

Dragonflies of the Highlands

Naturetrek Tour Report

27th June – 2nd July 2023



Northern Damselfly



White-faced Darter



Twin Flower



Red-breasted Merganser

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Day 1

Tuesday 27th June

The group assembled in the lounge of the Cairngorm Hotel in Aviemore at 3.00pm in heavy rain. After checking into the hotel and sorting out the formalities of rooms etc we reconvened at 4.00pm to head out for a late afternoon walk. Somewhat unbelievably the heavy rain which set in at c12.00pm had begun to clear and on arrival at RSPB Loch Garten it had pretty much stopped.

With the change of weather, we first headed to the Visitor Centre for shelter but soon were able to wend our way along the forest paths which produced a brilliant flyover Cuckoo and plenty of Siskin and Chaffinches along the woodland edge. At the Centre the female Osprey was sitting on top of her two chicks which gave the group excellent scope views provided by the RSPB. After admiring the Osprey we headed back out to have a look at the feeders and one of the group had found a gorgeous Red Squirrel busily feeding on pine cones. A slow meander back to the car park added a couple of Goldcrest and Coal Tit as well as many Bordered White moths.

Our next stop was Loch Garten Pool 3 where we stopped to look for any dragonflies or damselflies that might be roosting in the bankside vegetation. We were not to be disappointed despite the poor weather with plenty of Emerald Damselfly and Blue-tailed Damselfly. A single Common Blue Damselfly was also noted but the undoubted highlight went to the six or seven Northern Damselflies we managed to find. It was good to be able to study the subtle differences in this species to other 'Blues', namely the spread wings and rest and the pattern of segment two of the abdomen. After our fill of odonata we also found some stunning Marsh Cinquefoil growing next to the boardwalk as well as singles of Ringlet and Common White Wave. As the clock ticked past 6.00pm and the midges and mosquitoes had started to arrive in number we headed back to the hotel for dinner before retiring to our rooms.

Day 2

Wednesday 28th June

After a leisurely 8.00am breakfast we packed up and made tracks from the hotel by 9.00am. Our first stop was at the Loch Garten complex and in particular Pond 5. As we arrived there was still a bit of a chill in the air and a light breeze, so we were not that hopeful of seeing any dragonflies or damselflies. Much to our surprise however on reaching the boardwalk we found a superb male White-faced Darter desperately trying to warm himself up using the pale planks. It was amazing to see the species in such poor weather and it gave us an amazing opportunity to see all the features on this smart dragon.

From here with the weather a little brighter we headed back to Pond 3 for hopefully better views of yesterday's damselflies. We soon located several Northern Damselflies again but they had not moved by much, but we did find a smart Brown China-mark moth. As we were about to leave a large bird flew through the canopy which could possibly have been a female Capercaillie but we just didn't see it well enough. As a result, we headed round to the woodland ride the bird was heading in to see if we could relocate it anywhere.

Several Common Crossbill flew over as well as a pair of Curlew but we had no luck in finding the Capercaillie. Whilst hunting we did manage to find several more Northern Damselfly which were in a much better position to study and photograph.

Next, we moved the short distance to Anagach Wood in search of the car parks residents and in particular its regular Red Squirrels. Frustratingly they were a little shy but after a short wait we enjoyed good views as they came down to the peanut feeders. We also had good views of Siskin, Treecreeper and Coal Tit. As it started to spit with rain, we headed to the bakery in Grantown for a lunch stop before beginning our afternoon activities.

Our first stop after lunch was at Heathfield Woods where we managed to locate a huge amount of flowering Twinflower. This critically endangered plant has declined by 44% since the 1970 so it was pleasing to see such a nice display. Next, we moved deeper into the woodland finding more Twinflower as well as Heath Spotted Orchid, plenty of Creeping Lady's-tresses and Chickweed Wintergreen. After a short search we finally found our target species the incredibly rare One-flowered Wintergreen. In total we found four plants which was an excellent result as they are notoriously difficult to find amongst the Heather. Once again it started to drizzle so we headed back to the van for our next stop just south of Carrbridge.

Here we scoured the woods for orchids and soon we came up trumps with hundreds of Coralroot Orchid in the damp areas throughout the wood. After a fair search we also found c20 Lesser Twayblades which were huge! The normal size for this species varies but is usually only a couple of inches in total. Some of the specimens we found were up to eight inches which was great and made them far easier to locate.

