

Scotland's Mammals & Highlights of the Highlands

Naturetrek Tour Report

2nd – 9th September 2022



White-tailed Eagle by Martin Miller



Great Northern Diver by Martin Miller



Loch Sunart & Aparitif Point by Roger Griffiths



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Day 1

Friday 2nd September

A late incoming flight to Glasgow International Airport and reports of the A82 being closed alongside Loch Lomond looked set to scupper our travelling arrangements, but the flexibility of tour participants and some direct routing ensured that we were all at the Ariundle Centre, Strontian for 7.15pm and only 15 minutes late for our pre-arranged evening meal. Here we enjoyed the first opportunity for seeing the whole party together and we enjoyed making friends before being treated to a delicious three-course meal at the hands of Kate and her accomplished team.

We then took our leave and two minibuses and three cars drove in convoy for the forty minutes to Glenborrodale, seeing a big Otter cross the road, some Common Toads and several small groups of Red Deer including one fine stag on the way. At the bunkhouse we checked out our allocated rooms, had a tour of the centre and were treated to the sight of three athletic Pine Martens coming to the food we had hurriedly put out for them, and then, following a briefing for the week ahead, we retired for the night.

Day 2

Saturday 3rd September

Showers overnight, some of them heavy, provided a rather wet outlook at 6am. Martin and the two tour leaders set out by minibus to Glenmore Bay and for about fifty minutes watched two Otters fishing and grooming in the grey, but still waters. The Otters engaged vocally on one of the islands and leaving one still on show, we went on to check the coastline further west. The small team returned to the bunkhouse for breakfast where a single Pine Marten had been ambling about alongside feeding Chaffinches, Coal, Blue and Great Tits.

We left after breakfast for our day excursion, armed with optics, waterproofs and our packed lunches. Several Grey Herons and a Dipper were on show at the burn emptying into Glenborrodale Bay and driving east we came across an adult and kid Wild Goat at the side of the road. At Salen we stopped at the shop for provisions and a Raven was vocal and then showed itself.

At the village of Acharacle we completed some scanning over the freshwater Loch Shiel and there was an Otter at long range fishing in the shallows and also briefly on the shoreline. Sand Martins skimmed over the surface of the water and we picked out Tufted Duck, Little Grebe and Teal, Hooded Crow, Grey Herons and gulls foraging along the loch edge, while passerines included Pied Wagtail, Meadow Pipit, Siskin and Robin. We moved on to Kentra where we watched up to sixty Goosanders fishing the high tide waters, sometimes flying and scuttling along the surface of the water to keep up with the presumed shoaling fish not visible to us. We bumped into a couple of Redpolls and at the north end of the mini-estuary we encountered waders in the shape of Dunlin, Ringed Plover, Curlew and Redshank plus a Black-tailed Godwit and two Bar-tailed Godwits. A Wheatear and a flock of Greylags were here too and the resident flock of small black sheep were much admired; some Starlings were foraging and more Redpolls flew over.

We did an about turn and took the slow, but very scenic, drive to Tioram Castle where we ate our packed lunch next to the car park. Then as the tide ebbed we walked to the castle noting Rock Dove, Curlew, Oystercatcher, a couple more Goosanders and some Goldfinches and a couple of Cormorants and Common Buzzards. We

couldn't find any Red Squirrels in the area so after a quick return to Loch Shiel we motored to the Salen Hotel for a welcome coffee/tea break. Some more showers threatened to become persistent so we headed off for the shelter of the Garbh Eileen Wildlife Hide. Here some Common Seals were hauled up and in the water and we watched fishing Grey Herons and Cormorants and a distant flock of Common Eiders. A Rock Pipit was on view below the hide and other birds included Little Grebe, Hooded Crow and Herring Gull. We took a steady drive back to the bunkhouse at Glenborrodale, arriving at about 5.15pm which provided time for us to freshen up ahead of our three-course dinner brought to us by Kate's team from the Ariundle Centre.

Food provided outside the bunkhouse again attracted two or three Pine Martens, while Red Deer and bats also provided some close up entertainment before we turned in for the night.

Day 3

Sunday 4th September

Our 6.30am morning excursion was a walk down to Loch Sunart and round to 'Aperitif Point'. We didn't see any Otters, but birds included Greenshank, Redshank, about ten Goosanders and other typical birds of this area. It started to rain as we headed back to the bunkhouse for breakfast and the showery weather continued in the form of light drizzle, so after breakfast we drove slowly down to the small car park at Camas nan Gael where we looked down on the picturesque bay and beach and could see evidence of an organised archeological dig. Common birds around included Twite before we moved on to Branault and then Ockle and finally to the beach at Swordle. Scanning over the sea and bay at Branault provided us with views of yet another Otter fishing in the bay below us before it progressed east around the coastline and out of sight. A pair of Red-throated Divers in summer plumage were also on view as were Shag, Gannet and Black Guillemot.

