

# Wildlife of North and South Uist - The Outer Hebrides

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Corncrakes



Scenic bay - Uists



Short-eared Owl



Whimbrels and Oystercatcher

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## Day 1

**Saturday 11th May**

The group assembled at Oban's ferry terminal early morning in preparation for our voyage of over 5 hours to Lochboisdale on South Uist. Even at this stage we began to see some very interesting wildlife with both Black Guillemots and a Grey Seal in the waters of the harbour whilst a pair of Twite was flitting around the car park area.

The rain and fresh wind as we set sail didn't deter some of the group from observing from the open deck of the ferry. Swallows and House Martins were feeding at the outer reaches of the bay as were various gull species and shags. Passing the south western tip of the linear island of Lismore our first Great Northern Diver of the trip was spotted. As we headed north up the Sound of Mull a sprinkling of Razorbills, Guillemots and Puffins were evident on the sea with the striking shape of Duart Castle emerging on a Mull promontory. Further up the sound Kittiwakes were passing by and as we rounded the north of the island, with the rain easing, in addition to the previously mentioned seabirds, groups of Manx Shearwaters were seen plus the odd marauding Great Skua. It was soon evident that these weren't the only skuas around! With the most westerly point on the British mainland passed at Ardnamurchan Point and the mist shrouded "Small Isles" of Muck, Eigg, Rum and Canna partially revealing themselves, we had several wonderful sightings of Arctic Skuas followed by some spectacular views of 2 Pomarine Skuas. A little later 2 migrating Whimbrel flying low over the sea alongside the ferry was another captivating moment of the sail.

We arrived at Lochboisdale on schedule and proceeded up through South Uist before crossing the causeway on to Benbecula where we checked into our hotel, "The Dark Island". Soon afterwards we took an eastward drive along the peninsula Peter's Port road. Great Black-backed, Herring and numerous Common Gulls were evident, plus several Red-breasted Mergansers and Shelducks on the sea loch and Redshanks, Curlews and Herons feeding along the shore. At the end of road scanning the sea found several Shags, a couple of Cormorants and at least 3 rather distant Great Northern Divers, with one in full breeding plumage. Again, although rather distant too, a pair of Golden Eagles drifted around the eastern fringes to give a final farewell for the days outing.

## Day 2

Sunday 12th May

It was a dry start to the day for those out on a pre breakfast excursion. After only a few minutes in the vehicle we quickly had to disembark as a hunting Short-eared Owl gave wonderful views as it was slowly quartering low over the ground, at times passing very close to where we stood. Occasionally it alighted briefly on fence posts before resuming its aerial quest for prey. Superb! A little further on from the causeway approaching North Uist we experienced our first Corncrake, but it wasn't a visual contact as we only heard the bird calling from close by. From a minor road which ran alongside the shore we enjoyed views of a stunning summer plumaged Grey Plover. A contrasting second bird was also close by still in its winter garb along with 3 Bar-tailed Godwits. On the opposite side of the road waders were plentiful including Ringed Plovers and Dunlin, Whimbrel, 3 Golden Plover and a single Black-tailed Godwit.

After breakfast the whole group set off to North Uist and a drive down the side of Loch Eport in the rain and strong wind. A couple of mammal species were to the fore with a Grey Seal in the sea loch and a Red Deer hind and her yearling, though we failed to spot an Otter. Amongst the birdlife, despite the weather, a Skylark was singing overhead and a Great Northern Diver was fishing. Moving from the SE of the island to the NE we stopped by the fresh waters of Loch an Sticir with its island, the site of an ancient broch. In addition to several Mute Swans, a single Whooper Swan was no doubt refuelling before recommencing its journey to Iceland. Carrying on, we stopped briefly at the ferry terminal at the south end of Berneray where a Hooded Crow was incubating at a nest on a gangway on the piers infrastructure. With the tea-room on the island shut for the strict Sunday practice we returned to North Uist.

After some manoeuvres of the bus we got increasingly better views of a Greenshank together with 2 Redshank that were feeding in a small muddy creek by the roadside. From this road which orbits the island we branched off south, up a shallow moorland glen, where we were able to marvel at a hunting Short-eared Owl in the brighter conditions that had now developed. In the saddle at the top of this low pass we were treated to 3 Hen Harriers, 2 brown females and a stunning grey adult male which were frequenting this apparently ideal nesting location. Other birds around here included Buzzard, Kestrel, Raven and a Stonechat.

