

LANDGUARD BIRD OBSERVATORY

SYSTEMATIC BIRD LIST 2014

MUTE SWAN *Cygnus olor*

Two in off January 21st, three out then south April 5th, two June 12th, three south 19th, four September 27th & one north December 3rd.

BEWICK'S SWAN *Cygnus columbianus*

Two north December 29th.

PINK-FOOTED GOOSE *Anser brachyrhynchus*

Five north January 10th, seven north February 21st, three out then north March 5th & 70 north September 25th.

GREYLAG GOOSE *Anser anser*

In the early part of the year seven south January 12th, two south 23rd, one south February 3rd & two north 19th. Local wanderers noted on 28 dates March 10th to May 12th, max. eight south two on April 21st. Later in spring two north June 1st & a mid-summer record of three in off July 13th. In autumn 16 north September 25th, two south October 16th & 17 north December 1st.

GREY GOOSE Sp.

Two south December 30th.

CANADA GOOSE *Branta canadensis*

Seven south January 8th. Local wanderers noted on 14 dates March 23rd to May 8th, max. nine south April 3rd & eight south one in off April 12th. Later in the spring one south June 20th. None in autumn.

BARNACLE GOOSE *Branta leucopsis*

Noted February 19th to June 23rd & July 31st to August 19th, max. 176 south February 19th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	0	132	70	54	211	0	2	112	0	0	0	0
S+in	0	243	25	109	383	4	0	0	0	0	0	0

BRENT GOOSE *Branta bernicla*

Last noted in spring May 31st. In July four south 9th & two out then north 13th. First autumn record September 11th, max. 1,514 south October 7th, 7,582 south 13th, 3,216 south 14th, 12,378 south 30th & 2,277 south November 12th. Eight were on site March 23rd with singles April 1st & May 1st.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	213	226	170	400	1478	0	2	0	68	164	228	92
S+in	649	167	123	29	5	0	4	0	126	27228	4005	75

PALE BELLIED BRENT GOOSE *Branta bernicla hrota*.

One south May 7th.

BLACK BRANT *Branta bernicula nigricans*

One south October 13th (W.J.Brame). First site record.

SHELDUCK *Tadorna tadorna*

Small numbers noted moving offshore most of the year with prospecting on the reserve February 26th to July 3rd by at least 23 birds. Egg shells found in two sites late summer. The largest movement was 170 south October 30th.

Monthly totals were:-

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
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N+out	7	4	0	21	11	0	1	18	5	0	1	5
S+in	317	122	36	66	36	2	0	32	21	329	332	78

WIGEON *Anas penelope*

Early in the year noted up to April 5th with notable movements of 96 south January 1st, five north 80 south 30th & 200 north March 16th. Nine were offshore January 21st & 17 April 1st. In autumn noted from August 27th onwards with peak counts of 361 south October 3rd & 1,147 30th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	14	0	200	33	0	0	0	0	16	24	0	144
S+in	342	19	1	0	0	0	0	9	125	2212	452	90

GADWALL *Anas strepera*

Noted up to March 3rd, max. ten south January 25th & 30th. In spring one south May 10th. Autumn movements August 9th to December 1st, max. ten south October 30th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
S+in	29	3	3	0	1	0	0	11	0	18	12	6

TEAL *Anas crecca*

Early in the year noted up to March 11th, max. 51 south January 3rd. Two later birds noted north April 29th. Autumn passage July 10th onwards, max. four north 350 south August 26th. Three were offshore January 21st, three September 20th & two November 19th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	5	0	0	2	0	0	0	14	1	22	6	52
S+in	210	11	2	0	0	0	17	679	84	475	523	126

MALLARD *Anas platyrhynchos*

Noted in all months except June, August & September, max. ten south December 26th. Up to two were on site March 9th to April 10th, May 20th & 21st with one pair nesting.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0
S+in	12	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	23	10

PINTAIL *Anas acuta*

Noted January 1st to April 12th, max. 17 north January 9th & 17 south February 11th. Autumn passage September 11th to December 28th, max. 120 south October 30th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	26	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	11
S+in	24	35	4	0	0	0	0	0	12	179	17	0

SHOVELER *Anas clypeata*

Early in the year eight south January 1st, one 21st, two in off 24th, eight south 30th, four February 17th & three south 19th. In spring two south March 7th, ten south 18th, one north April 9th, two south 12th & two south May 22nd. In autumn a total of 30 south July 20th to November 27th, max. ten south October 30th.

POCHARD *Aythya ferina*

Singles north January 21st, north 30th, south March 11th, south May 18th, south November 8th & south 26th.

TUFTED DUCK *Aythya fuligula*

BLACK-THROATED DIVER *Gavia arctica*

Singles on eight dates January 26th to March 1st possibly involved the same individual. Later in March one 18th & three south 19th.

GREAT NORTHERN DIVER *Gavia immer*

One south January 16th, one north 30th, two south February 28th, one out May 12th & in autumn singles north October 15th, south 16th, out then north 25th, south November 1st, in 9th, south 26th, south 28th, in off December 13th & out 21st.

DIVER SP.

One south then north January 3rd.

FULMAR *Fulmarus glacialis*

Noted January 1st to June 10th & August 6th to September 6th, max four north two south May 10th. A "Blue" phase noted February 8th. One was on site April 12th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	5	3	1	12	10	2	0	5	1	0	0	0
S	3	5	6	9	5	3	0	10	7	0	0	0

LARGE SHEARWATER SP.

One north August 10th (T.Bagworth, W.J.Brame, E.W.Patrick *et al*).

