

# LANDGUARD BIRD OBSERVATORY

## SYSTEMATIC BIRD LIST 2009

**MUTE SWAN** *Cygnus olor*

Noted on 14 scattered dates, max. five out then north November 7th & five south December 16th.

**WHOOPEER SWAN** *Cygnus cygnus*

Seven south November 3rd (D.T.Langlois, N.Odin). Seventh site record.

**BEAN GOOSE** *Anser fabalis*

In November two in off 8th (M.James, N.Odin, E.W.Patrick) & two out then south 25th (D.T.Langlois, N.Odin), the seventh & eight site records.

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

21 south then in September 28th & 21 south October 17th.

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

13 south then in January 9th & ten north December 12th.

**GREYLAG GOOSE** *Anser anser*

Local wanderers noted on 22 dates March 7th to May 29th max. eight south April 13th. Later in the year five south September 29th.

**CANADA GOOSE** *Branta canadensis*

One north January 9th. Noted on twelve dates March 8th to May 4th max. three April 19th. In June 14 out then north 12th & 19 north 22nd. Later in the year one south November 8th.

**BARNACLE GOOSE** *Branta leucopsis*

Five north 127 south February 22nd, three out April 20th, three in 24th, three south May 18th, three south 21st & one south 24th.

**BRENT GOOSE** *Branta bernicla*

Last noted in spring June 7th plus four later birds south July 10th. First autumn record September 16th, max. 1,732 south October 31st.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	14	52	135	6	151	1	0	0	1	87	26	67
S+in	21	21	46	27	1	0	4	0	892	4745	194	327

**SHELDUCK** *Tadorna tadorna*

Small numbers noted moving offshore throughout the year with prospecting on the reserve in the spring by at least 18 birds. Female with eight chicks noted June 15th.

The largest movement was 229 south December 2nd.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	0	0	1	4	11	1	0	10	14	1	0	1
S	3	14	28	2	14	7	5	27	17	92	111	315

**WIGEON** *Anas penelope*

Two south February 5th. Seven south March 31st. In autumn noted August 25th to December 20th with a peak count of 396 south October 31st.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	0	40
S+in	0	2	7	0	0	0	0	6	267	777	71	333

**GADWALL** *Anas strepera*

Four south May 3rd, one north September 14th, three south 30th, four south October 13th, nine south November 22nd, two south December 2nd, two north 13th & two south 22nd.

**TEAL** *Anas crecca*

In January 12 south 1st & 31 south 5th. In spring two south March 22nd. Autumn passage July 26th to December 18th, max. 101 south September 11th Two were offshore September 13th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	1	0	3
S	43	0	2	0	0	0	8	93	330	172	87	70

**MALLARD** *Anas platyrhynchos*

Few migrants seen, max. four south July 15th. A female was on site June 27th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
S+in	0	0	2	1	2	0	8	0	0	7	3	4

**PINTAIL** *Anas acuta*

None early in the year. Autumn passage September 21st to October 31st & December 2nd to 18th, max. 39 south October 31st.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
S+in	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	70	0	32

**SHOVELER** *Anas clypeata*

None in spring. In autumn a total of 87 south on nine dates August 23rd to December 19th, max. 27 south October 30th & 26 south 31st.

**POCHARD** *Aythya ferina*

Eight north September 16th, seven south November 22nd, 11 south December 19th & one south 20th.

**TUFTED DUCK** *Aythya fuligula*

Two south April 29th, one south May 13th, three south 26th, three in off September 25th, singles south October 6th, 13th, 21st, 27th, November 1st, 11 south 22nd, two south December 2nd, two south 19th, one south 20th & 55 north 28th.

**EIDER** *Somateria mollissima*

Noted September 1st to December 31st, max. 81 north one south December 12th. One was offshore November 3rd.

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	8	0	96
S	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	1	4

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

One south November 25th & in December two south 7th, one south 16th & one north 18th.

**COMMON SCOTER** *Melanitta nigra*

Seen in all months except July. Peak counts were an unusual flock of 200 offshore January 3rd & a max. of 51 south August 1st.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	37	6	2	4	22	0	0	3	17	10	2	51
S	0	0	0	0	3	19	0	148	44	59	86	117

**VELVET SCOTER** *Melanitta fusca*

Three south October 31st, two south November 1st & one south December 16th.

**GOLDENEYE** *Bucephala clangula*

In autumn a total of 28 south on eight dates October 6th to December 18th, max. ten south December 2nd.

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

None in spring. In autumn three north 125 south October 14th to December 12th, max. 29 south October 31st & 36 south December 2nd.

**GOOSANDER** *Mergus merganser*

One south November 16th & three south 18th.

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

Two present to May 29th with one surviving to December 31st.

**PHEASANT** *Phasianus colchicus*

A wing was found on the riverbank March 14th.

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

Early in the year two south January 2nd, two south 5th, two north 26th, five north February 22nd & one north April 19th. Later in the year noted on 34 dates September 12th to December 31st, max. five north 203 south December 15th.

