

LANDGUARD BIRD OBSERVATORY

SYSTEMATIC BIRD LIST 2004

RED-THROATED DIVER *Gavia stellata*

Early in the year noted on six dates January 20th to April 5th, max. three north April 1st. Later in the year noted on 23 dates October 9th to December 28th, max. 24 north one south November 30th.

BLACK-THROATED DIVER *Gavia arctica*

Singles north November 6th & 30th.

GREAT NORTHERN DIVER *Gavia immer*

In October one offshore 2nd, one in off 15th, one south 18th & one north 27th & one north November 19th.

GREAT CRESTED GREBE *Podiceps cristatus*

Early in the year singles noted on seven dates January 10th to April 19th. Autumn passage of two north, 11 south & five offshore on nine dates from October 2nd to November 21st.

FULMAR *Fulmarus glacialis*

Noted from March 25th to October 11th with the largest movement five north one south August 14th.

SOOTY SHEARWATER *Puffinus griseus*

Singles north September 25th, October 2nd & 10th.

MANX SHEARWATER *Puffinus puffinus*

Singles north July 7th & October 10th.

SHEARWATER SP. *Puffinus sp.*

One north October 10th.

LEACH'S PETREL *Oceanodroma leucorhoa*

One offshore September 30th (L.G.Woods) & singles north October 10th (J.Zantboer), 11th (R.Cope, N.Odin, A.Thompson *et al*) & 12th (R.Cope, N.Odin, A.Thompson *et al*).

GANNET *Morus bassanus*

A total of 122 north, one south & one offshore April 19th to May 29th. A total of 438 north 13 south June 20th to October 27th plus a later bird north November 25th, max. 120 north 34 July 8th.

CORMORANT *Phalacrocorax carbo*

Present all year with counts in single figures although the turnover of individuals moving about or loitering in the area makes data collected difficult to interpret. Double figure movements were 14 south January 16th, 11 north two south May 3rd, in September 14 south 6th, 14 north two south 12th & in November 21 south 20th & 11 south 21st.

SHAG *Phalacrocorax aristotelis*

Singles February 5th & 7th, juvenile dead December 28th & one on pager 30th.

LITTLE EGRET *Egretta garzetta*

One south March 17th, two north April 24th, one south May 15th, one south June 23rd & eight south 25th, one north July 30th, two south August 26th, seven south October 7th & one east & two south 27th and one west November 5th.

GREAT WHITE EGRET *Egretta alba*

One west June 4th (N.Odin). First site record.

GREY HERON *Ardea cinerea*

Spring passage two north March 25th & one north April 5th. Autumn movements totalling 23 birds June 17th to October 27th, including nine south September 28th.

MUTE SWAN *Cygnus olor*

Three south May 21st. Later in the year noted on twelve dates September 19th to November 15th, max. seven October 7th & 9th.

WHOOPEE SWAN *Cygnus cygnus*

Four in then north January 28th (N.Odin). Third site record.

PINK-FOOTED GOOSE *Anser brachyrhynchus*

One south May 3rd & 26 north September 25th.

WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE *Anser albifrons*

Five south March 26th & one south October 15th.

GREYLAG GOOSE *Anser anser*

Local wanderers were noted on twelve dates March 6th to May 19th, max. four March 6th. Three flew south June 21st & in autumn three flew in off the sea November 4th, 26 south December 3rd & 33 south 4th.

CANADA GOOSE *Branta canadensis*

Noted on 24 dates March 2nd to June 16th max. 22 south March 2nd & 11 on the sea May 28th. Two flew south July 29th.

BARNACLE GOOSE *Branta leucopsis*

In October seven south 9th & 19 south 28th.

BRENT GOOSE *Branta bernicla*

The last spring movement was noted May 28th. Singles flew south June 20th & 26th. First autumn record September 10th with four figure autumn counts of birds moving south in October of 1515 9th, 1849 10th, 1300 11th, 9208 28th, 1050 29th & 1720 November 2nd.

Monthly totals were (excluding movements over the docks):-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	6	7	132	92	413	0	0	0	0	56	67	3
IN/S	10	2	80	18	9	2	0	0	531	16486	2550	9

EGYPTIAN GOOSE *Alopochen aegypticus*

One May 6th (R.Cope, N.Odin). First site record.

SHELDUCK *Tadorna tadorna*

Small numbers noted moving offshore throughout the year with prospecting on the reserve in the spring by at least 22 birds. The largest movement was 79 south October 10th. Six flew east June 9th & 23 east in August.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	2	10	18	0	13	0	6	4	10	0
S	21	4	8	21	37	6	4	6	19	282	124	0

WIGEON *Anas penelope*

Early in the year a notable count of 67 south January 1st & last noted in spring with 37 south, 12 east & ten offshore March 29th. Later in the year noted from August 12th to December 10th with a peak count of 896 south October 2nd.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	10	10	14	0
S	68	0	41	0	0	0	0	5	366	3255	135	110

GADWALL *Anas strepera*

Two out/north May 9th, five south June 17th, two south July 28th, one south August 21st & three south 29th, two south September 12th & two south November 4th.

