

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

Naturetrek Tour Report

12th – 20th May 2023



Puffins on Lunga



The Old Man of Storr on Skye



Barrel Jellyfish on Ulva



Razorbills on Lunga

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Summary

Our cruise of the islands of the Hebrides started on the Friday 12th May. After leaving Dunstaffnage Marina we headed along the Sound of Mull, seeing our first Common & Grey Seals as we headed to our first overnight stop before heading off to Rhum the next morning. Setting off for Rhum, we were treated to our first (but distant) view of Harbour Porpoises along with good numbers of Manx Shearwaters and once on Rhum we had a delightful walk to Kinloch Castle. After a few very pleasant hours on Rhum we then departed for the beautiful island of Canna. We spent the night in a lovely bay overlooking the harbour on Canna.

Departing the next morning after a wonderful breakfast we then cruised along the north coast of Canna where we were treated to a view of our first White-tailed Eagle. Leaving Canna behind us we headed out across the Minch towards our next destination, the island of Vatersay which we arrived at after a choppy crossing of nearly six hours.

Once on Vatersay we heard a Corncrake calling from an area of nettles & long grass, then had great views of it walking along the road & pavement in the main settlement – amazing! We were picked up by the rib from the beach later that afternoon we were treated to the playful antics of two Bottlenose Dolphins that swam alongside us for a while and then in the bay where we viewed them from the ship. Leaving Vatersay the next morning we then headed along the east coast of the Outer Hebrides towards Scalpay (our next overnight stop) which turned out to be rather quite for wildlife, however before arriving on Scalpay we did a rib tour of the sea loch St. Michaels bay.

Next morning, we headed off for our cruise around and a landing on the Shiantis which were tremendous. Vast amounts of seabirds filled the air and bay along with wonderful views of three White-tailed Eagles. Reluctantly we left the Shiantis to once again cross the Minch towards our next overnight stop, Staffin Bay off the Isle of Skye. The next morning, we headed down the picturesque coastline of the Trotternish area of Skye viewing spectacular cliffs and waterfalls as we headed towards our destination for that evening, Kentra Bay on the north shore of the Ardnamurcham where we went ashore. On route we passed under the Skye Bridge. On a rather grey and wet start the next day we headed to the lovely island of Ulva and moored in Soriby Bay on the north shore of Ulva where landed where we landed that afternoon and moored overnight.

Day eight presented us with one of the highlights of the trip which was a close sail passed the world famous Fingles Cave on Staffa and then landing on the seabird packed island of Lunga. We then proceeded to Tobermory to moor up for the last evening before heading back to Dunstaffnage Marina on the Saturday morning from where we started our adventure over a week before.

Day 1

Friday 12th May

Dunstaffnage Marina to Loch Na Droma Buidhe (Loch Sunart)

Our party met at Dunstaffnage Marina just north of Oban at 1pm where we were met by our wonderful crew for the week, Alan (Captain), Mike (Bosun) and Natasha (Chef) and proceeded to board Seahorse II on a lovely sunny day and with a light wind. Once on board we were shown to our comfortable cabins and then listened to the safety

briefing on the open deck to the rear of the ship. We then tucked in into delicious home baked scones with jam, tea and coffee. Yum yum!

We sailed from Dunstaffnage at 1.30pm and headed north up the Sound of Mull, passing Lismore Lighthouse and with the blue skies and calm seas. Not long after leaving we picked up our first Black & Common Guillemots along with the first of a number of Grey Seals. Along the route we were joined by Herring and Great Black-backed Gulls along with Common Terns whilst on the sea we past numerous Shags & Cormorants. Halfway to Tobermory on the small rocky islands close to the mainland we had Common Seal hauled out along with Oystercatchers, Grey Heron, Cormorants, a Greylag Goose and our first two Hooded Crows. Once past the colourful town of Tobermory we turned east and into the start of Loch Sunart towards our first night stop through the narrow entrance and the calm waters of Loch na Droma Buidhe. Once here we found our first Great Northern Diver along with Eider, Hooded Crow. Once moored for the evening we enjoyed the first our delicious evening meals that Natasha provided for the rest of the tour.

Day 2

Saturday 13th May

Loch na Droma Buidhe to Canna via Rhum

Departing at around 8.30am in morning sunshine from our calm overnight mooring, we set sail after a wonderful breakfast prepared by Natasha and served with the help of both Alan & Mike. In the bay Common Terns circled the ship whilst in the woodland ashore we heard singing Willow Warblers and the loud singing Wrens that were to be heard almost everywhere we went on the trip.