## Day 3

Monday 13th May

Before breakfast we visited a bay on the NW corner of South Uist. Immediately below the vehicle the beach was rocky and seaweed strewn where Dunlins and Turnstones were frantically feeding. On the sandier stretch were Ringed Plovers and Sanderlings racing around the tide line. The sea was impressive with huge waves and spray crashing over the rocks. A seal was difficult to identify in the turbulent conditions but we concentrated on 5 ducks which were constantly disappearing in the troughs and briefly reappearing on top of the surf. Eventually we were delighted to discover they were a late group of Long-tailed Ducks. Arctic Terns were perpetually flying over the sea against the buffeting wind with the odd Fulmar also observed.

Later we drove to the most westerly point on South Uist at Rubha Aird a' Mhuile. Here the wind and wave action was even more dramatic than earlier. The light was wonderful too creating a very atmospheric scene which even included 2 rainbows; though you had to stand in the lee of the vehicle to enjoy it!

On the final approach and off road we passed through fields which held several wader species including 23 Whimbrel plus 4 Lesser Black-backed Gulls. At the edge of the sea despite the intense wind we had good views of both Arctic and four stunning Pomarine Skuas.

Afterwards we crossed to the opposite, east side of the island, at Loch Eynort. This sea loch is relatively sheltered and some of the Uists best woodland is found here. Various passerines have taken advantage of this and we heard and saw Willow Warbler, Wren, Siskin, Robin, Blackbird and Chaffinch. Swallows were hawking here too with Ravens overhead and with both Red-breasted Mergansers and Red-throated Diver on the sea. When we were returning to the main road a splendid male Hen Harrier gave great views as it criss-crossed around the van intent on hunting.

Finally, having dropped some of the group off back at the hotel we took a slow drive down to Peter's Port. A couple of Little Grebes were diving on a small freshwater lochan along with Tufted Duck and a female Hen Harrier was quartering the area. Along the sea loch there were Shelduck, Red-breasted Mergansers and a Common Tern. At the end of the road 2 Great Northern Divers were in view on the sea, together with several Shags, a Cormorant and a Black Guillemot. Coming back we watched a Lapwing commence brooding one of its chicks and moments later we hoped it would keep its head down as a male Hen Harrier appeared hunting nearby! Almost back at the hotel, Coot and Moorhen on a small pool were new birds for the tour.

## Day 4

Tuesday 14th May

Early morning we drove westwards on a road just to the north but parallel with the Peter's Port one. A male Hen Harrier was soon seen hunting and flushed Redshank and Snipe as it quartered the ground. A little further we discovered several occupied Heron nests on small outcrops overhanging an inlet of the sea loch. This allowed great viewing of the birds in this interesting site and additionally here we also observed both Buzzard and Cuckoo whilst a Red Deer hind with its yearling calf were keeping a wary eye on us. Passerines encountered included Wren, Wheatear, Stonechat and fleetingly a Twite. With breakfast calling we turned around by a croft house where a Short-eared Owl offered good views of itself both flying and perched on a fence post. A female Hen Harrier rounded off our session.

Later, acting on intelligence received, we headed on a mission to North Uist. En route by the Post Office at Baile Mhanaich we spotted a Twite feeding on wild flowers growing in some mown grass verges. We then took the minor unclassified road which bisects North Uist and passed through the shallow saddle where a couple of Buzzards and briefly a male Golden Eagle showed above the east hillside. A Short-eared Owl was seen here too and further on a Hen Harrier. Arriving at the crafting township of Solas on the north side of the island we began our quest. A lovely group of around 20 Golden Plovers were quickly seen but it was several more minutes and a slight change of location before we confirmed our target. The Snowy Owl we were seeking was now in clear view. Having parked up, we were able to move closer on foot to study and photograph this stunning male bird roosting on the ground by a fence line. It was fantastic to see such an iconic species and one that is really hard to find anywhere in the world.

So far today the weather had been dry, but the sighting of a close Great Northern Diver by the causeway to Berneray lured 3 keen members of the group to quickly de-bus, only to be caught in a torrential shower, whilst the diver lived up to its name and was not seen again!

