

LANDGUARD BIRD OBSERVATORY

SYSTEMATIC BIRD LIST 2007

RED-THROATED DIVER *Gavia stellata*

Early in the year noted on 17 dates January 1st to April 10th, max. four north, eight south & one offshore January 16th. Later in the year noted on 28 dates September 17th to December 30th with double figure counts in December of 20 north 152 south 13th, seven north four south 15th & 133 north 15 south 16th.

BLACK-THROATED DIVER *Gavia arctica*

In January singles south 2nd, 4th, north 14th & offshore 16th. Later in the year one north October 1st, one offshore November 10th & one south December 13th.

GREAT NORTHERN DIVER *Gavia immer*

One offshore February 3rd. Later in the year one north November 4th & one south 11th.

GREAT CRESTED GREBE *Podiceps cristatus*

One south January 16th. In March two south 3rd, one south 10th & two south 22nd. Mid-summer records of one south July 12th & two south 14th. Early autumn records of one north August 18th & one south September 13th preceded passage of five north 17 south & six offshore on nine dates October 13th to December 14th, max. five south November 11th & one south four offshore 24th.

RED-NECKED GREBE *Podiceps grisegena*

Singles south October 13th & November 12th plus two south December 13th.

FULMAR *Fulmarus glacialis*

Noted March 3rd then from April 8th to June 26th. No summer records. Noted again August 18th to September 2nd plus a later bird October 6th with the largest movement four north May 1st.

SOOTY SHEARWATER *Puffinus griseus*

In October four north 1st, two north 2nd & one north 24th.

MANX SHEARWATER *Puffinus puffinus*

Singles north August 22nd & south October 1st.

GANNET *Morus bassanus*

One south January 4th. In March one north 20th & two north 23rd. Noted on 67 dates April 26th to December 9th with notable counts of one north 53 south June 23rd, 48 south 24th, 13 north 30 south July 15th, 62 south August 22nd, nine north 23 south September 24th & 41 north October 1st.

CORMORANT *Phalacrocorax carbo*

Present all year with most 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 eight out two on June 10th, eleven out September 17th, 15 out one on November 19th & two in 18 out 28th, 14 south one on December 1st, seven south one in four out two on 13th, nine south two out three on 27th, 29 south two on 29th & an exceptional count of two south plus a single flock of 50 offshore 30th.

SHAG *Phalacrocorax aristotelis*

Singles January 4th, March 9th & north 27th, south April 2nd, October 9th, south 17th, south 24th, November 25th to 26th & December 13th.

EGRET Sp. *Egretta sp.*

One high south July 29th was thought by the observers to be a Cattle Egret.

LITTLE EGRET *Egretta garzetta*

One in off January 1st, one out April 25th & one north 26th, one south May 7th, three south 11th, one south 14th & four south 22nd, three south June 27th & one south 28th, one south July 11th & one north 24th, five north September 4th, one south November 12th, one north one south 13th & five in off 14th.

GREAT WHITE EGRET *Ardea alba*

One south & inland into Essex September 25th (S.Goddard, D.T. Langlois, N.Odin, R.Q.Skeen). Second site record.

GREY HERON *Ardea cinerea*

One south April 20th & two south 23rd. Autumn movements totalling three north 18 south one in off & two out on 20 dates June 4th to November 3rd.

SPOONBILL *Platalea leucorodia*

One south October 13th (J.Zantboer *et al*). Fifth site record & the first for 19 years.

MUTE SWAN *Cygnus olor*

Two noted on three March dates. Later in the year noted on seven dates September 11th to November 4th, max. eleven in off September 11th.

WHOOPEE SWAN *Cygnus cygnus*

Five south December 16th (N.Odin). Fifth site record.

TUNDRA BEAN GOOSE *Anser fabalia rossicus*

Two in/north November 14th (T.W.Holland, D.T.Langlois, N.Odin *et al*). Sixth site record.

PINK-FOOTED GOOSE *Anser brachyrhynchus*

In October five in off 4th & three south 11th.

WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE *Anser albifrons*

36 in off January 27th.

GREYLAG GOOSE *Anser anser*

Two south January 16th. Local wanderers noted on 19 dates March 28th to June 18th max. 26 south June 18th. Later in the year one October 3rd & four in off November 25th.

CANADA GOOSE *Branta canadensis*

Noted on eight dates March 7th to June 18th max. eleven north June 9th. Later in the year singles north October 18th & 30th.

BARNACLE GOOSE *Branta leucopsis*

74 south February 17th, three south May 8th & seven south 20th, one south June 3rd & one in off 13th.

BRENT GOOSE *Branta bernicla*

Last noted in spring June 3rd. First autumn record August 15th with four figure autumn counts of two north 2800 south October 13th & 1093 south 24th.

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

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	42	43	71	18	517	3	0	0	1	29	100	22
IN/S	19		13	58	29	2	0	0	1	19	5609	543

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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 16 birds. One brood of ducklings noted July 3rd. The largest movement was six north 74 south November 11th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	1	0	3	2	4	0	6	0	1	2	13	4

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WIGEON *Anas penelope*

In January 50 south 1st, 29 in off 6th & one south 16th. In spring three in off March 9th, heard calling April 12th & two north 28th. In autumn noted August 23rd to December 28th with a peak count of 217 south October 13th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	15	3	18
S+in	80	0	3	0	0	0	0	10	152	627	60	92

GADWALL *Anas strepera*

In May two 13th, & two south 19th. Later in the year two south November 19th & four south December 16th.

