

Ardnamurchan – Wild Scotland in Spring

Naturetrek Tour Report

1st - 8th June 2025



Pearl-bordered Fritillary



Shags



3
Chequered Skipper



Arctic Skua

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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 tour, with only four clients, made dynamism and flexibility an easier premise for shuffling the itinerary.

Day 1

Sunday 1st June

Transfer day.

A brilliant effort by Simon Dicks in the office gave the clients the opportunity of an earlier escape from Glasgow, so after a few texts and calls, we were on our way from International Airport by 11am and soon on the bonny, bonny banks unloading optics from luggage. The hoped for Osprey didn’t materialise this time, but the window of dry weather allowed 25 minutes or so to get our eye in on some of the commoner waterbirds on the loch and get better acquainted. We had a full eight hours before dinner, so the plan was to stop near Bridge of Orchy and then get to Strontian with time for another walk before dinner!

We stopped for comfort and lunchtime victuals at the Green Welly in Tyndrum, escaping another deluge whilst inside. As we arrived at Bridge of Orchy, the rain was still wringing itself out, so we took a slow trundle down the length of the track to my favourite little stop, where we alighted to observe and listen...

We heard Siskins and Redpolls overhead and a Cuckoo further up the valley, with the familiar “ker-peep” of Oystercatchers betraying their presence at the back of the loch. The water level was much higher than in previous weeks, with no bare edges of promontories for waders to be seen on...

Sand Martins were hawking low over the water in the gloom, which soon threatened another shower, so we went to the end of the track in the van before looping back for a second look across the loch. Whilst this was a second opportunity to look for Osprey, the big name here was the Wood Sandpipers, which were going to be difficult to see in the grassy margins, especially as now, the female must surely be brooding...

Steve asked what the pale shape might be in one of the pine trees way behind the back of the loch. “A tree trunk, perhaps” I suggested... “It’s moving”, replied Steve, with not a trace of indignation.

The pale shape was found in the scope, showing a pale brown head and neck with a huge yellow bill, with a hook at the end... You beauty! Steve had only gone and found us an adult White-tailed Eagle before we’d even reached Ardnamurchan! All enjoyed zoomed-in views of the bird, but then suddenly another adult bird flew in and showed its whole self before the other flew off two minutes later! Amazing!

To cap it all, the Wood Sandpiper gave us a couple of brief bursts of song before we drove back slowly toward the bridge, stopping to admire a fine pair of Whinchats. By the time we reached the bridge, the rain had started again, so we headed back to the main road to admire Rannoch Moor and the mountains of Glencoe before reaching the Corran Ferry, only requiring a two-minute wait before we crossed. The Black Guillemots that used the nest boxes on the pier were not evident as we arrived at Ardgour, just 20-odd minutes away from a fresh cuppa at the Ariundle Centre, where we greeted Kate and her team for afternoon tea before venturing out for a short walk along the woodland trail for an hour...

Immediately after leaving the car park, we found Chequered Skipper and Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary butterflies. We observed Buzzards riding updraughts over the ridge and even saw briefly a flock of a dozen Crossbills chip-chipping before disappearing into a distant canopy of pines.

After a fine dinner, and a helpful chat with Kate and the excellent Chris, the chef, to fine-tune dietary issues for the coming days, we got back to the Bunkhouse at the early time of 20.30. It had been a long day, particularly for Pat and Steve, so although I put out some sweet treats on the feeding station, I didn't expect the clients to see a Pine Marten before retiring.

I was wrong. By 20.45, I was in the foyer rousing clients from their rooms, with all enjoying brief but close views of the charismatic mustelid.

Day 2

Monday 2nd June

Karen, Lauren and Pat joined me for the pre-breakfast walk, leaving Steve to have the bunkhouse to himself. We walked to the waterside at the bottom of the track but were soon shrouded in midges. Generous applications of "Smidge" (other brands of insect repellent are available but not much good with midges) failed to keep them away, although we weren't getting bitten. Much...

We decided the best thing was to take a walk, if only to keep ahead of the midges, so we got all the way to Aperitif Point where, mercifully, there was sufficient breeze on the platform to keep the midges away. But where had the clients gone? Karen had been right behind me down to the bottom of the path, but not the last few steps...

