LANDGUARD BIRD OBSERVATORY SYSTEMATIC BIRD LIST 2023

BRENT GOOSE Branta bernicla

Last noted in spring June 7th, max. 121 north June 1st. One flew south July 17th. First autumn record September 16th, max. 1,791 south October 17th, 1,385 south 19th, 2,426 south 26th & 1,075 south November 1st. 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	38	37	115	28	202	143	0	0	7	30	74	48
S+in	186	12	85	51	4	2	1	0	135	8352	3118	129
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CANADA GOOSE Branta canadensis

Three west March 2nd, four southwest 30th, two south one on the reserve April 8th, one south May 12th, 78 south June 12th, 16 south 17th & two south December 29th.

BARNACLE GOOSE Branta leucopsis

Noted February 19th to June 12th, max. 41 south March 14th. Later on a total of 13 south September 23rd to 27th, three in off October 22nd, 11 south November 17th & one north 21st.

Monthly totals were --

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec			
N+out	0	11	9	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	1	0			
S+in	0	19	73	4	7	6	0	0	13	3	11	0			

GREYLAG GOOSE Anser anser

Local wanderers noted on 20 dates February 28th to May 10th, max. five April 7th. **PINK-FOOTED GOOSE** Anser brachyrhynchus

Eight south October 8th, one south 17th.

BEAN GOOSE sp. Anser fabalis/serrirostris

Two north November 17th.

MUTE SWAN Cygnus olor

Two east April 7th, one north 8th, two south September 17th, three south November 15th & one south 17th.

SHELDUCK Tadorna tadorna

Small numbers noted moving offshore most of the year. 50 flew south January 3rd. Prospecting on the reserve February 12th to July 6th by at least 20 birds. The largest autumn movements were 67 south October 9th & 114 south November 17th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	0	6	14	14	33	0	18	1	3	2	14	0
S+in	180	16	26	4	16	0	11	23	50	178	361	87
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SHOVELER Spatula clypeata

Three south January 7th. Total of 50 south July 5th to December 31st, max. ten south September 26th.

GADWALL Mareca strepera

One south May 7th & noted on eight dates July 14th to December 22nd, max. 16 south July 19th.

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	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Ν	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
S+in	0	0	0	0	1	0	23	4	0	6	0	3	
WIGEON Mareca penelope													

Noted on six dates January 3rd to February 11th, max 43 south January 10th. One south March 25th. In autumn noted August 18th to December 31st, max. 472 south October 8th & 739 south 19th.

Monthly totals were:-	
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	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
N+out	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	12	0	
S+in	63	15	1	0	0	0	0	4	333	1931	99	260	
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MALLARD Anas platyrhynchos

Noted on 13 dates, max. three south November 19th & December 14th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
N+out	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	Ō	Ō	0	0	0	
S+in	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	8	3	
II Anas ad	nuta												

PINTAIL Anas acuta

Noted up to January 29th, max. 11 south 14th & 12 south 29th. Autumn passage September 14th to December 31st, max. 22 south October 19th.

Monthly totals were:-

			2	Mar		Mav	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
	N+out				-	•	0		0	-				
	S+in	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	51	22	24	
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TEAL Anas crecca

Three south January 2nd & nine south 8th. In spring three south March 7th. Autumn passage June 10th to December 31st, max. 215 south November 18th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec		
N+out	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Ō	5	2	0	0		
S+in	12	0	3	0	0	19	27	197	752	343	407	117		

POCHARD Aythya ferina

Two south November 13th & four south 17th.

FERRUGINOUS DUCK Aythya nyroca

One south November 1st (W.J.Brame, N.Odin et al). First site record.

TUFTED DUCK *Aythya fuligula*

Two south March 28th, four south May 5th, one south July 3rd, five south 5th, 11 south 27th, one south August 2nd & two south 5th & a total of one north 92 south October 9th to November 16th, max. 60 south November 13th.

SCAUP *Aythya marila*

Singles south October 9th & 19th.

EIDER Somateria mollissima

One south March 1st, four north 19th, one north June 9th & a total of 23 north three south five offshore October 17th to December 1st.

VELVET SCOTER Melanitta fusca

Four south January 3rd, one south April 13th, three south November 1st, one north 16th, one north one offshore December 3rd, one offshore 4th, one south 10th, two south 20th & two south 28th.

COMMON SCOTER Melanitta nigra

Noted in all months. Peak movements 110 south November 12th & 400 south December 15th. Ones & twos occasionally offshore plus up to 26 regular from end November increasing to 130 by December 16th then 60 25th to year's end.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Ν	53	7	18	19	2	100	37	20	25	20	216	99	
S+in	57	3	9	0	0	0	77	10	61	68	464	692	
GOLDENEYE Bucephala clangula													

One south January 3rd. Total of 26 south October 8th to November 25th, max. eight south November 1st.

GOOSANDER Mergus merganser

Three south January 13th. One east March 6th. In autumn one south October 14th, two south 27th, one south November 2nd, two west 10th, one south 16th & one south 20th.

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER Mergus servator

One south January 10th, two north February 4th, two north March 18th, two south 22nd & two south April 30th. In autumn two north 37 south October 9th to December 4th, max. six south November 1st. Later on three south December 22nd & one south 31st.