SOOTY SHEARWATER *Puffinus griseus*

Three north three south October 13th & one north 25th.

MANX SHEARWATER *Puffinus puffinus*

Singles north August 27th & October 13th.

LARGE ALL DARK PETREL Sp.

One south October 13th (T.Bagworth, W.J.Brame, E.Lucking).

GANNET *Morus bassanus*

Noted in all months, max. 31 north 114 south July 10th & 64 north 66 south July 11th.

Birds now regularly following shipping, a habit that started the previous autumn.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	5	9	98	22	4	1	102	36	4	52	33	10
S	13	56	22	19	24	1	189	20	3	27	17	3
MAX ON	1	16	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	11	14

CORMORANT *Phalacrocorax carbo*

Present all year with winter counts increasing including 345 out January 19th, 120 out 450 offshore 20th, 394 out 23rd, 390 out November 18th, 530 out 25th, 610 north 275 south 11 out 28th, seven south three in off 405 out December 16th.

SHAG *Phalacrocorax aristotelis*

Singles February 6th, 10th, 13th (presumed same), north March 22nd & September 29th.

LITTLE EGRET *Egretta garzetta*

One out then north March 9th & one in off 19th. A total of one north, six south May 7th to 17th. Singles south June 4th & 21st. A total of eight north 16 south three in off July 12th to September 10th, max. nine south August 24th. Later in the autumn 14 south October 3rd to November 6th, max. five south October 3rd. In December one flew south 5th.

GREAT WHITE EGRET *Ardea alba*

One south April 13th (T.Bagworth, M.May, N.Odin, E.W.Patrick). Fourth site record.

GREY HERON *Ardea cinerea*

In spring one in off March 13th, singles north April 1st & 21st. Autumn movements totalling seven north five south, three in off & one on 12 dates June 19th to November 16th, max. three north one in off October 2nd.

GREAT CRESTED GREBE *Podiceps cristatus*

Noted in all months, max. two north four south January 28th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	4	2	2	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	6	0
S+in	22	8	3	0	3	0	1	1	1	8	9	9
MAX ON	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0

RED-NECKED GREBE *Podiceps grisegena*

One offshore January 29th, one south November 14th, one south December 26th & one north 31st.

SLAVONIAN GREBE *Podiceps auritus*

Singles south January 10th (W.J.Brame, T.Holland, M.May), offshore then south 19th (N.Odin *et al*), south February 1st (P.J.Holmes *et al*) & off the Viewpoint 3rd (J.Zantboer) probably all refer to the same individual. Later in the year one north November 25th (E.Lucking, N.Odin). Fourth to eighth site records.

BLACK-NECKED GREBE *Podiceps nigricollis*

One drifting south offshore August 13th (N.Odin *et al*). Seventh site record.

HONEY BUZZARD *Pernis apivorous*

Juvenile September 11th (R. Spiers *et al*).

MARSH HARRIER *Circus aeruginosus*

One south March 3rd, one north one south April 8th, singles out then north 12th, south 13th, south May 9th, south August 6th, north September 3rd, 15th & south 22nd.

SPARROWHAWK *Accipiter nisus*

One or two regularly noted January to May 10th. Visible movements of one in off March 17th & one south April 21st. One June 2nd. One or two regularly noted again from June 27th to the years end with three August 29th, two south two on 31st, three September 12th & three October 20th. Singles flew south August 24th, September 1st, north 15th, south 21st, south October 27th & south December 19th.

AVOCET *Recurvirostra avosetta*

69 south February 14th, two south June 3rd & one south December 17th.

OYSTERCATCHER *Haematopus ostralegus*

Up to five were occasionally on the reserve especially in the spring and summer. One pair nested but failed. Largest autumn movement 146 south August 9th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	0	1	14	48	17	2	4	15	3	3	1	7
S+in	12	41	40	49	58	10	48	418	23	15	7	2

GOLDEN PLOVER *Pluvialis apricaria*.

Early in the year max, 120 south February 8th. In spring one north March 13th, one on 14th & one north 18th. Autumn passage July 16th to December 13th, max. 40 south August 26th. Three were on the reserve September 29th, two October 16th & one December 2nd.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
S+in	110	134	0	0	0	0	1	49	3	24	68	36

GREY PLOVER *Pluvialis squatarola*

Noted up to May 22nd, max. 46 north April 25th. Autumn passage from at least August 5th to December 14th, max. 17 south August 10th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	0	48	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
IN/S	29	5	2	59	33	0	0	70	2	17	8	5

LAPWING *Vanellus vanellus*

50 on January 2nd moved off when disturbed was only record early in the year. None in spring. Autumn passage June 18th to December 2nd. Also up to five on the reserve on seven dates during this period with a larger count of 65 November 6th that moved off south when flushed.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	0
IN/S	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	91	14	4

LITTLE RINGED PLOVER *Charadrius dubius*

Two displaying in aggregate yard April 22nd.

RINGED PLOVER *Charadrius hiaticula*

Only roosting occasionally early in the year, max 23 February 12th. Breeding birds started returning mid-February with three pairs breeding rearing seven young. Autumn passage at least August 1st onwards, max. nine south August 9th. Only very occasionally present later in the year with a peak of 31 December 4th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
S+in	35	13	1	1	2	0	1	18	2	0	1	1
MAX ON	15	23	5	6	9	9	6	10	10	10	2	31

DOTTEREL *Charadrius morinellus*

One heard calling April 22nd (T.Bagworth, W.J.Brame, T.Holland, E.Lucking, N.Odin, E.W.Patrick, R.Spiers *et al*).

