

LANDGUARD BIRD OBSERVATORY

SYSTEMATIC BIRD LIST 2008

RED-THROATED DIVER *Gavia stellata*

Early in the year noted on 17 dates January 1st to April 9th, max. three north 58 south & one offshore February 3rd. Later in the year noted on 19 dates September 21st to December 27th, max. twelve south November 30th.

BLACK-THROATED DIVER *Gavia arctica*

Singles north January 13th, north then south plus another south 26th, south February 3rd & north 16th. Later in the year one south October 20th, two north November 1st, one north 18th, singles north December 9th & 10th.

GREAT NORTHERN DIVER *Gavia immer*

One north April 29th. In November singles south 2nd & 7th and north 17th & 18th.

GREAT CRESTED GREBE *Podiceps cristatus*

Early in the year two south January 30th & one offshore March 26th. One south June 21st. Early autumn records of singles south August 24th & September 12th preceded passage of five north 15 south & three offshore on twelve dates October 19th to November 17th, max. nine south November 17th. Finally one south December 14th.

RED-NECKED GREBE *Podiceps grisegena*

Singles south January 23rd & November 1st.

FULMAR *Fulmarus glacialis*

Five north January 3rd & one dead 4th then noted March 7th to September 5th plus a later bird November 1st with the largest movement 25 north May 25th.

SOOTY SHEARWATER *Puffinus griseus*

One south August 13th, one north one south 16th, one north 24th, one south September 5th & one north October 30th.

MANX SHEARWATER *Puffinus puffinus*

Singles south May 25th, north August 24th, north September 2nd & three south 5th.

BALEARIC SHEARWATER *Puffinus mauretanicus*

One north February 3rd (N.Odin). First site record.

GANNET *Morus bassanus*

Three south February 3rd & four north March 8th then noted on 42 dates April 19th to November 3rd with notable counts of five north 42 south July 5th & 30 north ten south November 1st. In December singles south 2nd & north 27th.

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. Counts over 20 were eleven north eight south 16 on January 26th, twelve north nine south two on 30th, 23 in off July 30th, 24 south one on August 12th, 21 south two on September 8th, one north six south 14 out one on October 31st

SHAG *Phalacrocorax aristotelis*

In January two 3rd with singles 4th, 14th & 17th. One September 11th. In November one south 3rd, three 10th & singles 11th & 29th. Finally one south December 15th.

LITTLE EGRET *Egretta garzetta*

Singles south March 3rd, south June 23rd, south July 5th, south 12th, eight north 13th, two south 20th, seven south 22nd & singles south 30th, out/north 31st, north August

8th, south 25th, south 26th, in off 27th, south 29th, in off October 18th, north November 21st & in off December 9th.

GREY HERON *Ardea cinerea*

In April one north 2nd & two out/north 3rd. Autumn movements totalling one north 19 south ten in off, one out & one heard on 19 dates May 27th to November 26th with peaks of five in off June 15th & six south September 7th.

SPOONBILL *Platalea leucorodia*

Two juveniles north September 23rd (S.Goddard, N.Odin *et al*). Sixth site record.

MUTE SWAN *Cygnus olor*

Noted on eleven scattered dates, max. three in off May 2nd.

WHOOPEE SWAN *Cygnus cygnus*

Five south December 13th (W.E.Brame, N.Cant, E.Marsh *et al*). Sixth site record.

PINK-FOOTED GOOSE *Anser brachyrhynchus*

In January 36 south 22nd & two north two south 26th. Later in the year eight north October 3rd.

WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE *Anser albifrons*

Eleven in/north March 11th.

GREYLAG GOOSE *Anser anser*

One out/north January 24th. Local wanderers noted on 13 dates March 6th to June 24th max. seven out March 6th & seven in off April 3rd. Later in the year eight south August 8th & 17 south September 28th.

CANADA GOOSE *Branta canadensis*

One south January 9th then noted on eight dates March 8th to May 18th max. six south four on April 26th. 32 were sat in the river June 10th.

BARNACLE GOOSE *Branta leucopsis*

56 south February 8th, 94 south 9th, nine south March 3rd, eight south 12th, five south 13th, six south May 4th & 15 north July 28th.

BRENT GOOSE *Branta bernicla*

Last noted in spring June 2nd plus a later bird south 26th. First autumn record September 13th, max. twelve north 12,890 south October 30th.

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

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	19	71	108	41	628	49	0	0	51	42	87	0
IN/S	28	13	81	39	4	1	0	0	144	13464	1370	

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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 24 birds. The largest movements were two north 80 south October 30th & 153 south December 14th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	0	0	12	1	6	0	0	10	1	4	0	1
S	21	5	12	29	23	8	0	19	30	140	171	190

WIGEON *Anas penelope*

In January eleven south 3rd, two north 26th & eight south 31st. None in spring. In autumn noted August 16th to December 14th with a peak count of 260 south November 2nd.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	27	20
S+in	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	326	586	672	136

GADWALL *Anas strepera*

In January two south 3rd & 28 south 26th. In autumn one south August 9th, two south 17th, three south September 1st, two south 5th, three south 12th, one south October 30th, one south November 2nd, three south 7th, two south 9th & nine south December 12th.

