

Autumn on Mull

Naturetrek Tour Report

25th – 31st October 2023



Lighthouse in Sound of Mull



Minke Whale



White-tailed Eagle



Ring Ouzel

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Summary

Our journey to Oban from Glasgow was in pleasant weather conditions and with everyone at the ferry we set off to the beautifully rugged island of Mull! Black Guillemots and Eiders were in the harbour at Oban and en-route we encountered pods of Harbour Porpoises. With one White-tailed Eagle flying over the road on our way to Oban we, then saw another on the ferry approach to Craignuire. A slow drive north and a little walk to use the last of the available daylight helped us secure sightings of common birds and we then checked in at our little hotel in Tobermory. Cool easterly winds were to remain with us all week but it was mostly dry and we enjoyed quite an amount of autumn sunshine.

During the course of the week we endeavoured to find the special wildlife of Mull and enjoyed multiple sightings of both White-tailed and Golden Eagles and almost daily sightings of Otters. We visited the island of Iona on one day where amongst other things we enjoyed a beach picnic, a wander around the Abbey and a vocal flock of grazing Barnacle Geese.

Red and Fallow Deer, Harbour and Grey Seals, Hedgehogs and Irish Hares were all tracked down and we enjoyed good views of them all. Our little group became obsessive night drive specialists and our evening forays yielded a close nocturnal sighting of an Otter, Woodcocks and no less than four species of owl mostly by the roadside. Sadly we didn't encounter the Northern Lights this year.

In addition to the eagles, we enjoyed plenty of hunting Common Buzzards, Hen Harriers and Sparrowhawks and on our last full day came across a feeding Minke Whale in Loch na Keale. We finished our tour securing views of Ring Ouzel, many winter thrushes, a flock of Waxwings and even a Hawfinch before going our separate ways with vivid memories of our special week together amid the splendour and dramatic landscape of Mull.

Day 1

Wednesday 25th October

Collecting everyone together in Glasgow went smoothly and we were soon on the road on our way to the ferry at Oban. Driving parallel to the western shore of Loch Lomond an odd shape was spotted in the water of Scotland's largest freshwater loch. Thinking it might be the head of an Otter, a quick U-turn was required and after parking in a layby, we went to investigate. The object proved to be a paddling Common Guillemot with its head close to the water – odd behaviour in a very odd location for this species.

We made time for a comfort and drink stop at Tyndrum and then turned off the A82 and headed to Oban. We had left the Carrion Crows and Magpies behind and were now seeing Hooded Crows and the occasional Raven and Jay. An adult White-tailed Eagle flying alongside and over the road at Dalmally was unexpected and very welcome. The A85 turned us away from Loch Awe but led us to the banks of Loch Etive and through the lovely settlements at Connel and Ganavan and on to Oban.

We quickly settled at the ferry terminal and watched Common Seals and Black Guillemots in the harbour. We met up with Terry and Nigel at the ferry terminal and were now a complete contingent. By 3.40pm we were safely on the ferry to Mull and the calm crossing yielded at least three pods of Harbour Porpoises, several Common Seals, a

Great Northern Diver, Kittiwakes and Common Guillemots in their usual habitat. A distant White-tailed Eagle crossed the high hills as we chugged into Craignure. We drove north along the eastern seaboard of Mull and with a couple of stops at Garmony and Salen notched up Greenshank, Bar-tailed Godwit, Turnstone, Red-breasted Merganser, Great Northern Diver, Rock Pipit, Wigeon and Little Grebe. We even saw a couple of pipistrelle-like bats and Red Deer.

We arrived at our hotel in Tobermory, eating just after 7.30pm followed by a briefing and an hour-long night drive which located some unidentified hares and small numbers of Red Deer but little else.