PHEASANT *Phasianus colchicus*

Singles March 4th, April 2nd, June 4th, October 10th, 14th & 29th.

RED-LEGGED PARTRIDGE Alectoris rufa

Ten January to early February declining to six by April. Three broods of chicks but only one surviving. Six present (including the surviving chick) from mid-July to year's end.

SWIFT Apus apus

Noted April 28th to September 3rd, max. 260 south June 11th. Small numbers also occasionally feed on site including the last one of the year, max. ten June 22nd.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+in	0	0	0	0	10	125	27	1	0	0	0	0
S	0	0	0	1	6	47	948	81	0	0	0	0
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CUCKOO Cuculus canorus

Singles May 28th, July 5th, 13th, 24th plus juvs August 11th & September 1st.

FERAL PIGEON Columba livia

Present all year with peak count of 68 August 26th.

STOCK DOVE Columba oenas

Singles on five dates January 4th to February 10th. In spring 11 noted March 4th to April 18th, max. four south March 12th. Single dispersing juvs May 22nd, June 11th & 26th. In autumn total of 196 noted October 10th to November 24th, max. 89 south November 6th & 72 south 7th. Later on one December 14th.

WOODPIGEON Columba palumbus

Present all year. At least 15 pairs bred. Eight birds from previous years retrapped with the oldest from June 2017. Two south January 17th, three south February 1st & 20 south 2nd. In spring a total of 494 south March 12th to May 2nd, max. 119 south March 19th. Autumn total of 8,436 south October 11th to November 12th, max. 5,513 south November 6th & 2,510 south 7th plus up to 75 feeding on Holm Oaks end October/early November.

TURTLE DOVE *Streptopelia turtur*

Singles May 5th, 15th, June 2nd & 11th.

COLLARED DOVE *Streptopelia decaocto*

Present all year on only 84 dates, max. six January 28th.

MOORHEN Gallinula chloropus

One November 21st.

GREAT CRESTED GREBE Podiceps cristatus

Noted up to March 22nd & from July 16th, max. four south November 4th.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Ν	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0

S+in	1	0	3	0	0	0	1	1	3	0	15	3
MAX ON	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
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OYSTERCATCHER Haematopus ostralegus

Small numbers on the reserve all year max, four. Largest movements 28 south July 27th & 25 south August 1st.

		Mo	onthly 1	totals w	ere:-									
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
N+out		0	10	1	13	20	25	6	9	0	0	1	0	
S+in		7	6	10	29	45	12	159	177	18	10	16	3	
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AVOCET *Recurvirostra avosetta*

Two south May 25th, two north 30th, one north June 2nd, five north September 3rd, 11 south 26th & one sat on the sea December 27th.

LAPWING Vanellus vanellus

Eight January 6th & two February 11th. Autumn passage from July 9th to December 1st, max. 35 south November 22nd.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Ν	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
S+in	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	35	38	14
TOTALS ON	8	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	6	0
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GOLDEN PLOVER *Pluvialis apricaria*

One south March 25th, 12 north May 25th & one north June 3rd. Autumn passage June 30th to November 25th, max. 46 south October 26th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	0	0	0	0	12	1	0	3	0	0	1	0
S+in	0	0	1	0	0	3	20	28	2	46	7	0
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GREY PLOVER *Pluvialis squatarola*

One south March 28th & one north May 31st. Autumn passage July 4th to November 8th, max. 24 south July 5th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Ν	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
IN/S	0	0	1	0	0	0	41	27	5	10	18	0
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RINGED PLOVER Charadrius hiaticula

Breeding birds started returning January. Five pairs reared no young. Breeding birds included one ringed here in May 2014. One flew south March 25th. Autumn passage from at least July 27th, max. seven south October 13th. Roosting attempted on the beach at high tide on several dates in low numbers, max. 23 November 24th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
S+in	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	5	8	11	1	0
MAX ON	3	7	8	9	9	8	7	9	2	10	23	2
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KENTISH PLOVER Charadrius alexandrinus

Male May 18th (R.D.Speirs et al). Third 'recent' site record.

WHIMBREL *Numenius phaeopus*

In spring a total of 92 noted April 11th to May 18th, max. 39 north April 16th. In autumn a total of 207 noted July 5th to September 25th, max. 37 south July 31st.

CURLEW Numenius arquata

Spring passage February 16th to April 24th, max. 23 north April 22nd. Autumn passage June 1st to November 25th, max. 37 south July 11th. Additional birds are occasionally heard & not seen in the migration seasons.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	0	0	5	0	0	1	3	0	0	2	0	0
S+in	0	1	2	25	0	60	197	38	2	10	10	0

BAR-TAILED GODWIT Limosa lapponica

One south January 14th. Spring passage April 10th to 30th, max. five north April 20th. Autumn passage July 4th to September 20th plus singles south October 10th, November 15th & December 21st, max. 19 south August 2nd.

	Mo	onthly t	otals w	ere:-								
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
S+in	1	0	0	6	0	0	31	28	27	1	1	1

BLACK-TAILED GODWIT Limosa limosa

One south March 25th, 22 south June 29th, eight south July 30th & one south 31st. **TURNSTONE** *Arenaria interpres*

Noted up to June 14th & from July 27th, max. 23 south August 2nd. Peak count on reserve six February 22nd.