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

Singles north January 30th, north February 7th, north 11th & north March 24th. Later in the year singles south October 14th, on then south 27th, south November 1st, on 8th, north 15th, south 20th & two south December 13th.

**GREAT NORTHERN DIVER** *Gavia immer*

Two south September 30th with singles south October 1st, north 7th, in off November 17th, south 28th, south December 7th, two north 12th, one north one south 13th, one north 15th & one north 16th. A record year.

**FULMAR** *Fulmarus glacialis*

One south February 18th then noted March 23rd to June 22nd & August 15th to 31st, max. one north seven south April 23rd & two north six south May 16th. Later in the year two south November 8th & singles south December 24th & 31st.

**SOOTY SHEARWATER** *Puffinus griseus*

Singles north October 9th & November 29th.

**MANX SHEARWATER** *Puffinus puffinus*

Singles south June 1st & north October 3rd.

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

One north October 9th (J.Zantboer).

**GANNET** *Morus bassanus*

Four north January 5th, one north February 1st, six north April 18th, eight south May 16th, one north 26th then noted on 36 dates July 21st to December 13th, max. 30 north September 16th.

**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 difficult to interpret. Counts over 20 were 16 north seven south three out one in March 24th & one south 23 out July 26th.

**SHAG** *Phalacrocorax aristotelis*

Four out of the river then north April 20th, two north May 25th, one north November 2nd & three on then south December 5th.

**LITTLE EGRET** *Egretta garzetta*

A total of 40 noted on 22 dates April 23rd to December 8th, max. four south September 28th.

**GREY HERON** *Ardea cinerea*

One north February 13th, one north March 21st, one south April 14th & one north one in off 18th. Autumn movements totalling three north ten south & one in off on twelve dates June 12th to October 17th. Finally one south December 20th.

**GLOSSY IBIS** *Plegadis falcinellus*

One out then north October 6th (G.Gregory, D.T.Langlois, J.Zantboer *et al*). First site record.

**GREAT CRESTED GREBE** *Podiceps cristatus*

One south January 12th. Spring passage totals of one north eight south four offshore on seven dates February 17th to April 19th. In autumn singles south July 26th & 31st preceded passage totals of three north 28 south on 39 dates August 23rd to December 27th, max. five south November 3rd.

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

One north December 1st.

**RED KITE** *Milvus milvus*

One south July 25th (M.James *et al*). Sixth site record.

**MARSH HARRIER** *Circus aeruginosus*

Singles in off May 7th, south July 7th, south 14th, south August 17th, south September 20th, south 29th, south October 1st, south 25th, November 4th, two south 28th & one north 30th.

**HEN HARRIER** *Circus cyaneus*

Ringtail south October 12th.

**HARRIER** *Sp.*

A 'ringtail' harrier north April 30th.

**SPARROWHAWK** *Accipiter nisus*

Singles on 30 dates January to May 13th plus two April 4th, 8th & 19th. Singles June 1st & 10th. Noted again from August 6th to the years end with one or two on 66 dates plus three September 9th & 20th.

**OSPREY** *Pandion haliaetus*

Singles south September 4th & 6th.

**KESTREL** *Falco tinnunculus*

One January 30th & February 1st was the only record early in the year after which one or two regularly on site from March 11th to the end of the year. One flew south April 20th & one came in off the sea May 22nd. In autumn singles south September 6th, 11th, October 6th & 12th.

**MERLIN** *Falco columbarius*

Female south March 9th & juvenile present September 16th.

**HOBBY** *Falco subbuteo*

Singles on 14 dates April 26th to July 8th plus two May 1st & singles on six dates September 2nd to 26th.

**PEREGRINE** *Falco peregrinus*

Male regularly noted January to May 10th, June 10th & 22nd returning September 13th and then noted regularly up to the years end. Additionally a juvenile female noted August 14th & juvenile males October 16th & November 27th.

**WATER RAIL** *Rallus aquaticus*

Singles March 16th, 18th & 22nd.

**COOT *Fulica atra***

One December 22nd (O.R.Slessor). Tenth site record.

**OYSTERCATCHER *Haematopus ostralegus***

Up to six were occasionally on the reserve especially in the spring and summer. None nested although a pair attempted in the near adjoining dock. Autumn movements from at least July 12th to December 12th with the years highest movement 108 south August 1st.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	0	0	10	12	8	0	2	5	1	6	0	1
S+in	0	5	10	15	11	4	229	333	53	11	3	3

**AVOCET *Recurvirostra avosetta***

Two south May 3rd, one south 5th, two south June 27th, two south July 16th, one south 17th, two south August 10th, two south September 1st, four south 8th, six south 11th, three north October 8th & three south November 29th.

**LITTLE RINGED PLOVER *Charadrius dubius***

One in off May 15th.

