

# Scotland's Mammals & Highlights of the Highlands

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Rock Pipit



Common Buzzard



Red Deer

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## Day 1

Thursday 25th August

Our first day of the tour was all about locating and gathering up all our group members; this was successful and it wasn't long before our minibus was motoring out of Glasgow on the journey to the Ardnamurchan Peninsula. Distance-wise, it is not a long journey but the roads on the peninsula are mostly single track so it does take time to travel the last 30 miles or so. The weather was stunning with wall-to-wall sunshine and very bright conditions.

We took a stop at the beautiful Loch Lomond for a coffee and then another scenic stop at the fabulous mountain fortress of Glencoe. A third involuntary stop took place at Loch Linnhe where we espied our first White-tailed Eagle of the trip. A great start and it proved to be a very good excursion for these massive sea eagles.

By the evening we were safely ensconced in the Glenborrodale Bunkhouse and been welcomed by Jane our cook, surely the most important member of the team!

Our other star associated with this accommodation is the Pine Marten and, as hoped, one animal showed up that evening and provided good views, just as dusk was gathering. After a long day of travelling everyone was too weary for a night drive, so it was time to rest and begin the adventure properly the following morning.

## Day 2

Friday 26th August

A gentle 7am dawdle from the bunkhouse was the first of our daily morning saunters and during which we saw some Wild Goats. With inclement weather forecast for the remainder of the day, there was a requirement to change the itinerary around to cater for this. So with the boat trip postponed and put off until the Sunday, we set off after our hearty Scottish breakfast to the Acharacle area, via the village of Salen. Sadly the forecast showers did hit but there were periods of sunshine too. Martin picked up on a 'ringtail' Hen Harrier at Kentra Moss which insisted on flying away from us, but the majority at least managed a glimpse. Scanning the shallow margins of the bay was good for common wading birds which included Oystercatcher, Curlew, Redshank, Greenshank and Ringed Plover. As we edged around the nooks and crannies of this marine habitat, we located a Black Guillemot which managed to always keep a rather large rock between itself and us! Other birds included Grey Heron, Cormorant and Goosander, and a few Rock Pipits flitted along the shoreline.

We mistimed our visit to Castle Tioram as it was high tide which means that the little causeway to the castle is partly underwater. It was generally quiet in this area so, after consuming our packed lunch, we progressed to Loch Shiel and used the little pier as our vantage point. Here we saw a distant adult White-tailed Eagle over the loch and watched Sand and House Martins as they flitted over the surface of the water. Birds on the water included Little Grebe, Teal and Tufted Duck, and then we moved to the nearby ever-popular Blue Teapot Café for a hot drink.

Next, we took a drive to the wildlife hide at Garbh Eilean which overlooks Loch Sunart, positioned about half way along the length of the sea loch. Five Eiders were distant and we enjoyed good views of Grey Herons,

Hooded Crows and Oystercatchers. Well over 20 Common Seals was a large gathering, but there was no appearance of the hoped-for Otter!

Towards the end of the afternoon saw us driving east, back to Glenborrodale and then up some forestry tracks to scan for deer. In showery conditions we managed views of about 10 Red Deer, four Fallow Deer and about six of the impressive Père David's Deer.

A very obliging Whinchat sat still long enough for us all to appreciate the beauty of this little migrant.

It was time then to return to our accommodation and savour another culinary delight at the hands of Jane, and by about dusk our friend the Pine Marten had returned to the table outside our lounge to feast on jam sandwiches, peanut butter and sunflower hearts! A night drive didn't really produce anything new other than close views of more Red Deer...

## Day 3

## Saturday 27th August

A 6.30am walk from the bunkhouse to 'Aperitif Point' was good for midges but also a single Otter, the first one of our trip! Despite being one of the best places to see them in the UK (estimated one per every mile of loch), they can still be very hard to find. I'm not sure how many midges there are per every mile of loch, but it is probably best estimated in tonnage! A flock of about thirty Lesser Redpolls were in trees around the bunkhouse first thing.