With the rich run of form, we decided to push our luck as the sun had just begun to break through the clouds so we swiftly headed to the Flowerfields at Glen Cairn. We were a little late for Small White Orchid but found a few still in flower as well as plenty of Lesser Butterfly Orchid and a handful of Heath Fragrant Orchid. In this location we were treated to a family of Mistle Thrush as well as singing Willow Warbler and Tree Pipit. The highlight here however was the Northern Brown Argus which was found by one of the group. It showed brilliantly as it nectared mainly on Trefoils within the field. We also saw our first Dark Green Fritillary and Common Blue of the trip.

With the sun now really shining and plenty of heat left it in we made the hasty decision to nip back to Pond 5 at Loch Garten to try our luck for flight views of the White-faced Darters.

A brief stop on the way at Milton Loch gave us excellent views of four Goldeneye ducklings as well as two broods of Tufted Duck and several Little Grebe. On arrival at Pond 5 there were a couple of White-faced Darters whizzing around the pool which gave us great point-blank views often perching in the bankside vegetation. One of the group then managed to find a larger dragonfly just beyond the pools. After a bit of detective work it was identified as a Northern Emerald albeit a bit of a distant view. A couple more Rannoch Looper were seen and then the icing on the cake when a family party of at least three Crested Tit made a brief visit to nearby pines. Finally

we decided to head off in search of Slavonian Grebes as the cloud had just rolled back in and the temperature had dropped.

Our last stop for the day was at Avielochan just outside Aviemore. Here we enjoyed wonderful views of an adult Slavonian Grebe feeding its two well grown youngsters. Also on the lake were several Goldeneye, Tufted Duck and Oystercatcher whilst a Short-tailed Field Vole scampered across the path. All in all, a fantastic day of wildlife watching despite the poor weather forecast which turned out to be in the main wrong.

Day 3

Thursday 29th June

Breakfast was taken at 8.00am and we decided to skip the early morning walk around Craigellachie NNR in favour of an early depart towards Loch Bran as the weather forecast looked promising. We set off in a south westerly direction in intermittent overcast conditions but by the time we had arrived an hour later at Loch Bran the sun was just starting to peek out from behind the clouds. Our first dragonfly of the day was a teneral 'Highland' Common Darter which was drying off in the heather. On arrival at the beautiful Lily fringed Loch we immediately noticed the large amount of dragonflies on the wing. It was fantastic with many Four-spotted Chasers defending their territories from anything that strayed too close to their preferred perch. It wasn't long before we clapped eyes on our target species at the site, the beautiful Brilliant Emerald. We were not disappointed, our first encounter was breath-taking as it hovered for a few seconds right in front of us showing off its iridescent green eyes and bottle green abdomen, what an insect.

After an excellent period of bright, warm sunshine a big bank of cloud rolled in and sent most of the insects to ground. After a careful bit of searching, we managed to find a roosting Golden-ringed Dragonfly which gave excellent views as it roosted on a reed stem. We also found a few Four-spotted Chasers which were hung up in the bankside vegetation. Soon enough the cloud had blown through, and we once again had all the usuals on the wing with up to four Brilliant Emerald patrolling the pond edge. Amazingly we managed to find a female which seemed very interested in a small patch of sphagnum moss on the edge of the pond. Sure enough after a little inspection she began to lay eggs right in front of us for over five minutes, it was fantastic to watch until a cheeky Common Toad jumped out from the edge of the bank presumably trying to catch the insect but to no avail.

We needed to wend our way on towards Gairloch so we headed back to the car park seeing a lovely Moss Carder Bee and several Rannoch Looper in the heather. One of the group also found a stocking female Brilliant Emerald hung up roosting but sadly it shot off just as the rest of the group arrived.

After leaving Loch Bran we had a quick coffee stop on the banks of Loch Ness where we saw Red Kite, Blackcap, Grey Heron and Oystercatcher. From here we took a leisurely journey westward stopping for a delicious lunch at The Midge Bite adding Lapwing and Raven to the trip list on route.

Soon enough we were pulling into Slattadale car park however by this point the weather had taken a turn for the worst and thick banks of cloud and showers were rolling in over the hillside. Undeterred we headed for the best spot to try for Azure Hawker, but it was immediately obvious this was not going to happen as the temperature had dropped and we were struggling to find any insects save for the huge ichneumon wasp which was too quick for a photograph. We headed back to the car just before the heavens opened and the rain set in for the evening. In the car park we did have a quick look at a nice Common Sandpiper which was feeding on the shore of Loch Maree. A twenty-minute drive and we were safely at our accommodation for the next few days, the lovely Myrtle Bank Hotel on the edge of the bay at Gairloch. After checking into our rooms, we had an excellent meal before a short seawatch for a couple of the group in pouring rain produced a few Gannet, a Cormorant and a handful of Oystercatcher.

