

# Scotland – Alladale in Spring

Naturetrek Tour Report

15th – 22nd May 2022

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Great Skua



Red Squirrel



Black-throated Diver



Mountain Hare

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## Summary

The inaugural Spring tour to Alladale was a great success. Perched with a commanding view over spectacular Highland scenery, the traditional stone Lodge is a wonderful location from which to explore the Wilderness Reserve, yet convenient to visit other important habitats further afield.

Whilst the Lodge served up luscious cuisine, the Reserve served up some special Highland wildlife including Golden Eagle, Osprey, Ptarmigan, Black Grouse, Ring Ouzel plus on one occasion a Mountain Hare. Several Red Deer stags frequented the environs of the Lodge, with Swifts screaming around the building and Woodcocks roding at the approach of dusk. Alladale is a partner in the captive Wildcat breeding program, and we experienced a fascinating tour of their breeding enclosures with close views of the felines.

We enjoyed several close encounters of Red Squirrels just outside the reserve, whilst on one of the away days, both Common & Grey Seals were to the fore at Loch Fleet where we viewed no less than four Ospreys. A Greenshank foraged along the shore here and other waders including a superb summer plumaged Sanderling showed well nearby. On a day trip to the spectacular island of Handa, we were treated to the sights, sounds and smells of tens of thousands of nesting seabirds. Amongst them were Guillemots, Razorbills, Black Guillemots and Puffins plus Kittiwakes, Fulmars and both Great & Arctic Skuas. If that wasn't enough from our vantage point atop the island's cliffs we looked down on a pod of five Orcas!!! Last but not least, on the drive over, we marvelled at a pair of resplendent Black-throated Divers in breeding plumage close at hand.

## Day 1

Sunday 15th May

With most guests driving to Alladale independently there was only a small group to collect at Inverness Railway Station. We headed away sharply in bright, sunny conditions and were soon crossing the Kessock Bridge high over the Beaully Firth. Travelling through the area of Ross-shire known as the Black Isle, we spotted our first Red Kite gliding effortlessly over the road. Here the landscape was of rolling, mixed farmland interspersed with woodland, however after half an hour or so we left the A9 and gradually the scenery began to change. The road climbed an old route to the north known as the Struie where scrubland and open moorland became dominant. Stopping at a lay-by with a vista down to the Dornoch Firth below us, we took the opportunity to stretch our legs and embrace the view. Several passerines were active nearby with Meadow Pipits, Willow Warblers and a pair of Stonechats flitting around, whilst a Cuckoo was quite vocal though proved elusive to see. In the opposite direction from the firth, we watched a Buzzard and Red Kite soaring low just as a much bigger bird of prey drifted in. This proved to be an immature White-tailed Eagle which allowed good size comparisons with the other two raptors as they circled slowly around.

Resuming our journey, we descended to the shores of the Dornoch Firth in to Sutherland near Ardgay. At the small village we branched off up Strathconnon and not long after we saw our first Red Deer of the tour, with a herd of 30 grazing on the lower hillside above the road. Henceforth the scenery became wilder with much native woodland and soon we enter the Alladale Wilderness Reserve. We easily negotiated gravel road to the Lodge where we were greeted by Stuart the Hospitality Manager. After smoothly checking in to our rooms we enjoyed tea & cake in the lounge before exploring the immediate environs of the tradition Victoria Shooting Lodge. Amongst

others, House Martins were nesting under the eaves, Swifts screeched by at tremendous speed whilst Siskins squabbled on the feeders. A little later in the dining room, our personal chef set the bar high with an exquisite meal, a level she maintained throughout our stay. As a final treat of the day most of the guests joined Dave on the lawn in front of the Lodge just before 10pm where we were rewarded with great views of a roding Woodcock which passed croaking low overhead and still in good light.

## Day 2

Monday 16th May

Some of the guests joined Dave at 06:00 hrs for a birdwatching stroll from the Lodge. Others set out later independently though many had already recorded the first bird of the day from their rooms with a Tawny Owl calling before and after dawn. Collectively, quite a few species were observed including Willow Warblers, Treecreeper, Redpoll, Siskins, Raven & Heron. Singing Redstart and Cuckoo were heard though not seen, whilst several Red Deer stags allowed close views with one enduring a Starling on its back!

After breakfast the whole group embarked on a Range Rover and two Land Rovers driven by three of the reserves rangers, Ryan, Ronnie & Neil to explore the reserve. First we headed for the Falls of Glencalvie a notable Salmon leap. With the river level low there was no leaping though we did see a Salmon trapped temporarily in a pool midway up the falls. A Grey Wagtail was on the rocks near at hand with two Ospreys sailed around some distance away.

