

# LANDGUARD BIRD OBSERVATORY

## SYSTEMATIC BIRD LIST 2006

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

Early in the year noted on twelve dates January 12th to March 29th, max. five north March 16th. Later in the year noted on 25 dates September 29th to December 31st, max. 15 north December 19th.

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

Singles south October 15th, north November 16th & in December one north plus one offshore 24th, one south 26th & one offshore 27th..

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

One January 6th. Two north, three south & two singles offshore on six dates March 9th to April 24th. One south May 23rd. Autumn passage of four north, 26 south & five offshore on nine dates October 12th to November 17th, max. two north twelve south November 4th. Finally one north & one offshore December 26th.

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

One south October 14th.

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

Noted February 21st to August 3rd plus two south September 5th with the largest movement six north six south May 1st.

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

One north September 9th.

### **STORM PETREL** *Hydrobates pelagicus*

One May 24th (N.Odin, O.R.Slessor *et al*)

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

One south September 6th (K.Leighton, O.R.Slessor, J.Zantboer *et al*).

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

One north February 26th. In March two north three south 11th & nine north 18th. A total of 14 north six south May 1st to 29th. A total of 60 north 18 south August 8th to November 2nd, max. 15 north one south October 15th.

### **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 ten north four south March 22nd, twelve south August 15th & eight south two in off 16th, three north 14 south September 16th, 16 south October 11th, three south eleven out November 3rd & two south 14 out December 30th.

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

One south April 25th, three south May 23rd, one south August 20th, two in off September 2nd & four in off 8th, one south October 2nd, two south 12th, one south 25th & one south 31st, one south November 2nd, one in off 3rd & one south 16th.

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

One north March 7th. Autumn movements totalling three north, six south & two in off on eight dates August 3rd to November 8th.

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

Noted on eight scattered dates, max. five south November 12th.

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

In October 14 south 10th & two south and in 14th.

**WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE** *Anser albifrons*

Five in off February 23rd.

**GREYLAG GOOSE** *Anser anser*

Local wanderers noted on six dates March 31st to May 5th max. six south March 31st.

**CANADA GOOSE** *Branta canadensis*

Noted on seven dates March 15th to May 25th max. five south March 15th. Two flew south July 20th, two south August 6th, five in off September 5th & two south October 11th.

**BARNACLE GOOSE** *Branta leucopsis*

33 south February 9th, two south March 28th & four south May 5th.

**BRENT GOOSE** *Branta bernicla*

The last spring movement was noted May 30th. First autumn record September 14th with four figure autumn counts of 5723 south October 11th & 2184 south 30th.

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

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	9	3	218	17	113	0	0	0	1	70	37	17
IN/S	12	0	83	33	4	0	0	0	0	54	10409	698

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**PALE-BELLIED BRENT GOOSE** *Branta bernicula hrota*

One south October 9th (N.Odin, O.R.Slessor, J.Zantboer *et al*).

**EGYPTIAN GOOSE** *Alopochen aegyptiacus*

One south April 3rd (R.A.Duncan, M.James, D.T.Langlois *et al*). Second site record.

**SHELDUCK** *Tadorna tadorna*

Small numbers noted moving offshore throughout the year with prospecting on the reserve in the spring by at least 19 birds. Two broods of ducklings noted June 10th & 17th. None were seen July 6th to August 3rd. The largest movement was 38 south November 2nd.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	16	5	0	0	0	8	1	6	8	3
S	5	3	43	25	14	2	0	17	20	173	75	53

**WIGEON** *Anas penelope*

Six south March 3rd was the only record until autumn when noted from August 13th to November 30th plus December 24th & 30th with a peak count of 754 south October 11th. Eighteen flew in off September 16th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	0	0	0
S	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	13	368	1569	105	5

**GADWALL** *Anas strepera*

Two south March 26th. In September two south 2nd & three offshore 6th. One south December 30th.

**TEAL** *Anas crecca*

One tideline corpse April 8th & an injured female May 26th were the only records until autumn passage July 21st to November 28th, max. 145 south September 9th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	14	0	0	0
S	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	196	443	314	54	0

**MALLARD** *Anas platyrhynchos*

Very few migrants seen. Two were on site April 12th.

		Monthly totals were:-											
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	5	0
S		0	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	2	2	6	4

**PINTAIL** *Anas acuta*

None early in the year. Autumn passage September 21st to December 11th, max. 122 south October 11th.

		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
S		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	206	2	2

**SHOVELER** *Anas clypeata*

One south March 30th & three south October 12th.

**POCHARD** *Aythya ferina*

One south May 5th, two south June 19th, two south October 10th, one south November 25th & twelve south December 29th.

**TUFTED DUCK** *Aythya fuligula*

Three south August 13th & in November two south 11th & nine south 25th.

