

Ardnamurchan – Wild Scotland in Spring

Naturetrek Tour Report

17th – 24th May 2022



Chequered Skipper



Common Seal



Pine Marten



Puffin and Thrift

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Summary

What a great trip we had to the remote Ardnamurchan Peninsula! Pine Martens each and every day, regular views of massive White-tailed Eagles, Otters fishing in the lochs, Great Northern Divers submerging like bath toys, Harbour Seals looking like banana-shaped sausages as they relaxed on small islands of rocks and great views of one of Britain's rarest butterflies, the Chequered Skipper. Our boat trip to Lunga and Staffa was fantastic with Atlantic Puffins galore - peering at us from cliff top and burrow - while Razorbills gaped, Kittiwakes called and Shags gazed at us with bottle-green eyes. Fabulous. Add to this some of the most dramatic views one could imagine, some wonderful home cooking and a whole lot of laughs and you've got a really memorable and wonderful holiday

Thanks to all for making it such a wonderful experience – I hope we'll all meet again.

Day 1

Tuesday 17th May

Three people were making their own way to the bunkhouse, so Andy and Glyn collected the other eight from Glasgow Station and we headed off north. The weather was a touch cloudy, and this low cloud permeated the views, making Loch Lomond look even more mysterious than normal. We stopped at Tyndrum for a bit of a stretch and to buy provisions for our sojourn at the bunkhouse before driving just a few miles more to the Bridge of Orchy.

Here we stopped for a glorious half hour of top-quality birdwatching. Wood Sandpipers called, a Common Snipe dashed across the sky, a Common Greenshank called and flew towards us before landing on a nearby bank. Sand Martins and Barn Swallows swooped after insects in front of us and behind us a Tree Pipit sang persistently. We shifted our position to watch a pair of Eurasian Wigeon and a single, perhaps injured, Whooper Swan. We left this wonderful site with a flock of some 40 Red Crossbills flying overhead.

We continued our drive through the impressive Glen Coe, but the low cloud made this atmospheric but not spectacular. The return trip would resolve this! We then made our way onto the Corran Ferry for a short loch crossing, before continuing our drive through some lovely woodland and finally arriving at our bunkhouse destination at around 7pm – just in time for the first of our delicious meals produced by Kate and her marvellous helpers.

Before dinner we'd put out jam and peanut butter to try to lure Pine Martens out of the woods and, at around 9pm, we were successful, with a wonderful animal coming to feed and sheltering under the feeder from the pelting rain. An excellent end to our first day in this splendid area.

Day 2

Wednesday 18th May

We'd settled well into this lovely bunkhouse and woke up refreshed and ready for an early morning exploration. It was pretty wet at 6am but we gazed across the water at Aperitif Point to see what we could find. No Otters this morning, but a Harbour Seal, lots of fairly distant Arctic Terns, some hysterical Eurasian Oystercatchers and

lots of lovely singing Song Thrushes, European Robins and Common Blackbirds. We drove a little further up the road to a great viewpoint where we saw a White-tailed Eagle high over the ridge to our right. It gradually came nearer and soared overhead. What a magnificent bird! Then it was back to the Lodge for a breakfast of delicious soda bread, muesli, cereal and toast while being entertained by various tits and Great Spotted Woodpeckers on the bird feeders.

After breakfast we drove east to Salen where a Purple Sandpiper was briefly glimpsed while a Common Sandpiper, Eurasian Siskins and Oystercatchers gave more extended views. We made use of the toilets and local shop at this stop and familiarised ourselves with the more common bird songs of Common Chaffinches, Blackbirds and Song Thrush.

Moving further round Loch Sunart we parked up and made our way along an elegant walkway, that was undergoing some renovation, to the wonderful carved wooden hide overlooking Garbh Eilean island. A couple of Harbour Seals, like curved bananas, lay out on the mud which, as the tide dropped, became increasingly exposed and attracted more and more seals until, in the end, we counted 24. This gave us ample opportunity to see the differences between the head shape and nostril configuration which helps differentiate between Harbour and Grey Seals. We watched a Grey Heron colony on the island and the Red-breasted Mergansers out on the loch included a female and a male bird moving into eclipse plumage. Behind us in the woodland a Eurasian Bullfinch called and Willow Warblers sang among the oak trees which were liberally covered with the fascinating Tree Lungwort Lichen (*Lobaria pulmonaria*). Back out on the loch there were waders afoot with a pair of Common Sandpipers darting about behind the seals and a Common Greenshank playing hide and seek behind the rocks.

