Isles of Scilly

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Tour Report Isles of Scilly

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Summary

The eight-day Isles of Scilly adventure started and finished with a ferry crossing on the Scillonian III ferry. And so, with plenty of Gannets and other seabirds already encountered, it was down to the charm of the Scilly Isles to provide the remainder of the magic. Twenty-eight miles off Lands End and with temperatures generally warmer than the mainland, the Atlantic climate ensures the isles boast a plethora of non-native flora from the Mediterranean and Southern Hemisphere.

Strong winds from the west dominated the weather and produced a wonderful variety of waders from the Americas, with great views of Pectoral Sandpiper, Buff-breasted Sandpiper and American Golden Plover. A Glossy Ibis showed very closely with its dazzle of metallic colours and a Dotterel trotted ahead of us on one of the heather-clad island downs. Golden Pheasants, Red Squirrels and Common Dolphins all wowed us in close proximity. A Balearic Woodchat Shrike and Common Redstart and Pied Flycatcher were perhaps the best of the passerines, and all this was enjoyed with a variety of evening meal venues and a very comfortable and much-loved four-star guest house. Yes, the Isles of Scilly really did weave its magic for us.

Day 1

Monday 27th September

Arrival & St. Mary's

The group mustered at Penzance and boarded the Scillonian III for the journey across to the Isles of Scilly. It was blustery and quite rough, with showers, but everyone looked in fine fettle on arrival at Hugh Town on St Mary's at lunchtime. Gannets were seen aplenty during the crossing, plus some unidentified auks and Manx Shearwaters. On arrival we took a slow meander through Hugh Town before arriving at the four-star Crebinick Guest House in Church Street. Here there was an opportunity to relax and await the main luggage and also grab a light lunch option in Hugh Town.

We took our first excursion out at about 3pm, boarding the Community Bus just around the corner. We chugged up to the Maypole triangle and walked around to the high ground at Helvear. Here a splendid adult male Woodchat Shrike of the Balearic race (*badius*) had set up temporary residence and was on show on our arrival. This handsome bird used a couple of Hawthorn bushes as vantage points, while other birds nearby included Stonechat, Goldcrest, Chiffchaff and Kestrel. Up to four Stock Doves also showed off their flying skills. We wandered up past Borough Farm and down into Holy Vale and also notched up Red Admiral, Small White and Speckled Wood butterflies. We concentrated on keeping our footing through the elm roots creating a footpath through Holy Vale, hearing common birds around us. End-of-season Swallows darted about, and Wood Pigeons clattered overhead.

At Porthellick we peered out from the Stephen Sussex hide in the hope of seeing a Pectoral Sandpiper reported there that morning but there was no sign of it, with just a Common Snipe and Moorhens on view. The seaward hide provided close, but brief, views of two Water Rails. Porthellick beach attracted a mixed flock of Ringed Plovers and Turnstones, and other birds included some Greenshanks, a Little Egret and a Wheatear. We then

took a walk back into Hugh Town via Salakee Farm and enjoyed a close flock of Linnets and House Sparrows opposite Carn Friars Farm. The last venue that evening was dinner at the Dibble and Grub café/bistro.

Day 2

Tuesday 28th September

St. Mary's

The weather forecast had always looked dreadful for this day, with rain all day. We began our walk on St Mary's just after 9.30am taking in Porthcressa Bay and then a walk around the Garrison. We experienced numerous showers and it was windy but mild. A juvenile Great Black-backed Gull with Herring Gulls reminded us just how much bigger they are than their big gull cousins. Two White Wagtails flew in and promptly disappeared, but we watched Rock Pipits foraging on the tideline seaweed and witnessed a party of Greenfinches feeding on the seeds of beach-loving plants. Out in the bay three or more Grey Seals lounged about and Shags fished.

