

The Best of Scotland – A Birdwatching Tour

Naturetrek Tour Report

1st – 9th June 2023



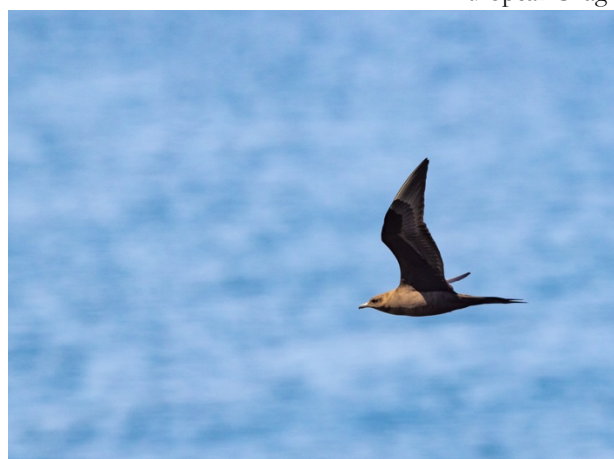
Staffa



European Shag



Common Redstart



Arctic Skua

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Introduction

This mainly bird focussed tour took in two wonderful areas of Scotland; the Isle of Mull and the Cairngorm Mountains. The weather throughout the trip was incredibly settled with mostly sunshine and temperatures tipping 20 degrees. The small group from New Zealand, California and Newcastle enjoyed a wealth of wonderful wildlife including Golden & White-tailed Eagle, seabird magic on Lunga, mobbing Hen Harrier, Red Squirrel, Ring Ouzel, Black Grouse and so much more! There were a number of birds with their youngsters too and especially the Common Eider chicks were adorable!

Day 1

Thursday 1st June

Drive from Edinburgh to Oban, ferry to Isle of Mull, Glenforsa Hotel

After collecting the group from Edinburgh Waverley station, our tour leader Oliver Smart drove to Oban Ferry terminal, only to discover the ferry had been cancelled. Thankfully we were rescheduled on a later sailing and were able to board just an hour or so later. This gave us a prime chance to have a walk around Oban and along the harbour before heading out across the Firth of Lorn and into the Sound of Mull. We spotted a female Red-breasted Merganser, Common Gull, Common Guillemot and two Black Guillemot as well as a small pod of at least four Harbour Porpoise crossing the wake of the boat.

The perfect blue skies and warm air were definitely noticeable and the forecast for our nine-day tour was very promising indeed. We landed at Craignure and made our way to the Glenforsa Hotel, along the western side of the island, just south of Salen. We enjoyed our first very hearty meal and watched sunset for a few minutes before retiring to our rooms. Tomorrow was to be the first of many highlights of the trip!

Day 2

Friday 2nd June

Lunga, Treshnish Isles & Staffa

At 6am, we walked along the road from Salen to Aros. The tide was going out, exposing seaweed and opportunity for a number of shore birds. Eurasian Oystercatcher and Common Sandpiper dominated with a Grey Heron, Mute Swan and Greylag Geese observed. Around the wooded areas close to the village, we saw Greenfinch, Goldfinch, Siskin, Whitethroat and heard Wood Warbler and Grey Wagtail. A single Red Deer doe on the way back alongside the road was nice too.

After breakfast, we headed to Tobermory and boarded the *Dun I* vessel run by Staffa Tours, stopping firstly to Staffa and then Lunga on the Treshnish Isles. Staffa, with its basalt rock formations is quite stunning and of course for some, Fingal's Cave is a highlight of any visit. For most of the group, they chose to explore the seabird colony watching Puffins for the very first time! We also enjoyed Common Eider, a Common Snipe 'drumming', several Twite and a Eurasian Skylark. The weather had improved and was now glorious, with sunshine and a gentle warm breeze.

We made our way to Lunga and spent more than two hours enjoying the Puffin colony and for one member of the group, we visited Harp Rock to see more cliff-nesting birds. As well as the regular seabirds, we also enjoyed two dark phase Arctic Skua dive-bombing the auks, in an attempt to force them to drop their catch. A few Great Skua were also visible around the isles and Great Black-backed Gull were frequent. Along the shoreline Common and Arctic Tern were actively foraging, their calls giving away their true identity.

The journey back was uneventful apart from the huge numbers of Moon and Lion's Mane Jellyfish. They are unable to swim and are brought into the bays on currents. The Moon Jellyfish uses nematocysts to sting their prey before consuming them.