WHIMBREL *Numenius phaeopus*

In spring a total of 97 noted April 12th to May 25th max. 21 north May 15th. In autumn a total of 95 noted June 16th to August 28th plus a later single south October 1st, max. 14 south August 10th.

CURLEW *Numenius arquata*

One heard January 6th with passage from January 20th to May 26th, max. 33 north April 16th. One was on the reserve March 13th with one heard 30th. Autumn passage June 13th to November 27th, max. 36 south October 30th. A later birds flew south December 23rd.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
E+N	2	3	24	108	4	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
IN/S	12	15	14	29	7	59	64	24	3	46	21	1

BLACK-TAILED GODWIT *Limosa limosa*

18 north two south April 5th, three south May 9th, two south August 11th, 14 in off 13th & four south 14th.

BAR-TAILED GODWIT *Limosa lapponica*

41 south January 25th to 27th. Spring passage February 23rd to May 25th with notable counts of 57 north April 29th & 26 south May 9th. Autumn passage July 5th to August 11th plus four singles October & November.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
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N	0	0	0	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
S	41	2	3	15	41	0	5	18	0	2	2	0

TURNSTONE *Arenaria interpres*

Last seen in spring May 25th. In autumn noted from August 3rd, max. 12 south August 10th & 55 south December 23rd.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0
S	18	2	7	3	3	0	0	43	0	9	9	55
MAX ON	5	6	2	2	3	0	0	2	1	0	4	3

KNOT *Calidris canutus*

Noted up to May 10th, max. 99 south February 15th. Autumn passage August 18th to December 11th, max. 72 south October 30th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
S	107	199	80	71	6	0	0	8	3	133	89	1

RUFF *Calidris pugnax*

Two north August 13th, one south 17th, five south 28th & three north 31st..

CURLEW SANDPIPER *Calidris ferruginea*

Two south August 28th.

SANDERLING *Calidris alba*

Noted up to February 14th. Spring passage April 17th to May 23rd, max. 16 north 14 on May 22nd. Autumn passage July 16th to August 22nd, max. seven south one on August 1st. Later on two south October 21st, five south 23rd, three south November 8th & three on December 19th & 22nd.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	0	0	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
S+in	1	0	0	0	10	0	2	15	0	7	3	0
MAX ON	1	1	0	1	14	0	3	5	0	0	0	3

DUNLIN *Calidris alpina*

Early in the year movements up to February 11th, max. 113 south January 25th. Spring passage March 2nd to May 20th. Autumn passage July 5th to November 22nd plus 15 south December 26th, max. 232 south October 30th. Single's on the beach May 6th, 15th, September 8th, October 3rd, November 22nd & December 16th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	0	0	0	15	7	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
S+in	211	13	33	3	86	0	14	52	24	819	150	15

PURPLE SANDPIPER *Calidris maritima*

Singles February 4th, August 23rd, September 3rd, 6th to 10th, south October 11th, 16th & south 30th.

LITTLE STINT *Calidris minuta*

One south May 12th.

COMMON SANDPIPER *Tringa hypoleucos*

One on the adjoining Landguard terminal, Port of Felixstowe, February 3rd to at least April 1st. In spring one May 14th. In autumn two July 21st, singles 29th, August 7th, 25th, September 4th, two 7th & one October 4th.

SPOTTED REDSHANK *Tringa erythropus*

Singles south July 19th, south August 29th & in off September 4th.

GREENSHANK *Tringa nebularia*

One north May 18th. In autumn three in off July 12th then a total of 23 south August 6th to September 5th, max. nine south August 10th.

REDSHANK *Tringa totanus*

In spring singles on reserve March 14th, 31st, April 1st, north May 18th, north 28th & south 29th. Autumn passage July 3rd to September 5th, max. 16 south August 14th with up to two also on the reserve during this period. Later records of four south October 24th, three south November 2nd, two on the reserve 5th & one in aggregate yard December 27th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
S+in	0	0	0	0	1	0	6	55	3	4	3	0

JACK SNIPE *Lymnocyptes minimus*

One November 13th.

WOODCOCK *Scolopax rusticola*

Singles January 29th, 30th, 31st & February 3rd. In spring one March 16th & two April 5th. In autumn two October 29th with singles on eight dates 30th to December 11th plus a later bird 26th.

SNIPE *Gallinago gallinago*

Spring singles March 13th, 21st, April 14th & 30th. In autumn a total of 34 noted August 31st to December 21st, max. four October 30th.

POMARINE SKUA *Stercorarius pomarinus*

Singles noted on eight dates November 12th to December 23rd plus two November 28th.

ARCTIC SKUA *Stercorarius parasiticus*

None in spring. In autumn a total of 13 noted August 10th to November 19th, max. five south August 26th.

LONG-TAILED SKUA *Stercorarius longicaudus*

Six south August 26th & one south September 3rd.

GREAT SKUA *Stercorarius skua*

Early in the year a total of 21 noted January 1st to March 19th, max. three February 8th & 11th probably involved returning individuals. Later in spring singles April 6th, 25th & 27th. In autumn one north three south August 10th then a total of 11 noted October 6th to November 3rd plus a later bird 21st, max. three October 6th & 23rd. In December one north 3rd, one offshore 24th & one north 27th.

SKUA Sp.

One October 24th.

RAZORBILL *Alca torda*

One south one offshore January 9th, one south 17th, one north May 9th, one north 10th & one south August 25th.

LITTLE AUK *Alle alle*

One north four south November 6th & one south 7th.

