

Ardnamurchan - Wild Scotland in Spring

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Sundew



Minke Whale



Skylark



Red-breasted Merganser

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Ardnamurchan is, in the words of a respected Scottish friend of mine, “proper remote”. Although it boasts the point furthest west on the UK mainland, it does have a rather *island* feel about it, especially as, to everyone’s relief, the delightful Corran Ferry is now back in operation, cutting an hour off the journey as it deposits passengers at Ardgor for the run into Ardnamurchan proper, into Strontian where single track roads with well-placed passing places are the order of the day and where the locals will always acknowledge good etiquette with a parky wave of a digit.

Most of the time, our fun is had between spells of inclement weather.

This trip was an exception...

Day 1

Friday 16th May

Loch Lomond, Bridge of Orchy

Fortunately, all clients were able to meet at the earlier scheduled time of 1pm, with most having made their way to Glasgow the previous day. So we were on the road out of Glasgow in balmy heat and cloudless skies, with a forecast of more to come!

A stop at Loch Lomond perhaps predictably saw a lot of noisy human activity on the water on such a warm day, so apart from a brood of nine Mallard ducklings and a distant flying Raven, we weren’t able to watch much.

After a loo break at Tyndrum, we drove to a spot near Bridge of Orchy where previously I had found breeding Wood Sandpiper. We found both Stonechat and a splendid male Whinchat on the wires before arriving at a quiet, shallow corner of the loch... Except that it wasn’t quiet. Some lads were out on the water on an inflatable playing loud music. Grrr!

We set up to scan the loch nevertheless. After first finding a Greenshank and a Dunlin, eventually we saw a single Wood Sandpiper prancing around a weedy patch in the shallows. It was much shallower this year; due no doubt to the dry spring we’d had so far. Other birds seen here were Oystercatcher, Teal, Redshank and a Common Buzzard. We heard a Cuckoo but did not see it.

On the drive back to the main road, we found a pair of Red-breasted Mergansers in the stream, but no Dipper. Well, it was hardly the torrent it usually would be! Siskins wheezed gently overhead and we saw a Coal Tit close to the bridge.

Then it was time to eat up some miles which we duly did, stopping only to admire the most popular view at Glencoe.

We saw our first Tysties of the trip as we crossed Loch Linnhe at Corran, but then sped to the Ariundle Centre where Kate and her team served up an excellent dinner and sent us off the the Bunkhouse with tomorrow’s packed lunches.

Day 2

Saturday 17th May

Kilchoan Bay, Lighthouse, Sanna Bay

Today was, with a brilliant weather forecast, going to be an “ease yourself into Ardnamurchan” kind of day. It started with a pre-breakfast stroll down first to the bay at the bottom of the drive and then on briefly to Aperitif Point.

The warbler count got off to a flyer, as the early morning chorus comprised of Blackcap, Chiffchaff, Willow Warbler, Common Whitethroat and delightfully, a Wood Warbler halfway down the drive. A pair of Bullfinches fed close to the drive on the way back.

From the road, we watched a pair of Hooded Crows dive bombing a Raven at the top of a nearby tree. The loch exhibited Common Terns, Canada and Greylag Geese, Common Sandpiper by the dozen and the air was thick with midges. We lasted 20 minutes at Aperitif Point before running back for cover at the bunkhouse, where moths decanted from the trap included Saxon, Early Thorn, Bordered White, Common Carpet, Nut Tree Tussock, Lead Belle and Fox moth.

We stopped at the famous view point at Camas nan Geall to find another Common Whitethroat and eventually located a distant Yellowhammer on its singing perch. Linnets flew around while a scan of the sea revealed a distant Great Northern Diver. We cruised into Kilchoan and dropped into the store for essentials, items forgotten to pack and extra victuals.

Then we watched the bay, where Red-throated Diver and Shag were added to the day list.

The drive out to the lighthouse was fairly uneventful until we came across a moor where a ringtail Hen Harrier was seen flying low across it and then around against a steep embankment, before it disappeared, having given all of us fairly decent views. Hen Harriers are by no means annual on this trip, so this was a bonus bird!

At the lighthouse, clients rather dispersed to drink in the sights and sounds of their favourite spot; some even climbed the lighthouse for a grandstand view of a large group of Common Seals.

