

LANDGUARD BIRD OBSERVATORY

SYSTEMATIC BIRD LIST 2018

BRENT GOOSE *Branta bernicla*

Last noted in spring June 13th, max. 723 north, 15 south April 13th. 1,089 went out/north May 28th to June 2nd. One flew south July 14th. First autumn record September 29th, max. 495 south October. Very small numbers occasionally sit on site or offshore.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	90	26	260	743	1080	18	0	0	1	36	60	38
S+in	250	44	567	54	2	0	1	0	1	1335	733	107

CANADA GOOSE *Branta canadensis*

One south March 13th, five west 22nd, three south April 13th, one east May 1st, 14 south June 5th, 32 south 9th & two south September 22nd.

BARNACLE GOOSE *Branta leucopsis*

Noted February 22nd to August 26th plus one north November 27th, max. 96 north March 18th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	0	21	121	0	13	0	0	57	0	0	1	0
S+in	0	0	122	9	4	6	5	0	0	0	0	0

GREYLAG GOOSE *Anser anser*

Local wanderers noted on 21 dates March 5th to June 11th, max. nine north March 5th. Later on one August 16th, one east November 4th, one 16th, six west 17th, three north 21st & two north 25th.

BEAN GOOSE *Sp.*

One south October 28th.

MUTE SWAN *Cygnus olor*

A total of 11 records spread over seven months, max. ten west October 4th.

SHELDUCK *Tadorna tadorna*

Small numbers noted moving offshore most of the year with prospecting on the reserve March 20th to July 18th by at least 20 birds. One brood of 16 ducklings seen July 16th. The largest movement was 65 south November 16th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	0	6	7	2	13	0	0	0	0	22	2	2
S+in	21	13	41	18	39	5	0	13	66	91	132	42

SHOVELER *Spatula clypeata*

Three west May 14th, three south September 11th, five south 16th, seven south 18th & one south November 17th.

GADWALL *Mareca strepera*

Noted March 20th to November 27th, max. five south November 27th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
S+in	0	0	0	6	4	4	0	3	4	4	5	0

WIGEON *Mareca penelope*

Early in the year noted up to January 15th. Spring passage March 19th to 27th, max, 85 east 21st & 309 east 26th. One south July 28th. In autumn noted September 1st to

November 27th plus two December 13th & 29th, max. two north 111 south November 19th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	7	0	396	0	0	0	0	0	5	19	3	0
S+in	61	0	5	0	0	0	1	0	91	498	283	4

MALLARD *Anas platyrhynchos*

Noted in nine months, max. seven south December 3rd. Two were on site March 6th, two 29th, one April 8th, one 19th & eight May 21st.

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	1
S+in	2	0	0	2	1	1	0	6	2	0	2	10

PINTAIL *Anas acuta*

One south January 10th. Noted August 27th to November 25th, max. 11 south October 11th.

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	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	24	20	0

TEAL *Anas crecca*

Early in the year noted up to February 9th, max. 31 south January 2nd. Spring passage March 14th to April 19th, max. 14 south March 17th. Three west June 4th preceded autumn passage June 30th to December 13th, max. 105 south October 27th. One was offshore March 18th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	0	2	8	8	0	0	11	0	0	2	0	0
S+in	54	0	14	0	0	4	6	128	219	284	177	74

TUFTED DUCK *Aythya fuligula*

Two south April 20th, two west June 6th, one south September 16th, one south 18th, two south October 9th & one north 28th.

EIDER *Somateria mollissima*

Total of six north one south January 5th to February 4th, max. three north January 7th. Male present April 10th to 13th. One south June 10th. Male present October 18th. Total of 58 north ten south October 19th to December 15th, max. 14 north October 29th. Male offshore December 13th.

VELVET SCOTER *Melanitta fusca*

Three north November 19th & three south 20th.

COMMON SCOTER *Melanitta nigra*

Noted in all months. Peak counts 80 north 45 south April 27th, 88 north 78 south June 10th, 100 south July 31st & ten north 120 south November 19th. Occasional singles or groups offshore max. ten July 6th, 24 September 4th & 24 October 27th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	6	25	19	92	78	144	87	8	5	70	90	17
S+in	30	2	2	69	1	120	129	22	7	29	204	56

GOLDENEYE *Bucephala clangula*

Two south January 9th. In autumn singles south October 27th, November 3rd & 25th. Three south December 31st.

GOOSANDER *Mergus merganser*

One south January 2nd, one north March 18th, one south December 5th & two south 12th.

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER *Mergus serrator*

Singles south January 5th & 10th. In spring four north six south March 4th to April 19th, max. three south one in April 19th. In autumn five north 41 south October 14th to November 27th, max. 13 south November 27th.

RED-LEGGED PARTRIDGE *Alectoris rufa*

Two January increasing to three sporadically March 17th to May 7th with four March 29th & April 7th then one or two to October 29th with three October 27th then one to December 31st. One pair bred as predated eggs found.

PHEASANT *Phasianus colchicus*

Male October 3rd to 7th.

