher) ringing permit		✓
Conduct species specific and more general field surveys, including BTO Breeding Bird Surveys		✓
Maintain accurate and detailed field notes	✓	
Live and work in remote situations	✓	
Work in isolation or with individuals and small groups	✓	

To express interest or ask for more information, please contact calfbirdwarden@mwt.im .