The little bench below the foghorn was ideal for a sustain watch of the sea, where we found flocks of distant Manx Shearwaters and gulls where there were clearly shoals of small fish. There were a couple of dedicated whale watchers there, so we had help with directions to where cetaceans had been found. There were several pods of Common Dolphin in view and at one stage we counted at least three individual Minke Whales.

A flock of 20 Whimbrels migrated North, low over the sea and there were more Great Northern Divers and a Guillemot seen.

Last stop was Sanna Bay where there was plenty of interest for the all-round nature lover: plants, insects and birds. We added Ringed Plover and a single male Northern Wheatear to the list, with Common Butterwort delighting the plant enthusiasts.

We saw more of the Hen Harrier on the way back, sharing a thermal with a Buzzard before sliding away from said thermal, showing enough of its partly grey colouration to confirm it was in fact a young male bird.

The only remaining drama was that the checklist session was interrupted by a fine young Pine Marten which ate only from a small margarine carton, ignoring all the sweet goodies I had smeared over all the garden furniture!

Day 3

Sunday 18th May

The Boat Trip to the Treshnish Isles

The weather was set fair for the trip, which meant that there were light winds – which meant that the air was thick with midges for the grand reveal of moths from the trap. The retrieval of two moths at a time was (probably) comical for those watching from indoors, but the catch featured plenty of species.

The early walk followed and in light of the midge density, we decided to just walk along the road with the occasional short stop. This yielded little that was new until we turned around, flanking the Glenborrodale RSPB reserve. The conversation was abruptly terminated when a couple of bursts of Golden Oriole song finally registered some way above us. We listened for more and the bird duly obliged. It did seem to be working its way along the ridge and away from us, so we walked on but never caught up with the bird, but an amazing surprise, as these birds are now extinct as breeding birds in the UK – for the time being at least.

Then, a burst of “chip chip” calls came from a marauding gang of Red Crossbills, which settled in some pines ahead of us, but didn’t stay long enough for us to see them sunny side up.

As we neared the end of the drive, we took a look across the bay and to our delight, there was an Otter gorging on shellfish just 100m away! We enjoyed it for 10 minutes before panting back up the slope, stopping briefly to acknowledge the Wood Warbler in song.

Any hope we had of gloating about our good fortune was snuffed out straight away with tales of a breakfast time visit by a Pine Marten! Perhaps our luck would hold for the boat trip...

Wind was light and sun was bright as we arrived at Kilchoan with 20 minutes to spare, thanks to a short stop on the way to enjoy a Great Northern Diver quite close in one of the bays; a beautiful backlit view, with silvery ripples all around.

The boat arrived on time and then slowed about 10 minutes out of Kilchoan, as another had already stopped at a place where a Minke Whale had been seen. It didn’t take long before it surfaced for four puffs before a deep dive and then again for several short puffs to give everyone decent views and even the odd photo.

Lunga was the mainstay of the trip, as Staffa was undergoing renovation works to the path into Fingal’s Cave, so before the slow lap of admiration around the latter, we had two and a half magical hours on the former, enjoying intimate moments with seabirds at their nests, with the occasional patrol of terror from Great Black-backed Gull, both Arctic and the sadly depleted number of Great Skua (only one in fact on this day).

Sea birds seen incredibly well in perfect light were: Razorbill, Guillemot, Shag, Kittiwake, Fulmar and of course, the delightful Puffins. Phobias and disabilities were forgotten and we all managed to get up and down to the cliff to at least enjoy our colourful hosts, happy to have us there to keep predators away. A very distant Golden Eagle drifted over Ben Hiant seen from Kilchoan, but on the drive back to base, we had a much better view of two immature White-tailed Eagles flying in unison around a crater and out of sight.

We got back early but very satisfied with a smooth boat trip and crippling views of sea birds.

Day 4

Monday 19th May

Glenborrodale RSPB, Fasdale, Ockle

The early morning walk before breakfast was a quiet affair, with just a drake Goosander added to the week's species list.

Those with mobility issues were given polite but fair warning that the walk around Glenborrodale would be somewhat precipitous to begin with, but all managed it well without fuss. The weather was fine, if a little cooler than previous mornings, but as we emerged from the skirt of woodland to the ridge, butterflies started to appear, with Speckled Wood being the first to show, with Red Admiral and Peacock following. Then, as we got to the brackens, the first of three Pearl-bordered Fritillaries then flitted by without stopping. At least the Four-spotted Chasers posed briefly for us, as did a Large Red Damselfly.