RED-THROATED DIVER *Gavia stellata*

Noted up to April 16th, August 12th, September 13th & from October 4th, max. 30 north 14 south one on sea March 27th early on then 247 north 41 south December 31st.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	97	66	66	35	0	0	0	1	1	5	16	315
S	72	43	50	50	0	0	0	0	0	8	4	133
MAX ON	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3

BLACK-THROATED DIVER *Gavia arctica*

One south April 13th.

GREAT NORTHERN DIVER *Gavia immer*

Singles south January 1st, north February 7th, south November 11th, 21st, 23rd, 28th, south December 9th & west 12th.

DIVER Sp.

Singles west October 28th, west November 19th & south December 9th.

FULMAR *Fulmarus glacialis*

Noted on 33 dates January 15th to June 15th plus later singles August 12th, 17th & 23rd, max. two north three south April 27th. One south December 29th.

MANX SHEARWATER *Puffinus puffinus*

Two south September 18th.

GREAT CRESTED GREBE *Podiceps cristatus*

Noted up to April 5th & from July 30th, max. three north two south six on December 31st.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
S+in	3	3	1	1	0	0	1	6	1	0	3	5
MAX ON	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6

SPOONBILL *Platalea leucorodia*

Six south September 22nd.

CATTLE EGRET *Bubulcus ibis*

One north May 26th (W.J.Brame *et al*). Second site record.

GREY HERON *Ardea cinerea*

Spring singles March 4th, 29th, April 7th & 25th. One June 2nd. Total of 14 noted August 2nd to November 8th, max. two in off August 21st & two south October 28th. One on the reserve December 14th.

GREAT WHITE EGRET *Ardea alba*

One east October 13th (N.Cant *et al*) & one south 20th (R.Facer *et al*). Tenth & eleventh site records.

LITTLE EGRET *Egretta garzetta*

Total of seven noted March 27th to June 2nd, max. three north May 18th. Total of 22 noted July 31st to November 11th, max. nine south August 1st.

GANNET *Morus bassanus*

Noted in all months, max. 14 north 18 south October 6th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	2	6	7	0	3	9	2	8	5	41	24	3
S	0	0	0	0	14	0	19	2	3	31	18	0
MAX ON	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	6

SHAG *Phalacrocorax aristotelis*

Singles January 20th, February 18th, March 7th & 21st and in autumn singles October 19th, November 27th, 28th, December 23rd & 25th.

CORMORANT *Phalacrocorax carbo*

Present all year, max. 2,669 out January 14th with numbers declining to three figures March 5th & double figures from March 27th increasing again to three figures from September 30th & four figures from October 29th, max. 3,403 out November 25th & 3,205 out December 12th.

OSPREY *Pandion haliaetus*

One south October 7th.

SPARROWHAWK *Accipiter nisus*

Singles on five dates January & February with two February 6th. Up to two on 14 dates March 17th to May 7th with three April 24th. Up to two again July 15th to December 31st with three September 30th.

MARSH HARRIER *Circus aeruginosus*

One south February 2nd, two south March 22nd, one south 30th, one south August 14th, one south September 6th, three south 22nd, one in off 28th, one in off November 2nd & one north 25th..

RED KITE *Milvus milvus*

Singles south April 23rd & 25th..

BUZZARD *Buteo buteo*

Singles April 5th, May 10th, September 6th, 18 soaring over docks 24th, singles October 16th & 18th.

WATER RAIL *Rallus aquaticus*

One December 25th.

MOORHEN *Gallinula chloropus*

One April 12th.

STONE CURLEW *Burhinus oedicephalus*

One April 14th (N.Odin *et al*). Fourth site record.

OYSTERCATCHER *Haematopus ostralegus*

Up to five on the reserve January to September. Three pairs bred but failed. Largest spring movement 18 south May 16th and in autumn one north 51 south August 18th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	6	1	8	23	54	18	4	5	5	3	2	0
S+in	4	3	19	29	77	10	51	227	35	11	2	4

AVOCET *Recurvirostra avosetta*

Five south January 31st, four south March 11th, two south 15th, three south April 25th, six north three south June 7th to 16th, one south August 9th, one south 23rd & two south September 24th.

LAPWING *Vanellus vanellus*

Noted in all months except July, max. 108 south January 17th, seven south October 19th & seven south November 16th. Up to three on the reserve on 23 dates during this period with five September 5th & four October 28th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
IN/S	108	0	5	0	0	6	0	2	0	14	13	0
TOTALS ON	4	4	3	2	3	2	0	0	5	5	2	1

GOLDEN PLOVER *Pluvialis apricaria*.

Early in the year 26 south January 3rd, 24 south 5th, five north March 14th & 14 south April 13th. Autumn passage from July 30th, max. 30 south November 16th & 29 south December 29th. Singles on the reserve March 16th, August 14th, 28th, September 1st to 3rd, 6th, 8th, 19th to 20th & December 30th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
S+in	50	0	0	14	0	0	2	11	0	0	30	29

GREY PLOVER *Pluvialis squatarola*

One on beach March 2nd, two north 18th, two north May 10th & two north 27th. Autumn passage July 29th to November 12th, max. 25 south August 18th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
IN/S	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	56	11	2	5	0

RINGED PLOVER *Charadrius hiaticula*

Breeding birds started returning January 29th. Six pairs bred rearing nil young. Autumn passage at least August 12th to October 8th, max. 22 south September 18th. Roosting attempted on the beach at high tide on several December dates, max. 80 3rd.