Day 2

Thursday 26th October

Following our 7.30am breakfast and purchase of foodstuffs from Tobermory we headed off to explore the north of Mull. Common birds were around the hotel with Raven and a Grey Wagtail flying over. Driving out towards Dervaig we encountered the first of a great many Common Buzzards for the day and we later wished we had kept count! We also saw the first of many flocks of Greylag Geese, many of them grazing the small grass fields. A series of small freshwater lochs provided us with a female Goldeneye and a hunting White-tailed Eagle which kept cruising north ahead of us – probably the same individual we saw several times. Ravens and Hooded Crows were also on show throughout the day and our stop at the ancient hillfort above Dervaig added Meadow Pipit, Stonechat and Bullfinch.

A trundle into Dervaig provided views of common tits, thrushes, Grey Heron, many Chaffinches and Rock Doves. After checking the eastern shore of Loch Chumhainn we manoeuvred back onto the B8073, experiencing a little light rain. Curlew, Greenshank and Redshank were all feeding at the south end of the loch and we espied two Otters. These lithe animals were diving in shallow water amongst the boulders and provided a display of energetic behaviour before simply vanishing without trace (in all probability laying up on the wrong side of one of the boulders).

Three species of gull, Greylag Geese, a pack of Goosander and four Little Grebe were ‘also-rans’! But it had been a good start so after a celebratory chocolate, we drove further west, encountering plenty of Redwings and corvids en-route. At Croig a cracking female Hen Harrier quartered the bracken and grass next to the pier track, clearly intent on something in the vegetation. Curlew and a Redshank fed sedately on the mud.

We then headed to Calgary where we found the café was open and serving hot drinks and cakes. The yellow berries of a Rowan tree were attracting plenty of Blackbirds and the local House Sparrows and Robin were no doubt disappointed to see us eating inside the café and not outside – no crumbs would be available! A male Brambling and Grey Wagtail were seen briefly. We subsequently went for a breezy walk on Calgary beach which was productive with a juvenile Red-throated Diver in the bay, a White-tailed Eagle over the headland to the north plus a pair of Stonechats and two Greenland White-fronted Geese in flight. A light lunch was next, overlooking Port na Caillich which had Redwings feeding on the grazed land, distant Kittiwakes, a flushed Common Snipe and some adorable Highland cattle calves. On our drive out from this spot two ‘ringtail’ Hen Harriers were hunting the fields and woodland edge.

We drove along the B8073 connecting with several Kestrels and Common Buzzards and crossed moorland to reach the north shore of Loch Tuath and saw more Redwings and migrant Blackbirds and Chaffinches in sheep

and cattle fields, with a female Brambling showing nicely. Rock Pipits and Redshank were noted on the shoreline. We passed the Ulva ferry turning and continued along the north shore of Loch na Keal with many Common Buzzards and Red Deer using the ridge of rock above us. Two eagles following the ridge line proved to be juvenile White-tailed Eagles with two more circling further on. About a mile further on there were three White-tailed Eagles spiralling above a stand of conifers and two more eagles loomed into view which proved to be a pair of adult Golden Eagles. Common Buzzards and Ravens were in the airspace too, so we were really being spoiled with lots to see overhead.

Small groups of Teal and a summer plumage Great Northern Diver were along the shoreline. As the eagles became specks in the distance, we continued on our way with a fine Red Deer stag showing off the road to Salen. We took the road north to our hotel in Tobermory, arriving just before dusk. There was time to relax ahead of our 7.30pm dinner and then after the Naturetrek checklist and briefing we went for a ninety-minute night drive arriving back at 11pm. The highlights were good views of perched Barn and Tawny Owls, lots of Red Deer, a hare species, Rabbits and two Hedgehogs!!

Day 3

Friday 27th October

With a cool easterly breeze, but mostly dry conditions and sunshine and a light shower in the afternoon, today's weather was excellent for Mull at this time of year. Following breakfast, we picked up some supplies in Tobermory and headed off to the south of the island.

