

Scotland's Mammals & Highlights of the Highlands

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Red Deer stag by David Roberts



Otter by Neil McMahon



Scotch Argus by David Roberts



Pine Martin by David Roberts

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Summary

The weather forecast for the eight-day tour of the West Highlands centred around Glenborrodale on the Ardnamurchan Peninsula did not look good! And yes, we did experience plenty of rain which at times progressed to torrential downpours! However, this part of the UK is equipped to deal with significant rainfall and the wildlife is no different. Despite rain every day, we stayed predominately dry and enjoyed periods of pleasant weather and it was always warm. We were fortunate to experience little in the way of midges so maybe the rain has its uses after all! All the typical wildlife came out to play, with views of Otter, Pine Marten, Fallow, Red and Roe Deer, Grey and Harbour (also known as Common) Seals and lots of eagles. In fact, on one day we enjoyed multiple sightings of eagles involving at least 11 different individuals, mostly the stolid White-tailed Eagles but also the magnificent Golden Eagle too. During our wanderings along the peninsula on foot, by minibus and by boat, we encountered 15 species of mammal and 101 species of birds. Amazing wildlife in very special surroundings!

Day 1

Thursday 15th August

We all met up at Glasgow Central Train Station during the early afternoon and drove sedately out of the city in a north-westerly direction, passing over the River Clyde, through Dumbarton and out into the West Highlands. Our first stop was Tyndrum for hot drinks etc. and then with warm, sunny weather, we continued with further stops in the amazing landscape of Glencoe and Glenrigh. At the latter site we were fortunate to see a Red Squirrel visiting the feeders. After making the short ferry crossing at Corran, we continued towards Strontian, stopping to admire three Red Deer stags en route. At Strontian we briefly checked the shoreline of the most easterly section of Loch Sunart and continued on to the Ardnamurchan Peninsula, arriving at the Glenborrodale Bunkhouse just before 7.15pm. Following room allocation, it was time for our hot evening meal served by Alan, our regular cook.

Retiring to the sitting room, the jam sandwiches placed outside on the patio did the trick, with a Pine Marten coming to feed right outside the window! So, with some fabulous animal sightings already under our belt, it provided plenty of solace when the forecast heavy rain moved in and remained with us all night. With further views of Red Deer on the lawn, unidentified bats and a Wood Mouse all espied, it was time to retire after a long day of travelling.

Day 2

Friday 16th August

With continued heavy rain and a freshening breeze, any resolve for a morning wildlife walk soon diminished. However, it permitted early risers to watch over the plethora of birds visiting the feeders outside the bunkhouse. The most numerous were Chaffinches and Great Tits, but Blue and Coal Tits, Blackbird and Robin also appeared and there were brief visits from Great Spotted Woodpecker and Jay.

After a cooked Scottish breakfast, we left the bunkhouse at 9am and headed west. Some light rain persisted as we checked Glenmore Bay and a few more sheltered areas of Loch Sunart. At least one Sand Martin was still at the small colony along the same road and we saw Common Buzzard and Ravens. A brief stop at Kilchoan provided

a little shopping time and the use of the facilities, before we took a drive out to the Point of Ardnamurchan and the isolated lighthouse. Some scanning provided views of Manx Shearwater and Gannets riding the air currents just above the waves on a strong southerly wind. A few gulls and Shags also flew by and a Harbour Seal took refuge in the bay below us. Refreshments were had at the café there, and half of our party took the lighthouse tour which was much enjoyed. The free exhibition on the ground floor is also impressive and it's possible to examine the original lens utilized to magnify the beam. A further scanning session for seabirds added Guillemot, Kittiwake and a single Great Skua passing by close in to the rocks.

With an improvement in the weather, we took lunch at the tiny hamlet of Portuairk with its protected beach, which provided a haven for wing-drying Cormorants, Pied Wagtails, common finches and a moulting male Blackcap.