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	2	0	0	0
S+in	0	0	5	0	5	0	0	7	28	7	0	1
MAX ON	5	4	10	9	15	14	10	9	1	2	1	80

LITTLE RINGED PLOVER *Charadrius dubius*

One June 3rd.

WHIMBREL *Numenius phaeopus*

In spring a total of 152 noted April 7th to June 2nd, max. nine north 36 south April 19th. In autumn a total of 106 noted June 14th to September 14th, max. 33 south July 29th.

CURLEW *Numenius arquata*

One north January 8th. Spring passage March 4th to May 10th, max. 56 north, April 18th. Autumn passage June 4th to November 21st, max. 51 south June 25th. 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	1	0	6	142	0	1	2	0	0	7	1	0
IN/S	0	0	1	7	1	137	10	13	3	7	15	0

BAR-TAILED GODWIT *Limosa lapponica*

Four south January 1st. Spring passage March 4th to May 19th. One on beach March 4th, one on reserve May 8th & two 19th. Autumn passage August 1st to November 28th, max. six south September 2nd.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
S+in	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	11	7	0	2	0

BLACK-TAILED GODWIT *Limosa limosa*

Four south July 17th & six south August 3rd.

TURNSTONE *Arenaria interpres*

Noted up to June 10th & from July 28th, max. nine north November 15th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	5	4	2	5	0	0	5	0	16	19	0
S	0	0	9	1	1	0	3	16	6	9	8	7
MAX ON	2	5	8	5	1	1	1	1	1	7	5	2

KNOT *Calidris canutus*

Noted up to May 16th. One south June 14th. Autumn passage August 3rd to November 15th, max. 85 south November 7th. Seven flew north May 16th & one was on the beach March 2nd.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
S	94	0	24	1	0	1	0	20	14	9	91	0

SANDERLING *Calidris alba*

One January 27th. One north February 13th. Spring passage March 3rd to June 19th, max. 23 March 27th. Autumn passage July 28th to November 7th, max. 11 south August 18th. Three later birds on beach November 24th & seven December 19th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
S+in	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	15	1	0	3	0
MAX ON	1	0	23	7	6	10	11	5	0	1	3	7

DUNLIN *Calidris alpina*

Spring passage March 1st to May 12th, max. 91 south three on March 1st. One flew south June 20th. Autumn passage July 30th to December 5th, max. 374 west November 16th. On the beach three March 1st, one 15th, 12 April 26th, one July 31st, two August 4th, one 9th, one September 5th, one 8th, two 18th, two 6th October, one 12th, three November 15th & one December 21st.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
S+in	0	0	105	1	2	1	2	40	108	123	571	1

PURPLE SANDPIPER *Calidris maritima*

One or two regular January 12th to May 3rd. In autumn singles September 6th & 24th then one or two regular October 24th to November 30th & one December 31st.

WOODCOCK *Scolopax rusticola*

In spring singles on 11 dates February 28th to April 11th plus two March 20th. In autumn 14 noted October 17th to November 23rd, max. two November 16th & 17th.

JACK SNIPE *Lymnocyptes minimus*

Singles March 21st & October 2nd.

SNIPE *Gallinago gallinago*

In spring eight noted March 5th to April 30th. One July 23rd. In autumn 38 noted August 30th to November 27th, max. six October 6th.

COMMON SANDPIPER *Actitis hypoleucos*

In spring two May 13th & one 19th. In autumn singles August 9th, 15th, 18th, September 1st & October 17th.

REDSHANK *Tringa totanus*

In spring singles on four dates March 1st to 13th plus one north April 12th & two south 25th. Autumn passage May 27th to October 17th plus one north November 16th, max. 68 south August 25th. Five additional birds heard going over during these passage periods.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
S+in	0	0	0	2	0	1	9	125	6	4	1	0

GREENSHANK *Tringa nebularia*

One south April 26th, two south July 28th, two south August 9th & one south September 19th.

KITTIWAKE *Rissa tridactyla*

Noted up to June 12th, July 26th & from October 28th, max. 78 south January 3rd early in the year & 135 south 15 on December 29th later on.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	34	6	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	6	1
S+in	360	8	1	1	0	0	5	0	0	1	1	287
MAX ON	40	25	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	45

BLACK-HEADED GULL *Chroicocephalus ridibundus*

Present all year with peak counts of 85 February 18th, 1,000 feeding on hatching insects July 23rd & 1,500 August 19th. Some movements all year with spring passage from at least March 8th, max. 309 south April 5th and in autumn from mid June, max. 93 south July 16th, 109 south September 28th, 270 west October 22nd & 267 south December 25th.

LITTLE GULL *Hydrocoloeus minutus*

Two January 31st, four March 2nd, 15 3rd, one 4th, one 18th, one October 24th, two November 1st, one 22nd & two December 1st.

MEDITERRANEAN GULL *Ichthyaetus melanocephalus*

Present all year, max. 18 south April 20th, 14 south five on September 14th & 16 south October 6th.