Day 4

Friday 30th June

The day once again started with an 8.00am breakfast which was overshadowed somewhat by the patter of rain on the restaurant windows. The forecast looked pretty poor for the whole day so we hatched a plan of birding instead of the dragonfly option which would have been fruitless. We left the hotel at c9.00am and spent the first half an hour of the day birding the Gairloch Bay in front of the accommodation. There was lots to be seen with a small group of Harbour Porpoise, several Common Guillemot and some stunning summer plumaged Red-throated Divers. It turned out that summer plumaged Divers was going to be the theme of the day. After a quick scan of Gairloch Harbour for any Otters drew a blank we decided to head down to Eilean Ghruididh at Loch Maree. After a prolonged wait with several Lesser Redpoll calling above us from the Birch trees we finally found our quarry. A stonking summer plumaged Black-throated Diver, lots of 'woows' and 'ooohs' ensued as we watched this stunning bird catching fish before taking it back to the island to feed its young. What an amazing bird, we all enjoyed nice close views of its immaculate plumage.

A coffee break was the next stop at the quaint Pool House Café which is famed for many celebrity visitors including Winston Churchill and Brad Pitt! After a quick coffee and bit of cake we made a slow journey to Rubha nan Sasan, Loch Ewe. We stopped plenty of times along the way checking out a number of bays and roadside vegetation for anything that looked interesting and there was plenty that did! Our first stop was called by an observant member of the group in the back of the vehicle as there was a large bird down on the shoreline, it turned out to be another summer plumaged diver, this time a huge Great Northern Diver to complete the British set! There were actually six Great Northern Divers in total with several in belting summer splendour. We also added Common Tern, Sedge Warbler and Shag to the species list. Lastly here one of the group managed to find a couple of Northern Marsh Orchid which again was new to the trip.

Our next stop along the road added several more species including Skylark, Ringed Plover and Wheatear. We also had a couple of really close flybys from a ringtail Hen Harrier which was fantastic, it is always a majestic sight-seeing them hunting low over moorland. Our attention then turned to displaying birds as four Black-throated Divers just off the beach were doing just that, even possible heard calling to each other. We also had a summer plumaged Dunlin flying around which also continued over nearby woodland seemingly displaying in flight which was a first for all of the group.

We finally reached the Russian Convoy Memorial Stone at the end of the road and the group seawatched in light drizzle. The conditions weren't brilliant, but we did manage to find an amazing Great Skua sat on the sea which then proceeded to fly close by towards the Isle of Ewe. There was also a large feeding frenzy out to the northeast which consisted mainly Guillemot and Northern Gannet but also had large numbers of Common Tern and a scattering of Kittiwake. By this point the clocked had ticked round to 2.30pm so we made tracks back to Pool House for a late lunch. As soon as we had turned the van around to head back along the coast road, we bumped into a monstrous Red Deer stag on the side of the road. After some careful manoeuvring we managed to get good views as it fed amongst the Bracken. It then decided to hop over a 5ft high fence with consummate ease, truly incredible.

After our lunch stop, we headed for the final destination of the day which was at the Bridge of Grudie back on the banks of Loch Maree. Our targets here were to try and find any roosting dragonflies or perhaps a Large Heath however both proved fruitless due to the weather which had not got any better throughout the day. One

of the group managed to hear the local Spotted Flycatchers however and it turned out that they were feeding at least two recently fledged young. Whilst watching the comings and goings we also had good views of Tree Pipit and a fledgling Goldcrest. Out last excitement here was a Smooth Newt which was found next to the sphagnum pools on the north side of the road.

On arriving back at the hotel, we were pleased to see that the sea had calmed significantly, and the bay looked like a millpond, so a couple of the group had a quick scan. In the distance there was an obvious feeding frenzy of many Gannets and sure enough we soon located a large pod of c50 Bottlenose Dolphins and a single Harbour Porpoise. The last highlight of the day was a female Red-breasted Merganser who was paddling around in front of the hotel which six gorgeous little ducklings. After getting a good look at these we retired back to our rooms to dry off before dinner at 7.00pm.

Day 5

Saturday 1st July

With the forecast looking more promising than yesterday we decided to go for a 7.30am breakfast to get out in the field a bit earlier and make the most of the better conditions. At breakfast however it became immediately obvious that the conditions were no better with strong westerly winds and squalls passing through whilst we ate. As a result, we decided to delay leaving the hotel until 9.00am and head along the coastal road to Rubha Reidh via Melvaig.