TEAL *Anas crecca*

One south January 3rd & one offshore February 14th. In spring five north May 5th. Autumn passage July 5th to December 14th, max. 118 south August 17th & 143 south October 30th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	7	0	32	0
S	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	291	209	190	328	32

MALLARD *Anas platyrhynchos*

Very few migrants seen, max. five north September 11th. Two were on site April 1st.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	2	0
S+in	0	0	0	4	5	0	3	0	0	1	4	0

PINTAIL *Anas acuta*

None early in the year. Autumn passage September 2nd to November 10th, max. 44 south October 30th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
S+in	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	45	13	0

SHOVELER *Anas clypeata*

Two south April 1st. In autumn a total of three north 29 south on seven dates August 30th to November 24th, max. eight south October 30th.

POCHARD *Aythya ferina*

Six south November 13th.

TUFTED DUCK *Aythya fuligula*

One south April 1st, one north May 25th, one south July 5th, one south 19th, one south August 17th & in November four south 9th, two south 19th, one south 23rd & four south 24th.

EIDER *Somateria mollissima*

One south January 26th. In autumn noted September 30th to December 27th, max. three north 30 south November 1st.

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	3	22	5
S	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	47	0

LONG-TAILED DUCK *Clangula hyemalis*

Singles offshore May 25th, south November 30th & two south December 15th.

COMMON SCOTER *Melanitta nigra*

Seen in all months except February & June. Peak counts were 100 north March 31st, 589 south August 17th & in November 36 north 276 south 1st, 188 south 2nd, 29 north 1008 south 17th & 25 north 322 south 18th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	16	0	105	15	28	0	12	6	12	4	111	1
S	35	0	3	0	4	0	20	644	4	54	1940	7

VELVET SCOTER *Melanitta fusca*

One south October 15th.

GOLDENEYE *Bucephala clangula*

Two in off January 19th. In autumn a total of three north 20 south & one offshore on ten dates October 18th to December 14th, max. four south October 18th.

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER *Mergus serrator*

Two north January 26th. None in spring. In autumn one south August 17th then seven north 52 south September 24th to December 14th, max. four north 21 south October 30th.

GOOSANDER *Mergus merganser*

Two north March 23rd & in November singles south 7th & 12th, two south 17th & one south 21st.

HONEY BUZZARD *Pernis apivorus*

Five south September 13th (A.Kettle, E.Marsh, N.Odin *et al*) two south 14th (P.Oldfield, N.Odin, R.Q.Skeen *et al*), one south 28th (N.Odin, E.W.Patrick, R.Q.Skeen *et al*) with three additional birds also on this date probably this species (E.W.Patrick, R.Q.Skeen).

MARSH HARRIER *Circus aeruginosus*

Singles south January 30th, south April 29th, north July 23rd, in off 28th, south August 20th, three south 23rd, singles south 25th, south September 10th, four south 13th, singles south 14th, south 25th & south October 4th.

SPARROWHAWK *Accipiter nisus*

Singles noted on 15 dates January to May 22nd plus two May 3rd. Noted again from August 5th to the years end with one or two noted on 89 dates plus six August 23rd, four September 13th & three October 11th.

COMMON BUZZARD *Buteo buteo*

Two south September 13th.

OSPREY *Pandion haliaetus*

One in off April 20th, five south September 13th & one south October 16th.

KESTREL *Falco tinnunculus*

One January 3rd & 4th was the only record early in the year after which one or two regularly on site from March 14th to the end of the year. In autumn a total of 18 in/south September 13th to November 15th, max. seven south September 13th.

MERLIN *Falco columbarius*

In spring singles noted on five dates March 29th to April 23rd. In autumn singles noted on eight dates September 9th to October 27th.

HOBBY *Falco subbuteo*

Singles on 18 dates April 27th to September 18th plus two May 16th & September 15th.

PEREGRINE *Falco peregrinus*

Male regularly noted January to April 5th, May 6th, 19th, 23rd & June 16th returning August 25th and then noted regularly up to the years end. Additionally a female noted March 17th, a juvenile male April 4th, one in off April 20th, one in off August 25th, female in off September 12th & a juvenile male in off October 23rd.

RED-LEGGED PARTRIDGE *Alectoris rufa*

Two present all year.

PHEASANT *Phasianus colchicus*

Males noted on a date between February 18th and 22nd, March 4th & 18th to 19th.

WATER RAIL *Rallus aquaticus*

Singles March 15th, 26th, two 27th & one April 26th.

MOORHEN *Gallinula chloropus*

One October 27th to November 1st.

OYSTERCATCHER *Haematopus ostralegus*

Up to four were occasionally on the reserve especially in the spring and summer. None nested. Autumn movements from at least June onwards to December 13th with the years highest movement 70 south August 8th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	0	0	2	8	21	2	4	0	19	3	1	0
S+in	5	7	25	20	26	20	91	382	41	7	5	1

AVOCET *Recurvirostra avosetta*

One south March 29th. A total of six north, seven south, one in off, two out & two flying around May 7th to June 13th. Finally one south October 3rd.

LITTLE RINGED PLOVER *Charadrius dubius*

One north April 1st.

RINGED PLOVER *Charadrius hiaticula*

Roosting birds occasionally at high tide from January to mid-March peaked at 304 February 5th and again later in the year from mid-October to early-December peaking at 250 November 10th. Four pairs bred (plus a spare male summering) with one pair rearing three young. Autumn passage August 2nd to October 29th plus two south December 13th, max. 29 south September 7th.

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	71	89	11	0	2

KENTISH PLOVER *Charadrius alexandrius*

Female January 20th (N.Odin). The first record since three records of birds "obtained" pre 1930's, dates unknown.