Monthly max:-

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
3	5	3	18	9	14	12	4	19	16	4	2

COMMON GULL *Larus canus*

Present all year although fewer records mid summer, max. 35 January 30th early in the year & 210 later on December 25th. Only very small numbers noted moving at passage times, max. 81 south April 5th, 35 south October 7th & 70 south December 30th.

GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL *Larus marinus*

Present all year although few present in the summer months, max. 700 April 2nd early in the year & 600 October 28th later on. Small numbers noted moving at passage times, max. 33 south October 2nd.

GLAUCOUS GULL *Larus hyperboreus*

Immature north March 31st (W.J.Brame, N.Odin).

ICELAND GULL *Larus glaucooides*

Second-summer May 26th (W.J.Brame, N.Odin *et al*).

HERRING GULL *Larus argentatus*

Present all year and nesting in the adjoining docks with one pair rearing two young on the museum roof, max. 1,500 February 10th & later in the year 2,000 November 19th.

YELLOW-LEGGED GULL *Larus michahellis*

Singles February 4th, 24th, March 8th, 31st, April 2nd, June 2nd, 6th, August 13th & November 19th.

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 60 June 2nd.

SANDWICH TERN *Thalasseus sandvicensis*

Noted April 15th to October 14th with peak movements ten north July 25th & 11 south September 23rd with max, on site 18 September 4th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	0	0	0	1	46	43	31	25	25	7	0	0
S+in	0	0	0	1	4	0	5	8	21	2	0	0
MAX ON	0	0	0	0	2	2	10	19	18	2	0	0

LITTLE TERN *Sternula albifrons*

Noted April 24th to August 24th, max. 25 north May 25th & peak offshore count 40 June 21st.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	0	0	0	0	29	31	0	0	0	0	0	0
S+in	0	0	0	1	2	4	0	3	0	0	0	0
MAX ON	0	0	0	0	12	40	13	5	0	0	0	0

COMMON TERN *Sterna hirundo*

Noted April 4th to October 8th, max. one north, ten south, six west May 10th in spring & two north, 14 south August 18th in autumn. The max. offshore was 23 May 27th in spring & 38 August 7th & 21st in autumn.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	0	0	0	8	18	3	8	41	8	1	0	0
S+in	0	0	0	8	19	2	21	61	9	6	0	0
MAX ON	0	0	0	4	23	24	15	38	9	1	0	0

ARCTIC TERN *Sterna paradisaea*

In spring 63 noted April 15th to May 11th, max. 40 north April 19th & 12 north May 11th. In autumn seven south October 6th, one west 7th & one south November 3rd.

GREAT SKUA *Stercorarius skua*

Early in the year singles January 1st, 3rd & 15th. In autumn two north September 5th, two north October 2nd, one north 6th then noted on 17 dates October 26th to December 29th, max. four December 7th.

POMARINE SKUA *Stercorarius pomarinus*

Singles south September 2nd, north December 1st & offshore 18th.

ARCTIC SKUA *Stercorarius parasiticus*

Two June 10th. In autumn three south September 22nd, one north October 2nd & one south 3rd.

LITTLE AUK *Alle alle*

One October 28th.

GUILLEMOT *Uria aalge aalge*

One showing characteristics of the nominate race March 22nd.

GUILLEMOT *Uria aalge*

Singles January 2nd & February 12th. Later on noted on 11 dates October 27th to December 31st, max. five south two on December 31st.

PUFFIN *Fratercula arctica*

One north November 11th (W.J.Brame, P.J.Holmes, N.Odin *et al*).

AUK SP.

Singles February 13th, March 7th, June 5th, October 26th & two 28th.

FERAL PIGEON *Columba livia*

Present all year with peak counts of 38 January 1st & October 31st.

STOCK DOVE *Columba oenas*

In spring singles March 14th, 25th, May 17th & 20th. In autumn one October 7th, one 22nd, 39 south 24th, one 26th & five south November 13th.

WOODPIGEON *Columba palumbus*

Up to 40 present all year. 12 to 15 pairs bred. Ten birds from previous years retrapped with the oldest from May 2014. In spring total of 242 south March 20th to April 26th, max. 57 south April 14th plus later on four south May 21st, one south 24th & six south June 19th. Nine south August 28th. Autumn total of 50 north 1,598 south October 15th to November 15th, max. 650 south November 6th.

COLLARED DOVE *Streptopelia decaocto*

Present all year with two or three pairs nesting with limited success. Extra birds often present on site with max day count six.

BARN OWL *Tyto alba*

One November 12th.

LONG-EARED OWL *Asio otus*

One October 28th.

SHORT-EARED OWL *Asio flammeus*

In spring one April 9th. In autumn singles September 29th, October 6th & November 5th.

SWIFT *Apus apus*

Noted April 23rd to September 19th, max. 685 south July 31st. Small numbers also occasionally fed on site, max. 20 June 25th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
IN/N	0	0	0	1	35	73	33	0	0	0	0	0
S	0	0	0	8	0	596	1148	47	2	0	0	0

HOOPOE *Upupa epops*

One October 19th (M.D.Scragg *et al*). Fifth “modern” record.

WRYNECK *Jynx torquilla*

One September 6th to 19th with two 8th & 12th to 13th.

