

# The Best of Scotland – A Birdwatching Tour

Naturetrek Tour Report

1st – 9th June 2022



Black Guillemot



Razorbills



White-tailed Eagle



Red Squirrel

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## Summary

The Best of Scotland tour is an exciting two-base holiday combining the very best of Scottish wildlife. Our group was blessed with beautifully sunny days and generally with low wind allowing us to explore our first location on the Isle of Mull. Staying on the north of the island gave us access to a wealth of wildlife sites and species including White-tailed and Golden Eagle, Otter, Corncrake, Hen Harrier, Short-eared Owl and of course the cutest Puffins!

Our second base with equally brilliant weather was centred in Grantown-on-Spey, where we were able to enjoy wonderful sightings of Black and Red Grouse, Slavonian Grebe, Scottish Crossbill, Crested Tit, Black-throated Diver, Red Deer, Badger and Pine Marten.

We finished our tour in Edinburgh with the final birding excursion to Musselburgh Lagoons giving us great views of King Eider with more distant Red-throated Diver and Common Scoters.

## Day 1

Wednesday 1st June

After collection of one client at Edinburgh Waverley station and the remaining six from Edinburgh Airport, we took the long but leisurely drive north-westwards towards Oban. The weather was beautiful, with blue skies, a warmer temperature than in recent weeks and months, and a lush and green landscape was set before us. We stopped at Loch Lubnaig for a brief stretch of our legs, where we picked up our first Willow Warbler, two Common Sandpiper and a Grey Heron.

We arrived in Oban in good time to make a quick stop for some provisions and to begin to enjoy the birdlife on offer in the harbour. Black Guillemot was soon spotted and Hooded Crow not far away! The voyage was very pleasant over calm seas, but with just a little activity, namely Common Gull, Shag, a close Gannet and Eider.

At Craignure we were lucky to disembark first and headed straight to the Salen Hotel, which would be our base for the next few nights. After a quick freshening up, we sat down to our first dinner, in the warmth of the setting sun. We nattered about the forthcoming day's activities and enjoyed getting to know each other.

Afterwards we decided on a short walk to the Sound of Mull to see what we could find. Goldcrest, Curlew, displaying Lesser Redpoll and noisy Oystercatcher were seen along with a female Red Deer. Bats began emerging and we would take the detector next time to see what they were.

After a long day's travelling, we departed for bed and the excitement of an early start to see what the dawn chorus on Mull would be like. For some the sounds of Tawny Owl were the perfect end to our first day.

## Day 2

Thursday 2nd June

Half the group set off for a 6am walk along the shoreline of Salen towards Aros. The sun was warming and the calm conditions were perfect for watching wildlife. Collared Dove, House Sparrow and Starling greeted us in the

car park and soon we were enjoying Willow Warbler, Blackcap and better still Wood Warbler singing from a beech tree. The tide was slowly coming in, but with exposed seaweed we enjoyed Common Sandpiper, Whimbrel, Curlew, Eider, Red-breasted Merganser, Grey and Pied Wagtail, a Harbour Seal and best of all the midges! They were not too bad this morning, but the lack of wind did make them a little more annoying than usual. As we enjoyed this pre-breakfast wander, we spotted a Great Spotted Woodpecker along with Siskin and Lesser Redpoll too, singing as it buzzed overhead. A lovely start to our trip.

Following a filling breakfast, we headed off to Loch na Keal and enjoyed immediate views of two White-tailed Eagles perched in conifers on the northern side of the loch. We stayed for over an hour as the birds eventually left to collect fish when the local tour company were entering the loch! Whilst waiting, Buzzard, Whitethroat, Wheatear, Mistle Thrush, Greylag Goose, two Great Northern Diver and five Red-breasted Merganser were seen.

On each eagle's return the Buzzards proceeded to harass and dive-bomb them, with the eagles turning upside-down in response as if to defend themselves and counter-attack. After our enjoyment of these magnificent flying barn doors, we retraced our steps and caught sight of an Otter. We watched it briefly rolling in the seaweed before it slipped away and proceeded to hunt.