We followed this with an excursion in to Glenalladale during which the three rangers informed the group about the Wilderness Reserve and pointed out the intended route for exploring the mountain environment on a later day.

Next Ryan introduced us to the Wildcats and explained how the kittens born in the enclosures here were augmenting a wider captive breeding programme which in the near future plans to release Wildcats in to suitable wild locations in the Highlands. Being so close to these beautiful felines was really something special.

After a comfort stop at the Lodge, we drove in convoy up Gleann Mor. As the rain had set in, lunch was taken in the shelter of the Badger Hide. Through the large window looking on to the river we observed amongst others Sand Martins, Grey Wagtails & a pair of Teal. During the drive along the glen, a pair Red-breasted Mergansers were seen by the river and a Golden Eagle was sailing over hillside above us. One of the vehicles also had a brief view of a Ring Ouzel.

Finally we visited the Aquaponic Garden where we were shown how food plants in large greenhouses were grown by feeding them with nutrient rich water. Back at the Lodge we had time for relaxation before another superb evening meal during which time we observed two roding Woodcocks through the dining room window!

## Day 3

Tuesday 17th May

The Lodge was enveloped by mist when we rose in the morning, quite atmospheric with the local Stags emerging & then vanishing into haze. However, by breakfast it had all burned off and the sun shone brightly as we set off for the island of Handa on the northwest coast with the group divided between the Range Rover and the minibus.

Early in the drive, we observed an Osprey and following a comfort stop at Lairg, we were treated to wonderful close views of a pair of resplendent summer plumaged Black-throated Divers which graced the waters of Loch Shin. Much further into the journey, we pulled up to enjoy two majestic Golden Eagles, one was quartering the slope to our left, whilst the second crossed over from the opposite hillside to join it. It was a privilege to see these great raptors in such good weather conditions.

Arriving at Tarbet from where the ferry departs to Handa, we took our lunch whilst waiting for the boat. Nearby a singing Sedge Warbler was a new species for the tour as were a couple of Rock Pipits at the shore and Dave spotted a small flock of Rock Doves.

Once underway on the RIB ferry, we began to see a sprinkling of birds on the sea including Black Guillemots, Shags and Eiders. Upon landing we were met & briefed by the rangers of the Scottish Wildlife Trust who managed the island on behalf of the owner. The group then set off on the trail that passes through the centre of Handa with Meadow Pipits, Wheatears & Skylarks regularly seen and heard. Ravens too announced their presence with regular deep croaking and soon we encountered Great & Arctic Skuas with both dark & light morphs observed in the moorland either side of our route. The gruesome side of nature was revealed to the group when they witnessed a Great Skua killing a fellow Great Skua alongside the trail. However that incident aside, other experiences on the island were extremely upbeat especially when we arrived atop the 400' north coast cliffs. Here we marvelled at the massed ranks of thousands of Guillemots, Razorbills and Kittiwakes that lined the ledges plus Fulmars and Shags. It wasn't just the vision that greeted us, but the cacophony of sound and odour of guano of a vibrant seabird city. Scanning the crowded auks revealed a sprinkling of delightful Puffins and also of note were the bridled form of Guillemots. If this wasn't enough, a sensational bonus was the presence of five Orcas cruising back and forth several hundred metres out from our vantage point on the cliff top. After some time enjoying these magnificent cetaceans, when we noted the pod included two calves, we had to steal ourselves away to complete the circular trail back to the landing beach. En route, we passed close to a sentinel cock Red Grouse who likely had a nest close by.

Early in the return drive, we stopped to see three Cuckoos perched together on overhead wires before relaxing to view the wonderful Highland scenery along the route.

## Day 4

Wednesday 18th May

Pre breakfast, a variety of wildlife was observed, including Spotted Flycatchers, Cuckoo, Long-tailed Tits and a Roe Deer buck.

We divided into two groups after breakfast with five members joining Ryan for a mountain trip whilst the remainder explored with Dave.

The latter group started with a short walk to the falls at Glencalvie. At least one Salmon was seen in a deep pool though no leaping was observed possibly due to the low water levels. Continuing down to Amat, we were delighted to have close views of two single Red Squirrels - one didn't linger though fortunately for the observers, the other was in no hurry. Other sightings here included Buzzard, mating Spotted Flycatchers, male Bullfinch and a stunning male Redpoll. We took lunch near the Dornoch Firth where new species for the tour included Shelduck, Linnet and Yellowhammer, before a visit to Croick Church. We learned of the building's sad historical links to the

notorious Highland Clearances, but also enjoyed further wildlife there, including Redpolls, Stonechats and a wonderful male Whinchat singing from a fence post. Additionally, we noted a herd of circa twenty Sika Deer grazing nearby.