After our porridge, bacon and eggs or whatever your fancy, we drove just a short distance west to visit the Ardnamurchan Visitor Centre, but not before scanning the shores to look for more otters. Quality gifts and nice cakes etc make this a favourite stopping place, further enhanced with birds on the doorstep and also a good display of the geology, natural history and cultural history of the peninsula. Scanning the shoreline here provided views of an adult Mediterranean Gull, a couple of very vocal juvenile Common Buzzards and a large mixed flock of Meadow Pipits and Pied Wagtails. The breeding Swallows posed beautifully and there were still youngsters in the nest.

A mild but rather dull day was enlightened when we undertook a half-day boat excursion around the island of Carna. Boarding just after 11am at Laga Bay, skipper Andy Jackson guided us around 'his' island and briefed us on the effort he is putting in to it so that it supports plenty of wildlife. We landed on the island, and after a short excursion spent a little more time cruising before returning to Laga Bay at about 4pm. This area is a geologist's dream with exposed very ancient rocks visible at every turn. Once a very active volcanic area, most of the volcanoes have eroded down to little more than high hills now, and with the ice age only leaving the area some ten thousand years ago, the current green landscape and serene views are relatively recent.

As we nudged gently against the pontoon on Carna, we could see an Otter fishing furtively around rocks not too far away. However, our arrival, I think, was too much for it and it simply melted away. Another Otter popped up in a small bay but hid in seaweed and refused to come out! Sharp-eyed Martin found another White-tailed Eagle, this one an adult perched precariously on a rather slender tree and it allowed us to drift reasonably close. Some waders on the shoreline included Greenshank and a flock of 25 Ringed Plovers. Common Seals were draped on rock formations as we chugged up the loch, a pod of Harbour Porpoises came surprisingly close to the boat, and

we said 'Hello' to the Wild Goats on their islets. Birds in the water included a few Red-breasted Mergansers and rather more Goosanders, while passerines around the margins were mostly Grey Wagtails and Rock Pipits, one tame individual of the latter landing right next to us on the pontoon as we arrived on Carna.

After our very enjoyable boat trip, we travelled along to Camas nan Geall to try and find a Golden Eagle, but the dull overcast conditions were clearly not right and we had to satisfy ourselves with plenty of Ravens and the usual couple of Common Buzzards. We checked some areas for deer before retiring for the day, and enjoyed good views of Fallow, Red and Père David's Deer.

The jam and marmalade sandwiches were again irresistible to one of the local Pine Martens and another optional night drive didn't locate anything extra.

## Day 4

## Sunday 28th August

The weather today was fine, sunny and warm, and with a freshening north-westerly wind it was as good as we could hope for during our full day out on a boat.

Just two of us ventured out to Loch Sunart early in the morning and, typically, Sue and I enjoyed arguably the best views of the trip of at least one Otter, as it fished close inshore and came out on a rock and appeared to look straight at us. The midges didn't enhance the viewing but we felt pretty elated heading back for our well-earned breakfast.

At 9am we were at Laga Bay and keen to board our vessel and, under the stewardship of Andy once again, we thoroughly enjoyed our day. Although the boat is only small it has a marine toilet, a cabin to use if the weather becomes inclement, and Andy serves up a mean cup of coffee or tea!

Cruising eastwards in Loch Sunart, we picked up on repeats of the day before, including the first of three White-tailed Eagles.

We headed over to Bloody Bay on the adjacent island of Mull and saw a juvenile White-tailed Eagle in flight (the second one of the day). There seemed an urgency to its flight as it disappeared around the corner and out of view. We waited for it to re-appear and then in front of us an adult Golden Eagle cleared the adjacent tree-line to be quickly joined by a second adult. No wonder the young White-tailed disappeared so quickly! This magnificent duo were in no hurry to depart and we watched them stroking the warm air currents as they gradually gained height and then they in turn disappeared over the headland. Both species of eagle at exactly the same spot – wow!

We then nosed out into the Hebridean Sea and chugged off towards the Cairns of Coll. A diving team were already in situ taking advantage of the clear water and rich marine life, but the wildlife here is not easily displaced. Large numbers of Shags greeted us on the rocks with smaller numbers of Cormorants and assorted gulls. Our third White-tailed Eagle of the day sat atop a rock, keeping an eye on things. By this time we had also encountered quite a few Kittiwakes and Guillemots and a large triangular fin sticking out of the water sadly could not be relocated or identified in quite a swell. Large numbers of Common Seals sporting a variety of colours were everywhere.