DOTTEREL *Charadrius morinellus*

One May 25th (N.Odin, E.W.Patrick, R.Q.Skeen *et al*). One September 7th to 18th (R.Q.Skeen *et al*) joined by a second bird 13th (N.Odin *et al*). Sixth to eighth site records.

GOLDEN PLOVER *Pluvialis apricaria*.

One south April 1st. In autumn 188 in/south July 27th to November 15th, max. 41 south November 15th.

GREY PLOVER *Pluvialis squatarola*

In spring one on April 25th, two south 26th, one north May 16th, one south 24th & one on 25th. Two south July 6th preceded autumn passage August 2nd to December 2nd, max. 140 south August 12th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
IN/S	0	0	0	2	1	0	2	451	49	2	2	1

LAPWING *Vanellus vanellus*

In spring one on February 28th & 60 north March 16th. Up to four were on site on six dates early mornings May 3rd to June 6th. Autumn passage of ten birds June 22nd to 25th then none until September 13th to November 25th, max. eleven south October 30th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	60	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	5	0
IN/S	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	9	16	21	0

KNOT *Calidris canutus*

In May three north 14th & two north 15th. In autumn noted on 21 dates August 9th to November 17th, max. 92 south November 9th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
S	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	62	50	137	1

SANDERLING *Calidris alba*

In January one 20th & two 21st. In spring a total of ten north two south four on April 23rd to May 25th. In autumn a total of 45 south five on July 19th to November 9th, max. 18 south September 12th.

PURPLE SANDPIPER *Calidris maritima*

Two October 20th, one 21st & 22nd, one 28th, one dead November 12th (Peregrine kill) & one 18th.

DUNLIN *Calidris alpina*

Noted up to May 16th & in autumn from June 22nd, max. 99 south November 2nd. Small numbers on the beach on three dates early in the year plus four July 30th & on four dates later in the year, max. seven October 16th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
S+in	0	0	0	21	0	1	24	110	69	152	298	0

SNIPE *Gallinago gallinago*

Two February 14th. In spring one March 17th & two April 22nd. A total of twelve in autumn August 7th to November 23rd, max. five south November 2nd.

WOODCOCK *Scolopax rusticola*

One long dead February 10th. In autumn a total of eleven (inc. one dead) noted on eight dates October 31st to November 25th, max. three November 13th.

BLACK-TAILED GODWIT *Limosa limosa*

One south July 8th, two south August 3rd & eight south December 13th.

BAR-TAILED GODWIT *Limosa lapponica*

In spring seven south April 21st, one south 23rd & two north May 16th. In autumn a total of 108 south July 5th to November 10th, max. 71 south August 17th.

WHIMBREL *Numenius phaeopus*

In spring a total of 38 noted April 16th to May 16th, max. eight May 1st. In autumn a total of 79 noted June 29th to September 7th plus a later bird October 4th, max. 13 south August 9th & 16th.

CURLEW *Numenius arquata*

Spring passage March 8th to at least May 9th, max. 93 north April 23rd. Autumn passage June 3rd to December 14th, max. 173 south June 29th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
E+N	0	0	5	118	1	0	5	0	1	2	0	0
IN/S	0	0	3	2	3	412	122	32	12	10	9	2

REDSHANK *Tringa totanus*

Singles north April 13th, north 24th, south May 5th, north 7th & on 27th were the only records until autumn passage June 30th to November 20th plus a couple of stragglers in December, max. 18 south July 8th. Singles were occasionally on the reserve.

		Monthly totals were:-											
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out		0	0	0	2	1	0	0	3	2	0	0	1
S+in		0	0	0	0	1	1	37	37	22	13	5	1

GREENSHANK *Tringa nebularia*

In May two north 12th & one north 13th. In autumn eleven in/south July 11th to November 7th, max. four south August 17th.

GREEN SANDPIPER *Tringa ochropus*

One south July 20th, three south 26th, one on August 12th & one south October 18th.

COMMON SANDPIPER *Tringa hypoleucos*

In May one 8th, nine 16th & one 23rd. In autumn two June 28th & singles July 7th, 24th, August 7th, 9th & September 23rd.

TURNSTONE *Arenaria interpres*

Last seen in spring June 7th and the first in autumn July 20th. Peak movement 13 south August 17th.

		Monthly totals were:-											
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N		3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
S		1	0	0	0	0	1	2	25	8	8	8	0
MAX ON		8	8	10	14	6	0	1	2	0	17	15	16

GREY PHALAROPE *Phalaropus fulicarius*

One south September 6th (M.James, P.Merchant, J.Zantboer).

POMARINE SKUA *Stercorarius pomarinus*

In January noted on six dates 13th to 26th, max. two 21st. One March 26th. Later in the year two south August 18th, one north October 30th & one December 2nd.

ARCTIC SKUA *Stercorarius parasiticus*

One north May 17th. In autumn a total of 45 noted July 25th to October 30th, max. 16 August 18th.

LONG-TAILED SKUA *Stercorarius longicaudus*

One north May 25th (E.W.Patrick, R.Q.Skeen *et al*) & one offshore November 30th (N.Odin, E.W.Patrick).

GREAT SKUA *Catharcata skua*

Singles south August 24th, September 6th & November 10th.

MEDITERRANEAN GULL *Larus melanocephalus*

Present all year with an early year peak of eleven January 24th & later in the year 15 October 13th.

