

St Kilda & the Hebrides – Islands on the Edge of the Atlantic

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Orcas



Atlantic Puffin

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Summary

Our cruise of the Hebrides was initially met with some windy (although very sunny!) weather. Nonetheless, visiting the mountainous island of Rum rewarded us with a Red-throated Diver, male Hen Harrier and Cuckoo, whilst a day walking on Canna found Golden Plover, Corn Crake (heard only!), Common Eiders, Rock Pipits, Curlews, Early-purple Orchids and beautiful turquoise bays surrounded by beds of Yellow Flag Irises and Bluebells!

Sadly (and unusually), it was too windy and choppy for us to venture into the Atlantic to St Kilda, but the other islands and wildlife we encountered quickly distracted us from this – the undoubted highlight (which will NEVER be forgotten!) was finding a pod of eight Orca off the north coast of Skye early one calm morning. We were privileged to spend almost an hour watching these incredible cetaceans (including two huge males, recognisable by their enormous dorsal fins), our jaws almost on the floor as they swam near our boat!

A zodiac cruise around the bustling seabird colonies and sea cliffs of the Shiantis provided eye-level views of hundreds of Puffins, Guillemots and Razorbills on the water, and our return journey found three sizeable pods of Common Dolphins (around 200 in total) and more Minke Whales, all busy feeding. We also enjoyed walks on North Uist (many Red Deer and a distant Short-eared Owl), Eigg, the Treshnish Isles, Iona (Corn Crake heard!) and watched an Otter feeding off Kerrera on our last night. What a trip!

Day 1

Tuesday 24th May

Dunstaffnage to Ardnamurchan

We met at Dunstaffnage Marina, just north of Oban, in lovely sunny weather at 1pm. We boarded at 1.30pm and met our delightful crew who would be looking after us for the week; Donald (Skipper), John (Bosun) and Anne (cook). Once we were settled into our cabins and had listened to a safety briefing from Donald, we tucked into delicious freshly-baked scones (which were still warm!), with strawberry jam, tea and coffee.

At 3pm we sailed from Dunstaffnage and headed north up the Sound of Mull. En route we saw Grey Seals both bobbing in the water and hauled out on exposed rocks, several Harbour Porpoise and Common Guillemots. Two White-tailed Eagles were spotted flying above the horizon, just behind Duart Castle on Mull, by Kevin. We watched them fly over the forest and disappearing out of view. There were also lots of Arctic Terns and a handful of Black Guillemots.

Shortly after we had passed the colourful town of Tobermory, the Sound of Mull opened into The Minch (the large body of sea between the Inner and Outer Hebrides) and Sara spotted a Minke Whale – hooray! We stopped the boat and waited patiently and then watched it surface several times again in the late afternoon light. Very pleased with the sightings we'd managed thus far, we continued on to a bay on the north of the Ardnamurchan peninsula, where we moored for the evening and enjoyed a delicious first evening meal on board.

Day 2

Wednesday 25th May

Ardnamurchan to Rum

This morning we woke to sun, with occasional sheets of drizzle coming through, before breaking again for sun. While the group were eating breakfast, Sara saw two Otters swimming quickly and purposefully along shoreline – but by the time she'd yelled for the group to abandon their plates and hurry upstairs we'd lost them amongst the rocks. Bother!

After breakfast we set off for Rum, which was a two-hour journey. The winds had really picked up and this was a rough crossing, but out in the fresh air, or in the wheelhouse chatting to Donald, we were fairly happy and enjoyed superb views of the Isle of Eigg as we sailed past. We arrived at Rum at 12.30pm and had lunch on board (a lovely homemade quiche, salad and cous cous). Then, at 2pm, we disembarked for a (very windy!) walk. We wandered along the shoreline, and Sara spotted a male Hen Harrier flying over hillside across the other side of the bay. We watched it for several minutes and also enjoyed views of a Red-throated Diver in summer plumage.