	Mo	onthly t	totals w	ere:-								
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Ν	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	Ō	5	0	0
S	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	34	9	4	15	0
MAX ON	1	6	3	3	2	3	0	3	4	4	3	1

KNOT *Calidris canutus*

None early in the year or spring. Autumn passage July 22nd to December 7th, max. 116 south November 1st. 20 flew north September 13th.

Monthly totals were:-

Ja	an	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	2	56	125	1	
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S SANDERLING Calidris alba

Spring passage March 23rd to June 14th, max. 25 April 7th, 15th & May 9th. Autumn passage from July 18th. Max. on beach 27 January 6th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	Ō	0	0	0	0
S+in	0	0	0	0	6	0	6	2	6	1	0	0
MAX ON	27	4	9	25	25	5	0	0	0	20	6	0
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DUNLIN Calidris alpina

Spring passage March 19th to May 6th, max. 54 south May 6th. Autumn passage July 4th to November 26th, max. 1,004 south October 26th & 2,041 south November 1st. On the beach up to five noted plus 19 May 1st & ten December 18th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
S+in	0	0	44	0	54	0	31	39	39	1436	2150	0
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PURPLE SANDPIPER Calidris maritima

Singles May 13th, September 25th to 26th & south October 11th.

WOODCOCK Scolopax rusticola

Singles March 14th, 15th & 19th. In autumn noted October 20th to December 1st, max. four October 20th.

JACK SNIPE *Lymnocryptes minimus*

Singles April 22nd, October 20th & November 28th.

SNIPE Gallinago gallinago

Singles January 17th, March 19th, April 6th, 7th & two 8th. In autumn one south August 19th then 18 noted October 9th to December 15th, max. five south October 26th.

GREY PHALAROPE Phalaropus fulicarius

One November 19th (M.Garnham).

COMMON SANDPIPER Actitis hypoleucos

In spring one May 13th. In autumn singles July 25th, August 6th & 8th.

GREEN SANDPIPER Actitis ochropus

One April 6th.

REDSHANK *Tringa totanus*

None in spring. Autumn passage July 5th to September 21st & October 26th to December 2nd plus singles on beach July 16th, 21st & December 2nd, max. eight south July 12th & 18th.

Monthly	totals	were:-
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	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
N+out	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Ō	Ō	0	0	0	
S+in	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	14	2	2	9	0	
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GREENSHANK Tringa nebularia

One south July 15th, two south August 2nd, one south 4th, one south 24th & one south September 13th.

KITTIWAKE Rissa tridactyla

Few records March & none August 15th to October 10th, max. offshore 123 January 8th early in year & 83 south 20 offshore December 27th later on.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
N+out	0	0	1	6	12	2	0	ĩ	0	12	18	0	
S+in	0	0	0	14	28	17	6	1	0	3	19	136	
MAX ON	123	6	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	83	
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BLACK-HEADED GULL Chroicocephalus ridibundus

Present all year. Adult ringed here January 2013 noted. Early year max. 30 south 15 on site January 6th. Some movements all year with spring passage from mid-February, max. 52 north 60 south March 19th and in autumn from at least mid-June, max. 250 south July 9th, 406 south 19th, 861 south October 9th, 445 south 10th & 1,420 south November 17th. Late year max. 55 December 29th.

LITTLE GULL Hydrocoloeus minutus

One north April 21st, 16 east 23rd. Total of 128 noted October 20th to December 1st, max. 64 north two south November 2nd.

MEDITERRANEAN GULL Ichthyaetus melanocephalus

Present all year. Small numbers on passage with a high count of 158 south October 9th.

Mo	onthly i	max:-									
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
7	9	3	7	3	13	16	6	5	158	3	3
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COMMON GULL Larus canus

Present all year with few in summer months, max. 80 January 26th early in the year & later on 100 December 16th. Small numbers noted moving from March 8th, max. 20 north April 21st in spring and in autumn passage from at least June 1st, max. 297 south October 9th, 180 south 17th & 169 south November 17th.

GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL Larus marinus

Present all year although few present in the summer months. Bred in the adjoining docks. Peak counts 150 on seven dates January 3rd to February 20th early in the year & 250 December 17th later on. Small numbers noted moving at passage times, max. 33 south July 16th.

GLAUCOUS GULL Larus hyperboreus

Adult January 1st & first-winter December 16th & 24th.

ICELAND GULL Larus glaucoides

Adult November 21st (W.J.Brame, B.Mackie).

HERRING GULL Larus argentatus

Present all year and nesting in the adjoining docks. One pair reared three young on the museum roof. Peak count early in the year 850 February 18th with later on 2,000 December 20th.

YELLOW-LEGGED GULL Larus michahellis

Singles February 17th & October 25th.

LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL Larus fuscus

Noted all year although only in very small numbers up to end February and from mid October. Nested in the adjoining docks. Count of 50 south October 9th.

GULL-BILLED TERN Gelochelidon nilotica

One north April 30th (W.J.Brame, C.Day, N.Odin). Fourth site record.