**EIDER** *Somateria mollissima*

One offshore July 15th & one north 24th, one north August 13th, one north September 8th & one south 27th, seven north October 11th, eight north November 1st with a total of 15 south 20th to 26th & in December three offshore 10th & four south 30th.

		Monthly totals were:-											
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N		0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	7	8	0
S		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	15	4

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

One south November 1st.

**COMMON SCOTER** *Melanitta nigra*

One on then north January 14th was the only record prior to March 16th. None seen May 27th to July 28th. One was off shore August 21st. Peak counts one north 80 south November 5th & five north 72 south 11th. None seen after November 15th.

		Monthly totals were:-											
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N		1	0	15	6	62	0	1	7	14	14	98	0
S		0	0	0	41	5	0	0	39	8	90	183	0

**VELVET SCOTER** *Melanitta fusca*

One October 25th & one south November 10th.

**GOLDENEYE** *Bucephala clangula*

One south March 7th. In autumn a total of 23 south on eight dates October 11th to November 28th, max. eleven south October 30th.

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

One north March 18th. In autumn 53 south September 24th to December 30th, max. eleven south October 25th & November 25th.

**GOOSANDER** *Mergus merganser*

One up river October 14th.

**RED KITE** *Milvus milvus*

One untagged individual August 1st (P.J.Holmes, P.Oldfield, O.R.Slessor).

**MARSH HARRIER** *Circus aeruginosus*

Singles south May 5th, north 13th and south 18th & 24th, south August 20th, 27th & 29th, north September 7th, south 23rd & south October 9th.

**HEN HARRIER** *Circus cyaneus*

Ringtail November 2nd.

**SPARROWHAWK** *Accipiter nisus*

Singles noted on ten dates January to May 5th plus three April 3rd. A female present July 3rd. From August 10th to the years end one or two noted on 59 dates plus three September 1st.

**COMMON BUZZARD** *Buteo buteo*

One south then in over the docks July 19th.

**OSPREY** *Pandion haliaetus*

Singles south August 23rd & 27th.

**KESTREL** *Falco tinnunculus*

Singles, occasionally two noted on site throughout the year but with very few records early in the year. Visible passage included singles in off April 27th, north May 5th & south August 15th & 29th & October 2nd.

**MERLIN** *Falco columbarius*

One May 5th. In autumn six singles noted October 5th to November 12th plus one south December 13th.

**HOBBY** *Falco subbuteo*

One April 23rd, two 26th with singles 28th, May 2nd, 16th & 21st, June 8th & 27th, July 1st & 21st, August 3rd & 22nd, September 4th & 19th & October 11th.

**PEREGRINE** *Falco peregrinus*

The adult female from 2005 noted again January 4th & 6th with possibly the same bird March 25th. A immature male noted April 22nd and probably the same bird May 7th & 9th, June 20th, 22nd & 27th, July 28th and on seven September and 19 October dates until being joined by an adult female November 1st. One or both of these birds were then noted on a further 30 November and December dates. Courtship display was frequently noted in November. Additionally in autumn a juvenile was seen October 12th and singles south offshore November 12th, 15th & 16th.

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

Three birds at the start of the year increased to five April 3rd. One brood of chicks noted June 21st did not survive long. The population declined to four birds mid-November & to three from December 23rd to the years end.

**OYSTERCATCHER** *Haematopus ostralegus*

Up to four were occasionally on the reserve especially in the spring and summer with a pair attempting to nest unsuccessfully. Autumn movements from at least July 10th to November 25th with a couple of sightings late December & the years highest movements 44 south August 20th & 42 north September 16th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	3	0	3	7	13	2	1	16	43	0	0	0
S	0	2	19	18	38	8	16	205	25	21	4	2

**AVOCET** *Recurvirostra avosetta*

One south April 2nd & one dead on tideline 8th. Three south May 26th and in autumn six south November 3rd.

**RINGED PLOVER** *Charadrius hiaticula*

Roosting birds occasionally at high tide from January to end March peaked at 43 February 28th and again later in the year from mid-October to December peaked at 92 December 19th. Four pairs bred with no young reared. Very few passage birds seen, max. 25 south October 25th & 27 south November 16th.

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
S	0	0	0	18	1	0	0	4	5	29	27	0

**GOLDEN PLOVER** *Pluvialis apricaria*.

One present March 11th. A total of one north 15 south & twelve on site July 22nd to November 17th, max. five south July 22nd & one north four present September 16th. A flock of 80 flew south December 31st.

