

Islay & Jura

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Red Deer stag by David Harthill



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Introduction

The focus of this trip is to view some of the unique and spectacular wildlife of these beautiful Inner-Hebridean Islands. Despite their proximity Islay and Jura are very different islands, but both offer tremendous wildlife experiences. This trip was not to disappoint with fantastic views of soaring Golden Eagles and superb Otter watching. The spectacle and sound of thousands of geese taking flight was also an unforgettable experience. These were perhaps the highlights, but the supporting cast of Peregrine, Hen Harrier and magnificent Red Deer stags made this an excellent all round wildlife tour of two stunning Islands.

Day 1

Thursday 22nd October

After gathering most of the group from Glasgow Central Station at Gordon Street, we set off back to the Airport to gather the rest of the group. This went reasonably smoothly and we were soon on our way to the ferry port at Kennacraig. This drive is a little under three hours so we planned a break at Inveraray to give everyone a break and grab a drink or snack.

En route we saw a few of the more common species including Common Buzzard, Grey Heron, Oystercatcher and Curlew. The skies were cloudy with the occasional sunny spell and alternating showers. This made for some great rainbows over the lochs and moody scenery, with low clouds clinging to the moorland hills: simply stunning.

We arrived in Inveraray and had a twenty minute stop, enjoying a few Hooded Crows, a brutish Great Black-backed Gull and some Red-breasted Mergansers that only a few people got on to before they drifted away. Due to time constraints, we were soon on our way to ensure we arrived in good time for the ferry. A few people were fortunate enough to spot two Goosanders out on a loch. Other avian highlights included a couple of Eider and a flock of Teal.

We then arrived at Kennacraig and queued to board the ferry. We heard and saw at least two Rock Pipits flying around the terminal, before driving on to the ferry and heading out to Port Ellen on Islay. Initially it was still light enough to make out a Great Northern Diver as we headed out of the bay, but a combination of falling light and temperature meant that the group drifted inside for a warming coffee. We unfurled a map and discussed the plans for the next day and discussed some of the birds and mammals we might see.

After a two hour crossing we landed at Port Ellen and set off for our hotel a Bridgend. There was little to see on the drive north and we were pleased to get to the Bridgend Hotel after a long day's travelling. The manager made us very welcome and we all settled into our rooms before meeting up for a drink and a delicious three-course dinner. The evening was filled with lots of chat and laughter and after a lovely evening the group began to retire to their rooms for some much needed sleep ahead of an early start tomorrow.

Day 2

Friday 23rd October

We had an early breakfast at 7.30 in order to leave as soon as possible. The forecast predicted a wet and windy afternoon so we wanted to make the most of the fair weather. We set off at 8am and drove the back road to Gruinart RSPB reserve, and located the staggering number of Barnacle Geese in the fields leading to the reserve. There was also a few Greenland White-fronted Geese and Greylags amongst the hoards of Barnacle Geese. We drove on through the reserve, stopping for a comfort break. On the feeders there were Goldfinch, Greenfinch and Coal Tit, but they were all flushed by a Landrover! On our way out we saw a small heard of Red Deer and Dave spotted some Roe Deer but they bounded off before anybody else saw them. We then headed off to Ardnave Point in an attempt to see Choughs. En route we added another mammal in the form of Brown Hare; however, it tucked itself away and was barely visible. There were also a few passerines, which were mainly common finches and pipits, although a few smart Stonechats were also seen. Just before we reached Ardnave we watched a male Hen Harrier flying low over the moorland: an iconic scene and hugely enjoyed by the group.

We arrived at Ardnave to another male Hen Harrier sighting and saw Whooper and Mute Swans on the Loch. There was also a large flotilla of Wigeon, but we searched in vain for a possible American Wigeon that had been seen there a few days before. We then set off for a walk towards the point to look for Chough; however, before we went far, we were soon watching a pair of Chough and then a flock of about 40 or so birds came into view. We followed them around for a while, also seeing a pair of Rock Dove, before deciding to drive to Loch Gorm to try to locate a Golden Eagle. This coincided with the weather closing in and, as the skies darkened, the rain began to fall.