We had close views of island Dunnocks and Wrens before entering the Garrison walls via Sallyport. A Kingfisher darted over the water below us. Apart from vocal Goldcrests the Lower Broome Platform was quiet for birds but we did find a couple of small colonies of still-flowering Autumn Lady's-tresses – a very small autumn orchid easily overlooked. Gannets spiralled around over the open sea and gulls off Morning Point included a Mediterranean and a couple of Lesser Black-backed. A blustery walk past the batteries facing due south was quiet for birds, but included more Rock Pipits, House Sparrows and Stonechat. A first-winter Kittiwake was spotted quite a way out to sea. After circumnavigating the Garrison, we wandered down into Hugh Town to find the cafes and pubs full to bursting so we returned to Crebinick House for a comfort break. Most of us then walked to Juliet's Restaurant enjoying the antics of Turnstones and Sanderlings on Porthmellon Beach and several common birds on Porthloo Beach on the way. At Juliet's we were accommodated, and consumables tested included cream teas, teacakes, fudge cake and mushroom and brie soup!

We subsequently waddled from Juliet's across the island to Carreg-Dhu Gardens which contains a variety of shrubs and trees mostly alien to the Isles of Scilly but nonetheless providing plenty of cover for small birds out of the wind. We didn't find anything of note there and continued on foot to Porthellick. This time we were rewarded with a Pectoral Sandpiper showing directly outside the Seaward Hide and providing close photographic opportunities. A couple of Water Rails were more hesitant but also broke cover on a couple of occasions. The nearby beach held common waders and a Kingfisher, and we then walked back to the road and caught the Community Bus back into Hugh Town.

That evening we ate at the Tregarthens Hotel and subsequently completed the checklist back at the guest house before retiring for the evening.

Day 3

Wednesday 29th September

Pelagic

We organised an early breakfast at the guest house as most of the team elected to take the opportunity to go on a pelagic trip. With another Naturetrek tour running almost alongside us, one of our number joined their boat trip

to Bryher and had a great day seeing a variety of wildlife including a Buff-breasted Sandpiper and an American Golden Plover.

The rest of us jumped on the Sapphire and chugged towards St Agnes to pick up two others and then we turned south in an effort to find seabirds and anything else to be found out there. A couple of Harbour Porpoises were seen en route, and we headed out towards a flock of diving Gannets in the hope that something else might be joining them. The flock proved to be exclusively Gannets however, so we veered off in search of other quarry. Trailing bread in our wake attracted juvenile Great Black-backed, Lesser Black-backed and Herring Gulls and eventually two Yellow-legged Gulls. Rapidly moving flocks of shearwaters proved to be Manx and most of the auks were Razorbills. We created a slick of chum and vegetable oil and stopped the engine for about 90 minutes. The bobbing motion in heavy swell wasn't for everyone, but eventually we did attract a couple of Storm Petrels.

By this time we had several close views of Common Dolphins with small pods zeroing in on the boat and riding our bow waves. They kept this up for the next hour or so, frequently jumping clear of the water and wowing all of us! A couple of the crew had a go at line fishing, but the only fish caught were a couple of Horse Mackerel and a Grey Gurnard. We trawled up and down some miles off the islands and encountered a few more Storm Petrels, Manx Shearwaters and a single Fulmar but, unfortunately, the hoped-for scarcer species didn't materialise. Joe steered the Sapphire around the north end of St Mary's, and we saw a Great Crested Grebe just off Watermill Cove, apparently the first record of this species locally for 12 years! Distant views were also had of a Pale-bellied Brent Goose, a Raven and a flock of Curley asleep on some rocks. With the sun out now, we chugged past a cruise liner at anchor making zodiac excursions to the islands.

On arrival back at the quayside we quickly refreshed and most of us wandered around to the bus stop and took the 3pm bus around the circuit of St Mary's. We alighted at Higher Moors / Porthellick and dawdled to the Stephen Sussex hide again. Outside was a close Glossy Ibis showing superbly with the metallic greens, purple and chestnut colours vivid in the sunlight. The bird probed around in the muddy edges affording great photographic opportunities. The confiding Pectoral Sandpiper from the day before was outside the seaward hide and we all enjoyed saying hello again. We took a short walk around Carn Friars and availed ourselves of the apple and blackberry fruit drinks and home-made jam and marmalade at the little farm shop there! Stonechats flitted and 'chacked' and we saw a Sparrowhawk and a small selection of common waders.

The Community Bus provided transport for those who preferred it, and the rest of us walked back through Hugh Town via the coastal path around the airfield and through Lower Moor notching up several Wheatears, a Kingfisher, a Water Rail and similar birds.

Our evening meal was taken at the Scillonian Club where our table overlooked the harbour and we much enjoyed the food on offer.