Once into more open seas along the southern coast of the Ardnamurchan we spotted our first Harbour Porpoises and Gannets along with the ever-present Shags and Cormorants. Grey Seals also put in an appearance as well, often “bottling” as it’s known, as we past. We also picked up (not literally) two Ravens as we sailed close to land and from the ship our first Manx Shearwaters. Common Guillemots and Razorbills also started to put in a more regular appearance. At around 10am we sailed close inland and past the impressive lighthouse on Ardnamurchan Point.

Passing close to the island of Muck we moored up in Loch Scresort on Rhum at 12.10pm but before going ashore we had a lovely lunch on board. With continued bright sunshine and calm winds, we went ashore for the first time as a group in the zodiac. Once ashore we headed along the shore and through some lovely woodland towards our destination, Kinloch Castle. In the bay we had Eider, and a pair of Red-breasted Merganser along with Grey Heron, our first Greenshank of the trip and a Green-veined White butterfly. Through the woodland we saw Song Thrush, calling Long-tailed Tits, Great Tit whilst in the distance we were accompanied the calls of newly arrived Cuckoos. After a walk on Rhum for a few hours in glorious sunshine we departed the island later that afternoon and after a calm crossing we arrived on Canna at around 4pm. Once again going ashore in the zodiac we were met by a pair of Wheatear as started a delightful walk along the shoreline road where we had distance views of White-tailed Eagle and a Buzzard over the nearby hills. During our walk we saw Pied Wagtails, Swallow, Blackbird, Starling, Cuckoo, Curlew, Goldfinch, and Oystercatcher as well as House Sparrows in the farmyard where we turned around to head back to the ship to yet another wonderful evening meal.

Day 3

Sunday 14th May

Canna to Vatersay

The day started grey, overcast and with drizzle as we headed along the north coast of Canna and into open sea as we headed off to the island of Vattersay. We passed auk colonies on the cliffs of Canna that also included Kittiwakes and we also saw a White-tailed Eagle soaring along the cliff top before it landed. The weather dried up but remained overcast and the sea got “lumpier” as they say. We also at this point started to see large rafts of Shags and Manx Shearwaters along with Gannets, auks (all four species), Kittiwakes and a few Fulmars. After around five hours sailing, we arrived at the island of Vatersay in bright sunshine. As we landed at the jetty in Vatersay Bay we were greeted by hillsides covered in yellow primroses along with Meadow Pipits and a Ringed Plover on the seashore. Not long after leaving the jetty we were treated to one of the special species of the trip, a Corncrake. Initially heard calling we approached slowly and sure enough it showed well by walking across the road in front of us, along the pavement and under the gate – amazing for a traditionally shy bird. In high spirits after seeing the Corncrake, we continued our walk to Bagh a Deas beach on the south side of the island to the sounds of displaying Lapwing and singing Skylarks. Fortunately, the beach was deserted so the waders on the shoreline had not been disturbed so we added Dunlin, a Sanderling, Ringed Plover whilst across on the nearby island of Sandray one of our eagle eyed group located two White-tailed Eagles that were flying low and landing on the island. A brief view of a Great Northern Diver in the bay was also had as well Common Terns flying overhead. We then retraced our steps with a few of the group heading back to the jetty while the rest of the group headed to the nearby Bagh Siar Bay via a stall outside one of the crofts selling delicious homemade cakes – how could we resist. As we headed to the north end of the bay for a beach pick by zodiac, we located a single feeding Twite whilst a member of the group near the jetty saw Pied Wagtail, Redshank and a Turnstone. Once in the zodiac we had the wonderful experience of two Bottlenose Dolphins swimming alongside us, a magical moment. Once safely back on board the Seahorse, the dolphins continued to hang around in the bay for some time and on occasions swimming close to the ship. The perfect end to a wonderful day.

Day 4

Monday 15th May

Vatersay to Scalpay

Our fourth day dawned sunny and with light winds we departed Vatersay at 8.30am after another great breakfast. The plan was to press on for much of the day to the island of Scalpay where we would spend the night and then head to the Shiantis the next morning. Traveling north along the eastern side of the western isles we initially past the islands of Barra and Eriskay where we had one White-tailed Eagle along with further sighting of Black Guillemots, two Great Northern Divers, a few Cormorants and Shags plus the occasional Great Black-backed Gull.