TEAL *Anas crecca*

One south January 1st & two south April 6th were the only records until autumn passage July 21st to December 10th, max. 365 south September 30th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	0
S	1	0	0	2	0	0	2	168	557	321	244	74

MALLARD *Anas platyrhynchos*

One pair attempted to breed & were regularly noted from March 8th to April 27th on which date an additional bird was present. Two flew west April 25th & two in off the sea June 6th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0
S	0	2	2	4	0	0	3	15	0	0	4	0

PINTAIL *Anas acuta*

None early in the year. Autumn passage noted September 8th to December 10th with a max. 97 south October 28th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
S	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	215	14	2

GARGANEY *Anas querquedula*

One south September 10th.

SHOVELER *Anas clypeata*

One south January 1st, two north March 9th, four south April 3rd, one south August 6th & three south 28th, three south October 9th & one south 29th.

POCHARD *Aythya ferina*

None were recorded for the first time since the observatory was founded.

TUFTED DUCK *Aythya fuligula*

Two south June 23rd, two south October 26th & one south 28th, one south November 6th & one south 24th.

SCAUP *Aythya marila*

Immature male south October 14th.

EIDER *Somateria mollissima*

One January 20th, seven north March 15th, three south June 1st & one offshore 9th. Autumn movements September 25th to December 19th, max. 13 north November 2nd & nine north 13 offshore 30th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	6	5	30	6
S	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	11	2	3	0

COMMON SCOTER *Melanitta nigra*

First noted March 16th. Two offshore March 28th & one west April 7th. Peak counts were 117 south October 29th & 222 south November 1st.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	44	3	9	2	35	17	4	29	45	0
S	0	0	0	6	19	16	40	139	51	239	391	1

VELVET SCOTER *Melanitta fusca*

In October one north 9th & three south 27th & in November three south 10th.

GOLDENEYE *Bucephala clangula*

One south January 1st. In autumn a total of 31 south on nine dates October 27th to December 10th, max. six south November 24th.

SMEW *Mergellus albellus*

Male south January 22nd.

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER *Mergus serrator*

In April two south 10th & three south 27th. In autumn two north 74 south September 30th to November 24th, max. 20 south October 29th.

GOOSANDER *Mergus merganser*

One south December 11th.

MARSH HARRIER *Circus aeruginosus*

One south March 27th. In August one west 9th, one south 20th, three south 21st, one south 25th & one south November 10th.

HEN HARRIER *Circus cyaneus*

Ringtails south September 23rd & south October 29th.

SPARROWHAWK *Accipiter nisus*

One or two noted on 32 dates January to May 3rd. From August 15th to the years end one or two noted on 64 dates plus four south September 19th.

KESTREL *Falco tinnunculus*

Singles, occasionally two noted on site from March 3rd to the years end. Singles flew south April 5th, May 17th & 18th with a total of 12 south August 8th to October 31st plus one in off the sea September 27th.

MERLIN *Falco columbarius*

Singles September 9th & 15th. In October singles noted 16th, 24th, 27th & 29th plus two on 28th.

HOBBY *Falco subbuteo*

Singles noted on 17 dates April 28th to July 31st. In autumn singles noted on four dates September 12th to October 16th.

PEREGRINE *Falco peregrinus*

One south March 31st & one present April 1st. In autumn a total of seven south plus seven singles present on 11 dates September 28th to November 5th, max. three south October 3rd. A later bird in off the sea December 5th.

FALCON Sp.

One in off the sea September 11th was thought by some observers to have been an Eleonora's Falcon *Falco eleonora*.

RED-LEGGED PARTRIDGE *Alectoris rufa*

Five birds at the start of the year declined to four February 7th & three May 20th. One brood of chicks seen with none surviving to fledging. A tideline corpse found March 25th. Three birds survived to the years end.

QUAIL *Coturnix coturnix*

One May 2nd (R.Cope, P.J.Holmes, B.Mackie *et al*). Second site record.

PHEASANT *Phasianus colchicus*

Male March 24th.

OYSTERCATCHER *Haematopus ostralegus*

Up to five were occasionally on the reserve especially in the spring and summer with a pair nesting unsuccessfully. The years highest movement was 93 south August 14th. An albino flew south August 10th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	8	10	29	4	0	9	0	2	0	0
S	0	0	19	32	51	19	145	338	42	20	4	0

AVOCET *Recurvirostra avosetta*

Total of eight north four south on seven dates March 8th to June 7th plus one south October 2nd.

LITTLE RINGED PLOVER *Charadrius dubius*

One south April 20th & two south August 18th.

RINGED PLOVER *Charadrius hiaticula*

Roosting birds occasionally at high tide from January to mid-March peaked at 235 February 5th and again later in the year from mid-October at 370 November 14th. Five pairs bred with no young reared. Very few passage birds seen, five birds of the race *C.h.tundrae* were on the beach May 13th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0
S	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	26	10	3	11	0

GOLDEN PLOVER *Pluvialis apricaria*.

Early in the year two in off the sea January 28th & one south 31st, one present March 20th & one south April 4th. A total of 87 south & seven in off the sea July 21st to November 20th, max. 48 south October 9th.