That is because she and the others were watching a dog Otter at close quarters, easing itself into weed-covered nook on an islet just 40 metres away! What a start this group was having!

Steve as obviously delighted for us all on the news of what he had missed, but the forecast for today was at least dry, if increasingly blustery.

We headed first for the watchpoint at Camas nan Geall, where Buzzards hung on the updraughts and Ravens rode the ridges, with Common Whitethroat chattering in nearby bracken. Today was a gentle welcome to Ardnamurchan, with the statement gesture of reaching the UK mainland's most westerly point – the Lighthouse. First though, we dropped by at Kilchoan, first for a few "extra" provisions and then for a loo stop before spending a few minutes at the pier to observe distant Manx Shearwaters and a nearby Rock Pipit. The drive to the lighthouse was pleasant, but devoid of any new species.

The breeze was keen as we reached the lighthouse, where the intention was to watch the sea from a sheltered position before taking lunch. We started first below the foghorn by some picnic tables where we had only the residual eddies wafting around us from the breeze overhead. This allowed us to chalk up a few species flying past: Guillemot, Shag, Manxies, Tysties (Black Guillemot), Kittiwake, Common Gull and Gannet, with the latter treating us to display of dive-bombing. We tried to get a better aerial perspective from under the foghorn, but it was too exposed, so we eventually found a little nook nearer the lower car park where some of us settled for lunch, with other seeking solace from the breeze inside the visitor centre.

The breeze had, if anything, strengthened whilst we were here, as the forecast suggested it would, so I expected to simply turn around after we reached Fascaidale, expecting to spend the rest of the day where we were less exposed in the delightful hollow that is Ockle. Before arriving, we saw a pair of Curlews close to the roadside, with an air of agitation which suggested they may still have small chicks present.

But, the clients like the look of Fascaidale as we watched Swallows, House and Sand Martins hawking low beside the van behind the shelter of the trees. We figured that there may be similarly calm conditions just the other side of the cottage...

And so it proved, with a delightful hour in good light watching more seabirds, including a substantial mixed flock some way out indicating a shoal of sprats. Regrettably, this didn't produced the hoped-for cetaceans and the Great Northern Diver spent too much time under water for worthwhile scoped views. We saw a beautiful male Whinchat on the way out and a couple of brief views of Wheatears frustrated us otherwise.

Ockle was dry when we arrived and the cloud was relatively high, so all but Steve ventured forth for the final hour of the day, during which we saw and heard Bullfinch, Siskin, Redpoll, Stonechat and Whinchat.

We got away with being out the whole hour without getting wet, so successfully completing the day having dodged several showers.

The Pine Marten briefly interrupted a rare session in front of the TV watching Springwatch before we retired early, with the suggestion of a slightly later start to allow the forecasted rain to abate. Fingers crossed...

Day 3

Tuesday 3rd June

Well, the rain did abate and to be honest, we rather dawdled out of the Bunkhouse, after an admittedly drawn out courtesy visit from our very pleasant and thoughtful host, Kim.

Knowing that today was all about wind and rain, we headed straight for the Garbh Eilean hide, albeit via Salen Jetty stores, where a pair of Spotted Flycatchers present last week across the road appeared on cue. The open nature of this structure means that you are only partly protected from the elements. On a day like this, you can tell which way the wind blows by looking at the wet areas formed when rain blows in through the apertures!

Still, it was lovely to see a quartet of Common Seals loafing right in front of the hide, with frame-filling views scoped for all. Different pairs of Red-breasted Mergansers showed a range of conditions in the drakes, with some now in heavy moult where others still had immaculate dark green "punky" head plumes. Although yesterday's early

birds had enjoyed brilliant views of Otter, this hide is one of the places people tend to look. We've also been successful finding White-tailed Eagles here so the vigil requires people to look and listen, as the local gulls are excellent harbingers of large predatory birds with piercing alarms...

Our attention was not rewarded with either, but there were some nice views of Oystercatcher, Rock Pipit, Arctic Terns around the back of Heron Island – where the heronry now heaved with several full-grown chicks about to fledge – and Rock Pipits commuting back and forth. An Atlantic Grey Seal popped up in front of the hide for easy comparison with the Common Seals, who then entertained us with a waterborne wrestling match before the chill of the incessant wind resulted in a unanimous vote to move on. Next venue was to be Loch Shiel at Acharacle, with a stop again at Salen jetty for facilities on the way.