After lunch we drove slowly towards Kilchoan, espying our first White-tailed Eagle, being pursued initially by a Raven and latterly by a Common Buzzard. We moved on next to Mingary Pier, where it was possible to see several types of rocks associated with volcanic activity in the past and the resulting displacement of the original sedimentary rocks.

Our next destination was Fascadale on the north coast, but not before we scanned through a large herd of Red Deer which contained just one solitary stag. There was little on show at Fascadale, but numerous examples of the part-carnivorous sundew plants were found in the water-logged areas. We enjoyed excellent views of roadside Rock Doves on the return journey and some further distractions included a trio of Highland Cattle bulls, some scenic photo opportunities and two more White-tailed Eagles. We arrived back at the bunkhouse by 6.20pm and sat down for dinner at 7pm.

With reasonable weather holding and noting the very wet forecast for the remainder of the tour, most of us took an evening stroll to Aperitif Point on the edge of Loch Sunart. The best of the birds included 'scope views of Greenshank and Little Grebe, but it was generally quiet. On our return to the bunkhouse we saw Red Deer and a single Pine Marten coming to the food provided. There were no takers for a night drive so it was off to bed for some kip for the majority.

Day 3

Saturday 17th August

Despite a torrential downpour just beforehand, we took the early morning wildlife walk at 6.30am and made our way to the shores of Loch Sunart, once again visiting Aperitif Point. It wasn't long before we picked up on five Wild Goats browsing the vegetation on one of the islands. Then, as is often the way, everything happened at once! A Harbour Seal popped up nearby, an adult White-tailed Eagle loomed into view and an Otter materialized only a little over 100 metres out! It was the Otter that was the most compelling and, although rather distant, it provided an appropriate introduction to this charismatic animal, fishing continually and briefly alighting on a rock. Gulls, distant Gannets, Shags and Cormorants and a variety of smaller birds helped to complete the scene.

After breakfast we left the bunkhouse, arriving at Laga Bay for 9am. Here we met with Andy Jackson from Ardnamurchan Charters and stepped aboard his boat for our next venture. We chugged over to the island of Carna, where we disembarked and walked slowly along the eastern shore. A male Sparrowhawk seemed to be trying to catch Meadow Pipits and was also sparring with a Hooded Crow. An adult White-tailed Eagle powered

overhead. Small birds included Whitethroat, Rock Pipit and Redpoll and, as we manoeuvred ourselves towards a small rocky headland, Ramsay alerted us to a close Otter that had landed a crab on the rocks right in front of us. Most of us managed excellent views as he chomped away on the unfortunate crustacean, with his long whiskers being particularly prominent as we viewed him in the sun-kissed shallows. He slipped away and then began catching and devouring Butterfish, but his last catch was a large Octopus which he pulled along before disappearing into the seaweed to feast on this rather spectacular prey. So, we slowly meandered back to the landing pontoon where Ramsay and Lucy had found a sheltered spot and butterflies there included a couple of Scotch Argus. Gulls, Grey Heron and Oystercatchers were all seen before Andy returned with his boat and we all boarded at 11.30am. We then took a slow cruise around Carna and the backwaters of Loch Sunart, enjoying views of both Goosander and Red-breasted Merganser, Cormorant and lots of Harbour Seals. An adult White-tailed Eagle was again seen but we almost sailed past a second-year bird perched in a tree! Showing closely, the young eagle was not a bit perturbed by our presence and did not fly off. Just a short distance further on we spotted a pair of adult White-tailed Eagles beating up the north-west section of the island.

Our last portion of the cruise was quieter, with a Kittiwake being about the best spot in a freshening, moderate to strong breeze. Just as we arrived back at Laga Bay an immature White-tailed Eagle cruised overhead. After saying goodbye to Andy, we drove the short distance to Glenborrodale and ate a rather late lunch in the comfort of the bunkhouse.