Two Rock Pipits scuttled around the seaweed as we reluctantly moved away from this wonderful hide and made our way through the woodland on a trail that followed the edge of the loch. The canopy held singing Willow Warblers and large numbers of trilling Lesser Redpolls, calling Eurasian Siskins, and European Robins while Common Buzzards soared overhead. The woodland floor was covered in Wood-sorrel and Cuckoo-flower punctuated by the occasional beautiful Columbine flower. The car park held numbers of Green-veined Whites while a vocal Garden Warbler serenaded us as we had our picnic lunch.

After lunch we continued east to go through Strontian and into the lovely Ariundle Wood. By now the earlier torrential rain had gone leaving behind a hot and sunny day. This was ideal as we'd planned to look for butterflies and one butterfly in particular – the Chequered Skipper. We were almost immediately successful with some sharp eyes picking out this lovely butterfly more or less as soon as we'd started our walk. We strolled through the attractive Sessile Oak woodland with a couple of distant Wood Warblers still in song together with frequent Tree Pipits. On the path an Oil Beetle trundled along with its odd-looking elytra – as Gerald Durrell put it: 'like a beetle that had put on its younger brother's wing cases by mistake'.

We walked back towards Ariundle admiring the beautiful white Pignut and the wash of Bluebells and finding a Palmate Newt in a small body of water by the track, before visiting the local tea shop for a welcome cup of tea and cake. Then it was a gentle drive back to Glenborrodale to put food out for the Pine Martens and prepare ourselves for our evening meal – this time featuring a delicious mackerel pate.

The Pine Marten clearly found our offering up to standard too as it returned, and the drier weather provided us with excellent views and better shots for the keen photographers amongst us.

Day 3

Thursday 19th May

We had planned to do our boat trip today, but the recent stormy weather had created too much of a swell, so we postponed it until later in the week. The weather was quite pleasant though, so we had our early morning walk along to Aperitif Point. Sadly, no Otters today, but the usual terns, mainly Arctic, flying to and fro along the distant shore. We drove the short distance to Camas Nan Geall (the raptor-watching area) where we had a lovely singing Whinchat, a calling Cuckoo and two magnificent adult White-tailed Eagles which glided directly over our heads. A fabulous sight.

Then back for breakfast where we had fun and games wrestling the microwave and oven into submission. We emerged triumphant.

After breakfast we returned to the raptor area finding a couple of Twite en route. The Whinchat was still singing strongly and showing very well as were a host of other passerines – Yellowhammer, Common Linnets, Lesser Redpoll, Common Whitethroat and Eurasian Skylarks all adding to the atmosphere of this wonderful place. The White-tailed Eagle made a reappearance though this time flying very high but even at that height it was possible to see just how huge a bird this is by comparing it with the relatively tiny nearby Common Buzzards.

We continued to travel west and clogged-up roadworks caused us to spend a lot of time near a very busy Sand Martin colony and give us an opportunity to gaze over Loch Murdle where we found a distant White-tailed Eagle nest. Getting the scope out, we got good, if distant, views of two eagles and watched as one, the male we thought, took off and then settled on a distant hill from where it clearly had an excellent lookout. Eventually the roadworks cleared sufficiently to enable us to get through and although we found a better and closer viewpoint to watch the eagles, we decided to do this later and instead head to Kilchoan. Here, as well as welcome toilets, there was a nice small jetty with rushy areas containing buzzing Sedge Warblers and mud with a scattering of lovely waders. Dunlin with smart black chests, beautifully plumaged Ringed Plovers and a bobbing Common Sandpiper.

Our route now took us to the second most westerly part of the British Mainland, Ardnamurchan lighthouse. [nearby Corrachadh Mor may steal the award by around 100ft!] While waiting at the rather incongruous set of traffic lights on the final approach to the lighthouse two Twite were seen picking up bits of grit on the road.

We had our lunch at this fantastic and very spectacular site while looking over the sea to see what might be there. It is a known Orca site which always quickens the pulses when surveying the waters. No Orca today sadly but hundreds of Manx Shearwaters, a Whimbrel, a smart Great Northern Diver in spring plumage, lots of Common Guillemots and Black-legged Kittiwakes while a solitary Razorbill perched on a nearby low cliff gave good views. This was a wonderful place and lying in the pinks, whites and yellows of the Thrift, Scurvy Grass and Primroses in the sun was a real delight.