GUILLEMOT *Uria aalge*

A total of 31 north 91 south plus up to three offshore January 1st to March 2nd, max. four north 11 south January 1st. Later in the year one north September 13th, two north October 23rd, one north 27th, three north November 25th, one offshore December 2nd & one south 20th.

AUK SP.

Two north November 3rd.

LITTLE TERN *Sterna albifrons*

Noted April 23rd to August 10th with later records of one September 7th, two out 21st & two south October 13th. A couple of pairs prospected the beach briefly mid-summer.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	0	0	0	5	16	9	9	5	2	0	0	0
S+in	0	0	0	0	14	0	14	4	0	2	0	0
MAX ON	0	0	0	1	8	11	15	4	1	0	0	0

BLACK TERN *Chlidonias niger*

One north August 26th.

SANDWICH TERN *Sterna sandvicensis*

Noted April 6th to October 4th with a peak movement 28 north eight south July 11th. Small numbers occasionally feed offshore & in the river mouth, max. 17 August 22nd.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	0	0	0	14	47	93	145	85	56	6	0	0
S+in	0	0	0	11	10	6	96	50	20	5	0	0
MAX ON	0	0	0	0	1	5	5	17	9	0	0	0

COMMON TERN *Sterna hirundo*

Noted April 12th to September 29th plus one south October 30th, max. 85 south May 10th. The max. offshore was 33 May 11th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	0	0	0	67	50	4	22	14	6	0	0	0
S+in	0	0	0	1	159	12	40	59	11	1	0	0
MAX ON	0	0	0	3	33	13	15	9	5	0	0	0

ARCTIC TERN *Sterna paradisaea*

In spring a total of 13 north two south May 5th to 20th, max. eight north May 5th. In autumn three south August 26th, one north September 24th & one south October 13th.

"COMMIC" TERN

Four north April 16th, 78 south August 26th & 15 south 27th.

KITTIWAKE *Rissa tridactyla*

In January notable counts of 946 south 1st & 350 south 400 offshore 4th. None noted February 28th to April 19th. Singles flew in off May 15th & out 27th. None noted May 28th to July 5th & 24th to October 22nd except for a juv August 19th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	4	0	4	6	0	4	0	0	0	5	2
S+in	3178	459	0	1	24	0	3	0	0	1	4	17
MAX ON	400	9	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	14

BLACK-HEADED GULL *Chroicocephalus ridibundus*

Present all year with peak counts of 180 January 22nd, 200 October 13th & 65 December 24th. Spring movements noted March 15th to April 30th, max. 283 north April 13th. Juveniles noted from July 11th. Autumn passage from at least July 8th to November 12th, max. 220 south October 30th.

LITTLE GULL *Hydrocoloeus minutus*

24 south January 22nd, singles south 28th, south February 25th & south 27th. In spring eight north March 15th, six north 16th, one north 22nd, one south April 7th & one offshore 22nd. In mid-summer one south July 10th, one north 11th. In autumn adult offshore August 19th, one south 25th, one south 26th, one offshore 27th, nine

south September 2nd, juv offshore 20th, 43 south October 13th, 12 offshore 14th & 27 offshore 15th.

MEDITERRANEAN GULL *Larus melanocephalus*

Present all year, max. 17 April 6th & 15 September 28th. A total of 30 flew south April 6th to 18th, max. 17 6th. First juv noted July 14th.

Monthly max:-

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
6	9	3	17	2	3	3	2	15	5	3	3

COMMON GULL *Larus canus*

Present all year except June 3rd to July 9th, max. 500 January 16th early in the year & later on 150 December 21st. Only very small numbers noted moving at passage times, max. 145 south October 30th.

LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL *Larus fuscus*

Noted all year although only in very small numbers early & late in the year. Very common end-February to mid-November and nesting in the adjoining docks.

HERRING GULL *Larus argentatus*

Present all year and nesting in the adjoining docks. 1,350 January 11th & 1,200 March 26th were the largest counts.

YELLOW-LEGGED GULL *Larus michahellis*

Singles January 9th, February 20th & 23rd then up to four noted March 17th to 28th. One July 9th & a juvenile noted August 4th.

CASPIAN GULL *Larus cachinnans*

First-summer March 18th to 21st & 25th (P.J.Holmes *et al*). First-winter September 4th (P.Oldfield).

ICELAND GULL *Larus glaucooides*

Adult March 21st to 23rd (T.Bagworth *et al*).

GLAUCOUS GULL *Larus hyperboreus*

First winter March 17th to 23rd (P.Oldfield *et al*). Adult November 12th (E.Lucking, N.Odin *et al*).

GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL *Larus marinus*

Present all year although few present in the summer months, max. 200 March 26th.

FERAL PIGEON *Columba livia*

Present all year with peak count of 75 November 26th.

STOCK DOVE *Columba oenas*

Up to two noted on 16 dates February 6th to April 1st plus a total of one north eight south during this period with later records of one north April 14th, two north 18th, four south May 2nd & three north 6th. In autumn a total of 578 south October 20th to November 8th, max. 274 October 20th. Up to seven on site on nine dates October 10th to 16th. In December singles noted 3rd, 11th & 31st.

WOODPIGEON *Columba palumbus*

Up to 34 present all year. 12 to 15 pairs bred with limited success. A total of seven north 880 south six in off March 5th to May 26th, max. 409 south March 10th. In autumn a total of 10,071 south October 20th to November 8th, max. 8,530 south October 22nd. Five later birds flew south November 25th & four south December 8th.

COLLARED DOVE *Streptopelia decaocto*

Present all year with two pairs nesting with the first nest found February 16th. Extra birds are often present on site peaking at eight April 16th & 18th.