GREAT SPOTTED WOODPECKER *Dendrocopos major*

In spring singles April 19th, 22nd & May 30th. In autumn singles on 11 dates August 22nd to December 4th.

GREEN WOODPECKER *Picus viridis*

Singles June 15th, 18th & August 4th.

KESTREL *Falco tinnunculus*

Present all year up to mid-November. One pair nested in a box along View Point Road rearing five young. Dispersing juveniles from elsewhere occasionally on site in

summer & autumn. In spring one south April 18th. In autumn singles south September 12th, 22nd & 28th

MERLIN *Falco columbarius*

In spring singles April 13th, 25th, May 1st & 2nd. In autumn two October 8th, one 12th & one 23rd.

HOBBY *Falco subbuteo*

Singles on six dates April 20th to June 18th & 13 dates August 9th to October 6th.

PEREGRINE *Falco peregrinus*

Pair present sporadically throughout the year did not breed at this end of the dock. Juvenile present August 17th, immature August 30th & two juveniles September 26th.

RED-BACKED SHRIKE *Lanius collurio*

Female August 1st.

JAY *Garrulus glandarius*

Singles April 21st, May 6th & October 20th.

MAGPIE *Pica pica*

Present all year with four pairs nesting, three of these pairs rearing four young. Spring max. 13 March 6th, summer peak 13 June 29th with autumn max. 12 September 27th.

JACKDAW *Coloeus monedula monedula*

One showing characteristics of the nominate form March 5th.

JACKDAW *Coloeus monedula*

In spring total of seven north 39 south two in off nine on site March 21st to May 31st, max. eight south March 26th, three north four south one on May 15th. In autumn two south September 17th, two south October 31st, four on November 18th.

ROOK *Corvus frugilegus*

In spring total of three north 11 south March 21st to April 22nd, max. three eight April 1st. In autumn one south October 21st.

CARRION CROW *Corvus corone*

Present all year. Two pairs nested in the near adjoining dock with one pair failing & the other rearing four young. Intruders occasionally turn up on site and are soon seen off by the locals. Spring max. of 21 April 14th & 15 October 3rd in autumn. Spring passage movements of 13 north 25 south March 7th to May 20th, max. 13 north April 14th. Three flew north June 28th. Visible movement in autumn four south October 21st, four south 24th & four south November 2nd.

COAL TIT *Periparus ater britannicus*

Five noted June 15th to 19th. In autumn singles September 25th, 29th & October 18th.

CONTINENTAL COAL TIT *Periparus ater ater*

One March 26th, one April 9th to 12th, two 16th, two 18th & one probably this race 23rd.

BLUE TIT *Cyanistes caeruleus*

Present all year with one pair nesting rearing one young. Four birds from previous years survived the winter, the oldest from September 2015 although three of these not noted after March so only wintered here. Spring passage March 10th to April 22nd, max. six March 23rd. First juvenile June 6th with dispersing juveniles from elsewhere June 15th to August 5th. Autumn passage August 20th to November 14th, max. 13 September 26th.

GREAT TIT *Parus major*

Present all year with four pairs nesting. Ten birds from previous years survived the winter with the oldest from May 2014. Spring passage March 11th to April 9th with a later new female June 13th, max. 11 April 7th. First juveniles May 21st with

dispersing juveniles turning up on site from elsewhere from then to July 27th, max. 16 July 4th & 11th. Autumn passage September 24th to November 5th, max. 14 October 19th.

WOODLARK *Lullula arborea*

In spring one singing February 15th, five north April 12th & one south 14th. In autumn one September 24th, two south October 9th, three south 17th & two west 24th.

SKYLARK *Alauda arvensis*

Singles south January 12th, 25th & February 2nd. Spring passage at least February 17th to May 28th, max. six south February 27th. One flew south August 5th. Autumn passage October 3rd to December 27th, max. 89 south October 17th with up to three grounded during this period.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
IN/S	2	8	13	2	0	0	0	1	0	393	134	19
MAX ON	0	1	5	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	1	0

SHORE LARK *Eremophila alpestris*

One October 21st.

SAND MARTIN *Riparia riparia*

Spring total of 14 noted April 23rd to June 3rd, max. three April 25th & 26th. In autumn a total of 100 noted June 19th to September 24th, max. 11 south September 19th.

SWALLOW *Hirundo rustica*

Noted from April 8th to November 15th. Spring max. four north 65 south May 3rd. Autumn passage from at least July 12th, max. 370 south September 19th. Small numbers also occasionally loiter on site, max. five.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	0	26	67	7	0	2	4	11	0	0
IN/S	0	0	0	161	319	52	64	473	3156	139	6	0

HOUSE MARTIN *Delichon urbicum*

Noted April 20th to June 21st & August 14th to October 24th. The peak movement was 550 in off September 23rd. Small numbers occasionally loiter on site, max. 200 September 25th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	0	0	0	1	5	18	0	0	0	0	0	0
S+in	0	0	0	11	15	9	0	6	2014	38	0	0

RED-RUMPED SWALLOW *Cecropsis daurica*

One south April 21st (M.D.Scragg *et al*).

CETTI'S WARBLER *Cettia cetti*

Juvenile July 16th (N.Odin, M.D.Scragg, R.Spiers *et al*). Eighth site record.