TEAL *Anas crecca*

Ten south January 1st was the only record until autumn passage July 11th to November 24th, max. 83 south October 13th. Later in December 80 north 286 south 27th, ten south 28th & one south 31st.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	2	0	0	80
S	10	0	0	0	0	0	15	102	170	177	48	297

MALLARD *Anas platyrhynchos*

Very few migrants seen, max. ten south July 20th. Two were on site April 19th & 21st & three June 18th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	0	3	4	1	0	0	0	4	0	0
S	0	0	0	3	3	0	16	0	0	2	0	0

PINTAIL *Anas acuta*

None early in the year. Autumn passage very poor September 12th to December 13th, max. six south November 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	0	0	0	0
S+in	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	11	5

SHOVELER *Anas clypeata*

Ten south January 1st, four in off August 1st & one south 22nd, two south September 12th & two south 19th, ten south November 1st & two south 7th.

POCHARD *Aythya ferina*

Three south April 26th.

TUFTED DUCK *Aythya fuligula*

Three south May 17th, five south July 23rd, one south September 5th & one south November 2nd.

EIDER *Somateria mollissima*

Three north May 30th, one offshore July 14th & three south 20th, one offshore August 24th, one north September 4th, five north 28th & one north 29th, three north October 2nd & nine south 24th, four north November 11th, six south 14th & three south 24th & five south December 13th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	7	3	4	0
S	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	9	9	5

LONG-TAILED DUCK *Clangula hyemalis*

Two south plus one offshore November 10th & two south December 13th.

COMMON SCOTER *Melanitta nigra*

Seen in all months except February. Peak counts were 106 south August 19th, 160 south November 4th & seven north 109 south 10th. 30 flew out of the river November 5th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	4	1	1	16	33	20	11	11	41	35
S	58	0	1	1	6	65	79	107	40	199	420	7

VELVET SCOTER *Melanitta fusca*

One south October 17th, one south December 13th & two north 29th.

GOLDENEYE *Bucephala clangula*

In autumn a total of 22 south on ten dates October 18th to December 16th, max. five south November 13th.

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER *Mergus serrator*

Three south January 16th. In spring a total of seven south February 20th to March 23rd. In autumn only 16 south October 7th to November 30th, max. six south October 20th.

GOOSANDER *Mergus merganser*

Singles north October 2nd & south November 11th.

MARSH HARRIER *Circus aeruginosus*

Singles south May 19th, south August 16th, north September 4th, 11th, south 29th, south October 13th, north 21st, south November 2nd, south 5th & south December 30th.

HEN HARRIER *Circus cyaneus*

Ringtails out then north October 8th & in off November 11th.

SPARROWHAWK *Accipiter nisus*

Singles noted on 20 dates January to May 10th plus two March 13th. Juveniles noted on four dates July 5th to 11th plus two 17th. From August 9th to the years end one or two noted on 79 dates plus three August 26th.

OSPREY *Pandion haliaetus*

One north April 23rd.

KESTREL *Falco tinnunculus*

One January 5th was the only record early in the year after which one or two regularly on site from March 2nd to the end of the year.

RED-FOOTED FALCON *Falco vespertinus*

First-summer male south June 28th (R.Q.Skeen). Second site record.

MERLIN *Falco columbarius*

Female March 3rd. In autumn singles noted on 11 dates August 22nd to October 25th.

HOBBY *Falco subbuteo*

Singles on 34 dates May 4th to September 27th plus two July 12th, three August 22nd & two September 18th.

PEREGRINE *Falco peregrinus*

Male or female or occasionally both regularly noted January to March 16th after which the female left. Male regular up to April 19th and again May 10th & July 14th. Not seen then until the male returned September 4th who was then noted regularly up to the years end. The female joined him on four dates September 20th to October 28th. Additionally an immature female flew north March 18th & a first winter male present October 21st.

RED-LEGGED PARTRIDGE *Alectoris rufa*

Three birds at the start of the year decreased to two mid-February with two birds surviving to the years end.

WATER RAIL *Rallus aquaticus*

Singles October 23rd, 27th & November 19th.

MOORHEN *Gallinula chloropus*

One October 15th.

OYSTERCATCHER *Haematopus ostralegus*

Up to ten were occasionally on the reserve especially in the spring and summer with the local pair finally giving up nesting on the nature reserve & successfully rearing one young just over the dock security fence. This is the first chick reared since 2001. Autumn movements from at least June 20th to December 15th with the years highest movement 46 south August 22nd.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	2	4	14	0	0	7	1	0	2	0
S	1	2	11	11	39	20	97	169	43	6	9	3

AVOCET *Recurvirostra avosetta*

One dead March 22nd, one in off April 22nd, one out 24th, one south May 9th, two south 15th, one south 17th, one heard 20th, one in off June 3rd, one in off 6th, two circling 13th, two south 24th, two south July 5th & seven south October 9th.

LITTLE RINGED PLOVER *Charadrius dubius*

One in the old aggregate yard then north May 7th, two south August 11th & one south September 12th.

RINGED PLOVER *Charadrius hiaticula*

Roosting birds occasionally at high tide from January to mid-March peaked at 325 January 16th and again later in the year from end October to December peaked at 260 November 9th. Three pairs bred rearing one young, only the third chick to survive to fledging in the last ten years. Very few passage birds seen, max. 40 south October 25th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	0	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
S	9	0	0	0	0	0	1	18	7	40	0	0

DOTTEREL *Charadrius morinellus*

Two May 5th (P.J.Holmes *et al*). Fifth site record.

GOLDEN PLOVER *Pluvialis apricaria*.