Our next quest was to cross the section of sea and head towards the island of Muck. Pelagic birds here included hundreds of Gannets, Kittiwakes and Manx Shearwaters plus a single light phase Arctic Skua and half a dozen Fulmars and Great Skuas. Sadly we couldn't find the dolphins that had been reported to us by a boat only a short time before...

The island of Muck has a small but vibrant community and the café there is well set up to welcome passing seafarers which on occasions even include small cruise-liners. We decided we were due a cuppa and some cake, and enjoyed the experience sitting outside bathed in strong sunshine, chatting with the locals and other passers-by. A quick meander around the island provided us with good views of several flocks of Rock Doves, three Wheatears and small numbers of still-breeding Lesser Redpolls. The Swallows breeding on the island were still feeding birds in the nest, and were twittering beautifully around us and adding to the general feel of gentle serenity.

Back on our boat, and after a delay in finding our boat dog, it was then a gentle but quite lumpy ride back towards the calmer waters of Loch Sunart. We came across a few Razorbills along the way but Guillemots were much more numerous. Small numbers of Kittiwakes passed by the boat and Manx Shearwaters and Gannets came close too.

We passed the Ardnamurchan Point and cruised in to Loch Sunart; the colours and strata of the cliffs and their almost petrified state made it compelling viewing. A lonely-looking adult Peregrine sat atop a rock on top of one of these cliffs, and yet more Common Seals ensured we had encountered over a hundred of these animals during our cruise. Another adult White-tailed Eagle sighting may well have been the same individual we saw first thing. A happy but tired bunch of Naturetrekkers arrived back at Laga Bay at about 7.20pm. We said good-bye to Andy for another year and drove the very short distance to Glenborrodale where, of course, Jane welcomed us back with her hot cuisine! Despite some fatigue, again a small intrepid band of us tried our luck with another night drive which yielded a Hedgehog and some close headlight-lit Red Deer stags.

## Day 5

## Monday 29th August

The day dawned nice and sunny but dulled during the morning, with rain on and off from about 3pm and into the evening. This proved good for the early morning and pre-breakfast Otters on Loch Sunart which totalled three different animals fishing in one bay. Passerines in the bushes next to the loch included a family party of Spotted Flycatcher, Siskins and similar fare.

After breakfast we took a slow scenic drive to Sanna, a small settlement nestled in a bay north of the point and which boasts a rather lovely sandy beach and projecting flat rocks. The small area of vegetated dunes and clear burns are good for flowers including Harebells and the Grass-of-Parnassus. Sticklebacks flitted in the burns and birds of the shoreline included more Ringed Plovers and a migrant flock of Dunlin. A stunning pair of rather tame Red-throated Diver fished the shallows between the rock slabs, and distant sea-birds included Manx Shearwaters and Kittiwakes.

We took our packed lunch at Maol Buidhe to the immediate west of Kilchoan, which provides wonderful elevated views over the sea-ward side of Loch Sunart and overlooks the northern part of Mull. Near here, a Common Buzzard hovered close to the minibus and provided remarkably sustained views whilst engaged in hunting mode.

Next we popped in to the Kilchoan Community Centre for a welcome hot drink etc. A migrant Willow Warbler showed exceptionally well outside the café window and plenty of feeding Meadow Pipits were joined by Pied Wagtails on the grass outside. A short walk down to the pier was initially quiet but we managed to locate a finch flock which included several sought-after Twite amongst the more numerous Linnets. At the same time a distant speck on the horizon became two specks as a pair of Golden Eagles cruised down from high altitude and veered away towards the coast. Sadly, it was at this point that the weather deteriorated but such was the spirit of our group, we elected to visit the Ardnamurchan Point in the rain. Very close views of a roadside Red Deer stag in company with a Fallow Deer stag was our reward. Our second reward was that the Point Café was open too!