We broke our sail north to Scalpay at 1.30pm, mooring off St. Michaels Chapel located on the southeastern point of the island of Grimsay. We then went on a zodiac tour of the channels between Grimsay and the island of Ronay with Mike the Bosun at the helm. During this zodiac tour we located Eider, Common Terns, along with a number of Common Seals hauled out on exposed small islands. As we sailed around, we were treated to a flypast of three Red-throated Divers and six Red-breasted Mergansers and a single Whimbrel. We were also saw five Red Deer along with a high and distant view of another White-tailed Eagle, one Grey Heron, a Dunlin along with a number

of Rabbits on some of the small islands. After an enjoyable zodiac tour, we arrived back on board at 3.30pm and set sail for Scalpay where we arrived at 7.30pm. A hearty meal awaited us that was enjoyed by us all.

Day 5

Tuesday 16th May

Scalpay to Staffin Bay on Skye via the Shiants.

Leaving Scalpay under in grey skies and slight drizzle at 8.30am and passing the Eilean Glas lighthouse, we headed for the remote and beautiful Shiants that were only a short two-hour sail away. Fortunately, as we approached the islands the weather perked up and the sun started to shine. Once we arrived, we spent a magical hour slowly sailing around the islands with clouds of Puffins, Guillemots and Razorbills circling overhead whilst up to three White-tailed Eagle put on an amazing display for us. We then anchored in the shelter of the two islands Eilean an Taighe (island of the house) and Garbh Eilean (the rough island) which are joined together by a narrow boulder & shingle beach. Whilst the zodiac was lowered, we were all amazed by the atmosphere, remoteness and the spectacular scene before our eyes. We then boarded the zodiac for a landing on the Shiants as an occasional Great Skua quartered the hills overhead as did a pair of Ravens.

Once ashore we heard a Wren singing, a sound that we heard almost everywhere we landed during the tour along with Meadow Pipits. We then headed up past the bothy (the only building on the Shiants) and on to the flat but high ground on the south side of the island. Here we saw Wheatear along with two pairs of Great Skuas on the hills above the track. Returning to the zodiac after our walk ashore we toured the bay once again view the vast numbers of auks in the sky and on the sea as well as having great views once again of White-tailed Eagles.

With some reluctance we departed the wonderful Shiants at 4.30pm and headed east towards our overnight mooring in Staffin Bay on Skye, but not before seeing a lone Greylag Goose on the sea along with a single Great Northern Diver along with lots of auks and Gannets. We arrived and anchored in Staffin Bay at 6.30pm. We discussed another great day over yet another wonderful meal prepared by Natasha.

Day 6

Wednesday 17th May

Staffin Bay to Kentra Bay (Ardnamurchan)

We made an early departure from Staffin Bay at the north end of Skye at 7am on Wednesday 17th May with the weather overcast and with some light drizzle. The weather soon improved as we enjoyed the stunning & dramatic coastline of Skye. Although not flowing as much as it could have been we passed the waterfall that flows out of Loch Mealt and one at Inver Tote. At 8.30am we then sailed past one of the great geological features of Skye, the towering pinnacle of the Old Man of Storr. It was rather quiet for wildlife although along this part of the route we saw a few Gannets that are always great to see along with Shag, Herring Gulls and two Ravens over the sea cliffs as we viewed in the distance the lovely Skye town of Portree at around 9.20am. We pressed on as Skipper Alan was keen to get through the narrows near the Skye Bridge before the tide turned as this could delay us by around four hours. Fortunately, we made good time, and this possible delay was avoided.

With the island of Rassay to our port side and the dramatic Cullin Mountains of Skye to our starboard side, the land on either side started to get closer to us as we approached the Skye Bridge. Before to passing under the Skye

Bridge at 11.30am and the small village of Kyle of Lochalsh we had further sighting of Gannets, Shags, Common Terns, Cormorants, Great Black-backed Gulls, two Black Guillemots and one Great Skua. As we sailed under bridge, we saw one Hooded Crow along with five Common Seals hauled out on rocks close to the bridge. We then entered Loch Alsh for a short time before turning southwest at the Sgeir na Caillich light along the Sound of Sleat and the southern shoreline of Skye. Passing the Kylerhea ferry narrows at 12.30 pm the weather started to become grey and overcast with drizzle. Through the narrows we picked up a few more Common Seals and few Oystercatchers and the odd Great Black-backed Gull but birds were few and far between so most folk stayed in the warm & cosy lounge with a good book.