After a brief comfort break, we made our way to the southern shore and quickly spotted another eagle over the mountains. This was of the golden variety and we watched it being mobbed by a diminutive Kestrel as it repeatedly attacked it from above. A Cuckoo called in the background and Rock and Meadow Pipit sang and darted about.

We took a walk up towards Loch Ba, connecting with some lovely marshy plants along the way with dozens of Heath Spotted Orchid being a highlight. Another Cuckoo showed briefly and further along Grey Wagtail, Raven and several Common Sandpiper were seen. We enjoyed our lunch having spotted a further White-tailed Eagle, a juvenile this time around flying up and over the mountains, after a brief landing on the ridge.

Following lunch and lovely views of Willow Warbler and Mistle Thrush, we headed back to continue our tour of the main loch. Through the woodland a Spotted Flycatcher gave away its presence but sadly not for all to see.

We had another wonderful Otter sighting later along the loch as we connected with two, a mother and kit enjoying the seaweed and then sleeping on top of one-another. Shelduck, Black Guillemot and Skylark added to our haul for the day.

We continued over the mountains towards Loch Scridain and then to Loch Beg where we had brilliant views of a pair of Hen Harrier, the male coming in fast over the moorland to pass a food parcel to his mate. She appeared to then return to her nest in thick grass. We also enjoyed our first views of a gorgeous male Whinchat and a singing Reed Bunting too. Curlew, Snipe and Redshank added to our lists before we headed for the hotel.

Our final strike of gold came 20 minutes later as we passed Loch Spelve when Oliver spotted a Short-eared Owl hunting over grassland. A fine end to a magnificent day on Mull.

After dinner we decided to check out the local spot for bats and quickly confirmed Common Pipistrelle were present.

## Day 3

Friday 3rd June

After a very busy second day we did not take a pre-breakfast walk, however we ate earlier and left the hotel for a visit to the River Aros, where we eventually located Dipper, despite only part of the group seeing it. We would have to make another visit as time was limited for our morning's excursions. Common Sandpiper, Sand Martin and Chiffchaff were seen, with the latter being heard.

We headed north to Tobermory, with its quaint little houses, and lovely gift shops in a fabulous setting. We were in beautiful light too, with wall-to-wall blue skies and the lightest of breezes. This really was a picture-postcard setting. No sooner had most left the parking area, than the couple of people remaining, along with Oliver, spotted an Osprey flying overhead being mobbed by gulls! It only lasted 20 seconds or so and was gone before we could get a telescope on to it.

After a lovely bit of shopping, we had our day trip planned to leave Ulva Ferry just before noon so we made our way across moorland and lochs, through Dervaig and along the edge of Loch Tuath. We parked up and joined the *Island Lass* skippered brilliantly by the Turus Mara crew! We set off south around Ulva and Gometra before sailing out towards Staffa. The journey out was unreal with sightings of Common Dolphin, Harbour Porpoise, Grey Seal and best of all a Northern Minke Whale! It showed at 400m or so several times before eventually disappearing. The sea was calm, so spotting cetaceans was much easier. Seabirds started appearing and soon we were surrounded by Shag, Guillemot, Razorbill and of course the delightful Puffin.

We made our first landing on Staffa and headed to the tip of the island where we had fabulous views of a Great Skua being mobbed by any gull within sight! A Fulmar cruised by and Puffins were in huge flotillas offshore. After enjoying the views of the Inner Hebridean islands and several new wildflowers, we headed back and enjoyed our first close encounters with Puffins coming ashore. The Springwatch team were also filming today and we chatted with them about the wildlife, whilst enjoying the birds.

Back onboard we navigated the half hour to Lunga, where we had our most enjoyable experience with seabirds. Some of the group remained on the first plateau with Puffins, whilst a couple with our leader walked the narrow path to Harp Rock. After enjoying Roseroot, a new plant for us, we were presented with thousands upon thousands of Guillemots and Razorbills, with endless Fulmars and Kittiwakes all calling from their nesting sites. Puffins quietly went about their business, whilst Shags hid amongst the rocks on nests. The sight, sound and smell were overwhelming and everyone enjoyed this magical experience.