Some limited scanning out to sea didn't provide any fresh wildlife viewings and, with a lively breeze and now persistent rain, we decided that the warm, comfortable bunkhouse was the place to be! The drive back provided another Fallow Deer and extra small birds for the day came in the shape of Wheatear, Stonechat, Whinchat and Whitethroat.

The dark hours provided views of a single Pine Marten coming to food outside our abode and the night drive provided some of us with a brief viewing of a tabby cat with a large and fluffy tail! Sadly, the animal didn't hang about and we were left wondering exactly what sort of cat we had just seen? The location was not classic Wildcat habitat but there were features of the cat that seemed quite compelling - we will never know!

## Day 6

## Tuesday 30th August

At the risk of being on auto-pilot, the early morning venture was again to the nearby shores of Loch Sunart and one of the regular Otters fished again for us, once more. Again the family party of Spotted Flycatcher were present but were more audible than visual.

After breakfast, and with the risk of some light rain and drizzle, we decided to strike east and try a little variation from the tour itinerary. The drive from Glenborrodale to Salen and then on to Strontian is always going to be a slow one, but we took our time and examined the shores of our host loch. There was plenty of wildlife but nothing we hadn't already seen well.

At Strontian we scanned the margins and picked up on the usual Oystercatchers and Curlews and similar fare, and then drove to a small car park and went for a very pleasant stroll in the Ariundle Woods. Birds included four species of tits, Goldcrests, Treecreepers, Great Spotted Woodpecker and other common woodland birds, but they were generally quite elusive. This section of Sunart Oak dominated woodland is very much a temperate rain forest, the trees and shrubs adorned with mosses and lichens which thrive in the relative warmth and rain-dominated environment. Other wildlife made up for the lack of obvious birds and mammals, with good views of four Common Lizards basking on rocks, Common Hawker and Black Darter dragonflies and a good showing of butterflies which included a last-of-the-season Scotch Argus.

Lunch and early afternoon tea was combined with a visit to the local community centre, the intermittent sunny weather allowing us to take to the wooden veranda outside where we enjoyed views of Sparrowhawk and Mistle Thrush whilst enjoying our hard-earned fodder and hot drinks!

We then committed to some more scanning of the loch at the river mouth, hoping to see an American Black Duck, a very rare bird indeed. A drake of this species has over the years adopted Strontian as its temporary home, most years spending up to several weeks in situ before it goes on a wander about again. Sadly there was no sign, but we saw some Goosanders and, not far away, a decent-sized flock of Red-breasted Merganser too.

Our next destination was to visit another woodland setting, this time following a short journey again over on the Corran Ferry and to the car park of Glen Righ. Our quarry here was Red Squirrel and it wasn't long before we were able to see up to three of these bushy-tailed acrobats coming to special feeders. Photography was difficult because the feeders are set within a rather dark setting but these cute, intelligent animals were tolerant of our presence and we enjoyed excellent sustained views.

Back then across the five-minute and very efficient Corran Ferry, and we scuttled back towards the Ardnamurchan proper! This time our scanning at Strontian by the river mouth at high tide came up trumps, the drake Black Duck showing well alongside his Mallard cousins. Rare birds are not targeted by Naturetrek but such a long-staying local celebrity deserved our attention!

We then drove back towards Glenborrodale, again stopping at the well-constructed hide at Garbh Eilean. Common Seals and Eiders were about the best on offer.

Two Pine Martens were chewing on their sandwiches on the table outside the centre after nightfall and sadly our night drive failed to locate a cat of any sort on which to speculate.

## Day 7

## Wednesday 31st August

Today was our last full day and, with showers and breezy conditions broken up with periods of sunshine, it was a case of never being far from the minibus. An Otter showed well in choppy water at Loch Sunart first thing, and a White-tailed Eagle flew slowly west. Our morning venture after breakfast took us on the road to Ockle. Three White-tailed Eagles loomed overhead and we decamped to watch two adults and their juvenile zooming around together, regularly landing on the ridge off to one side. We left them in situ and saw them later on our way back. The minor road to Ockle was good for passerines which included Stonechat, Sedge Warbler, Whitethroat and with a fly-over calling Tree Pipit at Kilmory. The beach at Kilmory hosted 12 Ringed Plovers, a couple of Redshank and 30 Dunlin, and the rough sea beyond the bay provided a feeding area for good numbers of Gannet, Kittiwake and Manx Shearwater.