We had dodged several showers hitherto, and had to wait a couple of minutes for one to stop as we arrived, but soon we chalked up Tufted Duck in the choppy water close to the jetty, viewed from behind a well-leaved willow! Common Gulls glowed white in the improving light, but distant Teal and waders, although probably present, couldn't be found in the blustery conditions. Willow Warbler, Song Thrush and Redpoll sang from cover.

Undaunted and with the weather unlikely to provide midges(!) we drove to Tioram Castle just to provide a teaser as to what was in store for tomorrow. We came across the delightful little open area with the little wooden fisherman's jetties and briefly saw a Grey Wagtail on the path. We edged alongside the brook but didn't find Dipper. We reached the T-junction just before the car park, where I paused, took a quick glance through the binoculars and manoeuvred into a space just to get the scope out. I trained it on the White-tailed Eagle's best where an adult bird was feeding its offspring. All the clients and a few passersby enjoyed the sight and we about-turned, bound for Lochailort and Glenueig.

Just before Lochailort, there is a small bridge and a right turn where a minor road takes you along a burn to a little car park where we strolled back toward the main road for 20 minutes until rain threatened and we got back just in time, but not before finding several Heath Spotted Orchids just coming into flower. It was too cold for insects and birds were very sparse, save for a couple of Buzzards riding the updraughts.

We stopped at Glenueig Inn for toilets, hot drinks and lunch. Here we noticed, in the distance over the water, a large number of Manx Shearwaters and a few Gannets blown into the loch by the strengthening Westerlies, so after lunch, we took a drive along the road to see them at reasonable range, with a few of these Gannets plunging-diving.

We looped around at the T-junction and cruised back the way we came, scanning ridges all the time, but without any eagles on offer. We retired early and dined well, as usual.

Day 4

Wednesday 4th June

We resumed our game of hide-and-seek between showers with a strong unbeaten record which today would face its stiffest test, with the longer walk at Ariundle in prospect in the afternoon. In the meantime, we were going to retrace yesterday's steps with more time to explore all that was between us and Tioram Castle.

The “shallow end” at Loch Shiel always give the impression it might deliver something, such that it is difficult to drive past. Today it delivered the usual fare: Tufted Ducks, Mergansers, Greenfinch, Redpoll – and a flypast from a Curlew. Pat managed at last to photograph a female Redpoll in one of the Willows.

Kentra Moss on a calm, sunny day delivers quite a lot of insect life as well as its interesting plants. Today’s forecast was improving, so we chose instead to get to Tioram Castle and look at Kentra on the way back.

We arrived at Tioram in decent weather, having popped out on the bridge to enjoy close views of a drake Merganser and noting a couple of juvenile Grey Wagtails on the road in.

We immediately scoped the nest and found the White-tailed Eagle chick being attended to by its parent, so we walked out to the castle to get a better view, observing some badger excavations on the way where two years previously, the Wild Boar had churned up the grass close to the beach, loosening up the ground, of which moles had also taken advantage.

The idea was to have a vigil beside the castle, sheltered from the blustery conditions until the other adult Eagle returned, during which time we first heard and then saw two adult Red-throated Divers fly past against the wooded hillside, eventually breaking the skyline for a better view.

We happily shared the view of the eagles at the nest with passersby until suddenly, the second parent White-tailed Eagle eased its way along the woodland, quietly greeting its mate from above before settling on a nearby tree, apparently empty handed. We waited a further 10 minutes to see if there would be any further interaction between the adult eagles. But, like a man returning home having forgotten the shopping list, he was given the cold shoulder. An approaching squall was at signal to leave and once again we made the van just in time.

We arrived at Kentra Moss just as another squall was developing so we broke for lunch viewing the back end of the estuary where skylarks hovered low to the ground. As the rain abated, I opened windows for us to enjoy the wonderful sound of a drumming Snipe before we drove back to the layby at Kentra Moss where Karen and I found the two species of Sundew to show others. The weather was unfortunately far too cold for any dragonflies, so we cut our losses and headed for Ariundle.

Before venturing out, we stopped at the centre for a cuppa which, as usual was served with some of Kate’s excellent bakes.