LONG-TAILED TIT *Aegithalos caudatus*

One January 27th, three 28th & two February 8th. In spring one March 9th, three 14th, one 25th, one 29th & one May 21st. In autumn nine October 16th, 21 19th, 13 20th, 19 November 5th & 15 6th. Later on six December 22nd & 25th.

WILLOW WARBLER *Phylloscopus trochilus*

Spring passage April 9th to May 28th, max. 20 April 27th. Autumn passage July 24th to October 9th, max. 30 August 22nd.

CHIFFCHAFF *Phylloscopus collybita*

Spring passage March 10th to June 25th, max. 15 April 14th. Later singles noted June 27th, July 2nd, 3rd, 12th, August 2nd & 5th were not trapped and are either later spring birds or wandering failed breeders. Autumn passage August 24th to December 2nd with this last bird, or another present 11th to 28th, max. 15 September 27th & 30th.

PALLAS'S WARBLER *Phylloscopus proregulus*

One November 5th to 6th (T.Holland *et al*).

YELLOW-BROWED WARBLER *Phylloscopus inornatus*

Singles noted on 14 dates September 29th to October 19th plus two October 12th.

SEDGE WARBLER *Acrocephalus schoenobaenus*

None in spring. In autumn singles on eight dates August 15th to September 22nd plus two August 28th & September 13th.

REED WARBLER *Acrocephalus scirpaceus*

One April 30th then noted May 21st to June 22nd, max. three May 26th & June 3rd. In autumn July 10th to October 16th, max. two on eight dates.

BLACKCAP *Sylvia atricapilla*

Spring passage April 4th to June 20th plus a later new female July 1st to 5th, max. 11 April 14th. Dispersing juveniles turned up June 26th & July 15th Autumn passage August 21st to November 17th, max. 40 September 25th.

GARDEN WARBLER *Sylvia borin*

Spring passage on five dates May 2nd to 28th max. two 26th & 28th. Autumn passage singles on 11 dates August 21st to October 17th plus two October 15th.

BARRED WARBLER *Sylvia nisoria*

One October 15th (M.Austin).

LESSER WHITETHROAT *Sylvia curruca*

Spring passage April 12th to May 3rd, max. eight April 23rd. Later new adults turned up June 4th, July 2nd & 11th. Three birds from 2017 returned. Four pairs bred with juveniles noted from June 16th. Autumn passage from at least August 4th to September 26th, max. seven August 17th.

WHITETHROAT *Sylvia communis*

Spring passage April 14th to June 16th, max. ten May 3rd. Five pairs bred, with four of these birds returnees with the oldest from June 2016. Juveniles noted from June 25th with up to 15 counted end June & early July. Autumn passage from at least mid July to October 7th, max. eight August 4th.

FIRECREST *Regulus ignicapilla*

Spring passage March 14th to May 3rd, max. four March 24th & six April 17th. Autumn passage October 28th to November 9th plus a later bird 27th to 30th, max. two November 6th.

GOLDCREST *Regulus regulus*

Two birds present from autumn 2017 present to March 11th. Spring passage March 11th to April 14th, max. eight April 12th. Autumn passage September 30th to November 21st with six birds lingering into December with at least one to 31st, max. 80 November 9th.

WREN *Troglodytes troglodytes*

At least 12 birds over wintered surviving from previous years with the oldest from October 2016 but five of these not noted after mid April so only wintered. Spring passage March 11th to May 17th. Three or four pairs bred, with juveniles appearing from June 7th. Dispersing juveniles from elsewhere turned up on site from then to

August 10th. Autumn passage September 27th to November 11th plus a later new bird 27th with peak count of 15 October 20th.

ROSE-COLOURED STARLING *Pastor roseus*

One June 2nd to 4th, with two 3rd (P.J.Holmes, E.W.Patrick *et al*).

STARLING *Sturnus vulgaris*

Present all year, although few in the winter months. Spring max. 360 March 24th. None nested. Dispersing juveniles noted from May 21st. Mid-summer peak of 1,200 July 27th with roost then present to end-October, max. 2,000 August 18th & 3,500 October 22nd. Visible movements in autumn of 8,071 in off the sea or flying south October 6th to November 30th, max. 4,490 in off October 28th. Later in the year highest count in December was nine.

RING OUZEL *Turdus torquatus*

In spring singles on six dates April 11th to May 1st plus two 29th. In autumn two October 6th, two 7th & one 28th.

BLACKBIRD *Turdus merula*

At least ten males nine females survived the winter with the oldest from March 2012 although two of the males & one female probably only wintered. Present all year with seven or eight pairs nesting with very limited success. New birds turned up January 6th & February 14th. Spring passage March 8th to May 7th plus a later new female 25th, max. 50 March 17th. First juvenile noted June 9th with dispersing juveniles turning up on site from then to August 31st. Autumn passage September 29th to November 30th, max. 90 October 28th & 50 November 16th & 17th. A later new male arrived December 23rd.

FIELDFARE *Turdus pilaris*

Noted on 14 dates January to February 6th, max. seven January 9th plus a harsh weather movement of 1,259 south January 17th & 81 south 18th. Spring passage February 27th to April 16th, max. four March 24th. One September 6th to 9th preceded autumn passage October 16th to December 10th, max. 181 in off October 24th.