32 south January 2nd & heard calling February 23rd. In autumn a total of three north 44 south, one in off & three on site July 21st to November 5th, max. 17 south September 28th.

GREY PLOVER *Pluvialis squatarola*

One south January 13th, one south April 8th, one on May 7th & one south 13th. In autumn noted on 21 dates June 30th to November 10th, max. 41 south August 19th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	1	0
IN/S	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	101	12	1	1	0

LAPWING *Vanellus vanellus*

Five south January 1st & six on February 18th were the only records until autumn passage June 6th to August 23rd & again October 8th to November 20th plus a later

bird December 19th, max. 13 in off November 13th. Most autumn records were of up to five birds on the reserve early in the morning.

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	5	0	0	0	0	5	0	2	0	5	41	0

KNOT *Calidris canutus*

In spring one south March 5th. In autumn noted on 24 dates June 29th to November 13th, max. ten south July 21st. One flew north August 23rd & one was on the reserve September 28th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
S	0	0	1	0	0	1	15	17	12	11	7	0

SANDERLING *Calidris alba*

One March 5th & three 7th, three May 4th, two 13th & two 30th, six north June 10th & four south 13th, two July 22nd, one August 29th, two October 29th & one November 7th.

CURLEW SANDPIPER *Calidris ferruginea*

Singles south August 19th & September 24th.

PURPLE SANDPIPER *Calidris maritima*

Two or three regularly present January to May 11th. Singles noted September 17th to 19th & 23rd to 24th, two October 2nd, two south November 10th & two 11th and finally one intermittently November 23rd to December 25th.

DUNLIN *Calidris alpina*

Noted up to May 15th & in autumn from June 30th, max. 235 south November 13th. Small numbers on the beach on six dates early in the year, max. 20 January 4th plus eleven May 4th, three July 14th & on nine dates later in the year, max. 23 December 6th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	0	0	0	1	2	0	2	6	0	0	0	0
S+in	0	0	1	1	30	2	51	67	26	32	277	0

JACK SNIPE *Lymnocyptes minimus*

One March 29th & one south November 10th.

SNIPE *Gallinago gallinago*

One March 13th. A total of 15 on autumn passage August 18th to November 28th, max. three November 13th.

WOODCOCK *Scolopax rusticola*

One January 29th, February 1st & 7th & presumed same found dead 17th. One in spring March 28th. In autumn a total of 31 noted on 13 dates October 19th to November 19th, max. 13 November 13th.

BLACK-TAILED GODWIT *Limosa limosa*

One dead March 22nd & in July two south 4th, three south 10th & one south 17th.

BAR-TAILED GODWIT *Limosa lapponica*

In spring 17 north five south & two in off April 30th to May 12th, max. 16 north April 30th. In autumn a total of 74 south July 1st to September 11th, max. 24 south August 19th.

WHIMBREL *Numenius phaeopus*

In spring a total of 85 noted April 19th to June 3rd, max. 13 May 1st. In autumn a total of 88 noted June 12th to September 5th, max. 17 south July 5th.

CURLEW *Numenius arquata*

One south January 14th & five south February 1st preceded spring passage February 17th to at least June 2nd, max. 37 out April 19th. Autumn passage from at least June 6th to November 21st plus a couple of later singles December 8th & 21st, max. 261 south July 5th. Numbers in June/July were site records.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
E+N	0	1	3	40	5	2	0	0	0	4	1	1
IN/S	1	6	5	4	6	578	701	18	4	3	5	1

SPOTTED REDSHANK *Tringa erythropus*

One south July 27th.

REDSHANK *Tringa totanus*

Two south May 14th, one south 23rd, one north 30th & two north June 5th were the only records until autumn passage June 23rd to September 14th, max. 22 south July 5th. Singles were occasionally on the reserve.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
S+in	0	0	0	0	3	2	38	57	1	0	2	0

GREENSHANK *Tringa nebularia*

In spring four April 23rd & singles May 15th & 20th. In autumn nine noted on the reserve or flying south June 21st to September 11th.

GREEN SANDPIPER *Tringa ochropus*

One west August 21st.

COMMON SANDPIPER *Tringa hypoleucos*

Singles July 17th, 20th, 21st, August 7th, three 20th & one 23rd.

TURNSTONE *Arenaria interpres*

Last seen in spring May 15th and the first in autumn July 24th. Peak movement twelve south July 29th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	9	0
S	0	0	0	1	8	0	22	12	3	0	4	1
MAX ON	11	16	20	20	8	0	2	0	8	13	16	10

GREY PHALAROPE *Phalaropus fulicarius*

One north September 26th (N.Odin, R.Q.Skeen) & one south 30th (J.Zantboer).

POMARINE SKUA *Stercorarius pomarinus*

One January 5th, one north May 4th, two south August 22nd & one September 29th to October 1st. In December noted on eleven dates 13th to 29th, max. five 27th.

ARCTIC SKUA *Stercorarius parasiticus*

Singles south June 2nd, north 6th, offshore 25th, south July 5th, offshore 20th, north August 14th, north 15th, two south 20th, 44 south 22nd, one north September 11th, two south October 1st, one south 24th, one offshore 28th & one November 30th to December 1st.

LONG-TAILED SKUA *Stercorarius longicaudus*

One north October 1st (G.J.Jobson, E.Marsh, R.Q.Skeen *et al*).

GREAT SKUA *Catharcata skua*

One north May 28th, one north one south August 15th, one September 26th, two north one south October 24th & six south November 12th.

MEDITERRANEAN GULL *Larus melanocephalus*

Present all year with an early year peak of 14 March 5th & later in the year 19 October 29th.