The weather in the afternoon deteriorated with continuous rain, some of it extremely heavy. Most of the party, nevertheless, elected to go out again, so we headed east to Salen. After some retail therapy at the little shop there, we drove on to Acharacle in worsening weather conditions. We looked briefly for Red Squirrels without success and drove the windy but especially scenic track to Castle Tioram. Here the rain increased in speed and velocity and whilst the remainder of us watched in awe from the comfort of the mini-bus, Lucy ventured forth and power-walked to the castle and back!! Oystercatchers and gulls foraged on the exposed sediment and Lucy saw a Rock Dove at the castle. With no improvement in the weather we took a slow drive back to our accommodation and much enjoyed a fish-and-chip supper!

Our intended night drive was abandoned before it started, with the discovery of a puncture with a tyre as flat as a pancake.

Day 4

Sunday 18th August

A very wet start to the day ensured that any idea of an early morning walk was quickly dismissed! It was a rather wet affair changing the wheel on the minibus, and after breakfast, we headed west, experiencing showers and sunshine along the way. Some roadside scanning provided views of plenty of Greylag Geese, a flock of Curlew and the usual Grey Herons. A little further along the road an adult White-tailed Eagle flew over and then landed in a tree and started to call. Once we telescopied it, we realized there were actually two eagles perched side by side. Sadly, they flew off before everyone managed a view through the 'scope. Whilst there, a little wander alongside the road provided a variety of wildflowers and a couple of Scotch Argus butterflies. Small birds included a calling Crossbill.

Once back in the minibus, we took a slow drive to the collection of houses at Ockle. This is a scenic drive along the north coast of the peninsula, but first we watched over a herd of Red Deer and then connected with a fine

adult male Hen Harrier as it passed over the road and quartered nearby moorland. A little further saw us wowing over the views looking towards the islands of Muck, Eigg and Rum. At Ockle we took a short walk and then drove back to Kilmory and wandered down to the small secluded beach which hosted a flock of Ringed Plover. The damp, breezy conditions ensured there were minimal numbers of other birds on show, but it was a pleasant walk prior to munching our lunch back at the bunkhouse.

Our afternoon excursion took us to Camas nan Geall, where we left the minibus in the parking area and trotted down to the beach below. House Martins flew around us as they sought insects in the lee of the large Sycamores. After the perusal of the historic stones of a bygone era, we wandered to the beach. Two Grey Seals, the only ones of the trip, were just offshore and they seemed to be just as curious about us as we were about them! A large finch flock was dominated by Linnets, but also contained Twite and Goldfinch. Two Grey Wagtails were attracted to the burn and a confiding Dipper was an excellent find by Lucy. On the walk back up, six Common Buzzard were hanging in the breeze above us; the adult peeled off to mob a passing immature White-tailed Eagle. With Ravens in the air too, it was a great opportunity to assess the key identification features of these bigger birds.

On our way back to Glenborrodale, some of the party elected to walk down to Aperitif Point whilst the remainder of us returned to the bunkhouse.

In the evening, we were fortunate to have an extended chat with Neil from the Ardnamurchan Estate, who amongst other things, manages the deer on the estate. Two Pine Marten siblings visited to sample the jam sandwiches outside the lounge window, and our subsequent night drive proved to be a productive affair with sighting of two more Pine Martens, a Badger, our only Roe Deer of the tour, and more close Red Deer.

Day 5

Monday 19th August

Showers of rain persisted for most of the day until late afternoon, when it dried up and we experienced some weak sunshine. We checked out Glenmore Bay before breakfast and Serena and Dave were transported to Mingary Pier for the ferry to Tobermory on Mull. A White-tailed Eagle flew over the road on our way! After breakfast the remainder of us drove around to Acharacle and we checked out the interesting landscape of Kentra, the very full (freshwater) Loch Shiel and Castle Tioram. Kentra provided small numbers of common waders, Loch Shiel hosted a super Red-throated Diver, and two Crossbills were seen in flight at Castle Tioram.