The minor road to Fascadale was alongside a recently cut hay field and this attracted a couple of Starlings plus 12 Lapwings, two Golden Plovers and about 25 pure-looking Rock Doves. The point at Fascadale was too windy to linger at, and after seeing the eagles again, we lunched at the splendid Ardnamurchan Visitor Centre.

Our afternoon venture was again to the the Kentra area where we were challenged with some rather fierce showers from time to time. Additional waders for the trip located here included Black-tailed Godwit, Sanderling and Knot. A revisit to the pier at Loch Shiel added Little Grebe and Tufted Duck to the day list and a drake Gadwall was the only one seen during the week.

We returned to our nice dry and warm bunkhouse at about 6pm and by this time the rain was more persistent. One of our regular Pine Martens turned up to say good-bye on our last night and our final night drive proved to be a good one for Red Deer stags and a single Hedgehog.

## Day 8

Thursday 1st September

Our last day was one of travel so, after a 7am breakfast, we said good-bye to our fantastic host Jane and meandered our way back to the metropolis of Glasgow. A White-tailed Eagle even showed on our last day as we trundled east, and a single Roe Deer jumped across the road in front of us, the only one we saw during our very enjoyable eight day stint on the enigmatic and very special Ardnamurchan Peninsula.

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Pine Martin

## Species Lists

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

	Common name	Scientific name	August/September							
			25	26	27	28	29	30	31	1
1	Red-throated Diver	<i>Gavia stellata</i>				✓	2			
2	Diver sp. In flight	<i>Gavia sp.</i>			✓					
3	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>		3						4
4	Northern Fulmar	<i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>				5-6				
5	Manx Shearwater	<i>Puffinus puffinus</i>				200	✓		✓	
6	Northern Gannet	<i>Sula bassana</i>			2	400	✓		✓	
7	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
8	European Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i>			✓	✓	✓		✓	
9	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
10	Canada Goose	<i>Branta canadensis</i>	✓		4	✓	✓		✓	✓
11	Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		
12	Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>								1
13	Eurasian Teal	<i>Anas crecca crecca</i>		3			1			
14	American Black Duck	<i>Anas rubripes</i>						1		
15	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
16	Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>		6						11
17	Common Eider	<i>Somateria mollissima</i>		5					3	
18	Common Merganser (Goosander)	<i>Mergus merganser</i>		8	16				4	6
19	Red-breasted Merganser	<i>Mergus serrator</i>			3				10	
20	White-tailed Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>	1	1	1	3				4
21	Hen Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus cyaneus</i>		1						
22	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>		4	6	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
23	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>		1	1				1	2
24	Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>				2	2			
25	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>			1					1
26	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>				1				
27	Red-legged Partridge	<i>Alectoris rufa</i>				2				
28	Common Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>				✓				
29	Eurasian Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
30	Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>								12
31	European Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis apricaria</i>					H			2
32	Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>		✓	25		8			12
33	Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>								6
34	Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
35	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>		6	2					5
36	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>		2	7					1
37	Red Knot	<i>Calidris canutus</i>								1
38	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>								1
39	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>					2			30
40	Great Skua	<i>Stercorarius skua</i>				6				
41	Arctic Skua	<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>				1				
42	Mediterranean Gull	<i>Ichthyaeetus melanocephalus</i>			1					
43	Mew (Common) Gull	<i>Larus canus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
44	Great Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus marinus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
45	European Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
46	Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus graellsii</i>	✓		1	2	3			3
47	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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			25	26	27	28	29	30	31	1
48	Black-legged Kittiwake	<i>Rissa tridactyla</i>				250	✓		100	
49	Common Guillemot	<i>Uria aalge</i>				✓				
50	Razorbill	<i>Alca torda</i>				3				
51	Black Guillemot	<i>Cepphus grylle</i>		✓		6				
52	Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>				20	10		25	
53	Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia 'feral'</i>								✓
54	Stock Dove	<i>Columba oenas</i>								1
55	Common Woodpigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	3		✓
56	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>		✓	✓		✓		✓	✓
57	Tawny Owl	<i>Strix aluco</i>		✓			✓			
58	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
59	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>		✓	✓		✓			
60	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
61	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbica</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
62	Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
63	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>							1	
64	Rock Pipit	<i>Anthus petrosus</i>		3/4	6	✓	✓	✓	✓	
65	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
66	Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba yarrellii</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
67	Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
68	Eurasian Treecreeper	<i>Certhia familiaris</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
69	Dunnock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
70	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	✓		1		✓	✓		✓
71	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>						6		
72	Eurasian Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>						1	3	✓
73	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
74	Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>		1			1			
75	Common Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquatus</i>			5		6		12	
76	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>				3	1			
77	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>					2	3	3	
78	Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
79	Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>		✓	✓		1		1	
80	Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>							2	
81	Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	1	✓
82	Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>					1		2	
83	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
84	Coal Tit	<i>Parus ater</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
85	Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
86	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>	✓					✓		
87	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>			6				1	
88	Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	✓							✓
89	Western Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>	✓							✓
90	Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>	✓							✓
91	Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>	✓							✓
92	Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
93	Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
94	Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>		2			10		2	✓
95	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
96	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
97	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>			1					
98	Lesser Redpoll	<i>Acanthis flammea cabaret</i>			30	✓	3	✓		