An hour out from our destination for the evening, Kentra Bay on the northern shore of Ardnamurchan, the weather although overcast did dry up and we started to see a few more birds that included some more Gannets, 12 Manx Shearwater, Black & Common Guillemots and two Great Northern Divers. At around 5pm we dropped anchored in Kentra Bay and went ashore by zodiac on the remote and deserted beach of Camas an Lighe with its wonderful golden sands. On our short walk across the beach, we caught up with another Greenshank and a Common Sandpiper at the mouth of the small river that entered the bay. As we headed through the lichen covered woods and with a small waterfall by the track, we had Mistle Thrush, Chaffinch, three Willow Warblers, Robin, and our first Grey Wagtail of the trip. With Cuckoo calling in the background and Common Terns in bay we headed back to Seahorse II for yet another wonderful evening meal.

Day 7

Thursday 18th May

Kentra Bay to Ulva

Leaving Kentra Bay at 8am this morning's sail took us along the remote northern coastline of Ardnamurchan in dry conditions and with light winds, although the weather did start to worsen as we turned south once again to sail past Ardnamurchan Point lighthouse. The plan was to visit Lunga today but due to the weather forecast we decided to head to island to Ulva where we would go ashore later in the afternoon as the weather improved. As we past Ardnamurchan Point Lighthouse and in a lumpy sea, we saw further gannets along with Guillemots, Razorbills, Puffins and a few Manx Shearwaters & Kittiwakes.

We arrived at Ulva at round 12.30pm in low cloud and drizzle so we decided to have lunch and wait for the weather to brighten up as per the forecast, which it did at around 4pm. The sun came out and we boarded the zodiac for a trip across Loch Tuath to the beautiful waterfall of Eas Fors in Camas an Lagain Bay. Whilst there we had four Oystercatchers along with a few Common Seals before we headed to the small jetty on Ulva where we were greeted by a very friendly Labrador. Leaving the jetty, we then headed along one of the well signed posted walks to the church. Along the way and with the sun out we had the ever-present Willow Warblers plus Whitethroats, Swallows, House Martins, one Robin, one Chaffinch, Meadow Pipits and a Blackbird whilst along the shoreline we saw Grey Heron, Hooded Crows and Greylag and Canada Geese. With a Cuckoo calling in the background we got back to Mike at the jetty and the zodiac at 6.30pm for the trip back to our home for the week, Seahorse II and our evening meal at 7.30pm.

Day 8

Friday 19th May

Ulva to Tobermory via Staffa and Lunga

With the weather improved and sea still, we headed off to the island of Staffa however before setting sail and before breakfast the ship was surrounded by half - Moon Jellyfish along with a number of very large Barrel Jellyfish in the calm waters and with a Cuckoo, Wren and Oystercatchers calling it was a lovely start to the day.

We headed round the headland of Gometra and headed south towards Staffa which we planned to sail close to get a view of the famous Fingal's Cave. In slightly choppy seas due to currents and the rugged coastline of Staffa we arrived at the wonderful sight of Fingal's Cave at 9am. After going as close as we could we steamed north for a short time and arrived on Lunga at 10.30am by zodiac with our rucksacks full of a packed lunch. For a short but magical period of time we had the island to ourselves before the first of the local day boats arrived – a moment that we will all remember. We all scrambled out of the zodiac and headed across the boulder beach up the grassy gully and up on to level ground where we were greeted by the stars of Lunga, the ever confiding and curious Puffins. Here we stayed for a while just watching the Puffins coming and going along with Guillemots and Razorbills further down the cliffs.

The path from this level Puffin filled area then climbs up and down the western side of Lunga. As we headed along the route we saw Wrens, Blackbird, Meadow Pipits and along with the occasional Whitethroat could be heard Nesting Puffins, Razorbills and Shags lined the edges of the path until we reached the wonderful and packed Guillemot & Razorbill colony on a sea stack island that is cut off from the main island by a deep gully. This area is where the group lunched as we absorbed the sights, sounds & smells of this spectacular auk colony that also included a number of Kittiwakes and Fulmars.