Our first stop was the entrance track to Dewart Castle which affords grand views looking back towards the mainland as well as some very nice fragments of deciduous woodland. Distant loafing gulls dismissed the quartering 'ringtail' Hen Harrier near them and good numbers of Redwing, probably of the Icelandic race, fed on slugs in the little cemetery. Next was a drive into the hamlet of Gorton where garden feeders attracted plenty of Coal Tits and Chaffinches. A second calendar year White-tailed Eagle soared above the edge of the mini-estuary which itself attracted Teal, Mallard, Wigeon, Canada Geese, Greenshank, Redshank, Curlew and Bar-tailed Godwit. Stonechats flitted from roadside fences and Long-tailed Tits and Goldcrests called from the trees. Common Buzzards were dwarfed by a second White-tailed Eagle – this time an adult. Winter thrushes and Blackbirds were everywhere despite the Rowan trees being already stripped of berries.

Our next venue was the road out to Grasspoint with more thrushes and Stonechats and a couple of harems of Red Deer, each with a stag in charge. At least two Sparrowhawks were careering around and hovering Common Buzzards and Kestrels were taking advantage of the breezy uplift. On our return to the main circuit road around the island three White-tailed Eagles loomed into view and gently eased west.

Our next turn off was towards Loch Spelve and in time, Lochbuie. More Stonechat and Redwings persisted on a slow drive to Lochbuie, with swaying cattle in the road ahead of us. We utilised the popular Post Office café at the end of the road for lunch/coffee and those sitting outside were besieged by hungry Chaffinches and House Sparrows, a Robin and a cock Pheasant! A few Rock Pipits flitted on the nearby rocks, yet more Stonechats posed for photographs, a male Siskin posed in birches and Shags and Common Gulls foraged in the shallows with a Great Northern Diver further out. A female House Sparrow that peered upwards made us look up and four White-tailed Eagles passed over in a north-easterly direction at some height, filing past like continental vultures.

Having refreshed, we climbed back in the minibus and then quickly decamped again when a Golden Eagle flew into view – you can't relax for a second! A hawk dragonfly was also seen here but remained unidentified.

Checking Loch Spelve on the way out paid off with a flock of Turnstones, more thrushes, a Red-throated Diver and Lapwings and then an Otter which we watched fishing for about twenty-five minutes, travelling perhaps a third of a mile along the loch shore during that time. A single and vocal Twite landed on a fence post and showed nicely before flying off.

Heading further west we encountered another 'ringtail' Hen Harrier and several pairs of Stonechats and then turned off to follow the southern shore of Loch Scridain. It was a very high tide which does not give the best conditions for this locality but dropping down to Loch na Keal we found two Pink-footed Geese feeding close to the road with Greylags. Another Red-throated Diver was next and a feeding frenzy of gulls further out attracted auks and Shags to the throng. Goosanders and Red-breasted Mergansers hugged the shoreline as we tried to take photographs of a particularly intense rainbow. A couple more Great Northern Divers were seen a fair way out.

Three Fallow Deer were at Gruline as we headed through to Salen and onwards to Tobermory, arriving at our hotel at 5.45pm. There was time to relax until our dinner at 7.30pm and a night drive of just over one hour after our Naturetrek checklist provided no hoped-for Aurora, but successfully located Red Deer and a sustained view of a hunting Tawny Owl.

Day 4

Saturday 28th October

The cool easterly breeze remained with us for much of the day, but it stayed remarkably dry with occasional periods of weak sunshine. After our breakfast and purchase of lunch provisions we left Tobermory bound for the lovely island of Iona. With distractions en-route it is normally a two-hour journey around Mull to the Fionnphort ferry and we made good time. Wildlife early in the journey included several Common Buzzards and Sparrowhawk, Red Deer and flocks of winter thrushes. As we neared the ferry we saw two adult male Hen Harriers, a perched-up adult White-tailed Eagle which flew away on approach and plenty of Common or Harbour Seals. Great Northern Divers, Shags and Red-breasted Mergansers were all fishing the rocky waters along the north shore of Loch Scridain. We saw Rooks in the fields on the Ross of Mull – these being the birds no doubt that breed on Iona.