SANDWICH TERN *Thalasseus sandvicensis*

Noted April 11th to October 11th with peak movement two north 42 south August 6th with max. feeding offshore 60 August 26th.

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	Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	0	0	0	3	16	35	41	59	17	2	0	0
S+in	0	0	0	0	0	37	75	100	28	2	0	0
MAX ON	0	0	0	0	0	2	11	60	20	1	0	0
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LITTLE TERN Sternula albifrons

Noted May 1st to August 27th on just eight dates, max. 13 north May 14th.

	Mo	onthly t	otals w	ere:-								
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	0	0	0	0	14	1	1	Ō	Ō	0	0	0
S+in	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
MAX ON	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
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COMMON TERN Sterna hirundo

Noted April 28th to October 25th, max. 12 north May 31st in spring & 171 south August 2nd in autumn. The max. feeding offshore was 60 August 11th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
N+out	0	0	0	2	19	11	7	18	63	2	0	0	
S+in	0	0	0	1	1	0	20	250	44	3	0	0	
MAX ON	0	0	0	1	2	1	3	60	37	1	0	0	
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ARCTIC TERN Sterna paradisaea

In spring four north April 27th, 26 north 30th & three north May 2nd. In autumn 16 noted August 2nd to October 11th, max. four south 6th plus one south November 2nd.

BLACK TERN Chlidonias niger

Singles August 12th, 26th, 27th & three 28th.

GREAT SKUA Stercorarius skua

One north October 18th.

POMARINE SKUA Stercorarius pomarinus

Two south September 1st, one October 17th to 18th & one December 21st.

ARCTIC SKUA Stercorarius parasiticus

In autumn 31 noted July 15th to November 4th, max. nine south September 1st & eight north November 2nd.

LONG-TAILED SKUA Stercorarius longicaudus

One south January 7th (N.Odin et al).

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Singles south November 1st & north 26th.

GUILLEMOT Uria aalge

Noted on five dates January 3rd to 13th, max. nine 8th. Later on singles October 5th, November 12th & 24th.

RAZORBILL Alca torda

One September 18th, two October 17th with singles 18th, 25th (dead), November 12th, 24th, December 7th with up to three on nine dates to 31st plus four 24th.

UNIDENTIFIED AUK sp.

Two December 24th.

RED-THROATED DIVER Gavia stellata

Noted up to April 15th & from September 2nd, max. 295 south January 28th early on & 78 north 101 south December 30th later in the year.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Ν	529	29	190	15	0	0	0	0	1	6	56	312
S	439	123	70	50	0	0	0	0	3	18	71	267
MAX ON	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1

BLACK-THROATED DIVER Gavia arctica

One north April 27th.

GREAT NORTHERN DIVER *Gavia immer*

Singles south January 12th, west February 9th, south March 19th, west November 5th, two south 8th, one west 22nd, west December 13th, south 24th & south 29th.

FULMAR Fulmarus glacialis

One dead March 3rd. Singles on 18 dates March 8th to June 9th plus two May 14th.

CORY'S SHEARWATER Calonectris borealis

One north September 17th (W.J.Brame, B.Mackie). Fifth site record.

SOOTY SHEARWATER Ardenna grisea

One north October 21st.

MANX SHEARWATER Puffinus puffinus

One south September 20th.

GANNET Morus bassanus

Noted in all months, max. 56 north October 17th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Ν	0	0	18	16	29	6	15	7	23	99	24	4
S	2	1	6	4	2	8	22	5	41	16	62	4
MAX ON	1	3	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	18	8
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CORMORANT *Phalacrocorax carbo*

Present all year although numbers very erratic. Early in the year max. 230 out 2,260 in from the north 40 north February 3rd, 94 out 3,500 offshore 24th with numbers declining to double figures from March 10th. Numbers increasing again to three figures from October 28th, max. 80 out 48 north 3,000 in from the north November 10th & 1,055 out 1,194 in from the north, 1,000 north 30th.

SHAG *Gulosus* aristotelis

One south January 13th, one west February 21st. Later in the year one north October 17th, three south 23rd, two south 24th, one November 10th to 13th, one west 21st.

SPOONBILL Platalea leucorodia

One north May 16th, two west August 19th, two south September 13th, ten south October 7th, two north 16th, two south 19th & two north one south November 25th.

CATTLE EGRET Bubulcus ibis

Nine north September 22nd, four south October 8th & one south November 11th. Fourth to sixth site records.

EGRET sp.

Six distant birds south July 13th were probably Cattle Egrets.

GREY HERON Ardea cinerea

Spring singles March 6th, 29th, two April 1st singles 17th, 25th & May 10th. Total of 21 noted July 7th to October 27th, max. five southwest August 8th. Later on one south December 10th & one west 14th.

GREAT WHITE EGRET Ardea alba

One south October 8th.

LITTLE EGRET Egretta garzetta

Singles January 21st, February 17th then a total of 35 noted April 4th to November 7th, max. five south July 2nd & 14th.

OSPREY Pandion haliaetus

Singles south August 23rd, 28th & September 9th.

HONEY BUZZARD Pernis apivorus

One south September 3rd (W.J.Brame, N.Odin, E.W.Patrick).