Our return voyage was less filled with new wildlife sightings but still a pleasant voyage until we arrived back at dock and were confronted with a heavy sudden rain shower. It did not last long but once the car park had cleared and peace and quiet was returned, our leader spotted a Snipe, which soon began to drum and display for us. With a supporting cast of Willow Warbler, Skylark and Meadow Pipit all adding their tunes to the concert it was a fine way to end a beautiful day in north-west Scotland.

Whilst at dinner a Golden-ringed Dragonfly was spotted roosting on a rhododendron shrub outside the dining room window.

## Day 4

## Saturday 4th June

A 6.30am start for one client who missed the Dipper the previous day, so we headed back to Aros and within 20 minutes we had fantastic views of one foraging along the river. Job done! We also heard or saw more Siskin, Lesser Redpoll, Willow Warbler and Chiffchaff, making it a lovely morning before the midges started to eat us alive, so we returned to the hotel for breakfast.

Today's excursion was to visit the religious island of Iona, so we headed to the far south-west of Mull in time for the 10.30am passenger ferry crossing. We set off having admired the Golden-ringed Dragonfly still hanging in the bushes, covered in dew. We only stopped once to enjoy and photograph a herd of Long-horn Cattle walking across the shallow waters of Loch Beg with Ben More in the background and a perfect clear blue sky.

We crossed on the ferry on calm seas and headed via the nunnery to an area to the north of the island. It was not long before we picked up the distinctive *Crex crex* sound of a Corncrake calling from a lovely field of wild flowers, in Scotland this would be the *machair*. It was going to be almost impossible to see it but with a stroke of luck it took off out of cover and flew some 20m before landing again out of view! As well as a Sedge Warbler flitting around on the stone wall, Swallows and Starlings were coming and going from nest sites with food.

We made our way to North Beach and enjoyed sitting alongside glorious blue waters, with Oystercatchers, three Dunlin, two distant Gannets and a Ringed Plover for company as we ate our lunch in the most idyllic of Scottish island conditions. What a treat!

The group then had multiple plans for the afternoon session with some enjoying the dunes and beaches to the north, others opting for the abbey and those willing to give it a go to climb the short elevation of Dun I. The views from the top were stunning with a 360-degree panoramic vista and the sound of Skylark, Meadow Pipit and Twite for additional background distraction.

We all reconvened for an afternoon cream tea outside the Argyll Hotel, sitting in the glorious sunshine and watching the gentle blue sea whilst listening to the bustle of birds and people.

Our return leg was fun with a quick visit to Loch Fidden where Lapwings were spotted, before we headed inland to Loch Assapol and the sighting of several Irish Hare, four Tufted Duck on the loch and further Sand Martins. Common Shelduck showed on our return journey as did a female Hen Harrier, quartering over grassland close to Pennyghael. What a fitting end to a stunning day on the Inner Hebridean islands.

## Day 5

## Sunday 5th June

Our final morning on Mull, and we packed and had a filling breakfast before departing on the 9.30am ferry to Oban. We managed to avoid the around Mull cycle race competitors and arrived for our ferry crossing in plenty of time. Several Gannets were seen along with Kittiwake and an identified tern on the voyage across the Sound

of Mull. Back in Oban, it was a quick refuel stop and to collect lunch, before we had the most wonderful experience with nesting Black Guillemots along the sea wall. We enjoyed such close encounters that we could admire their delicate plumage, red feet and gape and the dear little piping calls they make.

From Oban we drove to Fort William and then our plans were abruptly curtailed. After lunch, which we enjoyed at the Commando Memorial at Spean Bridge overlooking the Ben Nevis range, we came across a very nasty accident, which had closed the A86 towards the Creag Meagaidh National Nature Reserve where we were headed. We had to backtrack and head via Loch Ness instead to our hotel. This was a very opportune moment as we ended up enjoying wonderful views of Black-throated Diver in breeding plumage and alongside Loch Ness our guide located a pair of Wood Warbler bringing in food to their chicks!