After collecting our now-repaired tyre, we drove west to Kilchoan, collected Serena and Dave from their Mull adventure and enjoyed a well-deserved cuppa at the Kilchoan Community Centre. We then headed out on the scenic narrow road to Sanna, an isolated hamlet and lovely beach on the north-west coast of the peninsula. This proved to be a good move with the weather clearing here first, and we enjoyed a circular walk through the dunes, and across the beach, flat rocks and a farm track. Interesting passerines included Whinchat, Wheatear and Twite, while waders were represented by Ringed Plover, Sanderling and a fly-over Knot. Botanical interest was sparked with the Grass-of-Parnassus, Harebell, Bugle and Mint. This was a beautiful last daytime venue for the day, even if our drive back proved fairly uneventful.

Mammal surprises for the day included a Pygmy Shrew hunting on the outskirts of Kilchoan, and a Red Squirrel in a tree near Acharacle (spotted by Lucy as we were driving along). The hour-long night drive, much later,

provided close views of roadside Red Deer and bats and toads; two different Pine Martens visited the food provided outside the lounge window.

Day 6

Tuesday 20th August

Light showers didn't put us off our early morning walk down to Loch Sunart, the bird highlights being two Little Grebes, two Greenshank, a Tree Pipit and a pair of Bullfinches. After breakfast we headed back to Laga Bay for our full-day boat adventure. With Andy at the helm, we motored slowly westwards, and it wasn't long before we encountered a couple of rolling Harbour Porpoise in the centre of the loch. We then found a few more, while offshore rocks housed Harbour Seals, Turnstones and an immature White-tailed Eagle. Small parties of Common Guillemots on the water were next, as were Kittiwakes and five Arctic Skuas. We also enjoyed Gannets both on the water and in flight.

Skirting the island of Mull, we encountered no less than four White-tailed Eagles on view at the same time, and as we cut past the Point of Ardnamurchan to head for the coastal waters off Fassadale, we disturbed two more White-tailed Eagles on the rocks there. On the north side, the Guillemot flock included Razorbills, and fast-moving Manx Shearwaters zipped past us. Menacing Great Skuas patrolled the sea, with one individual checking us out on the boat a couple of times. Up to a dozen Storm Petrels showing well were certainly an enjoyable bonus, even if we couldn't find the reported Minke Whale.

On arrival in the small harbour at Muck we slowly bimbed down to the fabulous island café, enjoying some hot drinks, cakes, etc. We then dawdled along the only road on the island, down to the working farm. This privately-owned island has more recently been adapted for shooting purposes, and as a result, Pheasant and Red-legged Partridge can be seen quite easily. Other birds included Eider, Common Buzzard, common waders, and birds we had already seen on the mainland. A large haul-up of Harbour Seals looked impressive, particularly against the backdrop of the mountainous island of Rum. Rough pasture accounted for good numbers of wildflowers, including Ragged Robin, and the just-cut hay fields attracted Greylag Geese and Oystercatchers.

After a couple of hours on Muck, we departed and took a slow journey back to Laga Bay. The open water between the island and the Ardnamurchan Lighthouse was fairly quiet for birds and, sadly, no cetaceans were seen. However, we skirted the coastal cliffs of the peninsula as we headed into Loch Sunart, spotting a Peregrine, a very distant pair of Golden Eagles and at least another couple of White-tailed Eagles.

We arrived back at Laga Bay for 6pm, said goodbye to Andy, and an hour later were enjoying another three-course meal as prepared by Alan. The good weather held, so after our meal, several of us pottered down to Aperitif Point to soak up the fabulous evening ambience of this very special place. The next wildlife on show was a Pine Marten and a very young Fox eating the prepared food at the bunkhouse, with the subsequent night drive connecting with a Red Deer herd including many stags and another Pine Marten.

