

CORNCRAKE UPDATE: 24 May 2011

A number of reports received despite the stormy weather indicate that in Mayo the Corncrake has returned to most of the sites where they were heard last year. On the Mullet, there are numbers around Carne Hill and Carne House, at Glebe meadows (the BWI fields), Termoncarragh, and at Corclogh West. At least one each has been heard in Belmullet, Binghamstown, Fallmore, Glosh and Surgeview. In south-west Mayo, one or two are present around Aghany crossroads, near Roonagh. Outside these areas the only other report, unconfirmed so far, is from Ardagh, near Newport (close to where one was heard early last year).

It's hoped that when the wind drops, the count, which runs from 20 May to 10 July, will allow us to begin to compare numbers with last year. All reports are, as ever, gratefully received in the quest to count and, more importantly, protect these special vocalists of the Irish summer.

Reports and records can be lodged through this web-site or by phoning the Corncrake hotline on 095 44941.