At the nearby ferry terminal we observed a variety of birds including another Great Northern Diver, a Black Guillemot, 2 Razorbills, several Arctic Terns and a splendid Little Tern, plus for the mammals a single Grey Seal. With the showers becoming less frequent we returned to N Uist and followed the road westwards. More Short-eared Owl sightings ensued before we stopped by Loch Scolpaig. We wandered down to this freshwater body with its castle-like island tower. A male Wigeon was amongst the waterfowl on the NE side, as were a pair of Whooper Swans, with a single of this species on the SW side. Taking the opportunity for a comfort stop at Balranald a Glaucous Gull was one of several gull species in a nearby field. Yet another Short-eared Owl was seen on our final leg of the journey to the hotel during which we added a new mammal species for the tour, namely a Brown Rat!

## Day 5

Wednesday 15th May

Good views of Shovelers were had from the road passing between the fresh water lochs, Mor and Fada on Benbecula at first thing this morning. Further along the road a male Whinchat retreated from the roadside fence and became more difficult to see well. An even greater challenge however ensued a little later at a coastal bay where Whimbrels, Turnstones and masses of Dunlin were feeding amongst rocks, plus an extremely elusive Greenshank which we were painstakingly guided onto. Those there will know what I mean! Out in the bay Great Northern Diver and Eider were on the sea with Gannets and Arctic Terns passing over.

After breakfast we headed for Loch Eynort in South Uist. The sea loch hosted many Common Seals, plus Red-breasted Mergansers, Shags, Cormorant, Eiders and at least 5 Red-throated Divers. Two Great Black-backed Gulls were feeding on a sheep carcass. Within the protection of an extensive deer fence, and relatively sheltered by the hills, quite a woodland was developing. Here lots of passerines were active such as Willow Warblers, Robins, Chaffinches, Redpolls, Goldfinches and Hooded Crows, whilst Herons were nesting in Scots Pines. Whilst taking all this in an Otter was spotted out on the sea loch and although not close we took turns to watch this wonderful creature busy fishing. Scanning around more distantly we twice had brief views of Golden Eagle, on one occasion mobbed by a pair of Ravens. Again some distance away, we began to witness some White-tailed Eagle activity and we eventually realised that one of the adults from the resident pair was trying to chase off 2 intruding immature birds that were reluctant to leave. Despite the range it's always very interesting and a privilege to observe such events.

After dropping some of the group off at the hotel the remainder visited Loch Skipport. Like this morning's sea loch this too was on the east of South Uist, and about 6 miles further north over the mountains as the eagle flies. After negotiating our way through the over-friendly Shetland ponies we arrived at the head of the loch. A Great Northern Diver was fishing the inlet with a constant flow of Gannets passing the outlet to the open sea. A distant Golden Eagle appeared over the skyline of a southern peak whilst nearby a pair of Ravens were feeding at least 2 young in their nest on a rocky face. Finally as we headed back we took a look at the west side of the island where an attractive Black-tailed Godwit was feeding obligingly in a roadside pool and along the shore there were many Ringed Plovers, Dunlins, Turnstones and 3 splendid Grey Plovers.

## Day 6

Thursday 16th May

Our pre-breakfast excursion took us across the causeway to the NW corner of South Uist.

A Twite alighted on a fence line and some of the party managed to see its pink rump. Close by a Snipe obligingly perched on a fence post and a little further on a Sedge Warbler was singing from cover but patience paid off and we had a visual. Also singing from cover in the area were Corncrakes, but seeing one is an entirely different matter. What was almost certainly one suddenly flew into our field of view but just as suddenly disappeared into rushes. An agonising miss! However we persisted in tracking these elusive but highly vocal long distant migrants and finally we had a sighting in an overgrown garden. It was just a tantalising glimpse but we were determined now and slowly but surely we attained increasingly better and lengthier views. What's more we saw another one, followed by a third! All in the same garden and it appeared to comprise of 2 singing rival males, one of which had already attracted a female. This was soon confirmed when we had a display by the paired male, immediately followed by mating. We were able to observe their intimate behaviour at length until, reluctantly; we had to return to the hotel.