We then did a delightful 1.8-mile circular walk which was mostly in the bright sunshine (bar a couple of brief, heavy showers!). We walked along fields, through woodland and along streams and a river. Highlights included hearing the evocative call of Curlew from a field next to the river before seeing it take flight and flying overhead. Upon returning to the bay, we found several Red-breasted Mergansers. It was 6.15pm (already! With the long days here, it still felt like early afternoon) so we decided we'd had a good-enough 'leg stretch' to go back on board. We returned to the boat with an hour to relax, nibble crisps and peanuts with a drink in the saloon or shower before dinner. Fortunately, now the wind had dropped and we had a peaceful dinner at 8pm, followed by the checklist.

Day 3

Thursday 26th May

Rum to Canna

Shortly after breakfast we set off for Rum's neighbouring island of Canna. As expected, we encountered another rough sea, but we all 'anchored' ourselves out on deck for a sea watch regardless! We sailed along the east side of Rum. Kevin thought he saw two blows from cetaceans in the distance, but we couldn't locate the creators of them, nor did any further blows reappear. We then carried on for an hour and a half into the (calmer!) bay and dropped anchor before lunch.

We disembarked onto Canna, a lovely island with a few houses and white beaches, and walked along the shoreline towards the footbridge which leads to Sanday. The wind was 35mph, gusting 40mph! Despite this, we were all in great spirits as it was very sunny and pleasant – the attractive turquoise sea, with shorelines of beautiful pink Thrift and Yellow Flag Irises looking like a postcard! We saw two Shelduck and some Common Eiders in the bay, and passed a sweet small shop selling locally-made gifts. We had a packed lunch, in a sheltered knoll, watching Rock Pipits feeding in the seaweed next to us.

After lunch we crossed over the footbridge onto Sanday and carried on walking (those at the back of the group saw Curlew in a field), passing a house with some rather windswept-looking chickens and round to St Edward's Church and across a field, where several of us saw a Golden Plover in summer plumage – lovely! We then reached the headland on the other side of Sanday, where we were met with waves crashing against cliffs and rocks, creating seafoam green water and a very dramatic view over the sea to the Isle of Rum.

On our walk back several of us heard a Corn Crake calling in bed of nettle and Yellow Flag Irises. Despite waiting patiently for several minutes, we didn't hear it again, but it was lovely to know that this vanishingly rare bird, which has the Hebrides as one of its few remaining strong holds, was here!

We were back on board for 6pm, and so had time for a game; most of the group joined in with playing 'the Hat Game' (a sort of mix of taboo and charades), which was great fun. We then tucked into a hearty dinner and played the hat game again, with most folk joining in again and enjoying a good laugh!

Day 4

Friday 27th May

Canna to Lochmaddy to North Uist

The next morning whilst Seahorse II replenished its water supplies, we headed ashore for a walk along the shoreline beside the bays and pools that characterise the area, noting a flock of Twite feeding in the shelter of a small conifer plantation, while a quartering pair of Short-eared Owls were seen over the marshy areas. With the light rain clearing away we made our way back to our boat before weighing the anchor and heading back out of Lochmaddy and back into The Minch, travelling north to the Shiant Islands. Regretfully, the decision had been made that we would not be able to make the push to St Kilda and would not be able to leave the relative shelter of The Minch due to the worsening weather conditions and increasing wind speeds west of the Uists and Harris.

However, our journey north with the wind to help us along, didn't disappoint, with cries of "dolphin!" soon after leaving Lochmaddy. Distant White-beaked Dolphins and closer groups of travelling Common Dolphin kept us busy along with the large numbers of Manx Shearwater rafting and flying close to the boat. A Minke Whale showed well in the rolling swells and increasing numbers of Puffins were seen in the water all around us. With the coastline of Skye to the starboard side and the contrasting landscape of Harris and Lewis to port we were treated to some stunning coastal views.