Our journey to The Grant Arms continued with Red-legged Partridge and two Lapwing mobbing a Red Kite and glorious views of the Cairngorm Mountain range as we approached.

After enjoying our first evening meal together in our new location and completing our daily checklists we departed to bed as a very early start beckoned.

## Day 6

Monday 6th June

After the warmest day in Scotland this year, it was surprising at 4am when our alarms awoke us that we found ourselves in a pea soup, mist lingering heavy over Grantown-on-Spey. We set off regardless in search of an iconic species and we were not disappointed as our guide located a site where six male Black Grouse were lekking. The mist cleared for no more than five minutes, allowing the few who fancied an early start the chance to admire these magnificent birds. The temperature was just five degrees and the birdlife was very active with Cuckoo, Meadow Pipit, Skylark and Willow Warbler singing away. Further on we located four adult Red Grouse with nine chicks between them too.

After a snooze back at base and another fine breakfast, we headed off together for our main morning walk of the day around Loch Garten. Oliver happened to spot a bird flitting in the trees along the road to Nethy Bridge and on stopping and watching it, located a Spotted Flycatcher sitting on its nest! What a find! We watched it for some minutes before heading to the RSPB site.

We enjoyed views of Osprey on the nest from the nature centre before taking a walk along the Big Pines trail and around the Loch Mallachie woodland route. Once more the birdlife was fantastic with regular stops for some lovely birds, starting with a Treecreeper collecting food. Tree Pipits sang from a number of spots and Redstart almost eluded us but gave us great views eventually with a singing male perched high in the canopy. The highlight though for many was the sole Crested Tit that our guide heard calling and within a couple of minutes had located the bird and had almost everyone watching the bird for a few brief moments. Chaffinch, Coal Tit, Willow Warbler, Spotted Flycatcher, Siskin and Lesser Redpoll were the accompaniments to the morning's birding.

At Loch Mallachie a female Goldeneye with eight chicks was a treat and a Cuckoo being chased by (presumably) a pipit was another highlight. We completed our loop and headed to The Barn at Coylumbridge for lunch.

Our afternoon consisted of a failed attempt to locate Mountain Hare in the Findhorn Valley before stunning views of the moorland and mountains across Glen Kyllachy. We dropped into Strathnairn and headed to Loch Ruthven. We located five Slavonian Grebes before even further success with an Osprey flying in and hovering over the loch. It did not dive but gave great views before disappearing up the glen.

We returned late in the day for another stupendous dinner at the Grant Arms and completed our checklists.

## Day 7

## Tuesday 7th June

A later start this morning so we departed the hotel at 8am and headed for a walk around Castle Roy and then Abernethy Forest. Yellowhammer was the highlight from the castle with Pied Wagtail and House Sparrow nesting in the castle walls. Oystercatchers were guarding chicks in the nearby fields.

Our main walk centred around pine forest and a circular trail. We walked quietly throughout our meandering, and although no Capercaillie were spotted we had the most superb views of a male Sparrowhawk flying through the woodland and perching for over 10 minutes! When it eventually flew, it did so whilst chasing a larger bird, which we were unable to identify, but we assumed it was a Buzzard. The *yikking* of the Sparrowhawk occurred several times as it called and kept moving through the forest.

Other birdlife came and went as we continued with distant farmland birds also adding to the chorus of Wren, Mistle Thrush, Chaffinch, Great Tit, Coal Tit and Goldcrest with good views of further Spotted Flycatcher and Treecreeper.

After our walk it was nearing lunch time so we stopped at Nethy House in Nethy Bridge and enjoyed some refreshments, before continuing along to Cairn Gorm mountain. Here we took a couple of short walks to enjoy the valleys and views, but none of the target species were spotted. We would have needed a full day of mountain walking to try and catch up with some of the highland specialities here.