Later we all visited Balranald on North Uist. A Corncrake was calling here too but it wasn't seen by any of the party. Another bird heard here was a Corn Bunting and we were all pleased to see this increasingly scarce British species, singing from a fence. A little further away we scanned a moorland hillside with small rocky outcrops. It was amongst these that we picked out a Golden Eagle sitting on its eyrie. After about 10 minutes a second Golden Eagle appeared, mobbed by a Raven. This bird appeared to be a male with its mate at the nest. He alighted close to the nest, where he preened and stretched before flying leisurely across the hillside all the time enabling excellent views. The female took off soon after this and flew in the opposite direction being mobbed by a Common Gull which allowed us to appreciate the true size of this very large raptor, before she circled around and returned to the eyrie.

Having enjoyed super views of the Golden Eagle pair we took the chance from the same area to scan out west into the Atlantic and with our optics we could make out the distinctive shape of St Kilda. We then drove to an area with good Corncrake numbers aware that some of the group hadn't been with us when we had those wonderful views before breakfast. However with no calling birds heard we carried on to visit a nearby chambered cairn on Beinn Langais whilst we were still on North Uist.

Then after a brief stop at the hotel, spotting a male Hen Harrier en-route we went down to Peter's Port on Benbecula. Reed Bunting and Stonechat were amongst the passerines seen; with on the sea loch and more open waters, Red-breasted Mergansers, and Black Guillemots and a Great Northern Diver showing. Both Common and Arctic Terns were over the water as were passing Gannets. With a scope, a Golden Eagle was observed perched on an island trig point, which was joined by its mate moments later. But this was a distant view and we appreciated the earlier encounter of the North Uist pair all the more. Also on the same island we spotted a single Red Deer but we had much closer views of a stag, with its antlers in velvet, as we began our return journey. A little further along 3 Red Deer hinds were cautiously watching us from close to the roadside and a hunting Short-eared Owl concluded our day.

## Day 7

Friday 17th May

Culla Bay on the west side of Benbecula was where we commenced our day, before breakfast. The views were stunning looking southwards across the lovely sandy beach, with low cloud rising in front of the South Uist mountains.

Six Whimbrel were in an adjacent field as we arrived and at least 14 Ravens were in the vicinity. Ringed Plovers, Turnstones and Sanderling were frantically feeding along the shore with 2 summer-plumaged Great Northern Divers fishing just off shore as were several Arctic Terns. After spending some time absorbing the ambiance we took a briefer stop at the next bay where the same species were seen plus Cormorant and Dunlin.

A couple of Twites were in the road as we took a minor road to the NW corner of South Uist heading for Cill Amhlaidh. We stopped at the same road junction as we did early on Thursday morning and observed the same garden. Almost immediately a Corncrake was heard and then a second. Moments later the stakeout proved a success when we were delighted to see one and see one very well. It was particularly pleasing that those who hadn't been with us yesterday had now see one too.

Next we went to the headland of Rubha Aird a' Mhuile. We passed a couple of Buzzards by the turnoff and at the furthest driveable point we scanned the surroundings. Here waders included Dunlin and over 50 Sanderling. Both Red-throated and Great Northern Divers were on the sea along with Eiders. A new species for the tour arrived flying in from over the sea in the form of 4 splendid Brent Geese which landed on the fresh water lagoon within the headland. From the point itself there were passing Gannets, a couple of Razorbills and we watched an Arctic Skua harassing the Arctic Terns. Several seals were also on the coast here and one particular Grey Seal showed off its distinguishing features well.

Taking a break from wildlife watching we then visited the nearby museum which had some interesting displays plus the bonus of a tea room with some tasty home baking. After which we travelled the short distance to Loch Eynort. We had a good view of a roadside Cuckoo and then in a car chase an action movie would be proud of, we tried to drive ahead of a White-tailed Eagle which was steadily flying towards the sea loch. When we halted the huge adult with its white tail was already beginning to gain height and on the opposite side of the water from where it started to soar and drifted off further west. From the woodland area just beyond the end of the public road a couple of distant adult Golden Eagles were seen several times, though the main focus was on the closer birdlife, including Willow Warblers, Wrens, Song Thrushes and the Herons which were to-ing and fro-ing from their nest wood. A Goldcrest was also heard here and on the water we saw a Red-throated Diver, Black Guillemot, Red-breasted Mergansers and over a dozen Common Seals. On our return drive to the hotel a splendid Red Deer stag with his antlers in velvet posed by the roadside.

