

19th December

Present: Short-eared Owl 8, Blackbird 3, Cormorant 35, Curlew 35, Kestrel 2.

18th December

Passage: Pink-footed Goose 83N

Present: Short-eared Owl 6, Grey Heron 2, Kestrel 2, Peregrine 1, Carrion Crow 1, Blackbird 2, Robin 3, Wren 5, Rock Pipit 4, Common Gull 2, Gannet 2, Curlew 40, Redshank 5, Snipe 1, Oystercatcher 10, Fulmar 100, Eider 10, Teal 4.

17th December

Peregrine 1, Fulmar 3,

Friday 1st December

Weather: Clear and sunny with N3

Present: Short-eared Owl 1, Robin 5, Blackbird 2, Wren 3, Merlin 1, Carrion Crow 1.

Thursday 30th November

Weather: Clear and sunny with N5

Passage: Little Auk 1N, Gannet 50N, Kittiwake 250N,

Present: Short-eared Owl 1, Wren 3, Robin 5, Blackbird 3, Carrion Crow 2, Common Gull 30, Black-headed Gull 20, Curlew 20, Oystercatcher 10, Redshank 3, Eider 10.

Wednesday 29th November

Weather: Clear and sunny with N5 decreasing 3.

Passage: Gannet 10

Present: Woodcock 1, Peregrine 1, Merlin 1, Sparrowhawk 1, Kestrel 1, Teal 2, Robin 5, Blackbird 3, Rock Pipit 10

Tuesday 28th November

Weather: Clear and sunny with NW-N5.

Passage: Gannet 5, Little Auk 2,

Present: Merlin 1, Sparrowhawk 1, Kestrel 1, Redwing 1, Blackbird 4, Fieldfare 2, Robin 5, Wren 1, Rock Pipit 4, Carrion Crow 1, Black-headed Gull 80, Common Gull 20, Kittiwake 80, Razorbill 1, Turnstone 2, Purple Sandpiper 1, Redshank 4.

Monday 27th November

Weather: Clear and sunny. WNW3 inc 6 by afternoon.

Passage: Gannet 1

Present: Short-eared Owl 7, Sparrowhawk 1, Merlin 1, Blackbird 3, Robin 3, Rock Pipit 2, Woodcock 1, Redshank 3, Turnstone 35, Purple Sandpiper 3, Curlew 30, Cormorant 10, Grey Heron 3.

Tuesday 14th November

Manx Shearwater 1N then landed in Gull feeding frenzy (latest ever record), Red-throated Diver 2W, Eider 22, Sparrowhawk male again, Kestrel 1, Peregrine 2, Merlin 1, Woodcock 2, Black Guillemot 1W, Black-headed Gull 100, Mediterranean Gull 1 adult, Common Gull 40, Short-eared Owl 6 at roost, Carrion Crow 2, Pied Wagtail 1 (scarce at this time of year), Blackbird 10, Skylark 1, Siskin 4N

Monday 13th November

Pink-footed Goose 77N, Wigeon 4N, Teal 2, Goldeneye 1 male north –Year Tick 177!, Red-breasted Merganser 3S, Great northern Diver 1N, Sparrowhawk male with prey, Kestrel 1, Merlin 1, Peregrine 1, Woodcock 1, Little Auk 1, Black-headed Gull 150, Mediterranean Gull 1 2nd-winter, Common Gull 40, Carrion Crow 5, Blackbird 22, Song thrush 2, Redwing 7, Robin 6,

Sunday 12th November

Red-throated Diver 4W 1S, Sparrowhawk 1, Kestrel 1, Merlin 1, Peregrine 1, Woodcock 4, Little Auk 14, Black-headed Gull 30, Common Gull 10, Carrion Crow 2, Blackbird 10, Fieldfare 1, Redwing 5, Robin 5 and Siskin 1N

Saturday 11th November

Red-throated Diver 3W, Sparrowhawk 1, Kestrel 1, Peregrine 1, Woodcock 1, Little Auk 4, Black-headed Gull 30, Mediterranean Gull 1 adult, Common Gull 10, Carrion Crow 2, Skylark 1, Chiffchaff 1, Blackbird 20, Fieldfare 3, Redwing 5, Robin 5 and Siskin 17N

Thursday 9th November

Teal 1, Eider 15, Long-tailed Duck immature off east side, Grey Heron 1, Sparrowhawk 1, Kestrel 1, Merlin 1, Peregrine 1, Purple Sandpiper 2, Woodcock 5, Snipe 4, Little Auk 13W (highest count of the year), BH Gull 200, GB Gull 288, Wood Pigeon 1, Short-eared Owl 4 at roost, Chiffchaff 1, Starling 22, Blackbird 40, Fieldfare 5, Song Thrush 2, Redwing 40, Meadow Pipit 1W, Linnet 1.

Wednesday 8th November

Common Scoter 3N 1S, Eider 41 (influx), Grey Heron 1, Sparrowhawk (killed Blackbird), Kestrel 1, Merlin 1, Peregrine 2, Curlew 30, Dunlin 2, Purple Sandpiper 3, Woodcock 8, Common Gull 50, Black-headed Gull 400, GBB Gull 205, Wood Pigeon 2, Chiffchaff 1, Starling 5, Blackbird 50, Fieldfare 10, Song Thrush 2, Redwing 40, Robin 8, Goldfinch 1, Siskin 12W, Linnet 2 and Twite 11S.

Tuesday 7th November

Teal 3, Grey Heron 1, Kestrel 1, Peregrine 2, Oystercatcher 23, Curlew 35, Purple Sandpiper 3, Woodcock 60 – major arrival, Snipe 1, Common Gull 40, Black-headed Gull 60, **Mediterranean Gull** 2nd winter individual off north end, Wood Pigeon 2, Starling 96, Blackbird 227, Fieldfare 18, Song Thrush 7, Redwing 365, Robin 8, Chaffinch 1 male, Linnet 2.