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			25	26	27	28	29	30	31	1
99	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>		✓	✓		✓		✓	
100	Eurasian Siskin	<i>Spinus spinus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
101	Twite	<i>Linaria flavirostris</i>					6			
102	Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>		✓	✓	✓	20		20	
103	Eurasian Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>				✓	1			
104	Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>			1	1				

## Mammals

1	Eurasian Otter	<i>Lutra lutra</i>			3	1-2	3	1	1	
2	Pine Marten	<i>Martes martes</i>	1	1	1		1	2	2	
3	Roe Deer	<i>Capreolus capreolus</i>								1
4	Fallow Deer	<i>Dama dama</i>	4	4	20		2			
5	Red Deer	<i>Cervus elaphus</i>	1	10	12	6	12	16	70	
6	Wildcat	<i>Felis silvestris</i>					?			
7	Red Squirrel	<i>Sciurus vulgaris</i>						3		
8	Harbour Porpoise	<i>Phocoena phocoena</i>			4					
9	Harbour (Common) Seal	<i>Phoca vitulina</i>	2	24	50	100		✓	1	
10	Feral Goat			5	9	4				
11	Père David's Deer	<i>Elaphurus davidianus</i>	6	6	20					
12	Hedgehog	<i>Erinaceus europaeus</i>				✓			✓	
13	Pipistrelle Bat sp	<i>Pipistrellus</i> sp.						✓	✓	
14	Wood Mouse	<i>Apodemus sylvaticus</i>							✓	
15	Vole sp.						✓			

## Other taxa

Common Toad, *Bufo bufo*

Common Frog, *Rana temporaria*

9-spined Stickleback, *Pungitius pungitius*

Big Jellyfish sp.

Common Lizard, *Zootoca vivipara*

Common Jellyfish, *Aurelia aurita*

Crown of Thorns Starfish, *Acanthaster planci*

## Plants

Himalayan (Indian) Balsam, *Impatiens glandulifera*

Cotton Grass, *Eriophorum angustifolium*

Lesser Burdock, *Arctium minus*

Lady's Bedstraw, *Galium verum*

Grass-of-Parnassus, *Parnassia palustris*

Harebell, *Campanula rotundifolia*

Groundsel sp., *Senecio* sp.

Purple Loosestrife, *Lythrum salicaria*

## Insects

Red Admiral, *Vanessa atalanta*

Scotch Argus, *Aricia artaxerxes*

Painted Lady, *Vanessa cardui*

White-tailed Bumblebee, *Bombus lucorum*

Common Hawker, *Aeshna juncea*

Mayfly sp.

Ground Beetle sp., *Carabus* sp.

Peacock, *Aglais (Inachis) io*

Speckled Wood, *Parage aegeria*

Fox Moth Caterpillar, *Macrothylacia rubi*

Common Carder Bee, *Bombus pascuorum*

Black Darter, *Sympetrum danae*

Hoverfly sp.

Dumbledore Beetle