GREY PLOVER *Pluvialis squatarola*

Noted on three dates March 6th to May 26th. In autumn noted on 19 dates August 10th to November 24th, max. 39 south August 12th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
IN/S	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	99	21	9	4	0

LAPWING *Vanellus vanellus*

Noted in every month except February Small numbers are occasionally on the reserve, especially early in the morning, max. 12 November 21st. The largest movement was 185 in/south October 28th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
IN/S	0	0	2	0	3	26	8	22	1	224	36	1

KNOT *Calidris canutus*

In spring one tideline corpse April 7th & 29 south 19th. In autumn noted on 27 dates June 17th to November 6th, max. 78 south October 28th. Seven flew out/north October 30th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
S	0	0	0	29	0	13	3	89	82	123	1	0

SANDERLING *Calidris alba*

Two on the beach May 13th & one north 28th. In autumn one south August 21st & three south 24th, 11 south September 2nd & two south 23rd, six on the beach October 24th & one south November 23rd.

TEMMINCK'S STINT *Calidris temminckii*

Two north May 15th (N.Odin). Third site record.

CURLEW SANDPIPER *Calidris maritima*

One south August 10th.

PURPLE SANDPIPER *Calidris maritima*

Singles October 11th to 13th & December 1st.

DUNLIN *Calidris alpina*

Noted up to June 1st & in autumn from June 17th, max. 232 south September 30th. Small numbers on the beach on five dates early in the year, max. eight May 24th & on six dates later in the year, max. 40 October 24th. Nine flew east January 8th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	6	0	0	0	0
S	0	0	0	23	5	12	42	120	286	456	78	0

RUFF *Philomachus pugnax*

Singles south July 1st & 15th, August 10th & 21st.

SNIPE *Gallinago gallinago*

Singles January 22nd & April 1st with 14 on then north April 13th. Total of 11 on autumn passage July 28th to December 8th, max. four in off the sea October 31st.

WOODCOCK *Scolopax rusticola*

One January 2nd & one tideline corpse 26th. One in spring February 27th. In autumn singles noted on 11 dates October 8th to November 22nd, plus three October 31st & two November 1st.

BLACK-TAILED GODWIT *Limosa limosa*

In August two south 11th & four south 22nd.

BAR-TAILED GODWIT *Limosa lapponica*

A total of 17 south noted April 27th to May 23rd, max. 13 south April 27th. In June two flew west 7th & two south 27th. In autumn total of 38 south July 16th to November 24th, max. 13 south August 10th.

WHIMBREL *Numenius phaeopus*

A total of 97 noted from April 15th to May 31st, max. 41 north May 1st. In autumn a total of 52 noted June 19th to August 31st, max. one north twelve south August 10th.

CURLEW *Numenius arquata*

Spring passage from March 2nd with laggards noted into May. Autumn passage from at least June 2nd, max. 81 south June 23rd.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
E+N	0	0	22	36	4	0	0	0	3	2	3	0
IN/S	0	0	18	10	2	266	77	7	11	43	2	0

REDSHANK *Tringa totanus*

Very few in spring from March 31st. Autumn passage from July 14th, max. 37 south August 21st. Singles are occasionally on the reserve.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
S	0	0	0	8	0	5	37	83	29	0	14	0

GREENSHANK *Tringa nebularia*

Spring singles noted on four dates April 15th to May 16th plus two May 3rd. In autumn 23 noted June 19th to August 22nd, max. five south August 10th.

GREEN SANDPIPER *Tringa ochropus*

One west September 26th.

COMMON SANDPIPER *Tringa hypoleucos*

One May 20th. Four south August 10th & singles August 12th, September 3rd & south 14th.

TURNSTONE *Arenaria interpres*

Last seen in spring May 15th and the first autumn record July 16th. Peak movement 38 south August 14th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
S	0	0	0	0	3	0	6	97	5	7	2	0
MAX ON	21	24	16	20	8	0	1	2	2	20	14	7

GREY PHALAROPE *Phalaropus fulicarius*

One November 24th (J.Zantboer).

PHALAROPE ?

A bird reported as a Red-necked Phalarope by a visitor October 7th.

POMARINE SKUA *Stercorarius pomarinus*

One March 1st. In autumn two south August 23rd, one September 26th, singles south October 11th & November 26th & a different bird offshore November 29th..

ARCTIC SKUA *Stercorarius parasiticus*

In May one north 4th & one offshore 5th. Noted on 16 dates August 4th to October 12th, max. three north 14 south October 10th.

LONG-TAILED SKUA *Stercorarius longicaudus*

Singles south September 10th (J.Zantboer) & 25th (J.Zantboer) & in October one north 11th (R.Cope, N.Odin, A.Thompson *et al*), five north 21st (N.Odin, L.G.Woods) & one south 28th (R.Cope, N.Odin, A.Thompson *et al*).

GREAT SKUA *Catharcata skua*

Three north August 14th. A total of six north, three south & one offshore on nine dates September 7th to November 13th.

MEDITERRANEAN GULL *Larus melanocephalus*

Present all year but only noted on six dates May 2nd to July 5th. At least eight individuals noted in the first half of the year & at least 16 in the second half, with a couple of extra birds probably passing through at passage times. The day max. was 11 October 29th & November 26th.

LITTLE GULL *Larus minutus*

Five east March 31st. An adult July 16th & a juvenile 20th. A total of 17 north, 50 south, three east & 29 offshore on 17 dates August 24th to November 24th, max. seven north, two south & 15 offshore October 14th.

SABINES GULL *Larus sabini*

Single juveniles October 2nd (M.James, N.Odin, P.Oldfield *et al*) & 27th (P.J.Holmes, P.Oldfield).

