

# LANDGUARD BIRD OBSERVATORY

## SYSTEMATIC BIRD LIST 2005

### **RED-THROATED DIVER** *Gavia stellata*

Early in the year noted on 15 dates January 8th to March 24th, max. eleven south February 21st. Later in the year noted on 20 dates September 11th to December 27th, max. four north two south October 18th.

### **BLACK-THROATED DIVER** *Gavia arctica*

Two south February 22nd and singles south March 17th, October 29th, November 10th & December 28th.

### **GREAT CRESTED GREBE** *Podiceps cristatus*

One April 15th. One south August 5th preceded autumn passage of one north, 20 south on 14 dates September 15th to November 18th, max. four south November 2nd. A later bird south December 28th.

### **RED-NECKED GREBE** *Podiceps grisegena*

Singles south November 9th & 10th.

### **BLACK-NECKED GREBE** *Podiceps auritus*

One March 23rd (J.Zantboer). Fifth site record.

### **FULMAR** *Fulmarus glacialis*

Noted April 19th to October 18th with the largest movement nine south September 10th.

### **SOOTY SHEARWATER** *Puffinus griseus*

Two south September 6th.

### **MANX SHEARWATER** *Puffinus puffinus*

One south September 7th. & two south October 18th.

### **LEACH'S PETREL** *Oceanodroma leucorhoa*

One north October 18th (P.Oldfield).

### **GANNET** *Morus bassanus*

A juvenile offshore January 28th & one north April 21st preceded a total of 465 north & 19 south May 12th to June 24th, max. 274 north May 12th & 156 north May 13th. A total of 69 north 20 south July 20th to November 8th, max. twelve north three south October 14th.

### **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 13 north two south February 22nd, 31 east March 15th, two north 27 east March 16th & ten south October 3rd.

### **SHAG** *Phalacrocorax aristotelis*

Two north February 17th, one dead March 12th & singles south November 11th and present 12th.

### **LITTLE EGRET** *Egretta garzetta*

Singles south then north March 18th, one south June 17th, one south October 12th & two west 22nd & singles south November 7th & 25th.

### **GREY HERON** *Ardea cinerea*

One south April 11th. Autumn movements totalling one north 20 south July 2nd to November 1st, max. five south September 12th.

### **MUTE SWAN** *Cygnus olor*

Noted on nine scattered dates, max. four south May 4th & four north then south November 4th.

**PINK-FOOTED GOOSE** *Anser brachyrhynchus*

Three north November 14th.

**GREYLAG GOOSE** *Anser anser*

45 south and into the estuary lost in fog February 15th. Local wanderers noted on 14 dates March 10th to May 2nd, max. three north five south April 19th. Seven south August 1st & two north December 28th later in the year.

**CANADA GOOSE** *Branta canadensis*

Noted on ten dates March 15th to May 6th max. seven south & into the estuary April 11th. Two flew south July 27th & 14 north September 29th.

**BARNACLE GOOSE** *Branta leucopsis*

In March 50 9th, eight 11th, 52 14th & 20 18th & in May two 22nd & three 28th with six October 18th. All records of birds flying south.

**BRENT GOOSE** *Branta bernicla*

The last spring movement was noted May 28th. First autumn record September 6th with the only four figure autumn count 2920 south October 18th

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

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	2	0	89	7	175	0	0	0	2	60	39	6
IN/S	0	2	48	11	2	0	0	0	0	52	5770	610

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**SHELDUCK** *Tadorna tadorna*

Small numbers noted moving offshore throughout the year with prospecting on the reserve in the spring by at least 20 birds. A brood of ducklings noted June 19th. None were seen June 28th to July 27th. The largest movement was 53 south November 10th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	3	3	8	1	3	12	1	0	1	0
S	7	1	9	8	16	0	0	13	24	126	138	5

**WIGEON** *Anas penelope*

Six south January 1st was the only record until autumn when noted from September 1st to December 23rd with a peak count of 865 south October 18th. 30 flew east September 24th & eight east November 20th.

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	58	0	0
S	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	367	1877	120	99

**GADWALL** *Anas strepera*

Two south March 16th, in October one south 22nd & four south 29th & in November one south 10th & one east 20th.

**TEAL** *Anas crecca*

In February two south 4th & four south 10th & one north March 22nd were the only records until autumn passage July 14th to December 23rd, max. 260 south October 18th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	25	47	0	0	0
S	0	6	0	0	0	0	11	152	489	623	28	12

**MALLARD** *Anas platyrhynchos*

Very few migrants seen. Two on site March 23rd & three May 1st with a male on the river November 30th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
S	0	0	4	0	0	1	5	0	1	4	0	2

**PINTAIL** *Anas acuta*

None early in the year. Autumn passage noted September 23rd to November 18th with a max. 23 south October 20th.

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	5	0	0
S	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	82	6	0

**GARGANEY** *Anas querquedula*

Male north June 4th (N.Cant, L.Woods, J.Zantboer).

**SHOVELER** *Anas clypeata*

One east May 28th, two south June 15th, ten south July 28th, three west August 8th, one south September 1st & two south 25th & three south October 18th.