The descent through the reserve gave us one more Pearl-bordered Fritillary and an early look at a Speckled Yellow moth, although we couldn't see any Wood Sage there, as we expected to at the roadside, where a vigilant Jen found one quietly at rest. Two Peacock moths were also found by clients, but regrettably, yesterday's Golden Oriole did not reappear.

We returned briefly to the Bunkhouse to retrieve refrigerated lunch packs, then headed out to Kilchoan to visit the coffee shop at the community centre – which was closed until the new owner takes over! Postcards were purchased and then we hit the road to Fasdale, where we did not see a single Lapwing or Wheatear on the way in; an absolute first for this trip. Maybe the warm, dry spring and the newly dug drains was the last straw for the Lapwings at least. Time may tell.

At least we saw an impressive family party of Stonechats with five fledged youngsters as we arrived. We made our way to the usual spot beside the cottage where we settled to watch the sea in calm, warm air. Not much was going on out to sea, but in the quiet we could hear all the bird sounds: distant Ravens, airborne Skylarks, hidden Snipe. The sea had several distant Great Northern Divers and the odd Gannet, but nothing worth disturbing lunch for, until a distant Minke Whale telegraphed its course and eventually, most clients got to see it.

The drive to Ockle is delightful, worth taking slowly with some breathtaking views of the sea. Ockle is a picturesque little hollow with couple of cottages overlooking a babbling brook with a narrow bridge we traversed to the car park, which has a small amount of space for around three vehicles and bizarrely, a Police Notice which has faded away over the years, so one assumes was never that important...

Some stayed in the immaculate peace of the hollow while others took a gentle walk over the hills toward the beach, which we stopped short of but instead enjoyed the cronking of Ravens on a nearby ridge, the scratchy song of a couple of Common Whitethroats and the jangling trill of Redpolls. A couple of clients described perfectly the dashing, looping flight of a male Emperor moth!

We got back to the van at around 16.30 and by then, people were thinking of having a cuppa, so we drove back to base where tea was served at 17.30 and then dinner at seven.

A Pine Marten once again graced us with its presence before dark, gratefully lapping up the sweet treats laid out on the garden feeder and the window sills for point-blank views!

Day 5

Tuesday 20th May

Loch Shiel, Kentra Moss, Tioram Castle, Aruindle Walk.

Early birds were rewarded with a dog Otter gorging itself on shellfish; observed over two sessions for around 25 minutes before we joined the rest of the gang for another day in paradise.

We hit the road bang on time and found the narrow track down to the jetty from where the Loch Shiel cruises operate, but we had the place to ourselves. Immediately we added Tufted Duck to the trip list, with 4-5 pairs present in the shallow end, with two pairs of Red-breasted Merganser glowing in the morning sunshine. Sand Martins cruised around with House Martins and Swallows and soon we tuned in to a few Four-spotted Chasers around the wet margin. Common Blue Damselflies were edging around the margin also.

Right at the back of the loch, were a few Teal, a Lapwing (sadly absent this year from accustomed breeding spots around Fascadale) and a single Greenshank.

Then, a pair of raptors were seen some distance away, initially identified as Common Buzzards. But something was a little different... Soaring on slightly drooped, longer wings, longer, rounded tail, small head, long neck... Surely not. There wasn't time to fetch the 'scope, so I ran off a couple of shots with the bridge camera, all of which suggested we had a pair of Honey Buzzards. Not here, surely! As I write, I'm uploading some grainy images...

The birds soon disappeared below the horizon. We'd probably drop back again on our way back through to Strontian, but now we moved on to Kentra Moss (bog), where there were dramatic signs of dry weather, where once there had been pools there were now muddy patches with only traces of the water that was once replete.

The roadside ditches did at least have some water, which saw good numbers of Four-spotted Chasers patrolling up and down, with copulating Large Red Damselflies also settling briefly. Skylarks sang, as did Curlews from their breeding spot. Some spectacular Sundews were photographed with deadly glue globules glistening brightly.

Next, we made for the upper end of the estuary where the tide was out and so were all of the waders, save for bickering Oystercatchers.

We arrived at Tioram Castle at 11.15 intent on having lunch there. Some clients made out for the castle with lunch; some even having a crafty nibble...