SPARROWHAWK *Accipiter nisus*

Singles on eight dates January to February 16th. Spring passage at least March 3rd to May 8th, max. two. Singles June 9th, 21st & July 5th. Up to two present July 27th to year's end with three August 26th. One flew south September 14th.

MARSH HARRIER Circus aeruginosus

Singles March 17th, April 22nd, 24th, May 15th, 20th, July 26th, August 15th, 27th, 30th, September 9th, October 8th, November 5th & December 13th.

HEN HARRIER Circus cyaneus

Immature male south November 5th.

BUZZARD Buteo buteo

Noted on 12 dates February 19th to May 23rd, max. two April 1st. Later on singles September 14th & December 16th.

BARN OWL Tyto alba

One October 25th.

SHORT-EARED OWL *Asio flammeus*

Singles March 19th, August 19th plus 13 noted October 4th to November 17th, max. two November 3rd & three 5th.

HOOPOE Upupa epops

One May 4th (W.J.Brame, P.J.Denyer, N.Odin *et al*) had been seen earlier in the morning in the Port of Felixstowe.

WRYNECK *Jynx torquilla*

Singles August 19th to 21st, September 2nd & 27th.

GREAT SPOTTED WOODPECKER Dendrocopos major

One April 10th. In autumn singles on 15 dates June 25th to November 11th plus two August 22nd & October 8th.

GREEN WOODPECKER *Picus viridis*

Singles July 18th, August 4th & 11th

KESTREL Falco tinnunculus

One or two on site all year. One south March 19th & one north April 28th. Very few dispersing juveniles from June. One south July 13th, one south September 19th, one west October 5th, one south 7th & one south one in off November 3rd.

MERLIN Falco columbarius

Singles March 22nd, April 21st, October 4th, November 1st & 3rd.

HOBBY Falco subbuteo

Singles April 28th, June 7th, 19th, 24th & on 11 dates August 2nd to September 22nd. **PEREGRINE** *Falco peregrinus*

Present sporadically all year except July/August/December on only 27 dates with 11 of these records prospecting birds March 3rd to April 7th including three present March 3rd & 4th.

RED-BACKED SHRIKE Lanius collurio

Juvenile September 21st to 29th.

JAY Garrulus glandarius

One September 22nd, two 27th, three October 8th, one 16th & one 22nd.

MAGPIE Pica pica

Present all year with five pairs nesting, three of these rearing three young each & two pair nil young with numbers surviving declining throughout the autumn. Oldest retrap from August 2017. Spring max. 17 April 9th, summer peak 18 June 21st with autumn max. 13 September 30th.

JACKDAW Coloeus monedula

In spring total of six north 43 south 35 on site February 24th to June 15th, max. nine south three on site March 24th. In autumn total of 21 south five on site September 8th to November 10th, max. seven south October 31st.

NORDIC JACKDAW Coloeus monedula monedula

Bird showing characteristics of nominate race present April 20th to 24th.

ROOK Corvus frugilegus

In spring one south February 9th then a total of one north 14 south March 12th to May 1st, max. six south March 24th. In autumn one north six south September 6th to November 5th, max. two south September 26th & October 28th.

CARRION CROW Corvus corone

Present all year. Three pairs nested in the near adjoining dock rearing three, one and nil young although only one of these young survived to the year's end. One bird lost his mate mid-February but quickly replaced her. One of the other pairs lost an adult and also its youngster in September the remaining bird staying single to the year's end. Two birds ringed May 2014 & March 2019 surviving. Intruders occasionally turn up on site and are soon seen off by the locals. Spring max. 21 March 14th & 27th with autumn max. 14 October 14th. Spring passage movements of two north five south, six east & one in off March 1st to April 11th, max. two south six east April 10th. In autumn two south October 4th.

WAXWING Bombycilla garrulus

One south then north inland over the docks November 6th, & 15 south December 24th.

COAL TIT *Periparus ater britannicus*

Singles June 7th & 12th.

COAL TIT ssp.

One race not determined October 1st.

BLUE TIT *Cyanistes caeruleus*

Present all year with one pair nesting. Seven birds from previous years survived the winter with the oldest from July 2019. Spring passage March 6th to April 22nd, max. eight March 19th. A new moulting adult turned up June 22nd. First juvenile June 8th with dispersing juveniles from elsewhere June 10th to July 18th. Autumn passage August 20th to October 31st, max. 20 October 8th. Up to five November/December with ten Deceember 26th.

GREAT TIT Parus major

Present all year with four pairs nesting. Eight birds from previous years survived from previous years with the oldest from July 2019. Spring passage March 2nd to April 15th, max. six. First juvenile June 2nd with dispersing juveniles turning up on site

from elsewhere from then to July 20th, max. 12 June 18th. Autumn passage August 31st to November 10th, max. 15 October 8th.

WOODLARK Lullula arborea

Singles March 14th, 18th & April 12th. In autumn nine noted September 29th to November 6th, max two.

SKYLARK *Alauda arvensis*

One south February 6th then a spring passage total of 18 noted February 20th to May 1st, max. five south March 15th. Later birds May 16th, 20th, 24th & June 8th. Dispersing juveniles noted June 29th & July 26th. Autumn passage total of 367 noted September 23rd to December 20th, max. 72 south one on October 22nd.