At Fionnphort we caught the 11am ferry for the 10-minute crossing, noting more Rooks, mergansers, Ringed Plovers, Hooded Crows and Ravens. Shags, a couple of Great Northern Diver and a few Kittiwakes were in the Sound of Iona.

On Iona we took a slow dawdle around the Nunnery and past the shops and information centre, seeing plenty of common birds despite the blustery conditions. Blackbirds were especially plentiful, a Sparrowhawk was seen and there was a sprinkling of winter thrushes and a Blackcap was spotted briefly. The Iona Abbey was open with its lovely museum display. A few fields further on and Terry and Nigel found a flock of about eighty Barnacle Geese in a field, with a lone Pale-bellied Brent Goose in with the flock. Starlings, Hooded Crows and Redwings were rummaging about in the fields there too with a couple of Song Thrushes and evidence of their snail victims all over the main track.

Most of us continued walking down to the secluded beach and enjoyed our packed lunch out of the wind. A Grey Seal was off the rocks there and Cormorant, Shag and Great Northern Divers fished the inshore waters. Gannets, auks and Kittiwakes were observed further out with Pied Wagtail and Rock Pipit on the beach.

The walk back was into the wind but we stopped to look at the geese again and Rooks, Hooded Crows and a couple of Ravens hung in the air facing into the strong breeze. Small birds audible, but less visible in the gardens and hedges, included Long-tailed Tit and Goldcrests and Blackbirds argued over remnants of apples in the hotel vegetable gardens. A Great Northern Diver lingered off the ferry slip-way and Rock Doves and a single Jackdaw were attracted to the gardens with bird-feeders.

We left on the 3.30pm ferry and shortly after returning to the minibus, began the journey back to Tobermory along the length of Loch Scridain and cutting through to the southern shore of Loch na Keal and Salen. An Otter was watched fishing in Loch Scridain, close to Little Grebes, Shags and a couple of Great Northern Divers. Mistle Thrushes were with other thrushes around the loch and the two Pink-footed Geese were again with a Greylag Goose flock; a drake Goosander hadn't moved far from the previous day either. Three different Fallow Deer and a Dipper were the wildlife highlights from the Gruline area with the birds at Salen also being repeats from the previous days.

We arrived back at our hotel at about 6.20pm and had our evening meal just over an hour later. The subsequent 75-minute night drive was a quiet affair with a Wood Mouse, Red Deer and Tawny Owls being heard, but not seen, being the highlights.

Day 5

Sunday 29th October

With the clocks going back overnight, there was an opportunity for a morning walk before breakfast, albeit before sunrise. We took a walk out to the Tobermory lighthouse with views to the Ardnamurchan Peninsular, the head of Loch Sunart and a little of Morvern. The moon looked fabulous shrouded in cloud and early morning birds included Raven, Hooded Crow, Rock Pipit and plenty of Robins, Blackbirds and the like. A Bullfinch was flushed up too. Our energetic start to the day somehow made the breakfast taste even better and a Treecreeper showed very well on a Rowan tree in the hotel grounds on our return.

Nowhere was open to purchase lunch items so we left Tobermory and headed south and threaded our way through to the north shore of Loch na Keal. A proper purple patch here was the presence of four perched adult White-tailed Eagles on show at the same time as an active Otter and several fishing Great Northern Divers. Long-tailed Tits flitted past us in the scant vegetation and yet more Common Buzzards hovered and buoyed in the strong easterly breeze. We managed close views of one of the eagle pairs but most efforts at digi-scoping them failed miserably!