**POCHARD** *Aythya ferina*

Three north July 13th, two south August 13th, one south October 11th & one south November 16th.

**TUFTED DUCK** *Aythya fuligula*

Two north May 19th, one south July 15th & one south October 25th.

**EIDER** *Somateria mollissima*

Two north March 5th & one south 17th, four north June 4th, one on September 14th to 17th, two on October 7th & a total of ten north six south October 15th to 18th. Two later birds north December 28th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	2	0	0	4	0	0	0	10	0	2
S	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	0	0

**LONG-TAILED DUCK** *Clangula hyemalis*

Male south May 3rd & singles south October 25th & north December 28th.

**COMMON SCOTER** *Melanitta nigra*

First noted April 19th. None seen June 5th to July 19th. Two were off shore October 25th. Peak counts 29 north June 4th & one north 28 south July 23rd.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	0	5	20	29	27	1	20	12	7	0
S	0	0	0	1	0	0	63	14	29	73	32	6

**VELVET SCOTER** *Melanitta fusca*

One north July 28th (J.Zantboer).

**GOLDENEYE** *Bucephala clangula*

In autumn a total of eight south on six dates October 12th to November 10th, max. two south October 25th & November 10th.

**RED-BREASTED MERGANSER** *Mergus serrator*

One south March 23rd. In autumn 24 south October 5th to December 16th, max. eight south October 25th.

**GOOSANDER** *Mergus merganser*

One south November 18th.

**MARSH HARRIER** *Circus aeruginosus*

Singles south May 7th & 10th, north August 8th & September 2nd, south November 1st, two south 7th & one south 9th.

**MONTAGU'S HARRIER** *Circus pygargus*

Male north May 26th (observers unknown). Fifth site record.

**SPARROWHAWK** *Accipiter nisus*

One or two noted on 26 dates January to May 21st plus three May 6th. An adult male present June 30th took a pullus Collared Dove. From July 21st to the years end one or two noted on 68 dates plus three August 26th.

**COMMON BUZZARD** *Buteo buteo*

One south October 23rd.

**OSPREY** *Pandion haliaetus*

Singles September 11th & south 18th.

**KESTREL** *Falco tinnunculus*

Singles, occasionally two noted on site all year but with very few records early in the year, max. four November 4th. Visible passage included singles south March 13th & north 25th, south April 14th, in off the sea May 4th & a total of one north nine south September 5th to November 5th, max. three south November 4th (same date as four on).

**MERLIN** *Falco columbarius*

One April 26th. In autumn nine singles noted September 5th to November 11th plus two October 23rd.

**HOBBY** *Falco subbuteo*

Singles April 28th, 30th, May 2nd, 5th, 6th, 28th, July 26th & in September two 12th & singles on five dates 14th to 25th.

**PEREGRINE** *Falco peregrinus*

Two March 10th & one 13th. Singles south April 8th & 9th. One May 12th. An adult female noted on 29 dates September 15th to December 27th with additional birds on September 15th, November 16th & two additional October 8th.

**RED-LEGGED PARTRIDGE** *Alectoris rufa*

Three birds at the start of the year increased to four March 16th to at least May 26th. One of the originals succumbed mid-summer with three birds surviving to the years end.

**MOORHEN** *Gallinula chloropus*

One April 1st to 2nd.

**OYSTERCATCHER** *Haematopus ostralegus*

Up to four were occasionally on the reserve especially in the spring and summer with a pair attempting to nest unsuccessfully. Six were present June 17th & five 29th. Autumn movements from July 15th to November 26th with the years highest movement 43 south July 22nd.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	2	3	6	0	2	3	2	2	0	0
S	0	1	8	16	17	3	169	154	52	4	6	0

**AVOCET** *Recurvirostra avosetta*

One dead March 12th. Two displaying April 15th & two south 30th. In May two south 25th, two north 27th, two displaying 30th & two south 31st. Singles south June 17th & July 26th.

**RINGED PLOVER** *Charadrius hiaticula*

Roosting birds occasionally at high tide from January to mid-March peaked at 81 February 19th and again later in the year from mid-October at 180 November 15th. Five pairs bred with no young reared. Very few passage birds seen.

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	3	1	4	4	11	1	21	0	0	0

**GOLDEN PLOVER** *Pluvialis apricaria*.

A total of four north 52 south one east three in off the sea & five on site August 8th to November 10th, max. 23 south October 25th.

**GREY PLOVER** *Pluvialis squatarola*

One on the beach February 23rd, three south April 18th, one south June 4th & two south 14th. In autumn noted on 20 dates July 18th to November 10th, max. nine south September 6th. One was on the beach October 31st.

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	3	0	0
IN/S	0	0	0	3	0	3	5	14	12	3	10	0

**LAPWING** *Vanellus vanellus*

Noted in every month except January & February. None were seen May 12th to June 24th. Small numbers are occasionally on the reserve, especially early in the morning, max. 14 July 8th. The largest movements were 95 south March 3rd, 79 south November 9th & 70 in off the sea December 27th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	9	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
IN/S	0	0	100	0	2	0	9	0	0	17	185	70

**KNOT** *Calidris canutus*

None in spring. In autumn noted on 27 dates July 21st to November 25th, max. 76 south November 10th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
S	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	5	69	73	107	0

**SANDERLING** *Calidris alba*

In May seven north 17th, six on the beach 23rd & four south 28th. In autumn two south October 24th & one on the beach November 8th.