REDWING *Turdus iliacus*

One January 6th, two 10th, one 18th & one 20th. Spring passage February 16th to April 15th, max. 70 March 24th. Autumn passage October 1st to November 30th, max. 69 October 6th & 90 November 16th. Later on three December 17th, two 24th, eight 26th & five 27th.

SONG THRUSH *Turdus philomelos*

At least three successfully over wintered, with the oldest from March 2013. A new bird turned up January 13th. Spring passage March 11th to April 29th, max. ten March 17th. A new male June 21st. Two pairs bred with nil success. A dispersing juvenile noted July 25th. Autumn passage September 4th to November 30th, max. 40 October 11th.

MISTLE THRUSH *Turdus viscivorus*

In spring singles March 7th, 9th, 11th & April 12th. One juvenile June 2nd. None in autumn.

SPOTTED FLYCATCHER *Muscicapa striata*

Spring passage April 29th to June 23rd, max. three June 1st. Autumn passage August 20th to October 18th, max. two September 7th, 21st & 24th.

RED-SPOTTED BLUETHROAT *Luscinia svecica svecica*

Male May 15th (P.J.Holmes *et al*).

WHITE-SPOTTED BLUETHROAT *Luscinia svecica cyanecula*

Males March 19th to 23rd (C.Deeks *et al*), 20th to 21st (T.Holland *et al*) & 20th (W.J.Brame *et al*).

ROBIN *Erithacus rubecula*

At least six birds successfully over-wintered on site, with the oldest from August 2015 although two of these only overwintered. Spring passage March 12th to May 11th plus a later bird 27th, max. ten March 21st. Two pairs bred, one pair failing and the other rearing one brood. First juvenile noted May 24th with dispersing juveniles from elsewhere arrived on site from June 1st then into autumn passage from July 27th to November 27th, max. 20 October 11th, 14th, 20th & 21 November 17th. At least 13 birds attempting to winter December.

NIGHTINGALE *Luscinia megarhynchos*

One April 29th to May 1st.

PIED FLYCATCHER *Ficedula hypoleuca*

One May 18th. Autumn passage August 1st to September 25th, max. five August 31st & September 6th.

BLACK REDSTART *Phoenicurus ochruros*

Spring passage March 14th to June 9th with a male singing intermittently to July 21st, max. seven March 19th. Single juvenile June 24th suggesting nesting nearby. Autumn passage singles October 18th, November 2nd, 6th & 9th.

REDSTART *Phoenicurus phoenicurus*

Spring singles on five dates April 11th to 26th plus two 13th. Autumn passage August 22nd to October 11th, max. six September 6th.

WHINCHAT *Saxicola rubetra*

Spring passage singles May 10th & 11th. Autumn passage August 21st to September 21st, max. 13 September 5th.

STONECHAT *Saxicola rubicola*

One from 2017 remained to February 17th. Spring passage March 10th to April 12th, max. ten March 21st. In autumn noted September 25th to October 20th with two birds remaining to December 30th, max. four October 3rd.

WHEATEAR *Oenanthe oenanthe*

Spring passage March 25th to June 20th, max. 50 May 1st. Autumn passage August 9th to October 18th, max. nine August 22nd.

HOUSE SPARROW *Passer domesticus*

Present all year with c.30 pairs nesting at the cottage and Fort. Seven birds retrapped from previous years with the oldest from December 2015. The years peak count was 120 August 2nd.

TREE SPARROW *Passer montanus*

Noted on six dates September 14th to October 25th, max. three September 14th & October 25th.

DUNNOCK *Prunella modularis*

At least nine birds successfully survived the winter, with the oldest from May 2013. Present all year with at least ten to 12 pairs nesting rearing few young. Spring passage March 9th to May 12th. The first juveniles noted June 5th with many dispersing juveniles turning up on site from then to July 18th. Autumn passage September 1st to November 8th, max. 16 November 5th.

YELLOW WAGTAIL *Motacilla flava*

Total of 34 noted April 12th to May 13th, max. one north seven south May 3rd. Autumn passage total of 65 July 7th to October 3rd, max. three south six on September 6th.

GREY-HEADED WAGTAIL *Motacilla flava thunbergi*

One June 11th (T.Holland, E.Lucking, N.Odin *et al*).

GREY WAGTAIL *Motacilla cinerea*

In spring singles March 15th, April 3rd & 25th. Mid-summer noted on six dates June 25th to August 4th, max. two June 25th. In autumn total of 64 noted August 24th to November 13th plus a later bird December 10th, max. 11 south September 22nd.

PIED WAGTAIL *Motacilla alba*

Present all year. Spring max. 14 March 23rd. At least four pairs nested in the near adjoining dock with these birds and their offspring regularly on site, max 22 September 18th. First juvenile noted June 1st. In autumn a total of 27 south September 22nd to November 14th, max. four south October 17th.

WHITE WAGTAIL *M.a.alba*

Spring singles on seven dates March 15th to May 20th, plus two April 25th & May 15th. In autumn singles September 6th to 9th, 12th & October 8th to 9th.