Day 7

Wednesday 21st August

Our last full day of our west highland adventure provided a variety of weather with a stiff breeze for much of the day, heavy rain in the afternoon, but dry and pleasant conditions first thing and again in the evening.

Our early walk to Aperitif Point paid off, with close views of an Otter. After breakfast we checked out the upper reaches of Glenborrodale, including the managed deer, and tracked down both Fallow and Red. We then headed east with a brief stop at the Salen Jetty shop (who sell very good sausage rolls and meat pies for those who still had room after breakfast) and went to Strontian. We walked the three-mile loop around Ariundle Woods, but the grey, breezy conditions didn't provide many opportunities to see some of the hoped-for more reclusive wildlife. A large bird flock contained tits, Goldcrests, Treecreepers, Siskins, Redpolls, Spotted Flycatchers and Willow Warblers. The Strontian Community Centre didn't disappoint, with a variety of drinks and goodies on offer.

On our way back west, we popped into the Garbh Eilean Wildlife Hide. There were no Otters on view, but Harbour Seals were seen, and a variety of common birds were on offer. With heavy rain set in for the afternoon, we sought shelter at the Ardnamurchan Visitor Centre at Glenmore, with its excellent shop, café, exhibition and mini-cinema. As always, we were made most welcome. We finally made it back to the bunkhouse for about 5pm and, a couple of hours later, were treated to Haggis, neeps and tatties in a rich whisky sauce. The Fox returned to the food that evening, as did two Pine Martens, but our last night drive of the trip didn't provide anything we hadn't seen before.

Day 8

Thursday 22nd August

Our last day is always about travel, but a Pine Marten was still busily feeding outside the lounge window at 6am! After our early breakfast, we said goodbye to Angela, who was later heading off to Tobermory, and then a short stay on Iona. The remainder of us left for Glasgow at about 7.45am, seeing a Red-throated Diver in flight at Corran and then two Red Squirrels at Glenrigh. Some more scanning at Glencoe and refreshments at Tyndrum broke up the journey, before the last leg into the heart of the city where we parted company, planning extended stays in Glasgow or departing by train for home or further excursions.

We saw some 15 species of mammals and 101 species of bird during our eight-day adventure. The weather forecast was often dire but although we did experience some very heavy rain it stayed warm and we somehow managed to avoid a drenching! The wildlife in this region still performs in challenging weather conditions and we were ready and willing to watch over their endeavours!

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Species Lists

Mammals (✓=recorded but not counted)

	Scientific name	Common name	August							
			15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
1	Eurasian Otter	<i>Lutra lutra</i>			2				1	
2	Pine Marten	<i>Martes martes</i>	2	1		4	2	2	2	1
3	European Badger	<i>Meles meles</i>				1				
4	Roe Deer	<i>Capreolus capreolus</i>				1				
5	Fallow Deer	<i>Dama dama</i>					✓		✓	
6	Red Deer	<i>Cervus elaphus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
7	Red Squirrel	<i>Sciurus vulgaris</i>	1				1			2
8	Red Fox	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>						1	1	
9	Harbour Porpoise	<i>Phocoena phocoena</i>							✓	
10	Harbour (Common) Seal	<i>Phoca vitulina</i>	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	
11	Grey Seal	<i>Halichoerus grypus</i>				2				
12	Wood Mouse	<i>Apodemus sylvaticus</i>	✓	✓			✓	✓		
13	bat sp.		✓	✓				✓	✓	
14	Common/Pygmy Shrew	<i>Sorex araneus</i>					✓			
15	Wild Goat	<i>Capra sp.</i>			5			4		

Birds (H = heard only)