TURTLE DOVE *Streptopelia turtur*

Spring singles April 22nd, May 13th, 25th & June 1st. Autumn singles September 14th to 15th, October 2nd, 14th & 16th.

CUCKOO *Cuculus canorus*

Singles May 8th, 14th, June 1st, 6th & July 12th.

LITTLE OWL *Athene noctua*

Pair present all year reared one young with all three still present December 26th.

SHORT-EARED OWL *Asio flammeus*

In autumn eight noted August 23rd to November 26th, max. two October 16th.

SWIFT *Apus apus*

Noted May 1st to September 1st, max. 444 south June 5th. Small numbers occasionally fed on site June/July, max. 15 June 22nd.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
IN/N	0	0	0	0	32	44	153	1	0	0	0	0
S	0	0	0	0	200	542	302	538	4	0	0	0

BEE-EATER *Merops apiaster*

One heard going north May 6th (T.Bagworth, W.J.Brame).

KINGFISHER *Alcedo atthis*

One September 8th.

WRYNECK *Jynx torquilla*

One August 30th, two September 5th, three 6th, two 7th & one 8th.

GREEN WOODPECKER *Picus viridis*

Singles noted on 11 dates July 4th to August 24th plus a later one October 2nd..

GREAT SPOTTED WOODPECKER *Dendrocopos major*

One May 16th to 17th. Five noted June 19th to July 24th & 14 August 31st to October 12th, max. two September 25th & October 10th.

KESTREL *Falco tinnunculus*

One or two regularly on site January to June 6th & July 21st to years end. Singles in spring south May 6th and in autumn south September 26th, two south October 11th and one south 14th.

MERLIN *Falco columbarius*

Female January 7th, female south February 27th, male & female March 7th, male & female 31st & female April 6th. Later in the year juvenile female September 15th.

HOBBY *Falco subbuteo*

Singles noted on eight dates May 7th to July 31st plus two May 9th. In autumn singles August 30th, September 5th, 7th & 24th.

PEREGRINE *Falco peregrinus*

Pair present in the area all year & bred in near adjoining dock but failed. Additional to these birds an immature male south March 6th, extra male April 13th, extra female 14th, one extra July 1st, juvenile female August 18th & immature female September 9th.

RED-BACKED SHRIKE *Lanius collurio*

Juvenile September 19th to 21st (M.Angliss *et al*) with two additional birds 21st (W.J.Brame, N.Odin *et al*).

GREAT GREY SHRIKE *Lanius excubitor*

One October 17th to 18th (N.Odin *et al*).

MAGPIE *Pica pica*

Present all year with four pairs nesting, two pairs reared seven young, one failed & the outcome of the other unknown. Spring max. 20 March 9th & a max. of 25 October 25th later in the year.

JAY *Garrulus glandarius*

Spring singles April 21st, 27th & 29th. A mid-summer bird July 16th was exceptional. In autumn 13 noted September 16th to October 15th, max. three October 3rd.

JACKDAW *Corvus monedula*

In spring a total of six north 39 south six in off & five on site February 17th to June 19th, max. six south May 7th. In autumn a total of two north 25 south two on site September 21st to October 27th, max. seven south September 28th.

ROOK *Corvus frugilegus*

Spring passage totals of two north 13 south one in off February 17th to April 14th, max. three south March 21st, 23rd & April 12th. In autumn two November 4th.

CARRION CROW *Corvus corone*

Present all year. Two pairs nested in the near adjoining dock with one pair rearing four young & the other three. Intruders occasionally turn up on site and are soon seen off by the locals with a spring max of 17 April 12th and 20 September 3rd in autumn. Spring passage movements of ten north 58 south eight in off February 22nd to May 21st, max. 15 south April 10th. Visible movements in autumn of five north 12 south September 25th to November 1st, max. six south November 1st.

GOLDCREST *Regulus regulus*

Spring passage March 13th to 28th, max. two 13th & 26th. Autumn passage September 11th to November 22nd with three birds lingering to 30th & two to December 2nd, max. 35 October 14th.

FIRECREST *Regulus ignicapilla*

Spring singles on nine dates March 3rd to May 7th. Autumn passage September 11th to October 22nd, max. three September 28th.

BLUE TIT *Cyanistes caeruleus*

Present all year with one pair nesting. Six birds from previous years survived the winter. Spring passage March 4th to 23rd plus three later new birds May 6th, 7th & 13th. First juvenile May 29th dispersing juveniles turning up from elsewhere from June 12th then to August 6th. Autumn passage August 27th to November 6th plus a later new bird 21st, max. nine September 27th. Nine were on site November 26th.

GREAT TIT *Parus major*

Present all year with four pairs nesting. 11 birds from previous years survived the winter. Spring passage February 24th to April 10th plus a later new female May 19th. First juveniles from May 17th with dispersing juveniles turning up on site from elsewhere from then to August 5th, max. 22 July 7th. Autumn passage August 31st to October 30th, max. 15 end August & October 12th.

COAL TIT *Periparus ater britannicus*

One June 8th, two 12th, one September 30th & one October 3rd.

MARSH TIT *Poecile palustris*

One September 9th (N.Odin, C.Ryde *et al*). Fourth site record.

WOODLARK *Lullula arborea*

One in off March 19th. In autumn one south October 10th, four south 16th, one south 20th & one south 22nd.

SKYLARK *Alauda arvensis*

Two in/north February 3rd preceded spring passage February 17th to April 22nd. Grounded birds on site on nine dates during this period, max. two April 1st. Juvenile

present June 16th with another from July 3rd with singles noted on nine dates from then to August 9th. One south August 30th then autumn passage September 23rd to December 10th, max. 98 south October 30th with up to five grounded on eight dates during this period.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
IN/S	0	12	4	3	0	0	0	1	12	549	147	2
MAX ON	0	1	1	2	0	1	1	1	2	5	1	0

SAND MARTIN *Riparia riparia*

In spring a total of 28 noted April 1st to May 15th with later singles 28th & June 3rd, max. five south May 9th. In autumn a total of 417 south June 21st to October 11th, max. 66 south August 30th.

SWALLOW *Hirundo rustica*

Noted from April 3rd to November 2nd plus a later bird 20th. Spring passage noted up to at least mid-June, max. 284 south May 7th. Autumn passage from at least early July, max. 1,441 south August 29th, 1,520 south 30th, 1,678 south 31st & 3,110 south September 23rd. Small numbers occasionally loiter on site, max. 15 May 13th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	0	56	58	5	11	2	86	0	0	0
IN/S	0	0	0	155	1347	34	147	5732	5149	676	8	0

HOUSE MARTIN *Delichon urbicum*

Noted April 21st to June 20th and from July 21st to October 28th. The peak movement was 77 south August 29th. Small numbers occasionally loiter on site, max. three.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	0	1	3	2	0	0	2	0	0	0
S+in	0	0	0	5	81	13	3	120	89	53	0	0

LONG-TAILED TIT *Aegithalos caudatus*

In spring two February 21st to March 7th, two 11th, two 13th & one 24th. In autumn noted on ten dates September 28th to November 14th, max. 20 October 14th.

GREENISH WARBLER *Phylloscopus trochiloides*

One May 27th (T.Bagworth, W.J.Brame, M.May et al). Fifth site record.

YELLOW-BROWED WARBLER *Phylloscopus inornatus*

One September 30th to October 2nd.

DUSKY WARBLER *Phylloscopus fuscatus*

One November 16th to 20th (N.Odin et al). Fourth site record.

WOOD WARBLER *Phylloscopus sibilatrix*

One August 12th.

CHIFFCHAFF *Phylloscopus collybita*

Spring passage March 10th to June 27th, max. 20 April 11th. At least 14 dispersing juveniles turned up June 10th to August 7th with some of these loitering into the autumn. Autumn passage August 19th to November 20th, max. 20 September 20th.

WILLOW WARBLER *Phylloscopus trochilus*

Spring passage March 31st to June 5th, max. 30 May 13th. Autumn passage July 29th to October 16th, max. 25 August 31st, September 5th & 6th. One August 31st showed characteristics of the race "*P.t.acredula*".

BLACKCAP *Sylvia atricapilla*

Spring passage March 20th to June 20th with a later new female July 4th, max. ten April 10th. At least eight dispersing juveniles turned up June 22nd to August 14th with some of these loitering into the autumn. Autumn passage August 25th to November 30th, max. 20 September 20th & October 14th.

GARDEN WARBLER *Sylvia borin*

Spring passage singles on seven dates April 22nd to May 9th plus two 13th. Autumn passage August 23rd to September 28th plus a later bird October 30th, max. five September 5th.

BARRED WARBLER *Sylvia nisoria*

One August 27th (T.Bagworth, W.J.Brame).

LESSER WHITETHROAT *Sylvia curruca*

Spring passage April 11th to May 29th plus a later new female June 30th, max. ten April 22nd. Three pairs bred with juveniles noted from May 28th. 14 counted July 7th included local offspring. Autumn passage from at least early August, but start obscured by locals, to October 10th, max. seven September 18th.

WHITETHROAT *Sylvia communis*

Spring passage April 13th to June 6th plus a later new bird June 25th, max. 12 May 8th & 13th. Four pairs bred & juveniles noted from June 18th. Autumn passage start obscured by locals to October 21st, max. 15 September 6th.

GRASSHOPPER WARBLER *Locustella naevia*

Two September 5th with one of the same retrapped on 15th.

ICTERINE WARBLER *Hippolais icterina*

One August 26th (T.Bagworth).

SEDGE WARBLER *Acrocephalus schoenobaenus*

None in spring. In autumn singles on five dates August 1st to September 21st plus three 6th.

REED WARBLER *Acrocephalus scirpaceus*

Spring passage April 27th to June 30th, max. three June 12th. In autumn noted July 20th to September 27th, max three September 6th.

NUTHATCH *Sitta europaea*

One June 6th (T.Bagworth *et al*). Fourth site record.

WREN *Troglodytes troglodytes*

At least 8 birds over wintered surviving from previous years. Spring passage March 9th to April 10th plus a later new bird May 16th, max. 12 April 3rd. Two pairs bred with two additional spare males on site and juveniles appearing from June 15th. Dispersing juveniles from elsewhere turned up on site from then to August 20th. Autumn passage September 14th to November 22nd, max. 20 November 17th. At least ten birds were attempting to winter later in the year.

STARLING *Sturnus vulgaris*

Present all year although scarce in the winter months, max. 240 February 9th early in the year. None nested. The spring max. was 57 March 8th. First juveniles noted April 30th. Summer peak of 650 July 8th. Visible movements in autumn of 3,832 in off the sea or flying south September 27th to November 14th, max. 500 in/south October 25th.

RING OUZEL *Turdus torquatus*

Spring passage in April of four 21st, five 22nd & one 23rd. Autumn passage singles September 21st & 22nd then noted October 14th to 31st, max. 35 14th.

BLACKBIRD *Turdus merula*

At least nine males seven females survived the winter with the oldest from 2007. Present all year with at least ten pairs nesting. Two new birds turned up January 22nd. Spring passage March 1st to June 7th, max. 24 April 13th. First juveniles noted April 27th with dispersing juveniles turning up on site from then to August 27th. Autumn passage September 18th to December 9th plus later new birds 26th & 27th, max. 50 November 6th.

FIELDFARE *Turdus pilaris*

Singles noted on six dates January 8th to February 1st. Spring passage March 10th to April 29th, max. three April 22nd. Autumn passage October 6th to November 28th, max. ten November 5th. Later in December singles 20th, 22nd, seven 26th & ten 29th.

SONG THRUSH *Turdus philomelos*

At least three successfully over wintered. Spring passage February 22nd to April 17th. Four pairs bred with the first juv noted April 25th. 14 dispersing juveniles (or offspring from breeding birds) turned up on site from then to July 4th. Autumn passage September 5th to December 7th plus a later new bird 30th, max. 100 October 14th & 200 30th. At least three were attempting to overwinter on site later in the year.

REDWING *Turdus iliacus*

One January 27th & three 30th. Spring passage March 1st to April 19th, max. 43 March 31st. Autumn passage October 13th to December 27th, max. 132 October 14th & 80 30th.

MISTLE THRUSH *Turdus viscivorus*

None in spring. Dispersing juvs July 14th & 25th. In autumn one south September 4th then seven singles noted October 2nd to November 18th plus later singles on six dates December 6th to 22nd.

SPOTTED FLYCATCHER *Muscicapa striata*

Spring passage May 8th to June 4th, max. ten May 13th. Autumn passage August 24th to September 23rd, max. three September 5th.

ROBIN *Erithacus rubecula*

At least 11 birds successfully over-wintered on site with the oldest from 2012. Spring passage March 1st to April 30th plus later new birds May 21st & 31st, max. ten March 31st. Two pairs bred. An early dispersing juvenile noted April 27th with our first juveniles noted May 17th with dispersing juveniles from elsewhere arriving on site from then to June 10th. Autumn passage August 7th to November 27th, max. 70 October 14th & 40 November 12th. At least 12 were attempting to winter on site later in the year.

NIGHTINGALE *Luscinia megarhynchos*

Spring singles April 23rd & 24th. In autumn singles July 16th, August 5th, September 5th & 21st.

RED-BREASTED FLYCATCHER *Ficedula parva*

One September 15th (P.Oldfield *et al*).

PIED FLYCATCHER *Ficedula hypoleuca*

In spring male April 22nd. Autumn passage August 27th to October 15th, max. seven September 5th.

BLACK REDSTART *Phoenicurus ochruros*

Spring singles on 11 dates March 15th to April 23rd. Juv present July 7th to 8th. Autumn passage October 12th to November 24th, max. four October 29th.

REDSTART *Phoenicurus phoenicurus*

Spring passage April 5th to May 14th, max. two May 14th. Autumn passage August 20th to October 14th, max. three September 1st & 5th.

WHINCHAT *Saxicola rubetra*

Spring passage April 30th to May 14th, max. four May 13th. Autumn passage August 15th to October 14th, max. seven August 28th & September 5th.

STONECHAT *Saxicola rubicola*

In spring female March 17th. In autumn female September 8th, male 27th to October 1st, female September 28th to 29th, female October 1st, female 11th, male 14th & male 31st to November 3rd.

WHEATEAR *Oenanthe oenanthe*

Spring passage March 15th to May 30th, max. 23 April 29th & 30th. Autumn passage August 1st to November 4th, max. ten September 7th.

DUNNOCK *Prunella modularis*

At least 19 birds successfully survived the winter with the oldest from April 2008. Present all year with at least 12 to 15 pairs nesting. A new bird February 19th then spring passage March 10th to April 12th. The first juveniles noted May 21st with many dispersing juveniles turned up on site from then to August 17th. Autumn passage at least August 29th to November 15th, max. 30 September 19th. Two flew south September 1st & one October 2nd.

HOUSE SPARROW *Passer domesticus*

Present all year with c.15 pairs nesting at the cottage and three pairs in the rear of the Fort. The years peak count was 140 roosting September 9th.

TREE SPARROW *Passer montanus*

None in spring. In autumn a total of 17 noted September 1st to October 25th, max. three October 5th & 20th.

YELLOW WAGTAIL *Motacilla flava*

A total of ten north 51 south plus 17 on site April 11th to May 26th, max. one north nine south one on April 23rd. One flew south June 14th. Autumn passage totals of two north 72 south 45 on site July 9th to October 1st, max. 12 south August 31st.

BLUE HEADED WAGTAIL *Motacilla flava flavissima*

Singles April 25th, 27th, 30th & September 10th.

GREY HEADED WAGTAIL *Motacilla flava thunbergi*

One May 26th.

GREY WAGTAIL *Motacilla cinerea*

In spring a total of two north six south March 1st to 24th. One flew south May 7th. Autumn totals of ten north 208 south one in off 43 on site July 3rd to November 19th, max. 19 south September 8th & 19 south 23rd.

PIED WAGTAIL *Motacilla alba*

Present all year although with few records early in the year. In spring one south March 3rd. One flew south June 28th. Three pairs nested in the near adjoining dock with these birds and their offspring regularly on site, max 26 on September 10th. In autumn a total of one north 130 south September 1st to November 1st, max. 23 south October 11th.

WHITE WAGTAIL *M.a.alba*

Spring singles on six dates March 24th to May 12th. In autumn one August 17th & two 31st.

TREE PIPIT *Anthus trivialis*

In spring singles on five dates April 12th to May 15th. In autumn a total of 39 noted August 15th to September 25th, max. six September 5th.

MEADOW PIPIT *Anthus pratensis*

Seen all year although very few late in the year. Spring passage at least February 17th to April 22nd with the start obscured by early year movements. Four pairs bred with limited success. Autumn passage August 31st to November 28th with later singles south December 16th & 18th, max. 327 south October 11th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	3	6	0	0	1	0	78	0	0	0
IN/S	43	11	57	11	0	0	0	19	519	1204	178	2
Max On	12	3	18	7	5	3	2	3	85	40	8	1

RED-THROATED PIPIT *Anthus cervinus*

One flew inland September 23rd (W.J.Brame, D.T.Langlois, E.Lucking, N.Odin). Second site record.

ROCK PIPIT *Anthus petrosus*

Singles February 6th & 10th. In spring one March 7th, two 20th & one south 30th. In autumn a total 24 south 5 on site September 23rd to November 18th, max. four south October 10th & 20th. Later singles noted December 6th & 17th.

BRAMBLING *Fringilla montifringilla*

In spring singles noted on six dates March 16th to April 27th. Autumn passage total of 52 noted September 17th to November 16th, max. 19 south October 22nd.

CHAFFINCH *Fringilla coelebs*

Present all year. Up to five noted on site early in the year with a new bird February 15th. Spring passage March 5th to May 11th plus a later bird 28th, max. eight March 14th. Visible movements of 56 south April 4th & eight south 5th. One pair bred with juveniles noted from May 10th with dispersing juveniles from elsewhere turning up from May 29th to July 2nd. Autumn passage September 1st to December 13th with a total of two north 995 south/in off the sea September 8th to November 15th, max. 126 south October 16th. Autumn max. of grounded birds was 30 October 14th. Up to five noted on site in December.

HAWFINCH *Coccothraustes coccothraustes*

One April 30th.

COMMON ROSEFINCH *Erythrura erythrura*

One May 27th (W.E.Mackie *et al*).

BULLFINCH *Pyrrhula pyrrhula*

Females October 22nd, 30th, 31st, November 4th & 22nd. Another female November 17th flew high inland with calls indicative of it being *P.p.pyrrhula*.

GREENFINCH *Chloris chloris*

Present all year. Two pairs nested with several additional pairs nearby. Juveniles first noted May 11th. Highest spring count ten April 21st. Numbers increased end May onwards with 60 August 6th. Visible migration totals in autumn of 241 south October 10th to 30th, max. 88 south October 11th. Numbers feeding on site increased mid-September to mid-November before declining in mid-November, max. 80 October 10th & 16th.

LINNET *Linaria cannabina*

Very few January with numbers increasing February. Five flew south January 31st, 15 south February 3rd & 15 south 18th. Spring visible migration of three in off March 19th then a total of 61 south April 5th to 13th, max. 31 south 13th. An estimated 40 pairs nested with several more nearby. First juveniles noted May 12th. Up to 130 were on site mid-summer & up to 160 September. In autumn a total of 926 south October

10th to November 10th, max. 209 south October 11th. Up to five present December with one south 13th & two south 20th.

TWITE *Linaria flavirostris*

One September 24th.

LESSER REDPOLL *Acanthis cabaret*

In spring singles March 12th, 14th, April 2nd & May 13th. In autumn one September 17th to 18th & one south 19th preceded a total of 46 noted October 20th to November 28th, max. ten south November 6th.

COMMON REDPOLL *Acanthis flammea*

One April 11th.

CROSSBILL *Loxia curvirostra*

Two north March 15th.

GOLDFINCH *Carduelis carduelis*

Present all year in small numbers. None nested on site. Five flew south January 3rd. Visible migration totals in spring of six north 179 south March 21st to May 20th, max. 22 south April 12th. Spring max of nine on site April 1st. First juveniles turned up May 18th. Autumn visible passage totals of 6,647 south August 25th to November 25th, max. 1,010 south October 20th with an autumn max. of grounded birds 34 September 30th.

SERIN *Serinus serinus*

Males March 21st (T.Bagworth, M.May, P.Oldfield *et al*) & 30th (W.J.Brame, M.May, N.Odin, *et al*).

SISKIN *Spinus spinus*

In spring a total of one north 17 south seven on March 9th to May 19th, max. nine south April 4th. In autumn one July 2nd then a total of 108 south seven on site September 15th to November 29th, max. 28 south October 10th.

SNOW BUNTING *Plectrophenax nivalis*

Noted most days January 2nd to March 12th, max. ten on five dates. In autumn noted November 6th to December 13th, max. 11 19th.

WHITE-THROATED SPARROW *Zonotrichia albicollis*

One June 19th (T.Bagworth, M.May *et al*). First site record.

YELLOWHAMMER *Emberiza citrinella*

Singles February 28th & September 25th.

ORTOLAN BUNTING *Emberiza hortulana*

Male September 5th (P.J.Holmes *et al*).

REED BUNTING *Emberiza schoeniclus*

In spring one February 24th. In autumn a total of 24 south 26 on site September 16th to November 12th, max. five south one on site October 20th.

CORN BUNTING *Emberiza calandra*

Singles March 13th, 24th, May 6th, August 10th, 30th, October 9th & November 12th.

ESCAPEES

BLACK SWAN *Cygnus atratus*

Juvenile offshore May 8th & presumed same one flew inland 11th.

GREY PARROT *Psittacus erithacus*

One August 7th.

COMMON MYNA *Acridotheres tristis*

One May 16th (T.Bagworth, N.Odin, R.Spiers et al). First site record.

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