The coast road is not for the faint hearted as it is single-track most of the way with a number of tight river crossings, but we had some enjoyable birding along the way. Several Raven were seen sheltering from the wind as well as harassing a Common Buzzard out of their territory. Further along the road several Wheatear were noted and a good number of Meadow Pipit too. After c45mins we eventually reached the wonderful lighthouse at the tip of the headland. From here we seawatched for a short while seeing groups of Manx Shearwater and Common Guillemot passing the headland. Down in the surf a couple of Grey Seal were loafing around and often taking evasive action from low flying Shags! A single Black-throated Diver passed and several of the group noted a Great Northern Diver sitting on the sea a few hundred meters out.

A family of Stonechat entertained us as the recently fledged young got to grips with flying around in the strengthening wind. Skylark and Rock Pipit were seen around the Lighthouse and there was a constant stream of Great Black-backed Gulls heading into the shelter of the bay. With brightening skies and the rain beginning to clear we decided to head back to Gairloch for a coffee stop before heading on in search of dragonflies.

After an excellent coffee at the Mountain Coffee Company, we headed on to Slattadale. On arrival there was another squall but undeterred we headed on to the open area of felled pines. When we arrived, the sun had crept out of the clouds and was giving off a good amount of heat. Once off the path we found several Common 'Highland' Darters on the log piles but had no luck with any bigger dragonflies before another downpour sent us packing to the shelter of the woodland. After a short wait the sun came back out and was soon drying off the vegetation and the group! Unfortunately, we again could not get enough of a break in the showers to locate any Azure Hawkers and we suspected they were not venturing from their roost sites though we did find a couple more Common 'Highland' Darters and a single Common Hawker. A large amount of low cloud and a roll of thunder sent us back to the car for our lunch and a bit of a dry off. With the rain now well set, with much

heavier bands we decided to decamp to nearby Beinn Eighe with the hope of finding a roosting Northern Emerald and at least some shelter from the rain.

On arrival at the wonderful National Nature Reserve at Beinn Eighe we were greeted with yet another downpour so we headed into the visitor centre and hide to see what we could find on the feeders. A few Siskin and Greenfinch were noted in amongst the huge flocks of Chaffinch which were hoovering up the seed provided. A couple of glimmers of blue sky gave us promise so we headed out onto the Reserve via the Buzzard Trail, on reaching the first pond the rain had started again but we did find a couple of roosting Blue-tailed Damselfly and a nice mixed Tit flock which included several Long-tailed Tits. We headed out to the area of the Reserve favoured by the Emeralds but on arrival the rain once again came this time with very strong gusts. We gave the location c40mins hoping that the showers would clear but to no avail so reluctantly at 3.45pm we headed back to the hotel for a warm shower and some dry clothes.

Day 6

Sunday 2nd July

We started the day with our last breakfast at the excellent Myrtle Bank Hotel before heading to Beinn Eighe. With the weather once again forecast to be showers and sunny spells we were hoping for more of the latter.

On arrival at the Reserve, we were greeted by yet more showers! A brief search of the woodland surrounding the visitor centre was good for birds with a couple of Spotted Flycatcher, several Siskin and Coal Tit also seen.

With a glimmer of blue sky, we headed out on the Buzzard Trail before veering off onto the Village Trail. The blue sky has soon vanished, and we were dealt another fierce downpour. Soon enough the sun was back out and almost immediately we found a Common 'Highland' Darter which caught a Cleg and quickly dispatched it. The rain rolled back on again and we all moved back under the cover of trees. By now it c11.50am and time was running out on the trip. As luck would have it the skies suddenly began to clear, and the cloud broke up into small pockets. It could not have changed more for the better if it had tried as soon, we were enjoying a Large Heath feeding on Cross-leaved Heath and several Northern Emeralds started to appear too. Finally, we managed to all get views of one of the Emeralds perched low down in the Heather which was excellent.

Our patience was rewarded on our walk back to the car at 12.30pm when we flushed a male Azure Hawker off the path in front of us, it glided up and down the path a couple of times looking like it was going to land before a Northern Emerald took umbrage and gave it a whack which sent it deep into the woodland. Unfortunately, we could not relocate the insect and the next band of cloud was rolling in so we continued our way back to the visitor centre and vehicles.

After saying our goodbyes to the group members, we headed back to Inverness to catch our respective transport home whilst others in the group departed under their own steam.