## Day 8

Saturday 18th May

At six o'clock some keen members of the group set off for what was to become a very long day, although we didn't know that at the time! We went to an area we hadn't explored before on the NE side of South Uist around Sanndabhaig. A Common Tern over some fresh water just after crossing the causeway gave good views as did a quartering Short-eared Owl a little further on. At Sanndabhaig a Rock Pipit wasn't put off by the "industrialisation" of the pier area and showed itself well, though hopefully not too well as a Sparrowhawk dashed by. Other birds seen included a drake Wigeon and a Cormorant. Contrasting with the buildings around the pier at another nearby bay a wonderfully restored thatched roofed croft house was a pleasure to see.

After breakfast and the vehicle packed with our luggage we set off for South Uist again, but this time to the northwest. Here a couple of Great Northern Divers were feeding close to shore from where we observed and from the landward side a Corncrake was calling.

Amongst the Sanderlings, Dunlin and Turnstones a Purple Sandpiper was found but only seen by 2 of the group. However everyone saw the pair of Long-tailed Ducks that were diving just off shore. On our way further south we de-bussed quickly to watch an adult White-tailed Eagle forcing itself against the strong northerly. It was flying so low, no-doubt to reduce the winds effect, that we only saw it intermittently for fleeting moments. Much easier to see was a male Hen Harrier hunting around some roadside lochans. When we arrived at Lochboisdale's ferry terminal we received confirmation that the Oban ferry had been cancelled. Fortunately the North Uist to Skye ferry was still operating so with few options left we booked ourselves onto the next sailing.

We drove north, back through South Uist, across Benbecula and onto North Uist arriving at Lochmaddy with ample time. However the spare time was soon eroded when an Otter was spotted close to the ferry terminal. Keeping a low profile we were able to see this wonderful creature in the sea just a few metres out from our vantage point. It was fishing in the very choppy water but each time it dived we quickly relocated before it surfaced. Obliging, it came ashore with a bigger catch which gave us the chance to observe it in a different mode, before it returned to the sea where we eventually lost it as it fished further away.

Once on the ferry, we took up station on the starboard side, where there was some shelter from the fierce north-easterly. Conditions for sea watching were difficult but we tried our best. Gannets were frequently seen, no-doubt due to their size and colour but we did manage to see a steady trickle of Puffins with the odd Guillemot and Razorbills, plus quite a few Kittiwakes, Arctic Terns and at least 19 Fulmars. A pirating Great Skua completed the list until we approached the relatively more sheltered waters near Uig where we saw Black Guillemots. Once ashore a long drive south ensued, down through Skye, with a break for some supper at Broadford before crossing the bridge onto the mainland. After that it was virtually a continuous drive, through Glen Shiel, Glen Garry, the Great Glen, and then following the coast from Fort William to Oban to arrive just before midnight. We passed through some wonderful scenery but alas it was it was shrouded in either cloud or darkness but I don't think anyone minded as we were pleased to be back in position for tomorrows schedules!

PS; As you were aware the Snowy Owl is only seen at best infrequently on North Uist and it is now apparently on St Kilda. After 2 consecutive days at Solas during which time we managed to see it, it wasn't seen again for nearly a week. In that period of absence a party of birders at Solas spent the best part of an hour stalking a white football!

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## Species List

Birds (✓ = recorded but not counted; h = heard only)

