

LANDGUARD BIRD OBSERVATORY

SYSTEMATIC BIRD LIST 2025

MUTE SWAN *Cygnus olor*

Three north April 25th, five west May 3rd, one September 28th, two east October 31st & two south December 14th.

BRENT GOOSE *Branta bernicla*

Last noted in spring June 10th, max. 229 north two south May 21st. One flew south June 27th & one was present July 4th. First autumn record September 15th, max. 1,872 south October 18th. 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	26	47	57	38	807	1	0	0	2	81	49	120
S+in	67	34	24	10	13	1	0	0	374	2588	2440	247

PALE BELLIED BRENT GOOSE *Branta bernicla hrota*

One south November 7th.

CANADA GOOSE *Branta canadensis*

Noted on eleven dates March 10th to April 21st, max. six & four dates May 23rd to June 15th, max. 123 south June 4th. Two later birds July 23rd.

BARNACLE GOOSE *Branta leucopsis*

Noted February 14th to June 28th, max. 25 north four south May 26th. Later on, six north August 6th. Four present June 21st.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	0	0	0	0	27	10	0	6	0	0	0	0
S+in	0	13	12	0	16	10	0	0	0	0	0	0

GREYLAG GOOSE *Anser anser*

Local wanderers noted on 31 dates February 20th to May 28th, max. seven north April 17th. Later on, three south October 18th.

WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE *Anser albifrons*

One west November 20th.

EGYPTIAN GOOSE *Alopochen aegyptiaca*

Six March 4th, two south 23rd, two north 27th, two May 27th, 12 north October 1st, two south 8th, one south November 1st, two north three south 18th & one south December 17th.

SHELDUCK *Tadorna tadorna*

Small numbers noted moving offshore most of the year. 12 flew south January 13th. Prospecting on the reserve March 5th to July 2nd by at least 20 birds. One brood seen. The largest autumn movement was 76 south November 7th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	0	2	1	10	8	0	3	9	1	5	0	3
S+in	17	9	5	19	0	0	1	3	108	166	264	44

LONG-TAILED DUCK *Clangula hyemalis*

One north December 15th.

EIDER *Somateria mollissima*

Two south January 4th, one April 10th to 13th, three east September 10th one north October 10th, two north 11th, one north 13th, three north 16th, one offshore 17th, four south December 18th & one south 22nd.

COMMON SCOTER *Melanitta nigra*

Noted in all months. Peak movement 22 north 94 south November 19th. A flock offshore from the north end January to March 1st peaked at 34 February 12th again November 28th to year's end, max. six. Additional odd records of one to five offshore all year.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	12	9	0	24	25	13	16	6	11	46	59	45
S+in	5	0	9	0	11	4	17	11	17	37	151	61

VELVET SCOTER *Melanitta fusca*

Two south January 9th.

GOLDENEYE *Bucephala clangula*

One north February 8th. Total of ten south November 3rd to November 23rd, max. four south November 15th. A later bird north December 24th.

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER *Mergus serrator*

Five east January 1st. In spring one north six south March 8th to April 26th. In autumn three north 14 south October 12th to November 10th, max. three.

POCHARD *Aythya ferina*

Two south January 2nd, four south 5th, eight south October 20th, five south November 15th & two south December 17th.

TUFTED DUCK *Aythya fuligula*

One south January 13th, two south June 10th, one south 15th, one south July 8th, two south 29th, four south November 1st, two south 3rd, two south 11th & one south December 21st.

SHOVELER *Spatula clypeata*

In spring two north April 6th. Total of 80 south August 29th to November 7th, max. 18 south September 7th & 18 south November 7th. In December seven south 21st.

GADWALL *Mareca strepera*

Two south May 5th, two north 12th, 12 south June 13th & four south 15th & noted on eight dates August 27th to November 23rd, max. five south November 15th.

WIGEON *Mareca penelope*

Four south January 28th. In autumn noted September 3rd to December 25th, max. two north 179 south October 13th.

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	14	38	0	0
S+in	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	348	413	415	63

MALLARD *Anas platyrhynchos*

Noted on 11 dates. On site five February 27th, two March 26th & one May 5th.

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	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	3	3	4	1

PINTAIL *Anas acuta*

None in spring. Autumn passage September 23rd to December 24th, max. 73 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	1	0	0
S+in	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	25	91	23

TEAL *Anas crecca*

Two south January 16th & one south 23rd. None in spring. Autumn passage July 30th to December 24th, max. 267 south September 7th & 201 south November 7th.