We arrived at the south of the Shiants in the early evening and anchored in the shelter of the two islands Eilean an Taighe (the island of the house) and Garbh Eilean (the rough island) which are joined together by a narrow boulder and shingle spit. After dinner we headed over to land near a small bothy and walked to the boulder spit and looked between the islands towards the third island in the archipelago, Eilean Mhuire (Mary Isle). We were all stunned by the atmosphere and sheer grandeur in front of us - the towering sea cliffs and the almost caldera like look of the scenery. A feeling of remoteness, wildness, and a real seabird city. Many thousands of Puffins were 'wheeling' over the slopes of Garbh Eilean as adults brought in food for chicks still in burrows. Great Skuas were harassing incoming birds with two seen to be devouring an unfortunate Puffin in the bay in front of us. As the light began to fade, we reluctantly made our way back to our boat for a dram or two in celebration of a fabulous day.

Day 5

Saturday 28th May

Lochmaddy, North Uist to Shiants and Skye

Today started as calm and cool – the wind had dropped, and we lifted anchor and set sail at 5.30am to make our way to the Shiants. For those out on deck early, we were treated to views of two Minke Whales as they gently surfaced 100 metres or so off the starboard side of our boat at about 6.15am. All was calm until 7am, when Sara came running down the side of the boat, shouting that she could see ORCA IN THE DISTANCE!! A hasty scrambling for binoculars ensued and multiple shouts of shock, joy (and expletives) were uttered at this incredible sighting. Sara hurled herself below deck to bang on the cabin doors of those who were still sleeping peacefully (sorry everyone!) and folk hurried upstairs to come and see.

The Orca were at least a mile away to the east, off the north-west coast of Skye and we were heading due north. We changed course to slowly approach them for a better view, dropping our speed when we were a couple of hundred metres away and allowing them to come to us. We were treated to the most spectacular and fortunate encounter with these incredible creatures, which neither Sara nor Skipper Donald had ever seen in their 10 and 40 respective years of guiding in these waters. As they approached the boat to pass us, we could see two bulls (fully grown males) with enormous dorsal fins, several adult females and what seemed to be a couple of juveniles. We stayed with them, keeping a slow speed and respectful distance.

When it got to 8am, John the Bosun announced ‘folks, Chef says breakfast’s ready!’ which was completely ignored as we stayed mesmerised on deck. Once they’d passed us, we slowly continued following the pod, travelling parallel to them so as to not be in their way. We watched them for around an hour in total (with a close encounter of about five minutes!) before we directed the boat to turn and continue north (at which point John returned to shout ‘folks, Chef says breakfast’s ruined!’ which got a big laugh – fortunately poor Anne was keeping our lovely bacon and porridge warm for us!). The Orca continued to head towards Loch Maddy, on North Uist, and were seen later that afternoon off the west coast of Rum by another boat. Our jaws were on the floor and we stared at each other in silence, gormless smiles on our faces and utterly speechless at what we’d just experienced. For some, it was very emotional, this was not an encounter that would likely be repeated.

Our silence didn’t last long, as once we descended below deck to the saloon, excited chatter erupted about what an amazing morning we’d just had. (After subsequently sending photos to the HWDT we learned that these Orca were *not* from the normal West Coast community – how exciting!)

By 12 noon we’d reached our goal of the Shiant Islands and John took us for a zodiac ride along the sea cliffs to see the Guillemot, Razorbill and Puffin colonies. There were hundreds upon hundreds of auks on the water, which we were able to slowly approach and get close to in our private little zodiac. Getting down onto the water and becoming eye-level with the birds was an amazingly immersive experience (metaphorically speaking!), allowing us to appreciate the majesty of these fabulous remote islands to the full.

After our excursion we hopped back on board for lunch (Cullen Skink – a delicious smoked haddock soup with crusty rolls) and then we went for a walk on shore. The islands are privately owned by Adam Nicholson, author of ‘The Sea Room’ and, when we walked along the hillside, we unexpectedly met a lovely girl staying in the bothy

who was a friend of the Nicholson family and enjoyed having a chat with her. The views were marvellous, and we pottered, looking at the many Heath Spotted-orchids on the hillside (and trying not to step on them!).