LITTLE GULL *Hydrocoloeus minutus*

Three south April 21st, one 30th, two July 20th, three south August 24th, one September 6th, two north 14th, two November 1st, 15 south 2nd, one south 7th & one north 24th.

SABINE'S GULL *Xema sabini*

Juvenile north November 1st (L.G.Woods *et al*). Ninth site record.

ROSS'S GULL *Rhodostethia rosea*

The record in the 2007 report was rejected by BBRC & should be deleted.

BLACK-HEADED GULL *Chroicocephalus ridibundus*

Present throughout the year with a peak count of 210 May 12th. Some small southerly movements noted at passage times with incoming passage in autumn from at least July 13th & three figure southerly movements of 237 south August 24th, 404 south October 25th, 100 south 27th & 177 south 28th.

COMMON GULL *Larus canus*

Present almost all year although only three records from May 27th to July 20th, max. 3,000 January 10th early in the year & later on 1,250 December 25th. First juvenile noted August 7th. Only very small numbers are noted moving at passage times, max. twelve south October 2nd.

LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL *Larus fuscus*

Present all year although only in small numbers early & late in the year. Very common all summer from mid-March to November due to nesting in the adjoining docks.

YELLOW-LEGGED GULL *Larus michahellis*

Adult January 3rd, second-winter 24th, adult 29th, adult plus third-winter 31st, adult February 3rd, first-winter April 16th & first-winter October 6th to 7th.

HERRING GULL *Larus argentatus*

Present all year due to nesting in the adjoining docks. 2500 January 18th was the largest count. Some small offshore movement is noted in the migration periods.

CASPIAN GULL *Larus cachinnans*

First-winter March 23rd (E.W.Patrick, R.Q.Skeen), second-winter April 2nd (J.Zantboer), first-winter April 17th (N.Odin, J.Zantboer), first-summer 27th (E.W.Patrick), second-winter October 19th (P.J.Holmes, M.James, N.Odin *et al*), three first-winters December 8th (N.Odin) & one first-winter 25th (N.Odin). The fifth to thirteenth individuals noted at Landguard.

ICELAND GULL *Larus glaucoides*

Adult January 23rd (J.Zantboer)

GLAUCOUS GULL *Larus hyperboreus*

First-winter January 10th (M.Marsh N.Odin). Same as December 2007.

GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL *Larus marinus*

Present all year although very few noted in the summer months. 150 January 10th, 29th & February 6th were the peak counts. Some small passage movements were noted in the migration periods.

KITTIWAKE *Rissa tridactyla*

Early in the year regularly noted up to February 21st, max. 750 January 15th. Very few noted February 22nd to May 4th & none at all 5th to October 24th except for singles August 17th & September 16th. From October 25th numbers increased with a peak count of 200 December 13th.

SANDWICH TERN *Sterna sandvicensis*

Noted April 13th to September 24th with a peak count of 23 out/north August 3rd. Small numbers occasionally feed offshore & in the river mouth, max. eight August 6th & 7th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	0	0	0	1	23	17	22	43	3	0	0	0
S+in	0	0	0	0	1	2	24	92	37	0	0	0

ROSEATE TERN *Sterna dougallii*

One north May 17th (N.Cant, M.James, D.Pearsons *et al*).

COMMON TERN *Sterna hirundo*

Noted April 17th to October 7th max. 95 north May 4th, 140 north 17th, 111 north August 9th, 168 south 17th & 106 south September 12th. Up to 50 birds noted offshore throughout the period.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	0	0	0	10	480	35	4	154	26	0	0	0
S+in	0	0	0	3	12	11	40	402	327	1	0	0

ARCTIC TERN *Sterna paradisaea*

In May one north 7th & two north 9th. In autumn eight noted August 2nd to 28th plus a later bird south October 30th.

LITTLE TERN *Sterna albifrons*

Noted April 29th to September 5th, max. 20 May 17th with the largest movement 22 south August 9th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	0	0	0	0	31	2	1	14	0	0	0	0
S+in	0	0	0	0	7	7	10	50	1	0	0	0

BLACK TERN *Chlidonias niger*

In May five north 4th, one 11th, two 14th & one 15th. In autumn two south August 13th, three south 17th, one south September 1st, one north 11th & five south 12th..

GUILLEMOT *Uria aalge*

One north one south January 13th, one offshore August 13th, two south October 25th, two south November 30th & one north December 13th.

RAZORBILL *Alca torda*

One north November 1st.

FERAL PIGEON *Columba livia*

A small group of Feral Pigeons first noted in November 1993 were present all year peaking at 23 November 4th.

STOCK DOVE *Columba oenas*

Up to five noted on site all year. In spring two south May 11th. In autumn one south October 26th & 11 south 28th preceded a total of 711 south November 9th to 19th, max. 260 south 12th.

WOODPIGEON *Columba palumbus*

Up to 30 present all year with at least five pairs nesting. A total of 41 north 1230 south noted on 22 dates March 11th to June 27th, max. 352 south April 2nd. A total of 29,104 south on 20 dates September 29th to November 19th, max. 15,621 south October 28th.

COLLARED DOVE *Streptopelia decaocto*

Present all year with two pairs nesting. Extra birds are often present on site with birds roosting on site peaking at nine May 11th.

TURTLE DOVE *Streptopelia turtur*

A total of 14 noted May 7th to June 17th, max. four south May 31st. In autumn singles September 14th & 20th.