Heading slowly back down the road we encountered more European Stonechats and Whinchats and found a Common Cuckoo, hotly pursued by irate Meadow Pipits. The roadworks now ceased we parked up at a better

vantage point for the eagle's nest and set up our scopes to get some excellent views of these magnificent birds. To the accompaniment of Willow Warblers, Tree Pipits, Eurasian Bullfinches and Common Chaffinches, we watched the female eagle tenderly feeding her chicks.

Then it was time to return to our bunkhouse for another great meal and to lay out the peanut butter and jam for our Pine Martens. This time two animals appeared, hoovering up our offerings and appearing to favour the jam over the peanuts.

At around 8.30pm Niall Rowantree, who had formerly been the sporting manager of the estate, came round to give us a talk about Scotland and its wildlife, conservation and sporting activities. As always this was a fascinating and very wide-ranging discussion that kept us all engaged until around 10.30pm that night.

Day 4

Friday 20th May

A lovely sunny day dawned as we set out for our usual 6am local walk. As we settled down a Roe Deer barked at us from the nearby woodland. Once again, the Otters were remaining annoyingly absent, but the uplifting songs of Eurasian Blackcaps, Willow Warblers, Dunnocks and Song Thrushes gladdened our hearts on this lovely morning. At Aperitif Point our usual terns were flying backwards and forwards many of them carrying fish, a Common Sandpiper called, Oystercatchers probed among the rocks and a Northern Raven surveyed the world from a nearby ridge. Back to the bunkhouse for breakfast, this time featuring the gallant leaders preparing bacon and eggs in various guises!

By the time we'd completed breakfast and were heading out the rain had started to set in, but we carried on to Salen Pier to find a few Common Gulls, a Northern Raven and our usual sweet singing Song Thrush. The rain made us contemplate shelter, so we returned to the excellent hide at Garbh Eilean. Here Rock Pipits stalked their way around the water's edge and Red-breasted Mergansers dived after fish. We examined the various gulls present and discussed the identification details surrounding these different species.

We watched lots of Harbour Seals swimming around the small emerging rocks when we spotted a smaller animal swimming towards the main island – Eurasian Otter! It swam behind the seals and clambered quickly out onto the end of the island where one of the group watched through a telescope as it rapidly disappeared from view.

Looking out beyond our hide, and following a chat with another visitor, we saw another White-tailed Eagle on a bulky nest. Through the telescopes we had excellent views of both male and female eagles and then, moving to the car park we'd previously visited, we obtained still better views of these magnificent birds.

We drove back through Salen and up to Kentra Bay where, with the rain still in evidence, we ate our lunch in the buses emerging to look at a very smart Great Northern Diver, a Red-throated Diver and a couple of Black Guillemots in the bay, before regaining the shelter of the buses and moving to another nearby area of coast where we viewed a few Dunlins before heading to Tioram Castle.

We explored this interesting old monument surrounded by mud flats containing Eurasian Curlew and Whimbrel and with Red-breasted Mergansers in the creeks. Rock Pipits darted around in front of us, doubtless feeding on the abundance of midges!

Our meal this evening was back eastwards at Ariundle so we made our way to our lodge first before continuing to drive on to Kate's café where we had another very nice meal.

Day 5

Saturday 21st May

This morning we decided to stay very local and to just walk down to the estuary at around 6am. A smaller group gathered and made their way down to the bay at the base of our Lodge track. On the way the usual Blackbirds, Song Thrushes and Willow Warblers serenaded us, and we heard our first Chiff-Chaffs of the trip – one each side of the track. The thin call of a Eurasian Treecreeper was just discernible above the rest of the woodland song.

At the loch we heard Common Greenshank calling and then a bird appeared on a seaweed covered inlet. Our quarry was Otter – but no joy. We did see Eurasian Oystercatcher and Curlew, the latter probing away in the rich estuarine mud. A Northern Raven was croaking nearby and must have been in its territory as it vigorously chased away a Hooded Crow.