**CURLEW SANDPIPER** *Calidris maritima*

Two south August 8th & one south September 1st.

**PURPLE SANDPIPER** *Calidris maritima*

Singles November 5th & 15th.

**DUNLIN** *Calidris alpina*

Noted up to May 7th & in autumn from July 15th, max. 350 south November 15th. Small numbers on the beach on one date early in the year & on seven dates later in the year, max. 15 October 25th & December 16th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	0	5	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0
S	0	0	10	2	3	0	40	63	148	135	751	0

**RUFF** *Philomachus pugnax*

One south September 11th.

**JACK SNIFE** *Lymnocyptes minimus*

One September 17th.

**SNIPE** *Gallinago gallinago*

In March one 13th & three 31st. A total of 15 on autumn passage August 12th to November 17th, max. four October 11th.

**WOODCOCK** *Scolopax rusticola*

One in spring March 19th. In autumn singles noted on seven dates & two on three dates October 16th to November 30th.

**BLACK-TAILED GODWIT** *Limosa limosa*

In July five north 13th & 19 south 22nd. Five south August 25th.

**BAR-TAILED GODWIT** *Limosa lapponica*

A total of eight north five south March 24th to May 19th, max. eight north May 12th. In autumn a total of six north 13 south July 23rd to November 10th, max. six south August 18th & six north October 14th.

**WHIMBREL** *Numenius phaeopus*

A total of 24 noted April 15th to May 23rd, max. seven north April 30th. In autumn a total of 81 noted July 9th to September 13th, max. 32 south July 23rd.

**CURLEW** *Numenius arquata*

One north February 12th preceded spring passage March 5th to May 2nd, max. 65 north March 9th. Autumn passage from May 23rd to November 10th plus later birds north 26th & south December 2nd, max. 44 south June 18th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
E+N	0	1	78	18	0	0	0	1	0	4	1	0
IN/S	0	0	0	4	12	119	42	29	52	22	9	1

**SPOTTED REDSHANK** *Tringa erythropus*

One south August 26th.

**REDSHANK** *Tringa totanus*

One south March 4th & one present April 15th were the only records until autumn passage July 10th to September 1st plus a handful more in November, max. 37 south August 26th. 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	1	0	0	0	0	0
S	0	0	1	0	0	0	12	57	6	0	4	0

**GREENSHANK** *Tringa nebularia*

Spring singles noted May 4th & 12th In autumn singles July 6th, 14th & 28th plus four September 1st.

**GREEN SANDPIPER** *Tringa ochropus*

One south September 11th.

**COMMON SANDPIPER** *Tringa hypoleucos*

Spring singles May 4th & 7th. In July singles 21st & 30th with two 31st. Finally one September 4th.

**TURNSTONE** *Arenaria interpres*

Last seen in spring June 4th and the first in autumn July 17th. Peak movement 32 south October 31st.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	1	11	0
S	0	0	0	1	4	5	4	8	24	52	24	0
MAX ON	4	11	14	9	15	0	1	2	1	17	22	20

**GREY PHALAROPE** *Phalaropus fulicarius*

One north November 11th (P.Oldfield).

**POMARINE SKUA** *Stercorarius pomarinus*

Singles January 8th, 20th & 28th. Three north May 13th. Singles north August 8th, October 5th, south November 26th, offshore December 3rd & south 16th.

**ARCTIC SKUA** *Stercorarius parasiticus*

In spring singles south April 18th & north May 13th. Noted on 15 dates July 22nd to November 6th, max. four north August 8th.

**LONG-TAILED SKUA** *Stercorarius longicaudus*

One September 19th (P.Oldfield).

**GREAT SKUA** *Catharcata skua*

One January 28th. One north April 23rd & two north May 13th. One south September 2nd, nine south October 2nd & two south and one offshore 18th.

**MEDITERRANEAN GULL** *Larus melanocephalus*

Present all year except between April 14th to July 14th when only noted on three dates. At least eight individuals noted in the first half of the year & at least 13 in the second half, with a couple of extra birds probably passing through at passage times. The day max. was ten November 2nd & December 18th.

**LITTLE GULL** *Larus minutus*

One north April 26th, a first summer bird June 14th, one August 23rd & four south 24th, three September 3rd, three south October 18th, two south November 10th & two offshore 11th.

**BLACK-HEADED GULL** *Larus ridibundus*

Present throughout the year with a max. of 300 January 25th. Some small southerly movements noted at passage times with three figure southerly movements 250 south March 18th & 274 south October 3rd.

**COMMON GULL** *Larus canus*

Present almost all year although very few seen from end May to mid-July. An early juvenile noted July 19th. 600 February 21st & December 14th were the only notable count. Only very small numbers are noted moving at passage times with no notable counts.

**LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL** *Larus fuscus*

Very few noted early in the year. Very common all summer from mid-March to mid-November, max. 40 April 18th. Very few noted again later in the year.

**HERRING GULL** *Larus argentatus*

Present all year with peaks of 1000 January 25th & 250 November 27th. Some small offshore movement is noted in the migration periods, max. 60 south March 18th.

**YELLOW-LEGGED GULL** *Larus michahellis*

Third winter April 8th (N.Odin). Third site record.

**ICELAND GULL** *Larus glaucoides*

Second winter February 20th & 21st (N.Odin, J.Zantboer).

**GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL** *Larus marinus*

Present all year although few noted in the summer months, max. 50 December 22nd. Some small passage movements were noted in the migration periods, with no notable counts.

**KITTIWAKE** *Rissa tridactyla*

Regular in the first winter period, max. 2500 January 25th. Only noted on 13 dates March 13th to October 17th, max. 14 north September 2nd. Few seen in autumn with numbers increasing from the last week of November onwards, max. 109 November 26th.

**SANDWICH TERN** *Sterna sandvicensis*

Noted from April 19th to October 26th with a peak count of eight north eight south June 19th. Small numbers occasionally feed offshore & in the rivermouth, max. nine June 22nd.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	0	6	21	51	12	15	5	1	0	0
S	0	0	0	2	2	19	48	20	31	3	0	0

**ROSEATE TERN** *Sterna dougallii*

One out of the river and north over observatory calling May 16th (N.Odin).

**COMMON TERN** *Sterna hirundo*

Noted from April 19th to October 14th max. 31 north on both May 12th & 13th & five north 22 south August 6th. Up to 20 birds noted offshore throughout the period, with a higher count of 25 June 14th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	0	24	96	22	6	71	51	1	0	0
S	0	0	0	2	23	17	53	168	92	2	0	0

**ARCTIC TERN** *Sterna paradisaea*

In spring ten north April 26th & singles north May 1st & 13th. In autumn singles south or loitering offshore August 26th, September 15th & 16th, October 11th, 16th, two 25th, one 30th & one November 3rd.

**LITTLE TERN** *Sterna albifrons*

Noted April 30th to August 17th, max. 53 July 28th. None nested.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	0	4	30	0	41	4	0	0	0	0
S	0	0	0	1	6	0	14	16	0	0	0	0

**BLACK TERN** *Chlidonias niger*

Ten north May 2nd & three north 13th. One June 23rd. One August 23rd & one south 25th. Three south September 1st.

**GUILLEMOT** *Uria aalge*

Early in the year one January 7th, five 25th & one north 28th, singles north February 5th & 22nd. An unidentified auk flew north May 12th. Later in the year singles September 22nd, October 14th with two 18th & singles November 11th & December 14th.

**RAZORBILL** *Alca torda*

One south January 8th & two north October 14th.

**LITTLE AUK** *Alle alle*

Two south October 24th & one south 25th. One in off the sea with Starlings and then back out on its own November 18th.

**FERAL PIGEON** *Columba livia*

A small group of Feral Pigeons first noted in November 1993 were present all year peaking at 23 on five dates October & November. 11 flew south in the Wood Pigeon movements November 4th & 5th.

**STOCK DOVE** *Columba oenas*

Up to six noted March 5th to December 2nd but with very few records July 15th to October 25th. In April three flew south 3rd & one 20th. In autumn one south September 21st preceded a total of 669 south October 26th to November 13th, max. 246 south November 4th.



**WOODPIGEON** *Columba palumbus*

Present all year with c.ten pairs nesting, but with poor breeding success. A total of 70 north 210 south noted on eight dates March 12th to May 28th, max. 95 south March 15th. A total of 81,098 south on autumn passage on 13 dates October 22nd to November 14th, max. 30,700 south November 4th & 45,550 south November 5th. As is usual, there were raiding parties on the Holm Oaks and Sea Kale pods in the autumn peaking at 185 November 10th.

**COLLARED DOVE** *Streptopelia decaocto*

Present all year with at least three pairs nesting but breeding success was very poor. Extra birds are often present on site with birds roosting on site all year peaking at 16 March 18th & 14 November 14th.

**TURTLE DOVE** *Streptopelia turtur*

A total of 16 noted April 30th to June 11th, max. three south May 21st. Singles in autumn August 26th, September 6th & 11th.

**CUCKOO** *Cuculus canorus*

Singles adults noted April 30th & June 25th.

**BARN OWL** *Tyto alba*

Singles October 5th & November 14th.

**LITTLE OWL** *Athene noctua*

Present all year but with very few winter sightings and none at all early in the year. One pair probably bred but failed. A dispersing juvenile turned up September 15th.

**LONG-EARED OWL** *Asio otus*

Singles October 12th, 16th & November 16th & one present plus another in off the sea 19th.

**SHORT-EARED OWL** *Asio flammeus*

Singles April 12th, October 6th, November 14th & 16th.

**OWL Sp.**

An *Asio* owl in off the sea & south October 18th.