LITTLE GULL *Hydrocoloeus minutus*

Two north May 1st, one north August 22nd, six September 28th & one north 29th, 13 north October 1st, ten north two south 2nd, seven south 20th, four north 24th & one north 25th & one offshore December 27th.

SABINE'S GULL *Xema sabini*

Juvenile south September 24th (R.Q.Skeen). Ninth site record.

ROSS'S GULL *Rhodostethia rosea*

Adult south January 1st (N.Odin). First site record.

BLACK-HEADED GULL *Chroicocephalus ridibundus*

Present throughout the year with peak counts of 500 September 5th, 2,000 December 24th & 500 25th. Some small southerly movements noted at passage times with three figure southerly movements 189 south August 6th, 250 south September 27th & 185 south October 19th.

COMMON GULL *Larus canus*

Present almost all year except from May 28th to July 10th, max. 400 November 25th although an exceptional influx December 24th to the years end peaked at 8,000 25th. Only very small numbers are noted moving at passage times, max. 100 south November 7th.

LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL *Larus fuscus*

Very few noted early & late in the year. Very common all summer from mid-March to November due to nesting in the adjoining docks. December counts were the highest on record peaking at 50 25th.

YELLOW-LEGGED GULL *Larus michahellis*

First summer May 15th & 18th, first winter October 2nd, 8th & 16th, second-winter October 28th, first winter November 17th, adult December 17th & second-winter 30th. The fifth to tenth individuals noted at Landguard.

HERRING GULL *Larus argentatus*

Present all year due to nesting in the adjoining docks. 2500 December 25th was the largest count. Some small offshore movement is noted in the migration periods.

CASPIAN GULL *Larus cachinnans*

Second winter September 26th (P.Merchant, N.Odin), first winter October 8th & 12th (N.Odin, R.Q.Skeen *et al*) & first winter December 28th (N.Odin). The second to fourth individuals noted at Landguard.

GLAUCOUS GULL *Larus hyperboreus*

First-winter December 24th (J.Zantboer) & 28th (N.Odin).

GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL *Larus marinus*

Present all year although fewer noted in the summer months. 500 December 24th & 25th was the peak count. Some small passage movements were noted in the migration periods.

KITTIWAKE *Rissa tridactyla*

Early in the year noted up to February 8th, max. 24 January 1st. None seen February 9th to April 25th after which small numbers noted all summer & autumn, max. 13 July 12th. From November 4th numbers increased with a peak count of 300 December 27th.

GULL-BILLED TERN *Sterna nilotica*

Two adults north May 1st (N.Odin). Forth site record of six individuals.

SANDWICH TERN *Sterna sandvicensis*

Noted April 26th to October 9th with a peak count of two north two south eight out June 14th. Small numbers occasionally feed offshore & in the river mouth, max. seven May 13th & 28th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	0	0	0	4	47	50	20	11	0	3	0	0
S+in	0	0	0	0	4	25	43	27	6	1	0	0

ROSEATE TERN *Sterna dougallii*

One north April 30th (N.Odin), one north May 1st (N.Odin), one June 8th (D.T.Langlois, N.Odin *et al*) & same 10th (E.W.Patrick, R. Tomlinson, R.Q.Skeen) & one north August 23rd (J.Zantboer). The eighth to eleventh individuals noted at Landguard.

COMMON TERN *Sterna hirundo*

Noted April 20th to October 15th max. 70 north May 1st, 53 north 23 south August 9th, 98 south 20th & 23 north 158 south 22nd. Up to 60 birds noted offshore throughout the period, with higher counts of 85 May 14th & 80 28th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	0	0	0	163	141	10	17	144	85	1	0	0
S+in	0	0	0	0	41	1	41	464	128	3	0	0

ARCTIC TERN *Sterna paradisaea*

In spring 41 north on six dates April 22nd to May 28th, max. 26 north May 1st. In autumn 25 south August 15th to October 20th plus two in the river 7th & then up to six in the river October 21st to 23rd.

SOOTY TERN *Sterna fuscata*

(The record in the 2006 report was not accepted by BBRC & should be deleted).

LITTLE TERN *Sterna albifrons*

Noted April 24th to August 27th but with poor numbers July & August, max. 56 May 27th. None nested.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	0	6	33	2	3	7	0	0	0	0
S	0	0	0	0	49	1	31	8	0	0	0	0

BLACK TERN *Chlidonias niger*

One north May 2nd & two south 10th, two north three south August 22nd & five August 25th.

GUILLEMOT *Uria aalge*

Singles south January 5th & north 10th, offshore August 9th, 29th, September 13th, 24th, dead November 10th, three north 11th, two south December 9th & one north 13th.

RAZORBILL *Alca torda*

Four north June 6th & one out of river September 12th.

LITTLE AUK *Alle alle*

In November three south 7th, 15 north 31 south & seven in off 10th, six north 13 south 11th, six south 12th, 21 south 13th, two north five south 14th, one on 15th & three north two south 24th.

PUFFIN *Fratercula arctica*

One north November 11th (P.J.Holmes, M.James, N.Odin *et al*). Forth site record.

FERAL PIGEON *Columba livia*

A small group of Feral Pigeons first noted in November 1993 were present all year peaking at 27 October 2nd & November 21st.

STOCK DOVE *Columba oenas*

Up to seven noted on site all year. In spring nine south May 7th. In autumn one south August 22nd preceded a total of 15 south October 14th to November 8th, max. six south November 8th.