**GREY PLOVER** *Pluvialis squatarola*

Noted on eight dates March 11th to May 27th including a tideline corpse April 9th. In autumn noted on 24 dates July 20th to December 26th, max. eleven south November 25th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
IN/S	0	0	1	1	12	0	2	19	10	13	14	3

**LAPWING** *Vanellus vanellus*

Nine north March 11th, one south August 1st & one on 14th, two in off September 15th and singles on 16th & 24th were the only records prior to October 11th after which a small southerly movement noted up to November 25th plus singles present on two dates with two on November 4th, max. 23 south October 12th. One on site December 26th was the only record later in the year.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
IN/S	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	62	14	0

**KNOT** *Calidris canutus*

In spring singles south March 30th & April 1st. In autumn noted on 19 dates August 17th to December 11th, max. 104 south November 25th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
S	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	14	24	184	194	5

**SANDERLING** *Calidris alba*

Two south May 24th, two on beach October 24th & three south November 18th.

**PURPLE SANDPIPER** *Calidris maritima*

Singles November 18th & in December one regular from 9th to 31st with two on 19th.

**DUNLIN** *Calidris alpina*

Noted up to May 24th & in autumn from July 6th, max. 415 south October 30th. Small numbers on the beach on five dates early in the year & on two dates later in the year, max. 16 February 15th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
S	0	0	0	1	15	0	2	59	54	595	506	13

**RUFF** *Philomachus pugnax*

One south August 16th.

**JACK SNIPE** *Lymnocyrtus minimus*

One October 11th.

**SNIPE** *Gallinago gallinago*

One March 11th with one present April 24th to 28th. A total of ten on autumn passage August 13th to November 2nd, max. four September 24th.

**WOODCOCK** *Scolopax rusticola*

One January 24th. One in spring March 29th. In autumn singles October 1st, 11th, four November 2nd & one 4th.

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

Six south July 24th.

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

One south March 31st, one south April 22nd, twelve north two south May 1st & one present 10th with one south June 18th. In autumn a total of three north 49 south July 29th to November 20th, max. 26 south September 5th.

**WHIMBREL** *Numenius phaeopus*

In spring a total of 32 noted April 15th to May 25th, max. six May 5th. Six north three south noted on four dates June 10th to 20th. In autumn a total of 41 noted July 15th to September 15th, max. twelve south August 17th.

**CURLEW** *Numenius arquata*

Spring passage March 1st to May 11th with later singles 17th & 24th, max. 29 north April 17th. Autumn passage from at least June 8th to November 28th, max. 19 south June 24th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
E+N	0	0	1	37	2	0	0	1	0	2	1	0
IN/S	0	0	7	11	6	54	48	32	5	22	6	0

**SPOTTED REDSHANK** *Tringa erythropus*

One south August 1st.

**REDSHANK** *Tringa totanus*

Two in off March 20th, one north April 15th, one on June 16th & one south 18th were the only records until autumn passage July 10th to October 1st, max. 15 south August 16th. Singles were very occasionally on the reserve.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
S	0	0	0	0	0	1	14	39	15	4	0	0

**GREENSHANK** *Tringa nebularia*

None in spring. In autumn 13 noted on the reserve or flying south July 6th to August 27th plus a later bird south November 6th.

**GREEN SANDPIPER** *Tringa ochropus*

One south July 31st.

**COMMON SANDPIPER** *Tringa hypoleucos*

Singles May 15th & August 4th.

**TURNSTONE** *Arenaria interpres*

Last seen in spring May 28th and the first in autumn July 22nd. Peak movements five south August 1st & November 11th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	5	0
S	0	0	6	8	14	0	2	17	2	5	7	3
MAX ON	18	9	14	10	7	0	0	3	4	9	18	18

**GREY PHALAROPE** *Phalaropus fulicarius*

One south October 30th (O.R.Slessor, J.Zantboer). One on the river November 15th (M.Archer, N.Odin, O.R.Slessor) & presumed same 19th (N.Odin).

**POMARINE SKUA** *Stercorarius pomarinus*

One September 14th & in October one north 8th, one south & two on 10th, one north 14th, one north 17th, one north one south 19th & one south 25th. Finally one south December 30th.

**ARCTIC SKUA** *Stercorarius parasiticus*

Noted on nine dates August 4th to September 24th, max. two north one south September 14th & three north 21st..

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

One north August 20th (M.James, P.Oldfield).

**GREAT SKUA** *Catharcata skua*

Singles south October 10th & November 1st.

**MEDITERRANEAN GULL** *Larus melanocephalus*

Present all year except from April 27th to June 2nd with peak counts of 19 September 30th & 16 November 19th.

**LITTLE GULL** *Larus minutus*

One north May 1st, two in river September 14th & two south October 23rd.

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

Present throughout the year with a max. of 100 January 12th. Some small southerly movements noted at passage times with three figure southerly movements 160 south March 29th, 110 south April 3rd, 114 south September 5th, 550 south October 12th & 357 south 13th..

**COMMON GULL** *Larus canus*

Present almost all year although very few seen from end May to mid-July, max. 300 February 26th. Only very small numbers are noted moving at passage times with no notable counts.

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

Very few noted early & late in the year & none at all after December 11th. Very common all summer from mid-March to mid-November with large numbers nesting in the adjoining docks.