Monday 6th November

Great northern Diver 1N, WHITE-BILLED DIVER 1N at 11:58 (with Great Northern) up east side of island (second island record), Red-throated Diver 1 west, Little Auk 2N,

Grey Heron 1, Kestrel 1, Sparrowhawk 1, Peregrine 1, Woodcock 1, Fieldfare 48W, Blackbird 40, Redwing 132W, Song Thrush 2, Chiffchaff 1, Starling 2, Siskin 7N, Linnet 8N, Lesser Redpoll 1 and Chaffinch 1.

Sunday 5th November

Little Auk 3 on sea, Mediterranean Gull 1 adult,

Grey Heron 1, Kestrel 1, Sparrowhawk 1, Peregrine 1, Wood Pigeon 1, Skylark, Blackbird 3, Fieldfare 4, Redwing 1, Starling 2, Lesser Redpoll 1, Linnet 2

Saturday 4th November

Six Twite briefly as the Obs closed for the season

Friday 3rd November

Weather: Westerly 5, dry but mainly cloudy with occasional brighter spells and clearing early evening.

Passage: Golden Plover 1, Skylark 1.

Present: Kestrel 1, Peregrine 2f, Woodcock 3, Woodpigeon 2, Goldcrest 1, Chiffchaff 1, Blackcap 1m, Starling 3, Blackbird 9, Fieldfare 30, Redwing 30.

Thursday 2nd November

Weather: N2 decreasing calm. Clear & sunny throughout.

Passage: Skylark 3, Starling 1, Meadow Pipit 7, Linnet 4n, Twite 19n.

Present: Sparrowhawk 1, Kestrel 1, Merlin 1, Peregrine 1, Grey Heron 1, Woodcock 2, Black-headed Gull 70, Mediterranean Gull 2 (Ad & 2W), Lesser Black-backed Gull 1, Woodpigeon 1, Carrion Crow 3, Chiffchaff 3, Wren 12, Blackbird 6, Redwing 4.

Wednesday 1st November

Weather: SW 5/6. Mainly overcast with light rain around midday. Clear from late afternoon.

Passage: Starling 2n, Meadow Pipit 3, Redpoll 4N.

Present: Grey Heron 2, Kestrel 1, Peregrine 1, Merlin 1, Curlew 57, Woodcock 2, Black-headed Gull 40, Kittiwake 30, Mediterranean Gull 2 (ad & 2W), Common Gull 30, Woodpigeon 2, Short-eared Owl 1, Goldcrest 1, Chiffchaff 3, Blackbird 4, Fieldfare 1, Redwing 1, Robin 6, Linnet 2, Goldfinch 1.

Tuesday 31st October

Weather: Westerly 5. Mainly overcast following light overnight rain. Occasional bright spells late afternoon.

Passage: Starling 7s, Linnet 1.

Present: Kestrel 1, Peregrine 1, Woodcock 4, Mediterranean Gull 1 (2nd winter), Common Gull 40, Black-headed Gull 70, Woodpigeon 1, Skylark 1, Chiffchaff 2, Wren 8, Blackbird 9, Fieldfare 6, Redwing 2, Robin 10, Rock Pipit 4, Goldfinch 2.

Monday 30th October

Weather: Westerly 2-3. Clear early morning, then patchy cloud.

Passage: Greylag Goose 9s, Meadow Pipit 11, Redpoll 3, Linnet 3, Twite 9.

Present: Teal 15, Cormorant 38, Grey Heron 2, Sparrowhawk 1, Kestrel 1, Peregrine 1, Curlew 55, Redshank 5, Woodcock 1, Snipe 2, Black-headed Gull 75, Kittiwake 20, Mediterranean Gull 1 (adult), Common Gull 20, Woodpigeon 1, Long-tailed Tit 5, Chiffchaff 2, Wren 15, Starling 20, Blackbird 21, Song Thrush 1, Fieldfare 1, Redwing 13, Robin 6, Dunnock 1, Pied Wagtail 1, Goldfinch 2, Reed Bunting 1.

Sunday 29th October

Weather: northerly 4 decreasing 2. Mainly clear and sunny.

Passage: Mallard 2n, Red-throated Diver 1, Manx Shearwater 1n,

Present: Grey Heron 1, Sparrowhawk 1, Kestrel 2, Curlew 25, Turnstone 12, Purple Sandpiper 10, Redshank 3, Black-headed Gull 30, Common Gull 10, Kittiwake 170, Woodpigeon 1, Short-eared Owl 1, Carrion Crow 2, Goldcrest 1, Long-tailed Tit 5, Chiffchaff 3, Starling 7, Blackbird 10, Redwing 6, Fieldfare 2, Mistle Thrush 1, Brambling

Thursday 12th October

Weather: W5/6, clear & sunny

Passage: Great Skua 2, Arctic Skua 2, Swallow 1, Grey Wagtail 1, Pied Wagtail 5, Meadow Pipit 59, Goldfinch 2, Linnet 23, Twite 1, Redpoll 9, Snow Bunting 1.

Present: Pink-footed Goose 1, Grey Heron 2, Kestrel 1, Peregrine 2, Curlew 80, Turnstone 6, Purple Sandpiper 1, Snipe 1, Kittiwake 500, Black-headed Gull 32, Common Gull 15, Short-eared Owl 1, Carrion Crow 3, Goldcrest 7, Skylark 6, Blackcap 1m, Blackbird 8, Redwing 1, Robin 10, Wheatear 1, