

LANDGUARD BIRD OBSERVATORY

SYSTEMATIC BIRD LIST 2017

BRENT GOOSE *Branta bernicla*

Last noted in spring June 13th, max. 184 north, 14 south March 18th. First autumn record September 19th, max. 1829 south October 19th & 1386 south 20th. Small numbers also occasionally sit on site or offshore.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	54	175	441	18	354	0	0	0	0	40	53	51
S+in	196	144	115	13	0	0	0	0	412	4216	247	108

PALE-BELLIED BRENT GOOSE *Branta bernicla hrota*

Two south December 30th (W.J.Brame *et al*).

CANADA GOOSE *Branta canadensis*

Two south March 12th, two April 12th, 21 south June 7th, five September 3rd & three south 24th.

BARNACLE GOOSE *Branta leucopsis*

Noted February 9th to September 21st, max. 151 south February 17th. Also three on site September 21st.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	0	98	163	0	65	35	4	11	0	0	0	
S+in	0	256	190	0	27	25	0	0	0	0	0	

GREYLAG GOOSE *Anser anser*

Local wanderers noted on 21 dates March 1st to June 8th, max. four north, three south May 13th. Later on 28 north August 11th, two south September 24th, two south 25th, eight October 4th, five in off 27th, 27 in off November 11th & 11 north December 16th.

PINK-FOOTED GOOSE *Anser brachyrhynchus*

11 north September 16th.

TUNDRA BEAN GOOSE *Anser serrirostris*

One north January 16th

WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE *Anser albifrons*

Nine south January 10th & 54 in off October 23rd.

GREY GOOSE SP.

Five south February 24th.

MUTE SWAN *Cygnus olor*

A total of nine records spread over six months, max. two north, two south March 14th.

WHOOPER SWAN *Cygnus cygnus*

One south October 4th.

SWAN Sp.

Three south December 13th.

EGYPTIAN GOOSE *Alopochen aegyptiaca*

Two February 10th (W.J.Brame, N.Odin *et al*) & one south December 2nd (W.J.Brame). Eighth & ninth site records.

SHELDUCK *Tadorna tadorna*

Small numbers noted moving offshore most of the year with prospecting on the reserve February 5th to July 20th by at least 17 birds. The largest movements were one north, 81 south January 6th & 67 south October 28th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	1	0	12	8	26	0	1	0	0	2	1	
S+in	93	25	38	8	37	4	4	0	23	325	97	47

SHOVELER *Spatula clypeata*

Seven south January 9th. In spring two south March 17th, two south 29th & two south 31st. In autumn 25 south September 5th to November 7th, max. 12 south October 19th.

GADWALL *Mareca strepera*

Noted up to April 20th & from July 17th to December 31st, max. 18 south July 17th. Three were on site April 20th & one November 15th.

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	
S+in	2	0	2	0	0	0	18	3	3	16	17	

WIGEON *Mareca penelope*

Early in the year noted up to January 7th plus one south March 2nd. In autumn noted from September 5th onwards, max. 603 south October 20th. 15 were offshore October 19th.

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	13	12	24
S+in	20	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	317	1732	294	217

MALLARD *Anas platyrhynchos*

Noted in nine months, max. 13 south October 24th. Three were on site November 17th.

Monthly totals were:-

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

PINTAIL *Anas acuta*

29 south January 6th. Noted September 18th to December 31st, max. 31 south November 7th.

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	7	0	
S+in	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	31	57	

TEAL *Anas crecca*

Early in the year noted up to February 12th, max. two north, 27 south January 7th. In spring one south March 2nd. Autumn passage June 14th onwards, max. 373 south November 7th. Six were offshore February 9th & seven November 23rd.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	27	173
S+in	79	1	1	0	0	8	28	86	429	381	745	91

POCHARD *Aythya ferina*

Two south May 12th. In autumn singles on seven dates September 4th to December 1st.

TUFTED DUCK *Aythya fuligula*

Two north May 1st. Three south July 31st. Total of two, north 15 south September 16th to November 7th, max. seven south November 7th. A later bird south December 27th.

SCAUP *Aythya marila*

Five females south February 25th.

EIDER *Somateria mollissima*

Three south January 6th, two north February 9th, two north 10th, one south 26th & one south May 1st. In autumn 26 north, seven south October 20th to December 1st, max. 21 north December 1st.

VELVET SCOTER *Melanitta fusca*

Singles south January 9th, north February 9th & north December 27th.

COMMON SCOTER *Melanitta nigra*

Noted in all months. Peak counts 72 north, 42 south November 20th. Occasional groups offshore max. 22 December 5th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	10	28	11	3	17	49	85	39	2	14	158	107
S+in	30	1	8	21	22	21	17	13	34	43	183	123

GOLDENEYE *Bucephala clangula*

Total of two north, 50 south, one offshore October 19th to December 11th, max. 31 south November 20th.

GOOSANDER *Mergus merganser*

One south January 17th, one south March 8th, 16 in off October 12th, five south 16th one south November 4th, five south, three in off 14th & one south December 27th.

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER *Mergus serrator*

Ten south January 3rd to February 26th. In spring eight south March 18th to April 14th, max. four south April 14th. In autumn 25 south, one offshore October 10th to December 7th, max. six south November 7th.

RED-LEGGED PARTRIDGE *Alectoris rufa*

Two March 14th increasing to three 17th with up to three erratically to end November with two to the years end.

PHEASANT *Phasianus colchicus*

Female September 20th. Singles regularly noted October 16th to November 8th with two different males involved in the records.

RED-THROATED DIVER *Gavia stellata*

Noted up to May 12th & from October 1st, max. 12 north, 31 south January 31st.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	60	150	30	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	28	199
S	115	101	29	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	153	190
MAX ON	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

BLACK-THROATED DIVER *Gavia arctica*

One February 8th.

GREAT NORTHERN DIVER *Gavia immer*

Singles in off January 6th, south-west 11th, offshore 15th, north March 14th, south October 24th, in river November 17th, south 20th, south December 23rd & west 26th.

DIVER Sp.

One north March 17th.

FULMAR *Fulmarus glacialis*

Noted on 34 dates February 18th to September 5th, max four north, one south February 23rd.

GREAT CRESTED GREBE *Podiceps cristatus*

Noted up to March 14th & from August 4th, max. four south November 14th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
S+in	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	11	
MAX ON	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	

BLACK-NECKED GREBE *Podiceps nigricollis*

One off the point February 2nd (P.J.Holmes, P.Oldfield). Ninth site record.

SPOONBILL *Platalea leucordia*

One north June 29th (M.May).

GREY HERON *Ardea cinerea*

None in spring. Total of 29 noted May 20th to November 8th, max. five in off September 18th.

GREAT WHITE EGRET *Ardea alba*

One in off October 5th (W.J.Brame, M.May, N.Odin *et al*), two south and in 13th (W.J.Brame, N.Odin *et al*), one in off 26th (N.Odin *et al*) & one south December 12th (K.R.Freeman, N.Odin, D.Pearsons). Sixth to ninth site records.

LITTLE EGRET *Egretta garzetta*

Total of ten noted April 20th to May 21st, max. four south April 29th. Total of 12 noted July 3rd to August 31st, max. three in off July 14th. Total of seven noted October 23rd to December 5th.

GANNET *Morus bassanus*

Noted in all months, max. 166 north March 24th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	4	16	185	1	0	3	12	60	24	110	33	16
S	6	37	21	3	8	2	2	8	7	78	23	14
MAX ON	8	17	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	34	

SHAG *Phalacrocorax aristotelis*

Singles February 5th, 15th & April 18th. In autumn singles on 13 dates October 31st to December 14th.

CORMORANT *Phalacrocorax carbo*

Present all year with winter counts increasing, max. 3,253 out January 16th with numbers declining to double figures March 2nd increasing again to three figures from October 18th, max. 2,837 out December 12th.

OSPREY *Pandion haliaetus*

One south August 21st.

SPARROWHAWK *Accipiter nisus*

None early in the year. Singles on 13 dates March 3rd to May 19th with two April 14th & 25th. Up to two again July 27th to December 13th with three September 10th, nine October 3rd & three 5th.

MARSH HARRIER *Circus aeruginosus*

Singles south January 12th, south April 6th, in off May 6th, south August 13th, two in off September 14th, singles south October 5th, south 8th, south 22nd & south December 4th.

RED KITE *Milvus milvus*

One west March 13th (W.J.Brame, T.Holland, S.H.Piotrowski). Tenth site record.

BUZZARD *Buteo buteo*

Singles March 13th, April 5th, August 26th, south September 7th, south October 8th & south November 29th.

WATER RAIL *Rallus aquaticus*

One November 9th.

OYSTERCATCHER *Haematopus ostralegus*

Up to four occasionally on the reserve especially in the spring and summer with nine May 6th. One pair bred but failed. Largest spring movement 14 north, five south April 3rd and in autumn one north 29 south August 22nd.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	1	1	13	39	11	2	0	14	3	2	3	
S+in	3	17	35	45	34	5	112	225	28	11	5	

AVOCET *Recurvirostra avosetta*

One south February 25th. Total of five north, two south, two west May 4th to 27th. One south August 9th, two south 13th & four south October 19th.

LAPWING *Vanellus vanellus*

None early in the year. Noted from June 18th to December 12th, max. 21 south November 7th. One or two on the reserve on five dates during this period plus 14 November 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	
IN/S	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	3	22	55	

GOLDEN PLOVER *Pluvialis apricaria*.

Early in the year noted February 17th to April 3rd, max. 50 north March 13th. Autumn passage from July 22nd onwards, max. 49 south October 16th & 47 south November 21st. One on the reserve September 7th, two 27th, one 28th, two 30th & two December 7th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	0	0	50	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
S+in	0	72	23	0	0	0	4	19	3	85	50	101

GREY PLOVER *Pluvialis squatarola*

Singles south January 12th & 13th. Spring passage March 18th to June 8th, max. five south May 15th. Autumn passage from July 20th to December 10th, max. 23 south August 17th. Three on the reserve May 12th & one December 10th.

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	
IN/S	2	0	5	0	11	2	9	32	14	39	3	

RINGED PLOVER *Charadrius hiaticula*

Breeding birds started returning February 4th. Five pairs bred rearing seven young. Autumn passage at least August 2nd to October 20th, max. 48 south August 17th. Only records after this were one south November 13th, three on beach December 1st & two north 19th.

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	10	0	
S+in	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	54	18	19	1	
MAX ON	0	3	10	10	12	12	12	8	6	1	0	

LITTLE RINGED PLOVER *Charadrius dubius*

One April 9th to 14th.

WHIMBREL *Numenius phaeopus*

In spring a total of 137 noted April 9th to May 21st, max. 16 north, one south April 22nd & 17 north May 9th. In autumn a total of 148 noted July 2nd to September 4th, max. 38 south July 22nd.

CURLEW *Numenius arquata*

One south January 1st & one on the back beach 25th. Spring passage February 22nd to May 19th, max. 37 north, two south April 16th. Autumn passage June 11th to November 27th, max. two north, 38 south June 29th & 39 south July 22nd. Additional birds are occasionally heard & not seen in the migration seasons.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
E+N	0	0	4	47	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	
IN/S	1	4	4	5	1	69	135	43	5	14	4	

BAR-TAILED GODWIT *Limosa lapponica*

Spring passage March 29th to May 22nd, max seven north May 6th. Autumn passage July 22nd to September 23rd, max. 111 south September 17th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	
S+in	0	0	1	2	6	0	7	112	7	0	0	

BLACK-TAILED GODWIT *Limosa limosa*

Five south July 29th.

TURNSTONE *Arenaria interpres*

Noted up to June 4th & from July 22nd, max. 13 south August 2nd.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	3	
S	0	4	10	3	15	0	9	30	3	9	1	
MAX ON	2	1	1	2	1	1	3	3	1	5	1	

KNOT *Calidris canutus*

Noted February 23rd to May 19th. Autumn passage July 14th to November 29th, max. 100 south August 17th & 601 south October 20th. A later flock of 43 flew south December 31st. One flew north March 24th & one was on the beach September 9th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
S	0	3	1	0	6	0	2	103	4	762	98	43

RUFF *Calidris pugnax*

Singles west July 17th & south August 22nd.

SANDERLING *Calidris alba*

Three January 30th. Spring passage March 11th to June 4th, max. 16 on April 16th & seven north, nine on May 7th. Autumn passage June 25th to at least November 27th, max. 59 south 14 August 17th. One flew north December 11th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	0	5	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	
S+in	0	0	1	0	5	0	13	66	2	23	3	
MAX ON	3	0	11	16	9	5	5	2	0	0	1	

DUNLIN *Calidris alpina*

Early in the year one south January 6th. Spring passage February 23rd to May 12th, max. nine south March 17th. Autumn passage June 25th to December 11th, max.

1710 south October 20th. On the beach one June 25th, one July 27th, two August 1st, 15 September 6th & one 27th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	
S+in	1	6	29	1	4	0	9	130	18	2409	541	

PURPLE SANDPIPER *Calidris maritima*

Singles on 13 dates January 5th to February 26th, plus two 26th. One May 9th. Singles August 19th, 28th, 30th three September 1st, two 23rd, one 24th & one 27th. Singles on ten dates October 29th to December 2nd plus two November 26th. A later bird noted December 23rd.

WOODCOCK *Scolopax rusticola*

In spring one March 21st. In autumn 11 noted October 30th to November 16th, max. three November 6th.

JACK SNIFE *Lymnocyptes minimus*

Singles October 8th & December 11th.

SNIFE *Gallinago gallinago*

Singles in spring April 17th, 29th & May 7th. In autumn 51 noted September 5th to December 19th, max. six November 8th & 20th.

COMMON SANDPIPER *Actitis hypoleucos*

Singles July 8th & August 10th.

REDSHANK *Tringa totanus*

None in spring. Autumn passage June 19th to September 12th & October 20th to December 1st, max. 20 south August 22nd & 15 south November 7th. Five additional birds heard going over during these periods.

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	
S+in	0	0	0	0	0	3	28	36	2	4	18	

GREENSHANK *Tringa nebularia*

Four south August 3rd, two south 17th, one south 23rd & one in off September 26th.

KITTIWAKE *Rissa tridactyla*

Noted up to May 19th, June 3rd, July 15th, August 17th & from November 20th, max. 76 January 15th early in the year & 90 south, 25 on December 31st later on.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	1	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	2	63
S+in	63	0	2	7	5	0	2	0	0	0	2	170
MAX ON	76	12	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	25

BLACK-HEADED GULL *Chroicocephalus ridibundus*

Present all year with peak counts of 80 February 11th & 94 August 2nd. Some movements all year with spring passage from March 22nd, max. 52 south April 2nd and in autumn from early July, max. 282 south July 14th & 252 south October 23rd.

LITTLE GULL *Hydrocoloeus minutus*

Singles April 23rd, December 10th & 11th.

MEDITERRANEAN GULL *Ichthyaetus melanocephalus*

Present all year, max. four south five on April 23rd, six north four south July 12th & 12 September 13th.

Monthly max:-

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
5	3	2	9	2	6	10	4	12	6	4	

COMMON GULL *Larus canus*

Present all year although few records mid-May to mid-August, max. 500 January 9th early in the year & just 22 later in the year December 13th. Only very small numbers noted moving at passage times, max. 16 south April 20th & 42 south October 19th.

GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL *Larus marinus*

Present all year although few present in the summer months, max. 500 February 28th early in the year & 800 November 30th later. Small numbers noted moving at passage times, max. 79 south October 19th.

GLAUCOUS GULL *Larus hyperboreus*

First-winters on 23 dates January 1st to February 14th with two January 23rd (W.J.Brame, N.Odin *et al*), adult October 20th (N.Odin) & immature December 23rd (W.J.Brame, N.Odin).

ICELAND GULL *Larus glaucooides*

Adult February 14th (N.Odin). Second-winter March 23rd to 26th (M.May, N.Odin *et al*). First-winter November 19th to December 8th (E.W.Patrick *et al*).

HERRING GULL *Larus argentatus*

Present all year and nesting in the adjoining docks, max. 1,800 January 1st, 2,500 February 28th & large numbers offshore end October to early December, max. 5,000 November 20th.

CASPIAN GULL *Larus cachinnans*

Second-winter on seven dates September 21st to October 11th (P.J.Holmes *et al*). One near adult November 11th (W.J.Brame, J.Zantboer *et al*).

YELLOW-LEGGED GULL *Larus michahellis*

Singles March 23rd to 24th, August 2nd, 9th, October 12th, 22nd, 31st & November 4th.

LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL *Larus fuscus*

Noted all year although only in very small numbers early & late in the year. Nested in the adjoining docks. Count of 50 March 24th & 25th.

SANDWICH TERN *Thalasseus sandvicensis*

Noted March 29th to October 9th with peak movement 18 north, 19 south August 2nd. Increased numbers fed offshore & in the river late summer & autumn, max. 80 September 6th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	0	0	1	8	16	25	30	49	30	4	0	
S+in	0	0	0	4	0	12	16	50	37	2	0	
MAX ON	0	0	0	0	2	2	8	30	80	0	0	

LITTLE TERN *Sternula albifrons*

Noted April 29th to September 4th, max. 15 north, five south August 18th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	0	0	0	0	11	0	2	15	0	0	0	
S+in	0	0	0	0	7	20	0	6	0	0	0	
MAX ON	0	0	0	3	13	11	6	2	2	0	0	

COMMON TERN *Sterna hirundo*

Noted April 18th to October 29th, max. 55 north May 7th in spring & 184 north, 22 south August 10th in autumn. The max. offshore was 47 May 19th in spring & 158 August 18th in autumn.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	0	0	0	23	364	6	6	343	21	2	0	

S+in	0	0	0	3	19	2	72	326	27	2	0
MAX ON	0	0	0	3	47	34	14	158	48	2	0

ARCTIC TERN *Sterna paradisaea*

In spring 44 noted April 22nd to May 11th, max. 22 north April 30th & 16 north May 1st. In autumn 16 noted July 26th to August 30th plus a later bird south October 20th, max. six south August 2nd.

BLACK TERN *Chlidonias niger*

Five north May 6th, one south August 30th & seven south September 4th.

GREAT SKUA *Stercorarius skua*

Early in the year noted on 11 dates January 10th to March 31st, max. three March 31st. In autumn three north October 5th then noted on 26 dates October 20th to December 31st, max. three north October 29th & three south November 4th.

POMARINE SKUA *Stercorarius pomarinus*

Four north May 9th & one south November 14th.

ARCTIC SKUA *Stercorarius parasiticus*

Five north May 1st. Ten noted August 8th to October 27th, max. three north August 10th & three north October 27th.

LONG-TAILED SKUA *Stercorarius longicaudus*

One September 13th (W.J.Brame, N.Odin, E.W.Patrick).

SKUA Sp.

Singles October 7th, November 25th & December 11th.

LITTLE AUK *Alle alle*

One October 29th, one November 4th, two 8th, one 14th, three December 1st & one 10th.

GUILLEMOT *Uria aalge*

Noted on 12 dates January 6th to February 23rd, max. one north, two south February 23rd. Later on noted on eight dates September 4th to December 10th, max. four north October 29th.

RAZORBILL *Alca torda*

Singles February 10th, 15th & December 15th.

PUFFIN *Fratercula arctica*

Singles November 20th (W.J.Brame, E.Lucking), 29th (W.J.Brame, E.Lucking, N.Odin), December 13th (W.J.Brame, E.Lucking, N.Odin) & 14th (W.J.Brame, P.J.Holmes, E.Lucking, N.Odin). Tenth to thirteenth site records.

AUK SP.

Four January 13th, one 15th, one September 14th, one October 17th.

FERAL PIGEON *Columba livia*

Present all year with peak count of 64 October 24th.

STOCK DOVE *Columba oenas*

One February 13th. In spring one south March 14th & six south May 11th. In autumn total of 431 south, two on noted October 12th to November 5th, max. 101 south October 25th & 159 south 26th.

WOODPIGEON *Columba palumbus*

Up to 40 present all year with 100 October 21st. 12 to 15 pairs bred. 12 birds from previous years retrapped with the oldest from December 2010. Only spring movement 12 south June 10th. Autumn total of 55,786 south October 12th to November 6th, max. 36,980 south October 26th & 6,000 south 27th. Three later birds south December 28th.

TURTLE DOVE *Streptopelia turtur*

Singles May 5th & 18th.

COLLARED DOVE *Streptopelia decaocto*

Present all year with three pairs nesting. Extra birds often present on site peaking at eight on nine dates February 17th to May 14th.

CUCKOO *Cuculus canorus*

Single juveniles July 2nd & September 7th.

LITTLE OWL *Athene noctua*

One noted up to May 22nd. One found long dead in the Fort August 2nd. One then noted erratically October 10th to December 12th.

LONG-EARED OWL *Asio otus*

Singles October 18th & November 16th.

SHORT-EARED OWL *Asio flammeus*

In spring one April 21st. In autumn singles on seven dates October 9th to November 27th with two November 8th.

ASIO OWL Sp.

Singles quartering pre-dawn or after dark November 7th, 8th, 9th & 29th.

SWIFT *Apus apus*

Noted May 6th to September 17th, max. 1249 south June 7th. Small numbers also occasionally fed on site.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
IN/N	0	0	0	0	4	126	222	150	0	0	0	
S	0	0	0	0	14	1982	1313	118	7	0	0	

KINGFISHER *Alcedo atthis*

One May 20th.

WRYNECK *Jynx torquilla*

One May 7th to 8th.

GREAT SPOTTED WOODPECKER *Dendrocopos major*

Singles on 20 dates June 16th to October 27th.

GREEN WOODPECKER *Picus viridis*

Singles on seven dates July 17th to August 16th.

KESTREL *Falco tinnunculus*

Present all year with the local pair nesting in the near adjoining dock rearing no young. Dispersing juveniles from elsewhere occasionally on site in late summer & autumn. In spring one south April 2nd. In autumn singles south July 30th, August 21st, September 8th, 15th, 18th, three south 24th, three south October 2nd, west 26th, west 28th & south December 4th.

MERLIN *Falco columbarius*

In spring singles March 17th, 30th & April 21st. In autumn singles September 14th, November 2nd & 24th.

HOBBY *Falco subbuteo*

Singles on eight dates July 29th to September 17th.

PEREGRINE *Falco peregrinus*

Pair present and bred in near adjoining dock failed, then became elusive June to August. Extra male present March 13th & 19th & immature November 4th & 5th.

GREAT GREY SHRIKE *Lanius excubitor*

One October 30th (M.D.Scraggs *et al*).

MAGPIE *Pica pica*

Present all year with five pairs nesting, two of these pairs rearing seven young. Spring max. 13 March 13th & 15th with 14 September 1st, 2nd & 26th later in the year.

JACKDAW *Coloeus monedula*

In spring total of four north, 23 south, ten on site February 19th to June 8th, max. six south two on May 15th. In autumn total of five north, eight south September 15th to October 25th, max. five north September 19th.

ROOK *Corvus frugilegus*

In spring total of three north, 11 south March 6th to April 29th, max. three south April 6th. In autumn eight south September 18th, two south 30th & one south October 28th.

CARRION CROW *Corvus corone*

Present all year. Two pairs nested in the near adjoining dock rearing four young each. A pair of immatures part built a nest in the observatory compound. Intruders occasionally turn up on site and are soon seen off by the locals. Spring max. of 17 April 11th & 22 October 22nd in autumn. Spring passage movements of four north, 37 south March 1st to May 15th plus a later bird south June 11th, max. ten south April 1st. Four flew north July 14th. Visible movement in autumn 22 south, one in off October 2nd to November 6th, max. six south October 26th.

HOODED CROW *Corvus cornix*

One May 16th (W.J.Brame, N.Odin, M.D.Scraggs *et al*). Eighth site record.

COAL TIT *Periparus ater britannicus*

Five noted June 13th to 18th. In autumn singles October 12th, 27th & November 2nd.

CONTINENTAL COAL TIT *Periparus ater ater*

One October 6th.

BLUE TIT *Cyanistes caeruleus*

Present all year with one pair nesting. Only three birds from previous years survived the winter, the oldest from September 2013. Spring passage March 1st to April 22nd, max. four March 19th. First juvenile June 4th with dispersing juveniles from elsewhere from then to July 5th plus two later new juveniles August 2nd. Autumn passage August 19th to October 27th, max. 18 September 20th.

GREAT TIT *Parus major*

Present all year with four or five pairs nesting. 11 birds from previous years survived the winter with the oldest from May 2014. Spring passage March 7th to 30th, max. ten March 9th. First juveniles May 18th with dispersing juveniles turning up on site from elsewhere from then to July 26th, max. 18 several dates May 21st to June 4th. Autumn passage August 30th to October 30th, max. 12 October 8th.

BEARDED TIT *Panurus biarmicus*

Ten October 19th (W.J.Brame, E.Lucking, M.Morley, N.Odin). Fourth site record.

WOODLARK *Lullula arborea*

Spring singles March 9th, 11th, April 13th, 19th & 21st. In autumn three September 15th, one October 14th, one 23rd, four 26th & three November 6th.

SKYLARK *Alauda arvensis*

Spring passage January 2nd to May 15th, max. one north, two south March 4th, two south, one on 9th. One flew south June 19th. Juveniles present July 14th & August 4th. Autumn passage September 26th to December 29th, max. 54 south October 23rd with up to three grounded during this period.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
IN/S	2	5	7	0	0	1	0	0	6	394	81	13

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SAND MARTIN *Riparia riparia*

In spring a total of 18 noted April 11th to May 20th, max. five April 29th. In autumn a total of 360 noted June 19th to October 14th, max. 76 south July 30th.

SWALLOW *Hirundo rustica*

Noted from March 14th to November 1st with a later bird 18th. Spring max. 91 south May 12th. A pair bred in the Fort, rearing five young on their second attempt. Autumn passage from at least July 10th, max. 1170 south September 20th. Small numbers also occasionally loiter on site, max. 50 September 10th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	1	7	68	1	7	13	6	1	0	
IN/S	0	0	4	122	690	17	105	710	2660	621	5	

HOUSE MARTIN *Delichon urbicum*

Noted April 21st to October 26th. The peak movement was 480 south September 21st. Small numbers occasionally loiter on site, max. 50 September 10th & 60 17th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	0	0	0	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	
S+in	0	0	0	1	39	12	11	49	1954	238	0	

RED-RUMPED SWALLOW *Cecropsis daurica*

One south May 9th (N.Odin, I.Porter *et al*).

CETTI'S WARBLER *Cettia cetti*

Singles April 4th (N.Odin, M.D.Scraggs *et al*) & September 27th to October 3rd (M.May, M.D.Scraggs *et al*). Sixth & seventh site records.

LONG-TAILED TIT *Aegithalos caudatus*

Ten January 20th. In spring noted on six dates March 6th to 29th, max. nine 12th. In autumn 12 October 8th, 20 17th, 11 26th & four 27th.

WILLOW WARBLER *Phylloscopus trochilus*

Spring passage March 30th to May 20th, plus a later bird June 11th, max. ten April 24th. Autumn passage July 21st to October 26th, max. 35 August 24th.

CHIFFCHAFF *Phylloscopus collybita*

Spring passage March 11th to June 2nd, with a couple of these staying to the months end, max. 15 April 4th. At least 11 dispersing juveniles turned up June 15th to July 22nd with a couple of these staying to August 9th. Autumn passage August 23rd to December 4th, max. 30 September 18th & October 7th.

SIBERIAN CHIFFCHAFF *Phylloscopus collybita tristis*

One November 6th to 11th (N.Odin *et al*).

IBERIAN CHIFFCHAFF *Phylloscopus ibericus*

One June 1st (P.J.Holmes, M.May, N.Odin *et al*). First site record.

PALLAS'S WARBLER *Phylloscopus proregulus*

One November 24th (S.H.Piotrowski).

YELLOW-BROWED WARBLER *Phylloscopus inornatus*

Singles September 21st, 25th & October 8th to 9th.

GREENISH WARBLER *Phylloscopus trochiloides*

One June 20th to 21st (W.J.Brame, E.W.Patrick *et al*). Sixth site record.

GREAT REED WARBLER *Acrocephalus arundinaceus*

One May 7th to 9th (W.J.Brame *et al*). First site record.

SEDGE WARBLER *Acrocephalus schoenobaenus*

Spring singles April 12th, 15th, May 7th & 10th. In autumn singles on seven dates July 25th to September 14th.

REED WARBLER *Acrocephalus scirpaceus*

Spring singles on eight dates May 14th to June 25th. In autumn noted July 23rd to September 29th, max. three August 8th.

BLACKCAP *Sylvia atricapilla*

Spring passage April 2nd to May 31st, with later new adult females June 17th, 26th & a male 30th, max. 11 April 17th. Three dispersing juveniles turned up June 20th to 24th, July 9th & 14th. Autumn passage August 11th to November 13th, max. 12 September 10th & 26th.

GARDEN WARBLER *Sylvia borin*

Spring passage singles on six dates April 28th to May 14th. Autumn passage singles August 22nd, September 1st & two 4th.

BARRED WARBLER *Sylvia nisoria*

Singles November 4th to 6th (W.J.Brame, N.Odin, M.D.Scraggs *et al*) & 9th (M.May, M.D.Scraggs *et al*).

LESSER WHITETHROAT *Sylvia curruca*

Spring passage April 13th to May 29th, max. five April 27th. New adults turned up June 30th, July 4th & 26th. Three pairs bred with juveniles noted from June 17th. Autumn passage from at least August 1st to September 28th, max. eight August 21st.

WHITETHROAT *Sylvia communis*

Spring passage April 12th to June 15th, max. 15 May 12th & 13th. Five or six pairs bred, with three of these birds returnees from 2016. Juveniles noted from June 17th with up to 18 counted end June. Autumn passage from at least July 21st to September 28th, max. 14 August 6th & 21st.

DARTFORD WARBLER *Sylvia undata*

One October 10th (W.J.Brame, C.Ryde *et al*). Seventh site record.

FIRECREST *Regulus ignicapilla*

Spring singles March 11th, 22nd, April 6th & 12th. Autumn passage October 18th to 25th, max. seven 19th.

GOLDCREST *Regulus regulus*

Spring passage March 11th to April 6th, max. five March 28th. Autumn passage August 31st to November 18th, with at least two birds lingering into December, max. ten October 7th.

WREN *Troglodytes troglodytes*

At least ten birds over wintered surviving from previous years with the oldest from October 2013. Spring passage March 1st to April 6th plus later new birds May 11th & 18th. Three or four pairs bred, with juveniles appearing from June 18th. Dispersing juveniles from elsewhere turned up on site from then to August 26th. Autumn passage September 15th to November 10th with peak counts of 12 October 12th, 24th & November 17th.

TREECREEPER *Certhia familiaris*

One June 15th to 16th.

STARLING *Sturnus vulgaris*

Present all year, although scarce in the winter months, max. 250 January 25th. Spring max. 70 March 9th. None nested. First juveniles noted May 12th. Mid-summer peak of 1,000 July 16th. Visible movements in autumn of 4,925 in off the sea or flying

south October 2nd to December 1st, max. 36 south, 902 in off October 30th. Later in the year highest count in remainder of December was just seven.

RING OUZEL *Turdus torquatus*

In spring, one March 26th then noted April 23rd to May 10th, max. three April 23rd & 28th. Autumn passage October 1st to 31st, max. three 19th.

BLACKBIRD *Turdus merula*

At least seven males, nine females survived the winter with the oldest from 2010. Present all year with eight or nine pairs nesting with limited success. Spring passage February 23rd to May 28th, max. count 15 April 4th. First juveniles noted April 25th with dispersing juveniles turning up on site from then to August 20th. Autumn passage September 26th to December 5th with a later limited cold weather movement December 17th to 26th, max. 123 November 3rd & 120 7th.

FIELDFARE *Turdus pilaris*

Four singles noted January 18th to February 2nd. Spring passage at least February 12th to April 22nd, max. three April 14th. Autumn passage October 19th to December 6th, max. 21 October 23rd. Later singles present December 19th & 28th to 30th.

REDWING *Turdus iliacus*

Two January 3rd, one February 2nd. Spring passage February 19th to April 5th, max. 45 March 9th. Autumn passage October 5th to December 12th, max. 70 October 19th.

SONG THRUSH *Turdus philomelos*

At least two successfully overwintered, with the oldest from March 2013. New birds turned up January 13th & February 3rd. Spring passage March 11th to May 13th, max. six April 2nd. Three pairs bred with limited success and the first juv noted June 4th. At least six dispersing juveniles (or offspring from breeding birds) turned up on site from then to July 25th. Autumn passage September 15th to November 25th plus later new birds December 17th & 30th, max. 37 October 20th.

MISTLE THRUSH *Turdus viscivorus*

One March 5th. In autumn 14 noted October 16th to December 13th, max. two October 19th, November 15th & December 13th.

SPOTTED FLYCATCHER *Muscicapa striata*

Spring passage May 10th to June 21st, max. three May 10th, 12th & 18th. Autumn passage singles on four dates August 7th to September 26th, plus two August 20th & 21st.

ROBIN *Erithacus rubecula*

At least ten birds successfully over-wintered on site, with the oldest from June 2015. Spring passage March 1st to May 2nd, max. ten March 31st. Three pairs bred with first juveniles noted May 16th. Dispersing juveniles from elsewhere arrived on site from then into autumn passage from the end of July to November 12th, max. 50 October 19th.

NIGHTINGALE *Luscinia megarhynchos*

One August 13th to 14th.

PIED FLYCATCHER *Ficedula hypoleuca*

One October 9th.

BLACK REDSTART *Phoenicurus ochruros*

One January 19th. Spring passage on 16 dates March 11th to April 18th, plus one June 21st, max. two March 24th. Single juvs July 19th, 20th, 25th & August 7th suggesting nesting nearby. Autumn passage singles October 12th, 16th, 31st, November 3rd, December 3rd & 19th.

REDSTART *Phoenicurus phoenicurus*

In spring two April 10th, one 11th & one May 4th. Autumn passage August 23rd to October 3rd, max. three September 28th.

WHINCHAT *Saxicola rubetra*

Spring passage singles on six dates April 27th to May 13th, plus two 17th. Autumn passage on ten dates August 19th to October 12th, max. three September 2nd.

STONECHAT *Saxicola rubicola*

None in spring. In autumn noted September 27th to November 11th with one of these birds remaining to the years end, max. three October 6th, 9th & November 6th.

WHEATEAR *Oenanthe oenanthe*

Spring passage March 14th to May 21st, max. 40 April 19th. In autumn August 4th to November 5th, max. 12 September 1st & 4th.

HOUSE SPARROW *Passer domesticus*

Present all year with c.30 pairs nesting at the cottage and Fort. 14 birds retrapped from previous years with the oldest from 2012. The years peak count was 120 August 7th.

TREE SPARROW *Passer montanus*

Up to four noted on seven dates August 26th to September 17th, plus nine September 9th.

DUNNOCK *Prunella modularis*

At least nine birds successfully survived the winter, with the oldest from March 2013. Present all year with at least 12 to 15 pairs nesting. Spring passage March 2nd to April 17th. The first juveniles noted May 25th, with many dispersing juveniles turning up on site from then to August 21st. Autumn passage at least September 2nd to November 11th, max. 20 on eight dates September 28th to October 25th. Visible migration of four south October 4th.

YELLOW WAGTAIL *Motacilla flava*

Total of 17 noted April 7th to May 25th, max. two north, one south May 18th. Autumn passage total of 68 July 16th to October 3rd, max. five south, four on August 28th.

GREY WAGTAIL *Motacilla cinerea*

In spring total of nine noted March 5th to May 8th, max. two April 18th. Mid-summer singles noted on six dates June 12th to July 13th. In autumn total of 96 noted August 18th to November 19th, max. six September 9th.

PIED WAGTAIL *Motacilla alba*

Present all year. At least four pairs nested in the near adjoining dock with these birds and their offspring regularly on site, max 32 September 15th. In autumn two south August 20th preceded a total of 179 south September 20th to November 6th, max. 19 south October 3rd.

WHITE WAGTAIL *M.a.alba*

Spring singles on 12 dates March 28th to May 11th, plus two April 8th. In autumn one September 13th.

MEADOW PIPIT *Anthus pratensis*

Seen all year, although very few early and late in the year and mid-summer. Spring passage at least February 2nd to May 27th, max 40 April 3rd. Dispersing juveniles on July 5th, 13th, 14th & two south 15th. Autumn passage August 31st to December 14th, max. 293 south October 4th. 18 December 22nd was a high count for late in the year.

Monthly totals were:-

Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec

N	0	1	4	1	1	0	0	0	22	0	3	
IN/S	0	3	43	16	0	0	2	0	584	1391	151	12
Max On	1	1	4	40	3	0	1	2	40	30	25	25

TREE PIPIT *Anthus trivialis*

Singles August 21st, September 23rd, 28th & two October 9th.

RED-THROATED PIPIT *Anthus cervinus*

One September 27th to 30th (W.J.Brame, S.H.Piotrowski, N.Odin *et al*). Third site record.

ROCK PIPIT *Anthus petrosus*

Singles on five dates January 8th to 28th. In spring a total of seven noted February 10th to March 13th. In autumn a total of 104 noted September 15th to December 3rd, max. six south, one on October 9th & seven south 10th. Singles later on December 13th, 17th, 19th & 20th.

CHAFFINCH *Fringilla coelebs*

Present all year. Up to five noted on site early in the year with eight birds from previous years retrapped with the oldest from October 2012, although five of these not noted after March, so only wintered in the area. Spring passage March 1st to April 4th, plus later new females May 4th, 21st & 31st, max. six March 16th. Visible total of one north, two south, one in off March 12th to 19th. Two pairs bred, but failed with no dispersing juveniles noted from elsewhere. Autumn passage September 20th to December 1st with a total of four north, 1109 south/in off the sea, max. 85 south October 24th. Autumn max. of grounded birds was 30 November 7th. Up to four noted on site in December.

BRAMBLING *Fringilla montifringilla*

In spring nine singles noted March 13th to April 7th. Autumn passage total of 35 noted September 27th to November 24th, although several individuals loitered on site, max. nine south November 6th.

BULLFINCH *Pyrrhula pyrrhula*

Singles May 9th, June 30th two October 26th, one November 6th & one December 19th.

GREENFINCH *Chloris chloris*

Not noted until February 14th, then noted in small numbers all year. Just four birds from previous years retrapped during the year, with the oldest from June 2014. Highest spring count was four February 15th. None nested on site although a couple of pairs nested nearby. Juveniles first noted June 15th. In autumn visible migration total of 453 south September 22nd to November 10th, max. 59 south October 14th. Numbers feeding on site later in the year peaked at 15 December 18th.

LINNET *Linaria cannabina*

Noted all year, with 60 January 29th a notable winter count. Numbers increased March. Spring visible migration of 20 north March 29th & four in off April 5th. An estimated 40 - 50 pairs nested with several more nearby. Only 13 adults retrapped from previous years, with the oldest from March 2014. First juveniles noted May 22nd. Notable counts of 250 August 17th & 29th. In autumn total of 2,857 south October 2nd to November 4th, plus a later flock of 47 south December 3rd, max. 250 south October 23rd. Numbers declined November with none noted after December 22nd.

COMMON REDPOLL *Acanthis flammea*

One November 13th.

LESSER REDPOLL *Acanthis cabaret*

In spring one May 18th. In autumn a total of 1,236 noted September 26th to November 29th, max. 280 October 23rd.

GOLDFINCH *Carduelis carduelis*

Present all year in small numbers. Up to 19 present January. Visible migration total in spring of 74 south March 9th to June 4th, max. 15 south April 4th. Spring max of ten on site May 27th. One pair bred. First juveniles turned up June 1st. Autumn visible passage total of 22,984 south September 6th to December 3rd, max. 1,895 south October 16th with an autumn max. of grounded birds 30 in September/October. Later in the year a December maximum of seven.

SERIN *Serinus serinus*

Singles April 29th (N.Odin), May 18th (M.May, M.D.Scraggs, R.A.Duncan), 25th (M.May, N.Odin) & June 19th (M.May, N.Odin).

SISKIN *Spinus spinus*

In spring a total of 97 noted February 19th to April 13th, max. 36 south March 20th. One south May 27th, two south June 9th & one south 15th. In autumn total of 419 noted September 12th to December 4th, max. 42 south October 23rd.

CORN BUNTING *Emberiza calandra*

One August 14th.

YELLOWHAMMER *Emberiza citrinella*

Spring singles March 30th & April 18th to 20th. In autumn one October 27th.

ORTOLAN BUNTING *Emberiza hortulana*

Singles September 2nd (W.J.Brame, T.Holland, N.Odin *et al*) & 5th (N.Odin).

REED BUNTING *Emberiza schoeniclus*

In spring, one March 8th. In autumn a total of 103 noted September 18th to November 7th, max. 11 south October 15th. A later bird present December 22nd.

LAPLAND BUNTING *Calcarius lapponicus*

Singles November 5th & 18th.

SNOW BUNTING *Plectrophenax nivalis*

Noted on 23 dates October 26th to December 20th, max. 12 October 30th & four December 3rd.

ESCAPEES

DIAMOND DOVE *Geopelia cuneata*

One July 28th (T.Holland, D.T.Langlois, N.Odin). Second site record.

BUDGERIGAR *Melopsittacus undulatus*

Different singles August 6th & 11th.

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