We drove to the end of the road at Ockle and turned around and walked down to the beach at Swordle. Here we experienced the last showers of the day and telescoped two more Red-throated Divers and saw the splashing and feverish activity of some distant Common Dolphins. An Otter swam into view which was presumably the same animal as we had seen at Branault. Small bird activity included Rock Pipit, Grey Wagtail, Twite, Linnets, Goldfinches, Stonechat and Reed Bunting. We walked across a little footbridge to the other side of the freshwater burn and visited the Viking grave there. This area had famously been the location of a Viking longship which was unearthed very close to the grave. Rock Doves and Ringed Plovers were additional birds seen here before we moved on to Mingary Pier to use the facilities there before visiting the Millennium Gardens at Kilchoan where we ate our packed lunch and took tea/coffee at the adjacent Community Centre.

It was another day without seeing any eagles, but we made our way to the Point of Ardnamurchan and the lighthouse to see what the Hebridean Sea could provide, enjoying views of Red and Fallow Deer en-route. The last two members of the Hebridean Killer Whale pod had been sighted nearby in recent days and we struck gold when we spotted the most famous British Orca 'John Coe' as he steamed around a mile offshore, his huge aberrant black dorsal fin cutting through the calm waters. Although not close it was compelling viewing and between the bouts of sightings many of our party also managed the recommended lighthouse tour and made use of the café and the facilities. Two more Red-throated Divers flew past the Point twice and we spotted more Gannets, adult Guillemots with young, rapidly moving Manx Shearwaters and a few bobbing Common Seals. For most of our party though, the sixty-plus-year-old Orca made the day!!

We drove back east and arrived back at the bunkhouse in good time to enjoy another three-course dinner at 6.30pm. The Pine Martens came to sample our offerings again and a trail camera was deployed to see what else might visit during the night when we were asleep (the answer was nocturnal visits from a Badger). A one hour night drive to Salen and back yielded another Pine Marten running along the road, plus Common Toads, Red Deer and some unidentified bats.

Day 4

Monday 5th September

Heavy rain first thing cancelled out opportunities for an early morning foray, so it was a case of watching the birds and a Pine Marten or two from the bunkhouse window before breakfast. The weather improved and after breakfast we checked out Glenmore, but the lack of Otters was compensated for by distant views of two adult White-tailed Eagles and then a fine adult Golden Eagle that cruised along the ridgeline, landed briefly and then headed off west.

Camas nan Gael was next where we scanned from the small car park perched on the hill. We didn't manage to catch up with the eagles, but Common Buzzards and Ravens were on show and finches included some fly-by Twite. Remarkably, Stuart spotted a 'blow' in the waters at the western-end of Loch Sunart and as we all turned to look a whale jumped clear of the water in spectacular fashion. It did it twice more and we were able to identify this lively cetacean as a Minke Whale. It's not often you see a breaching whale leaping clear of the water's surface!!

We motored on to Kilchoan and Mingary Pier, seeing another White-tailed Eagle en-route, where Kittiwakes and Gannets were feeding over the loch. The interesting geological formations were home to a Rock Pipit and at least three Wheatears and a large flock of finches including plenty of Twite.

After yesterday's excitement with the Orca, we returned to the Point of Ardnamurchan and to our delight saw both 'John Coe' and 'Aquarius', the two remaining bulls in the area, surfacing side-by-side about a mile offshore. These huge beasts were moving very slowly south and created plenty of excitement for the many watchers and day tourists alike. A North American Mink clambering around on the rocks below us was an unexpected further mammal sighting. Eventually, we reluctantly tore ourselves away from the Killer Whales and headed east, travelling via Kilchoan back to the bunkhouse.

After a quick respite from our exciting wildlife sightings we were back on the road and drove to the Garbh Eilean Wildlife Hide. Here there were thirty Common (Harbour) Seals mostly hauled up with a single Grey Seal amongst them. A very lively pod of Common Dolphins – maybe ten animals – headed east mid-loch and eventually disappeared from view behind the islands.

Our dinner was at the Ariundle Centre at Strontian again and after enjoying a fine meal we drove back to Glenborrodale in the dark, notching up Tawny Owl, several Common Toads and roadside Red Deer on the way. Two Pine Martens visited our feeding station and were still present at 10.15pm.