**SWIFT** *Apus apus*

Noted from April 23rd to September 20th. The largest movement was 1130 south July 20th. Small numbers occasionally feed on site, max. 25 June 23rd.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
IN/N	0	0	0	1	15	750	205	7	0	0	0	0
S	0	0	0	21	491	821	1965	4	3	0	0	0

**KINGFISHER** *Alcedo atthis*

Singles September 15th & 21st..

**BEE-EATER** *Merops apiaster*

One south June 20th (M.Marsh). Third site record.

**WRYNECK** *Jynx torquilla*

Singles April 20th, September 11th and a different bird 12th.

**GREEN WOODPECKER** *Picus viridis*

Singles April 3rd, on eleven dates July 26th to September 13th & December 20th.

**GREAT SPOTTED WOODPECKER** *Dendrocopos major*

Singles in spring March 14th, April 22nd, May 12th & on 27 dates in autumn June 20th to November 26th.

**WOODLARK** *Lullula arborea*

Singles April 10th, May 12th, south October 9th & November 5th.

**SKYLARK** *Alauda arvensis*

Very few grounded birds noted all year. Singles noted on 17 dates February 19th to May 26th plus two March 11th. Autumn passage October 1st to December 10th, max. 29 south October 28th with a max. of grounded birds five October 13th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
IN/S	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	199	92	1

#### **SAND MARTIN** *Riparia riparia*

A total 17 south April 2nd to May 28th & a total of 41 north 387 south & four on site July 10th to October 5th, max. five north 89 south July 30th.

#### **SWALLOW** *Hirundo rustica*

Noted from March 17th to November 12th. Spring passage noted up to June 13th plus two south 22nd, max. 143 south April 30th. Small numbers occasionally loiter on site, max. eight. Autumn passage from July 2nd, max. 1209 south September 20th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	0	19	13	1	8	34	7	0	0	
IN/S	0	0	1	201	726	51	72	1249	4981	329	15	0

#### **HOUSE MARTIN** *Delichon urbicum*

Noted April 12th to November 16th, but with very few noted June 6th to August 27th. Small numbers occasionally loiter on site. The peak movement was 585 south September 29th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	0	1	6	0	5	0	30	0	0	0
IN/S	0	0	0	10	286	84	4	122	1337	176	4	0

#### **TREE PIPIT** *Anthus trivialis*

Spring singles April 22nd, 29th & May 1st. In autumn a total of 19 noted August 8th to October 8th, max. three September 12th.

#### **MEADOW PIPIT** *Anthus pratensis*

Seen all year but with very few in the winter months & none February 5th to March 7th. Nine pairs bred. Spring passage March 8th to early May, max. 60 March 20th. Autumn passage August 6th to December 20th, max. 313 in/south September 25th & of grounded migrants 150 October 13th.

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	0	0
IN/S	0	0	21	1	1	0	0	29	1455	577	171	13
Max On	3	1	60	20	18	20	20	25	100	150	19	5

#### **ROCK PIPIT** *Anthus petrosus*

Singles noted on three January, four February & two March dates to 21st. A total of three north 46 south September 20th to November 30th with singles noted on site on seven dates during this period plus two on three dates, max. six south October 29th & November 7th.

#### **YELLOW WAGTAIL** *Motacilla flava*

A total of six north 48 south April 11th to May 27th, plus up to three noted on the reserve on 13 dates during the spring passage period. Singles south June 19th, 24th & 28th preceded autumn passage totals of one north 76 south July 12th to October 11th, with up to six birds present on site on 12 dates during this period, max. two south six on September 11th.

#### **GREY-HEADED WAGTAIL** *M.f.thunbergi*

Male May 1st to 2nd (E.Patrick, R.Tomlinson *et al.*).

**GREY WAGTAIL** *Motacilla cinerea*

Spring passage singles south on five dates March 14th to April 1st. Singles noted on site May 3rd, 14th & 18th with one south June 23rd. A total of two north 102 south plus six on site August 29th to November 20th, max. nine south September 13th & 28th.

**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 with the first noted March 11th. A total of one north ten south March 18th to May 2nd. In autumn two south July 3rd preceded a total of 297 south September 13th to November 19th, max. 38 south October 10th. None seen after November 23rd.

**WHITE WAGTAIL** *M.a.alba*

One March 23rd.

**WAXWING** *Bombycilla garulus*

In January one 1st & seven south 4th.

**WREN** *Troglodytes troglodytes*

Eight successfully overwintered early in the year. Spring passage March 14th to April 30th with later migrants May 21st & 26th, max. five March 19th. One pair bred rearing two broods & two extra males oversummered. Several dispersing juveniles turned up on site at the end of June & in July. One August 17th preceded autumn passage September 13th to October 27th, max. six. At least seven birds were attempting to winter on site from October 29th, declining to five in December.

**DUNNOCK** *Prunella modularis*

Present all year with at least ten pairs nesting. Spring passage March 7th to April 11th. A later new adult May 23rd was unusual. The first juveniles noted May 17th with breeding success reasonably good this year. Many dispersing juveniles turn up on site from June onward until the start of autumn passage from September 13th to October 27th. Four flew south October 11th. The autumn max. was 30 October 15th.