We got back on board for 4.15pm and enjoyed fresh tea and coffee with biscuits as we set sail south for Skye. We anchored for the evening in Dunvegan Bay and enjoyed chatting over dinner about the fabulous wildlife sightings we'd had that day, several of us going to bed dreaming about Orca...!

Day 6

Sunday 29th May

Skye to Eigg

This morning we sailed from Loch Dunvegan and navigated our way south, down the west coast of Skye. Sara spotted some distant dolphins several miles away on the very horizon, but couldn't pick them back up again – they were moving very quickly and made a lot of brief splashing before disappearing. Judging by the number of them and from their boisterous behaviour, they were likely Common Dolphins. An hour and a half later we saw Common Dolphins in a bay off the port side (almost certainly the pod from earlier!) which were busy feeding – and what a huge amount of feeding activity there was! There were likely 100 dolphins swimming around our boat and scores of Gannets diving – clearly there was a large shoal of fish in the bay. Shags were busy diving too and just as Sara said it would be worthwhile keeping an eye out for a whale, a Minke Whale surfaced 100 metres off the bow! During the hour we stood on the deck watching the feeding frenzy, it surfaced three times, but sadly most of the group didn't see it as they were too distracted by the dolphins and bird feeding each time!

After this, we continued south and just as we'd taken coats off, put binoculars and cameras down and sat down to lunch, Donald yelled "SARA – WHALE!!" from the top deck. Everyone swiftly abandoned plates and rushed up stairs and we stood out for 20 minutes looking to relocate it, but it didn't reappear (and a delicious lunch was calling...) so people slowly filed back inside as we continued on our way.

After lunch, we saw two more big groups of dolphins – probably 200 over the course of the day – and then we found another Minke Whale! Hooray! It surfaced a couple of times and the group got a good view of it. As we slowly headed on towards a bay on Eigg it popped up right on the bow, to many cheers of excitement from us all on board. We stopped the boat and watched it swim off before we anchored for the evening.

We disembarked and walked along a road by the shore, the banks by the roadside were still covered in Bluebells, along with fragrant Ramsons (Wild Garlic), the smell of which hung in the early evening air. Walking around a bay we saw five Common Eiders with 17 chicks between them! Leaving the shoreline and walking up a hill inland we had a Buzzard fly over us and we stood and listened to the evening chorus whilst looking down into the beautiful bay in which we'd anchored. Upon returning to the boat after our hours stroll, Sara gave a short talk on different types of whale and dolphins before dinner.

Day 7

Monday 30th May

Eigg to Mull

This morning we left Eigg for Lunga, one of the Treshnish Isles, arriving at 10.30am. We walked up to the cliff top where hundreds of Puffins nest and watched them as they pattered about outside their burrows. The cliff was fairly quiet, as most of the Puffins were down below sitting on the water – clearly they had been busy feeding that morning! Most of the group walked the 20 minutes along to Harp Rock, where thousands of Guillemots are nesting and many Shags were hiding on nests amongst the cracks in the rocks. For those who stayed by the Puffins, we witnessed a Great Skua actively hunting, and saw it fly vertically up in front of the cliffs, before turning on its wing and plummeting down along the burrows to scare Puffins into the air. It caught one, and tumbled down into the water with it, feeding on it once it was dead. It was a startling reminder of the rugged and hostile place these wild islands can be!

We left Lunga at 2pm and sailed to Staffa while having lunch. Once we'd anchored at Staffa, we boarded the zodiac and John, the bosun, surprised us by driving us right into the depths of Fingal's Cave! Most boats cannot enter the cave – them being too large and the sea too shallow (even on calm days the waves are capable of pushing a vessel onto the rocks) so this was a very special experience indeed, and perfectly safe in our nippy and manoeuvrable zodiac. The experience of hearing the waves crashing against the basalt columns and craning our necks to peer up at the ceiling of the cave was just magical.