BLACK-HEADED GULL *Larus ridibundus*

Present throughout the year with peaks of 130 May 26th & 150 November 27th. The first juv. was noted July 13th. Some small southerly movements noted at passage times with three figure southerly movements 175 July 19th, 307 in/south September 16th & 120 22nd, 175 October 10th, 157 16th & 115 18th.

COMMON GULL *Larus canus*

Present almost all year although very few seen from early June to mid-July. 1500 November 27th was the only notable count. Small numbers are noted moving at passage times with birds moving out of the estuary and east end March to early May, max. 30 east April 22nd. Birds were moving south from July 19th, max. 20 south July 22nd & 49 south October 10th.

LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL *Larus fuscus*

Very few noted early in the year. Very common all summer from mid-March to mid-November, max.50 July 5th. First juveniles noted July 10th. Very few noted again later in the year.

HERRING GULL *Larus argentatus*

Present all year with peaks of 350 July 5th & 450 November 27th. Some small offshore movement is noted in the migration periods.

YELLOW-LEGGED GULL *Larus argentatus michahellis*

Same adult January 22nd & February 10th (N.Odin). Second site record.

CASPIAN GULL *Larus argentatus cachinnans*

Second winter January 28th (N.Odin, M.Swindells). First site record.

ICELAND GULL *Larus glaucoides*

Adult October 15th (J.Zantboer), 28th (A.Thompson) & November 24th (N.Odin).

GLAUCOUS GULL *Larus hyperboreus*

First winter south March 16th (N.Odin, J.Zantboer).

GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL *Larus marinus*

Present all year although very few noted in the summer months, max. 70 November 27th. Some small passage movements are noted in the migration periods, with a southerly movement in autumn from August 12th.

KITTIWAKE *Rissa tridactyla*

Very few noted early in the year, max. 174 January 8th. Only two noted February 28th to May 19th & only one record July 28th to September 9th. Few seen in autumn with numbers increasing from the last third of November onwards, max. 250 November 27th.

SANDWICH TERN *Sterna sandvicensis*

Noted from April 23rd to October 21st with a peak count of 16 south September 9th. Small numbers occasionally feed offshore & in the rivermouth, max 15 September 5th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	0	5	34	19	33	18	1	1	0	0
S	0	0	0	7	0	8	8	25	44	3	0	0

ROSEATE TERN *Sterna dougallii*

Adult September 17th (N.Odin *et al*).

COMMON TERN *Sterna hirundo*

Noted from April 18th to October 16th max. 34 north five south May 23rd & four north 173 south August 10th. Up to 19 birds noted offshore throughout the period, with a higher count of 65 May 27th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	0	12	86	1	7	162	6	10	0	0
S	0	0	0	5	49	8	18	408	69	64	0	0

ARCTIC TERN *Sterna paradisaea*

In May three north 3rd, one north 4th & four south 5th. Later in the year one south August 9th & one north 11th, one offshore September 20th & two south plus two offshore 21st & in October 11 south 2nd, one south 3rd & one south plus one offshore 19th.

LITTLE TERN *Sterna albifrons*

Noted from April 23rd to September 16th, max. 60 May 31st. One pair laid & failed.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	0	0	7	0	3	6	0	0	0	0
S	0	0	0	0	4	3	6	25	1	0	0	0

BLACK TERN *Chlidonias niger*

One south May 5th. In autumn a total of five north, eleven south & one offshore on six dates August 10th to September 2nd, max. six south August 10th.

GUILLEMOT *Uria aalge*

One north August 28th, one dead September 10th & one north 25th & noted on seven dates October 9th to November 6th, max. three north October 10th. Finally one dead December 28th.

LITTLE AUK *Alle alle*

Singles November 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 20th & December 9th.

FERAL PIGEON *Columba livia*

A small group of Feral Pigeons first noted in November 1993 were present all year peaking at 21 on five dates October to December.

STOCK DOVE *Columba oenas*

Noted in all months except December. One, possibly two, pairs attempted to nest in the adjoining docks. A juvenile was noted June 23rd. In spring a total of four north 16 south March 21st to May 30th. In autumn one south September 19th preceded a total of one north 32 south October 18th to November 5th, max. 17 south October 26th.

WOODPIGEON *Columba palumbus*

Present all year with c.12 pairs nesting, but with poor breeding success. A total of one north 2208 south noted on 31 dates March 2nd to June 13th, max. 686 south April 5th. A leucistic bird present April 14th. Seven north August 8th & 15 south October 5th preceded a total of 22 north 21,271 south on autumn passage on eight dates October 17th to November 14th, max. 15,900 south October 26th & 4,680 south November 5th. As is usual, there were raiding parties on the Holm Oaks and Sea Kale pods in the autumn peaking at 112 November 3rd.

COLLARED DOVE *Streptopelia decaocto*

Present all year with at least five pairs successfully rearing several broods with the first bird on eggs January 5th. Extra birds are often present on site with birds roosting on site all year peaking at 25 April 1st & 30 November 7th.

TURTLE DOVE *Streptopelia turtur*

A total of 25 noted April 22nd to July 9th, max. five south May 19th. Singles in autumn August 6th, 28th, 31st & September 8th.

CUCKOO *Cuculus canorus*

Singles noted on seven dates May 11th to June 25th. A juvenile present July 24th to 27th.