Day 5

Tuesday 6th September

Our early morning optional excursion took us to the neighbouring Glenborrodale RSPB Reserve. Here we walked slowly up the sloping oak tree woodland trail where it gives way higher up to birch and heather. Bird song was limited to Wren and Robin at this time of the year, but careful listening and watching provided us with views of tits, Treecreepers, Redpolls and Siskins. A Badger footprint and Pine Marten scats reminded us that there were mammals abroad too. Good views were to be had overlooking Loch Sunart and the brooding slopes of Morvern. Calling Bullfinches remained hidden and a frog hopped into view on our way down.

After breakfast at the bunkhouse we sauntered down to Laga Bay where we met up with Andy Jackson of Ardnamurchan Charters who was our skipper for a morning boat trip out on Loch Sunart, but first we enjoyed a wonderful sight of about ten Slow Worms nestled under the cover of his compost area, not long after we had seen one at the edge of the path on our walk down.

On the water we took a slow cruise around the island of Carna with its regenerating woodland and scrub. Birdlife was rather modest to begin with but Stuart G spotted a juvenile Cuckoo flying over the boat and an adult Golden Eagle showed briefly above the Ardnamurchan ridgeline. Shags, Cormorants, Curlews and Oystercatchers posed as we slowly entered the water south of Carna. Common Buzzards were overhead and Common Seals posed nicely on the rocks and scanning provided distant views of shorebirds including a few Greenshanks. Forestry operations had been halted on the slopes of Morvern due to the increasing costs associated with the removal of the harvested timber. We navigated around Carna with more seals on view as well as the obligatory Grey Herons and we could obtain better views of the Ardnamurchan side of the loch including Glenborrodale Castle.

On the homeward stretch we steered to check out a flock of gulls on a rock and then noticed a fine adult White-tailed Eagle perched on a headland – it flew on our approach, but seeing its power and beauty was much appreciated. Back on dry land we returned to the bunkhouse for lunch and the majority of the group then took a tour at the nearby Ardnamurchan Distillery which lasted about an hour and fifteen minutes and was much enjoyed. Gareth and Neil meanwhile, took a drive back to the lighthouse to retrieve some found property and were fortunate to see a juvenile White-tailed Eagle sitting up in a nest en-route. A roadside Rabbit was a rather rare animal for this part of the world!

Once we were all reunited we popped into the Ardnamurchan Visitor Centre for a cuppa and with darkening skies and moisture in the air began the short journey back to the bunkhouse. However, a brief stop at Glenmore Bay provided another find in the shape of a fine summer-plumage Great Northern Diver showing just the first signs of moult.

We enjoyed our evening meal in the bunkhouse and duly fed the Pine Martens (all three of them!) and completed our checklists. A small group undertook a night drive – patrolling the single-track road towards Kilchoan and back and clocking up our only two Roe Deer all trip and plenty of Red Deer, unidentified bats and yet more Common Toads!

Day 6

Wednesday 7th September

The generally warm and dry conditions for the week prevailed and our early morning excursion was a walk down to Loch Sunart, yielding first a Dipper at the burn in Glenborrodale and then an excellent spot by Stuart G of an

Otter fishing in weedy shallow water. We managed to keep it in sight, relatively close to us, for almost ten minutes before it simply vanished. A wander around to 'Aperitif Point' failed to relocate it but we found Greenshank, Redshank, Goosander and two Wild Goats.

After breakfast we again went to Laga Bay for a boat trip with Andy this time sailing around the western end of Loch Sunart. A couple of pods of Harbour Porpoise remained distant and typically disappeared on approach but the White-tailed Eagles couldn't avoid us and we saw three adults (two in flight and one perched). A Turnstone and hauled-up Common Seals were spotted just after a single Grey Seal swam past the boat nice and close. After these observations it went rather quiet, but we enjoyed the leisurely excursion nonetheless.

We said thank-you and good-bye to Andy on landing and headed back to the bunkhouse for lunch and then with a reasonable weather forecast for the afternoon, we left at about 2.30pm bound for Sanna. The juvenile White-tailed Eagle was again on view en-route and plentiful roadside birds included Meadow Pipit, Pied Wagtail and Stonechat. We drove across the huge volcanic caldera which dominates the landscape on this section of the peninsular and which is probably the best example anywhere in Scotland. On arrival at Sanna we took a gentle stroll through the sand dunes and onto the beach – but only after enjoying good views of 30 Twite, a Slow Worm and flowers which included Harebell and Flower of Parnassus. On the beach there was a small flock of mobile Ringed Plovers plus singles of Dunlin and Sanderling. Distant Wheatears danced on boulders and Red Deer and Wild Goats stalked the distant ridges.