We walked back to the lodge for breakfast before heading out to Kilchoan to catch our ferry for today was the postponed boat trip and we all eagerly looked forward to the experience. En route we stopped very briefly at Loch Murdle and were rewarded with views of Northern Raven, Common Buzzards and a flying White-tailed Eagle doing its usual 'barn door' impression.

By the time we got to Mingary Pier ferry the heavens opened and we began to fear the worst, but fortunately, this poor weather cleared up fairly soon. The very posh, modern and speedy boat arrived on time at 10am and we clambered on board – many of us heading to the upper deck to see what we could see on our speedy crossing to the island of Lunga among the Treshnish Isles

Around an hour later we had arrived, and we spilled out to walk across the shingle and to the turf path that leads up the island. Grey seals, like Roman senators, peered over their large noses at us as they bobbed around in the waves and beautiful black and white male Common Eiders were dotted around on the rocks like splashes of paint. As we scrambled over the low rocks and sea weed a female Northern Wheatear, amazingly our first for the trip, flipped around the wave cut rocks and a flock of 10 Sanderling scuttled around the coast line before flying off as a Bonxie shot past.

The track leading up to the top of the low cliffs was ablaze with the colours of Bluebells, Primroses and Thrift and then as we reached a plateau of grassland, we encountered the first of the plentiful Atlantic Puffins and Razorbills gazing at us with mild curiosity but seemingly no fear at all. This was the start of around million photographs! Everywhere there willing and engaging subjects – Atlantic Puffins peering out of holes, Razorbills clattering their bills together and European Shags gazing at us with their piercingly bright green eyes.

The earlier rain had made the narrow path somewhat slippery, slidey and claggy but it was well worth negotiating to get amazing views of gaping Northern Fulmars and Black-legged Kittiwakes constantly calling out their name. Further on still, European Shags were nesting just inches from the path before we arrived at a large pinnacle literally covered with Common Guillemots. This was an astounding assault on the senses – smell, sounds and

sights of this constantly shifting, close packed colony. It was compelling watching as there was activity everywhere with birds protecting their tiny territories with pecks, calls and squawks.

We made our way back down to the slightly quieter grassy plateau area where we had our packed lunch in this idyllic spot within a few feet of those parading Atlantic Puffins. Bliss!

After lunch we slipped our way down the track towards our boat with a couple of Bonxies zooming overhead. Once back on board it was a quick journey to arrive at our next island – the famous Staffa. Here our captain did an amazing job manoeuvring the vessel into a tiny berth with the sea boiling away angrily.

We had around three quarters of an hour on this island made famous by Mendelssohn and most of us made our way across the distinctive basalt columns to go into Fingal's Cave and watch the waves thrash around in this narrow channel. Then it was back onto our boat and head back to Mingary Pier. As always, we scoured the sea for anything of interest and were rewarded with Black Guillemots, Northern Gannets, another Bonxie and a few Manx Shearwater.

On our drive back to the bunkhouse, one bus stopped to watch a pair of Hen Harriers floating, somewhat distantly, across a low hillside.

Then we dropped in to the café near to Glenborrodale for a cup of tea before returning to our lodge to feed both ourselves and our Pine Martens. They turned up quite early this evening at around 6.30 and quickly demolished the peanut butter and jam we'd spread out for them. Any small pieces left over were tidied up by the Wood Mice that zipped around the ground like little clockwork toys

After sorting out our list and having our delicious meal we went out for a night drive to see what we may see. There were plentiful moths and bats (Pipistrelles?) flying around and we disturbed a large herd of around 30 Red Deer. Something shot passed us that we didn't get much of a sighting of but we thought most likely a Woodcock. We were not far from our bunkhouse when Glyn's incredibly sharp eyes noticed a shape in the trees above and ahead of us. A Tawny Owl which we were able to watch for some time as it sat and peered around, alert to possible prey.

So we returned late at night, indeed in the following morning, ensured the moth trap that had been brought along was put out, and retired to bed. It had been a full and fabulous day

Day 6

Sunday 22nd May

A rather dampish day dawned and, because of a late night previously, we did not have an early morning walk but instead examined the delights to be found in our moth trap. Here we relied heavily on Ian's expertise for which we were very grateful. All moths are beautiful when you see them close up but the White Ermine and Beautiful Golden Y were particularly so.

The leaders gallantly tackled the skillet again for breakfast and at around 9.45 we all headed off to Aperitif Point to see what might be present. We found a nice female Goosander, three very smart Black Guillemots, Eurasian Curlew and the ever-present Arctic Terns.