After dinner and having completed our checklists, we walked the garden at dusk for bats. We managed to spot Soprano and Common Pipistrelle, along with hearing both male and female Tawny Owl calling to each other. A small group of Sand Martin were flitting and twittering about above the tree canopy at dusk.

Day 3

Saturday 3rd June

Glenforsa Hotel, Loch Spelve, Lochbuie, Loch Scridain & Loch na Keal

For our morning walk before breakfast, we stayed close to the hotel. We walked through the garden woodland picking up the usual suspects, before approaching a river. Here we located where the Sand Martins were breeding in a sandy bank. A White-throated Dipper was also seen standing motionless along the water's edge.

After breakfast (with excellent vegetarian haggis), we headed off to Loch Spelve and Lochbuie for our morning excursion. We enjoyed plenty of wildlife throughout, stopping as often as possible to scan the shoreline, moorland and higher mountains. House Martins were collecting nesting material from muddy ground at the main road end of the loch. We stopped abruptly, having heard a Whinchat singing, but remained at the spot for over half an hour as we continued to spot new birds. Bullfinch, Stonechat, Tree Pipit, Cuckoo, Common Whitethroat, Lesser Redpoll and European Siskin were seen well (as well as the aforementioned Whinchat). The highlights though were a male Hen Harrier and better still a White-tailed Eagle flying close-by and then landing on the mountainside, just a few hundred yards ahead of us. We also enjoyed identifying some of the plants here too, including Round-leaved Sundew, Heath Spotted Orchid and Common Cotton-grass.

At Croggan, we stopped for a short walk. Lesser Redpoll and a small family of Long-tailed Tit were very active. We spotted a Eurasian Oystercatcher nest with three eggs along the shingle bank as well as three Common Ringed Plover. Black Guillemot were present in the bay but no sign of any Otter. Butterflies during the day amounted a handful with Green-veined White, male Orange-tip and Peacock being seen.

Later during our walk, we saw Thyme-leaved Sandwort and Heath Bedstraw as well as a Golden-ringed Dragonfly watched by a couple in the group. A Blue Tit nest with very active parents was found in a natural tree hole on the edge of the main footpath.

After a lovely lunch overlooking Lochbuie from the Old Post Office café, we headed across Glen More to Loch Scridain. At the end we located a group of gulls which took off suddenly. We cast our eyes to the blue sky above

and a Golden Eagle was soaring high over our heads. The light was perfect and gave brilliant views for identification with our leader going through the different key features.

Over the mountains and into Loch na Keal, we picked up plenty more passerines and a handful of birds on the water but still no sign of any Otter. A Four-spotted Chaser was the only new thing to add. The beautifully sunny conditions had continued throughout the day, with highs in the low-twenties and a light and pleasant breeze; keeping the 'no-see-ems' or midges at bay.

Day 4

Sunday 4th June

Iona, Loch Assapol & Loch Spelve

With the island road cycle race starting from Tobermory at 8am, we had breakfast as soon as we could and left in time to avoid getting caught in any 'traffic'. We headed to Fionnphort to catch the 10-minute ferry across to the religious island of Iona. Steeped in history, the group were keen to visit the abbey and to enjoy the walks to the nearby beaches.

After collecting lunch, we made our way via the abbey to the north of the island where we sat and enjoyed our food in the most glorious of conditions. The sun was shining, the sky was perfectly blue, and the sea was calm. Common Ringed Plover and Eurasian Oystercatcher had nests on the beach; the former having four eggs in a sandy nest surrounding by dried seaweed. Whilst enjoying the views a group of nine Sanderling and 15 Dunlin dropped in and foraged along the shoreline.

We retraced our steps and in a machair meadow we could hear a Corncrake. The rasping calls of these African migrants filled the air when a second bird took off and flew across and landed in the meadow. With big smiles, we walked back to the harbour and back to Mull. We drove to Loch Assapol and enjoyed close views of three Irish Hare and some European Rabbit before stopping along the road by Loch Beg. Here a pair of Golden Plover were foraging along with Common Redshank, Northern Lapwing, Eurasian Oystercatcher, Common Ringed Plover and a sole Dunlin.

Our final stop along the edge of Loch Spelve, we overlooked an area of grass moorland and watched a Common Buzzard hovering. Our leader noted that there were other raptors in the area and that we should look out for them. Only a few moments later a male Hen Harrier came out of nowhere and repeatedly attacked the buzzard. Eventually the harrier succeeded and pushed the buzzard out of the area and over the nearby ridge.