We circumvented the roads around Loch Gorm but, besides a few Buzzards and small passerines, there were few birds or any other wildlife about. We stopped to have a brief look at some more Choughs and Raven at Kilchoman, before heading to the distillery for lunch. We enjoyed a break from driving and a lovely lunch. After lunch we decided to take a slow drive to Portnahaven to look for seals and anything we could see on the way, exploring the Rhinns en route. The sky was getting darker and the rain became heavier as we made our way over the upland moors. There was not much in the way of wildlife, but a 'fluffed up' Buzzard needed a second look before we identified it. We soon arrived in Portnahaven and enjoyed a number of Grey Seals very close to the shore. In the surrounding bay there were a few gull species with Cormorants roosting together, and a solitary Shag fishing in the bay. After taking time to enjoy the Grey Seals (no Common were seen), we headed back up the coast road making our way back to Bridgend. Just as we left Portnahaven, a gorgeous male Roe Deer popped up in a field and stared at the minibus for a while before bounding off. Two Roe Deer were also seen in amongst the bracken a short while later.

We made our way up the coast road, but little was showing so we decided to try the road to Gruinart. In the fields by the reserve headquarters there were again masses of Barnacle Geese and a smattering of Greylag, with another mixed flock of Lapwing and Golden Plover behind. Also in the field were both Red Deer and Roe Deer, and the sightings were completed with a female Hen Harrier putting up the roosting Jackdaws. It was now time to head back, but in the gloom we paused at Bridgend Flats to listen to the evocative sound of the Barnacle Geese roosting on the mudflats. This made an impressive sight as thousands descended from the air to join the throngs of Geese already there. From here it was a short drive back to the hotel.

We all met up again at 7.30pm for a drink and the evening three-course meal, and enjoyed a relaxing time chatting as we ate. We then completed the checklist for the last two days, before the group drifted off to their rooms.

Day 3

Saturday 24th October

The group gathered in the gloomy morning to head off to the Gruinart Reserve; however, on the way, a group of ducks were seen a little way out on Loch Indaal. We stopped in an area called Black Rock and began to accumulate a number of new species. Firstly we saw that the ducks were in fact Greater Scaup and, further out, there were Slavonian Grebes and Red-breasted Mergansers. The Slavonian Grebes were in winter plumage with their smart black caps. Also seen were Knot, Redshank and some Great Northern Divers in near-summer plumage. As usual, there were huge flocks of Barnacle and a few Greylag geese around creating a spectacular scene when they came into land. A few Pale-bellied Brent Geese and Whooper swans were also present. On the mammal front we only managed a Common Seal. Despite the forecast, the weather was fine and we decided to drive down south to the Mull of Oa, across the moorland. Not long after we set off, the rain returned and we drove in heavy rain.

Over the moorland we managed to add Red Deer and a few new birds including Reed Bunting and a Whinchat, which only the leader managed to get on to before it flew off with a few Stonechats. There were also a few finches around, with Linnet, Redpoll, Goldfinch and Chaffinch all seen. As we re-joined the main road south we watched a Kestrel being mobbed by a Common Buzzard eventually relinquishing its prey.

After a brief stop at Port Ellen, we took the road to Mull of Oa and saw our first Sparrowhawk. It was attacking a Hooded Crow, and we watched as the Sparrowhawk continually harried the crow.

We continued on down to the Kinnabus Loch where we saw a flock of White-fronted Geese on the bank. On the loch itself we saw a few duck species, but soon connected with a flock of about 50 Twite and managed good views before they flew into some nearby trees and were then difficult to see. Due to the delayed morning start, we were running short of time and decided to head up to Ardbeg for lunch rather than try to head to the reserve; the rain also helped make that decision.

After a very pleasant lunch, we walked to the beautiful Ardbeg bay to search for Otters; however, we managed Grey Seals and a Dipper in lovely sunshine, before heading off again for our culture stop! We drove around the coast, stopping at some lovely bays to search for wildlife. Eventually we reached Kildalton and walked around the church looking at engraved graves depicting C16 knights and a C8 Celtic Cross. We still managed a bit of wildlife, with sightings of Fallow Deer and some plump Rabbits. The rain again returned with a heavy shower so we set off to make a slow return to Bridgend.