**ROBIN** *Erithacus rubecula*

Eight birds successfully over-wintered. Spring passage March 16th to May 19th, max. 15 April 1st. Two pairs bred one rearing two broods & the other one brood after which the female was found dead. Juveniles were out of the nest May 28th with several dispersing juveniles turning up on site from June 5th to July 2nd. Autumn passage July 21st to November 19th, max. 80 October 19th. A late new bird was present December 23rd. At least twelve were attempting to wintering on site later in the year.

**NIGHTINGALE** *Luscinia megarhynchos*

One April 15th & two 26th with singles in autumn August 7th & September 7th.

**BLUETHROAT** *Luscinia svecica*

Male October 17th (K.Lewis).

**WHITE-SPOTTED BLUETHROAT** *L.s.cyanecula*

Three adult males. One March 20th to 23rd, another 20th to 22nd & another 21st at least (probably all three from 20th). (Various observers).

**BLACK REDSTART** *Phoenicurus ochruros*

Spring passage March 19th to April 11th, with later singles April 24th, May 1st & 12th, max. 15 March 21st. Juveniles were noted on one June, six July, 11 August & ten September dates indicating breeding nearby in the dock complex, max. two August 7th & September 21st. Passage in October from 7th to 13th with a later bird 30th, max. two October 7th & 8th.

**REDSTART** *Phoenicurus phoenicurus*

Up to three noted on five dates April 14th to May 10th. A young juvenile turned up July 9th & was still present August 18th. Autumn passage then noted on 14 dates August 25th to October 12th, max. three September 18th & 23rd.

**WHINCHAT** *Saxicola rubetra*

Three April 30th & one May 2nd. Autumn passage noted on 23 dates August 16th to September 22nd, max. five September 10th.

**STONECHAT** *Saxicola torquata*

One noted January 1st, 5th, 22nd & February 1st with spring singles February 25th, 28th & March 17th. In autumn singles noted on 14 dates October 4th to December 8th plus two November 1st & 3rd.

**ISABELLINE WHEATEAR** *Oenanthe isabellina*

One October 4th (N.Odin, O.Slessor *et al*). Second site record.

**WHEATEAR** *Oenanthe oenanthe*

Spring passage March 17th to May 29th plus a later moulting male June 10th to 29th with a high early count of 31 March 18th & a spring max. of 65 April 30th. Autumn passage July 21st to November 8th, max. 30 September 13th.

**RING OUZEL** *Turdus torquatus*

Spring singles March 21st, 31st, April 20th, three 26th & singles 30th & May 2nd. In autumn up to three noted on 15 dates October 15th to November 5th plus four October 22nd.

**BLACKBIRD** *Turdus merula*

Present all year with c.eight pairs nesting with very few young reared. Spring passage March 1st to May 23rd max. 30 March 19th. First dispersing juveniles noted from May 18th. First autumn migrants September 13th with stragglers noted to December 20th & peak counts of 100 October 6th & November 14th plus 350 November 17th.

**FIELDFARE** *Turdus pilaris*

Spring passage March 5th to April 11th, max. eight March 20th. In autumn noted October 16th to December 2nd with peak counts of 118 November 14th & 187 17th. Cold weather later in December brought 135 in off the sea 27th & two present 30th.

**SONG THRUSH** *Turdus philomelos*

At least three overwintered plus a new bird turning up January 31st. Spring passage March 14th to May 5th, max. ten April 1st & 2nd. Four dispersing juveniles turned up June 17th to July 21st. Autumn passage September 11th to December 4th plus two later migrants 21st, max. 75 October 6th & 40 17th. Up to three were on site in December.

**REDWING** *Turdus iliacus*

Spring passage March 11th to April 24th, max. 24 March 17th. Autumn passage October 4th to November 28th, max. 120 October 17th. Cold weather in December brought five in off the sea 27th with three present the 28th & one 29th.

**MISTLE THRUSH** *Turdus viscivorus*

Spring singles March 15th & April 5th. Autumn passage of 12 birds September 11th to November 12th, max. three October 6th.

**GRASSHOPPER WARBLER** *Locustella lanceolata*

Singles April 25th to 26th & August 26th.

**SEDGE WARBLER** *Acrocephalus schoenobaenus*

Five spring singles May 9th to 25th. In autumn singles on five dates July 23rd to September 2nd plus two August 7th.

**MARSH WARBLER** *Acrocephalus palustris*

One September 4th (P.J.Holmes *et al*).

**REED WARBLER** *Acrocephalus scirpaceus*

Up to two noted on ten dates April 26th to June 26th plus three May 27th. In autumn eight singles August 9th to September 21st plus two September 9th.

**BARRED WARBLER** *Sylvia nisoria*

One September 12th (O.Slessor, L.G.Woods, J.Zantboer *et al*).

**LESSER WHITETHROAT** *Sylvia curruca*

Spring passage April 20th to May 26th, max. ten April 30th & May 2nd. A later bird noted June 14th but none bred. Autumn passage August 10th to September 28th, max. three September 7th.