**HERRING GULL** *Larus argentatus*

Present all year with large numbers nesting in the adjoining docks. 200 offshore February 26th was largest count. Some small offshore movement is noted in the migration periods, max. 100 north March 22nd.

**GLAUCOUS GULL** *Larus hyperboreus*

Adult January 27th (J.Zantboer).

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

Present all year although fewer noted in the summer months. One pair could be seen nesting on the dock roofs from the observatory. 44 December 11th was the peak count. Some small passage movements were noted in the migration periods.

**KITTIWAKE** *Rissa tridactyla*

Only seen erratically in the first winter period, max. 40 January 27th. None seen March 26th to May 7th. A total of three north eight south & one offshore May 8th to 27th. Three south June 17th, one south September 30th & one north October 15th were the only other sightings until again noted erratically offshore from November 1st to the years end, max. 33 south November 25th & 30 offshore December 24th.

**GULL-BILLED TERN** *Sterna nilotica*

(2005 Addition. One June 14th (J.Zantboer). Third site record).

**SANDWICH TERN** *Sterna sandvicensis*

Noted April 29th to October 18th with a peak count of 18 south September 14th. Small numbers occasionally feed offshore & in the river mouth, max. seven August 20th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	0	1	5	8	5	8	26	4	0	0
S	0	0	0	0	11	1	6	19	84	15	0	0

**ROSEATE TERN** *Sterna dougallii*

One out of the river September 14th (P.Oldfield).

**COMMON TERN** *Sterna hirundo*

Noted April 17th to October 19th max. 69 north May 8th & 64 south September 14th. Up to 30 birds noted offshore throughout the period, with higher counts of 35 May 8th & 37 31st.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	0	16	111	4	6	107	49	0	0	0
S	0	0	0	6	150	0	27	164	283	17	0	0

**ARCTIC TERN** *Sterna paradisaea*

In spring seven north one south on four dates May 2nd to 25th. In autumn eleven south & two singles in river September 2nd to October 17th.

**SOOTY TERN** *Sterna fuscata*

One out of the river & south September 14th (N.Odin, O.R.Slessor, J.Zantboer). First site record.

**LITTLE TERN** *Sterna albifrons*

Noted April 25th to September 4th, max. 22 May 31st. None nested.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	0	0	14	0	6	5	0	0	0	0
S	0	0	0	0	35	0	12	13	18	0	0	0

**BLACK TERN** *Chlidonias niger*

Singles August 15th & 20th, two south September 21st & three 22nd.

**GUILLEMOT** *Uria aalge*

Singles offshore February 20th, September 14th, October 15th & south 25th & November 30th. In December noted on six dates max. one south & two offshore 24th.

**RAZORBILL** *Alca torda*

One dead January 31st, one south October 11th & one offshore December 24th.

**LITTLE AUK** *Alle alle*

Five south October 25th and in November six north three south 2nd, one north, two south, one in off, three up river and two on the river 3rd (total nine), two dead 4th & one dead 18th.

**FERAL PIGEON** *Columba livia*

A small group of Feral Pigeons first noted in November 1993 were present all year peaking at 26 December 21st & 23rd.

**STOCK DOVE** *Columba oenas*

Up to six noted on site February 19th to December 11th. In spring 19 south noted on five dates March 10th to 31st. In autumn singles south September 17th & October 9th preceded a total of four north 70 south October 21st to November 19th, max. 22 south November 1st.

**WOODPIGEON** *Columba palumbus*



Present all year with at least 15 to 18 pairs nesting. A total of 21 north 6221 south noted on 33 dates March 25th to June 22nd, max. 2060 south March 28th. Four south August 6th preceded a total of 21,043 south on nine dates October 8th to November 10th, max. 9,450 south November 1st. As is usual, there were raiding parties on the Holm Oaks and Sea Kale pods in the autumn peaking at 50 November 25th.

**COLLARED DOVE** *Streptopelia decaocto*

Present all year with at least four 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 12th.

**TURTLE DOVE** *Streptopelia turtur*

A total of 20 noted April 29th to June 19th, max. four south May 19th. One in autumn September 10th.

**CUCKOO** *Cuculus canorus*

Singles adults noted May 5th, June 22nd, 23rd, 25th & July 3rd.

**LITTLE OWL** *Athene noctua*

Present all year but with very few winter sightings. One pair probably bred but failed. Two new birds ringed March 7th had probably turned up during the winter months.

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

One in off the sea and inland November 4th.

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

One south March 20th. One south October 11th & three in off the sea 30th, one in off the sea then south November 4th & one present 9th.

**SWIFT** *Apus apus*

Noted from May 1st to September 6th. The largest movement was 2930 south June 22nd. Small numbers occasionally feed on site, max. six.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
IN/N	0	0	0	0	13	505	1	71	0	0	0	0
S	0	0	0	0	89	3344	237	887	36	0	0	0

**WRYNECK** *Jynx torquilla*

One October 1st to 2nd.