Meanwhile Ryan's group having transferred from the Range Rover to an Argocat, ascended the hill ridge of Glun Liath to the north of Glenalladale. There in quite challenging conditions due to the strong wind, they managed to see around six Ptarmigan, some at close range. From their lofty position the group had both a vista to the east of the North Sea but also west to the Minch on the Atlantic side.

Later with the entire group reunited and recalling their different experiences over dinner, through the window we watched a Red Deer stag with its antlers in velvet feeding on the lawn whilst a Red Kite graced the sky above. Many more Red Deer were seen later on an after-dinner drive, plus also numerous Sika's and two single roding Woodcock.

## Day 5

Thursday 19th May

A number of the group joined Dave at 06:00 hrs to check a Black Grouse lek site on a hillside above the Lodge. During the 25-minute approach walk, a number of Red Deer were observed, whilst bird sighting included two Cuckoos. Arriving at the observation point, two Blackcock was the reward for the uphill trek, though unfortunately it was a brief view with both birds flying off low. On the leisurely return walk there was the opportunity for botanising with both Butterwort & Sundew findings.

After breakfast, like yesterday, the group split again with Ryan taking those for the mountain expedition. Once they had driven well up Glenalladale in the Range Rover they transferred to the Argocat for the ascent to the mountain ridge. The weather conditions proved kinder than yesterday with the wind abating and after disembarking from their second mode of transport the group completed a 2K walk in the high terrain. Approximately seven Ptarmigan were encountered with singles of Wheatear and Golden Plover, plus an exciting bonus of a very close Mountain Hare. Again like yesterday, it was possible to see both coasts before boarding the Argocat for the return journey to the glen.

Meanwhile those with Dave had headed for Glencalvie stopping en route to observe a doe Roe Deer. In the pool below the falls, at least one Salmon was present though there were no attempts to leap up the rocky water chute. Birds around this beautiful location included Mistle Thrush, Cuckoo, a pair of Grey Wagtails and a Common Sandpiper providing great views.

Later a pair of Spotted Flycatchers showed well at Amat where we also saw another Cuckoo. A Stonechat and Sika Deer were observed further down Strathcarron whilst heading for our lunch spot at the head of the Dornoch Firth. There we witnessed a succession of House Martins collecting mud for their nests, half a dozen snorkelling Goosanders and a Snipe obligingly perched on a fence post. From a different site on the south side of the Firth, two Red Kites, an Osprey and a Peregrine though disappointingly distant. Later another raptor showed better when we had returned up Strathcarron to visit Croick Church. There we watched a Golden Eagle attracting the unwanted attention of several mobbing corvids, whilst on a nearby fence post a very smart male Whinchat was singing.

It was to Croick where we took an optional after dinner evening drive from 21:00 until 22:15 hrs. Numerous deer were observed, both Red & Sika, with a Kestrel being the most interesting of the birds along the route.

## Day 6

Friday 20th May

Several members of the group had an early start to visit the Lodges local Black Grouse lek site escorted by Dave. Although it was the bubbling sound of Blackcock expected, it was in fact the bubbling call of Cuckoo which rang out on the ascent. Three times we heard this lesser known vocal of the Cuckoo and another delightful voice that morning was a singing Skylark. Before arriving by the lek a Heron glided overhead and like yesterday we twice had a close but brief view of at least one Blackcock.

Later the whole group with Ryan in the Range Rover and Dave in the minibus set off for Loch Fleet about an hour's drive away. Early in the journey we stopped at Amat where we were very pleased to observe three Red Squirrels in the conifers near the bridge. Two new mammal species for the tour were found when we arrived at Loch Fleet where from the southern shore of this sea loch we viewed numerous Harbour Seals on sandbanks, with others swimming in the main channels. A careful scan of those hauled out revealed two Grey Seals amongst them. Quite a few Eiders, including many striking drakes and several Red-breasted Mergansers were on the water whilst overhead we had at least four Ospreys. Wonderful views were had of these large fishing raptors in flight then a little later we observed three perched more distantly out on the sandbars. At least a couple of Herons were around the shore where waders comprised of Greenshank, Curlew and Oystercatchers.

Moving on to the nearby Mound, we were greeted by the sight of an Osprey perched not far from a massive nest in a nearby tree. We took lunch here during which time we enjoyed a variety of species included Heron, Common Sandpipers, Goosanders, Red-breasted Mergansers, Shelduck, Mallard, Teal and around ten Pink-footed Geese which hadn't departed for their northern breeding grounds.