We stopped at the coastal bays and saw another Sparrowhawk flying across the road, and Red-breasted Mergansers out at sea with a number of Grey Seals hauled out on the rocks. We were soon heading north on the cross-country route picking up a few Roe and later Red Deer en route. Whilst we stopped to look at a herd of Red Deer (a magnificent stag with several hinds), a male Hen Harrier swooped through and suddenly two Golden Eagles appeared over some distant hills. Despite the distance, they were unmistakably Golden Eagles and we set off to try to get closer views. However, they remained distant and we were unable to get much closer.

It was now beginning to get dark so we headed back to the hotel, seeing Mistle Thrush and Red-legged Partridge on the way. We arrived back about 6pm, having enjoyed a packed but very enjoyable day's wildlife watching in magnificent moorland scenery, occasionally highlighted by some beautiful sunshine setting off the gorgeous colours of the heather moorland.

We got ready for the evening meal, which was again a delicious home-cooked menu. After we finished, we settled down to complete the day's checklist before the group departed for some sleep.

Day 4

Sunday 25th October

Today we decided to concentrate on the north of the Island for a chance of connecting with eagles and to ensure we caught the ferry in the afternoon at Port Askaig for Jura. The early risers went out with Dave to try to see Woodcock returning at first light to the woodland. Unfortunately, only a few common birds were in evidence and the group returned to have a consolation breakfast.

After breakfast, we loaded the vans and said goodbye to the staff at Bridgend who had been very warm and hospitable during our stay, each one of the group getting a farewell hug for the manageress! Soon we were off on our way and drove to a remote area on the Carrabus Road. Although we were hoping for eagle we didn't see any, but enjoyed a lonesome Chough and a smart male Hen Harrier flew through, putting up about six Common Snipe in the process. A little later we stopped to look at a mixed flock of geese, getting some good views of White-fronted Geese. One of the group pointed out a small raptor and when the leader got on to it, it was confirmed as a Merlin. The group were able to watch the Merlin for several minutes as it chased an unfortunate small passerine.

After viewing the Merlin, we headed off to the east shore of Loch Gruinart, searching for waders and wildfowl. Among the new species picked up was a single female Goldeneye and a small party of Greenshank. Other waders included Bar-tailed Godwit, Redshank and the ubiquitous Oystercatcher. We then retraced our route and headed back to the RSPB reserve.

Next we dropped onto the Gruinart levels and watched the spectacular twisting flight of a large group of Golden Plover, put up by a passing female Hen Harrier. We stayed at the Gruinart reserve for a while to check out the hides. We managed to find a hunkered-down Brown Hare and, scanning through the wildfowl, we found some handsome male Pintail and Shoveler Ducks. With about an hour or so before we were to have lunch at Port Askaig, we decided to have a quick drive to Bruichladdich to search for Purple Sandpipers; however, they could not be located. We did find an interesting sandpiper that was possibly an American Vagrant: however, it was not able to be clinched as it flew before we could get it in the telescope.

It was now time for lunch and so we drove to Port Askaig and enjoyed a warming drink and food. Despite it not raining and the wind having lessened, it did feel colder so lunch was a welcome chance to warm through. After lunch we were off again to drive along the north coast road, with magnificent scenery and views of the Paps of Jura. We searched in vain for eagles and came to the end of the road at Bunnahabhain Distillery. We scanned the lovely bay for a while, picking up a Great Northern Diver among more common birds, and Grey Seal. Then suddenly an Otter appeared, delighting everyone. It seemed to be a fairly large dog Otter and we were able to watch it feeding for several minutes before it disappeared from view. Elated by this, we headed back to the port

to catch the ferry. On the return journey another smart male Hen Harrier was enjoyed by Ardnahoe Loch, but this was topped by fantastic views of first one and then two Golden Eagles appearing above a nearby hill. The group watched the eagles for about 15 minutes as they soared over the tops of the hills, tantalisingly coming closer before dropping down and up again from the back of the hill. All too soon we had to leave the eagles, which were out of view at this point, and head back to the port. We arrived in good time and set off to Feolin on time. En route a Gannet was seen and a few Eider, but little else. The short crossing was soon completed and we were on our way to Craighouse to the Jura Hotel. We drove across wild moorland watching several herds of Red Deer along the way.