**WHITETHROAT** *Sylvia communis*

Spring passage April 25th to at least June 23rd, max. ten April 30th. Three pairs bred. Autumn passage start obscured by locally bred offspring but from at least August 15th to September 24th, max. 11 September 11th.

**GARDEN WARBLER** *Sylvia borin*

Seven spring singles April 27th to May 23rd, plus two April 30th & May 3rd. Autumn passage August 2nd to September 24th, max. three September 11th & 20th.

**BLACKCAP** *Sylvia atricapilla*

Spring passage March 23rd to June 14th, max. eight April 26th. Several juveniles turned up from June 18th onwards indicating nesting nearby but not on site. Autumn passage September 6th to December 4th, max. 12 September 19th.

**YELLOW-BROWED WARBLER** *Phylloscopus inornatus*

One October 8th to 9th (P.J.Holmes, E.Marsh *et al*).

**WOOD WARBLER** *Phylloscopus sibilatrix*

One April 30th.

**CHIFFCHAFF** *Phylloscopus collybita*

One January 22nd & 25th, presumably the bird from December '04. Spring passage March 13th to June 26th, max. 20 March 18th. Four dispersing juveniles turned up July 12th to 26th. Autumn passage August 28th to October 23rd with a later bird November 14th, max. seven September 21st & 22nd.

**SCANDINAVIAN CHIFFCHAFF** *P.c abietinus*

One May 16th was probably this race (N.Odin *et al*).

**SIBERIAN CHIFFCHAFF** *P.c.tristis*

One April 27th (N.Odin *et al*).

**WILLOW WARBLER** *Phylloscopus trochilus*

Spring passage March 29th to May 27th, max. 40 April 30th. Autumn passage July 27th to September 24th, max. 18 September 12th.

**GOLDCREST** *Regulus regulus*

Two birds successfully overwintered & were still present at the start of spring passage March 17th to April 26th, max. 25 March 21st. Autumn passage September 14th to November 14th, max. 100 October 15th, 17th & 18th.

**FIRECREST** *Regulus ignicapilla*

Spring passage March 21st to May 3rd, max. two on April 2nd. Autumn passage September 4th to November 9th, max. two October 6th.

**SPOTTED FLYCATCHER** *Muscicapa striata*

Spring passage on nine dates May 12th to 30th, max. three 16th & 23rd. Autumn passage on eight dates September 8th to October 1st, max. two September 11th & 12th.

**RED-BREASTED FLYCATCHER** *Ficedula parva*

One October 16th to 17th (M.James *et al*).

**PIED FLYCATCHER** *Ficedula hypoleuca*

Autumn passage on 22 dates August 18th to September 17th, max. four August 29th & five September 10th.

**LONG-TAILED TIT** *Aegithalos caudatus*

In spring three March 24th, one April 2nd & two 12th. In autumn one October 9th & seven November 5th.

**MARSH TIT** *Poecile palustris*

One June 22nd (M.Marsh, N.Odin, P.Oldfield *et al*). Second site record.

**CONTINENTAL COAL TIT** *Periparus ater ater*

One September 22nd.

**COAL TIT** *Periparus ater britannicus*

One June 19th.

**BLUE TIT** *Cyanistes caeruleus*

Small numbers present all year. One pair bred successfully. Spring passage March 5th to May 1st, max. 18 March 18th. A good number of dispersing broods & juveniles turned up on site from June 5th into July. Autumn passage August 11th to October 17th, max. eight September 21st & 22nd.

**GREAT TIT** *Parus major*

Present all year with two pairs breeding successfully. Spring passage March 9th to April 28th with later birds May 23rd & June 3rd, max. 37 March 18th. A handful of dispersing juveniles turning up on site from June 21st into July. Autumn passage August 11th to October 22nd, max. eight October 15th.

**GOLDEN ORIOLE** *Oriolus oriolus*

One May 16th (N.Odin). Forth site record.

**JAY** *Garrulus glandarius*

Singles April 15th to 16th & two October 23rd.

**MAGPIE** *Pica pica*

Present all year with one pair nesting but failing to rear any young. Spring max. eight on three March & three April dates & 12 October 27th later in the year.

**JACKDAW** *Corvus monedula*

In spring a total of four north, 19 south on ten dates March 15th to May 26th, max. five south May 10th. One present June 20th. In autumn one south September 13th, three south October 8th, two south 23rd, one south 27th & 18 south November 5th.

**ROOK** *Corvus frugilegus*

Spring passage of one north nine south & one on site on nine dates March 10th to April 26th, max. two south March 17th & April 11th. None in autumn.

**CARRION CROW** *Corvus corone*

Present all year with the local pair rearing one young on the dock lighting towers. Intruders occasionally turn up on site and are soon seen off by the locals with a spring max. 11 March 21st and 13 October 2nd in autumn. Spring passage movements of two north 54 south March 18th to May 23rd, max. 11 south March 18th & 25th. Visible movements in autumn of 20 south September 17th to November 5th, max. eight south October 23rd.