We were back early for dinner as our final entertainment for the day was to visit a hide for some nocturnal mammals. We were not disappointed as we enjoyed views of nine Badgers, a brief Pine Marten, five Wood Mice and a Bank Vole! It was lovely to hear the sounds of the animals and birds as there was an external microphone relaying the sounds to us inside the hide. A Roe Deer called regularly in the background with some of the Badgers totally ignoring it but one of the younger males was really put off and kept dashing off to hide! As our hide session started at 8pm we were able to enjoy lots of birds coming to the feeders too, including Great Spotted Woodpecker, Greenfinch, Chaffinch, Siskin and Coal, Blue and Great Tit. On leaving the hide we captured recordings of Common Pipistrelle before heading for home.

## Day 8

## Wednesday 8th June

Our final morning in the Cairngorms and we decided to remain locally for the start of the day, walking a route close to Grantown-on-Spey in Anagach Wood. This beautiful community managed woodland is teeming with life, yet still supporting the activities of the local people. We walked the blue route and enjoyed plenty of common species with Chaffinches feeding young, Robins tweeting in the undergrowth and Song Thrushes repeating themselves in the background. One of the group soon spotted a Red Squirrel feeding in the lower



branches of a pine tree and everyone gathered around to enjoy the view. The individual had a wonderful golden tail, which was being backlit by the ambient light.

Today was perhaps the most overcast we'd experienced and by lunchtime it was starting to rain, the first of our trip. We continued enjoying the small feeding station where two more Red Squirrels were feeding, before dropping down towards the River Spey. In a marshy clearing our leader spotted the distinct shapes of two Crossbill in the top of a dead pine tree and everyone was able to finally 'see' this bird properly. There was a male and a juvenile which he was provisioning. They were certainly heavier billed than Common but not so much as Parrot, so we have to conclude they were Scottish Crossbills.

At the river a few species were noted including Common Sandpiper, Sand Martin, Grey Heron and Swift. As we were all packed, we meandered back to the vehicle, but not before spotting two Spotted Flycatchers, hearing a Blackcap and then coming across a small family of Treecreepers, with the adults feeding the young low down on a pine tree.

Lunch was taken at The Wild Flour in Newtownmore, before we dropped in to Insh Marshes for a panoramic view over the magnificent, and very extensive marsh. Snipe, a lone Teal, Curlew, Redshank and Buzzard were noted as well as a baby Redshank chick on a distant bank. The rain was lightly falling but did not dampen our spirits.

Our final stop in the Cairngorms, and in some ways quite fitting to finish the trip was to visit a final Osprey nest. Our leader arrived at the church in Insh but could not locate it. Wondering where on earth it had gone, he double-checked and realised it was Insh Church in Kincaig, a couple of miles away! Thankfully it was close enough to pop by and in doing so we not only saw one of the adults on the nest but the other flew in with a fish and proceeded to feed on it! A Lesser Redpoll finally landed in a tree for a few of the group to lay eyes on properly and a group of Goldeneye chicks swam along the shoreline. A super end to our afternoon.

We navigated to Edinburgh, stopping just once for a comfort break and fuel in Perth, fortuitously as our leader called out a Peregrine Falcon flying over Morrisons car park! Eventually we arrived at Black Ivy hotel and we settled in with our final amazing meal of the trip.

## Day 9

Thursday 9th June

Our final morning in Edinburgh and true to a good Naturetrek group all everyone wanted to do was to go birding! That suited our leader just fine and he planned a trip out to Musselburgh Lagoons. A great choice with the fantastic array of birdlife we found during our excursion.

Within just 20 minutes of our arrival, we were all enjoying views of a sleeping King Eider, a first summer male bird that has been present since October 2021! It eventually woke up and swam around amongst the throngs of Common Eider. This was a UK lifer for everyone apart from the leader and what a first it was, just 50m from the shore. Plenty of other birds were spotted here too with Cormorant, Goosander both new for the trip and further around the headland we added Common Scoter (a lovely flotilla of ten birds), two Red-throated Diver and a Sandwich Tern! There were plenty of gulls, Oystercatchers and Mute Swan too making it a very enjoyable first stop.