**RINGED PLOVER *Charadrius hiaticula***

Roosting birds occasionally at high tide from January to mid-March peaked at 26 January 25th and again later in the year from mid-October to early-December peaking at 130 November 13th & 14th. Four pairs bred with two pairs rearing one young each. Autumn passage July 26th to December 16th, max. 32 south October 16th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	0	0	0	2	2	6	0	0	0	4	1	0
S+in	0	8	0	0	1	0	2	11	20	47	9	3

**GOLDEN PLOVER *Pluvialis apricaria***

None in spring. In autumn 86 in/south plus two singles on the reserve July 18th to October 30th, max. 26 south October 31st. In December two south 2nd, six south 18th, 73 south 20th with one on the reserve 23rd.

**GREY PLOVER *Pluvialis squatarola***

In spring one south March 13th, one north 15th, two south May 3rd & three north 13th. Autumn passage July 13th to December 2nd, max. 30 south August 1st & 23 south December 2nd.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
IN/S	0	0	1	0	2	0	16	79	21	12	8	23

**LAPWING *Vanellus vanellus***

In January nine south 5th with two on the reserve 6th & 7th. Spring passage April 6th to May 21st. Up to two were on site on seven dates May 14th to June 27th. Autumn passage & cold weather movements July 3rd to December 24th, max. 183 south October 31st & 1450 south December 20th. Up to seven were on the reserve December 16th to 24th.

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	0	0	4
IN/S	9	0	0	5	3	0	4	1	4	202	51	1645

**KNOT *Calidris canutus***

None in spring. In autumn noted on 14 dates August 1st to December 2nd, max. 47 south October 31st.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
S	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	12	52	72	16

**SANDERLING** *Calidris alba*

In spring two south May 26th. In autumn three on the beach July 20th, singles south August 1st, 23rd & November 1st with singles on the beach 3rd & 7th.

**CURLEW SANDPIPER** *Calidris ferruginea*

Singles south August 23rd & September 30th.

**PURPLE SANDPIPER** *Calidris maritima*

One south February 25th, singles on the point September 15th, 18th, 19th, 20th & one south October 3rd.

**DUNLIN** *Calidris alpina*

Spring passage April 30th to May 16th. Autumn passage July 18th to December 2nd, max. 57 south August 1st & 133 south October 31st. Small numbers on the beach on four dates July 24th to August 18th, max. five July 31st. Also ten roosting on beach November 13th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
S+in	0	0	0	1	3	0	38	99	65	177	91	27

**RUFF** *Philomachus pugnax*

One south September 1st.

**SNIPE** *Gallinago gallinago*

In spring one March 31st. A total of 12 in autumn September 5th to November 22nd, max. three south November 22nd. In December one south 18th two on 19th, two south 20th & one on 21st.

**WOODCOCK** *Scolopax rusticola*

In January singles 4th, 6th & 20th. In spring one March 7th, wing found on the riverbank 14th, singles April 3rd, 4th & 14th. In autumn one October 21st, one 29th, two 31st, one November 14th, one December 19th, two 22nd, one 23rd & two 24th.

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

Two south July 16th & 14 south November 29th.

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

In spring one south 24th, one on 26th, 24 north May 3rd & three north 13th. In autumn a total of 64 south July 11th to November 22nd, max. 18 south August 1st.

**WHIMBREL** *Numenius phaeopus*

In spring a total of 53 noted April 14th to May 26th. max. eleven May 15th. In June one north 8th & three south 13th. In autumn a total of 55 noted July 7th to September 8th, max. ten south July 15th.

**CURLEW** *Numenius arquata*

Spring passage March 8th to at least May 1st, max. 28 north April 16th. One flew south May 18th & two south 21st preceded autumn passage June 7th to December 22nd, max. 96 south August 1st.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
E+N	0	0	3	39	1	1	1	1	2	0	0	1
IN/S	0	0	1	2	3	42	141	123	10	19	2	10

**COMMON SANDPIPER** *Tringa hypoleucos*

One May 15th. In autumn one south July 18th & one on September 1st.

**GREENSHANK** *Tringa nebularia*

In spring one south April 13th. In autumn one south July 26th, one south August 6th, four south 23rd & one north September 16th.

**WOOD SANDPIPER** *Tringa glareola*

One south August 7th (G.Gregory, N.Odin). Seventh site record.

**REDSHANK** *Tringa totanus*

Seven south April 7th only movement until autumn passage June 13th to November 22nd plus later singles south December 19th & 20th, max. 20 south August 12th. Singles were noted on the reserve January 1st, March 21st, August 24th & October 29th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
S+in	0	0	0	7	0	4	47	64	2	4	2	2

**TURNSTONE** *Arenaria interpres*

Last seen in spring May 21st and the first in autumn July 18th. Peak movements 20 south August 14th & 25 south November 1st.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	0	0
S	0	0	0	9	0	0	17	51	3	9	30	3
MAX ON	16	8	8	7	3	0	0	0	0	10	20	14

**GREY PHALAROPE** *Phalaropus fulicarius*

One south November 20th (N.Odin *et al*).

**POMARINE SKUA** *Stercorarius pomarinus*

One October 6th & three north two south 9th.

**ARCTIC SKUA** *Stercorarius parasiticus*

In autumn a total of 13 noted August 23rd to October 16th, max. four October 6th & 16th.