Monthly totals were:-

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RINGED PLOVER *Charadrius hiaticula*

Breeding birds started returning January. Four pairs reared no young. One nest with 5 eggs was exceptional. Breeding birds included three ringed here May 2014. Seven flew north May 29th & ten in June 2nd. Autumn passage from at least mid-July. Roosting attempted on the beach at high tide on several dates in low numbers, max. 43 December 2nd. A Polish colour ringed bird seen here in January & November 2024 was seen here again February 23rd.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	0	0	0	0	7	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
S+in	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	3	0
MAX ON	9	13	9	8	8	9	8	6	4	2	18	43

LAPWING *Vanellus vanellus*

Two south February 20th & one on 21st. Autumn passage June 26th to November 22nd plus two later birds December 23rd & one 29th, max. 95 south 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	2	0
S+in	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	6	97	0
TOTALS ON	0	1	0	0	0	3	7	2	0	1	12	3

WHIMBREL *Numenius phaeopus*

Spring a total of 115 noted April 14th to May 19th, max. 50 out April 21st. Autumn total of 58 noted with birds moving south from May 22nd to September 3rd, max. 13 south July 16th.

CURLEW *Numenius arquata*

One south January 31st. Spring passage April 14th to May 2nd, max. eight north April 27th. Autumn passage June 3rd to December 16th, max. 90 south June 26th. 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
N+out	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
S+in	1	0	0	4	1	224	20	28	3	6	9	1

BAR-TAILED GODWIT *Limosa lapponica*

Spring total of 23 north two south April 25th to May 7th, max. twelve north May 7th. Autumn total of 163 south June 28th to September 7th, max. 152 south September 3rd

JACK SNIFE *Lymnocyptes minimus*

One October 13th, two 14th, one 16th & a Motus detection of a bird originally tagged in Sweden November 9th.

WOODCOCK *Scolopax rusticola*

Singles January 8th & 11th. In spring seven noted March 5th to 27th, max. two 5th. One freshly dead April 23rd. In autumn seven noted November 7th to 27th plus later birds December 19th & 25th, max. one.

SNIFE *Gallinago gallinago*

One January 4th. In spring one April 4th. In autumn 30 noted September 5th to December 3rd, max. five south November 3rd.

COMMON SANDPIPER *Actitis hypoleucos*

In spring one May 17th. In autumn singles August 10th, 14th & 11 south 16th.

REDSHANK *Tringa totanus*

In spring one north May 13th. Autumn passage July 8th to September 11th & one south November 4th, max. 18 south July 17th. On the beach one August 11th, two September 1st, two 6th, one 9th & one November 4th.

Monthly totals were:-													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
N+out	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
S+in	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	7	1	0	21	0	

GREENSHANK *Tringa nebularia*

Singles April 28th, August 13th, 29th & September 3rd.

TURNSTONE *Arenaria interpres*

Noted to June 6th & from July 16th. Peak counts on reserve 12 February 11th, ten April 24th & May 19th.

Monthly totals were:-													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
N	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	
S	1	0	0	0	0	4	1	5	1	1	0	0	
MAX ON	3	12	7	10	10	1	4	1	7	2	4	5	

KNOT *Calidris canutus*

Singles on reserve March 24th & October 21st. In autumn 20 south September 3rd & a total of 398 south October 19th to November 7th, max. 261 November 3rd.

Monthly totals were:-													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
S	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	8	390	0	

SANDERLING *Calidris alba*

Sporadic records from February 23rd, max 25 March 24th, with spring passage to June 14th, max. 26 May 1st. Autumn passage July 11th to August 20th & October 9th to November 3rd, max. four south October 9th with birds on beach sporadically December 2nd to years end, max. 24 16th.

Monthly totals were:-													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
N+out	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
S+in	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	5	3	0	
MAX ON	0	9	25	15	26	6	3	3	0	1	0	24	

DUNLIN *Calidris alpina*

Spring passage April 13th to May 12th, max. 28 north May 4th. Autumn passage July 29th to November 10th, max. 193 south November 1st. On the beach one April 19th, one May 1st, two August 20th, 15 November 7th & three December 2nd.

Monthly totals were:-													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
N+out	0	0	0	22	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
S+in	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	17	52	428	0	

PURPLE SANDPIPER *Calidris maritima*

Noted August 17th to December 21st, max. two August 21st, October 29th & November 16th.