As we drove the short distance to the car park the sun had been out for a little while and there was even some warmth as we emerged, with the hope of seeing a butterfly or two. It wasn’t long after leaving the car park before the first Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary was seen, admittedly clinging fast to a stem of marsh grass. A few more for fritillaries were seen before the first rain shower justified the wearing of waterproofs, by which time Steve had decided he was not going to be doing the long walk and had made a slow retreat back to the van with the prospect of a short nap.

A flock of Crossbills flew past us just after we crossed the river on the first bridge and one or two Buzzards appeared in the clear patches. On this occasion, the weather remained cold and frequent showers made finding wildlife quite difficult. In the sunny spells there was some from Chaffinch, Willow Warbler and Tree Pipit, but

otherwise the highlight was when we found a Palmate Newt in one of the many puddles along the track. We returned to the van to find Steve rested and in good spirits, so we returned to the Ariundle Centre for afternoon tea and an early dinner after we had completed today's checklist.

Day 5

Thursday 5th June

The boat trip.

The best weather forecast of the trip so far was scheduled for this day. Dark clouds were over some of the islands as we pulled into Kilchoan Harbour and there was a keen breeze still, if not as strong as the two previous days. We drew the short straw and were allocated the single-hull boat, which trailed behind its sister boat by some 15 minutes. It wasn't clear until we pulled away from the end of Mull where we were headed first, but then the skipper announced that we would visit Staffa first, after briefly pausing when two Common Dolphins jumped in unison from the sea but unusually, did not engage with the boat and were not seen again. The water was choppy – more so than previous trips – and when we slowed significantly off Staffa to look into Fingal's Cave, we rocked to the extent that some were struggling with the movement. Almost as though the skipper had word of some discomfort, we didn't stay long and were soon on our way to Lunga. We pulled alongside the sister boat and used the same floating pontoon to come ashore, by which time, the clouds had more or less cleared.

We all got onto the cliff for the Puffins in no time at all and once we'd enjoyed some lovely close views, started to move along toward the other colonies, with Razorbills, Guillemots, Fulmars, Shags and Kittiwake all present. The Guillemot colony at the far end of the walk, however, is spectacular, with tens of thousands of birds all within pecking distance of each other.

On this day, there was a constant threat for unsuspecting birds from at least two pairs of Arctic Skuas and a single Great Skua. The chases from the Skuas were breathtaking, with the hapless auks often splashing down hard into the sea to avoid the chasing pirates, which would abort the attack at the last second.

So absorbing was this series of pursuits that I left it tight for time for the rendezvous back at the top of the Puffin cliff, but made it with 20 seconds to spare, with us all back safely on the boat for the homeward journey, which was uneventful from a birdy point of view. Cetaceans this spring were largely absent.

Attempts to purchase fresh coffee in Kilchoan were in vain, so we drove directly back to the Bunkhouse for a relatively early finish.

Day 6

Friday 6th June

While occasional showers were due in the morning, the afternoon was projected to be dry and mainly bright. With such a trajectory of improvement, it was decided to use the partial tree cover of RSPB Glenborrodale first, then return just a half mile back to the Bunkhouse for a fresh cuppa before a lunch stop at Camas nan Geall and then onto Sanna Bay as has become the custom on sunny afternoons.

In truth, the drizzly and cool conditions didn't do justice to the lovely walk that is Glenborrodale, from which we yielded a pair of Bullfinch (Pat got a lovely shot of the male) and one each of Chequered Skipper and Speckled

Wood butterflies. Siskins and Redpolls were constantly calling overhead but never settled close by. A Palmate Newt quickly took cover before we could get a proper view from the boardwalk.

Tea at the Bunkhouse was a leisurely break, but with brightening skies, we dragged ourselves out again to arrive at Camas nan Geall in an attempt to bag a Golden Eagle, perhaps...

A few people were around with optics and after comparing notes and a quick bite of lunch, I started scanning. First, an adult White-tailed Eagle appeared at the far end of the valley and ascended some way up the north ridge before disappearing. Clients were hanging around the van as though hinting to move on, when a large bird appeared over the distant ridge...