Day 4

Thursday 30th September

Bryher

Another breezy day was forecast with very grey, cloudy conditions and so it proved to be, and unfortunately, also accompanied by light intermittent rain. Grey Seals still bobbed around in Porthcressa Bay, with Shags and

Gannets feeding further out at sea. We walked down to the harbour and boarded our boat to the island of Bryher, seeing a Mediterranean Gull or two en route. It appeared that there were no other birders venturing out to Bryher so we had the whole island to ourselves. Initial passerines included Wheatear, Stonechat and Chiffchaff as we walked the tracks towards Shipman Head Down. We climbed up the slope and formed a plan to search for our quarry – a Buff-breasted Sandpiper which had been present for a few days there. We had barely walked 50 paces when this hyperactive North American wader appeared right in front of us. We stayed still and this wonderful waif from across the Atlantic walked upto and around us, showing at very close range and really having no concern at all for our presence. After trotting past us it, then came back and repeated its circuit, providing a second opportunity for the photographers amongst us. We were completely charmed by this little wader which was so busy picking up unseeable food items it really didn't have time for us. We walked back down the slope and decided on an early (celebratory) lunch at The Fraggle Rock Café which was very welcome.

After our very pleasant sojourn we stumbled out into light rain and walked slowly towards the centre of the island and made our way to the brackish Great Pool. Even from a distance we could make out two geese on the shallow water. On our arrival we were able to confirm them as an adult Pale-bellied Brent Goose and a Pinkfooted Goose. Many Starlings were flying around the island, swooping around and delighting in formation flying in the strong gusty wind. We continually checked for a Rosy Starling that was known to be present but to no avail. The many weird and wonderful plants which grow here are always fascinating, even if most of them are not native, and there were plenty of examples of the deep crimson-red flowers of the Bromeliad with its contrasting blue and yellow centres. At the Great Pool, waders close to us included two Dunlin and a Ringed Plover and then an American Golden Plover trotted into view, having initially been hidden under the lip of vegetation surrounding the pool's edge. This bird was probably the individual seen briefly at a number of sites on Scilly during the previous few days, but now feeding confidently nice and close to us. It flew briefly and we could see the smoky grey underside of the wings including the auxiliaries or 'armpits'.

We checked the nearby wind-blasted beaches for the Baird's Sandpiper seen the previous weekend, but there was no sign of it, just some Ringed Plovers, Sanderling and Turnstone. A flock of Carrion Crows tumbled around in the wind and a single Swallow kept low hugging the leeward side of the bushes and bracken. We had time to wander down towards Veronica Farm and popped into the very special church en route, which boasts stunning stained glass windows and drapes crafted locally, all depicting local scenes and wildlife. We didn't find any new wildlife of interest as we continued on our walk and in due course caught the boat back to St Mary's, scanning over the water and islands en route.

We took our evening meal at the Mermaid Public House where the size of the Belly of Pork dish beat even the best eaters in the group! Again, we were spoilt with harbour-view tables, and we enjoyed recounting our experiences of the wonderful Isles of Scilly to date.

Day 5

Friday 1st October

Tresco

The forecast had changed to the degree that it was supposed to be a breezy but dry day with sunshine and, apart from a couple of rogue showers, so it proved to be. This was our day on Tresco, so before taking the 10.15am boat we checked the Porthcressa Bay and notched up Sandwich Tern, Grey Seal and a few passerines. A couple

of Mediterranean Gulls and more Sandwich Terns were visible from the boat before we disembarked at New Grimsby. We took a slow walk towards one of the hides overlooking the Great Pool, enjoying close views of Rock Pipits and a Sparrowhawk on the way. From the Swarovski Hide we added a number of wildfowl to our trip list which included Teal, Gadwall, Shoveler and Mute Swan. A Spotted Redshank fed close to the hide and Sand Martins, Water Rails, Dunlin and Common Darter dragonflies were also seen. After leaving the hide we walked along Pool Road in the sunshine, enjoying close views of common butterflies and several Migrant Hawker dragonflies. Chiffchaffs and Goldcrests were vocal rather than visual, and released Pheasants criss-crossed their way in front of us. We scanned the north end of the Great Pool where Common Redshank and Greenshanks were roosting together. The Rowesfield Crossroads trees held several Chiffchaffs and we first heard, and then saw, a Pink-footed Goose land at the Abbey Pool.