LITTLE OWL *Athene noctua*

Present all year but with very few winter sightings. One pair bred but failed. A dispersing juvenile turned up October 26th Adults were found dead October 22nd & December 29th.

SHORT-EARED OWL *Asio flammeus*

One August 14th & singles in off the sea October 28th & 29th.

SWIFT *Apus apus*

Noted from April 23rd to September 17th. The largest movement was 1095 south June 17th. Small numbers occasionally feed on site, with larger counts of 60 June 21st & 350 August 9th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
IN/N	0	0	0	23	109	116	128	73	6	0	0	0
S	0	0	0	0	12	3489	465	328	10	0	0	0

KINGFISHER *Alcedo atthis*

One July 31st.

BEE-EATER *Merops apiaster*

One heard May 2nd (J.Zantboer). Second site record.

WRYNECK *Jynx torquilla*

One September 7th to 13th.

GREEN WOODPECKER *Picus viridis*

Singles noted on eleven dates July 13th to August 9th plus two August 8th & later singles November 14th & 24th.

GREAT SPOTTED WOODPECKER *Dendrocopos major*

Singles on 20 dates June 22nd to November 16th plus two June 29th & October 7th..

WOODLARK *Lullula arborea*

One south March 31st, one April 27th & two south October 16th.

SKYLARK *Alauda arvensis*

Very few grounded birds noted all year. Singles noted on two January dates. In spring singles noted on five dates March 6th to 29th. Only noted on four May, two June, one July, two August & three September dates. The years max. on the reserve was seven October 12th. Autumn passage September 9th to December 3rd with one later bird 27th, max. 52 south October 27th. In October one north 10th & 34 north 12th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
IN/S	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	7	300	60	1

SHORELARK *Eremophila alpestris*

Singles October 16th & November 22nd.

SAND MARTIN *Riparia riparia*

A total of nine north and 90 south April 6th to May 18th. A total of two in, 902 south & one on site June 5th to September 28th, max. 2 in 111 south July 11th.

SWALLOW *Hirundo rustica*

Noted from March 29th to November 10th. Spring passage noted up to June 30th, max. 266 south May 2nd. Small numbers occasionally loiter on site, max. 11. Autumn passage from July 13th max. 1200 south September 27th & 2200 south 28th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	0	26	48	1	0	18	23	3	0	
IN/S	0	0	1	94	1043	89	109	1847	7249	500	37	0

HOUSE MARTIN *Delichon urbica*

Noted April 22nd to July 1st & August 5th to October 25th. Small numbers occasionally loiter on site. The peak movements were 1021 south September 21st & 1920 south 28th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	0	4	26	10	0	29	236	0	0	0
IN/S	0	0	0	10	84	90	1	55	6462	986	0	0

TAWNY PIPIT *Anthus campestris*

One on then south September 10th (N.Odin).

TREE PIPIT *Anthus trivialis*

Spring singles noted on seven dates April 26th to May 12th plus four May 2nd. A later bird June 10th. In autumn seven singles August 15th to September 25th. A late autumn bird November 2nd (D.Langlois, N.Odin).

MEADOW PIPIT *Anthus pratensis*

Seen all year but with very few in the winter months. Six pairs bred. Spring passage February 5th to April 27th, max. 47 south April 5th & 45 south 6th. Autumn passage July 26th to November 27th, max. 1537 south September 16th & 1456 south 22nd and of grounded migrants 200 September 19th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
IN/S	0	4	35	130	0	0	1	99	4677	1314	233	0
Max On	1	0	15	14	12	15	20	20	200	100	10	2

ROCK PIPIT *Anthus petrosus*

Four spring singles noted March 6th to April 13th. A total of 33 south October 3rd to November 27th with singles noted on site on 15 dates during this period plus two on three dates & four October 9th. A singles noted on four dates December 7th to 29th.

YELLOW WAGTAIL *Motacilla flava*

A total of one north, 77 south & five in off April 15th to May 23rd, plus up to two noted on the reserve on eight dates during the spring passage period. Singles June 23rd & 25th

preceded autumn passage totals of three north 295 south July 13th to October 9th, max. 51 south August 21st with up to seven birds present on site on 27 dates during this period.

GREY WAGTAIL *Motacilla cinerea*

Spring passage singles south on 13 dates March 6th to June 16th plus two south April 2nd. Singles noted on five dates July 7th to 27th suggests breeding nearby. Singles on site August 8th & 13th preceded 88 south plus one on site August 6th to November 7th, max. ten south September 15th & 16th.

PIED WAGTAIL *Motacilla alba*

One pair nested successfully in the dock edge and these birds plus their offspring account for a large proportion of records of birds on the reserve. None seen in January & February. A total of five north 15 south March 28th to May 2nd. In autumn one south July 9th preceded a total of 506 south July 23rd to November 9th, max. 45 south September 27th.

WHITE WAGTAIL *M.a.alba*

One May 2nd.

WAXWING *Bombycilla garulus*

One October 31st & one present & a flock of 45 south November 3rd.

WREN *Troglodytes troglodytes*

Three successfully overwintered early in the year. Spring passage April 1st to May 3rd, max. seven April 22nd. Two pairs bred but no young were reared. Four dispersing juveniles on site in July. Autumn passage September 8th to November 6th, max. ten November 2nd, 3rd & 9th with at least five birds remaining into December.