Back at the hotel, we enjoyed our last meal together on Mull and completed the productive checklist for the day.

Day 5

Monday 5th June

Loch na Keal & Loch Scridain, ferry to Oban, drive to Grantown-on-Spey via Loch Tarff & Loch Ruthven

At 6.30am, a small group headed out for a final search for otters. Yet again, we were without luck, but the conditions were some of the most beautiful we'd see. The water was so calm and the blue sky reflected in the

lochs, creating a wealth of colour. We spotted a further White-throated Dipper at the end of Loch na Keal and plenty of waders and passerines. Five Raven were seen very close to the vehicle over the mountain crossing.

After breakfast, we quickly headed to Craignure and caught the 11.05am sailing back to Oban. Along the route, we ironically spotted two Otter, both of which were far away and not everyone saw either or both! A handful of Common Guillemot, Northern Gannet and a Harbour Porpoise were seen too.

We refuelled at Tesco's and then headed via Fort William to Spean Bridge and had lunch at the Commando Memorial with fantastic views of the Ben Nevis range. This broke the journey nicely, before we made our way across the highlands via the southern side of Loch Ness. We stopped off at Loch Tarff and enjoyed views of a family of Goosander, with eight chicks. A Golden Eagle flew overhead being mobbed by corvids, but sadly only the leader saw it. On towards Loch Ruthven our leader stopped twice having spotted further raptors and picked up both Red Kite and then Osprey! At the RSPB loch, we enjoyed lovely views of at least four Slavonian Grebe, with one calling across the loch.

The final leg of the journey to the hotel was completed and our first dinner at the Grant Arms Hotel.

Day 6

Tuesday 6th June

Lochindorb, Loch Mallachie & Loch Garten

After our long travel day, we were excited by an early prospect of a new bird, despite the early start, so we left the hotel at 4am and headed towards Lochindorb. Throughout the Cairngorms there are small populations of Black Grouse and this morning in partially misty conditions, we were able to enjoy a display from six birds. The blackcocks as the males are also named, are very territorial and strut their stuff on a lek, a display arena, often on higher ground. Females normally watch on from the cover of nearby trees, although sometimes they join the edge of a lek arena too.

After breakfast, we headed for a lovely circular walk, through Caledonian pine forest at Loch Mallachie. We were targeting a number of new birds for the trip and we started well with Treecreeper and Coal Tit, however it was the Common Redstart, Tree Pipit and Spotted Flycatcher that took centre stage. We spent too long looking for the former, which despite hearing three males singing, could not pinpoint them high in the pine forest canopy. Their lack of movement made it very difficult to spot. We enjoyed very good views of Spotted Flycatcher with at least five birds seen. A number of Tree Pipit were heard too with one displaying and showing us the classic parachuting descent.

We approached Loch Mallachie and watched a female Goldeneye with ten ducklings, a pair of Swift whizzing above the small island and another Common Sandpiper along the shoreline. A few Large Red Damselfly were present too. We continued on encountering a few more common birds before returning to the car and relocating to Loch Garten, so that we could visit the visitor centre.

A female Osprey was incubating eggs on the nest and despite good views on the video link by camera, the telescope views were just of the bird's head. With great views of Siskin, a female Great Spotted Woodpecker and a Red Squirrel, we had our lunch on the decking outside.

From here we returned to Lochindorb and located a few Red Grouse. We could not find any Black-throated Diver in residence today, but plenty more waders including Common Redshank and Northern Lapwing were visible.

We enjoyed a couple of hours rest in the afternoon before heading out after dinner to a nocturnal hide for mammals. Speyside Wildlife run a viewing hide and we spent almost three hours watching up to eight Badger coming to feed. A number of Long-tailed Field Mice (aka Wood Mice) were also present, gorging on the peanuts and peanut butter put out for them.

Day 7

Wednesday 7th June

Anagach Woods, Cairn Gorm, Loch an Eilein

Following our late-night watching mammals, we had a later 8.30am breakfast and headed out for a local walk to Anagach Woods. This lovely Caledonian pine forest has an understorey of Bilberry, Cowberry, Common Broom, Juniper and heather. We started off with a few thrushes and plenty of Common Chaffinch. Shortly into the wood we came to a large open clearing, where on the edge was a Great Spotted Woodpecker nest. It was only spotted after our leader heard the chicks calling from the inside of the nest hole. Shortly afterwards a female came in to feed the youngster who was starting to poke its head out.