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

Singles north September 6th (P.Merchant, E.W.Patrick) & 16th (N.Odin *et al*).

**GREAT SKUA** *Stercorarius skua*

Singles north September 30th, south October 9th & one in the river mouth November 30th.

**MEDITERRANEAN GULL** *Larus melanocephalus*

Present all year, max 11 September 8th & 11th.

Monthly max:-

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
5	9	6	3	4	3	3	5	11	9	8	10

A hybrid first winter Mediterranean X Black-headed Gull present December 13th.

**COMMON GULL** *Larus canus*

Present all year, max. 500 January 2nd & 3rd early in the year & later on 250 December 18th. First juvenile noted July 19th. Only very small numbers noted moving at passage times.

**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 18th, first winter plus second winter March 23rd & a first-summer April 2nd.

**HERRING GULL** *Larus argentatus*

Present all year due to nesting in the adjoining docks. 1250 January 5th was the largest count early in the year & 400 December 27th later on. Some small offshore movement is noted in the migration periods.

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

Present all year although very few noted in the summer months, max. 75 January 5th. Some small passage movements were noted in the migration periods.

**LITTLE GULL** *Hydrocoloeus minutus*

Ten down river & out April 6th, one south July 15th, one south September 14th, six north one south & five offshore October 14th, one offshore 15th & two south 16th. Finally in December four south & two offshore 2nd.

**BLACK-HEADED GULL** *Chroicocephalus ridibundus*

Present throughout the year with a peak count of 65 June 18th. Spring movements occasionally noted March 15th to May 22nd, max. 220 south March 15th. First juv. noted with 12 south June 23rd. Autumn passage from July 14th with three figure southerly movements of 202 south August 2nd, 101 south October 18th & 210 south December 20th.

**KITTIWAKE** *Rissa tridactyla*

Early in the year regularly noted up to February 12th, max. 100 January 5th. Only records after this were one May 12th, one north 25th, one north 30th, two south July 26th, one south August 1st, one south 2nd, two September 12th, one north 13th, two north 15th, one October 9th, one north 14th, two south 30th then noted regularly from November 14th with numbers increasing with a peak count of 125 south November 29th.

**LITTLE TERN** *Sterna albifrons*

Noted April 18th to August 1st, max. 28 May 30th with the largest movement 24 south July 18th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	0	0	0	2	5	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
S+in	0	0	0	0	3	0	24	2	0	0	0	0

**BLACK TERN** *Chlidonias niger*

Eleven north May 13th, two south September 8th & two north 14th.

**SANDWICH TERN** *Sterna sandvicensis*

Noted April 2nd to October 9th with a peak count of 14 north August 9th. Small numbers occasionally feed offshore & in the river mouth, max. four June 22nd.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	0	0	0	6	12	18	14	19	4	0	0	0
S+in	0	0	0	2	0	22	8	12	15	5	0	0

**COMMON TERN** *Sterna hirundo*

Noted April 14th to October 7th max. 54 north April 24th & 67 south August 1st. Up to 19 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	70	49	33	8	26	24	4	0	0
S+in	0	0	0	0	21	16	79	147	47	3	0	0

**ARCTIC TERN** *Sterna paradisaea*

In May four north 12th & four north 13th. In autumn four south August 23rd, one south September 10th, three north 18th, one south October 3rd & one south 27th.

**GUILLEMOT** *Uria aalge*



One offshore September 19th, one south November 1st, one south 14th, one north 22nd, one north December 5th & two north 12th.

**RAZORBILL** *Alca torda*

One north October 2nd.

**FERAL PIGEON** *Columba livia*

A small group of Feral Pigeons first noted in November 1993 were present all year peaking at 13 February 16th.

**STOCK DOVE** *Columba oenas*

Up to four on site February 11th to June 18th plus four south March 16th. One August 30th. In autumn a total of 98 south on eight dates October 11th to November 10th, max. 27 south November 9th plus up to four on site October 27th to December 31st.

**WOODPIGEON** *Columba palumbus*

Up to 26 present all year except end of October to early November when up to 70 present feeding on Holm Oaks & Sea Kale seeds. At least five pairs bred. A total of 375 south noted on 22 dates March 13th to June 19th, max. 56 south May 22nd. One flew in off the sea May 3rd. Eight flew south July 10th, 21 south August 2nd & ten south 16th. In autumn a total of 1,868 south on 13 dates October 17th to November 12th plus 160 later birds south 27th & 27 south December 8th, max. 660 south November 4th.

**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 ten November 6th.

**TURTLE DOVE** *Streptopelia turtur*

A total of ten noted May 7th to June 3rd, max. two south May 14th & 24th. In autumn one October 16th.

**CUCKOO** *Cuculus canorus*

Singles adults May 6th, 8th, June 20th & 24th.

**LITTLE OWL** *Athene noctua*

Present all year but with few winter sightings, max. three March 20th & 21st. One pair probably bred but failed. A new individual turned up May 27th.

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

Singles November 8th & December 13th.