Next was a cuppa and a spot of lunch at the café by the entrance to the gardens. Here tame House Sparrows vied with each other for crumbs as we ate at the tables outside and a Pheasant and a pair of Chaffinch also tried their luck. After lunch five of us paid for a tour of the gardens and the rest of us carried on looking for birds and other attractions outside. Those that enjoyed the gardens managed close views of Golden Pheasants and up to three Red Squirrels.

The Abbey Pool in the meantime offered up a pretty distant view of another Pectoral Sandpiper and at the end of the Abbey Road we again saw the Spotted Redshank, this time in better light conditions. Walking back through New Grimsby we took a right turn and found a small pocket of birds with included several Stonechats and a Whinchat. We peeled off up a track that leads on to the moorland habitat of Castle Down to the east of both the King Charles and Cromwell Castles. A Dotterel had been seen up here and we quickly found this juvenile bird and watched as it fed amongst the very low-lying heather – at a much slower pace than the Buff-breasted Sandpiper we had watched the day before. Linnets and Meadow Pipits seemed to be the only other birds up on the Down so after appreciating the beauty of this upland plover, we slowly retraced our steps. As we reached the trees two Redpoll flew over us and landed on a fence affording us a rather distant view. At the same time a juvenile female Peregrine flew over us and lingered overhead. There was just time before we caught the return boat to revisit the Swarovski Hide where we added Grey Wagtail and Pintail to the day list.

After a pleasant crossing back to St Mary's there was a little time to relax before we made our way to the out-of-town café/bistro at Juliet's located just above Porthloo Beach for our evening meal.

Day 6

Saturday 2nd October

St Agnes

St Agnes was the intended venue for our day's exploration today, but the weather forecast promised almost constant rain, and this deterred some of our party from taking the boat ride over. This provided them with an opportunity to take things easy, commit to a little shopping and browsing or take time to wander at will around St Mary's.

Five of us set off to St Agnes on the Sea King and, although there was a heavy swell, we managed the crossing without too much splashing! We took a wander round the Great Pool and Browarth where Rock Pipits and common waders ignored the rain and wind and fed out in the open, with a couple of Grey Seal splashing around

in the bay. Loafing large gulls included plenty of Lesser Black-backed, and we encountered Stonechats and the usual Song Thrushes, Blackbirds, Robins, Dunnock and Wrens. Goldcrests called from Pittosporum hedges as we angled up past a spot called the Fruitcage and The Parsonage which both seemed quiet for birds.

We turned into Barnaby Lane and managed to locate a subtly beautiful Pied Flycatcher that we had been told about, which performed beautifully on garden fencing and guttering, looking very dapper despite the rather grey conditions. A little further along the lane we saw a fine male Common Redstart flitting around in a young orchard; his call helped us pinpoint him when not on view. Gail left us at this point to look for some archeological points of interest on nearby Gugh, and with a break in the weather with no precipitation the rest of us wandered out on to Wingletang, a fabulous open area dominating the southern part of the island.

With a cessation in the rain a procession of common birds paraded in front of us which provided good views of Blackbirds in a variety of plumages, Linnets, Stonechats, Meadow and Rock Pipits. Walking down to the beaches, we found several Wheatears and a delightful charm of Goldfinches. Great Black-backed and Lesser Black-backed Gulls careered around in the strong wind with squadrons of Gannets further out. We scanned the distant Western Isles and then headed back towards the centre of the island with brilliant timing, as the rain returned just as we reached the Coastguards Café! A ridiculous number of Song Thrushes were in the close-cropped field below the café and a Blackcap sang quietly out of view. More Grey Seals watched us from a weed-strewn inlet. Hot drinks and some treats soon revitalized us, but the rain didn't go away as we ambled down to Troytown in a vain search for a recently seen Wryneck. We retraced our steps and walked down to the quay to catch our waiting boat and to meet up again with Gail. The big swell ensured some splashing on our journey back plus some close views of Shags and Great Black-backed Gulls.

That evening we ate at The Bell Rock Hotel which is conveniently close to Crebinick House.