SAND MARTIN Riparia riparia

Spring total of 40 noted March 18th to May 15th, max. 15 south April 29th. In autumn a total of 479 noted June 26th to September 16th, max. 95 south July 13th.

SWALLOW Hirundo rustica

Noted March 29th to November 15th. Spring max. five north 97 south May 7th. Autumn passage from at least June 18th, max. 780 south September 26th. Small numbers also occasionally loiter on site.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Ν	0	0	1	28	51	5	8	18	10	0	0	0
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HOUSE MARTIN Delichon urbicum

Noted April 22nd to June 6th, July 2nd, 30th, August 7th & August 21st to October 31st, max 186 south September 24th. The only count on site was 50 September 16th.

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	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	0	0	0	1	13	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
S+in	0	0	0	1	5	0	2	19	631	26	0	0
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CETTI'S WARBLER Cettia cetti

One April 16th. From September 16th to November 7th an exceptional 12 birds were ringed with peak day counts of four on six dates October 14th to November 12th with two or three present to the year's end.

LONG-TAILED TIT *Aegithalos caudatus*

Nine January 5th & 15 February 8th. Noted on seven dates March 19th to April 12th, max. six March 19th. In autumn noted on 13 dates October 8th to November 16th, max. 15 October 8th.

WOOD WARBLER *Phylloscopus sibilatrix*

Two July 26th, two August 4th with one to 11th.

YELLOW-BROWED WARBLER Phylloscopus inornatus

One October 12th, two 13th, one 14th, one 15th. Additionally a tagged bird was detected on the Motus receiver October 16th.

WILLOW WARBLER Phylloscopus trochilus

Spring passage March 29th to June 19th, max. 25 April 29th. Autumn passage July 26th to September 24th plus a later bird October 21st, max. 30 August 9th, 40 21st & 30 22nd.

CHIFFCHAFF *Phylloscopus collybita*

Spring passage March 13th to at least June 12th, max. 20 April 8th. At least seven dispersing juveniles June 21st to July 19th. Autumn passage August 18th to November 17th plus a later bird December 6th & 8th, max. 25 October 2nd.

SIBERIAN CHIFFCHAFF Phylloscopus collybita tristis

One November 22nd.

GREENISH WARBLER *Phylloscopus trochiloides*

One June 18th (W.J.Brame, N.Odin, E.W.Patrick et al).

AQUATIC WARBLER Acrocephalus paludicola

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

SEDGE WARBLER Acrocephalus schoenobaenus

In spring two April 28th & one May 5th. In autumn a total of 12 noted July 28th to September 6th, max. two August 4th & September 6th.

BLYTH'S REED WARBLER Acrocephalus dumetorum

One June 15th (P.J.Denyer, N.Odin *et al*). Second site record.

REED WARBLER Acrocephalus scirpaceus

Spring passage May 5th to July 7th, max. seven May 14th. In autumn July 19th to September 10th plus a later bird October 2nd, max. two on five dates.

BOOTED WARBLER *Iduna caligata*

One August 18th (W.J.Brame, N.Odin, E.W.Patrick et al). Second site record.

ICTERINE WARBLER Hippolais icterina

One September 2nd (N.Odin).

BLACKCAP Sylvia atricapilla

Singles February 1st & March 6th. Spring passage March 22nd to June 16th, max. 15 April 22nd. Failed breeding adults from elsewhere turned up July 5th & 18th. Juvenile ringed here July 23rd 2021 retrapped July 23rd suggesting local origin. At least seven dispersing juveniles turned up June 22nd to August 7th with a couple staying to the start of autumn passage August 29th to November 17th, max. 25 September 22nd & 30 October 2nd.

GARDEN WARBLER Sylvia borin

Spring singles on seven dates April 27th to May 25th. In autumn singles July 28th, August 10th, two 30th & singles September 11th, 30th & October 4th.

LESSER WHITETHROAT Curruca curruca

Spring passage April 22nd to at least May 25th, max. seven May 11th & 14th. Five pairs bred with juveniles noted from June 18th. Autumn passage from at least end July to October 2nd, max. nine August 19th. A pale "eastern race" bird present October 28th to November 30th.

WHITETHROAT Curruca communis

Spring passage April 16th to May 31st plus later new birds June 19th, 23rd, 25th & 28th, max. ten May 17th, 18th & 20th. Four pairs bred. Juveniles noted from June 27th. Autumn passage from at least July 12th to October 2nd, max. eight September 4th.

DARTFORD WARBLER Curruca undata

One October 29th.

FIRECREST Regulus ignicapilla

Spring passage March 16th to April 17th plus later birds May 10th & June 18th, max. four March 24th & 29th. Autumn passage one August 28th then October 16th to November 22nd with two remaining to 30th, max. three November 22nd.

GOLDCREST *Regulus regulus*

Spring passage March 19th to April 29th, max. two. One July 6th. Autumn passage one September 6th then from 22nd to November 24th with one staying to 25th, max. 15 October 17th.