After this, we landed on Staffa and walked to Fingal's Cave, admiring the hexagonal basalt columns which formed 55 million years ago. The other part of the UK with structures similar to this is Giant's Causeway in Ireland and legend has it that both this and Fingal's Cave were the end pieces of a bridge built by the Irish giant Fionn mac Cumhaill (a.k.a. Finn McCool), so he could travel to Scotland where he was to fight Benandonner, his gigantic rival. The legend is, in effect, geologically correct. Both the Giant's Causeway and Fingal's Cave were indeed created by the same ancient lava flow, which may have at one time formed a "bridge" of sorts between the two sites.

After our visit to Staffa, we then sailed south to Bunessan, a bay on the north of the Ross of Mull. It was very sunny but windy, so we didn't see much wildlife for the rest of the evening, but we enjoyed the beautiful scenery nonetheless! Before dinner, we went through the checklist over a beer and some nibbles and Sara gave a short talk on White-tailed Eagles, Otters and salmon farming, followed by a short video.

Day 8

Tuesday 31st May

Mull to Kerrera

This morning we left Bunessan and sailed along the northern side of Iona, down past its west coast and back into the channel between it and Mull, where we anchored and ran people ashore! With white sandy beaches, turquoise seas and a rich cultural history, Iona is a beautiful and very special island. We spent two and a half hours here, and most of us went in search of Corn Crake. Some of the group heard it, but sadly no one saw any. It was a splendid sunny day and so, in addition to birding, some of the group enjoyed an ice cream, visiting the famous Abbey, sitting on the white sandy beaches and basking in the sun! As we got back on board, Sara and

Christine decided to go for an impromptu dip off the back of the boat and enjoyed a brief (very cold!) swim, to the amusement of the group.

We then set off and had another delicious lunch of soup, warm bread and cheese. As we sailed around the bottom corner of the Ross of Mull there was a lot of bird feeding activity in the water and there were several group of gulls, each containing 30-40 individuals, concentrated together and busily feeding on fish, with Shags working on the baitball of fish from underneath. It was so special to be present to witness the most active time of year in these islands' wildlife calendar and see so much activity daily!

As we continued to sail along the southern coast, we scanned the cliffs for birds as they merged with mist and rain, making the landscape incredibly dramatic. We were in the sun for the most part, marvelling at the moody skies above the cliffs and occasional rainbows that appeared and faded. Our searches for birds found a Hen Harrier (Ring-tailed or female) and also a possible Short-eared Owl.

By 7pm we arrived on the south shore of Kerrera, which was truly stunning! As usual, we did a pre-dinner checklist and it was Andy's birthday today so, after dinner, we brought in a homemade birthday cake with candles (thank you Anne!) and sang 'Happy Birthday', before eagerly tucking in for a slice. Once full, we waddled back on deck for a quick 'Otter scan' and we found one instantly – hooray! We enjoyed watching it fishing along the shoreline as the evening sun started to fade. Many of us then retired back inside for another raucous round of 'The Hat Game' for our final night of jovial antics, before heading to bed.

Day 9

Wednesday 1st June

Kerrera to Dunstaffnage

This morning was a gorgeous, totally tranquil morning with beautifully sunny skies and flat calm water, like a mill pond. We reluctantly set off for Dunstaffnage and some of the group opted to enjoy breakfast on the benches out on deck, making the most of the lush green islands and calm blue seas (with occasional Porpoise) slowly going by. We arrived back at the hot and sunny marina at 10.30am, said our goodbyes and parted on our separate ways. We may not have reached St Kilda, but we had certainly had a truly unforgettable experience with these magical wild islands and their inhabitants.