1	Red-legged Partridge	<i>Alectoris rufa</i>						✓		
2	Common Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>						✓		
3	Canada Goose	<i>Branta canadensis</i>				✓	✓		✓	H
4	Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
5	Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>	✓							
6	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
7	Common Eider	<i>Somateria mollissima</i>	✓					3		
8	Goosander	<i>Mergus merganser</i>			11		1			✓
9	Red-breasted Merganser	<i>Mergus serrator</i>		1	5					
10	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>				1				
11	Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
12	Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia 'feral'</i>	✓							✓
13	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	✓		1	✓		✓	✓	✓
14	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓		H	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
15	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>		1	1			2		
16	Eurasian Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
17	Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>				13	c20	4		
18	Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
19	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>						6	1	
20	Red Knot	<i>Calidris canutus</i>						1		
21	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>						5		
22	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>						4	4	
23	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>			1		H		1	
24	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>			2		2			
25	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>		1	1		1	2	3	
26	Black-legged Kittiwake	<i>Rissa tridactyla</i>	✓	1	✓	✓	✓	✓		
27	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
28	Common Gull	<i>Larus canus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
29	Great Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus marinus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
30	European Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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			15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
31	Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus graellsii</i>	✓					1		✓
32	Great Skua	<i>Stercorarius skua</i>		1				2+		
33	Arctic Skua	<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>						5		
34	Common Guillemot	<i>Uria aalge</i>		2				✓		
35	Razorbill	<i>Alca torda</i>						✓		
36	Black Guillemot	<i>Cephus grylle</i>						5		
37	Red-throated Diver	<i>Gavia stellata</i>					1		3	
38	European Storm Petrel	<i>Hydrobates pelagicus</i>						c12		
39	Manx Shearwater	<i>Puffinus puffinus</i>	✓				✓	✓		
40	Northern Gannet	<i>Morus bassanus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
41	European Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i>	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	
42	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
43	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
44	Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>					1	2	1	
45	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>		1			2			
46	Hen Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>				1♂				
47	White-tailed Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>		3	4+	3	2	9		
48	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
49	Tawny Owl	<i>Strix aluco</i>						H		
50	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
51	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>				1				
52	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>					1	1♀		
53	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
54	Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	✓							
55	Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>							✓	
56	Carriion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>	✓						✓	
57	Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
58	Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	✓	H	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
59	Coal Tit	<i>Periparus ater</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
60	Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
61	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
62	Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>						✓		
63	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	✓		✓		✓			
64	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
65	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
66	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>			H	H	✓		H	
67	Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>			H	H			✓	
68	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>				H				
69	Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	✓					H	H	
70	Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>			1		1			
71	Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>				H	✓	H	H	✓
72	Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>			H	✓	H	H	H	
73	Eurasian Treecreeper	<i>Certhia familiaris</i>	H		H	H		✓		
74	Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	✓	1			✓	✓		
75	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
76	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
77	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>				17	✓	✓		
78	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>					2		✓	
79	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
80	Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>					1			
81	European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>		✓		✓	✓			

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			15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
82	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>				✓	✓	1		
83	White-throated Dipper	<i>Cinclus cinclus</i>				1				
84	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
85	Dunnock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
86	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	H	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
87	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>					1			
88	Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba yarrellii</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
89	Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
90	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>						1	1	
91	Eurasian Rock Pipit	<i>Anthus petrosus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
92	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
93	Eurasian Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>		H				2	2	
94	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>					✓	✓	H	
95	Twite	<i>Linaria flavirostris</i>				✓	✓	✓		
96	Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>				✓		✓		
97	Common Redpoll	<i>Acanthis flammea</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
98	Red Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>				H	2		H	
99	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
100	Eurasian Siskin	<i>Spinus spinus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	H	✓	
101	Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>	1							

Amphibians

1	Common Toad	<i>Bufo bufo</i>				✓	✓		✓	
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Odonata

1	Emerald Damselfly	<i>Lestes sponsa</i>				✓				
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Butterflies

1	Green-veined White	<i>Pieris napi</i>		✓	✓					
2	Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>		✓	✓			✓	✓	
3	Scotch Argus	<i>Erebia aethiops</i>			✓	✓		✓	✓	
4	Peacock	<i>Aglais io</i>				✓				



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