The scene at Tioram Castle is spectacular, even without wispy blue sky, but today it was breathtaking. We made slowly across the sandy causeway to the castle mound, but before we got across, two large birds appeared over the distant tree line, flapping determinedly toward us. Two fine adult White-tailed Eagles flew past at close enough range for all to observe the big yellow bills, pale brown heads and impressively translucent white tails. Finding last year's nest from the mound a few minutes later seemed almost an anti-climax – until it was realised that it was occupied with another adult bird feeding a chick! What an amazing welcome!

We settled down to lunch and enjoyed the view, as a couple of Glaswegian fishermen below us used language of similar hue to the immaculate sky. An adult White-tailed Eagle changed shifts at the nest as the other spiralled out of sight. Common Terns occasionally flitted by and as we left, a Raven croaked resonantly, unseen, from its nest. We were treated to one more fly over from another adult eagle as midday victuals were dispatched. Once Jaz had dried off from her paddle, we left for another short visit to Loch Shiel with nothing new to add, so after 20 minutes we made for the Ariundle centre, where tea and cake were taken before embarking on the lovely walk from the car park just half a mile on down the road.

It was quite warm as we got out and hit the track where, in the ditch immediately we had a pair of Beautiful Demoiselles – a brilliant petrol-blue male and a bronze female resplendent in the afternoon light. But no Chequered Skipper. This was beginning to grate, as Jaz had found one in Glenborrodale as a reward for lagging behind. Showing us the photo in the car park was not amusing!

Never mind; there were plenty of Pearl-bordered Fritillaries around and Orange Tips, together with Red Admirals and Peacocks. But then at last, one of the diminutive critters eventually settled on a trackside bracken and so the rest of us finally bagged a Chequered Skipper – actually, one of about fifty observed on this walk! What a triumphant comeback from this once endangered species!

The heath on both sides of the bridges yielded Stonechat, Tree Pipit, Siskin and the odd Redpoll and one client saw a Green Tiger Beetle fly from the footpath never to be seen again. Four-spotted Chasers were also plentiful, but it took us a while to get to the far end of the walk, so much so that one or two clients were happy at the suggestion for me to walk on ahead and fetch the van!

We arrived at around 18.30 at the centre, ready for yet another tasty 3-course meal.

Day 6

Wednesday 21st May

Garbh Eilean Hide, Loch Moidart, Glenuig bay.

The early morning walk was traded for a drive instead to the watchpoint, with stops on the way at the bays to check for otters. We found two; the first disappeared before we were able to unload the van, but the second performed really well, twice displacing a Grey Heron from the shore as it swam around the bay. The watchpoint produced nothing new, but no-one seemed to mind!

As not everyone had been out before breakfast, it was decided to go straight to the Garbh Eilean hide for a decent vigil to see if we could find any more Otters. In the event, we saw plenty of Harbour Seals in and around the islands in front of us, plus a good smattering of Grey Herons, many with young back on the island heronry, Common Terns, a flock of drake Eiders by the mussel beds and a pair of Red-breasted Mergansers.

But, after a relatively quiet session, we decided to head towards glenuig for lunch, with the prospect of supplementary victuals at the hotel.

Before we reached the hotel, I remembered that the narrow track to Lochmoidart made for a pleasant walk. But on this occasion, we would simply park the van and look around the ridges to see if we could find any eagles. In fact, we stayed for a total of around 15 minutes, during which time we heard Redpolls and upon leaving, followed a male Cuckoo at least a couple of 100 yards as it edged along the wires just ahead of the van.

We reached the hotel at around 12.30 which it seemed was the perfect time to stop for lunch. Some ordered tea and coffee from the hotel supplement at lunch on the tables outside while others watched Swallows, House Martins, Oystercatchers and Greylag Geese in the bay. The lunchtime session was extended slightly while David and Shaheen popped in to the smokehouse to order a consignment of goodies to send home.

Watching the ridges above the loch produced only Buzzard and Raven, so we decided to drive on further round to the end of the loch to see if we could find any divers in the water. We did not, so double back to drive back through Acharacle And onto the track to Lochmoidart, where we decided to walk some distance down the track towards the main road and then back to where the vans were parked for a duration of approximately 90 minutes. During this time, we heard and saw (albeit briefly) Redpoll, Siskin and four dragonfly species, namely Common Blue Damselfly, Large Red Damselfly, Four-spotted Chaser and Keeled Skimmer. There were also more Chequered Skippers sparsely scattered along the roadside.