We relocated to the lagoons and enjoyed Blue Tits visiting a nest in the hide wall, before scanning the shallow waters. Waders included Common Ringed Plover, Dunlin, Redshank, Curlew and Oystercatcher with a pair of Grey Partridge in full view too! A random sighting but very pleasing nonetheless. Shelduck, Gadwall and a distant Sand Martin colony were all good sightings too here.

In the woodland Chiffchaff, Willow Warbler and Blackcap sang away with Skylark singing in the distance. Our first Little Grebe too popped up in the marshy pond by the car park which brought us to a healthy list for the trip.

After lunch outside the Harbour Café in Fisherrow where we completed our final checklist and group photo, we headed to the airport and said our final farewells after a truly Best of Scotland tour.

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## Species lists

Birds (H = Heard only)

	Common name	Scientific name	June 2022								
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	Canada Goose	<i>Branta canadensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓			✓
2	Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
3	Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>	✓	✓						✓	✓
4	Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>		✓		✓					✓
5	Gadwall	<i>Mareca strepera</i>									✓
6	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
7	Eurasian Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>								✓	
8	Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>				✓					
9	Common Goldeneye	<i>Bucephala clangula</i>						✓		✓	
10	Common Eider	<i>Somateria mollissima</i>	✓	✓	✓						✓
11	King Eider	<i>Somateria spectabilis</i>									✓
12	Common Scoter	<i>Melanitta nigra</i>									✓
13	Common (Goosander) Merganser	<i>Mergus merganser</i>									✓
14	Red-breasted Merganser	<i>Mergus serrator</i>	✓	✓		✓					
15	Willow Ptarmigan (Red Grouse)	<i>Lagopus lagopus scoticus</i>						✓	H		
16	Black Grouse	<i>Tetrao tetrix</i>						✓			
17	Grey Partridge	<i>Perdix perdix</i>									✓
18	Red-legged Partridge	<i>Alectoris rufa</i>					✓	✓			
19	Common Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>		H		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
20	Red-throated Diver	<i>Gavia stellata</i>									✓
21	Black-throated Diver	<i>Gavia arctica</i>					✓	✓			
22	Great Northern Diver	<i>Gavia immer</i>		✓							
23	Northern Fulmar	<i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>			✓						
24	Slavonian Grebe	<i>Podiceps auritus</i>						✓			
25	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>									✓
26	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
27	Northern Gannet	<i>Morus bassanus</i>	✓			✓	✓				
28	European Shag	<i>Gulosus aristotelis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓
29	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>									✓
30	Red Kite	<i>Milvus milvus</i>					✓	✓			
31	Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>		✓							
32	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>							✓		
33	Hen Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>		✓		✓					
34	White-tailed Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>		✓							
35	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
36	Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>			✓			✓		✓	
37	Eurasian Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
38	Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
39	Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>				✓					✓
40	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>		✓	✓					✓	
41	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>		✓							
42	Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	H	✓	✓

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	Common name	Scientific name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
43	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>		✓				✓		✓	✓
44	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	✓	✓	✓	H		✓		✓	
45	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>				✓					✓
46	Black-legged Kittiwake	<i>Rissa tridactyla</i>			✓	✓	✓				
47	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
48	Common Gull	<i>Larus canus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
49	Great Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus marinus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓				
50	European Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
51	Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus graellsii</i>	✓			✓	✓				✓
52	Sandwich Tern	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>									✓
53	Arctic Tern	<i>Sterna paradisaea</i>	✓		✓						
54	Great Skua	<i>Stercorarius skua</i>			✓						
55	Common Guillemot	<i>Uria aalge</i>			✓						
56	Razorbill	<i>Alca torda</i>			✓						
57	Black Guillemot	<i>Cephus grylle</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓				
58	Atlantic Puffin	<i>Fratercula arctica</i>			✓						
59	Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓		✓	✓					
60	Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia 'feral'</i>	✓					✓			
61	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>		✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
62	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
63	Corncrake	<i>Crex crex</i>				✓					
64	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>	H	✓	H	H	H	✓	✓		
65	Tawny Owl	<i>Strix aluco</i>	H								
66	Short-eared Owl	<i>Asio flammeus</i>		✓							
67	Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>				H					
68	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
69	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	
70	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	✓	✓			✓				
71	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>			✓					✓	
72	Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	✓	✓						✓	✓
73	Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
74	Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
75	Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>						✓	✓	✓	✓
76	Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	
77	Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		
78	Coal Tit	<i>Parus ater</i>		H				✓	✓	✓	
79	Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓
80	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	
81	Crested Tit	<i>Lophophanes cristatus</i>						✓			
82	Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	H	H		✓
83	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
84	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
85	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
86	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>						✓			
87	Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>		H		✓					