We slowly moved along the road, passing the Ulva Ferry turn-off and checked the terrain adjacent to Loch Tuath. Lots of thrushes were in evidence together with Chaffinch, Robin and Stonechats. Greylag Geese grazed the grass fields and Hooded Crows and Ravens rode the breezy uplift almost alongside hunting Common Buzzards. As we went to cut inland a Golden Eagle flew low overhead and careered around in the wind for quite a while, seemingly enjoying itself with Buzzards as aerial companions. Sparrowhawk and Kestrel sightings followed and then we

made for the café at Calgary for lunch. The Rowan berries in abundance three days previously were now spent so sadly no hoped-for Waxwings were present.

A light Sunday lunch was the order of the day and afterwards we staggered out for a walk onto Calgary beach again. A Great Northern Diver fished in the bay and Stonechats and Hooded Crows posed briefly as the Buzzard day-count continued to rise. After utilising the nearby facilities, we watched some Ravens and Hoodies arguing over the remnants of a culled Red Deer in the field. The same field also attracted quite a number of Blackbirds plus a fine Ring Ouzel that permitted some photos whilst we remained in the minibus. A couple of Goosanders were about the best that Croig could offer us and as we sauntered towards Dervaig, a flock of Greylags flew up and there was an adult White-tailed Eagle passing over. Four Common Snipe were the first for the trip but other birds there were mostly repeats. A Hen Harrier sailed by.

We then took the back road from Dervaig to Glen Aros with two distant Golden Eagles and three Hen Harriers hunting this open area. With heavy cloud persisting and daylight fading we headed back to Tobermory arriving at the hotel by 4.30pm. A bird heard calling in Sycamores sounded very like a Hume's Warbler, but no bird was seen with the call fading as the bird moved away up the tree line. A rather frustrating end to an otherwise good day!

However, all was not lost as after dinner it was time for a night drive which proved productive with our first confirmed sighting, with a good view, of an Irish Hare (we had failed to identify the hares seen up to this point). Two Woodcock were flushed up from the roadside and the finale was a fine Short-eared Owl initially flushed and then watched perched on the side of the road. Up to three Tawny Owls were heard calling, but not seen.

Day 6

Monday 30th October

A bright, but cool early morning vigil around the hotel failed to locate the apparent Hume's Warbler of the previous day – a Blackcap and two Bramblings were small compensation!

After breakfast and the purchase of lunch provisions we headed down to Aros and Salen where a Knot was a new species for the trip. With nothing else new, we found some Fallow Deer hiding in woodland at Gruline and then went on to explore the south shores of both Loch na Keal and Loch Scridain. A lone adult White-tailed Eagle was atop a rock, perched in a rather uncomfortable position. Rock Doves, many gulls, three Red-throated Divers and a Black Guillemot headed east further into the eastern section of Loch na Keal. Roadside Redwings flew up as we slowly progressed and we looked carefully at feeding gull flocks but failed to find any indication of accompanying cetaceans.

There were plenty of Harbour Seals hauled up on rocks or in the shallows and Great Northern Divers were plentiful. A couple of Red Deer stags included one in a garden!! We took a drive down to Carsaig, a stunning drive and bay below cliffs was all very dramatic and with great views to the south looking at Jura and Collonsay. Tame Robins and curious Long-tailed Tits provided the entertainment with a feeding Goldcrest showing well too. Yet more Harbour Seals on the rocks and a single Grey Seal in the water, plus four more Great Northern Divers and Red-breasted Mergansers were seen in the bay. Calling and displaying Common Buzzards were overhauled by an adult Golden Eagle overhead and hundreds of thrushes flew up from the cliff edge.

After a pleasant hour here we returned to the circular B road and took lunch at Knockan overlooking a craggy bay with yet more seals. As is so often the way, the wildlife interrupted lunch when an Otter was spotted fishing in the shallows around seaweed-strewn rocks. The Otter quickly scrambled onto the rocks when a small seal decided this was the place it wanted to fish. A little disgruntled perhaps, the aquatic mustelid subsequently moved out of our field of view.