**SWIFT** *Apus apus*

Noted May 2nd to September 20th, max. 684 south July 18th. Small numbers occasionally feed on site, max. five except for 40 June 19th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
IN/N	0	0	0	0	55	515	41	0	1	0	0	0
S	0	0	0	0	377	420	1139	53	43	0	0	0

**[BEE-EATER** *Merops apiaster*

One June 5th 2008 should be deleted from the records as printed in error last year. One was reported flying south by visitors on July 20th 2009 but no further details have been ascertained.]

**HOOPOE** *Upupa epops*

One April 15th (L.Glenister *et al*). Fourth recent site record.

**GREEN WOODPECKER** *Picus viridis*

Singles May 22nd, 24th, June 21st & on seven dates July 20th to August 20th plus two on both August 5th & 9th. Finally one October 4th.

**GREAT SPOTTED WOODPECKER** *Dendrocopos major*

In autumn singles noted on 13 dates July 1st to October 29th.

**MAGPIE** *Pica pica*

Present all year with one pair nesting on the adjoining dock lighting towers but failing. Spring max. eight March 16th and a max. of 16 September 25th & October 15th later in the year.

**JAY** *Garrulus glandarius*

A total of 13 birds on spring passage April 12th to May 30th, max. three April 25th.

**JACKDAW** *Corvus monedula*

In spring a total of six north nine south plus five on 13 dates February 22nd to June 3rd, max. two. In autumn 15 south plus one in off on seven dates September 23rd to November 7th, max. four south October 19th & 26th.

**ROOK** *Corvus frugilegus*

Spring passage totals of five north 17 south plus four on nine dates February 28th to March 28th plus a later bird south May 2nd, max. seven south March 14th. In autumn one south October 18th, four north three south 23rd, one south 28th & one south 29th.

**CARRION CROW** *Corvus corone*

Present all year. Two pairs nested in the adjoining docks rearing three plus one young. Intruders occasionally turn up on site and are soon seen off by the locals with a spring max of ten April 16th and 17 October 28th in autumn. Spring passage movements of seven north 61 south plus three in off on 17 dates March 2nd to May 10th, max. 13 south April 12th. Visible movements in autumn of 17 south plus one in off on eight dates September 28th to October 26th, max. six south October 14th.

**GOLDCREST** *Regulus regulus*

Spring passage March 14th to April 20th, max. five March 17th & 19th. Autumn passage very poor with one September 14th then from October 12th to 24th, max. five 15th.

**FIRECREST** *Regulus ignicapilla*

Spring singles March 14th & April 21st. Autumn passage October 8th to November 5th, max. five October 9th.

**BLUE TIT** *Cyanistes caeruleus*

Present all year except April 21st to May 16th & May 18th to June 11th. Spring passage February 28th to April 20th plus a later new bird May 17th, max. two. Dispersing juveniles turned up from June 12th with autumn passage light continuing to at least October 28th, max. six on site August 16th & November 9th.

**GREAT TIT** *Parus major*

Present all year with two pairs breeding. Spring passage February 21st to March 22nd, max. six March 17th. First juveniles from May 28th with dispersing juveniles turning up on site from June 11th to August 20th. Autumn passage September 21st to October 31st, max. ten October 6th.

**COAL TIT** *Periparus ater britannicus*

Singles June 14th & 23rd.

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

Three April 6th to 10th with one remaining to 22nd. One September 14th was probably this race.

**WILLOW TIT** *Poecile montana*.

One June 14th (G.Gregory, N.Odin). Fifth site record.

**MARSH TIT** *Poecile palustris*

One June 16th (S.Goddard, G.Gregory, N.Odin). Third site record.

**WOODLARK** *Lullula arborea*

One south October 26th & five south 27th.

**SKYLARK** *Alauda arvensis*

Up to three noted on 17 dates January 28th to May 26th. Autumn passage & cold weather movements September 27th to December 26th, max. 65 south October 28th & 79 south December 20th with a max. of grounded birds of up to four on four dates. Three flew north October 10th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
IN/S	0	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	367	106	107

**SHORELARK** *Eremophila alpestris*

One October 15th (J.Zantboer *et al*).

**SAND MARTIN** *Riparia riparia*

In spring a total of 21 noted April 1st to May 22nd. In autumn a total of 637 south June 14th to September 23rd, max. 82 south July 25th & 72 south September 1st.

**SWALLOW** *Hirundo rustica*

Noted from March 30th to November 12th. Spring passage noted up to at least July 2nd, max. six north 103 south May 3rd. Small numbers occasionally loiter on site, max. four. Autumn passage from at least July 10th, max. 1400 south September 7th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	5	45	20	6	1	45	65	5	0	
IN/S	0	0	2	240	1027	40	223	1435	3645	196	2	0

**HOUSE MARTIN** *Delichon urbicum*

Noted April 6th to October 26th. The peak movement was 516 south September 24th. Small numbers occasionally loiter on site.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	0	0	0	2	7	9	0	0	220	0	0	0
S+in	0	0	0	2	121	9	5	19	954	26	0	0

**RED-RUMPED SWALLOW** *Cecropis daurica*

One south May 3rd (P.Oldfield). Sixth site record of seven birds.