**STARLING** *Sturnus vulgaris*

Present all year with at least 15 pairs nesting. The spring max. was 100 March 26th. First juveniles noted May 14th with a mid-summer peak of 500 August 4th. Visible movements in autumn noted October 8th to November 20th with a total of 1352 noted coming in off the sea or flying south, max. 235 in/south November 9th. In early

autumn the pre-roost gathering peaked at 2,500 September 9th & later in the autumn 800 October 28th.

**ROSE-COLOURED STARLING** *Sturnus roseus*

Juvenile September 7th to 8th (O.Slessor *et al*). Fifth site record.

**HOUSE SPARROW** *Passer domesticus*

Present all year with a speculated 30 pairs nesting. The years peak count was 100 March 12th & August 16th.

**TREE SPARROW** *Passer montanus*

Singles noted April 25th, May 17th & July 30th. A total of 41 noted on 21 dates August 17th to October 10th, max. six September 17th.

**CHAFFINCH** *Fringilla coelebs*

One to two noted on site early and late in the year. One February 27th preceded spring passage March 11th to April 5th with later birds May 19th & 23rd & visible movements of 40 south March 18th to April 5th. Spring max. of grounded birds ten March 20th & 21st. A handful of dispersing juveniles turned up on site May 28th & 29th. One pair bred rearing one brood with the juveniles out from June 7th. One August 28th preceded autumn passage September 19th to December 3rd with a total of 952 south/in off the sea September 20th to November 30th, max. 135 south November 4th. Autumn max. of grounded birds was 20 October 3rd, 8th & 16th.

**BRAMBLING** *Fringilla montifringilla*

Spring passage singles noted on four dates March 30th to April 15th. Autumn passage totals of 97 south 58 on site October 3rd to November 18th, max. 54 south November 5th. A max. of eight were on site October 15th.

**SERIN** *Serinus serinus*

One May 26th (P.J.Holmes *et al*).

**GREENFINCH** *Carduelis chloris*

Present all year but with very few early in the year. One pair nested with juveniles first noted May 16th & several additional pairs nearby. Up to 70 birds fed daily on site in July & August. In spring a total of 79 south March 9th to April 4th, max. 42 south March 18th & the highest spring count on site 25 April 3rd. Visible migration noted in autumn with 9572 south September 14th to November 26th, max. 1585 south October 22nd, 2140 south 23rd & 1720 south 26th. Good numbers fed on site in October, max. 120.

**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 one north 138 south March 7th to May 31st, max. 14 south April 29th. First juveniles noted June 1st. Up to 15 noted feeding on site in the summer & up to 37 in autumn with a higher count of 80 October 17th. Visible passage movements totalling 5221 south September 1st to December 4th, max. 712 south October 22nd.

**SISKIN** *Carduelis spinus*

Spring passage singles south March 18th & 25th. In autumn a total of 62 north 792 south plus 12 on site September 8th to November 30th, max. 102 south September 15th.

**LINNET** *Carduelis cannabina*

First spring record March 9th. An estimated 30 to 40 pairs nested with several more nearby. In spring a total of 97 south March 18th to May 3rd, max. 40 south April 5th. First juveniles noted May 25th. Up to 100 were on site May to August. In autumn a

total of 913 south September 14th to November 20th, max. 114 south September 25th.  
Last seen November 20th.

**TWITE** *Carduelis flavirostris*

Four south November 1st.

**COMMON REDPOLL** *Carduelis flammea*

In October one 15th & 19th, two 20th, 22nd & 26th & one 27th & in November three 1st & singles 17th, 19th & 21st.

**LESSER REDPOLL** *Carduelis cabaret*

Spring singles March 31st & April 16th. In autumn a total of 1078 September 15th to November 22nd, max. 182 south October 26th & 198 south November 4th.

**CROSSBILL** *Loxia curvirostra*

Six south May 28th and in July one 13th, two on then south 20th & one 21st. In October two north two south 15th & one south 20th.

**TRUMPETER FINCH** *Bucanetes githagineus*

One May 21st to 26th (L.G.Woods *et al*). First site record.

**BULLFINCH** *Pyrrhula pyrrhula*

Three October 22nd.

**LAPLAND BUNTING** *Calcarius lapponicus*

One on then south November 4th.

**SNOW BUNTING** *Plectrophenax nivalis*

Early in the year noted sporadically up to March 20th, max. 14 March 1st. In autumn noted from November 5th to December 8th, max. 13 November 26th & 27th.

**YELLOWHAMMER** *Emberiza citrinella*

A total of seven south plus eight individuals on site February 17th to April 29th plus an exceptional 14 on site March 4th. In autumn three south plus two on site October 27th to November 19th. A later bird was present December 4th.

**REED BUNTING** *Emberiza schoeniclus*

In spring singles March 8th, 10th, two south 18th, one 21st & one April 21st. In autumn a total of 36 south & eight on site September 20th to November 14th, max. seven south November 5th.

**CORN BUNTING** *Miliaria calandra*

One April 20th, two May 1st & one south October 29th.

## ESCAPEES

**COCKATIEL** *Nymphicus hollandicus*

One July 18th.

**YELLOWHAMMER** *Emberiza citrinella*

A close ringed male May 28th to June 4th.

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