DUNNOCK *Prunella modularis*

Present all year with at least ten pairs nesting. Spring passage March 17th to 29th. Many dispersing juveniles turn up on site from June onward until the start of autumn passage which continued to November 4th. A total of 33 flew south September 16th to October 26th. The autumn max. was 30 September 25th.

ROBIN *Erithacus rubecula*

Ten birds successfully over-wintered. Spring passage was noted March 17th to April 25th with later birds May 11th & 25th, max. 15 April 2nd. One pair bred rearing two broods. Several dispersing juveniles turned up on site from June 6th and in July. Autumn passage August 4th to November 27th, max. 70 October 20th. At least eight were wintering on site at the year's end.

NIGHTINGALE *Luscinia megarhynchos*

Singles April 25th, June 22nd, July 26th to 27th & August 7th.

BLUETHROAT *Luscinia svecica*

Male October 1st (D.Fairhurst, E.Marsh *et al*).

BLACK REDSTART *Phoenicurus ochruros*

Spring passage singles noted on 14 dates March 16th to June 8th. Up to two juveniles were present on site August 10th to 14th. Autumn passage October 16th to November 13th, max. five October 28th & 29th.

REDSTART *Phoenicurus phoenicurus*

Up to three noted on seven dates April 5th to May 21st. In autumn one August 2nd then noted on 25 dates September 7th to October 22nd, max. three September 9th.

WHINCHAT *Saxicola rubetra*

Singles noted on seven dates April 30th to May 15th. Autumn passage noted on 21 dates August 4th to October 11th, max. three September 5th.

STONECHAT *Saxicola torquata*

Singles March 16th & 18th. In autumn singles noted on eight dates October 15th to November 9th.

WHEATEAR *Oenanthe oenanthe*

Spring passage April 11th to May 24th plus a later bird June 9th & 10th with high counts of 69 April 22nd, 45 30th & 50 May 1st. A juvenile July 11th preceded autumn passage August 2nd to October 17th, max. 14 September 7th.

RING OUZEL *Turdus torquatus*

Singles noted on five dates May 1st to 7th plus two May 2nd. In autumn singles noted on ten dates October 7th to November 4th plus two September 29th & three October 31st.

BLACKBIRD *Turdus merula*

Present all year with seven or eight pairs nesting. Spring passage February 22nd to May 7th with a later bird May 30th and a peak of 50 March 29th. First juveniles noted May 10th with very few surviving to fledging. First autumn migrants September 30th with stragglers noted to December 13th plus two later birds 27th and peak counts of 70 October 20th & 100 November 1st.

FIELDFARE *Turdus pilaris*

Spring passage March 16th to May 19th, max. five April 15th. In autumn noted from October 3rd to December 4th, max 74 October 12th.

SONG THRUSH *Turdus philomelos*

At least two overwintered. Spring passage March 1st to May 1st, max. six April 2nd. At least three dispersing juveniles turned up May 14th to July 21st. Autumn passage September 25th to December 10th plus two later birds 27th, max. 51 September 29th & 40 October 20th. Up to three were on site in December.

REDWING *Turdus iliacus*

Spring passage March 14th to April 5th plus a later bird May 10th to 12th, max. 190 March 18th. Autumn passage September 28th to December 11th, max. 155 October 18th.

MISTLE THRUSH *Turdus viscivorus*

Two January 29th & singles March 28th & 31st. Dispersing juveniles turned up June 5th, 9th & 10th. Autumn passage of 18 birds October 1st to November 22nd, max. four November 3rd. A later bird present December 29th.

GRASSHOPPER WARBLER *Locustella lanceolata*

Singles April 21st & September 3rd.

SEDGE WARBLER *Acrocephalus schoenobaenus*

Spring singles April 29th & 30th with two May 1st & 2nd. In autumn one August 2nd.

MARSH WARBLER *Acrocephalus palustris*

One June 29th to 30th (R.Cope *et al*).

REED WARBLER *Acrocephalus scirpaceus*

up to two noted on 12 dates April 23rd to July 1st plus four May 2nd. In autumn nine singles July 27th to October 20th.

DARTFORD WARBLER *Sylvia undata*

One October 3rd (A.R.J.Paine *et al*). Second site record.

BARRED WARBLER *Sylvia nisoria*

Singles September 2nd (R.Cope, N.Odin, J.Zantboer *et al*) & 24th (N.Odin).

LESSER WHITETHROAT *Sylvia curruca*

Spring passage April 15th to at least May 16th with a bird May 27th, max. ten May 1st & 20 2nd. Other records from mid-May onwards probably relate to at least two (possibly three) pairs that bred successfully. The start of autumn passage is obscured by the local pairs & there offspring but ran from mid-July to September 19th, max. five July 30th, but this includes locals.

EASTERN LESSER WHITETHROAT *Sylvia curruca blythi/halimodendri*

One September 9th to 19th (R.Cope, N.Odin *et al*).

WHITETHROAT *Sylvia communis*

Spring passage April 21st to at least June 8th, max. 25 May 1st & 100 2nd. Two pairs bred successfully. Autumn passage from at least mid-July to September 24th, max. three August 26th.

GARDEN WARBLER *Sylvia borin*

Nine spring singles April 30th to May 19th, plus five May 2nd & two 12th. Autumn passage August 14th to October 10th, max. two on three dates.