Back down the path, we walked past the very impressive giant leaves of Gunnera plant and then drove to Camas Nan Geall. Our Whinchat was still singing away from the top of a Rowan tree, occasionally swapping places with an equally enthusiastic Common Whitethroat. A Yellowhammer was singing too, and a Eurasian Skylark trilled away to us from the rather misty conditions which meant that we were unlikely to see many raptors here, so we moved to the information centre/café at Mingary Pier. Here, together with tea and cakes, we found a Sedge Warbler and a Common Cuckoo before returning to the site where the Hen Harriers had been previously. Our patience was rewarded with views of a distant male bird again quartering over the low hills.

We drove a little further north to Fascaidale passing some nice low damp fields with various waders in them including Northern Lapwing, Eurasian Curlew and Whimbrel. Through the more vegetated areas we found European Stonechat and three Northern Wheatears. We found a nice spot by a bay and had our lunch here before creeping down to the water's edge to watch a beautifully plumaged Great Northern Diver fishing only a few metres away from us.

Sheep with lambs were hiding under the few areas of low woodland and looking very photogenic as we now moved to Ockle picking up yet more Northern Wheatears on the way. It was a lovely undulating drive through Alder/Birch woodland with boggy patches and yellow with Iris. Ockle itself is a very attractive little hamlet and Sand martins flicked around the stream where a Grey Wagtail bobbed, and Eurasian Siskins called from the trees.

Sadly, the rain was coming on more strongly now, so we retreated to the bunkhouse where we saw Manchester City wrapping up Premiership victory (to the chagrin of some) before going to Ariundle for our meal at Kate's café.

As we were now accustomed, we had a really nice meal but the digestive (so to speak) on the way home was even better as we found two Otters swimming close to the shore. One of these climbed out onto the rocks before disappearing up a small stream in some trees. Good views though sadly some of the group had not brought their binoculars with them to the meal.

Back at our lodge we sorted out our list, watched the Pine Martens turn up and feast and put out the moth trap. A familiar pre-bed routine!

Day 7

Monday 23rd May

Our last full day dawned a little wet but dried quickly as the day progressed and ended up a lovely sunny day. Our 6am trip to Aperitif Point produced its usual fare but in addition a very close Common Tern diving just off the rocks and emerging with a fish. Once again there were a couple of very smart looking Black Guillemots also fishing in the bay. We heard a Common Cuckoo calling but best of all an Otter, rather distant to be sure, but swimming along until it rounded one of the islands in front of us.

After breakfast we examined our moth catch and found around 15 different species including the intriguingly named Mother Shipton, with an image of an old woman on its wings, and the very striking Garden Tiger. Then we made our way up the hill behind our lodge to see if we could find any deer. We weren't successful in that, but

we did have a lot of Common Cuckoos flying around together with dashing Sand Martins and twittering Eurasian Siskins. The abundant Lousewort and Milkwort provided an attractive carpet of blues and purples as we left the hill to head back to Camas Nan Geall – dropping off one member of the group who decided to have a good walk through the wooded RSPB Glenborrodale reserve.

Our Whinchat had deserted its Rowan tree, but the Common Whitethroat and Yellowhammer were still present as was a Great Northern Diver distantly in the bay and, slightly bizarrely in this area of few trees, a Great Spotted Woodpecker. At Loch Murdle we spent some time watching the wonderful White-tailed Eagles where the male flew in with some prey which the female subsequently tore to pieces to feed the chicks.

Our next stop was the ever-beautiful Sanna Bay with its lovely sand dunes with extensive Butterwort, that fascinating carnivorous fly-trapping plant with its deep blue flowers, and the bright yellow Marsh Marigold. We each went our ways on this extensive beach and enjoyed finding various things of interest – whether it be the Moon Jellies washed up on the beach, Sticklebacks in the brackish water or pipits trotting along the beach giving us excellent opportunities to compare Meadow and Rock. We even gave a local dog walker a bit of a masterclass in pipit ID! A small flock of waders included around 20 Common Ringed Plovers together with a couple of Dunlin with their smart black fronts.

We then meandered back in the nice sunshine looking, unsuccessfully, for Hen Harriers but finding a very close hovering Common Buzzard and getting back to our lodge at 5pm. Our food attracted the two Pine Martins again - one with a very distinctive mangled ear – which once again hovered up our offerings.