TAWNY PIPIT *Anthus campestris*

One August 30th (W.J.Brame *et al*).

MEADOW PIPIT *Anthus pratensis*

Seen all year, although very few early and late in the year & only three records April 30th to August 29th. Spring passage at least February 27th to April 29th plus a later bird May 14th, max 70 April 10th. Dispersing juveniles noted July 5th & August 2nd. Autumn passage August 30th to December 4th, max. 881 in/south September 22nd.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	2	29	0	0	0	0	0	4	8	0
IN/S	0	3	6	33	0	0	0	1	1918	459	215	2
Max On	3	1	4	70	1	0	1	1	60	25	40	9

TREE PIPIT *Anthus trivialis*

In spring four south April 28th, one north May 27th & one June 2nd. In autumn singles south August 18th, north 30th, south September 3rd, October 9th & 18th to 20th.

ROCK PIPIT *Anthus petrosus*

Singles on eight dates January 11th to February 7th. In spring a total of nine noted February 21st to April 5th. In autumn total of 32 noted September 28th to November 15th, max. two south one on October 8th & one north two south 15th. Later on singles on eight dates November 22nd to December 30th.

CHAFFINCH *Fringilla coelebs*

Present all year. Up to five noted on site early in the year with two birds from previous years retrapped with the oldest from February 2014. New male turned up February 4th. Spring passage March 22nd to April 27th, max. eight March 26th. Visible totals of four north eight south March 26th to April 6th. One pair bred, rearing one brood with juveniles from June 28th and two dispersing juveniles from elsewhere noted up to July 18th. Autumn passage September 6th to November 28th with a total of nine north 977 south/in off the sea, max. 204 in off October 6th. Autumn max. of grounded birds was 17 November 1st. Up to five noted on site in December.

BRAMBLING *Fringilla montifringilla*

Spring passage total of 17 noted March 22nd to April 14th, max. four April 13th. Autumn passage total of 80 noted September 25th to November 30th, although several individuals loitered on site, max. eight October 17th.

HAWFINCH *Coccothraustes coccothraustes*

Singles April 15th & June 2nd.

BULLFINCH *Pyrrhula pyrrhula*

Singles January 12th, 21st, March 9th, April 14th & 16th.

COMMON ROSEFINCH *Carpodacus erythrina*

One singing May 31st (N.Odin, M.D.Scragg).

GREENFINCH *Chloris chloris*

Noted in small numbers all year with 13 January 6th, ten 21st & 12 October 14th the only double figure counts. Only three ringed all year and no birds from previous years retrapped. In autumn visible migration total of 22 south October 7th to November 13th, max. seven south October 17th & 21st.

LINNET *Linaria cannabina*

Noted all year, with an early year max. of 29 January 26th. Numbers increased end March. Spring visible migration of 27 south April 5th, three south 13th, 18 south 14th & seven south 20th. Spring max. of 80 April 26th. An estimated 30 - 40 pairs nested with several more nearby. Only 14 adults retrapped from previous years, with the oldest from April 2014. First juveniles noted June 8th. Summer max. count 80 June 23rd. In autumn total of 327 south October 8th to December 20th, max. 91 south October 14th. December max. seven 1st & 3rd.

COMMON REDPOLL *Acanthis flammea*

One November 15th.

LESSER REDPOLL *Acanthis cabaret*

In spring one April 17th. In autumn a total of 137 noted October 14th to November 17th, max. 49 October 24th.

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Seven singles April 10th to May 24th plus two May 5th.

GOLDFINCH *Carduelis carduelis*

Present all year in small numbers. Up to eight present January. Visible migration total in spring of five north 336 south March 16th to June 11th, max. 43 south April 14th. Spring max of 20 on site April 11th. One pair bred. Autumn visible passage total of 2,791 south September 10th to December 6th, max. 481 south October 17th with an autumn max. of grounded birds 40 October 8th. Later in the year a December max. of 17 on 5th.

SISKIN *Spinus spinus*

In spring a total of 142 noted March 24th to May 22nd, max. 50 south April 10th. Autumn total of 627 September 6th to November 17th, max. 76 south October 17th.

YELLOWHAMMER *Emberiza citrinella*

Spring singles February 21st, March 16th, 25th & 26th. In autumn singles October 25th & 29th.

ORTOLAN BUNTING *Emberiza hortulana*

One September 13th (T.Williams).

LITTLE BUNTING *Emberiza pusilla*

One west October 17th (W.J.Brame, N.Odin). Fifth site record.

REED BUNTING *Emberiza schoeniclus*

In spring, one February 1st, one 21st, two March 26th, one April 21st & one 25th. In autumn a total of 26 noted September 7th to October 29th, max. seven south October 17th. Later birds present December 16th & 27th.

SNOW BUNTING *Plectrophenax nivalis*

Three March 21st. In autumn one October 19th then noted on seven dates November 13th to 24th, max. three 17th & 18th.

ESCAPEES

ROSE-RINGED PARAKEET *Psittacula krameri*

One September 26th (N.Odin, E.W.Patrick, R.Spiers *et al*). Fifth site record.

BUDGERIGAR *Melopsittacus undulatus*

One July 26th.

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