CUCKOO *Cuculus canorus*

Singles adults on six dates May 23rd to June 10th.

LITTLE OWL *Athene noctua*

Present all year but with very few winter sightings, max. two. One pair probably bred but failed. Singles found dead April 12th & June 7th. Dispersing juveniles turned up on site September 28th & October 22nd.

LONG-EARED OWL *Asio otus*

Two October 30th.

ASIO OWL Sp. *Asio sp.*

One south offshore October 29th.

SWIFT *Apus apus*

Noted from April 27th to September 28th. The largest movements were 1882 south June 27th & 2008 south July 12th. Small numbers occasionally feed on site, max. five.

A "swift" November 2nd was either this species, or more probably, a Pallid Swift *Apus pallidus* (N.Andrews, C.Fulcher, E.Marsh, N. Odin, P.Oldfield, R.Q.Skeen, L.G.Woods *et al*).

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
IN/N	0	0	0	0	130	69	34	0	2	0	0	0
S	0	0	0	1	19	3527	2937	1662	20	0	0	0

KINGFISHER *Alcedo atthis*

One September 28th.

BEE-EATER *Merops apiaster*

Singles heard June 5th (N.Andrews, S.Mayson, J.Zantboer) & one on site for several hours July 9th (N.Odin, R.Q.Skeen *et al*). The forth & fifth site records.

WRYNECK *Jynx torquilla*

One August 22nd.

GREEN WOODPECKER *Picus viridis*

Two July 22nd and singles on five dates July 26th to August 31st.

GREAT SPOTTED WOODPECKER *Dendrocopos major*

One May 7th. In autumn singles noted on 17 dates July 1st to October 18th.

WOODLARK *Lullula arborea*

Singles May 1st, September 3rd, October 14th & 16th.

SKYLARK *Alauda arvensis*

Very few grounded birds noted all year. Up to two noted on 17 dates February 10th to July 27th plus three north May 5th. Autumn passage September 26th to December 6th, max. 40 south October 30th with a max. of grounded birds of just up to two on five dates. Two flew north October 22nd.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
IN/S	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	217	63	2

SHORELARK *Eremophila alpestris*

One March 31st to April 26th & five south October 31st.

SAND MARTIN *Riparia riparia*

In spring a total of 15 noted March 15th to May 25th. In autumn a total of 998 south June 23rd to September 20th, max. 155 south June 30th & July 13th.

SWALLOW *Hirundo rustica*

Noted from March 31st to November 20th. Spring passage noted up to at least July 2nd, max. 73 south June 4th. Small numbers occasionally loiter on site, max. five. Autumn passage from at least July 10th, max. 1297 south August 23rd.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	4	30	58	14	7	0	24	0	0	
IN/S	0	0	1	118	425	188	140	3226	3121	331	19	0

HOUSE MARTIN *Delichon urbicum*

Noted April 28th to October 28th, but with none noted May 5th to 20th. The peak movement was 247 south September 11th. Eight loitered on site October 27th & four 28th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	0	0	0	0	24	0	0	4	0	3	0	0
S+in	0	0	0	2	58	28	15	162	557	102	0	0

PIPIT Sp.

A large pipit flying south November 6th was probably a Richard's Pipit *Anthus richardi* (N.Odin, R.Q.Skeen).

TREE PIPIT *Anthus trivialis*

In spring a total of nine noted April 20th to June 4th, max. three May 27th. In autumn a total of 53 noted August 20th to October 11th, max. seven September 18th.

MEADOW PIPIT *Anthus pratensis*

Seen all year with six pairs rearing several broods. Spring passage from at least February 27th to mid-April, max. 35 March 15th. Autumn passage from at least September 7th to November 28th, max. 400 south September 13th & of grounded migrants 150 September 24th.

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	18	5	0	0	2	0	840	348	42	0
Max On	8	12	35	25	25	20	20	20	150	40	50	3

ROCK PIPIT *Anthus petrosus*

In spring singles on six dates March 16th to April 11th. In autumn a total of four north 25 south September 15th to November 29th with singles noted on site on five dates during this period plus two November 1st.

YELLOW WAGTAIL *Motacilla flava*

A total of one north 23 south plus nine on site April 15th to May 10th, max. four south April 23rd. Autumn passage totals of two north 70 south plus 15 on site July 13th to October 1st, max. 13 south August 27th.

CITRINE WAGTAIL *Motacilla citreola*

Adult August 29th (P.J.Holmes, P.Oldfield *et al*). First site record.

GREY WAGTAIL *Motacilla cinerea*

In spring one south March 15th, two north 27th, one south May 12th with summer records of singles south June 4th, south 24th & on July 1st. A total of 110 south plus six on site August 16th to November 21st, max. twelve south September 21st.

PIED WAGTAIL *Motacilla alba*

One pair nested in the docks nearby and these local birds account for many records of birds on the reserve. None seen January to February 5th. A total of one north seven south one in off March 20th to May 9th with a later bird south June 8th. In July four south 26th & five south 31st. In autumn a total of 232 south September 22nd to November 15th, max. 28 south October 9th.

WHITE WAGTAIL *M.a.alba*

Singles on nine dates March 20th to May 23rd plus two April 2nd, 23rd & May 2nd. In autumn two September 4th & one 11th.

WAXWING *Bombycilla garrulus*

Singles October 31st, November 13th & 28th.