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Species lists

Birds (H = Heard only, P = Possible)

			May 22							
	Common name	Scientific name	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
1	Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
2	Canada Goose	<i>Branta canadensis</i>	✓							✓
3	Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>			✓					
4	Eurasian Wigeon	<i>Mareca penelope</i>				✓				
5	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		
6	Common Eider	<i>Somateria mollissima</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
7	Red-breasted Merganser	<i>Mergus serrator</i>		6		✓				✓
8	Common Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>						✓		
9	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>		H	H	H		H		
10	Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>							✓	
11	Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia 'feral'</i>				✓				
12	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	✓	✓						
13	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>				✓				
14	Corn Crane	<i>Crex crex</i>			H					H
15	Eurasian Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
16	Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>		✓	✓					
17	European Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis apricaria</i>			✓					
18	Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>		P	✓					
19	Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>			✓	✓				
20	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>			✓					
21	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
22	Black-legged Kittiwake	<i>Rissa tridactyla</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
23	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>	✓							
24	Common Gull	<i>Larus canus</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓
25	Great Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus marinus</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
26	European Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
27	Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>	✓	✓						
28	Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>	✓							
29	Roseate Tern	<i>Sterna dougallii</i>	P							
30	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	✓			✓				

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			24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
31	Arctic Tern	<i>Sterna paradisaea</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
32	Great Skua	<i>Stercorarius skua</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
33	Pomarine Skua	<i>Stercorarius pomarinus</i>					✓			
34	Arctic Skua	<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>				✓	✓			
35	Common Guillemot	<i>Uria aalge</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
36	Razorbill	<i>Alca torda</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
37	Black Guillemot	<i>Cephus grylle</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
38	Atlantic Puffin	<i>Fratercula arctica</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
39	Red-throated Diver	<i>Gavia stellata</i>			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
40	Black-throated Diver	<i>Gavia arctica</i>								✓
41	Great Northern Diver	<i>Gavia immer</i>		✓			✓	✓		✓
42	Northern Fulmar	<i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
43	Manx Shearwater	<i>Puffinus puffinus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
44	Northern Gannet	<i>Morus bassanus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
45	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>				✓	✓			✓
46	European Shag	<i>Gulosus aristotelis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
47	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
48	Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>						P		
49	Hen Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>								✓
50	White-tailed Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>	✓				✓			
51	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
52	Short-eared Owl	<i>Asio flammeus</i>				✓				P
53	Merlin	<i>Falco columbarius</i>				P				
54	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>						✓		
55	Western Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>								✓
56	Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>								✓
57	Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
58	Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	
59	Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>			✓	✓	✓			✓
60	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>		✓	✓			✓		✓
61	Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>				✓		H		H
62	Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>		H			H		✓	
63	Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>			✓	✓				✓
64	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓		✓
65	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>		✓						
66	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓		
67	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓		
68	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>			✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
69	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>			✓	✓				✓
70	Dunnock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>			✓	✓		✓		
71	Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba yarrellii</i>		✓	✓			✓		✓
72	Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>			✓		✓		✓	✓
73	European Rock Pipit	<i>Anthus petrosus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
74	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	✓	✓				✓		
75	Lesser Redpoll	<i>Acanthis cabaret</i>				✓				✓
76	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>				✓				✓

Mammals

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		24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
European Rabbit	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	✓					✓		
Minke Whale	<i>Balaenoptera acutorostrata</i>					3	3+		1
Orca (Killer Whale)	<i>Orcinus orca</i>					8			
Common Dolphin	<i>Delphinus delphis</i>						200+		
Harbour Porpoise	<i>Phocoena phocoena</i>	✓				✓	3+	1	✓
Harbour (Common) Seal	<i>Phoca vitulina</i>	✓	✓				1		✓
Grey Seal	<i>Halichoerus grypus</i>	✓		✓	✓	Poss	1	✓	
Otter	<i>Lutra lutra</i>		✓						
Red Deer	<i>Cervus elaphus</i>		✓		✓		1		✓
Unidentified whales				2					