WOODPIGEON *Columba palumbus*

Present all year with at least 15 pairs nesting. A total of 30 north 1209 south noted on 24 dates March 1st to June 30th, max. 213 south April 9th. A total of 23,398 south on 21 dates October 14th to November 27th, max. 14,887 south October 30th. As is usual, there were raiding parties on the Holm Oaks and Sea Kale pods in the autumn peaking at 42 November 2nd. 60 south December 28th was an unusual late year movement.

COLLARED DOVE *Streptopelia decaocto*

Present all year with three pairs nesting but only one pair successful, rearing two broods. Extra birds are often present on site with birds roosting on site peaking at 13 March 13th.

TURTLE DOVE *Streptopelia turtur*

A total of ten noted May 8th to June 13th, max. three south May 20th. One July 28th. A total of five noted on four dates September 2nd to October 1st.

CUCKOO *Cuculus canorus*

Singles adults April 30th, May 12th, June 6th, July 17th, 18th & a juvenile July 29th.

LITTLE OWL *Athene noctua*

Present all year but with very few winter sightings, max. three November 5th. One pair probably bred but failed. Singles found dead April 12th & June 7th. A new adult was ringed September 11th & a dispersing juvenile November 5th.

LONG-EARED OWL *Asio otus*

Singles September 27th, October 5th & two November 20th.

SHORT-EARED OWL *Asio flammeus*

Singles October 11th, November 3rd & 14th.

ASIO OWL Sp. *Asio sp.*

One south offshore October 20th.

NIGHTJAR *Caprimulgus europaeus*

One September 6th (R.Q.Skeen). Seventh site record.

SWIFT *Apus apus*

Noted from April 29th to August 26th. The largest movement was 3017 south July 25th. Small numbers occasionally feed on site, max. 20 except for a count of 150 August 21st.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
IN/N	0	0	0	1	23	68	7	89	0	0	0	0
S	0	0	0	0	303	717	5510	655	0	0	0	0

KINGFISHER *Alcedo atthis*

One north October 7th.

WRYNECK *Jynx torquilla*

Singles April 14th & August 21st to 27th.

GREEN WOODPECKER *Picus viridis*

Singles on seven dates & two on three dates July 21st to August 25th plus three August 1st. Later singles noted September 30th, October 5th & November 4th.

GREAT SPOTTED WOODPECKER *Dendrocopos major*

One February 17th. In autumn singles noted on 15 dates August 4th to November 2nd plus two on both October 14th & 23rd.

WOODLARK *Lullula arborea*

Singles March 10th, September 26th, October 21st & 27th.

SKYLARK *Alauda arvensis*

Very few grounded birds noted all year. Up to four noted on 27 dates February 21st to June 12th plus 14 south April 21st. One flew south July 25th. Autumn passage September 27th to November 23rd, max. 240 south October 13th & 154 south November 3rd with a max. of grounded birds five October 3rd.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
IN/S	0	6	4	21	0	0	1	0	2	465	215	0

SHORELARK *Eremophila alpestris*

One December 27th (J.Zantboer).

SAND MARTIN *Riparia riparia*

In spring a total of eight north 44 south April 10th to June 17th. In autumn a total of six north 612 south June 30th to October 4th, max. 104 south July 5th & 109 south 28th.

SWALLOW *Hirundo rustica*

Noted from April 5th to November 10th. Spring passage noted up to at least June 30th, max. 126 south May 6th. Small numbers occasionally loiter on site, max. six. Autumn passage from at least July 5th, max. 3650 south October 4th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	0	51	42	5	7	27	110	23	0	
IN/S	0	0	0	234	1003	41	116	1773	2592	3881	5	0

RED-RUMPED SWALLOW *Hirundo daurica*

Singles south April 22nd (P.J.Holmes, R.Q.Skeen, R.Tomlinson *et al*), April 25th (N.Odin, R.Q.Skeen, J.Zantboer *et al*) & May 1st (P.Oldfield). The third to fifth site records of six individuals.

HOUSE MARTIN *Delichon urbicum*

Noted April 16th to November 9th, but with very few noted May 21st to August 20th. The peak movement was 942 south September 25th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	0	0	0	3	29	8	0	2	88	0	0	0
S+in	0	0	0	8	141	30	17	22	2490	125	3	0

TREE PIPIT *Anthus trivialis*

In spring a total of eight noted April 21st to May 18th, max. two April 26th. In autumn a total of 25 noted August 17th to October 13th, max. five September 18th.

MEADOW PIPIT *Anthus pratensis*

Seen all year but with very few in the winter months. Eleven or twelve pairs bred, the best year ever. Spring passage very poor end-February to mid-April. Autumn passage August 17th to November 29th plus a later bird December 30th, max. 810 south September 23rd & of grounded migrants 180 September 17th.

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	5	1	0	0	1	18	1486	392	79	1
Max On	10	12	20	20	30	40	30	30	180	75	16	6

ROCK PIPIT *Anthus petrosus*

One February 1st. In spring singles on ten dates March 2nd to April 1st. In autumn a total of six north 29 south & one in off September 23rd to November 21st with singles noted on site on 19 dates during this period & two on nine dates plus three October 21st with the highest day count one north four south one on October 20th.

YELLOW WAGTAIL *Motacilla flava*

A total of 26 south April 11th to June 3rd, plus up to two noted on the reserve on six dates during the spring passage period, max. four south April 25th. Autumn passage totals of three north 82 south July 15th to September 27th, with up to two birds present on site on seven dates during this period, max. ten south August 30th.

BLUE-HEADED WAGTAIL *M. f. flava*

One April 26th.