Reluctantly we headed back to the zodiac for Mike to take the first group back to the ship at 3pm with the rest following on at 4pm. We also had Snipe in the boggy areas of Lunga along with two Common Sandpipers on the rocky shoreline. In lovely sunshine and with lots of birds around us we departed Lunga at 4.10pm and set sail for our last evening stop at Tobermory where we arrived in the still at waters of Tobermory Bay at 6.20pm. The last evening meal was once again delicious (how Natasha prepared such wonderful meals in such a small galley was amazing) and we reminisced over the wonderful wildlife and places we had seen, along with the not getting to St Kilda or seeing Otter & Golden Eagle despite constantly scanning the hills and shoreline throughout the trip. We all thanked the crew of the Seahorse II for all of their expertise and help during our time at sea which was very much appreciated by everyone on the tour.

Day 9

Saturday 20th May

Tobermory to Dunstaffnage

An early departure from Tobermory at 7am in overcast but calm conditions took us down the Sound of Mull between Mull and the mainland area of Morvern. As we headed down the sound and whilst still at breakfast Mike the Bosun spotted six dolphins (species unknown) heading directly for the ship but before we could get up on deck they had disappeared. We continued down the Sound of Mull sighting the occasional Common Seal, Herring & Common Gulls along with summer plumage Black Guillemots and still ever hopeful of that elusive Golden

Eagle & Otter but alas it was not to be. We passed the lighthouse on Lismore Island and finally moored back at Dunstaffnage at 10.34am with the last birds being recorded “officially” on the tour being a Swallow and a singing Wren along with a one Common Seal. Alan & Mike loaded the zodiac with all of our luggage and took it round to the marina entrance where we said our goodbyes and departed our separate ways.

We may not have reached St Kilda but had had a truly memorable experience on board Seahorse II with memories that will stay with those on the trip forever.

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Species lists

Birds (H = Heard only)

Common name	Scientific name	May 2023									
		12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓			
Canada Goose	<i>Branta canadensis</i>							✓			
Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>				✓						
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	✓	✓								
Common Eider	<i>Somateria mollissima</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓			✓		
Red-breasted Merganser	<i>Mergus serrator</i>		✓	3	6		✓				
Red-throated Diver	<i>Gavia stellata</i>				✓						
Great Northern Diver	<i>Gavia immer</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Northern Fulmar	<i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>			2		✓		✓	✓		
Manx Shearwater	<i>Puffinus puffinus</i>		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓		
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>		✓		✓			✓	✓		
Northern Gannet	<i>Morus bassanus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
European Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
White-tailed Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓					
Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	✓	✓								
Corn Crake	<i>Crex crex</i>			✓							
Eurasian Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>			✓							
Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>			✓							
Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>					H			✓		
Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>				1	✓					
Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>			✓							
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>		✓				✓				
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>		✓				✓	✓	✓		
Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>			✓							
Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>			✓	✓						
Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>			✓							
Black-legged Kittiwake	<i>Rissa tridactyla</i>					✓		✓	✓		
Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>		✓	✓							
Common Gull	<i>Larus canus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Great Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus marinus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>			✓							
European Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Great Skua	<i>Stercorarius skua</i>				✓	✓	✓				
Common Guillemot	<i>Uria aalge</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Razorbill	<i>Alca torda</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Black Guillemot	<i>Cepphus grylle</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Atlantic Puffin	<i>Fratercula arctica</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia 'feral'</i>		✓								
Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>		✓								
Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>		✓				✓	✓			
Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>		✓			✓	✓				
Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>		✓								
Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>		✓								

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		12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	
Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>							✓			
Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	✓	✓				✓	✓			
Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>							✓	✓		
Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>		✓								
Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>		✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>		✓	✓							
Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>		✓	✓				✓	✓		
Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>		✓								
Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>						✓				
European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>		✓				✓	✓			
Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>		✓			✓			✓		
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>		✓	✓							
Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>		✓	✓					✓		
Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>		✓	✓		✓		✓	✓		
Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>		✓				✓	✓	✓		
Twite	<i>Linaria flavirostris</i>			✓							
European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>		✓								

Mammal

Common name	Scientific name	May 2023									
		12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
European Rabbit	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓	
White-beaked Dolphin	<i>Lagenorhynchus albirostris</i>									6	
Bottle-nosed Dolphin	<i>Tursiops truncatus</i>		✓								
Harbour Porpoise	<i>Phocoena phocoena</i>		✓								
Harbour (Common) Seal	<i>Phoca vitulina</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	
Grey Seal	<i>Halichoerus grypus</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓			
Red Deer	<i>Cervus elaphus</i>	✓	✓		✓				✓		

Other sightings

Green Veined White

Salt Marsh Moth Caterpillar

Water Avons

Lichens

Yellow Flag

Cellandines

Pond Skater

Half Moon Jellyfish

Coombe Jellyfish

Barrel Jellyfish