**GREEN WOODPECKER** *Picus viridis*

Singles February 8th, April 2nd & 4th. Singles noted on six dates July 25th to August 16th plus two July 26th.

**GREAT SPOTTED WOODPECKER** *Dendrocopos major*

Singles noted on 19 dates in autumn June 25th to October 7th, plus two July 10th.

**WOODLARK** *Lullula arborea*

One March 15th and presumed same 19th to 25th. In autumn two south October 11th and one present 12th.

**SKYLARK** *Alauda arvensis*

Very few grounded birds noted all year. Up to two noted on eleven dates February 17th to June 3rd plus six south March 25th. Autumn passage September 26th to December 20th, max. 134 south November 2nd with a max. of grounded birds seven October 17th & 18th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
IN/S	0	0	8	1	0	0	0	0	1	223	196	3

**SHORE LARK** *Eremophila alpestris*

One south October 21st (N.Cant, N.Odin, J.Zantboer *et al*).

**SAND MARTIN** *Riparia riparia*

In spring a total of 26 south & three in off April 8th to May 5th. In autumn a total of six north 242 south & two on site July 4th to September 26th, max. 54 south July 8th.

**SWALLOW** *Hirundo rustica*

Noted from March 29th to November 15th. Spring passage noted up to June 21st, max. 169 south May 5th. Small numbers occasionally loiter on site, max. ten. Autumn passage from July 10th with peak counts of 3370 south August 27th, 1060 south September 4th & 1455 south 6th..

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	0	17	20	2	2	0	26	2	0	
IN/S	0	0	3	131	575	20	55	4980	7032	729	5	0

**HOUSE MARTIN** *Delichon urbicum*

Noted April 17th to November 5th, but with very few noted June 23rd to August 17th. Small numbers occasionally loiter on site, max. 20 July 25th. The peak movement was 1850 south September 6th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	13	0	0	0
IN/S	0	0	0	4	79	19	2	487	2867	126	1	0

**TREE PIPIT** *Anthus trivialis*

In spring a total of 13 noted April 20th to May 15th, max. three May 9th. In autumn a total of 15 noted August 23rd to October 12th, max. two September 5th & 24th.

**MEADOW PIPIT** *Anthus pratensis*

Seen all year but with very few in the winter months. Seven pairs bred. Seven south January 1st & two south 6th during a cold spell. Spring passage unimpressive March to late April, max. 25 April 5th & 15th. Autumn passage August 17th to November 29th plus a late bird south December 27th, max. 357 in/south September 27th & of grounded migrants 50 September 18th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
IN/S	9	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	1186	689	98	1
Max On	3	7	20	25	15	25	20	15	50	30	8	1

**ROCK PIPIT** *Anthus petrosus*

One January 4th & two 7th. A total of 19 south October 5th to November 19th with singles noted on site on three dates during this period plus two on three dates, max. two south plus two on site October 11th & three south November 9th.

**YELLOW WAGTAIL** *Motacilla flava*

A total of one north 56 south April 17th to May 29th, plus up to three noted on the reserve on six dates during the spring passage period, max. eight south May 5th. Autumn passage totals of two north 138 south July 21st to September 27th, with up to three birds present on site on seven dates during this period, max. 18 south September 4th.

**GREY WAGTAIL** *Motacilla cinerea*

Spring passage singles south on four dates & on site on two dates March 9th to April 7th with later singles south April 22nd, May 11th & 29th. A total of two north 59 south plus two on site August 1st to October 28th, max. seven south September 23rd.

**PIED WAGTAIL** *Motacilla alba*

One pair nested in the dock edge and these local birds account for many records of birds on the reserve. One January 28th was the only record prior to March 6th. A total of one north 15 south March 25th to May 14th. In autumn one south July 5th & two

south 29th plus two south August 8th preceded a total of 245 south August 23rd to November 14th, max. 25 south October 8th. None seen after November 30th.

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

Singles April 13th & 26th, May 5th & 10th.

**WREN** *Troglodytes troglodytes*

Seven birds successfully overwintered surviving from last year. Spring passage March 25th to April 26th with a new adult June 11th unusual, max. ten March 26th. One pair bred successfully rearing six young & two extra males over summered. Seven dispersing juveniles turned up on site from July 15th to August 16th preceding a poor autumn passage October 10th to November 2nd plus a later bird 29th, max. five. At least five birds were attempting to winter later in the year.

**DUNNOCK** *Prunella modularis*

At least 15 birds successfully survived the winter on site. Present all year with at least ten pairs nesting. Spring passage March 2nd to May 9th. A later new adult May 27th was unusual. The first juveniles noted June 2nd with breeding success reasonably good this year. Many dispersing juveniles turn up on site from June onwards until the start of autumn passage from at least September 23rd to October 21st. One flew south October 12th. The autumn max. was 20 on several dates.