Then it was our final delicious meal and our final setting up of the moth trap before a relatively early night.

Day 8

Tuesday 24th May

This morning we were all going to go our own ways – three people were driving back and intended to drift gradually home and visit a few interesting sites on their way.

After breakfast we went through the moth trap again and this time, we had 13 species including a very spectacular Poplar Hawk Moth.

Then the first bus to leave went at 8am so we could catch the earlier train back south. The weather was beautiful as we left, and we drove through woodlands lit up with strong sunshine and the hills perfectly reflected in the glass-calm waters of the loch. Harbour Seals were hauled out on low rocks which also held a striking male Common Eider and a scuttling Common Ringed Plover.

Our route took us through some glorious countryside, and we arrived at Corran Point and waited a few minutes for the ferry to turn up and take us across the upper part of Loch Linnhe. Then it was onward to Glen Coe which in stark contrast to our journey north was bathed in sunlight so we stopped for a brief while to take in the view and capture a few classic images before heading off again towards Glasgow. Another brief stop at Tyndrum for some refreshments and then it was further south to Glasgow in plenty of time for the trains.

And so a really enjoyable trip came to an end.

Glyn and I would like to thank everyone for being such great company and making this trip such wonderful fun with some great wildlife and lots of laughter.

We hope to see you all again on a future Naturetrek Trip.

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Species lists

Birds (H = Heard only)

I=Introduced		May 2022							
Common name	Scientific name	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Canada Goose - I	<i>Branta canadensis</i>	✓	8	8	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>	2	6	12	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Whooper Swan	<i>Cygnus cygnus</i>	1							
Eurasian Wigeon	<i>Mareca penelope</i>	2							
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Eider	<i>Somateria mollissima</i>	2				✓			1
Goosander	<i>Mergus merganser</i>	1					1		
Red-breasted Merganser	<i>Mergus serrator</i>	4	2		8		2	2	
Common Pheasant - I	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>		1	1					
Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>	H	H	2	H		H	1	
Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>			3					
Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia domestica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>	✓	8	10	10	✓	✓	✓	✓
Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>						2		
Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>			2	2			20	1
Eurasian Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>			1	2		3		
Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>				H	1	2		
Purple Sandpiper	<i>Calidris maritima</i>		1 L						
Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>					10			

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Common name	Scientific name	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>			8	6			2	
Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	1					H	H	
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	6	12		8	4	6	2	
Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>					1			
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	1	3			1	2		
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>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
European Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Arctic Tern	<i>Sterna paradisaea</i>		30	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	1
Great Skua	<i>Stercorarius skua</i>					2			
Common Guillemot	<i>Uria aalge</i>			9		✓			
Black Guillemot	<i>Cephus grylle</i>				2	20	3	2	1
Atlantic Puffin	<i>Fratercula arctica</i>					✓			
Red-throated Diver	<i>Gavia stellata</i>				1	1			
Great Northern Diver	<i>Gavia immer</i>			1	2		1	2	
Northern Fulmar	<i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>			2		✓			
Manx Shearwater	<i>Puffinus puffinus</i>			20 0		12		✓	
Northern Gannet	<i>Morus bassanus</i>			3		✓			
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	1	1						
European Shag	<i>Gulosus aristotelis</i>			10	6	✓	✓	✓	
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	5	6	4	6	4	✓	✓	✓
Hen Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>			1		2	1	1	
White-tailed Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>	1	2	6	2	1	1	4	
Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	2	6		6	6	6	10	1
Tawny Owl	<i>Strix aluco</i>					1			
Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	1
Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	2	1		1				
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>		1	1	2	2	4	2	1
Coal Tit	<i>Parus ater</i>	2	10	4	2	2	2	2	
Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>	2	4	4	✓	✓	✓	✓	1
Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	✓	6	6	✓	✓	✓	✓	2
Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>			2		H	6	✓	
Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	12		20	6	12	10	✓	✓
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	✓	3	6		1	✓	✓	6
Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>		1	2			6		
Wood Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>		H						
Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	H	1	4	H	H	H	H	H