Golden Eagle! A sudden rush to the scope resulted in a brief view for Lauren as the bird gained height on a thermal but then disappeared into thin air! Or, more likely, a large cumulus cloud. We waited for a while for the bird to emerge from the cloud, but no joy. Then, suddenly, a rollercoaster display from first one and then both Golden Eagles; some distance away but this time showing well and giving extended views for most, excepting poor Pat, whose monocular was just a little off the pace. No matter, she'd seen them several times before, courtesy of Naturetrek!

Content with bagging both eagles, we went to Kilchoan Community Centre for a loo stop and luckily, Karen found some luxury drinking chocolate in the gift shop, removing the need to visit the bay store.

The drive out to Sanna featured a slow pass at the Sand Martin colony and then a stop, to fulfil the promised photo session with three Highland cows (pron. "Heeland Coos") shortly after.

We left the car park and made for the lovely wet area below the dunes, where we found Early Marsh Orchid, Butterwort and Sundew amongst other interesting plants, with the wafting cottongrass suggesting that sheltered spots further on would be where to look for insects. Sure enough, we first found Blue-tailed Damselfly, then Large Red and then a resplendent Beautiful Demoiselle. Three boxes ticked with relief, but I daren't have promised Golden-ringed Dragonfly...

Tick! A large dragonfly coursed over the dunes across the stream, then crossed back again and settled in a little grassy nook, allowing us all some great views and photos.

We walked through to the beach past the Sand martin nests and overlooked the bay, where we found four late Dunlins in transit and a Ringed Plover whilst we lounged for a while. Then a delightful return to the van amongst several singing Skylarks.

Karen did well to glimpse an Adder while stole into the Marum Grass before anyone else could mobilise.

A good way to end the day.

Or was it? After a lovely close encounter with a Yellowhammer on the road back to Kilchoan, we then spied a large raptor in the distance after we passed Loch Mudle...

White-tailed Eagle!

Two of them!

We sprinted up to where we reckoned the birds were – about 1.5 miles away – and found three adult birds in the air; evidently, a visiting male with an established pair. Whilst the visitor appeared to take the hint several times, he returned on three occasions before finally disappearing, allowing the incumbents to give us a celebratory dance at fairly close range.

A brilliant afternoon's entertainment.

Day 7

Saturday 7th June

Mop-up day. Tradition has it (with me at least) that these days are an opportunity to try again for things we might have missed or want to see better. The forecast was for a drizzly morning, cheering up later in the day. We had seen Otters very well on the first pre-breakfast walk, but that now seemed a while ago and it hadn't included Steve. The views of Golden Eagle were distant (as is often the case) but another attempt was agreed between the group. Having seen them the previous week at Ariundle, I offered an itinerary to the group that began at Garbh Eilean Hide whilst it rained, followed by a new walk at Pollach, beyond Ariundle, with the option of a short extra walk at Ariundle followed by checklist and dinner at Kate's.

In the event, the drizzle wasn't too bad at Garbh Eilean, so by the time we had seen three separate Otters (initially a mother and kit and then a dog which hauled out close to the hide and – ahem – marked its territory), we were ready to move on with improving skies. We stopped off at the centre for loo facilities and a cuppa – again with complimentary offerings – before commencing the picturesque route out to Pollach with the sun now coming out of hiding.

The walk ramps uphill after a while, so we gauged the group's energy levels before deciding to return to the van by 3pm having started out at 1.15 with some lunch items onboard, despite the huge scones we had just consumed! The sunshine and sheltered spots soon offered some insect life, with an impressive range of hoverflies feeding on the trackside Hawkbit, with Blue-tailed, Large Red and Common Blue Damselflies all featuring early. Add to this Ruddy and Common Darter, plus another dragonfly which didn't settle but which was probably Four-spotted Chaser and then, further up the track, two resplendent Golden-ringed Dragonflies just ahead of the group. A spirited overture from a Garden Warbler was enjoyed on the outward and return, but it only offered a glimpse as it threaded itself through the cover of trackside birches.

At the turnaround point (at the beginning of a steepening stretch of track), an immature White-tailed Eagle flew high overhead, showing the key features in its shape, albeit with a tail pattern which suggested it was a two-year-old bird.