With time marching on, we back-tracked along the shores of Loch Scridain and Loch na Keal. A second Otter was well spotted and watched on some rocks. However, he or she was shy and disappeared without trace – I'm sure it was in the seaweed peering out at us!

An adult White-tailed Eagle and a distant pair of Golden Eagles were next and the daily count of Grey Herons to Common Buzzards stalled on 9/14 in the Buzzards' favour. The Pink-footed Geese were on show at Loch na Keal but the last was the best when a fin was spotted out in the loch underneath a mob of excited gulls. We stopped and decamped to watch a feeding Minke Whale completing circuits and even lunge-feeding between the shoreline and the barren island of Eorsa. The whale would disappear for a few minutes at a time before either gently rolling to the surface, blowing or on more than one occasion, energetically accelerating forward, no doubt when it detected a shoal of fish. This was a complete surprise and more or less concluded our diurnal viewing for the day.

After our last dinner at the hotel everyone was keen to try one last night drive! Sadly our efforts during the week had failed to see any sign of the Northern Lights but we checked anyway. Our night adventure began with Red Deer in a field, but was otherwise, initially, quiet. However, Dervaig came up trumps in spectacular fashion with an Irish Hare cantering alongside some Rabbits, followed by two Woodcock feeding in a grass field. Whilst spotlighting the Woodcock an owl flew through the beam and began quartering the field and this proved to be a Long-eared Owl. We checked the mini-estuary from the causeway road and immediately espied an Otter running and splashing through the shallows. It came right up to us, passed under the bridge and showed in the water on the other side. Leaving it in peace, we progressed no more than 150 metres and spotted a Barn Owl perched in the tree. The night drive concluded with a Woodcock flushed up from the side of the road and then a Tawny Owl, initially in flight, and then perched on a post! If only all the night drives had been like that! It was a weary, but happy, band of Naturetrekkers who retired for our last night on Mull.

Day 7

Tuesday 31st October

Our last day together was dominated by travelling back to the mainland and home. But rather than being sedentary, we took an early morning walk to the lighthouse and back. Robins, Blackbirds and other common birds hopped along the track in front of us and we had to be careful not to stand on the Robins in the gathering light. A Bullfinch piped from the bushes, Rock Pipits flitted around the lighthouse and we watched the early boats and the Ardnamurchan ferry set out from Tobermory.

After breakfast we thanked the hotel staff who had diligently looked after us during the week. Then driving south, we stopped at the Salen toilet block for a group photo – it had given great service all week!

We drove down to the ferry terminal at Caignure where the Rock Doves and Buzzards said good-bye to us. Three Knot, three Red-throated Divers, Kittiwakes and Razorbills were seen on the crossing with Black Guillemots,

Eiders and Red-breasted Mergansers in Oban harbour. We had heard that a flock of Waxwing had been located in Oban and we managed to find them quickly. Whilst we were waiting for them to return to yew bushes in a churchyard we spotted a Hawfinch in nearby trees too.

Leaving Oban we stopped off at Tyndrum for refreshments and said goodbye to Terry and Nigel who were travelling onwards by car. In Glasgow the remainder of the group parted company – well, until the next Naturetrek tour!



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Species lists

Birds (H = Heard only)