WREN *Troglodytes troglodytes*

Seven birds over wintered surviving from last year. A very light spring passage March 18th to May 31st. Three pairs bred successfully. Dispersing juveniles from elsewhere turned up on site from June to August 24th. Autumn passage also very light September 20th to November 12th, max. 15 November 5th. At least eight birds were attempting to winter later in the year.

DUNNOCK *Prunella modularis*

At least 13 birds successfully survived the winter on site. Present all year with at least twelve pairs nesting. Spring passage February 28th to May 10th with a later new adult

May 28th. The first juveniles noted May 30th. Many dispersing juveniles turned up on site from June to August 15th. Autumn passage from at least September 8th to October 15th. Six flew inland September 26th & one south October 17th. The autumn max. was 30 September 26th.

ROBIN *Erithacus rubecula*

At least nine birds successfully over-wintered on site. Spring passage March 9th to May 10th with later adults May 28th, 29th & June 13th, max. 15 March 17th. One pair bred. Several dispersing juveniles turned up on site from June 9th to 20th. Autumn passage from July 22nd to November 18th, max. 100 September 25th with a later arrival of 60 October 30th. At least eight were attempting to winter on site later in the year.

NIGHTINGALE *Luscinia megarhynchos*

Two April 23rd. In autumn singles July 30th, August 13th & 22nd.

BLACK REDSTART *Phoenicurus ochruros*

Spring passage March 15th to April 22nd, max. four March 27th & again May 30th to June 5th, max. two May 31st. Early autumn singles noted on six dates August 4th to 11th with later passage singles noted on six dates October 18th to November 12th with two October 30th & 31st.

REDSTART *Phoenicurus phoenicurus*

Ten noted on spring passage May 16th to 30th, max. five May 27th. Autumn passage August 24th to October 8th, max. ten September 18th & 25th.

WHINCHAT *Saxicola rubetra*

Spring singles on six dates April 25th to May 31st plus two May 2nd. Autumn passage August 17th to September 18th, max. five August 31st & September 11th.

STONECHAT *Saxicola torquata*

Spring passage February 27th to March 27th was the best on record, max. eight March 17th. In autumn one September 29th to October 1st.

WHEATEAR *Oenanthe oenanthe*

Spring passage March 15th to June 4th with a later male June 15th, max. 18 April 26th. Autumn passage July 26th to October 23rd, max. 42 September 17th.

RING OUZEL *Turdus torquatus*

In April one 16th, seven 20th & two 21st. In autumn singles September 25th, 26th, four November 2nd & one 4th.

BLACKBIRD *Turdus merula*

Present all year with c.15 pairs nesting. Two new birds turned up February 9th & 13th. Spring passage February 23rd to May 8th with later new adults 21st, 31st & June 1st (two), 6th & 14th, max. 30 March 30th & 31st. First juveniles noted from May 5th with dispersing juveniles turning up on site from May 18th to August 28th. Autumn passage poor September 14th to November 30th, max. 50 October 30th & 31st & 100 November 23rd.

FIELDFARE *Turdus pilaris*

One January 8th & two 10th. Spring passage March 9th to April 20th, max. five March 27th. In autumn one September 25th preceded passage October 16th to December 23rd, max. 91 October 28th.

SONG THRUSH *Turdus philomelos*

At least one over wintered. Spring passage February 14th to April 28th plus a later new bird May 10th, max. ten April 20th. One pair bred with another just outside the recording area. Two dispersing juveniles turned up June 21st & August 30th. Autumn

passage September 16th to December 4th, max. 70 September 25th. At least two were wintering on site in December.

REDWING *Turdus iliacus*

Spring passage March 3rd to April 22nd, max. 100 March 9th. Autumn passage September 25th to November 29th plus a couple of later birds December 23rd & 24th, max. 65 October 28th.

MISTLE THRUSH *Turdus viscivorus*

In spring one south April 5th. Two present June 1st. Autumn passage of up to two noted on ten dates September 8th to November 12th.

GRASSHOPPER WARBLER *Locustella naevia*

Singles April 20th, August 27th & September 12th.

SEDGE WARBLER *Acrocephalus schoenobaenus*

Five spring singles noted April 5th to June 3rd plus two April 20th. In autumn singles on seven dates August 15th to September 22nd.

MARSH WARBLER *Acrocephalus palustris*

Singles May 30th (N.Odin *et al*), 31st (C.Courtney *et al*), June 3rd (N.Odin, R.Q.Skeen, J.Zantboer *et al*) & 8th (P.J.Holmes *et al*).

REED WARBLER *Acrocephalus scirpaceus*

In spring two May 2nd, seven 27th then up to two noted on seven dates May 28th to June 21st. In autumn singles on six dates July 27th to September 25th plus two August 15th.

ICTERINE WARBLER *Hippolais icterina*

One August 7th (N.Odin, R.Q.Skeen *et al*).

DARTFORD WARBLER *Sylvia undata*

One October 22nd (S.Minns, B.Root). Third site record.

SUBALPINE WARBLER *Sylvia cantillans*

Male May 29th to 30th (R.Q.Skeen *et al*). Sixth site record of seven birds.

LESSER WHITETHROAT *Sylvia curruca*

Spring passage April 12th to June 4th plus a later new bird 23rd, max. twelve May 1st. One pair bred just outside the recording area. Autumn passage July 31st to October 4th, max. five August 13th.