ARCTIC SKUA *Stercorarius parasiticus*

14 noted July 21st to October 24th, max. three south August 29th & three south September 26th.

LONG-TAILED SKUA *Stercorarius longicaudus*

One September 6th.

GREAT SKUA *Stercorarius skua*

One south September 20th.

RAZORBILL *Alca torda*

Singles September 13th, 15th, October 17th, December 1st & one north one south 20th.

LITTLE AUK *Alle alle*

Two October 28th, three 29th, one 30th, one 31st & one November 19th.

GUILLEMOT *Uria aalge*

Singles August 22nd, 25th, September 7th, October 22nd (dead), November 1st & 5th.

LITTLE TERN *Sternula albifrons*

Noted April 28th to June 10th & August 2nd to 20th on just ten dates in total, max. four north June 10th.

Monthly totals were:-

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

SANDWICH TERN *Thalasseus sandvicensis*

Noted April 22nd to October 20th with peak movement 31 north five south July 29th with max. feeding offshore 52 August 1st.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	0	0	0	32	33	33	51	54	12	2	0	0
S+in	0	0	0	8	5	8	37	18	15	1	0	0
MAX ON	0	0	0	0	4	14	27	52	22	15	0	0

ARCTIC TERN *Sterna paradisaea*

None in spring. In autumn singles October 2nd & 5th then noted on 11 dates 15th to November 3rd, max. five 17th & 22nd.

COMMON TERN *Sterna hirundo*

Noted April 19th to October 13th plus one south November 15th, max. eight north April 21st in spring, 15 south July 30th & 15 north September 6th in autumn. The max. feeding offshore was 25 August 2nd.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	0	0	0	13	4	2	4	14	25	0	0	0
S+in	0	0	0	4	2	4	28	5	20	3	1	0
MAX ON	0	0	0	0	12	2	4	25	2	1	0	0

LITTLE GULL *Hydrocoloeus minutus*

22 noted October 14th to November 19th, max. 11 south October 25th.

KITTIWAKE *Rissa tridactyla*

None recorded February 20th to April 21st plus June 28th to October 18th apart from one south July 31st, one south August 1st & one 14th. Max. counts 25 south January 13th. Max. offshore 26 January 27th & 30 December 14th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	0	0	0	2	23	8	0	0	0	4	3	9
S+in	46	0	0	16	59	15	1	1	0	2	1	0
MAX ON	26	11	0	3	20	7	0	1	0	0	14	30

SABINE'S GULL *Xema sabini*

Juvenile October 18th (M.Marsh).

BLACK-HEADED GULL *Chroicocephalus ridibundus*

Present all year. Wintering adult ringed here January 2013 last noted March 16th. Early year max. 54 January 13th. Some movements all year with spring passage from end-January, max. 90 south February 3rd & 55 south March 29th. Autumn passage from at least May 21st, max. 63 south June 26th & 109 south October 24th. Late year max. 28 December 2nd.

MEDITERRANEAN GULL *Ichthyaetus melanocephalus*

Present all year. Small numbers on passage with peak counts 13 south April 13th, six north six south 17th & 32 south June 1st.

Monthly max:-

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
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COMMON GULL *Larus canus*

Present all year with few in summer months, max. 350 February 10th early in the year & later on, 138 December 24th. Small numbers noted moving from March 25th, max. 13 south April 23rd in spring and in autumn passage from at least June 1st, max. 25 south October 18th.

CASPIAN GULL *Larus cachinnans*

One sub-adult November 3rd.

HERRING GULL *Larus argentatus*

Present all year and nesting in the adjoining docks. One pair had three young on the museum roof, declining to two & disappearing just prior to fledging. Peak count early in the year 1,200 January 20th, 650 May 5th & 500 August 5th in summer with later on 350 December 27th.

GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL *Larus marinus*

Present all year although few present in the summer months. Bred in the adjoining docks. Peak count 50 on several January dates early in the year & 200 November 10th later on. Small numbers noted moving at passage times.

LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL *Larus fuscus*

Noted all year although only in very small numbers up to end February and from mid November. Nested in the adjoining docks. Count of 100 August 5th.