We sauntered back from the beach along the track that leads to the car park and we saw plenty of Goldfinches and had more views of Twite and flowers in the damp meadow. A slow drive back through the caldera and back to Glenborrodale produced wildlife repeats and then it was time for dinner with a three-course meal again provided by the wonderful staff of the Ariundle Centre. After our checklist we invited Niall Rowentree to provide his insight into the history, culture and wildlife management of the Ardnamurchan Peninsular and further afield. As is often the case, our discussions were interrupted by Pine Marten activity right outside the windows!

Day 7

Thursday 8th September

We began our last full day of the tour with a 6.30am venture along to Glenmore Bay where we were fortunate to count four fishing Otters. Then, following breakfast, we travelled west and encountered a series of White-tailed Eagles with five individuals present north of Ben Hiant, three of them moving off east. A slow drive towards Kilmory yielded three roadside Whinchats at Branault. We parked up at Kilmory and took a walk down to the little beach below the hamlet. A Sparrowhawk showed briefly as did Skylark and a Black Darter dragonfly.

At the beach we were treated to close views of a flock of Dunlin and Ringed Plovers plus a well-marked juvenile Curlew Sandpiper which allowed a couple of us to photograph it. On our return up the beach Stuart G spotted a passing Common Swift. We took a look at the Commonwealth War graves in the small cemetery there – poignantly it includes the graves of two unknown Merchant Navy seamen.

Our next venue was the little promontory at Fascadale, a firm favourite of many Naturetrek tours. Here there is an opportunity to scan the Hebridean Sea towards the Small Isles and the big hill behind for eagles and other highland wildlife. This is also a good spot for sundew with many examples around the damp mossy areas of the

headland. We also noted Milkwort and birds included Kestrel and Wheatear even if the sea wasn't particularly busy. An adult White-tailed Eagle almost went unnoticed as it swept behind the cliff to the west and was subsequently spotted perched on the hillside. As we watched, the 'flying barn door' propelled itself into a shallow dive and it plucked something off the surface of the sea and disappeared around the cliff to a perch out of view.

With the toilets by the shop at Kilchoan remaining locked we stopped to use the facilities at Mingary Pier before driving to the viewpoint at Ormsaigbeg and settling down to enjoy our packed lunch. Twite were fly-by birds and we watched Harbour Porpoises at a distance in the water below us. Next was a coffee-stop at Kilchoan Community Centre – which also has a small shop selling locally produced gifts and a very good model displaying the geology of the peninsular.

We then took a slow drive around the base of Ben Hiant for the last time and headed back to Glenborrodale. Several of the group voted to walk down to Aperitif Point where they were rewarded with a summer-plumage Great Northern Diver. At about 5pm we all left the bunkhouse in the minibuses and drove to Strontian. It was high tide at the head of Loch Sunart and we 'scoped Greenshank alongside Redshank, Curlew, Ringed Plovers and Goosanders. A short walk along the River Strontian to the church and back preceded our final evening meal at the Ariundle Centre where we enjoyed the culinary skills of Kate and her small team.

The drive back to the Ardnamurchan Bunkhouse was a quiet one but we needn't have worried, two Pine Martens were on hand on our return, waiting for their nightly treats.

Day 8

Friday 9th September

Our last day was all about travelling back home or on to other venues. Two early morning Pine Martens ensured we had recorded them on all eight days of the tour! We said goodbye to the common birds coming to the feeders and a couple of the Red Deer ambling on the lawns and for many of us we drove reluctantly back to Glasgow but with vibrant and fond memories of the Ardnamurchan Peninsular and the surrounding West Highlands.

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Species lists

Birds (H = Heard only)

Common name	Scientific name	September 2022							
		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Canada Goose	<i>Branta canadensis</i>					2		2	
Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>	✓	✓						
Eurasian Wigeon	<i>Mareca penelope</i>					H			
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Eurasian Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>		✓			4		7	
Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>		✓						
Common Eider	<i>Somateria mollissima</i>		✓						
Common (Goosander) Merganser	<i>Mergus merganser</i>		60	10			10	3	
Red-throated Diver	<i>Gavia stellata</i>			6	2				
Great Northern Diver (in summer plumage)	<i>Gavia immer</i>					1		1	
Manx Shearwater	<i>Puffinus puffinus</i>			✓	✓			✓	
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>		✓				1		4
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Northern Gannet	<i>Morus bassanus</i>			✓	✓		✓	✓	
European Shag	<i>Gulosus aristotelis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>				1	1			
Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>						1	1	1
White-tailed Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>				3	2	4	7	
Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>		✓	✓			✓	✓	
Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>		1						
Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>		2						
Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>		✓	3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>		✓	1	1	H	2	12	
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>			2		3	1	4	1