Day 7

Sunday 3rd October

St. Martin's

A couple of very sharp showers first thing proved to be the worst of the day, after which we had sunshine, a strong breeze and just the mere hints of showers until after dark. This was our last full day on the islands, and it was the turn of St Martin's to experience the scrutiny of our merry band of Naturetrekkers.

We landed at Lower Town at the quay by the hotel and we dawdled slowly up the central track of the island. All the islands have healthy numbers of House Sparrows and there were plenty to greet us on St Martin's! It took only a short stroll to add all the local common species but there seemed to be a lack of migrants. Many non-native plants such as Lion's Tail were in bloom and of course this is the season for the pink Belladonna Lilies to flower. Pinks and a variety of narcissus flowers are the basis of the all-year-round flower trade here, but most of the Agapanthus had gone over. A female Sparrowhawk attracted a flock of Starlings as escort and Linnets and Goldfinches joined the sparrows on the seed-heads around the horticultural areas. Pheasants were probably flyovers from the island of Tresco. Waders on the beach included Curlew, Oystercatchers, Greenshanks and Sanderling and there was a long line of Shags fishing the shallow waters between St Martin's and St Mary's. Our walk up to Middle Town provided plenty of bees and some butterflies attracted to ivy flowers and other nectar sources. Beyond Middle Town we took advantage of a community coffee-and-cake morning at the island hall,

which is also the venue for the launch of the island Cosmos Project with mini telescopes and an observatory. This astronomical project was running a Scilly Dark Skies Week with talks, workshops and other activities inspired by the night sky.

After our light refreshments we progressed and studied the birds in a hilltop garden which included Stonechat and Wheatear. A few Swallow flew around us and Meadow Pipits and Linnets danced up from adjacent fields. At Higher Town we checked the area around the cricket pitch which also seemed migrant-free and ate our sandwiches and similar fare on the benches there. Both Meadow and Rock Pipits fed on the cricket pitch.

We walked further north and around the Little Arthur Organic Farm and as we walked up the main track, we noticed a beetle skewered on a barbed wire fence. We looked around for a Shrike with no success, but a juvenile Woodchat Shrike was found here the following day. After checking the plentiful House Sparrows at the farm, we retreated and then set off up to the Daymark at the very north of the island. Three Stock Doves were amongst many Wood Pigeons and a fly-over raptor appeared to be a Merlin, but disappeared all too quickly to be sure. We walked through banks of gorse, none of it in flower, and up onto the weathered heather. Few birds included Meadow Pipit and Wheatear and at the Daymark it was possible to see hundreds of Gannets both on the sea and flying towards the horizon and Land's End. We then returned back the way we had come without adding anything new to our list and after rechecking the butchered beetle proceeded to the quay and eventually the departing boat.

That evening we again dined at The Mermaid Public House, a firm favourite with all of us.

Day 8

Monday 4th October

St Mary's & departure

Our last day of our Scilly adventure saw us remain on St Mary's before departing on the Scillonian III ferry back to the mainland just after 4pm.

After breakfast we caught the Community Bus to the north end of the island. Gail was keen to explore the well-maintained burial chambers and relict stones at Halangy and McFarland's Downs and chambers at Innisidgen and jumped off the bus at Telegraph in order to cover the ground. The rest of us alighted at Maypole and walked to Helvear to again see the long-staying adult male Woodchat Shrike which was on view as we arrived. This handsome bird remained alert to potential prey whilst perched in a Hawthorn bush. A Grey Wagtail put in a brief appearance nearby. A slow wander back up Watermill Lane and then a right-hand turn took us to Newford Duck Pond which supported a few Moorhens, released captive Mallard and Blue Tits and Chiffchaff, but not much else.

Working our way back to Maypole, and seeing three species of butterfly en route, we checked the Holy Vale area where earlier a Turtle Dove had put in an appearance, but we had no luck. Checking the plentiful elms as we went, we took the footpath to Longstones and popped into the café there just before a particularly stinging shower hit! The lovely cakes were sampled and then it was back out into warm sunshine to continue our meandering.