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Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>					2		H	
Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>			2		H	1	H	
Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	
Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>		1					H	
Common Whitethroat	<i>Curruca communis</i>			6			1	4	
Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>		H	1					
Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>		2	2	1	2	H	✓	
Eurasian Treecreeper	<i>Certhia familiaris</i>		1		1	1	1		
Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>		6	6	6	6	12	✓	
Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>	1	1	3	2		2	1	
Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>		5	10	✓	✓	✓	✓	2
Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>		H						
Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>			4			1		
European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>			4			2	2	
Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>					1	8	6	
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dunnock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>		1	2	2	H	H	1	
Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>		2		2		1	1	
Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	1	1	6	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>	1	2	4	H		H	✓	
European Rock Pipit	<i>Anthus petrosus</i>		2	4	4	✓	✓	✓	
Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Eurasian Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>		2	2	4	1	1	4	
European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>	2						1	
Twite	<i>Linaria flavirostris</i>			4	✓	H	1	4	
Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>			4	2		4	4	
Lesser Redpoll	<i>Acanthis cabaret</i>		6	3	4	H	6	6	
Red Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>	40							
European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>		6	7	6	4	4	✓	✓
Eurasian Siskin	<i>Spinus spinus</i>	✓	12	H	6	H	6	✓	
Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>		H	H			H	1	
Common Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>		2	1					

Other vertebrates

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Common name	Scientific name	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Grey Seal	<i>Halichoerus grypus</i>			2		20			
Harbour Seal	<i>Phoca vitulina</i>	1	24		12		1		2
Eurasian Otter	<i>Lutra lutra</i>				1		2	1	
European Pine Marten	<i>Martes martes</i>	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	
European Roe Deer	<i>Capreolus capreolus</i>		1		H		2		2
Red Deer	<i>Cervus elaphus</i>	9	8	6	6	20	40	40	
European Rabbit - I	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>			1					

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Long-tailed Field Mouse	<i>Apodemus sylvaticus</i>				1	1			
Bat sp						6			
Reptiles & Amphibians									
Lizard sp								1	
Palmate Newt	<i>Lissotriton helveticus</i>		1						
Common Frog (tadpoles)	<i>Rana temporaria</i>		6						
Three-spined Sticklebacks	<i>Gasterosteus aculeatus</i>							✓	
Moon Jellyfish	<i>Aurelia aurita</i>							✓	

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Common name	Scientific name	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Butterflies									
Chequered Skipper	<i>Carterocephalus palaemon</i>		✓						
Green-veined White	<i>Pieris napi</i>		✓		✓			✓	
Orange Tip	<i>Anthocharis cardamines</i>		✓					✓	
Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>		1	1					
Peacock Butterfly	<i>Aglais io</i>		3						
Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>		3						
Painted Lady	<i>Cynthia cardui</i>							1	
Moths									
Cream Wave	<i>Scopula floslactata</i>		2						
Speckled Yellow	<i>Pseudopanthera macularia</i>						✓		
Brown Silver-line	<i>Petrophora chlorosata</i>						✓		
Bordered White	<i>Bupalus piniaria</i>						3	7	3
Tawny Barred Angle	<i>Macaria liturata</i>						1	12	
Peppered Moth	<i>Biston betularia</i>						1		
Small Phoenix	<i>Ecliptopera silaceata</i>						2	2	
Grey Pine Carpet	<i>Thera obeliscata</i>						2	3	6
Garden Carpet	<i>Xanthrorhoe fluctuata</i>							1	2
Water Carpet	<i>Lampropteryx suffumata</i>							1	
Flame Carpet	<i>Xanthrorhoe designata</i>								1
Spruce Carpet	<i>Thera britannica</i>							1	1
White Ermine	<i>Spilosoma lubricipeda</i>						1	2	1
Beautiful Golden-Y	<i>Autographa pulchrina</i>						1		1
Brimstone	<i>Opisthograptis luteolata</i>							1	1
Cinnabar	<i>Tyria jacobaeae</i>							1	
Flame Shoulder	<i>Ochropleura flammata</i>							1	1
Powdered Quaker	<i>Orthosia gracilis</i>							2	1
Oak-tree Pug	<i>Eupithecia dodoneata</i>							1	
Mother Shipton	<i>Callistege mi</i>							1	
Garden Tiger	<i>Arctia caja</i>							1	
Angle-shades	<i>Phlogophora meticulosa</i>								1

Poplar Hawk-moth	<i>Laothoe populi</i>								1
Foxglove Pug	<i>Eupithecia pulchellata</i>								1
Beetles									
Two-banded Longhorn	<i>Rhagium bifasciatum</i>				1				