RED-THROATED DIVER *Gavia stellata*

Noted up to April 25th & from August 19th, max. 23 north 102 south January 25th early on & 172 north 29 south December 19th later in the year.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	27	4	31	6	0	0	0	0	4	10	21	513
S	111	2	20	1	0	0	0	0	1	18	14	187
MAX ON	1	0	8	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	2

BLACK-THROATED DIVER *Gavia arctica*

One offshore November 29th.

FULMAR *Fulmarus glacialis*

Noted on 13 dates March 26th to June 1st, max. one north five south April 23rd & two north four south 25th. In December one north 15th & one east 29th.

SOOTY SHEARWATER *Ardenna grisea*

One south September 7th.

MANX SHEARWATER *Puffinus puffinus*

One south September 7th.

GANNET *Morus bassanus*

Noted in all months although only one north June 4th between May 19th & July 14th, max. 24 north February 7th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	26	2	9	13	1	4	6	21	19	11	6
S	1	2	0	0	0	0	3	6	10	6	21	2
MAX ON	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	1	0	0

CORMORANT *Phalacrocorax carbo*

Present all year although numbers very erratic. Early in the year max. 1,245 out February 8th with numbers declining to double figures from March 12th. Numbers increasing again to three figures from October 25th, max. 250 out 342 in from the north November 17th.

GLOSSY IBIS *Plegadis falcinellus*

Three south September 28th, one south October 6th, one west 15th & two south 22nd.
Third to sixth site records.

SPOONBILL *Platalea leucorodia*

Eight south September 12th & two south 27th.

LITTLE EGRET *Egretta garzetta*

Noted in ten months, max. eight east May 12th & eight north one south October 1st.

Bird Day totals:-

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1	0	1	4	12	1	3	1	1	16	5	0

GREAT WHITE EGRET *Ardea alba*

One north November 30th.

CATTLE EGRET *Ardea ibis*

One south May 27th.

GREY HERON *Ardea cinerea*

Spring singles April 21st & May 14th. Total of 22 noted June 14th to October 25th,
max. four south October 13th.

SWIFT *Apus apus*

Noted April 26th to September 21st, max. 321 south June 22nd & 437 south 24th.
Small numbers also occasionally feed on site, max. five June 18th.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+in	0	0	0	1	5	24	18	0	0	0	0	0
S	0	0	0	0	25	863	184	6	4	0	0	0

SHORT-EARED OWL *Asio flammeus*

Singles on eight dates September 7th to November 16th.

LONG-EARED OWL *Asio otus*

Two in October 13th.

OSPREY *Pandion haliaetus*

One south September 20th.

SPARROWHAWK *Accipiter nisus*

One or two regular although fewer in the summer, max. three August 30th &
September 6th. One flew north May 25th & one south August 30th.

HEN HARRIER *Circus cyaneus*

Ringtails south October 13th, 28th & November 8th.

MARSH HARRIER *Circus aeruginosus*

Singles April 16th, 21st, May 25th & on 12 dates September 9th to December 7th.

RED KITE *Milvus milvus*

Singles February 19th, March 24th & October 26th.

BUZZARD *Buteo buteo*

One February 10th. Noted on four dates March 5th to June 13th, max. two March 29th
& seven dates September 5th to November 20th, max. two September 5th.

HOOPOE *Upupa epos*

One September 8th to 9th then at Adastral Close to 14th (B.Mackie *et al*).

KINGFISHER *Alcedo atthis*

One October 6th

WRYNECK *Jynx torquilla*

One September 9th to 19th.

GREEN WOODPECKER *Picus viridis*

Eight singles July 18th to August 15th.

GREAT SPOTTED WOODPECKER *Dendrocopos major*

One March 25th. In autumn noted on 19 dates June 20th to October 28th, max. two June 29th & August 13th. One December 16th.

KESTREL *Falco tinnunculus*

One or two on site all year with three April 18th. A pair nested successfully in Carr Road, the male was ringed here in October 2019. Few dispersing juveniles from June, max. four July 17th. Singles flew south May 21st & September 18th.

RED-FOOTED FALCON *Falco vespertinus*

Singles north May 2nd (B.Bird, W.J.Brame) & 4th (W.J.Brame *et al*). Fifth & sixth site records.

MERLIN *Falco columbarius*

Singles January 1st, March 10th, September 13th, two 18th, singles 26th, October 5th, November 1st, 4th, 7th, 8th & 12th.

HOBBY *Falco subbuteo*

Singles on seven dates April 26th to May 25th & seven dates July 23rd to September 12th.