We enjoyed spotting some new plants too including Hard Fern as well as watching the antics of a Woodland Red Ant nest. A few woodland pools held several Large Red Damselfly but no other *odonata* could be located. A brief view for some of a Common Redstart was a tantalising taster, but we were still not able to completely confirm one as an entire group.

We listened and watched further Willow Warbler, Tree Pipit and saw a Red Squirrel very briefly before returning to the hotel. We quickly refreshed and headed off to have lunch in Rothiemurchus at The Barn. Our afternoon excursion was to begin with a visit to Cairn Gorm Ski Centre to book tickets for the funicular the following morning. We also wanted to check out a site for some of the mid-altitude birds. We walked a track up a steep incline before levelling off and the small group who joined this walk got to see not one, but two Ring Ouzel; a male and a female. They appeared to be moving between feeding and nesting locations although we did not have time to fully track down their nesting area.

We re-joined the rest of the group and drove on to Loch an Eilein. This lovely pine-bordered loch in the heart of the Cairngorms has a wonderful atmosphere about it. The lime kiln building close to the entrance and also the castle used to repel Jacobites in the 1690s are still present as ruins. Whilst walking a short trail, we encountered our fifth Common Redstart. In fact, we enjoyed both the male and female bringing in food to their young in a nest low down in a tree. A magic way to finish our final day in the Cairngorms.

Day 8

Thursday 8th June

Cairn Gorm, Insh, drive to Edinburgh

Our final full day and we travelled by funicular railway to the top of Carin Gorm. The views were sensational, but unfortunately, we were not able to spot any of the specialities except for another three Ring Ouzel; so at least the

whole group were able to see them. The mountains were quite warm and very quiet, with little to no bird sound. After scanning for 90 minutes, we headed back to the mountain garden and enjoyed a number of the special plants found here including Alpine Lady's mantle, Dwarf Cudweed, Three-leaved Rush, Dwarf Birch and Eared and Downy Willow. There were also a number of Common Frog tadpoles in the pond too. House Martins were nesting under the building eaves and Willow Warbler continued to sing in the scattered trees.

Before lunch we dropped in to Insh to enjoy views of two Osprey on a nest. The female appeared to be feeding chicks, although we could not ascertain how many there were. Since their reintroduction and recovery, Ospreys are now a common and important feature to the highlands.

We had lunch in the delightful Wild Flour café in Newtonmore. We enjoyed outside seating and the Swifts flying overhead screaming. Our final stop was Edinburgh as we made our way to our final hotel stay; having dinner at the nearby Piccolino's restaurant. With checklists completed, all that remained was to prepare ourselves for the final morning's birding in Musselburgh.

Day 9

Friday 9th June

Musselburgh Lagoons, Fisherrow

For our final morning, we headed to Musselburgh Lagoons after breakfast. This site is great for waterfowl and seabirds so we hoped to add a few new species to the trip list. We spent time at the hides overlooking the lagoons before venturing to the shoreline and enjoying the river and open water species.

At the lagoons we spotted Little Grebe and Coot, with a large Sand Martin colony at the back. Shelduck, Wigeon, Teal, Gadwall all featured along with Curlew, Lapwing and Oystercatcher. A doe Roe Deer wandered across the marsh, our best sighting of the trip. For the overseas group, they were keen to spot the differences between the common waterfowl that we take for granted and interesting today many of the birds were showing signs of summer moult. Perhaps indicating the adult male's preference to leave the female after breeding and completing their moult early.

In the background we listened to Chiffchaff and Whitethroat as well as Skylark. We wandered back and relocated to the mouth of the River Esk, where we spent a good time watching several female Common Eider ducks with chicks along with Cormorants bathing, a female Goosander with ten chicks making their way upstream. The chicks were all 'snorkelling' at the same time, almost like a synchronised swimming event! Further out on the flats waders and ducks dominated and on the edge of the tideline a pair of Sandwich and Common Tern foraged. Much further out to sea a flotilla of Common Scoter were visible but with heat haze, it was tricky to pick out any rarer species amongst the commoner species.

Having enjoyed our last new birds, we headed to Fisherrow for lunch in the harbour and then the group were dropped off at their respective accommodations for the night, ending the wonderful Best of Scotland tour in beautiful sunshine once again.