We arrived at the vans just a smidge [sic] after 3pm and trundled back to Ariundle for afternoon tea. Steve and Pat came out with me for a swansong walk around the heath for an hour, during which we had a couple of Crossbill flypasts, several each of Siskin, Redpoll and Small Pearl-bordered Fritillaries and many Willow Warblers, while Karen and Lauren explored the area around the centre.

We completed the last checklist of the trip, dined well at 18.30 and returned back to the Bunkhouse shortly after 8pm. Badger vigils not required, we retired early to bed, ready for packing and the return journeys home.

This was a trip where the itinerary was necessarily dynamic, but which eventually delivered much of what Ardnamurchan has in store, with some moments which will live long in the memory.

Day 8

Sunday 8th June

The morning's breakfast was graced by a visit of a Nuthatch – a rare bird this far north – which initially was heard through the closed window and then seen on the feeder. A pair of Goosander were seen between Strontian and Ardnagour on the homeward journey, with drop-offs a few minutes ahead of time.

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Species lists

Birds (h = Heard only)

I=Introduced		June 2025						
Common name	Scientific name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Canada Goose - I	<i>Branta canadensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>	✓						
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>			✓	✓			
Common Eider	<i>Somateria mollissima</i>			✓		✓		✓
Red-breasted Merganser	<i>Mergus serrator</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>	h	h					
Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</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 Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>		✓		✓			
Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>						✓	
Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	h	✓		✓			
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</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>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
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>Cepphus grylle</i>		✓			✓		
Atlantic Puffin	<i>Fratercula arctica</i>					✓		
Red-throated Diver	<i>Gavia stellata</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>						✓	

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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>		✓		h	✓	✓	
Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓
Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Coal Tit	<i>Parus ater</i>		✓	✓	h	✓	✓	✓
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>						✓	
Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	h						h
Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>		✓					
Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	h	h	h	h		✓	
Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>	h						h
Common Whitethroat	<i>Curruca communis</i>		✓	✓			✓	
Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Treecreeper	<i>Certhia familiaris</i>			✓	✓		h	
Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</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>	✓	✓		h			
European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>		✓	✓			✓	✓
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>				h		✓	
Twite	<i>Linaria flavirostris</i>		✓					
Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>		✓					
Lesser Redpoll	<i>Acanthis cabaret</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓

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Common name	Scientific name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Red Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>	✓			✓			
European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Eurasian Siskin	<i>Spinus spinus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>						✓	
Common Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>		✓				✓	

Other vertebrates

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Common name	Scientific name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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>						✓	
Short-beaked Common Dolphin	<i>Delphinus delphis</i>					✓		
Daubenton's Myotis	<i>Myotis daubentonii</i>			✓	✓			
European Rabbit - I	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	✓						
Eurasian Red Squirrel	<i>Sciurus vulgaris</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Badger				✓	✓			
Palmate Newt	<i>Lissotriton helveticus</i>				✓		✓	
Common Toad (tadpoles)	<i>Bufo bufo</i>						✓	
Adder	<i>Vipera berus</i>						✓	

Butterflies & Moths

		June 2025						
Common name	Scientific name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Butterflies								
Chequered Skipper	<i>Carterocephalus palaemon</i>	✓					✓	
Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>							✓
Green-veined White	<i>Pieris napi</i>	✓						✓
Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>							✓
Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary	<i>Boloria selene</i>	✓			✓		✓	✓
Moths								
Chimney Sweeper	<i>Odezia atrata</i>		✓					
Clouded Border	<i>Lomaspilis marginata</i>				✓			

Other invertebrates

		June 2025
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Common name	Scientific name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Ichneumon Wasp	<i>Amblyjoppa fuscipennis</i>		✓					
Blue-tailed Damselfly	<i>Ishnura elegans</i>					✓		✓
Large Red Damselfly	<i>Pyrrhosoma nymphula</i>					✓		✓
Common Blue Damselfly	<i>Enallagma cyathigerum</i>							✓
Golden Ringed Dragonfly	<i>Cordulegaster boltonii</i>					✓		✓
Beautiful Demoiselle	<i>Calopteryx virgo</i>					✓		
Ruddy Darter	<i>Sympetrum sanguineum</i>							✓
Common Darter	<i>Sympetrum striolatum</i>							✓
Common Blue Damselfly	<i>Enallagma cyathigerum</i>							✓
Moon Jellyfish	<i>Aurelia aurita</i>						✓	