PEREGRINE *Falco peregrinus*

Present sporadically all year except May on 74 dates including juvenile males & females as well as adults, max. three April 14th.

JAY *Garrulus glandarius*

Singles February 26th, March 10th, April 22nd, 27th & June 14th.

MAGPIE *Pica pica*

Present all year with four pairs nesting, rearing three, three, one & nil young with numbers surviving declining throughout the autumn. Oldest retrap ringed as a juvenile 2014 found dead in June. Spring max. ten March 6th, summer peak of 14 June 8th to July 19th with autumn max. 14 September 28th.

JACKDAW *Coloeus monedula*

Two January 11th. In spring total of two north 23 south 48 on site February 21st to May 30th, max. nine south March 27th & nine on site April 30th. In autumn total of two north seven south one on site September 20th to October 21st, max. three south September 20th.

ROOK *Corvus frugilegus*

One south January 29th. Spring total of two north ten south nine on site March 6th to April 27th, max. five on March 19th. In autumn 15 south three on site September 19th to October 9th, max. eight south October 9th.

RAVEN *Corvus corax*

Singles March 18th & November 25th.

CARRION CROW *Corvus corone*

Present all year. Three pairs nested in the near adjoining dock rearing four, three and nil young although only two of these young survived into the autumn. Two birds ringed May 2014 & March 2019 surviving. Intruders regularly turn up on site. Spring max. 35 March 21st with double figure counts up to May 13th. Autumn max. 17 September 19th. Spring movements probably just birds crossing to Harwich & back.

BLUE TIT *Cyanistes caeruleus*

Present all year with two pairs nesting. Eight birds from previous years survived the winter with the oldest from June 2022. Spring passage of just three new birds March 18th to 22nd, max. six March 16th & 19th, including locals. First juvenile June 3rd with dispersing juveniles from elsewhere from then to August 5th. Autumn passage at least August 11th to November 14th, max. 34 October 10th. Up to 11 November/December.

GREAT TIT *Parus major*

Present all year with four pairs nesting. 12 birds from previous years survived from previous years with the oldest from May 2019. Spring passage March 3rd to 31st, max. eight 9th. New female June 14th. First juvenile May 25th with dispersing juveniles turning up on site from elsewhere from then to August 13th, max. 25 June 17th. Autumn passage September 6th to October 30th, max. 14 September 9th.

COAL TIT *Periparus ater britannicus*

Eight noted May 31st to June 25th, max. two May 31st & June 1st. In autumn five singles September 28th, October 15th, 29th & 31st.

COAL TIT Sp.

Singles, race unknown March, 31st & October 12th.

WOODLARK *Lullula arborea*

One March 5th, two 18th, one 24th & one April 8th. In autumn 29 noted October 5th to November 16th, max 11 south October 30th.

SKYLARK *Alauda arvensis*

Three January 3rd. Spring passage total of 12 noted March 5th to May 16th, max. three March 22nd. Autumn passage total of 537 noted September 20th to December 17th, max. 60 south October 9th.

SEDGE WARBLER *Acrocephalus schoenobaenus*

Spring singles on six dates April 9th to 22nd plus three 17th. In autumn a total of 37 noted July 6th to September 22nd, max. three August 8th.

REED WARBLER *Acrocephalus scirpaceus*

Spring passage April 11th (earliest ever by one day) to June 12th, max. 15 May 31st. Six mid-summer singles June 29th to July 13th. In autumn July 24th to October 1st, max. five August 3rd.

SAND MARTIN *Riparia riparia*

Spring total of 25 noted March 31st to May 16th, max. six south April 13th. In autumn a total of 400 noted May 23rd to September 21st, max. 36 south June 29th & 35 south July 22nd.

SWALLOW *Hirundo rustica*

Noted March 29th to November 13th. Spring max. eight north 11 south April 27th. Autumn passage from at least end of May, max. 2,324 south September 20th. Small numbers also occasionally loiter on site, max. four.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N	0	0	1	22	24	0	6	12	11	6	0	0
S+in	0	0	1	105	142	107	193	694	5139	122	10	0

HOUSE MARTIN *Delichon urbicum*

Noted April 18th to June 28th & September 7th to October 23rd, max. 249 south September 20th. The only counts on site were singles May 23rd, September 27th, 29th & October 23rd.