At gentlemen we met in the car park claimed to have seen Golden Eagle five minutes before we arrived. 10 minutes into his walk he drove past saying he had seen eagles twice more! Sadly, we didn't see any Golden Eagles during this walk. Nevertheless, we had once again found some beautiful places to be amongst wildlife and in which to have our lunches.

We returned to the bunkhouse at 16.30 and many retired to their rooms For a little snooze before we decided to do an early checklist at 18.30 before dinner.

Day 7

Thursday 22nd May

Mop-up day

With Otters only having been seen in the pre-breakfast sessions, some of the later risers still hadn't scored, so this morning, all eight clients were on parade at 06.30! The idea was to drive to the watchpoint, slowing down at each bay as we went (which paid dividends twice the previous morning) and then slowly trundle back, with a short vigil at Aperitif Point if there were no successes on the way. All went according to plan, insofar as there were no sightings before we reached Aperitif Point; so we parked by the castle gates and walked down to the platform. The (only) moment of excitement came when an adult White-tailed Eagle passed by on its early morning commute.

No matter. After breakfast, we planned a longer vigil at the Garbh Eilean Hide (normally a fall-back for wet weather, but on this trip, we had none) and were delighted to see a Pine Marten cross the road in front of us and bounce up a dry valley into the undergrowth.

Almost immediately once we got in the hide, a brown shape grooming itself on a small islet turned out to be an Otter, which stayed put for some really good 'scoped views by all! Hurrah! With the early success, Mary-Anne and Jen decided to take the walk to the bottom car park while the rest of us chalked up a few Eider, Common Terns, Grey Herons, a Black Guillemot and another Otter before picking up the other two.

A quick loo stop at Salen Jetty stores was prolonged a little when Jaz somehow sneaked off to a craft shop that I'd never seen before and prolonged more when she dropped her wallet while being frogmarched back to the van, which Mum, Pauline, retrieved.

Onto the watchpoint; this time for a proper vigil. In previous years, the eagles had bred on the cliff opposite – around three miles away – so spotting them was never easy, but on a couple of previous (admittedly short) visits, we hadn't connected.

Those who hadn't already consumed lunch, got theirs out to enjoy the unusual privilege of sitting on the grass without getting a wet bum (although Sue's was already damp due to an accident with her drinking bottle in the van!). Then came a brief moment of excitement when a Golden Eagle loomed over the ridge for a few brief seconds and then soared for a minute going above and below the skyline, making giving directions challenging at that range, before it appeared to settle in a shady nook on the cliff. Some had not yet had a glimpse so we settled in for a wait. 20 minutes later, Jen picked out a distant raptor, beginning to rise on a thermal. It was a Golden Eagle – soon joined by its mate – and together, they spiralled up and out of sight, with everyone, at last, getting a view. Two big boxes, ticked in bold!

And relax.

The afternoon involved a drive to Kilchoan Bay where we mooched about for a little while with some of us even enjoying an ice cream, before a last walk up the hill to a burial mound with standing stone took us to 16.30 and the feeling that we had wound down and were ready to return and reflect on an excellent week.

It may be a very long time before another Naturetrek tour here enjoys a week of sunny weather as was the case with this tour. Many of the places we visit on this trip are truly stunning with or without its wildlife, but in immaculate light for the duration, some of the views were breathtaking.

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Species lists

Birds (H = Heard only)

I=Introduced		May 2025						
Common name	Scientific name	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Canada Goose - I	<i>Branta canadensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>	✓						
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>	✓				✓	✓	
Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>					✓	✓	
Common Eider	<i>Somateria mollissima</i>		✓		✓		✓	✓
Goosander	<i>Mergus merganser</i>				✓			
Red-breasted Merganser	<i>Mergus serrator</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	✓						
Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>	H	H		H	H	✓	✓
Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>		✓	✓	✓			
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>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>	✓	✓			✓		
Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>		✓	✓				✓
Eurasian Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>		✓					
Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>					✓	H	
Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>	✓						
Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>		H		H			
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>	✓				✓		
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	✓				✓	H	
Black-legged Kittiwake	<i>Rissa tridactyla</i>			✓				