We arrived at the hotel and were shown to our rooms where we had time to relax after a superb day's wildlife viewing.

Day 5

Monday 26th October

We had a relaxing morning looking out for Otters, Dippers and eagles from the lawn of the hotel, usually a good place to see all three. This morning we were out of luck and had to be content with a Great Northern Diver, Mergansers and other common birds, plus the odd Common Seal. We had breakfast in a leisurely fashion and had a few more minutes looking out from the lawn. And befriending Elvis, the community cat! Geoff and Fran decided to take an adventurous route walking over to the Paps of Jura. We arranged to meet them back at the hotel for lunch at one. The rest were just about to set off when finally we saw a White-tailed Sea Eagle appear over the off-shore islands. We had reasonable views before it disappeared around the back of some pines.

We then set off for Lowlandman's Bay searching for Otters along the coast as we went. The strong winds made viewing difficult and we were disappointed not to see any. However we did manage another two White-tailed Sea Eagles, this time an adult and juvenile; again, views were quite distant, but the adult was still discernible and its massive, broad wings evident.

We reached Lowlandman's Bay and the smaller bus went on to the outer arm of the bay where there were great views of Common Seals and Great Northern Divers and, finally, a reasonable view of an Otter feeding in the bay. David and Sergio joined us from the other bus, which had parked at the head of the bay. Although they missed the Otter, they had great views of a juvenile White-tailed Eagle to compensate. The leader David also saw a Golden Eagle, but was unable to get anyone to see it before it soared into the distance.

We then returned for lunch, meeting up with Geoff and Fran en route. We all gathered in the lounge of the hotel and enjoyed warming tomato soup and a few platters of sandwiches. After lunch, we set off again to explore the bays and wild moors in the north of the island. We again were unable to find any Otters but enjoyed the views of the beautiful bays along the coast. We then drove out onto the moorland, which looked stunning, even under the grey stormy skies. They stretched out before us, vast and remote with no habitation in sight. After a while we come across a small herd of Red Deer that were near enough to photograph. The herd contained some large males with impressive antlers. We were also able to watch two large males locking horns and sparring. We enjoyed the deer for a while before pressing on a little further, just a few miles from the end of the road. We then turned back for a slow drive home.

On the way back, a few stopped for a walk across the narrowest part of Jura (Tarbet) and over to a western Loch. Here we saw a few Red Deer en route, and another adult White-tailed Eagle was seen soaring over the hills on the other side of Loch Tarbert. This was a lovely ending to the day, despite yet again failing to find owls on the journey back to the hotel.

Now it was time for dinner and Bob's quiz night(!), before we all retired to bed.

Day 6

Tuesday 27th October

Today was our last full day on Jura and what a fantastic morning to start the day. After a relaxed breakfast, the group gathered on the hotel lawn to get ready to set off in search of Otters along the coast. However, as we were waiting to board the minibuses, an Otter was seen in Craighouse Bay. Although it was quite distant it showed well and we were able to watch it diving and feeding. After this start to the day we were very pleased, but then an adult White-tailed Eagle drifted down from the hills and soared over the heads of the admiring group. The leaders called out to David, who appeared to be missing the display, when we realised he was watching a second adult eagle coming from another direction. We watched them at close range, which mean we were able to fully appreciate the massive size of the eagle's wings. Elated by our morning's sightings, we went off around the bay to look for more Otters and, after a few miles, we found an Otter that had come to the shoreline to clean itself by a freshwater burn.

We spent about half an hour with the Otter, watching it clean and then go off to feed, seeming to catch a fish or crab with every dive. It eventually swam further out to sea and out of view, but this was our best sighting by far of an otter. We turned at the end of the bay road and drove back to the hotel for a quick comfort stop. We then set off to explore the South of Jura following the coast road out to the wood haunted by obese witches (so the folklore goes!). En route we had two more fleeting Otter sightings and managed a surprise Red Grouse and a flock of Twite. However the skies were blue and the moorland and the Paps looked beautiful in the late morning sunshine. We were finally able to get out and have a stroll in the sunshine and enjoy the scenery and ambience of this gorgeous island.