Monthly totals were:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
N+out	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	25	0	0	0
S+in	0	0	0	1	16	21	0	0	730	25	0	0

LONG-TAILED TIT *Aegithalos caudatus*

Seven February 9th then noted February 23rd to December 22nd. Spring max. six March 2nd & 5th. Two pairs bred with one pair bringing nine young out May 28th (last bred here 1970's or early 80's year unknown). Wandering flocks from elsewhere September 29th to November 16th, max. 29 October 14th & 21 November 6th.

CETTI'S WARBLER *Cettia cetti*

Present all year. At least three pairs bred. Three birds retrapped from previous years with the oldest from October 2023. Spring max. six April 12th, summer max. ten June 28th & July 6th & autumn max. seven October 8th. 46 new birds ringed from March 28th to November 7th with juveniles from June 19th.

WOOD WARBLER *Phylloscopus sibilatrix*

One September 14th.

YELLOW-BROWED WARBLER *Phylloscopus inornatus*

Singles October 11th & 14th to 20th.

PALLAS'S WARBLER *Phylloscopus proregulus*

Singles October 14th to 20th (W.J.Brame, B.Mackie *et al*) & November 5th to 16th (A.R.Barnett *et al*).

WILLOW WARBLER *Phylloscopus trochilus*

Spring passage April 11th to May 5th plus a later bird 20th, max. 12 April 14th. Autumn passage July 22nd to September 29th, max. 30 August 3rd & September 17th.

CHIFFCHAFF *Phylloscopus collybita*

One January 15th. Spring passage March 5th to at least June 11th, max. 20 April 11th. At least 11 dispersing juveniles June 16th to August 10th with some staying to autumn passage August 25th to December 3rd, max. 40 September 17th, 29th & October 7th. 420 ringed was a record annual total.

GARDEN WARBLER *Sylvia borin*

In spring one April 17th. In autumn 12 noted on 11 dates July 28th to September 18th, max. two August 23rd.

BLACKCAP *Sylvia atricapilla*

Spring passage March 26th to May 12th with later birds 28th & 31st, max. 15 April 11th, 15th & 17th. Failed breeding adults turned up June 15th, two 25th & one July 1st. At least five dispersing juveniles turned up June 18th to July 22nd. Autumn passage August 10th to November 16th, max. 35 September 20th. 324 ringed was a record annual total.

BARRED WARBLER *Curruca nisoria*

One November 9th to 14th (P.J.Holmes *et al*).

LESSER WHITETHROAT *Curruca curruca*

Spring passage April 15th to at least May 21st, max. 12 April 27th & 28th. Later new adult June 14th. Six pairs bred with juveniles noted from June 15th. Three from previous years retrapped with the oldest from June 2022. Mid-summer peak 16 June 21st. Autumn passage from at least August 3rd to September 30th, max. ten August 9th, 24th & September 2nd.

WHITETHROAT *Curruca communis*

Spring passage April 14th to May 31st, max. seven May 23rd. New female July 16th. Three from previous years retrapped with the oldest from June 2023. Four pairs bred. Juveniles noted from at least June 21st. Count of 12 June 17th. Autumn passage from at least July 25th to October 8th, max. ten August 17th.

DARTFORD WARBLER *Curruca undata*

Singles October 5th to 6th & November 8th to 9th.

FIRECREST *Regulus ignicapilla*

Spring passage March 21st to April 28th, max. three March 26th. Autumn passage October 6th to November 9th with at least two to 28th & one to year's end, max. nine October 26th.

GOLDCREST *Regulus regulus*

Spring passage March 21st to April 30th, max. ten March 23rd. Autumn passage September 5th to November 20th with four birds to 30th & at least one to December 20th, max. 50 October 19th & 40 21st.

WREN *Troglodytes troglodytes*

Present all year. At least 17 survived from previous years although five of these not noted after early April with the oldest from March 2021. Spring passage March 12th to May 10th plus later new female's 21st & June 10th. Eight to ten pairs bred, having an excellent year with juveniles appearing from June 1st. Dispersing juveniles from elsewhere turned up on site from then to August 1st. Autumn passage August 14th to November 15th with peak counts of ten September.

STARLING *Sturnus vulgaris*

Present all year although very few early & late in the year. 22 south February 22nd & 24 south March 4th. Spring max. 90 March 30th & 100 April 16th. One pair nested at cottage having two broods. Summer peak of 800 August 16th. Visible movements in autumn of 4,006 in off the sea or flying south October 12th to November 21st, max. 1,244 October 31st & 1,352 November 2nd. Late year max. 18 December 4th.