**ROBIN** *Erithacus rubecula*

Eleven birds successfully overwintered. Spring passage March 11th to May 12th, max. twelve March 24th. Two pairs bred, both rearing one brood. Juveniles were out of the nest May 28th with several dispersing juveniles turning up on site from June 24th to July 25th. Autumn passage from at least August 11th to November 8th plus a later bird 28th, max. 50 October 9th. At least ten were attempting to winter on site later in the year.

**NIGHTINGALE** *Luscinia megarhynchos*

Singles April 21st & 22nd with singles in autumn August 15th & 24th.

**WHITE-SPOTTED BLUETHROAT** *Luscinia svecica cyanecula*

Male March 12th (K.Lewis).

**BLACK REDSTART** *Phoenicurus ochruros*

Spring passage singles noted on eleven dates March 27th to May 12th. Juveniles were noted June 21st & 22nd plus July 2nd indicating breeding nearby in the dock complex. Autumn passage singles noted on eight dates October 14th to November 5th.

**REDSTART** *Phoenicurus phoenicurus*

In April two 17th & singles 18th & 20th. A late spring female June 10th. A young juvenile present July 3rd to 4th. Autumn passage noted on eleven dates September 13th to 26th, max. five 16th plus a later bird October 13th to 16th.

**WHINCHAT** *Saxicola rubetra*

Spring singles noted April 23rd, May 3rd, 9th, 15th & June 3rd. Autumn passage noted on 16 dates August 13th to September 24th plus a later bird October 16th, max. two August 23rd, September 14th & 23rd.

**STONECHAT** *Saxicola torquata*

One May 5th. In autumn singles noted on six dates September 19th to November 6th.

**WHEATEAR** *Oenanthe oenanthe*

Spring passage March 27th to May 29th, max. 114+ April 20th with other notable counts of 30 April 18th, 33 19th & 36 26th. Autumn passage August 1st to October 21st, max. ten September 17th.

**RING OUZEL** *Turdus torquatus*

In spring one April 18th & two 20th one of which remained to May 3rd. In autumn singles October 15th, 18th & 23rd, November 1st & 2nd.

**BLACKBIRD** *Turdus merula*

Present all year with seven or eight pairs nesting rearing very few young. Spring passage March 7th to May 12th with a later bird 25th, max. 25 March 26th, 27th & 28th. First juveniles noted from May 1st with dispersing birds turning up on site from May 29th to September 1st. Autumn passage September 23rd to December 3rd with a handful of later new birds noted in colder conditions December 20th to 26th with notable counts over 30 being 400 November 2nd, 60 3rd, 75 4th & 35 8th.

**FIELDFARE** *Turdus pilaris*

Up to two noted on nine January dates. Spring passage February 22nd to April 19th, max. three February 23rd. In autumn noted October 12th to November 10th with peak counts of 131 in off November 1st & 34 in off & seven on site 2nd.

**SONG THRUSH** *Turdus philomelos*

At least three over wintered with six new birds turning up January 14th to February 3rd. Spring passage March 7th to May 17th, max. ten March 27th. Seven dispersing juveniles turned up July 4th to August 5th. Autumn passage September 16th to November 28th, max. 54 October 12th. At least one was on site in December.

**REDWING** *Turdus iliacus*

Spring passage March 19th to April 15th, max. 45 March 26th & 40 27th. Autumn passage October 5th to November 11th, max. 71 in off & two on site November 1st.

**MISTLE THRUSH** *Turdus viscivorus*

Singles February 13th & 16th. In spring a total of seven birds noted March 20th to 26th. Autumn passage singles noted on eight dates September 22nd to November 1st plus two October 3rd.

**GRASSHOPPER WARBLER** *Locustella lanceolata*

One August 23rd.

**SEDGE WARBLER** *Acrocephalus schoenobaenus*

Four spring singles noted April 25th to May 12th. In autumn two on both August 4th & 5th with singles 16th, 28th & September 16th.

**REED WARBLER** *Acrocephalus scirpaceus*

Up to three noted on twelve dates May 1st to June 25th plus six May 16th & four 25th. In autumn eleven singles July 25th to October 3rd.

**LESSER WHITETHROAT** *Sylvia curruca*

Spring passage April 23rd to June 2nd, max. six April 27th. A new adult July 6th was unusual. One pair bred successfully. Autumn passage at least July 28th to September 29th, max. five August 27th.

**WHITETHROAT** *Sylvia communis*

Spring passage April 15th to June 25th, max. 19 April 26th. Four pairs bred. Autumn passage start obscured by locally bred offspring but from at least July 23rd to September 30th, max. six August 15th.