GREY-HEADED WAGTAIL *M. f. thunbergi*

One May 30th (J.Zantboer).

GREY WAGTAIL *Motacilla cinerea*

In spring singles February 20th, south March 1st & 10th with later records of three south May 9th & two south 13th. A total of eight noted moving south on eight June dates. A total of 74 south plus five on site July 7th to November 27th, max. five south September 13th & October 14th.

PIED WAGTAIL *Motacilla alba*

One pair nested in the docks nearby and these local birds account for many records of birds on the reserve. Very few seen January to early March. A total of seven south March 8th to April 1st with later singles south May 3rd, 10th, 15th & June 15th. In July four south 16th & one south 28th. In autumn a total of 169 south September 4th to November 8th, max. 22 south October 15th. Only one seen after November 22nd on December 20th.

WHITE WAGTAIL *M. a. alba*

Singles on five dates April 3rd to 19th with later singles May 3rd, 5th & June 16th.

WREN *Troglodytes troglodytes*

Six birds successfully overwintered surviving from last year. A very light spring passage March 27th to May 9th with later new females turning up May 29th & 30th. Three pairs bred successfully. Dispersing juveniles from elsewhere turned up on site from June to August 2nd. Autumn passage also very light August 24th to November 8th, max. eight October 18th & 20th. At least six birds were attempting to winter later in the year.

DUNNOCK *Prunella modularis*

At least 17 birds successfully survived the winter on site. Present all year with at least 15 pairs nesting. Spring passage March 10th to April 9th with later new adults May 4th & 15th. The first juveniles noted May 6th with breeding success very good this year. Many dispersing juveniles turned up on site from June to August 6th. Autumn passage from at least August 25th to October 22nd. One flew south September 30th, seven south October 4th & two south 31st. The autumn max. was 40 September 22nd.

ROBIN *Erithacus rubecula*

At least 14 birds successfully overwintered on site. One March 1st preceded spring passage March 13th to May 8th with later adults May 21st, 30th & June 9th, max. eight March 24th. One pair bred but failed. Several dispersing juveniles turned up on site from June 10th to 16th & July 10th to 13th. Autumn passage from at least August 2nd to October 27th, max. 150 October 3rd & 70 4th. At least eight were attempting to winter on site later in the year.

NIGHTINGALE *Luscinia megarhynchos*

Singles April 19th, May 12th & 31st. None in autumn.

BLACK REDSTART *Phoenicurus ochruros*

Up to two noted on spring passage on 17 dates March 19th to May 31st with three April 22nd. A juvenile July 5th indicated breeding nearby in the dock complex. Autumn passage singles noted on eleven dates October 3rd to November 1st with two October 26th.

REDSTART *Phoenicurus phoenicurus*

Spring passage singles noted on nine dates April 13th to May 30th with two April 23rd & May 8th. Autumn passage noted on 14 dates August 19th to October 7th, max. five October 3rd.

WHINCHAT *Saxicola rubetra*

In May two 12th, three 13th, two 14th & one 15th. Autumn passage noted on eleven dates August 23rd to October 3rd, max. five August 25th.

STONECHAT *Saxicola torquata*

One March 8th. In autumn singles noted on four dates September 26th to October 20th with two September 30th.

WHEATEAR *Oenanthe oenanthe*

One March 11th preceded spring passage April 8th to May 31st with a later male June 16th, max. 32 April 24th, 28 25th & 28 May 13th. Autumn passage July 30th to October 29th, max. 22 September 22nd.

RING OUZEL *Turdus torquatus*

In spring one May 6th. In autumn up to three noted on eight dates September 27th to October 8th with six October 2nd & a later bird 25th.

BLACKBIRD *Turdus merula*

Present all year with c.15 pairs nesting. Six new birds turned up January 23rd to 25th. One March 1st preceded spring passage March 13th to May 8th with later new adults 21st, 30th & June 9th, max. 20 March 7th. First juveniles noted from April 24th with dispersing juveniles turning up on site from April 30th to September 2nd. Autumn passage September 27th to November 30th plus a couple of later birds December 16th & 17th, max. 80 October 20th, 150 November 13th & 85 14th.

FIELDFARE *Turdus pilaris*

Singles noted on seven dates January 24th to February 12th. Spring passage February 21st to April 11th, max. three February 21st. In autumn noted September 26th to November 29th, max. 25 November 10th & 29 13th.

SONG THRUSH *Turdus philomelos*

At least two over wintered with one new bird turning up January 25th. Spring passage March 1st to May 13th plus a later new adult June 7th, max. six April 10th & 16th. One pair bred successfully rearing one young, the first nesting attempt for twelve years. Two dispersing juveniles turned up June 27th & 28th & two more August 29th. Autumn passage September 18th to November 25th plus later new birds December 12th, 13th & 22nd, max. 80 September 28th & 50 October 3rd. At least one was wintering on site in December.

REDWING *Turdus iliacus*

In January two 25th & singles 26th & 30th. Spring passage March 6th to April 16th plus a later bird May 11th, max. 52 March 18th & 58 29th. Autumn passage September 18th to November 24th, max. 40 November 19th.

MISTLE THRUSH *Turdus viscivorus*

In spring one March 4th & three 7th. Two juveniles flew south May 20th. Autumn passage of up to three noted on eight dates September 28th to November 27th.

SEDGE WARBLER *Acrocephalus schoenobaenus*

Four spring singles noted May 10th to 19th. In autumn singles on four dates July 30th to August 27th.

REED WARBLER *Acrocephalus scirpaceus*

In spring up to two noted on 24 dates April 23rd to June 29th plus three June 2nd. In autumn singles on nine dates August 11th to October 3rd.