I = Introduced		October 2023						
Common name	Scientific name	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Pale-bellied Brent Goose	<i>Branta bernicla hrota</i>				1			
Canada Goose - I	<i>Branta canadensis</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓		
Barnacle Goose	<i>Branta leucopsis</i>				80			
Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pink-footed Goose	<i>Anser brachyrhynchus</i>			2	2		2	
Greater White-fronted Goose	<i>Anser albifrons flavirostris</i>		2					
Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Wigeon	<i>Mareca penelope</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>		✓	✓				
Common Eider	<i>Somateria mollissima</i>	✓						✓
Common Goldeneye	<i>Bucephala clangula</i>		1					
Goosander	<i>Mergus merganser</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		
Red-breasted Merganser	<i>Mergus serrator</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Pheasant - I	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Red-throated Diver	<i>Gavia stellata</i>		1	2			3	3
Great Northern Diver	<i>Gavia immer</i>	✓	1	4	6	10	6	
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	✓	✓	✓	19	17	9	✓
Northern Gannet	<i>Morus bassanus</i>				2			
European Shag	<i>Gulosus aristotelis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	✓	✓	✓	1	✓	✓	✓
Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>		2	1		3	3	
Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Hen Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>		3	2	3	3		GO
White-tailed Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>	2	5/6	6+	1	5	2	
Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	✓	✓	20	10	31	14	✓
Eurasian Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>		✓	✓				
Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>				H			
Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>	✓		✓		✓	✓	
Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓
Red Knot	<i>Calidris canutus</i>						1	4
Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>				1			
Eurasian Woodcock	<i>Scolopax rusticola</i>					2	3	
Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>		✓			4	1	
Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	✓	✓	✓	H	✓	✓	✓
Black-legged Kittiwake	<i>Rissa tridactyla</i>	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓
Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common (Mew) Gull	<i>Larus canus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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Common name	Scientific name	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Great Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus marinus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
European Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common (Murre) Guillemot	<i>Uria aalge</i>	✓						✓
Razorbill	<i>Alca torda</i>							✓
Black Guillemot	<i>Cephus grylle</i>	✓			1		1	✓
Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>		1				1	
Tawny Owl	<i>Strix aluco</i>		1	1	H	H	1	
Long-eared Owl	<i>Asio otus</i>						1	
Short-eared Owl	<i>Asio flammeus</i>					1		
Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>	1					1	
Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	
Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	✓						✓
Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>	✓			1			✓
Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>	✓	1		✓			
Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>	✓						✓
Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Waxwing	<i>Bombycilla garrulus</i>							17+
Coal Tit	<i>Parus ater</i>	H	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	H
Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>				GO	H	1	
Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>		H	H	H	✓	✓	H
Treecreeper	<i>Certhia familiaris</i>			H		1	✓	H
Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Fieldfare	<i>Turdus pilaris</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Redwing	<i>Turdus iliacus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ring Ouzel	<i>Turdus torquatus</i>					1		
Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>				2	2	✓	✓
European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
White-throated Dipper	<i>Cinclus cinclus</i>				1			
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Duncock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>		✓	✓				✓
Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba yarrellii</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Eurasian Rock Pipit	<i>Anthus petrosus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Brambling	<i>Fringilla montifringilla</i>		2	GO	1		2	
Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>							1
Eurasian Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>		✓			GO	2	H
European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>	✓		✓			2	
Twite	<i>Linaria flavirostris</i>			1				
Lesser Redpoll	<i>Acanthis cabaret</i>					✓		
European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>		✓		1	1	✓	
Eurasian Siskin	<i>Spinus spinus</i>			1+			✓	

Mammals and others

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Scientific name	Common name	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
hare sp.		✓	✓					
Irish Hare	<i>Lepus timidus</i>					1	1	
European Rabbit - I	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>		✓			✓	✓	✓
Western European Hedgehog	<i>Erinaceus europaeus</i>		2					
Long-tailed Field Mouse	<i>Apodemus sylvaticus</i>				1			
River Otter	<i>Lutra lutra</i>		2	1	1	1	3	
Fallow Deer - I	<i>Dama dama</i>			✓	✓		✓	
Red Deer	<i>Cervus elaphus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Minke Whale	<i>Balaenoptera acutorostrata</i>						1	
Harbour Porpoise	<i>Phocoena phocoena</i>	✓						
Grey Seal	<i>Halichoerus grypus</i>				1		1	
Harbour Seal	<i>Phoca vitulina</i>	✓	1	1	✓	✓	✓	✓
bat sp.		✓			✓			
Angle Shades Moth	<i>Phlogophora meticulosa</i>			1				
hawker dragonfly sp.				1				