WHITETHROAT *Sylvia communis*

Spring passage April 20th to June 10th, max. ten April 23rd & 28th. Three pairs bred. Autumn passage start obscured by locally bred offspring but from at least the end of July to September 27th, max. six August 22nd.

GARDEN WARBLER *Sylvia borin*

Singles April 30th, May 1st then up to two noted on seven dates May 21st to June 1st. Autumn passage August 29th to September 27th, max. three September 25th.

BLACKCAP *Sylvia atricapilla*

Spring passage March 28th to June 8th plus later birds 28th, 30th & July 8th to 9th, max. ten April 23rd. A dispersing juvenile turned up July 3rd. Autumn passage August 21st to November 21st, max. ten September 25th.

PALLAS'S WARBLER *Phylloscopus proregulus*

One November 2nd to 3rd (E.W.Patrick *et al*).

YELLOW-BROWED WARBLER *Phylloscopus inornatus*

Two October 13th to 14th (P.J.Eele, N.Odin, R.Q.Skeen *et al*) & one 18th (M.James *et al*).

WOOD WARBLER *Phylloscopus sibilatrix*

One August 4th.

CHIFFCHAFF *Phylloscopus collybita*

Spring passage March 15th to June 30th, max. 30 March 15th & 35 April 20th. Dispersing juveniles turned up July 2nd to August 4th. Autumn passage September 3rd to November 8th plus a later bird December 14th, max. at least 75 September 3rd - the biggest ever day count.

SCANDINAVIAN CHIFFCHAFF *P.c.abietinus*

Singles October 18th & 29th.

WILLOW WARBLER *Phylloscopus trochilus*

Spring passage March 30th to June 2nd, max. 20 April 20th. Autumn passage July 21st to September 27th, max. 30 August 20th.

NORTHERN WILLOW WARBLER *P.t.acredula*

One May 17th, two 26th & one June 16th.

GOLDCREST *Regulus regulus*

Spring passage singles March 1st to April 23rd plus a late bird June 3rd, max. six March 27th. Autumn passage September 12th to November 20th with a couple of birds lingering to December 8th, max. 50 September 26th, 27th & 28th.

FIRECREST *Regulus ignicapilla*

Spring passage March 11th to June 4th, max. seven March 30th. Autumn passage September 21st to November 3rd plus later birds 30th, December 15th & 21st, max. three October 29th, 30th & November 2nd.

SPOTTED FLYCATCHER *Muscicapa striata*

Spring passage May 10th to June 4th, max. ten May 27th. Autumn passage August 5th to September 27th, max. five September 15th & 17th.

PIED FLYCATCHER *Ficedula hypoleuca*

In spring females May 26th & 27th to 30th. In autumn noted July 31st to September 24th, max six September 15th & 16th.

LONG-TAILED TIT *Aegithalos caudatus*

Four January 2nd & three February 7th. In spring a total of 42 birds on eleven dates February 26th to April 3rd, max. 15 March 6th. In autumn eight September 26th preceded a total of 115 on ten dates October 17th to November 17th plus five later birds December 22nd, max. 23 October 29th. A record year & the best since 1983.

COAL TIT *Periparus ater britannicus*

One June 20th

CONTINENTAL COAL TIT *Periparus ater ater*

Singles April 23rd & September 25th. One heard September 10th was probably this race.

BLUE TIT *Cyanistes caeruleus*

Present all year, did not breed. Spring passage February 20th to April 16th plus a later new bird June 5th, max. five March 14th & April 4th. Dispersing juveniles turned up on site July 17th & 31st. Autumn passage very light September 3rd to October 30th, max. nine September 21st.

GREAT TIT *Parus major*

Present all year with two pairs breeding. Spring passage February 26th to April 13th plus later birds May 15th & 27th, max. 16 April 2nd. First juveniles from May 30th with dispersing juveniles turning up on site from July 3rd to 27th. Autumn passage August 30th to October 17th, max. twelve August 31st.

GOLDEN ORIOLE *Oriolus oriolus*

One 3rd June (N.Odin, R.Q.Skeen, L.G.Woods *et al*). Fifth site record.

RED-BACKED SHRIKE *Lanius collurio*

Male June 4th & juvenile August 25th to 28th.

JAY *Garrulus glandarius*

One October 29th.

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 three north 20 south plus four on ten dates March 8th to June 3rd, max. five south May 2nd & 3rd. In autumn 21 south on eight dates September 14th to November 15th, max. nine south November 13th.

ROOK *Corvus frugilegus*

Spring passage totals of one north eight south on six dates April 3rd to June 9th, max. three south May 5th. In autumn singles south October 15th & 28th.

CARRION CROW *Corvus corone*

Present all year with a pair nesting on site for the first time since records began on the DFDS tower but the chicks succumbed following a night of thunderstorms. An additional pair nested on the dock light towers rearing three young. Intruders occasionally turn up on site and are soon seen off by the locals with a spring max of twelve April 26th and eleven October 16th in autumn. Spring passage movements of one north 76 south on 14 dates March 3rd to May 5th, max. 19 south April 28th. Visible movements in autumn of 50 south on seven dates October 3rd to 27th, max. 21 south October 13th.

STARLING *Sturnus vulgaris*

Present all year with only three pairs nesting. The spring max. was 200 March 15th, 175 south 45 on April 1st with a mid-summer peak of 1,000 August 8th. Visible movements in autumn noted October 9th to November 25th with a total of 8661 noted coming in off the sea or flying south, max. 3560 in/south October 30th. In autumn birds attempted to roost on the dock lights peaking at 700 October 23rd.