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Species lists

Birds (H = Heard only)

Common name	Scientific name	June 2023								
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Canada Goose	<i>Branta canadensis</i>			✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>	✓	✓				✓		✓	✓
Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>					✓				✓
Gadwall	<i>Mareca strepera</i>									✓
Eurasian Wigeon	<i>Mareca penelope</i>									✓
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>						✓			✓
Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>									✓
Common Eider	<i>Somateria mollissima</i>		✓	✓	✓					✓
Common Scoter	<i>Melanitta nigra</i>									✓
Common (Goosander) Merganser	<i>Mergus merganser</i>					✓				✓
Red-breasted Merganser	<i>Mergus serrator</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓				
Willow Ptarmigan (Red Grouse)	<i>Lagopus lagopus scoticus</i>						✓			
Black Grouse	<i>Tetrao tetrix</i>						✓			
Common Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>			✓		✓			✓	✓
Great Northern Diver	<i>Gavia immer</i>				✓					
Northern Fulmar	<i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>		✓							
Manx Shearwater	<i>Puffinus puffinus</i>		✓							
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>									✓
Slavonian Grebe	<i>Podiceps auritus</i>					✓				
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓
Northern Gannet	<i>Morus bassanus</i>	✓	✓			✓				
European Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>		✓	✓						✓

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Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>			✓		✓				
Hen Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>			✓	✓					
Red Kite	<i>Milvus milvus</i>					✓	✓	✓		
White-tailed Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>			✓						
Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>					✓	✓		✓	
Corncrake	<i>Crex crex</i>				✓					
Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>									✓
Eurasian Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
European Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis apricaria</i>				✓					
Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>			✓	✓	✓				
Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>		✓	✓						
Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>	H	H	✓	✓	✓	H		✓	✓
Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>			✓	✓		✓			
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>				✓					
Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</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 graellsii</i>	✓							✓	✓
Sandwich Tern	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</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>	✓	✓							
Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>		✓							
Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia 'feral'</i>	✓		✓	✓				✓	✓
Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓				
Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>			✓	H	H	✓			
Tawny Owl	<i>Strix aluco</i>		H							
Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>				✓		✓	✓		
Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>			✓			✓			
Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>									✓
Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>	✓			✓			✓	✓	✓
Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>								✓	✓

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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>		H	✓	✓	✓	H			✓
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>			✓		H				
Wood Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>		H	H	H					
Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	H	H	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	H
Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>									H
Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>				✓		H			
Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>					H		✓		✓
Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>		✓	✓	✓					✓
Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>			H		H	✓	✓	✓	
Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>		H	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Eurasian Treecreeper	<i>Certhia familiaris</i>						✓	✓		
Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ring Ouzel	<i>Turdus torquatus</i>							✓	✓	
Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	H	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	
Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>						✓			
European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	H	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓
Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>						H	✓		
Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>			✓	✓					
European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>			✓	✓	✓				
Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>			✓	✓	✓				
White-throated Dipper	<i>Cinclus cinclus</i>			✓		✓				
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
Duncock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>				✓				H	
Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>		H							✓
Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba yarrellii</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>			✓	H		✓	✓		
Eurasian Rock Pipit	<i>Anthus petrosus</i>		✓	✓	✓					
Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	H	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>			✓						
European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		
Twite	<i>Linaria flavirostris</i>		✓							
Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>			✓	✓					
Common Redpoll	<i>Acanthis flammea</i>			✓	H	H				
European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
Eurasian Siskin	<i>Spinus spinus</i>		✓	✓		H	✓	✓	✓	

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Common Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>			✓						✓

Mammals

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Eurasian Otter	<i>Lutra lutra</i>					✓				
European Badger	<i>Meles meles</i>						✓		D	
European Hare	<i>Lepus europaeus</i>						✓	✓	✓	
Mountain Hare	<i>Lepus timidus</i>				✓					
Irish Hare	<i>Lepus timidus hibernicus</i>				✓					
European Rabbit	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Roe Deer	<i>Capreolus capreolus</i>						✓	✓	✓	✓
Fallow Deer	<i>Dama dama</i>			✓						
Red Deer	<i>Cervus elaphus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Red Squirrel	<i>Sciurus vulgaris</i>						✓	✓	D	
Harbour Porpoise	<i>Phocoena phocoena</i>	✓	✓			✓				
Harbour (Common) Seal	<i>Phoca vitulina</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓				
Grey Seal	<i>Halichoerus grypus</i>		✓							
Soprano Pipistrelle	<i>Pipistrellus pygmaeus</i>		✓							
Common Pipistrelle	<i>Pipistrellus pipistrellus</i>		✓							
Long-tailed Field Mouse (Wood Mouse)	<i>Apodemus sylvaticus</i>						✓			