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Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>						1		
Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>							1	
Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>						1		
Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>		✓				1		
Black-legged Kittiwake	<i>Rissa tridactyla</i>			✓	✓		1		
Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>	✓	✓	✓	1	✓	✓		✓
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 graellsii</i>	✓	✓	✓					
Common Guillemot	<i>Uria aalge</i>			✓	✓			✓	
Black Guillemot	<i>Cephus grylle</i>			1	1				
Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			1	✓
Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>		H	1	3		✓	✓	✓
Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>					1 juv			
Tawny Owl	<i>Strix aluco</i>				✓			H	
Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>							1	
Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>		H		1		H	✓	H
Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>					1		1	
Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>					2	✓	✓	H
Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>								✓
Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>								✓
Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>								✓
Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>	✓							✓
Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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>							2	
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>		✓	H	H	H		H	
Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>		H						
Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>							1	
Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>			H			H		H
Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>					1			
Common Whitethroat	<i>Curruca communis</i>							H	
Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>		H	✓	H	H	H	H	H
Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>		✓	H	H	H	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Treecreeper	<i>Certhia familiaris</i>		H	✓	✓	H	H	H	H
Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			
Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>				1	2		2	H

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		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>				1			30	
European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>							3	
European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>		✓		4		2	1	
White-throated Dipper	<i>Cinclus cinclus</i>		1				1		
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>		✓				✓	✓	✓
Dunnock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>		✓	H		H	✓	✓	✓
Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>		H	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba yarrellii</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Rock Pipit	<i>Anthus petrosus</i>		1		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>				H	H	✓	✓	
Twite	<i>Linaria flavirostris</i>			✓	1		30	40	
Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>			✓	✓		✓	✓	
Common Redpoll	<i>Acanthis flammea</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		H	
European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>		✓	✓	✓	H	✓	✓	
Eurasian Siskin	<i>Spinus spinus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>								H
Common Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>			✓				✓	

Mammals

Scientific name	Common name	September 2022							
		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
River Otter	<i>Lutra lutra</i>	1	3	1			1	4	
Pine Marten	<i>Martes martes</i>	3	2/3	3	2/3	3	3	3	2
American Mink	<i>Neovison vison</i>				1				
European Badger	<i>Meles meles</i>	Trail cam footage only							
European Rabbit	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>					1			
Roe Deer	<i>Capreolus capreolus</i>					2			
Fallow Deer	<i>Dama dama</i>			✓		✓			
Red Deer	<i>Cervus elaphus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Wild Goat	<i>Capra sp.</i>		2	1			4		
pipistrelle sp.	<i>pipistrellus sp.</i>	2							2
bat sp.				✓		✓	✓	✓	
Orca	<i>Orcinus orca</i>			1	2				
Minke Whale	<i>Balaenoptera acutorostrata</i>				1				
Common Dolphin	<i>Delphinus delphis</i>			c10	c10				
Harbour Porpoise	<i>Phocoena phocoena</i>						✓	✓	
Harbour (Common) Seal	<i>Phoca vitulina</i>		6+	✓	30+	✓	✓	✓	✓
Grey Seal	<i>Halichoerus grypus</i>				1		1		

Others

Scientific name	Common name	September 2022							
		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Reptiles & Amphibians									
Common Toad	<i>Bufo bufo</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Common Frog	<i>Rana temporaria</i>					✓	✓	✓	
Slow Worm	<i>Anguis fragilis</i>					c10	1		
Dragonflies									
Black Darter	<i>Sympetrum danae</i>							✓	
Common (Highland) Darter	<i>Sympetrum striolatum</i>			✓				✓	
Moorland Hawker	<i>Aeshna juncea</i>					✓			
Butterflies & Moths									
'White Butterfly' sp	<i>Pieris sp</i>				✓	✓		✓	
Peacock	<i>Aglais io</i>			✓					
Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>			✓					
Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>				✓	✓	✓		
Dark Green Fritillary	<i>Argynnis aglaja</i>			✓					
Notable Plants									
Sea Spleenwort	<i>Asplenium marinum</i>				✓				
Harebell	<i>Campanula rotundifolia</i>						✓		
Flower of Parnassus	<i>Parnassia palustris</i>						✓		
Purple Loosestrife	<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>						✓		
Selfheal	<i>Prunella vulgaris</i>						✓		
Butterwort	<i>Pinguicula sp.</i>						✓		
Sundew sp.	<i>Drosera sp.</i>							✓	
Black Spleenwort	<i>Asplenium adiantum-nigrum</i>							✓	
Milkwort	<i>Polygala sp.</i>							✓	