HOUSE SPARROW *Passer domesticus*

Present all year with only four pairs nesting and rearing very few young. The years peak count was 50 roosting August 15th & September 8th.

TREE SPARROW *Passer montanus*

In spring twelve south April 4th. In autumn one south July 23rd then a total of 14 noted on nine dates August 31st to October 28th, max. four August 31st.

CHAFFINCH *Fringilla coelebs*

One or two noted on site early and late in the year. Spring passage February 21st to June 4th plus later new birds 15th, 24th, July 1st & 10th. Visible movements of 148 in/south March 31st to May 4th, max. 120 in/south April 1st & spring peaks of grounded birds 36 March 19th Two pairs bred with a handful of dispersing juveniles from elsewhere turning up on site in July. Autumn passage September 1st to November 19th with a total of 1849 south/in off the sea during this period, max. 458 south October 25th. Autumn max. of grounded birds was 25 November 6th.

BRAMBLING *Fringilla montifringilla*

Spring passage March 15th to April 29th, max. three March 29th. Autumn passage totals of twelve in/south & 30 on site October 6th to November 26th, max. six October 29th.

GREENFINCH *Carduelis chloris*

Present all year but with very few early & late in the year. Three pairs nested with several additional pairs nearby. Juveniles first noted May 24th. Up to 50 birds fed on site end-July & August. In spring visible migration totals of six south March 29th to May 1st with the highest spring count on site ten on several dates early May. Visible migration totals in autumn of 3522 south September 28th to November 19th, max. 556 south October 13th. Up to 60 on site in October & November.

GOLDFINCH *Carduelis carduelis*

Present all year with at least one pair nesting nearby just outside the recording area. Visible migration in spring totalled three north 46 south April 4th to June 26th, max. 14 south April 23rd. Four south July 18th & one south 19th preceded visible passage movements totalling 5752 south August 13th to November 27th, max. 893 south October 13th, with an autumn max. of grounded birds 40 October 7th & 22nd.

SISKIN *Carduelis spinus*

In spring a total of seven north 108 south eleven on March 9th to May 9th, max. 66 south April 1st with late spring & summer records of six south May 30th & singles south June 4th, 23rd, 25th & one on July 4th. In autumn a total of 39 north 783 in/south two on September 7th to November 17th plus two later birds south December 11th, max. 98 south October 11th.

LINNET *Carduelis cannabina*

One January 16th then next noted February 8th. An estimated 30 to 40 pairs nested with several more nearby. In spring ten south April 25th was only visible migration noted. First juveniles noted May 18th. Up to 100 were regularly on site end-April to September with occasional higher counts, max. 150 August 3rd. In autumn a total of 582 south September 28th to November 12th, max. 115 south October 13th. Only records after November 14th were one 26th & four December 14th.

LESSER REDPOLL *Carduelis cabaret*

In spring two south April 27th, one south May 3rd, two north 27th & one north 29th (although the timing of these late spring birds during easterly winds suggests they might be "mealies"). One flew south July 31st. In autumn a total of 1520 noted September 20th to November 25th, max. 310 south October 16th.

CROSSBILL *Loxia curvirostra*

Three south March 6th. A total of 222 noted May 28th to September 3rd, max. 30 south June 23rd. Finally nine south October 2nd.

COMMON ROSEFINCH *Carpodacus erythrinus*

Singles May 29th (N.Odin) & June 4th (C.Fulcher). The eighth & ninth site records.

BULLFINCH *Pyrrhula pyrrhula*

One October 15th.

HAWFINCH *Coccothraustes coccothraustes*

Females April 20th (Essex birdwatching society *et al*) & May 29th (R.Q.Skeen *et al*).

LAPLAND BUNTING *Calcarius lapponicus*

One south October 6th (D.T.Langlois, N.Odin).

SNOW BUNTING *Plectrophenax nivalis*

In spring singles March 16th, 27th & two 29th. In autumn singles noted on five dates October 28th to November 22nd plus two 29th.

YELLOWHAMMER *Emberiza citrinella*

In spring two south February 22nd & singles south March 5th, 17th & April 26th. One south July 19th. In autumn singles south October 4th, 22nd, on November 5th & south 12th & 27th.

ORTOLAN BUNTING *Emberiza hortulana*

One south September 19th (J.Zantboer).

RUSTIC BUNTING *Emberiza rustica*

One September 23rd to 24th (R.Q.Skeen *et al*). Second site record.

REED BUNTING *Emberiza schoeniclus*

In March singles 8th, 12th, four south 13th & one 16th. In autumn a total of 16 south & four on site September 15th to October 18th plus a late bird December 5th, max. five south October 9th.

CORN BUNTING *Miliaria calandra*

Singles June 4th & November 5th.

ESCAPEES

BLACK SWAN *Cygnus atratus*

Two juveniles April 5th.

HARRIS HAWK *Parabuteo unicinctus*

One March 14th (D.T.Langlois, N.Odin, S.Goddard *et al*), April 25th, August 23rd, September 13th, 15th, 29th & October 13th. First site records of the same bird that is a pet let out for a fly round from a nearby housing estate.

COCKATIEL *Nymphicus hollandicus*

One south June 17th.

YELLOW-CROWNED BISHOP *Euplectes afer*

One September 27th (N.Odin, R.Q.Skeen, J.Zantboer *et al*). First site record.

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