Others

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Butterflies										
Green-veined White	<i>Pieris napi</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Orange-tip	<i>Anthocharis cardamines</i>			✓			✓			
Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>									✓
Peacock	<i>Aglais io</i>			✓	✓					
Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>						✓	✓		
Small Heath	<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>				✓					
Dragonflies										
Large Red Damselfly	<i>Pyrrhosoma nymphula</i>						✓	✓		
Golden-ringed Dragonfly	<i>Cordulegaster boltonii</i>			✓						
Four-spotted Chaser	<i>Libellula quadrimaculata</i>			✓						
Jellyfish										
Moon Jellyfish	<i>Aurelia aurita</i>	✓	✓			✓				
Lion's Mane Jellyfish	<i>Cyanea capillata</i>		✓							
Moths										

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Brown Silver-line	<i>Petrophora chlorosata</i>			✓						
Common Heath	<i>Ematurga atomaria</i>						✓	✓		
Amphibians										
Common Frog (larvae)	<i>Rana temporaria</i>								✓	
Others										
Jewel Wasp sp.					✓					
Plants										
Water Avens	<i>Geum rivale</i>		✓							✓
Ramsons	<i>Allium ursinum</i>		✓							
Silverweed	<i>Potentilla anserina</i>		✓	✓	✓					
Yellow Flag	<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>		✓	✓	✓					
Roseroot	<i>Rhodiola rosea</i>		✓							✓
Ribwort Plantain	<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>		✓		✓	✓				
Bird's-foot Trefoil	<i>Lotus corniculatus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓				✓
Bluebell	<i>Hyacinthoides non-scripta</i>		✓	✓	✓					
Pignut	<i>Conopodium majus</i>		✓	✓						
Meadowsweet	<i>Filipendula ulmaria</i>		✓		✓					
Heath Spotted-Orchid	<i>Dactylorhiza maculata</i> <i>subsp. maculata</i>		✓	✓						✓
Lady's-mantle	<i>Alchemilla vulgaris</i>		✓	✓				✓	✓	
Sea Pink	<i>Armeria maritima</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Sea Campion	<i>Silene uniflora</i>		✓							
Primrose	<i>Primula vulgaris</i>		✓	✓						
Burnet Rose	<i>Rosa pimpinellifolia</i>		✓							
Cuckoo Flower	<i>Cardamine pratensis</i>		✓		✓					
Thyme-leaved Sandwort	<i>Arenaria serpyllifolia</i>			✓						
Heath Bedstraw	<i>Galium saxatile</i>			✓						✓
Round-leaved Sundew	<i>Drosera rotundifolia</i>			✓						
Marsh Lousewort	<i>Pedicularis palustris</i>			✓						
Tormentil	<i>Potentilla erecta</i>			✓				✓		
Common Cottongrass	<i>Eriophorum angustifolium</i>			✓						
Herb Robert	<i>Geranium robertianum</i>			✓				✓	✓	
Maidenhair Spleenwort	<i>Asplenium trichomanes</i>				✓					
Ivy-leaved Toadflax	<i>Cymbalaria muralis</i>				✓					
Bloody Cranesbill	<i>Geranium sanguineum</i>				✓					
Arctic Starflower	<i>Lysimachia europaea</i>					✓				
Bilberry	<i>Vaccinium myrtillus</i>						✓	✓	✓	
Hard Fern	<i>Blechnum spicant</i>							✓		
Cowberry	<i>Vaccinium vitis-idaea</i>							✓		
Common Broom	<i>Cytisus scoparius</i>						✓	✓		
Marsh-marigold	<i>Caltha palustris</i>									✓
Alpine Lady's-mantle	<i>Alchemilla alpina</i>									✓
Dwarf Birch	<i>Betula nana</i>									✓
Eared Willow	<i>Eared Willow</i>									✓

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Downy Willow	<i>Salix lapponum</i>								✓	
Dwarf Cudweed	<i>Gnaphalium supinum</i>								✓	
Three-leaved Rush	<i>Oreojuncus trifidus</i>								✓	
Common Juniper	<i>Juniperus communis</i>								✓	
Wood Avens	<i>Geum urbanum</i>									✓
Cleavers	<i>Galium aparine</i>									✓