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

Two January 21st & 16 February 19th. In spring a total of 29 birds on seven dates March 5th to 21st, max. 12 March 16th. In autumn seven September 26th preceded a total of 85 on nine dates October 15th to November 11th plus 3 later birds December 8th, max. 22 November 9th. The September flock returned on several October dates elevating the autumn totals.

**GREENISH WARBLER** *Phylloscopus trochiloides*

One September 17th to 18th (M.Garnham, G.Gregory, N.Odin *et al*). Third site record.

**ARCTIC WARBLER** *Phylloscopus borealis*

One September 1st to 2nd (P.J.Holmes *et al*). First site record.

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

One October 23rd (J.Zantboer).

**CHIFFCHAFF** *Phylloscopus collybita*

Spring passage March 16th to June 10th plus later new birds 28th & 29th, max. 12 April 4th. Two birds over summered from June 8th to December 3rd & June 28th to October 1st. Dispersing juveniles turned up June 14th, 23rd, July 2nd, 3rd & 9th.

Autumn passage August 25th to November 9th plus the later bird staying to December 3rd, max. 15 September 20th.

**WILLOW WARBLER** *Phylloscopus trochilus*

Spring passage April 4th to May 21st, max. 30 May 7th. Autumn passage July 25th to October 7th, max. 30 August 29th.

**BLACKCAP** *Sylvia atricapilla*

Spring passage April 4th to May 31st, max. four April 4th. Dispersing juveniles turned up June 26th, July 4th, 6th & August 9th. Autumn passage September 2nd to November 30th, max. four on five dates.

**GARDEN WARBLER** *Sylvia borin*

Singles in spring on six dates May 9th to 30th plus five 13th. Autumn passage August 12th to September 26th, max. two September 7th, 16th & 18th.

**LESSER WHITETHROAT** *Sylvia curruca*

Spring passage April 13th to June 7th, max. five April 21st. One pair bred just outside the recording area rearing two broods. Autumn passage at least July 25th to September 30th, max. two apart from four July 25th which included local juvs.

**WHITETHROAT** *Sylvia communis*

Spring passage April 16th to May 25th, max. eight May 2nd, 7th & 23rd. Three pairs bred. Autumn passage start obscured by locally bred offspring but from at least the end of July to October 10th, max. six September 6th.

**DARTFORD WARBLER** *Sylvia undata*

One November 4th (T.Holland, D.T.Langlois, N.Odin *et al*). Fourth site record.

**GRASSHOPPER WARBLER** *Locustella naevia*

One September 1st.

**ICTERINE WARBLER** *Hippolais icterina*

Different singles May 14th (W.Brame *et al*) & 15th (N.Odin *et al*).

**MELODIUS WARBLER** *Hippolais polyglotta*

Singing male May 17th (G.Gregory, N.Odin, E.W.Patrick *et al*) moved to the area north of the customs house next day (J.Zantboer *et al*). Eighth site record.

**SEDGE WARBLER** *Acrocephalus schoenobaenus*

In spring singles noted on five dates April 13th to May 18th. In autumn an early juvenile June 30th preceded singles July 25th, August 29th & September 5th.

**MARSH WARBLER** *Acrocephalus palustris*

Singles June 6th (N.Odin, G.Plank *et al*) & 11th (G.Gregory, N.Odin *et al*).

**REED WARBLER** *Acrocephalus scirpaceus*

In spring up to two noted on ten dates May 10th to July 4th plus four June 8th. In autumn singles on six dates July 17th to October 8th plus two September 19th.

**WAXWING** *Bombycilla garrulus*

One in off the sea December 13th.

**TREECREEPER** *Certhia familiaris*

Singles June 27th & September 24th.

**WREN** *Troglodytes troglodytes*

At least 14 birds over wintered surviving from last year. A light spring passage March 14th to April 25th. Three pairs bred with juveniles appearing from June 16th. Dispersing juveniles from elsewhere turned up on site from end June to August 15th. Autumn passage also very light September 19th to November 11th, max. five November 5th. At least five birds were attempting to winter later in the year.

**STARLING** *Sturnus vulgaris*

Present all year with three pairs nesting. 300+ noted January 6th. The spring max. was 120 March 18th & 19th. First juv. noted May 17th. Mid-summer peak of 1,500 August 4th. Eleven south September 19th preceded visible movements in autumn October 10th to November 26th with a total of 4343 noted coming in off the sea or flying south, max. 1827 in/south October 28th. In autumn birds attempted to roost on the dock lights peaking at 800 October 30th. Finally 13 later birds came in off the sea December 18th.

**RING OUZEL** *Turdus torquatus*

In April singles noted on 13 dates 6th to 29th plus two 13th with a later bird May 13th to 15th. In autumn singles September 23rd, October 13th & 24th.