Carreg Dhu Garden provided us with views of Goldcrest, and we walked Old Town Lane and spent time at the High Cross Lane junction to look for an elusive Red-backed Shrike with no success. In Old Town we scanned the bay and telescoped a smart Whinchat in brambles in Standing Stone Field before walking through Lower Moors and enjoying super views of a Water Rail right out in the open. The remainder of the walk into Hugh Town via Rosehill was uneventful and after picking up our bags from the guest house and thanking Kelly and Kevin for a very comfortable stay, we walked down to the quay and boarded the ferry for a return to Penzance and the conclusion of this particular Naturetrek adventure.

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Checklist

Birds

	I = Introduced H = Heard only			September - October									
	Common name	Scientific name	27	28	29	30	1	2	3	4			
1	Pale-bellied Brent Goose	Branta bernicla hrota		1	1				1				
2	Pink-footed Goose	Anser brachyrhynchus			1	1							
3	Mute Swan	Cygnus olor					Х						
4	Northern Shoveler	Spatula clypeata				X							
5	Gadwall	Mareca strepera					Х						
6	Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	1	Х	Х		Х	Х		Х			
7	Northern Pintail	Anas acuta				1							
8	Eurasian Teal	Anas crecca					Х	Х					
9	Red-legged Partridge - I	Alectoris rufa					X						
10	Common Pheasant - I	Phasianus colchicus	X				Х		Х	Х			
11	Golden Pheasant - I	Chrysolophus pictus					X						
12	Feral Pigeon - I	Columba livia var. domestica	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Х			
13	Stock Dove	Columba oenas	4						3	1			
14	Common Wood Pigeon	Columba palumbus	X	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х			
15	Eurasian Collared Dove	Streptopelia decaocto	X	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х			

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	Common name	Scientific name	27	28	29	30	1	2	3	4	
16	Water Rail	Rallus aquaticus	2	2	Х		Х	Н		1	
17	Common Moorhen	Gallinula chloropus	Х	Х	Х		Х	Х		Х	
18	Eurasian Coot	Fulica atra					Х				
19	Great Crested Grebe	Podiceps cristatus		1					1		
20	Eurasian Oystercatcher	Haematopus ostralegus	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	
21	American Golden Plover	Pluvialis dominica		1	1						
22	Common Ringed Plover	Charadrius hiaticula	Х	Х	Х	Х		Х			
23	Eurasian Dotterel	Charadrius morinellus				1					
24	Eurasian Curlew	Numenius arquata	Х	Н	Х		Х	Х	Х		
25	Ruddy Turnstone	Arenaria interpres	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		Х	
26	Sanderling	Calidris alba		Х		2	Х		4		
27	Dunlin	Calidris alpina				2	2				
28	Buff-breasted Sandpiper	Calidris subruficollis		1	1						
29	Pectoral Sandpiper	Calidris melanotos		1	1		1				
30	Common Snipe	Gallinago gallinago	1	3	X						
31	Common Redshank	Tringa totanus					Х				
32	Spotted Redshank	Tringa erythropus				1					
33	Common Greenshank	Tringa nebularia	Х	Х	Х	X	Х	Х	Х		
34	Black-legged Kittiwake	Rissa tridactyla		1							
35	Black-headed Gull	Chroicocephalus ridibundus	Х	X	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	
		Ichthyaetus									
36	Mediterranean Gull	melanocephalus ,		1		2	2	1	3		
37	Common Gull	Larus canus							1		
38	Great Black-backed Gull	Larus marinus	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
39	European Herring Gull	Larus argentatus	X	X	X	X	Х	X	X	X	
40	Yellow-legged Gull	Larus michahellis			2						
41	Lesser Black-backed Gull	Larus fuscus		X	X	Х	Х	X	X	X	
42	Sandwich Tern	Thalasseus sandvicensis			X	3+	Х		X	11	
43	Common Guillemot	Uria aalge			X						
44	Razorbill	Alca torda			X						
45	European Storm Petrel	Hydrobates pelagicus			X						
46	Northern Fulmar	Fulmarus glacialis			1						
47	Manx Shearwater	Puffinus puffinus	2		X						
48	Northern Gannet	Morus bassanus	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
49	Great Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo		1	1		1			1	
50	European Shag	Gulosus aristotelis	X	X	X	X	Х	X	Х	Х	
51	Glossy Ibis	Plegadis falcinellus			1						
52	Grey Heron	Ardea cinerea		X	X	X	Х	Х		X	
53	Little Egret	Egretta garzetta	1		1		1		1		
54	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	Accipiter nisus			1		1		1	1	
55	Common Kingfisher	Alcedo atthis		2	1						
56	Common Kestrel	Falco tinnunculus	2	2	Х		Х		Х		
57	Peregrine Falcon	Falco peregrinus					1				