	Common name	Scientific name	May							
			11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
1	Common Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>		3						
2	Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>	✓	50+	50+	50	50+	✓	50+	✓
3	Brent Goose	<i>Branta bernicla</i>					24		4	
4	Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	50	✓	70+	✓
5	Whooper Swan	<i>Cygnus cygnus</i>		1		3				
6	Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>	16	30+	20	✓	30	✓	30	✓
7	Eurasian Wigeon	<i>Anas penelope</i>	2	3		1				1
8	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
9	Northern Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>	2			2	6	3		
10	Eurasian Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>		3			2			
11	Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>	10	10	10	✓	30	✓	12	✓
12	Common Eider	<i>Somateria mollissima</i>	20	20	20+	30	✓	25	20+	30
13	Long-tailed Duck	<i>Clangula hyemalis</i>			5					2
14	Red-breasted Merganser	<i>Mergus serrator</i>	8	20+	30	20+	30	20+	20+	25+
15	Red-throated Diver	<i>Gavia stellata</i>		1	3		6	4	1	
16	Great Northern Diver	<i>Gavia immer</i>	3	6+	5	5	5	2	5	2
17	Northern Fulmar	<i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>	10		8					19
18	Manx Shearwater	<i>Puffinus puffinus</i>	50							
19	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>			2	1				
20	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	2	5	6	6	10	5	10	8
21	Northern Gannet	<i>Morus bassanus</i>	30		10	6	12		10	20
22	European Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i>	20	3	12	10	10+	10+	12	20
23	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	10	2	3	3	4	1	20	12
24	White-tailed Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>					4		1	1
25	Northern Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>		3	3	4		3		1
26	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>						1		1
27	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	2	4	3	4	3	6	5	4
28	Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>	2			1	1	4	2	
29	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>		1						
30	Corn Crake	<i>Crex crex</i>		h		h		3	1	h
31	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>			1					
32	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>			1					
33	Eurasian Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>	20+	100	100+	100	100+	100+	100+	100+
34	Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>	12	30	20	20+	30	20+	20+	30
35	European Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis apricaria</i>		4		15		4		
36	Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>		4			6			
37	Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	1	50	50+	40	100+	40+	40	30
38	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>		1		2		2		
39	Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>		1			1			
40	Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>	1	6		4				
41	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	2	25	40	20	25	10	20	10
42	Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>	2	2	5	6	5	5	6	6
43	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>	4	20	20	10	20	12	15	20
44	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>		2		1	1			1
45	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>				1				
46	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>		6	10	20	30	30	50+	50+
47	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>			30		30	10	50+	50

	Common name	Scientific name	May							
			11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
48	Purple Sandpiper	<i>Calidris maritima</i>								1
49	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>		200	30	20	100+	30	50	100+
50	Black-legged Kittiwake	<i>Rissa tridactyla</i>	50	2	5					12
51	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>	1	20	10	10	20	10	10	12
52	Common Gull	<i>Larus canus</i>	40	30	100+	100+	100+	40+	100+	100+
53	Glaucous Gull	<i>Larus hyperboreus</i>				1				
54	Great Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus marinus</i>	20	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
55	European Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	✓	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
56	Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>			4	4	2		2	
57	Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>				2	2	1		
58	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>		4	1			2		1
59	Arctic Tern	<i>Sterna paradisaea</i>	40	8	100+	20	20+	40	20	50+
60	Great Skua	<i>Stercorarius skua</i>	3				1			1
61	Pomarine Skua	<i>Stercorarius pomarinus</i>	3		4					
62	Arctic Skua	<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>	4		4				1	
63	Common Guillemot	<i>Uria aalge</i>	30							10
64	Razorbill	<i>Alca torda</i>	50			2			10	12
65	Black Guillemot	<i>Cepphus grylle</i>	20	2	3	1	2	2	2	2
66	Atlantic Puffin	<i>Fratercula arctica</i>	25							30
67	Common Pigeon (Rock Dove)	<i>Columba livia</i>		7	50	50	100+	50+	50+	50+
68	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	2	1					1	2
69	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>				1	h		1	
70	Snowy Owl	<i>Bubo scandiacus</i>				1m				
71	Short-eared Owl	<i>Asio flammeus</i>		2		6		1		1
72	Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	1	6	5	2	5	10	6	10
73	Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	2	4	2	4	10	5	20+	10
74	Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>								
75	Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>	1	4	10	6	5	4	6	4
76	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>				2		4		
77	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	2		7	3	6	6	4	6
78	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	5							
79	Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>			1	3	6		3	
80	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>								
81	Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>						3	h	
82	Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>					h			
83	Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	h		1	1	2	2	1	
84	Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	40	100+	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
85	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	10	2	8	10	6	10	10	12
86	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>		2		1	2	1	1	2
87	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>			1		2		2	
88	Twite	<i>Carduelis flavirostris</i>	2			4		1	2	
89	Common Linnet	<i>Carduelis cannabina</i>					2	2		
90	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>				1		1		
91	Common Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>						2		

## Mammals

1	Rabbit	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
2	Brown Rat	<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>				2				
3	Red Deer	<i>Cervus elaphus</i>		14		2		5	2	
4	Common Seal	<i>Phoca vitulina</i>			10	1	20	20	20	
5	Grey Seal	<i>Halicaeorus grypus</i>	1	2		1		1	1	1

	Common name	Scientific name	May							
			11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
6	European Otter	<i>Lutra lutra</i>					1			1

### Butterflies

1	Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>					2	2	1	
2	Small Tortoiseshell	<i>Aglais urticae</i>						1	1	



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