**BLACKBIRD** *Turdus merula*

Present all year with 12 to 13 pairs nesting. Spring passage February 28th to May 3rd with a later new adult 24th, max. 40 March 21st. First juveniles noted from April 15th with dispersing juveniles turning up on site from May to August 5th plus a later bird 31st. Autumn passage September 27th to November 18th, max 136 October 31st with a handful of new birds December 1st to 31st.

**FIELDFARE** *Turdus pilaris*

Spring passage February 1st to April 24th, max. five February 6th. Autumn passage October 12th to November 24th with later singles December 13th, 30th & 31st, max. 300 in off October 27th.

**SONG THRUSH** *Turdus philomelos*

At least one over wintered with new birds turning up January 2nd, 5th & 9th. Spring passage February 23rd to April 21st, max. five April 17th. One pair bred at the northern end of the recording area. Two dispersing juveniles turned up June 12th & singles July 8th, August 6th & 12th. Autumn passage September 16th to November 12th with a later bird December 2nd & a small influx of new birds 16th to 28th, max. 35 September 20th & 60 October 31st.

**REDWING** *Turdus iliacus*

One February 1st. Spring passage March 2nd to April 14th, max. 22 March 12th. Autumn passage September 30th to November 30th plus two later birds December 16th & one 20th, max. 1,000 in off October 27th.

**MISTLE THRUSH** *Turdus viscivorus*

In spring singles March 1st, 17th, 22nd, April 3rd & 7th. One juvenile present May 21st. In autumn four in off September 20th, two October 5th, one 28th, one 31st, one November 4th, one 6th, one 10th, two 24th & one December 29th.

**SPOTTED FLYCATCHER** *Muscicapa striata*

Spring passage May 7th to June 9th, max. ten May 13th. Autumn passage singles on 12 dates August 18th to September 16th.

**ROBIN** *Erithacus rubecula*

At least five birds successfully over-wintered on site. Spring passage March 5th to May 14th, max. five April 10th. None bred. Several dispersing juveniles turned up on site from May 29th to June 29th. Autumn passage August 6th to November 17th, max. 35 October 31st. At least six were attempting to winter on site later in the year.

**NIGHTINGALE** *Luscinia megarhynchos*

Spring singles April 11th & 14th & in autumn singles August 13th to 16th, 26th & 29th to September 5th.

**BLACK REDSTART** *Phoenicurus ochruros*

Spring passage March 16th to May 2nd, max. three March 30th, April 2nd & 4th. A later male present June 14th. In autumn singles October 23rd, 30th & two November 9th.

**REDSTART** *Phoenicurus phoenicurus*

Seven noted on spring passage April 4th to May 14th, max. two April 4th & 14th. Autumn passage August 8th to September 20th, max. five September 18th.

**WHINCHAT** *Saxicola rubetra*

Spring singles May 9th, 14th, 15th & June 5th. Autumn passage August 24th to September 16th plus a later bird October 22nd, max. three September 5th & 6th.

**STONECHAT** *Saxicola torquata*

In March one 1st, five 12th & four 13th. In autumn one September 25th, two October 22nd & one November 6th to 7th.

**WHEATEAR** *Oenanthe oenanthe*

Spring passage March 14th to May 24th, max. 22 May 9th. Autumn passage August 5th to October 25th, max. 14 September 16th.

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

One September 14th (G.Gregory *et al*).

**PIED FLYCATCHER** *Ficedula hypoleuca*

In spring females May 14th, three 15th & one 16th. Autumn passage August 7th to September 21st, max four September 20th.

**DUNNOCK** *Prunella modularis*

At least 17 birds successfully survived the winter on site including one originally ringed in 2001. Present all year with at least ten pairs nesting. Spring passage March 15th to April 26th. The first juveniles noted June 2nd. Many dispersing juveniles turned up on site from June to August 14th. Autumn passage from at least September 1st to October 18th, max 28 September 24th. In September six south 21st, eight south 23rd & one south 28th.

**HOUSE SPARROW** *Passer domesticus*

Present all year with three pairs nesting and rearing very few young. The years peak count was 182 roosting September 9th.

**TREE SPARROW** *Passer montanus*

None in spring. In autumn a total of 40 noted on eight dates August 26th to October 17th, max. 19 September 5th.

**YELLOW WAGTAIL** *Motacilla flava*

A total of three north nine south plus three on site April 6th to May 14th, max. one north two south April 24th & three south May 3rd. Autumn passage totals of one north 66 south plus 11 on site June 30th to October 26th, max. 11 south September 4th.

**GREY WAGTAIL** *Motacilla cinerea*

In spring a total of two north two south plus one on site March 6th to 25th with summer records of two south June 13th, one south July 1st & one south 23rd. In autumn a total of five north 65 south plus one on site August 29th to November 7th, max. five south October 12th.

**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 21st. A total of three north six south March 15th to 26th. In autumn a total of 431 south August 6th to November 21st, max. 37 south October 23rd.

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

Singles on five dates April 3rd to May 17th. In autumn one September 8th.

**TAWNY PIPIT** *Anthus campestris*

One south September 24th (P.Merchant, N.Odin).