MISTLE THRUSH *Turdus viscivorus*

Singles January 9th, February 22nd, October 17th & five November 15th.

SONG THRUSH *Turdus philomelos*

Two or three overwintered. One from November 2024 retrapped November. Spring passage March 4th to April 22nd, max. five April 12th. One pair bred rearing at least one young. Five dispersing juveniles from elsewhere July 2nd to August 13th. Autumn passage at least September 25th to November 27th, max. 50 October 14th & 36 31st. Up to two present year's end.

REDWING *Turdus iliacus*

Singles January 3rd & February 10th. Spring passage February 26th to April 15th plus a later bird May 18th, max. 60 March 25th. Autumn passage September 27th to November 27th, max. 50 November 1st & 165 15th. Six later birds December 30th

BLACKBIRD *Turdus merula*

At least 16 males 15 females survived the winter with the oldest from June 2019 although a male & 5 females not noted after March. Present all year with 11-12 pairs nesting. New birds turned up January 2nd & 13th. Spring passage March 2nd to May 8th plus later two new females June 4th & another 13th, max. day count 20 March 25th. First juvenile June 21st with dispersing juveniles turning up on site from then to September 8th. Autumn passage September 19th to December 1st plus at least five new birds 23rd to 25th, max. 75 October 14th & 65 November 7th.

FIELDFARE *Turdus pilaris*

Noted on ten dates January 2nd to February 12th, max. four January 10th. Spring passage March 21st to April 22nd, max two. Autumn passage October 13th to November 21st, max. 880 in off November 15th.

RING OUZEL *Turdus torquatus*

In spring singles April 13th & long staying female 28th to May 17th. None in autumn.

SPOTTED FLYCATCHER *Muscicapa striata*

Spring singles May 15th, 21st & June 1st. Autumn passage total of 18 August 30th to September 21st, max. three September 21st.

ROBIN *Erithacus rubecula*

19 birds are known to have successfully over-wintered on site with the oldest from June 2022. Spring passage March 3rd to May 12th, max. ten March 22nd & April 30th. Three pairs bred. First juvenile noted May 8th with others arriving on site from

17th to autumn passage from July 29th to November 16th, max. 40 October 19th. At least ten birds attempting to winter December.

NIGHTINGALE *Luscinia megarhynchos*

Singles April 13th, August 16th, 24th, 25th & September 6th.

PIED FLYCATCHER *Ficedula hypoleuca*

Autumn passage August 9th to September 11th, max. four August 19th.

BLACK REDSTART *Phoenicurus ochruros*

Spring passage March 22nd to May 16th, max. four March 23rd. Up to two juveniles June 15th to July 6th & up to three juveniles from July 23rd with four August 22nd & five 25th with birds merging into autumn passage to November 9th, max. four September 23rd.

REDSTART *Phoenicurus phoenicurus*

In spring one April 14th. Total of 12 birds on autumn passage August 14th to September 29th, max. three September 7th.

WHINCHAT *Saxicola rubetra*

In spring one May 12th. Autumn passage total of 25 August 15th to September 18th, max. three September 8th.

STONECHAT *Saxicola rubicola*

Spring total of 13 bird-days February 20th to March 30th, max. four February 24th. In autumn a total of 35 bird-days September 29th to November 8th, max. five September 30th & October 1st.

WHEATEAR *Oenanthe oenanthe*

Spring passage March 21st to May 8th, max. 14 April 23rd. One June 22nd & a juvenile 30th. Autumn passage August 5th to October 26th + one November 16th, max. nine September 8th.

DUNNOCK *Prunella modularis*

At least 13 birds successfully survived the winter with the oldest from October 2020. Present all year with at least 15 pairs nesting. Spring passage March 6th to April 4th. A new female June 10th. Counts of 30 late March & April. First juvenile noted May 28th with dispersing juveniles turning up on site from then to August 24th. Autumn passage at least September 19th to October 18th, max. 25 several dates end September to mid-October.

TREE SPARROW *Passer montanus*

One August 30th.

HOUSE SPARROW *Passer domesticus*

Present all year with just eight pairs nesting at the cottage & none known in the Fort. Three birds retrapped from previous years with the oldest from July 2021. The year's peak count was 70 July 14th.