**GARDEN WARBLER** *Sylvia borin*

Five spring singles May 3rd to 12th. One July 28th preceded autumn passage singles on twelve dates August 22nd to September 26th plus two September 17th.

**BLACKCAP** *Sylvia atricapilla*

A female present at least January 14th to February 1st. Spring passage April 2nd to June 16th, max. twelve April 25th. Dispersing juveniles turned up July 6th & 27th indicating nesting nearby but not on site with these dispersing birds present to at least

August 26th. Autumn passage September 1st to November 24th, max. ten October 16th.

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

One October 2nd to 3rd (O.R.Slessor *et al*).

**RADDE'S WARBLER** *Phylloscopus schwarzi*

One October 10th to 12th (N.Odin, O.R.Slessor *et al*). Forth site record.

**WOOD WARBLER** *Phylloscopus sibilatrix*

One August 4th to 5th.

**CHIFFCHAFF** *Phylloscopus collybita*

One February 23rd preceded spring passage March 25th to June 15th, max. 18 April 15th. Autumn passage September 5th to November 15th, max. 15 October 10th.

**WILLOW WARBLER** *Phylloscopus trochilus*

Spring passage April 4th to May 17th plus a later bird June 1st, max. 25 April 19th. One July 5th was unusual. Autumn passage July 28th to October 1st, max. 30 August 21st.

**GOLDCREST** *Regulus regulus*

Spring passage March 30th to April 20th, max. two April 8th & 20th. Autumn passage September 16th to November 19th, max. twelve October 18th.

**FIRECREST** *Regulus ignicapilla*

Spring passage March 28th to May 3rd plus later singles 25th, June 3rd & 4th, max. five April 6th. Autumn passage September 9th to 24th & October 15th to 18th, max. seven September 10th.

**SPOTTED FLYCATCHER** *Muscicapa striata*

Spring passage on 15 dates April 27th to June 15th, max. six May 16th. Autumn passage on twelve dates August 16th to September 27th, max. four September 17th.

**PIED FLYCATCHER** *Ficedula hypoleuca*

Autumn passage singles on seven dates August 14th to September 24th plus two September 5th.

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

In spring one February 18th, two March 26th & one April 22nd. One August 8th was unseasonal. In autumn six October 30th with one remaining to November 4th.

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

Four March 31st & in April one 2nd, two 3rd & singles 4th, 7th, 14th, 21st & 24th.

**BLUE TIT** *Cyanistes caeruleus*

Present all year with one pair breeding successfully. Spring passage March 7th to April 24th with later birds May 28th & June 7th, max. eight March 30th. Very few dispersing broods & juveniles turned up on site from June 23rd to August 6th. Autumn passage September 7th to November 11th, max. eight on six dates.

**GREAT TIT** *Parus major*

Present all year with two pairs breeding successfully. One February 13th preceded a very good spring passage of at least 410 birds March 6th to April 17th with at least 390 birds moving through March 25th to April 4th, max. 90+ March 30th. Dispersing juveniles turned up on site June 11th & 16th. Autumn passage very poor September 5th to October 13th, max. six September 10th.

**NUTHATCH** *Sitta europaea*

One juvenile June 25th (O.R.Slessor *et al*). Second site record.

**TREECREEPER** *Certhia familiaris*

One September 4th (O.R.Slessor *et al*). Eighth site record.

**RED-BACKED SHRIKE** *Lanius collurio*

Female June 8th (P.J.Holmes *et al*).

**MAGPIE** *Pica pica*

Present all year with one pair nesting rearing one young. Spring max. seven March 15th & 22nd and a max. of eleven September 30th later in the year.

**JACKDAW** *Corvus monedula*

One January 12th. In spring a total of eight north ten south plus five singles on site on 13 dates March 18th to June 10th, max. six north April 18th. In autumn one north seven south plus three singles on site on ten dates September 21st to November 2nd with an additional ten present on site October 15th & seven 16th.

**ROOK** *Corvus frugilegus*

Spring passage of five south on four dates March 25th to April 8th, max. two south April 8th. None in autumn.

**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. 17 March 31st and 18 October 8th in autumn. Spring passage movements of 43 south plus six in off March 10th to April 29th, max. nine south March 31st. Visible movements in autumn of 15 south September 24th to October 28th, max. nine south October 3rd.

**STARLING** *Sturnus vulgaris*

Present all year with only seven or eight pairs nesting. The spring max. was 163 March 25th. First juveniles noted May 17th with a mid-summer roost of 1200 end July & early August. Visible movements in autumn noted September 19th to November 19th with a total of 1930 noted coming in off the sea or flying south, max. 1140 in/south November 3rd. In early autumn the roost peaked at 2,500 September 19th increasing to 5,000 from November 12th to December 14th after which the roost rapidly disappeared presumably as a result of predation by unknown predators.

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

Juvenile October 2nd (J.Zantboer). Sixth site record.