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88	Wood Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>		H			✓				
89	Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	H
90	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>			H	H					H
91	Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>		H						H	H
92	Common Whitethroat	<i>Curruca communis</i>		✓	H	H					✓
93	Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>	✓	✓	H			✓	H	H	
94	Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
95	Eurasian Treecreeper	<i>Certhia familiaris</i>						✓	✓	✓	
96	Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
97	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
98	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	H
99	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
100	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>		✓				✓	✓	✓	
101	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
102	Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>						✓		✓	
103	Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>		✓							
104	European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓		
105	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓			
106	White-throated Dipper	<i>Cinclus cinclus</i>			✓	✓					
107	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
108	Dunnock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		H	✓	
109	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	✓	✓							✓
110	Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba yarrellii</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
111	Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
112	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>		✓				H			
113	Eurasian Rock Pipit	<i>Anthus petrosus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓				
114	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
115	Eurasian Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>			H	H					
116	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	H	✓	
117	Twite	<i>Linaria flavirostris</i>			✓	✓					
118	Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓
119	Common Redpoll	<i>Acanthis flammea</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
120	Red Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>						H		✓	
121	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
122	Eurasian Siskin	<i>Spinus spinus</i>	H	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
123	Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>							✓		
124	Common Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>		✓							✓

## Mammals

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Eurasian Otter	<i>Lutra lutra</i>		Y							
Pine Marten	<i>Martes martes</i>							Y		
European Badger	<i>Meles meles</i>							Y		
European Rabbit	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Irish Hare	<i>Lepus timidus</i>				Y					

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European Hare	<i>Lepus europaeus</i>	Y				Y	Y	Y	Y	
Red Squirrel	<i>Sciurus vulgaris</i>								Y	
Bank Vole	<i>Myodes glareolus</i>							Y		
Wood Mouse	<i>Apodemus sylvaticus</i>							Y		
Roe Deer	<i>Capreolus capreolus</i>					Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Fallow Deer	<i>Dama dama</i>	Y								
Red Deer	<i>Cervus elaphus</i>	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y		
Common Dolphin	<i>Delphinus delphis</i>			Y						
Harbour Porpoise	<i>Phocoena phocoena</i>			Y						
Northern Minke Whale	<i>Balaenoptera acutorostrata</i>			Y						
Harbour (Common) Seal	<i>Phoca vitulina</i>		Y		Y					
Grey Seal	<i>Halichoerus grypus</i>			Y	Y	Y				
Common Pipistrelle	<i>Pipistrellus pipistrellus</i>	Y	Y					Y		

## Invertebrates

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		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>Butterflies</b>										
Orange-tip	<i>Anthocharis cardamines</i>		Y	Y		Y				
Green-veined White	<i>Pieris napi</i>		Y		Y	Y	Y	Y		
Brimstone	<i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>			Y		Y				
Small Tortoiseshell	<i>Aglais urticae</i>				Y					
Small Heath	<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>				Y					
Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>					Y				
Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>							Y		Y
Comma	<i>Polygonia c-album</i>							Y		
Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>									Y
<b>Others</b>										
Two-banded Longhorn Beetle	<i>Rhagium bifasciatum</i>		Y		Y		Y			
Large Red Damselfly	<i>Pyrrhosoma nymphula</i>							Y	Y	
Golden-ringed Dragonfly	<i>Cordulegaster boltonii</i>			Y						
Red-tailed Bumblebee	<i>Bombus lapidarius</i>				Y		Y	Y		
Black Slug	<i>Arion ater</i>									