**TREE PIPIT** *Anthus trivialis*

In spring singles May 2nd & 13th. In autumn eight noted September 14th to 27th, max. two 19th.

**MEADOW PIPIT** *Anthus pratensis*

Seen all year with seven pairs rearing several broods. Spring passage poor from at least February 12th to mid-April, max. 20 April 4th, 6th & 14th. Autumn passage from at least September 5th to December 19th, max. 212 south September 6th & 313 south October 28th and of grounded migrants 60 October 23rd.

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	1	0	0	0	0	0	913	1076	80	7
Max On	4	6	15	20	14	20	20	20	30	60	8	15

**ROCK PIPIT** *Anthus petrosus*

One south January 15th. In spring singles February 28th, March 1st & 18th. In autumn a total of one north 15 south plus singles on site on five dates September 23rd to November 2nd, max five south October 29th.

**CHAFFINCH** *Fringilla coelebs*

Up to four noted on site early and late in the year. Spring passage February 28th to May 4th plus a later new bird May 28th. Visible movements of 60 in/south March 12th to May 4th, max. 20 south March 14th & April 4th & a spring peak of grounded birds five March 14th One pair bred but failed. None seen July 15th to August 29th. Autumn passage August 30th to December 5th with a total of 1334 south/in off the sea during this period, max. 160 south October 23rd. Autumn max. of grounded birds was 30 October 2nd.

**BRAMBLING** *Fringilla montifringilla*

Spring passage of six birds March 19th to April 14th, max. two April 14th. Autumn passage totals of 24 in/south & 22 on site September 25th to December 9th, max. six October 13th & 27th.

**SERIN** *Serinus serinus*

One south April 26th (N.Odin).

**GREENFINCH** *Carduelis chloris*

Present all year but with very few early & late in the year. Two pairs nested with several additional pairs nearby. Juveniles first noted May 20th. In spring visible migration almost non-existent with singles south April 8th & May 4th with the highest spring count on site just four. Up to 30 birds fed on site end-July & August. Six south August 4th preceded visible migration totals in autumn of 2318 south September 21st to November 26th, max. 296 south October 11th. Up to 100 birds fed on site in October & November.

**GOLDFINCH** *Carduelis carduelis*

Present all year in small numbers with at least one pair nesting nearby just outside the recording area. Visible migration in spring totalled two north 64 south March 16th to May 28th, max. 12 south May 3rd. In autumn visible passage movements totalling 5043 south September 1st to December 8th, max. 1502 south October 11th, with an autumn max. of grounded birds 80 October 11th.

**SISKIN** *Carduelis spinus*

In spring a total of six north 29 south six on March 2nd to May 1st, max. 13 south March 14th. In autumn a total of seven north 420 in/south September 11th to December 1st, max. 160 south October 26th.

**LINNET** *Carduelis cannabina*

One January 26th, 20 south February 7th, then noted regularly from February 11th. An estimated 30 to 40 pairs nested with several more nearby. In spring four south April 15th & six south 16th were only visible migration noted. First juveniles noted May 21st. Up to 85 were regularly on site end-April to September. In autumn a total of 1071 south September 21st to December 9th, max. 109 south October 28th. Only records after November 13th were 46 south 17th, 12 south 26th, six December 1st & two south 9th.

**LESSER REDPOLL** *Carduelis cabaret*

In spring singles April 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 20th. In autumn a total of 1045 noted October 12th to December 9th, max. 464 south October 26th.

**COMMON REDPOLL** *Carduelis flammea*

Singles October 26th & November 6th.

**CROSSBILL** *Loxia curvirostra*

Five north September 16th & one south October 26th.

**BULLFINCH** *Pyrrhula pyrrhula*

Two south October 28th & two south 29th.

**SNOW BUNTING** *Plectrophenax nivalis*

One February 12th & 14th. In November two 2nd, five 9th, one 12th, one 21st, three south 25th & one south 28th.

**LAPLAND BUNTING** *Calcarius lapponicus*

One south November 6th.

**YELLOWHAMMER** *Emberiza citrinella*

In spring one March 3rd & one south 23rd. In autumn one north October 11th & one 29th.

**ORTOLAN BUNTING** *Emberiza hortulana*

An aberrant individual August 25th (P.J.Holmes, P.Merchant, N.Odin *et al*).

**REED BUNTING** *Emberiza schoeniclus*

One March 14th. In autumn a total of 36 south & 11 on site September 22nd to November 15th, max. eight south October 28th. In December one south 3rd & one on 24th.

## ESCAPEES

**HARRIS HAWK** *Parabuteo unicinctus*

Singles January 15th, September 13th, 24th & 25th.

**HYBRID GYR/PEREGRINE** *Falco rusticolus/peregrinus*

One May 2nd & 3rd was known to have been lost on landfill duties several weeks prior to this & was re-caught in Ipswich the week following these sightings.

**COCKATIEL** *Nymphicus hollandicus*

One May 22nd.

**CANARY** *Serinus canaria*

One south November 25th.

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