After a comfort stop, we followed this with a coastal visit at Embo where we found several waders in breeding plumage. These included 15 Sanderling, 23 Knot, a Dunlin and 30 Ringed Plover, all of which we were able to admire at close range. A couple of Sandwich Terns passed by close inshore and a family of agitated Stonechats flitted about in the nearby gorse.

We finished the day with a walk through the extensive forest near Tain where both Crossbills & Crested Tits breed. However none of the latter were detected whilst the former only gave tantalising glimpses. A pair of delightful Bullfinches showed well feeding on the edge of the forest road where we also had a Chiffchaff by a puddle. Other encounters were of Siskin, Chaffinch, Coal Tit and Long-tailed Tit in this predominantly pine woodland.

## Day 7

Saturday 21st May

With rangers Ryan, Ronnie and Neil the group departed the Lodge in Land & Range Rovers to explore the reserve further. Starting in Gleann Mor, it wasn't long before we "de-bused" when a male Ring Ouzel was spotted feeding by the track, its white breast crescent and yellow bill showing well. Other birds we saw here included Wheatear and Stonechat, whilst those in the first vehicle also saw a Redwing. Soon after we watched a Greenshank and several Golden Plover feeding between the track and river, though the accumulative number of the latter eventually numbered circa 30. More Ring Ouzels & Wheatears were encountered as we progressed up the glen plus Mallard,

Teal, Common Gulls & Sand Martins. An adult Golden Eagle was quartering the hill side on the SE side of the glen before crossing over to work the ridge on the opposite side.

A comfort stop was taken at Deanich Lodge where a pair of Spotted Flycatchers were busy hawking around the steading, Sand Martins were visiting nest holes in the river bank. A drake Red-breasted Merganser was on the river and the day's third male Ring Ouzel was seen, whilst a Snipe was heard but not seen. Next, we took the fork into Gleann Beag driving to a weir which had a view over a Golden Eagle nesting area. Lunch was eaten here during which time it was realised that a pair of Dippers had a nest and frequently arrived with bills full of food. Both Pied & Grey Wagtails flitted around, a Cuckoo flew over whilst the day's fourth Ring Ouzel was heard singing though not seen. Eventually a Golden Eagle was spotted briefly flying by the known nesting area before drifting distantly to the opposite side of the glen.

Before returning back down Gleann Mor a diversion to the head of Loch Vaich was taken. On route we saw another male Ring Ouzel plus Wheatear, though at the loch itself, most birdlife was distant but included Greenshank, Black-throated Diver and two Red-breasted Mergansers. On the drive back, on this lovely sunny day most of the group opted to walk back to the Lodge from three miles or so out.

Later after our final delicious dinner, Dave asked the group what their highlights of the week were. For Alison it was the "Mountain day/Mountain Hare", for Cassie "Mountain Day", Linda "Heron at Embo", Derek "Mountain Day", Jane "Handa experience", Bryan "Black-throated Diver", Hazel "Mountain Day", Carol the "scent of gorse", Bryan "Mountain Day", Sue "Alladale" whilst Dave's choice was "Ring Ouzel". The evening and indeed the whole Alladale experience was appropriately rounded off with the inevitable roding Woodcock!

## Day 8

Sunday 22nd May

Alas after breakfast it was time to depart Alladale, though the tour did not conclude until early afternoon. Driving down through Strathcarron, we were fortunate to encounter a Red Squirrel bounding along the top of a roadside wall on the opposite side of the river from Amat. Passing over the Black Isle three singular Red Kites were noted and near the airport, a Kestrel was hovering. Stopping in a lay-by to check the Beaully Firth, five Harbour Seals were basking on a sandbar where there were also eight Goosanders and a Grey Heron. Our last event was a tranquil cruise out of Inverness harbour on to the Firth passing under the Kessock Bridge which we had a little earlier driven over. We sailed by the sandbar still containing the hauled out Harbour Seals though none of the anticipated Dolphins were seen. Besides various gull species, several Cormorants and a few Common Terns were seen, with Red Kites soaring over both landward sides and just as we turned astern, an Osprey was spotted fishing over the sea. Back at the harbour the group said their fond farewells before going their separate ways.