ICTERINE WARBLER *Hippolais icterina*

Singles May 23rd (R.Q.Skeen *et al*) & 29th (R.Q.Skeen *et al*).

BARRED WARBLER *Sylvia nisoria*

Singles August 25th (A.Lansdown, A.Thompson *et al*) & September 27th to 30th (N.Odin, R.Q.Skeen *et al*).

LESSER WHITETHROAT *Sylvia curruca*

Spring passage April 14th to May 26th plus later birds June 17th & 29th, max. seven April 22nd. Three pairs bred. Autumn passage obscured by locally produced young but from at least August 1st to September 30th, max. five August 8th, 27th & 31st.

EASTERN LESSER WHITETHROAT *S.c.blythi/halimodendri*

Three birds in October 3rd to 4th, 3rd to 6th & 6th showed characteristics of one of the above races (N.Odin, R.Q.Skeen *et al*).

WHITETHROAT *Sylvia communis*

Spring passage April 21st to June 15th plus a later bird 29th, max. ten May 13th & 19th. Five pairs bred. Autumn passage start obscured by locally bred offspring but from at least the end of July to October 3rd, max. six August 9th.

GARDEN WARBLER *Sylvia borin*

Spring passage April 27th to June 8th, max. five May 30th. Autumn passage August 23rd to October 14th, max. three August 24th & 25th.

BLACKCAP *Sylvia atricapilla*

Female January 16th. Spring passage March 29th to June 13th, max. twelve April 16th. Dispersing juveniles turned up July 8th, 23rd & 30th indicating nesting nearby but not on site. Autumn passage August 24th to November 23rd, max. ten October 3rd.

PALLAS'S WARBLER *Phylloscopus proregulus*

One October 22nd (R.Q.Skeen *et al*).

YELLOW-BROWED WARBLER *Phylloscopus inornatus*

Two October 3rd to 4th (G.J.Jobson, N.Odin, R.Q.Skeen *et al*).

WOOD WARBLER *Phylloscopus sibilatrix*

Singles May 19th & August 8th.

CHIFFCHAFF *Phylloscopus collybita*

Spring passage March 8th to May 29th, max. 14 April 16th. Dispersing juveniles turned up June 23rd, 28th, July 1st, 8th & August 8th. Autumn passage August 21st to October 30th, max. 20 October 4th.

SCANDINAVIAN CHIFFCHAFF *P.c.abietinus*

One September 27th.

WILLOW WARBLER *Phylloscopus trochilus*

Spring passage April 7th to May 30th, max. 25 May 12th. Autumn passage July 25th to October 5th, max. 15 August 25th.

NORTHERN WILLOW WARBLER *P.t.acredula*

Singles June 10th (N.Odin, E.W.Patrick, R.Q.Skeen *et al*) & 18th (R.Q.Skeen *et al*).

GOLDCREST *Regulus regulus*

Spring passage singles on eight dates March 25th to April 17th. Autumn passage September 8th to November 30th, max. 30 October 22nd.

FIRECREST *Regulus ignicapilla*

Spring passage March 12th to May 7th, max. three March 13th. Autumn passage September 8th to October 12th, max. five October 2nd & 3rd.

RED-BREASTED FLYCATCHER *Ficedula parva*

One October 2nd (G.J.Jobson, R.Q.Skeen *et al*).

SPOTTED FLYCATCHER *Muscicapa striata*

Spring passage May 15th to June 12th, max. five May 19th & 20 22nd. Autumn passage on six dates August 23rd to September 22nd, max. two September 12th & 22nd.

PIED FLYCATCHER *Ficedula hypoleuca*

In spring a female April 29th & a male May 7th. In autumn noted August 12th to October 3rd, max three August 24th & 25th & four September 27th.

LONG-TAILED TIT *Aegithalos caudatus*

In spring one February 12th to March 7th & seven March 10th. In autumn eight September 8th, eleven October 4th, 23 18th & six November 2nd.

BLUE TIT *Cyanistes caeruleus*

Present all year with one pair breeding but failing. Spring passage March 7th to April 26th, max. 15 March 11th. None seen May 11th to June 16th. Dispersing broods & juveniles turned up on site from June 17th onwards obscuring the start of autumn passage which lasted to October 19th, max. ten September 22nd.

GREAT TIT *Parus major*

Present all year with two pairs breeding successfully. Spring passage March 2nd to April 28th plus a later bird May 23rd, max. nine March 10th. First juveniles from May 22nd with dispersing juveniles turning up on site from 27th resulting in the years max. of 15 May 31st. Autumn passage obscured by juveniles turning up all summer and early autumn but lasted to October 21st, max. eleven September 30th.

TREECREEPER *Certhia familiaris*

One June 27th to 28th (R.Q.Skeen *et al*). Ninth site record.

GREAT GREY SHRIKE *Lanius excubitor*

One September 28th (M.Marsh, N.Odin, R.Q.Skeen *et al*). Tenth site record involving eleven individuals.

MAGPIE *Pica pica*

Present all year with one pair nesting but failing. Spring max. eight March 7th & 11th and a max. of nine October 4th later in the year.

JACKDAW *Corvus monedula*

In spring a total of two north 24 south on twelve dates March 2nd to May 23rd, max. six south May 23rd. In autumn one south October 11th & a flock of 60 in off 22nd.

ROOK *Corvus frugilegus*

Spring passage totals of two north seven south on four dates March 2nd to April 15th, max. three south March 2nd. In autumn two south October 11th, three south November 3rd & two in off 15th.