We slowly headed back to Craighouse for lunch at the hotel and time to relax. Unfortunately the weather had become more overcast so we decided to chill out for a while and consider our options. Fran, Geoff and Liz all decided just to go off on their own for a walk (Geoff and Fran had been walking all morning). The rest agreed to meet up at 3.15pm for a quick drive and walk. We went to the hills beyond Crackaig where Dave had seen two Golden Eagles in the morning. We enjoyed the picturesque bay, but little in the way of wildlife.

We had one last drive around Craighouse Bay, despite the tide being high and not productive for Otters. Needless to say, we saw only a few common birds and a Sparrowhawk, before returning to the hotel and getting ready for our last dinner together.

Day 7

Wednesday 28th October

Today was the final day and we had to catch an early ferry to make sure we got to Port Ellen on time. We had an early breakfast at 7am and were underway at 7.30am. We made the ferry on time, but en route had only common birds and a few seals out to sea. The crossing was smooth to Islay and there were a few handsome male Eider to

enjoy. On Islay we had a little extra time, so stopped at Bridgend Flats for a last look at the geese. There were a few around, but many had flown to the fields to eat. We drove on down to Port Ellen with a Brown Hare and European Rabbit to add to the mammal list.

Whilst waiting to board the ferry, there appeared to be a Bottlenose Dolphin out in the harbour, although no one seemed absolutely sure. We then boarded the ferry and set sail for Kennacraig. The crossing was exceptionally smooth, which allowed us to pick out several pods of Harbour Porpoise en route but, sadly, no dolphin sightings. There were however plenty of birds and amongst them were a few new species, including Kittiwake, Black and Common Guillemot and many Razorbills. Nearing Kennacraig, there seemed to be divers everywhere with a large flock of Black-throated Divers and a couple of Red-Throated Divers around with the more common Great Northern Divers.

Back on the mainland the weather was foul, with heavy rain and misty conditions. We set off to Glasgow stopping twice en route at Lochgilphead and Inverary for petrol and refreshments. We arrived at the Airport in good time and said farewell to four of our guests before heading off into the city centre. The traffic became slow for a while, but thankfully eased for us to reach the railway station in good time. Here we bid farewell to the remainder of the group and the tour reached its conclusion.

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Feolin on Jura by David Harthill

Species Lists

Birds (✓ = recorded but not counted; H = heard only; L/O = leader only)

	Common name	Scientific name	October						
			22	23	24	25	26	27	28
1	Red-legged Partridge	<i>Alectoris rufa</i>			4				
2	Red-throated Diver	<i>Gavia stellata</i>							2
3	Black-throated Diver	<i>Gavia arctica</i>							30
4	Great Northern Diver	<i>Gavia immer</i>	1		2	2	4	2	✓
5	Slavonian Grebe	<i>Podiceps auritus</i>			4				
6	Northern Gannet	<i>Morus bassanus</i>				1			4
7	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
8	European Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis aristotelis</i>		1	3	5	✓	✓	✓
9	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
10	Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>	10	✓	2	6	6	4	✓
11	Whooper Swan	<i>Cygnus cygnus</i>		30	10	25			
12	Greenland White-fronted Goose	<i>Anser albifrons flavirostris</i>		25	✓	200	2		✓
13	Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	6	✓
14	Canada Goose (feral)	<i>Branta canadensis</i>							✓
15	Barnacle Goose	<i>Branta leucopsis</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓
16	Pale-bellied Brent Goose	<i>Branta bernicla hrota</i>			10				
17	Eurasian Wigeon	<i>Anas penelope</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	10	✓
18	Eurasian Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>	10	2	10	✓	✓		
19	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	6	✓	✓	✓	✓	10	✓
20	Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>				10			
21	Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>				10			
22	Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>		✓					
23	Scaup	<i>Aythya marila</i>			30				
24	Common Eider	<i>Somateria mollissima</i>	6		✓	6		6	✓
25	Common Scoter	<i>Melanitta nigra</i>			6				
26	Goldeneye	<i>Bucephala clangula</i>				1			
27	Red-breasted Merganser	<i>Mergus serrator</i>	2			6	4	6	✓
28	Common Merganser (Goosander)	<i>Mergus merganser</i>	2						
29	White-tailed Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>					5	3	
30	Hen Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus cyaneus</i>		4	1	5	3		
31	Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	L/O		2	2		1	
32	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	4	12	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
33	Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>			2	2	L/O	L/O	
34	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>		2	2	3	2		
35	Merlin	<i>Falco columbarius</i>				1			
36	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>		1	1	1			
37	Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>		10	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
38	Red Grouse	<i>Lagopus lagopus scotica</i>						1	
39	Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	4	4	✓
40	Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>			✓	✓	✓		
41	Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis apricaria</i>		✓	10	✓			
42	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>				6			
43	Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>			10	4			
44	Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>	✓	6	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
45	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>				3			
46	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>			1	2			
47	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>				1			