BLACKCAP *Sylvia atricapilla*

Spring passage April 9th to May 20th, max. 20 May 2nd. An unseasonal female present June 27th. Several juveniles turned up from July 6th onwards indicating nesting nearby but not on site. Autumn passage August 28th to December 3rd with this last bird staying to 5th, max. 15 September 29th & October 12th.

PALLAS'S WARBLER *Phylloscopus proregulus*

Singles October 20th to 21st (R.Cope, N.Odin, S.E.Pimm *et al*) & 28th (R.Cope, G.Hammond, P.J.Holmes, *et al*) & two November 1st (G.Hammond, M.Marsh *et al*).

YELLOW-BROWED WARBLER *Phylloscopus inornatus*

Singles October 9th (R.A.Duncan, M.James *et al*) & 13th (R.Cope, M.Marsh *et al*).

RADDE'S WARBLER *Phylloscopus schwarzi*

One October 27th (R.Cope, P.J.Holmes, N.Odin *et al*). Third site record.

DUSKY WARBLER *Phylloscopus fuscatus*

One October 20th & 31st to November 4th (R.Cope, S.E.Pimm, N.Odin *et al*). Third site record.

WOOD WARBLER *Phylloscopus sibilatrix*

One August 13th.

CHIFFCHAFF *Phylloscopus collybita*

Spring passage March 17th to June 22nd, max. 15 March 29th. A dispersing juvenile present July 6th & 16th. Autumn passage August 28th to November 27th with two birds lingering to December 1st & one to 29th, max. 25 October 1st.

WILLOW WARBLER *Phylloscopus trochilus*

Spring passage April 15th to June 2nd, max. 50 April 22nd. Autumn passage July 26th to September 30th with a later bird October 20th to 23rd, max. 15 August 15th. A bird showing characteristics of the northern race *P.t.acredula* was also present October 9th.

GOLDCREST *Regulus regulus*

Spring passage March 17th to May 9th, max. ten March 24th & 28th. Autumn passage September 5th to November 13th with two birds lingering on site to the year end, max. 70 October 20th.

FIRECREST *Regulus knicapilla*

Spring passage March 18th to May 15th, max. two on seven dates. Autumn passage October 10th to November 2nd with one bird lingering to December 14th, max. 11 October 12th.

SPOTTED FLYCATCHER *Muscicapa striata*

Spring passage on six dates May 15th to June 12th, max. three May 15th. Autumn passage on 11 dates August 31st to October 17th, max three October 1st.

PIED FLYCATCHER *Ficedula hypoleuca*

Female June 12th. Autumn passage on 11 dates August 1st to September 10th, max. four August 10th.

LONG-TAILED TIT *Aegithalos caudatus*

In spring two March 15th & three 25th, one April 15th & two 17th. One of the two on 17th showed characteristics of the race *A.c.europaeus* and the other was intermediate between

A.c.europaeus & *A.c.rosaceus*. In autumn ten October 30th & three 31st & in November ten 1st, eight 5th, seven 7th, six 8th & 19 11th.

CONTINENTAL COAL TIT *Parus ater ater*

One March 30th, two 31st, three April 4th, one 7th & two 15th. An unraced bird April 26th was probably of this race.

COAL TIT *Parus ater britannicus*

In June one 8th, two 9th & singles 14th & 22nd.

BLUE TIT *Parus caeruleus*

Small numbers present all year. One pair bred successfully. One February 14th preceded spring passage March 16th to May 15th, max. ten April 5th. Dispersing juveniles turned up on site from June 16th with passage continuing to November 3rd, max. 13 September 16th.

GREAT TIT *Parus major*

Present all year with two pairs breeding, one successfully. Spring passage March 1st to May 14th, max. 15 March 17th & 23rd. A few juveniles turned up on site from mid-June & in July. Autumn passage September 3rd to October 31st, max. eight October 1st.

TREECREEPER *Certhia familiaris*

One June 26th.

RED-BACKED SHRIKE *Lanius collurio*

In August a female 2nd & an adult male 14th.

JAY *Garrulus glandarius*

Singles April 25th & September 29th.

MAGPIE *Pica pica*

Present all year with one pair nesting successfully. Spring max. of seven March 15th & 16th and ten October 7th later in the year.

JACKDAW *Corvus monedula*

In spring a total of 12 north, 11 south & 15 on site on 13 dates March 9th to June 6th, max. ten in/north March 15th. In autumn two south September 19th, one south 29th, one south October 11th, three south 16th & one south December 3rd.

ROOK *Corvus frugilegus*

Spring passage of 13 north six south & three on site on nine dates March 9th to April 15th, nine north March 9th. In autumn 17 south September 19th, two south 25th, three south October 5th, two south 6th & two south December 5th.

CARRION CROW *Corvus corone*

Present all year with the local pair rearing no young on the dock lighting towers. Intruders occasionally turn up on site and are soon seen off by the locals with a spring max. 25 April 3rd and eight September 19th, October 13th & 21st in autumn.. Spring passage movements of 15 north 34 south and six in off the sea March 13th to May 18th, max. 13 south March 17th. Visible movements in autumn of 31 south September 19th to October 26th, max. ten south October 16th.