GREY WAGTAIL *Motacilla cinerea*

Spring singles on six dates March 9th to April 8th. Failed/non-breeders from May 3rd & dispersing juveniles from June 14th gave a combined autumn total of 110 to November 17th, max. six September 2nd & 6th.

YELLOW WAGTAIL *Motacilla flava*

Total of ten noted April 13th to May 2nd, max. two April 21st. Autumn passage total of 65 July 26th to September 22nd, max. eight September 21st.

GREY-HEADED WAGTAIL *Motacilla flava thunbergi*

One September 13th.

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 29 September 6th & 11th. In autumn a total of 22 south September 20th to October 29th, max. 12 south September 20th.

WHITE WAGTAIL *Motacilla alba alba*

Noted on 24 dates March 22nd to April 22nd, max. seven March 26th.

TREE PIPIT *Anthus trivialis*

Singles May 4th, September 10th & 17th.

MEADOW PIPIT *Anthus pratensis*

One north February 9th. Spring passage March 6th to May 12th, max. ten March 23rd. In summer one June 4th. Autumn passage August 16th to December 11th, max. 1,283 south September 18th & 1,146 south 19th with max. of grounded birds 250 September 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	1	1	0	9	0	0	3313	1445	216	2
Max on	0	0	10	9	1	1	0	1	250	50	25	2

ROCK PIPIT *Anthus petrosus*

One or two January 2nd sporadically to start of spring passage end-February 20th to April 5th, max. two. In autumn a total of 42 bird-days September 27th to November 28th plus a later bird December 10th to 29th, max. four October 19th & 21st.

BRAMBLING *Fringilla montifringilla*

Spring singles March 25th, 28th & April 15th. Autumn passage total of 52 noted September 23rd to November 14th, max. nine October 28th.

CHAFFINCH *Fringilla coelebs*

Spring passage February 25th to June 4th, max. three March 10th. Autumn passage September 20th to December 5th plus a later bird December 23rd to 25th with a total of 462 south/in off the sea October 2nd to November 24th, max. 56 in/south October 29th. Autumn max. of grounded birds 15 October 19th.

GREENFINCH *Chloris chloris*

Noted from February 13th to November 17th. Spring max. six March 28th. Mid-summer peak seven August 8th & 22nd. In autumn visible migration total of nine south October 28th to November 8th, with autumn max. on site six October 6th.

LINNET *Linaria cannabina*

Noted all year with an early year max. 38 February 3rd. Numbers increased from end February. Spring max. 90 regular from April 18th. At least 30 pairs nested with several more nearby with poor breeding success. Only 14 adults retrapped from previous years, with the oldest from April 2022. Summer max. count 140 August 26th. Autumn visible migration 105 south October 5th, 18 south 18th, three south 24th & 31 south 26th. December max. 11 on 3rd.

COMMON REDPOLL *Acanthis flammea flammea*

One October 29th.

LESSER REDPOLL *Acanthis flammea cabaret*

None in spring. In autumn total of 655 September 22nd to November 25th, max. 118 October 26th.

CROSSBILL *Loxia curvirostra*

Two south August 14th & 33 south noted October 5th to November 2nd, max. 17 October 5th.

GOLDFINCH *Carduelis carduelis*

Present all year. Up to five present January/February with nine January 15th. Female from June 2024 retrapped March & August. Spring counts in single figures except 25

March 27th. Four flew south April 13th. Two pairs bred with young from June 17th. Summer peak of 20 August 12th. Autumn visible passage total 4,920 south September 19th to December 17th, max. 594 south October 26th with an autumn max. of grounded birds 35 September 20th. Later in the year max. 11 in December.

SISKIN *Spinus spinus*

In spring four singles March 4th to April 6th. In summer singles May 26th & July 1st. Autumn total of 723 September 16th to November 30th, max. 186 south October 7th.

SNOW BUNTING *Plectrophenax nivalis*

Singles south October 28th, 30th, November 2nd then up to three 18th to December 17th.

REED BUNTING *Emberiza schoeniclus*

In spring singles March 26th, 31st & April 2nd. In autumn a total of 18 noted August 23rd to November 9th, max. three October 26th.

CORN BUNTING *Emberiza calandra*

One August 13th.

ESCAPEES

LAUGHING DOVE *Spilopelia senegalensis*

One June 9th. Second site record.

RING-NECKED PARAKEET *Psittacula krameri*

Singles April 5th & October 22nd to 23rd.

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