**HOUSE SPARROW** *Passer domesticus*

Present all year with a speculated 20 pairs nesting but rearing very few young. The years peak count was 88 roosting August 24th.

**TREE SPARROW** *Passer montanus*

Singles March 9th, May 10th, 11th & 14th. In autumn four August 27th, two October 12th & one 23rd.

**CHAFFINCH** *Fringilla coelebs*

One to two noted on site early and late in the year. Spring passage March 7th to May 23rd with two later birds June 4th & later singles 15th & 18th. Visible movements of 204 south March 25th to April 27th, max. 86 south March 31st & the spring max. of grounded birds eight March 30th. A handful of dispersing juveniles turned up on site from June 4th. One pair bred rearing one brood with several other pairs nearby. One August 19th preceded autumn passage September 9th to December 1st with a total of 1174 south/in off the sea September 22nd to November 26th, max. 447 south October 8th. Autumn max. of grounded birds was 20 October 8th.

**BRAMBLING** *Fringilla montifringilla*

Spring passage singles noted on six dates March 24th to May 8th. Autumn passage totals of 42 in/south & 84 on site September 17th to November 19th, max. 19 in/south November 2nd. A max. of 14 were on site October 15th.

**SERIN** *Serinus serinus*

One May 3rd to 5th (N.Odin, *et al*).

**GREENFINCH** *Carduelis chloris*

Present all year but with very few early in the year. One pair nested with several additional pairs nearby; breeding success poor. Juveniles first noted May 31st. Up to 20 birds fed daily on site in July & August. In spring visible migration totals of 118 south March 10th to May 6th, max. 25 south March 31st with the highest spring count on site eight March 27th. Visible migration noted in autumn with twelve south September 2nd preceding a total of 4395 south September 22nd to November 26th, max. 1610 south October 8th. Good numbers fed on site in October, max. 110 October 11th.

**GOLDFINCH** *Carduelis carduelis*

Present all year although very few noted in the winter months. At least one pair bred nearby. Visible migration in spring totalled 143 south March 25th to May 27th, max. 33 south May 5th. First juveniles noted June 23rd. Up to six noted feeding on site in the summer & up to 40 in autumn. Visible passage movements totalling 4635 south August 27th to November 30th, max. 855 south October 8th.

**SISKIN** *Carduelis spinus*

In spring a total of six north 45 south & one on site April 2nd to May 4th, max. 30 south April 24th. Mid summer singles noted June 10th, 16th & 19th with two July 5th. In autumn a total of 46 south plus one on site September 19th to November 18th, max. twelve south October 28th.

**LINNET** *Carduelis cannabina*

Five January 1st then next noted February 11th. An estimated 30 to 40 pairs nested with several more nearby. In spring a total of 241 south March 25th to May 6th, max. 120 south April 25th. First juveniles noted May 25th. Up to 100 were on site May to August. In autumn four south August 19th preceded a total of 1105 south September 2nd to November 26th, max. 430 south October 8th. Last seen November 26th.

**LESSER REDPOLL** *Carduelis cabaret*

Spring singles May 3rd, 5th & 8th. In autumn a total of 54 noted October 5th to November 29th, max. eleven south October 21st.

**COMMON ROSEFINCH** *Carpodacus erythrinus*

One September 17th (N.Odin). Seventh site record.

**BULLFINCH** *Pyrrhula pyrrhula*

One south April 18th.

**HAWFINCH** *Coccothraustes coccothraustes*

One south March 25th.

**LAPLAND BUNTING** *Calcarius lapponicus*

One south September 24th.

**SNOW BUNTING** *Plectrophenax nivalis*

Early in the year noted regularly up to March 9th, max. 21 February 9th. In autumn one south September 27th, four south October 7th, two south November 2nd with singles on site on seven dates November 22nd to December 19th plus two on December 30th.

**YELLOWHAMMER** *Emberiza citrinella*

In spring one March 9th, two 25th and singles April 6th & 21st. In autumn two south on both October 30th & 31st with singles on site November 10th & 14th.

**LITTLE BUNTING** *Emberiza pusilla*

One October 18th to 19th (P.Merchant, O.R.Slessor). Third site record.

**REED BUNTING** *Emberiza schoeniclus*

In spring singles February 8th, two in off March 25th and one on site April 3rd. In autumn a total of 21 south, one in off & twelve on site September 18th to November 3rd, max. four south October 5th.

**CORN BUNTING** *Miliaria calandra*

One April 23rd & one south October 25th.

**ESCAPEES**

**LORD DERBY'S PARAKEET** *Psittacula derbiana*

Male December 14th. First site record.

**COCKATIEL** *Nymphicus hollandicus*

One September 26th.

**BUDGERIGAR** *Melopsittacus undulatus*

One July 19th and one on four dates August 8th to 18th.

**CANARY** *Serinus canaria*

One May 27th.

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