WREN *Troglodytes troglodytes*

Present all year. At least ten survived from previous years with the oldest from September 2019. Spring passage April 12th to May 7th plus a later new female May 31st. Five pairs bred, with juveniles appearing from June 21st. Dispersing juveniles from elsewhere turned up on site from then to August 12th. Autumn passage August 28th to November 17th with peak count of ten October 4th & 8th.

ROSE COLOURED STARLING *Pastor roseus*

Adult June 2nd (R.D.Speirs et al). Juvenile October 8th (C.Chapman et al).

STARLING Sturnus vulgaris

Present all year, although few in the winter months. Spring max. 84 south 60 on April 6th. Two pairs nested at cottage. Summer peaks of 500 July 8th, August 28th, 31st, September 13th & 14th. Visible movements in autumn of 2,318 in off the sea or flying south October 3rd to November 28th, max. 375 in/south November 1st.

SONG THRUSH Turdus philomelos

At least two over wintered. Spring passage February 12th to April 22nd, max. four March 16th. One pair bred rearing two young. Dispersing juveniles from elsewhere noted June 11th, July 12th, two 18th & one 28th. Autumn passage September 10th to November 19th, max. ten October 9th. Up to two present to year's end.

MISTLE THRUSH Turdus viscivorus

In spring five March 10th, one 12th & one 14th. Summer singles May 19th, June 10th & 11th. In autumn two October 28th & singles 31st, November 6th, 10th & December 14th.

REDWING *Turdus iliacus*

Spring passage March 10th to April 20th, max. 180 March 26th & 150 29th. Autumn passage October 8th to December 14th, max. 40 November 30th.

BLACKBIRD Turdus merula

At least 11 males six females survived the winter with the oldest from July 2017. Present all year with ten pairs nesting. A new bird turned up January 27th. Spring passage March 6th to May 5th plus a new female June 7th, new male 14th, new female 24th & new male July 18th, max. day count 15 March 27th. First juvenile May 3rd with dispersing juveniles turning up on site from then to July 22nd plus a new juvenile September 6th. Autumn passage September 26th to November 29th, max. 75 November 17th.

FIELDFARE *Turdus pilaris*

Singles January 3rd & 25th. Spring passage singles on seven dates March 10th to April 22nd plus two March 26th. Autumn passage October 8th to December 18th, max. eight October 26th.

RING OUZEL Turdus torquatus

In spring different singles April 17th, 18th & 20th to 21st. In autumn one October 8th, three 10th, one 19th & one 28th.

SPOTTED FLYCATCHER Muscicapa striata

Spring passage singles on five dates May 24th to June 6th. Autumn passage two August 22nd, singles 27th, September 3rd, 10th, 23rd & October 2nd to 4th.

ROBIN Erithacus rubecula

Nine birds are known to have successfully over-wintered on site, four originally ringed autumn 2021 returning for second successive winter plus five more from autumn 2022. Spring passage March 11th to April 26th, max. eight March 11th, plus a later bird May 24th originally ringed here on passage late May 2022. None bred. New adult turned up June 3rd. First dispersing juvenile noted May 24th with others arriving on site from then to autumn passage from end July to November 29th, max. 30 October 27th. At least 18 birds attempting to winter early December.

NIGHTINGALE Luscinia megarhynchos

Singles April 22nd, 23rd, two 24th & two 25th. One June 13th to 14th. Singles in autumn July 28th, August 2nd, 10th & September 4th.

PIED FLYCATCHER *Ficedula hypoleuca*

Autumn passage August 16th to September 10th, max. 12 August 18th & nine 19th. **BLACK REDSTART** *Phoenicurus ochruros*

Spring passage, one February 28th then from March 16th, max. four March 16th. Male sang sporadically to early July & present into August. Up to two juveniles July to September 3rd with one to 10th. Autumn passage singles September 22nd & 25th.

REDSTART Phoenicurus phoenicurus

Spring singles on five dates April 22nd to May 6th. Autumn passage singles on five dates August 3rd to September 21st plus three August 18th & two 30th.

WHINCHAT Saxicola rubetra

One June 1st to 4th. Autumn passage August 18th to September 22nd, max. three August 21st.

STONECHAT Saxicola rubicola

Two March 12th, two 13th, two 16th & one 31st. None in autumn.

WHEATEAR Oenanthe oenanthe

Spring passage March 17th to June 10th, max. 12 April 14th & 18th. Autumn passage July 28th to November 5th, max. 16 September 11th.

TREE SPARROW Passer montanus

Two August 25th & singles on six dates September 2nd to 19th.

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 April 2019. The year's peak count was 150 several August & September dates.

DUNNOCK Prunella modularis

At least ten birds successfully survived the winter, with the oldest from March 2019. Present all year with at least 12 pairs nesting. Spring passage March 4th to April 13th plus later new birds May 17th & June 1st. Count of 25 May 1st. First juvenile noted June 10th with dispersing juveniles turning up on site from then to August 18th. Autumn passage at least September 15th to at least November 12th, max. 25 October 16th.

YELLOW WAGTAIL Motacilla flava

Total of 12 noted April 22nd to May 14th, max. three April 30th & May 1st. Autumn passage total of 170 July 20th to October 8th, max. 35 September 16th.