STARLING *Sturnus vulgaris*

Present all year with at least 12 pairs nesting. The spring max. was 150 March 17th & April 19th. First juveniles noted May 17th with a mid-summer peak of 1,000 August 1st. Visible movements in autumn noted September 19th to November 20th with a total of 2255 noted coming in off the sea or flying south, max. 355 in/south October 13th. In late autumn the pre-roost gathering peaked at 2,500 October 20th.

HOUSE SPARROW *Passer domesticus*

Present all year with a speculated 20 pairs nesting. The years peak count was 115 November 27th.

TREE SPARROW *Passer montanus*

One May 24th. A total of 73 noted on ten dates August 31st to September 29th including 33 south eight present 19th & 18 present 24th.

CHAFFINCH *Fringilla coelebs*

One to two noted on site early and late in the year. Spring passage March 1st to June 15th with visible movements of one north 78 south March 20th to April 24th. Spring max. of grounded birds ten April 6th. One pair bred rearing two broods & another pair attempted. Autumn visible passage September 15th to November 25th with a total of 1056 south/in off the sea, max. 219 south October 7th. Autumn passage continued to at least November 30th and the autumn max. of grounded birds was 15 October 1st.

BRAMBLING *Fringilla montifringilla*

Spring passage noted on ten dates March 29th to April 30th, max. five April 10th. Autumn passage totals of 30 south 39 on site September 29th to November 12th, max. 17 south plus one on site October 18th. A max. of seven were on site October 9th.

GREENFINCH *Carduelis chloris*

Present all year. Three pairs nested with several additional pairs nearby. Up to 80 birds daily feeding on site in July. A total of 50 south April 5th to May 15th with the highest spring count on site 15 April 15th. Visible migration noted in autumn with 5939 south August 25th to November 27th, max. 920 south October 7th, 565 south 13th & 595 south 26th. 100 were on site October 16th & up to 70 fed on site during November.

GOLDFINCH *Carduelis carduelis*

Present all year although very few noted in the winter months. One pair bred with several additional pairs nearby. Visible migration in spring totalled 827 south April 3rd to June 9th, max. 198 south May 2nd. Up to 30 noted feeding on site in the summer & autumn. Visible passage movements totalling 5577 south August 22nd to November 27th, max. 639 south October 15th.

SISKIN *Carduelis spinus*

Spring passage totalling ten south plus four individuals on site March 17th to April 24th. A juvenile was present June 13th & 14th. In autumn one south October 17th & 11 18th..

LINNET *Carduelis cannabina*

First spring record February 12th. An estimated 30 pairs nested with several more nearby. In spring a total of 842 south April 5th to May 15th, max. 149 south May 2nd. First juveniles noted May 23rd. Up to 100 were on site June to August with 120 August 12th. In autumn a total of 3232 south August 25th to November 17th, max. 519 south October 5th. Last seen November 17th except for a nine south December 4th & 15 present 6th.

TWITE *Carduelis flavirostris*

Two south October 26th.

COMMON REDPOLL *Carduelis flammea*

In May singles 8th, 11th, 14th, 16th, 27th & 31st. Additionally singles April 21st, May 2nd, 17th, 20th, 29th & June 7th are either this or the next species (see Odin 2005).

LESSER REDPOLL *Carduelis cabaret*

Singles April 25th & 26th. One July 13th. In autumn a total of 149 noted September 27th to November 14th, max. 40 October 26th.

CROSSBILL *Loxia curvirostra*

One July 23rd.

COMMON ROSEFINCH *Carpodacus erythrinus*

Adult male August 14th (M.James, B.Mackie *et al*).

BULLFINCH *Pyrrhula pyrrhula*

Male May 7th, one north July 23rd & in November two 3rd & two south 4th.

HAWFINCH *Coccothraustes coccothraustes*

One April 2nd.

LAPLAND BUNTING *Calcarius lapponicus*

Two south October 27th.

SNOW BUNTING *Plectrophenax nivalis*

Early in the year ten in January decreased to five in early March and last noted on 2nd. In autumn noted from October 18th to the years end, max. 51 November 23rd.

YELLOWHAMMER *Emberiza citrinella*

A total of seven south plus three individuals on site March 6th to May 2nd. Singles noted July 21st & 22nd & August 31st. In autumn seven south plus seven on site October 16th to November 16th plus a later bird south December 3rd.

REED BUNTING *Emberiza schoeniclus*

In spring singles March 15th & May 1st. A total of 59 south & 11 on site September 25th to November 12th, max. 13 south October 26th.

CORN BUNTING *Miliaria calandra*

One December 8th.

ESCAPEES

SAKER *Falco cherrug*

One October 28th (J.Zantboer). First site record.

BARBARY DOVE *Streptopelia risoria*

An "apricot" coloured morph October 13th (R.Cope, M.Marsh, N.Odin *et al*). First site record.

BUDGERIGAR *Melopsittacus undulatus*

Singles April 26th, June 14th to 15th & September 15th.

GREY PARROT *Psittacus erithacus*

One August 9th (R.Cope). First site record.

SCARLET MACAW *Ara macora*

One south October 26th (R.Cope, N.Odin). First site record.

HILL MYNA *Gracula religosa*

One April 25th (R.Cope, B.Mackie *et al*). First site record.

SUDAN GOLDEN SPARROW *Passer luteus*

Male June 20th to 21st.

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