Birds

	Common name	Scientific name	Date:					
			27th	28th	29th	30th	1st	2nd
1	Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>		X		X		
2	Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>		X				
5	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>		X	X	X	X	
6	Eurasian Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>		X	X			
7	Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>		X				
9	Goldeneye	<i>Bucephala albeola</i>		X				
11	Red-breasted Merganser	<i>Mergus serrator</i>				X	X	
14	Common Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>		X				
15	Red-throated Diver	<i>Gavia stellata</i>				X		
16	Black-throated Diver	<i>Gavia arctica</i>				X	X	
17	Great Northern Diver	<i>Gavia immer</i>				X	X	
19	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>		X				
20	Slavonian Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>		X				
21	Great Skua	<i>Stercorarius skua</i>				X		
22	Common Guillemot	<i>Uria aalge</i>				X	X	
23	Sooty Shearwater	<i>Ardenna grisea</i>					X	
24	Manx Shearwater	<i>Puffinus puffinus</i>					X	
25	Gannet	<i>Morus bassanus</i>				X	X	
26	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	X	X	X	X	X	
28	Shag	<i>Gulosus aristotelis</i>				X	X	
29	Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	X					
31	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>				X		
32	Hen Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>				X		
33	Red Kite	<i>Milvus milvus</i>		X				
35	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	X	X	X		X	
36	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	X	X	X			
38	Eurasian Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>	X	X	X	X	X	
39	Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>			X			
41	Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>				X		
42	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>				X		
44	Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>		X		X		
46	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>			X	X	X	
47	Black-legged Kittiwake	<i>Rissa tridactyla</i>				X		
48	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>	X	X	X			
49	Common Gull	<i>Larus canus</i>		X	X	X	X	
50	Great Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus marinus</i>			X	X	X	
51	European Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>		X	X	X	X	
52	Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus graellsii</i>				X		
53	Common Tern	<i>Sterno hirundino</i>				X	X	
54	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	X	X				
55	Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>			X	X	X	
56	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	X	X	X	X		X
57	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X
58	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>	X	X	X			

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60	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>	x	x	x			
63	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>		x				
64	Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>		x				
65	Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>	x	x	x			
66	Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>		x	x			
67	Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>		x	x			
68	Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>			x	x	x	
69	Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>			x			
70	Coal Tit	<i>Parus ater</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x
71	Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>	x	x		x		
72	Crested Tit	<i>Lophophanes cristatus</i>		x				
73	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	x	x				x
74	Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>				x	x	
75	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>		x	x		x	
76	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>		x	x	x	x	
77	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>		x	x	x	x	
78	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>					x	x
79	Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>		x	x	x	x	x
80	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>						
81	Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>				x		
82	Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>			x		x	
83	Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>						
84	Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>						
85	Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x
86	Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x
87	Eurasian Treecreeper	<i>Certhia familiaris</i>		x				
88	Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>		x	x	x	x	x
89	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x
90	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>		x	x	x	x	x
91	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>		x				
92	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>				x		
93	Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>						
94	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	x	x		x	x	x
97	European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>					x	
98	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>				x	x	
100	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>		x	x	x	x	
101	Dunnock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>					x	
102	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>				x		
103	Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba yarrellii</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x
104	Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>				x	x	
105	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>		x		x		
106	Rock Pipit	<i>Anthus petrosus</i>				x		
107	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x
108	Eurasian Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>			x			
109	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>				x	x	
110	Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>			x			

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111	Lesser Redpoll	<i>Acanthis flammea</i>				X		
112	Common Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>		X				
114	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>		X	X	X	X	
115	Eurasian Siskin	<i>Spinus spinus</i>	X	X		X	X	X
116	Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>			X			
117	Common Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>			X	X		

Other

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	27th	28th	29th	30th	1st	2nd
Mammals						
European Rabbit		X	X	X		
Roe Deer	X	X	X			
Red Deer			X	X	X	X
Red Squirrel	X	X				
Field Vole		X				
Grey Seal				X	X	
Harbour Porpoise				X		
Bottle-nosed Dolphin				X		
Orchids	27th	28th	29th	30th	1st	2nd
Heath Fragrant Orchid		X	X			
Heath Spotted Orchid		X		X	X	X
Northern Marsh Oorchid				X		X
Lesser Butterfly Orchid		X		X		
Small White Orchid		X				
Lesser Twayblade		X				
Coralroot Orchid		X				
Creeping Lady's Tresses		X				
Other Wildflowers	27th	28th	29th	30th	1st	2nd
Chickweed Wintergreen		X				
Marsh Cinquefoil	X	X				
One-flowered Wintergreen		X				
Twin-flower		X				
Moths						
Bordered White	X	X				
Brown China-mark		X	X			
Common White Wave	X					
Emperor Moth			X			
Large Yellow Underwing			X			
Light Emerald					X	
Rannoch Looper		X	X			
Six-spot Burnet		X				

Reptiles & Amphibians						
Smooth Newt				x		
Common Frog		x		x	x	
Common Lizard		x	x			
Common Toad			x			