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Common name	Scientific name	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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>	✓	✓	✓				
Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Arctic Tern	<i>Sterna paradisaea</i>		✓	✓	✓			
Great Skua	<i>Stercorarius skua</i>			✓				
Arctic Skua	<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>			✓				
Common Guillemot	<i>Uria aalge</i>		✓	✓				
Razorbill	<i>Alca torda</i>			✓				
Black Guillemot	<i>Cephus grylle</i>	✓	✓	✓				✓
Atlantic Puffin	<i>Fratercula arctica</i>			✓				
Red-throated Diver	<i>Gavia stellata</i>		✓	✓				
Great Northern Diver	<i>Gavia immer</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓
Northern Fulmar	<i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>		✓	✓				
Manx Shearwater	<i>Puffinus puffinus</i>		✓	✓				
Northern Gannet	<i>Morus bassanus</i>		✓	✓	✓			
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>						✓	
European Shag	<i>Gulosus aristotelis</i>		✓	✓				
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>			✓				2
Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	✓						
Hen Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>		✓					
White-tailed Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Tawny Owl	<i>Strix aluco</i>		H					
Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>		✓		✓			
Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>		✓					
Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</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>		✓		✓	✓		✓
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>				✓	✓	✓	✓
Wood Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>		H	✓				
Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	✓	H	H	H	H	H	H
Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>		✓	H	H			✓

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Common Grasshopper Warbler	<i>Locustella naevia</i>							✓
Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	✓	✓	H	H	H	H	✓
Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>				H	H	H	H
Common Whitethroat	<i>Curruca communis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Eurasian Treecreeper	<i>Certhia familiaris</i>		✓	✓				
Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>			✓				
Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>				✓			
European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>	✓	✓					
European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>	✓	✓		✓	H		✓
Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>		✓	✓				
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dunnock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>			✓				
Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>		H		✓	H		✓
European Rock Pipit	<i>Anthus petrosus</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Twite	<i>Linaria flavirostris</i>			✓	H			✓
Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Lesser Redpoll	<i>Acanthis cabaret</i>		H		✓	✓	✓	✓
Red Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>			✓				
European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Siskin	<i>Spinus spinus</i>		✓	✓	H	✓	✓	✓
Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>		✓		✓		✓	
Common Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>			✓	✓	✓		

Mammals

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Common name	Scientific name	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Grey Seal	<i>Halichoerus grypus</i>			✓	✓		✓	
Common Seal	<i>Phoca vitulina</i>		✓	✓			✓	✓
Eurasian Otter	<i>Lutra lutra</i>			✓		✓	✓	✓
European Pine Marten	<i>Martes martes</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
European Roe Deer	<i>Capreolus capreolus</i>						✓	
Red Deer	<i>Cervus elaphus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Domestic Goat - I	<i>Capra hircus</i>				✓			✓

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Common Minke Whale	<i>Balaenoptera acutorostrata</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓
Short-beaked Common Dolphin	<i>Delphinus delphis</i>		✓					
Bottlenose Dolphin	<i>Tursiops truncatus</i>				✓			✓
Eurasian Red Squirrel	<i>Sciurus vulgaris</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		

Butterflies

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Common name	Scientific name	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Chequered Skipper	<i>Carterocephalus palaemon</i>				✓	✓	✓	
Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>			✓		✓	✓	✓
Green-veined White	<i>Pieris napi</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Orange-tip	<i>Anthocharis cardamines</i>	✓		✓		✓	✓	
Small Copper	<i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>							✓
Pearl-bordered Fritillary	<i>Boloria euphrosyne</i>						✓	
Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary	<i>Boloria selene</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓
Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Peacock Butterfly	<i>Aglais io</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Small Heath	<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	
Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>				✓	✓		
Green Hairstreak	<i>Callophrys rubi</i>		✓			✓	✓	
Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>				✓			

Moths

		May 2025						
Common name	Scientific name	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Emperor Moth	<i>Saturnia pavonia</i>				✓			
Brimstone Moth	<i>Opisthograptis luteolata</i>						✓	
Oak Eggar	<i>Lasiocampa quercus</i>						✓	
Cinnabar	<i>Tyria jacobaeae</i>							✓

Others

		May 2025						
		16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Common Darter			✓					
Four-spot Chaser			✓		✓	✓	✓	
Large Red Damselfly			✓		✓	✓	✓	
Keeled Skimmer							✓	
Common Blue Damselfly					✓		✓	
Beautiful Demoiselle						✓	✓	
Lion's mane Jellyfish			✓					
Dor Beetle			✓					

Whirligig		✓					
Moon Jellyfish			✓				
Leech sp						✓	

Plants noted

Chickweed Wintergreen
Common Butterwort
Common Cow-wheat
Spotted Heath Orchid
Marsh Orchid sp
Roseroot
Sea Arrowgrass
Milkwort