CARRION CROW *Corvus corone*

Present all year with the local pair rearing three young on the dock lighting towers with an additional pair also regularly bringing two young onto the site. Intruders occasionally turn up on site and are soon seen off by the locals with a spring max of 13 March 7th and 27 October 7th in autumn. Spring passage movements of 15 south plus

five in off March 5th to May 15th, max. nine south March 31st. Visible movements in autumn of 28 south & one in off September 30th to November 14th, max. 13 south October 14th.

STARLING *Sturnus vulgaris*

Present all year with only five pairs nesting. 800 February 1st was the only notable count early in the year. The spring max. was 137 March 26th. First juveniles noted May 18th with a mid-summer peak of 950 August 1st. Visible movements in autumn noted October 18th to November 23rd with a total of 6066 noted coming in off the sea or flying south, max. 2027 in/south November 14th. In autumn birds attempted to roost on the dock lights peaking at 3,000 October 26th.

HOUSE SPARROW *Passer domesticus*

Present all year with only five pairs nesting and rearing very few young. The years peak count was 30 roosting on several early August dates. Two flew south September 25th.

TREE SPARROW *Passer montanus*

Spring singles March 28th & 29th. In autumn one August 12th, four 24th, one 25th, one September 4th, one 7th, two south October 18th & two 19th.

CHAFFINCH *Fringilla coelebs*

One or two noted on site early and late in the year. Spring passage March 4th to May 27th. Visible movements of only 39 south March 19th to May 14th, max. twelve south April 9th & spring peaks of grounded birds 20 March 29th & 60 30th. A handful of dispersing juveniles turned up on site from May 24th. One pair bred reared one brood. Very few noted mid-July to the end of August. Autumn passage August 23rd to November 30th with a total of 955 south/in off the sea September 1st to November 27th, max. 115 south October 4th & 144 south November 2nd. Autumn max. of grounded birds was 30 October 9th.

BRAMBLING *Fringilla montifringilla*

One February 1st. Spring passage singles noted on six dates March 12th to April 15th & two April 16th. Autumn passage totals of 36 in/south & 55 on site September 25th to November 21st, max. eight in/south October 18th. A max. of six were on site October 3rd & 31st.

SERIN *Serinus serinus*

Female July 7th (N.Odin *et al*).

GREENFINCH *Carduelis chloris*

Present all year but with very few early & late in the year. Three pairs nested with several additional pairs nearby; breeding success poor. Juveniles first noted May 26th. Up to 42 birds fed daily on site June to August. In spring visible migration totals of just eleven south March 15th to April 26th, max. five south April 16th with the highest spring count on site seven April 22nd. Visible migration noted in autumn with a total of 2604 south August 18th to December 3rd, max. 368 south October 15th. Good numbers fed on site in October, max. 150 October 15th.

GOLDFINCH *Carduelis carduelis*

Present all year although very few noted early in the year. At least one pair bred nearby. Visible migration in spring totalled five north 176 south March 10th to June 21st, max. 22 south April 25th. First juveniles noted June 9th. Up to ten noted feeding on site in the summer & up to 50 in autumn. One south August 8th preceded visible passage movements totalling 2370 south August 24th to December 4th, max. 261 south November 2nd.

SISKIN *Carduelis spinus*

None in spring or summer. In autumn a total of five north 504 in/south plus eight on site September 4th to December 12th, max. 46 south November 12th & 54 south December 4th.

LINNET *Carduelis cannabina*

Five January 5th then next noted February 1st. An estimated 30 to 40 pairs nested with several more nearby. In spring 20 south March 17th was only visible migration noted. First juveniles noted May 6th. Up to 140 were on site April to August. In autumn six south August 31st preceded a total of 532 south September 19th to December 8th, max. 112 south October 4th. Last seen December 8th.

COMMON REDPOLL *Carduelis flammea*

Singles September 28th & 30th.

LESSER REDPOLL *Carduelis cabaret*

In spring one north March 21st, one south April 2nd & two north 3rd. In autumn a total of 328 noted September 19th to November 25th, max. 68 south October 4th.

CROSSBILL *Loxia curvirostra*

Two in off June 2nd & one south October 4th.

BULLFINCH *Pyrrhula pyrrhula*

Singles March 14th & October 15th.

LAPLAND BUNTING *Calcarius lapponicus*

One October 11th (D.T.Langlois, N.Odin).

SNOW BUNTING *Plectrophenax nivalis*

Early in the year one noted on ten dates up to January 30th. In autumn singles noted on eight dates November 6th to 30th & three on 12th.

YELLOWHAMMER *Emberiza citrinella*

In spring singles March 13th & south 27th. In autumn one south September 30th, one in off October 19th & singles south November 9th, 15th & 17th.

REED BUNTING *Emberiza schoeniclus*

In March two south 2nd, three on 7th & one south 10th. In autumn a total of one north 25 south & eight on site September 28th to November 24th, max. four south October 27th.

CORN BUNTING *Miliaria calandra*

Singles March 13th, April 16th & November 12th.

ESCAPEES

BLACK SWAN *Cygnus atratus*

Three April 13th & two July 21st.

SAKER *Falco cherrug*

One September 10th (R.Q.Skeen).

SAKER CROSS *Falco ?*

One hybrid falcon was thought to be a Saker cross March 23rd.

BLUE-CROWNED CONURE *Aratinga acuticaudata*

One June 13th (D.T.Langlois, N.Odin, R.Q.Skeen *et al*). First site record.

CANARY *Serinus canaria*

One April 26th.

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