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## Species lists

Birds (H = Heard only)

Common name	Scientific name	May 2022							
		15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		
Pink-footed Goose	<i>Anser brachyrhynchus</i>						8		
Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓
Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>				4				
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>		✓				✓	✓	
Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>			1		1			
Common Eider	<i>Somateria mollissima</i>			5			25		
Goosander	<i>Mergus merganser</i>					6	6		8+
Red-breasted Merganser	<i>Mergus serrator</i>		2			3	✓	✓	
Red Grouse	<i>Lagopus lagopus scoticus</i>			1					
Ptarmigan	<i>Lagopus muta</i>				4+	7			
Black Grouse	<i>Tetrao tetrix</i>					2	2		
Red-legged Partridge	<i>Alectoris rufa</i>	✓							
Common Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Red-throated Diver	<i>Gavia stellata</i>			4+					
Black Throated Diver	<i>Gavia arctica</i>			8				1	
Great Northern Diver	<i>Gavia immer</i>			1					
Northern Fulmar	<i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>			✓					
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	1	1	✓	2	3	✓		✓
Northern Gannet	<i>Morus bassanus</i>			10+					
European Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i>			20+					
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>		2			1	4		1
Red Kite	<i>Milvus milvus</i>	3		3	1	3			5
Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>		1	2		2		2	



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White-tailed Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>	1							
Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>	✓					✓		
European Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis apricaria</i>		8			1		c30	
Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>			4			30+		
Woodcock	<i>Scolopax rusticola</i>	1	2	4	2	1		1	
Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>		1	2+		2	h	h	
Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>			h					
Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>	✓			✓		✓		
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>						1	2	
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>		1	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Red Knot	<i>Calidris canutus</i>						23		
Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>						15		
Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>			1			1		
Black-legged Kittiwake	<i>Rissa tridactyla</i>			100s					
Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Common Gull	<i>Larus canus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Great Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus marinus</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
European Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>			2			1		
Sandwich Tern	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>			1			2		
Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	✓		✓		✓			
Arctic Tern	<i>Sterna paradisaea</i>			✓					
Great Skua	<i>Stercorarius skua</i>			30+					
Arctic Skua	<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>			15+					
Common Guillemot	<i>Uria aalge</i>			1000s					
Razorbill	<i>Alca torda</i>			100s					
Black Guillemot	<i>Cephus grylle</i>			10+					
Atlantic Puffin	<i>Fratercula arctica</i>			c10					
Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>			c10			8		
Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia 'feral'</i>	✓					✓		✓
Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓					✓		
Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>	h	h	3	3	5+	2	3	
Tawny Owl	<i>Strix aluco</i>		h				h	h	h
Short-eared Owl	<i>Asio flammeus</i>								
Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	6	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>				1	1			1
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>					1			
Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>		h						
Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	2		1					
Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>	✓			✓	✓	✓		✓

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Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	4	1	2	✓	✓	✓	4	
Coal Tit	<i>Parus ater</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>			✓		✓	✓	✓	
Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>				10		3		
Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>		h				h	✓	
Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>			✓					
Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>				h	h	h		
Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>				✓	✓			
Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Eurasian Treecreeper	<i>Certhia familiaris</i>		1			✓	✓		
Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ring Ouzel	<i>Turdus torquatus</i>		1			1		5	
Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓
Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>				2	2	1	2	
European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>		1	h				1	
Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>				1	1			
European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	1	1	3		1		4+	
White-throated Dipper	<i>Cinclus cinclus</i>					1		3+	
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓		✓	✓		✓		✓
Dunnock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>	✓		✓	✓			✓	
Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	1	2	1	5	✓	✓	✓	
Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba yarrellii</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>		h	✓	✓	h	h		
Eurasian Rock Pipit	<i>Anthus petrosus</i>			2					
Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>				2		2		
European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		
Twite	<i>Linaria flavirostris</i>								
Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>				2		2		
Common Redpoll	<i>Acanthis flammea</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	h	
Red Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>						5		
European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>		✓		✓			✓	
Eurasian Siskin	<i>Spinus spinus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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		15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>				✓	✓			
Brambling	<i>Fringilla montifringilla</i>			3	1	1			

## Mammals

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		15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Common Pipistrelle	<i>Pipistrellus pipistrellus</i>	1							
European Rabbit	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Roe Deer	<i>Capreolus capreolus</i>					1			
Red Deer	<i>Cervus elaphus</i>	30+	✓	✓	✓	✓	50+	✓	✓
Wild Cat	<i>Felis silvestris</i>		*						
Red Squirrel	<i>Sciurus vulgaris</i>				2		3		1
Harbour (Common) Seal	<i>Phoca vitulina</i>	✓					c50		5
Grey Seal	<i>Halichoerus grypus</i>			3			2		
Mountain Hare	<i>Lepus timidus</i>					1			
Sika Deer	<i>Cervus nippon</i>		4	1	c20	✓	30+	✓	
Orca	<i>Orcinus orca</i>			5					

## Others

Salmon, Common Lizard