## Plants

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		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>Plants</b>										
Cuckooflower	<i>Cardamine pratensis</i>		Y		Y					
Common Bluebell	<i>Hyacinthoides non-scripta</i>		Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	
Common Lousewort	<i>Pedicularis sylvatica</i>		Y	Y						
Common Milkwort	<i>Polygala vulgaris</i>		Y				Y			
Common Butterwort	<i>Pinguicula vulgaris</i>		Y							
Greater Stitchwort	<i>Rabelera holostea</i>		Y			Y			Y	
Heath Spotted Orchid	<i>Dactylorhiza maculata</i>		Y	Y	Y					
Stonecrop sp.			Y							
Wild Thyme	<i>Thymus serpyllum</i>		Y							
Pignut	<i>Bunium bulbocastanum</i>		Y	Y	Y				Y	
Foxglove	<i>Digitalis purpurea</i>		Y	Y	Y					
Hedge Bedstraw	<i>Galium mollugo</i>		Y	Y						
Common Birdsfoot-trefoil	<i>Lotus corniculatus</i>		Y	Y	Y					
Wood Avens	<i>Geum urbanum</i>		Y	Y						
Water Avens	<i>Geum rivale</i>		Y	Y					Y	
Meadow Buttercup	<i>Ranunculus acris</i>		Y	Y						
Common Nettle	<i>Urtica dioica</i>		Y	Y	Y				Y	
Water Forget-me-Not	<i>Myosotis scorpioides</i>		Y							
Tormentil	<i>Potentilla reptans</i>		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Common Silverweed	<i>Argentina anserina</i>		Y	Y	Y					
Bugle	<i>Ajuga reptans</i>		Y		Y	Y			Y	
Sea Thrift	<i>Armeria maritima</i>		Y	Y	Y					
Marsh Marigold	<i>Caltha palustris</i>		Y	Y	Y					
Heath Speedwell	<i>Veronica officinalis</i>			Y					Y	
Lady's Mantle	<i>Alchemilla vulgaris</i>			Y					Y	
Meadowsweet	<i>Filipendula ulmaria</i>			Y					Y	
Roseroot	<i>Rhodiola rosea</i>			Y						
Spring Squill	<i>Scilla verna</i>			Y	Y					
Broad-leaved Pondweed	<i>Potamogeton natans</i>		Y							
Common Eyebright	<i>Euphrasia rostkoviana</i>			Y	Y					
Marsh Lousewort	<i>Pedicularis palustris</i>			Y						
Maidenhair Spleenwort	<i>Asplenium trichomanes</i>				Y					
Ivy-leaved Toadflax	<i>Cymbalaria muralis</i>				Y					
Yellow Rattle	<i>Rhinanthus minor</i>				Y					
Yellow Iris	<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>		Y	Y	Y					
Broom	<i>Cytisus scoparius</i>					Y	Y		Y	
Bogbean	<i>Menyanthes trifoliata</i>					Y	Y			
Chickweed Wintergreen	<i>Lysimachia europaea</i>						Y		Y	
Wood Sorrel	<i>Oxalis acetosella</i>						Y	Y		
Cloudberry	<i>Rubus chamaemorus</i>							Y		
Cowberry	<i>Vaccinium vitis-idaea</i>							Y	Y	
Cottongrass	<i>Eriophorum vaginatum</i>		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Italian Clover	<i>Trifolium incarnatum</i>							Y		

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Cornflower	<i>Centaurea cyanus</i>							Y		
Welsh Poppy	<i>Papaver cambricum</i>							Y		
Sundew	<i>Drosera sp.</i>								Y	
Wood Anemone	<i>Anemonoides nemorosa</i>								Y	
Purple Loosestrife	<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>									Y
Bittercress	<i>Barbarea vulgaris</i>									Y