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58	Balearic Woodchat Shrike	Lanius senator badius	1							1			
59	Carrion Crow	Corvus corone	X	Х	Х	X	Х	X	Х	Х			
60	Northern Raven	Corvus corax			1								
61	Eurasian Blue Tit	Cyanistes caeruleus	X	X	Х		X			X			
62	Great Tit	Parus major	X	X	Х		X	Х	X	X			
63	Sand Martin	Riparia riparia					2+						
64	Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	X	X	X	X	X	Х	X	X			
65	Common House Martin	Delichon urbicum	1				Х						
66	Cetti's Warbler	Cettia cetti		Н						Н			
67	Common Chiffchaff	Phylloscopus collybita	X	Х	Н	Х	X	Н	Н	Н			
68	Eurasian Blackcap	Sylvia atricapilla					Н	Н		Н			
69	Goldcrest	Regulus regulus	Х	Х			Х	Х		Х			
70	Eurasian Wren	Troglodytes troglodytes	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х			
71	Common Starling	Sturnus vulgaris	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х			
72	Song Thrush	Turdus philomelos	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х			
73	Common Blackbird	Turdus merula	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х			
74	Spotted Flycatcher	Muscicapa striata		2			1						
75	European Robin	Erithacus rubecula	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х			
76	European Pied Flycatcher	Ficedula hypoleuca						1					
77	Common Redstart	Phoenicurus phoenicurus						1					
78	Whinchat	Saxicola rubetra					1			1			
79	European Stonechat	Saxicola rubicola	X	X	Х	X	X	Х	X				
80	Northern Wheatear	Oenanthe oenanthe	X		X	X		Х	X	X			
81	House Sparrow	Passer domesticus	X	X	Х	X	X	Х	X	X			
82	Dunnock	Prunella modularis	X	X	X	X	X	Х	X	X			
83	Grey Wagtail	Motacilla cinerea				1				1			
84	White Wagtail	Motacilla alba alba		2	5			1					
85	Meadow Pipit	Anthus pratensis	X	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х			
86	European Rock Pipit	Anthus petrosus		Х	Х	X	Х	Х	Х	Х			
87	Common Chaffinch	Fringilla coelebs	X		Х		Х		Х	Х			
88	European Greenfinch	Chloris chloris		Х	Х	Х	Х		Х				
89	Common Linnet	Linaria cannabina	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х			
90	Lesser Redpoll	Acanthis cabaret				2							
91	European Goldfinch	Carduelis carduelis	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х			

Other

	I = Introduced LO = Guide only		Sept	ember	- Octo	ober				
	Common name	Scientific name	27	28	29	30	1	2	3	4
1	European Rabbit - I	Oryctolagus cuniculus	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Western European									
2	Hedgehog	Erinaceus europaeus		LO						
3	Brown Rat - I	Rattus norvegicus			Х					

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4	Eurasian Red Squirrel	Sciurus vulgaris					3			
5	Grey Seal	Halichoerus grypus	X	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	X
6	Short-beaked Common Dolphin	Delphinus delphis			Х					
7	Common Seal	Phoca vitulina			1					
8	shrew sp. (dead)								1	
	Butterflies									
1	Red Admiral	Vanessa atalanta	X	X	Х	Х	Х		Х	X
2	Small White	Pieris rapae	X		Х		Х			
3	Speckled Wood	Pararge aegeria	X	Х	Х	Х	Х		Х	X
4	Large White	Pieris brassicae			X		Х		Х	X
5	Peacock	Aglais io			Х		Х			
	Other species noted									
1	Common Darter	Sympetrum striolatum					Х			
2	Migrant Hawker	Aeshna mixta					Х			
3	Great Green Bush-cricket	Tettigonia viridissima					Х			
4	Autumn Lady's-tresses	Spiranthes spiralis		Х						
5	Horse Mackerel	Trachurus trachurus			Х					
6	Grey Gurnard	Eutrigla gurnardus			Х					

	Portuguese Man o'War						
7	Jellyfish	Physalia physalis			X		