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			22	23	24	25	26	27	28
48	Red Knot	<i>Calidris canutus</i>			4				
49	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
50	Black-legged Kittiwake	<i>Rissa tridactyla</i>							✓
51	European Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
52	Great Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus marinus</i>	1	6	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
53	Common Gull	<i>Larus canus</i>		20	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
54	Common Guillemot	<i>Uria aalge</i>							✓
55	Razorbill	<i>Alca torda</i>							✓
56	Black Guillemot	<i>Cepphus grylle</i>							10
57	Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓
58	Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia 'feral'</i>	✓						✓
59	Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	✓		6	3	12		✓
60	Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓		4	1		1	
61	Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>				4			
62	Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
63	European Rock Pipit	<i>Anthus petrosus</i>	2		1	2	2	✓	
64	Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba yarrellii</i>			3	4	2	2	2
65	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>		1		1		2	
66	Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>			2	H	2	1	1
67	White-breasted Dipper	<i>Cinclus cinclus</i>			1				
68	Dunnock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>					2	1	
69	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>		11	4		6	5	
70	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>		2	1	1	1		1
71	Redwing	<i>Turdus iliacus</i>		10	10	✓	10	15	
72	Fieldfare	<i>Turdus pilaris</i>		10				25	
73	Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>		1	✓	✓	4	2	✓
74	Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>		1	✓	✓	2	4	
75	European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquatus</i>		6	✓	✓	✓	✓	
76	Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>			L/O				
77	Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>					H	H	
78	Coal Tit	<i>Periparus ater</i>		1			1	2	
79	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>			1	1			
80	Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>			2	2			
81	European Treecreeper	<i>Certhia familiaris</i>			1				
82	Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	✓						5
83	Red-billed Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>		40		1			
84	Eurasian Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
85	Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
86	Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>	✓						✓
87	Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus c. cornix</i>	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
88	Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>		10	✓	10	4	6	✓
89	Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
90	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	1	8	✓	10	✓
91	Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	2	✓	✓	✓	6	10	
92	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>		2		1			
93	Common Redpoll	<i>Carduelis cabaret</i>		5	3				
94	Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>		✓	✓	✓		20	
95	Twite	<i>Carduelis flavirostris</i>			100			40	
96	Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>		5		6			
97	Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>			3				

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			22	23	24	25	26	27	28

Mammals

1	Rabbit	<i>Oryctolagus Cuniculus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
2	Brown Hare	<i>Lepus carpensis</i>		5	8	2			1
3	Otter	<i>Lutra lutra</i>				1	1	4	
4	Fallow Deer	<i>Dama dama</i>			2				
5	Red Deer	<i>Cervus elaphus</i>		5	20	✓	✓	✓	✓
6	Roe Deer	<i>Capreolus capreolus</i>		8	4	3			
7	Harbour (Common) Seal	<i>Phoca vitulina</i>		3	1	3	✓	✓	✓
8	Grey Seal	<i>Halicaeorus grypus</i>		25	✓	2	✓	1	✓
9	Harbour Porpoise	<i>Phocoena phocoena</i>							20
10	Feral Goat	<i>Capra aegagrus hircus</i>				6	6	12	

Other Taxa

1	Common Toad	<i>Bufo bufo</i>						2	
2	Common Hawker	<i>Aeshna juncea</i>						1	



Red Deer by Sara Mee



Feolin on Jura by Nicola Goldsmith



Geese coming in to land by Sara Mee