GREY WAGTAIL Motacilla cinerea

In spring eight noted March 18th to April 5th, max. three south March 20th plus a later one May 16th. Six noted mid-summer June 14th to August 11th. The bird on August 11th was retrapped September 2nd. In autumn a total of 148 noted August 21st to October 31st, max. 12 September 12th.

PIED WAGTAIL Motacilla alba

Present all year. At least three pairs nested in the near adjoining dock with these birds and their offspring regularly on site, max 20 September 10th & 13th. In autumn a total of 64 south September 22nd to October 9th plus three south November 7th, max. 23 south October 5th.

WHITE WAGTAIL Motacilla alba alba

Singles April 12th, May 5th, September 10th & 16th.

MEADOW PIPIT Anthus pratensis

Spring passage February 27th to May 17th, max. five March 19th & 30th. In summer singles south July 28th & August 11th. Autumn passage August 26th to December 25th, max. 1,423 south September 21st & 688 south 150 on site 22nd.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Ν	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
S+in	0	0	19	2	1	0	1	1	3326	696	257	8
Max on	0	3	4	2	1	0	0	3	150	40	35	8
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TREE PIPIT Anthus trivialis

Singles April 28th, May 21st to 23rd. August 16th, 22nd, 28th & September 17th. **ROCK PIPIT** *Anthus petrosus*

One from January 25th sporadically to February 22nd. Spring passage singles on five dates March 1st to 27th. In autumn a total of 23 bird-days October 9th to November 22nd plus a later bird December 6th to 27th, max. four October 14th & November 15th.

CHAFFINCH *Fringilla coelebs*

Three January 2nd with singles on four February dates to 11th. Spring passage March 14th to May 15th, max. two south six on site April 5th. Total of two north 534 south March 15th to April 24th, max. 448 south March 20th & 40 south 25th. Dispersing juveniles on 15 dates May 24th to July 12th, max. three June 4th & 9th. Autumn passage August 30th to December 15th with a total of 478 south/in off the sea, max. 123 in/south October 9th & 42 south 31st. Autumn max. of grounded birds was 20 October 9th & November 10th.

BRAMBLING Fringilla montifringilla

Spring passage total of 11 March 23rd to May 3rd, max. three April 16th. Autumn passage total of 53 noted September 29th to November 26th, max. nine October 16th.

HAWFINCH Coccothraustes coccothraustes

One April 6th.

BULLFINCH Pyrrhula pyrrhula

One December 8th.

COMMON ROSEFINCH Carpodacus erythrina

Singles May 18th (N.Odin) & June 18th to 19th (N.Odin *et al*).

GREENFINCH Chloris chloris

One February 20th then noted from March 16th. Spring max. three March 16th & April 6th. Mid-summer count of 14 July 17th. In autumn visible migration total of 17 south September 22nd to November 6th, max. seven south October 14th with autumn max. on site seven October 11th. Last noted December 11th.

LINNET Linaria cannabina

Noted all year with an early year max. 23 February 6th. Numbers increased from end February. Spring max. of 120 April 24th & 25th. An estimated 30 pairs nested with several more nearby. 34 adults retrapped from previous years, with the oldest from May 2018. Summer max. count 150 June 17th to 19th increasing 250 on 11 dates August 21st to September 12th. Autumn total of 910 south September 11th to November 29th, max. 174 south October 5th. December max. 17 on 8th.

COMMON REDPOLL Acanthis flammea

Singles November 6th & 28th.

REDPOLL sp.

Singles May 15th & December 10th

LESSER REDPOLL *Acanthis cabaret*

Spring singles April 3rd & 18th. In autumn total of 1,381 noted September 30th to November 26th, max. 194 south October 14th & 526 south November 30th.

CROSSBILL Loxia curvirostra

One August 19th, four south November 6th, nine south 14th & one south 15th. **GOLDFINCH** *Carduelis carduelis*

Present all year. Up to six present January to early March. Six birds from previous years noted during the breeding season with the oldest from August 2019. Six south February 21st. Visible migration total in spring of 181 south March 19th to May 19th, max. 42 south April 27th. One pair bred with young from June 7th. Summer peak of 25 from July 28th. Autumn visible passage total of 22 north 10,275 south September 10th to November 26th, max. 1,034 south October 14th with an autumn max. of grounded birds 100 October 7th. Later in the year max 12 in December.

SISKIN Spinus spinus

In spring a total of 141 noted March 20th to April 28th, max. 103 south April 6th. In summer one June 3rd & four 26th. Autumn total of 1,615 September 8th to November 29th, max. 196 south October 30th.

SNOW BUNTING *Plectrophenax nivalis*

One March 14th to 15th, one November 6th to 7th, one 17th to December 1st with two November 20th & three south December 7th

YELLOWHAMMER Emberiza citrinella

One April 7th. In autumn singles October 25th, November 7th, 11th, 23rd & December 10th.

REED BUNTING *Emberiza schoeniclus*

In spring singles March 1st, 17th, April 1st & 3rd. In autumn a total of 27 noted September 22nd to November 11th, max. four October 22nd.

ESCAPEES

RING-NECKED PARAKEET Psittacula krameri

Singles May 16th, 17th, June 10th & 11th (probably same bird).

BUDGERIGAR Melopsittacus undulatus

Freshly plucked remains found July 27th.

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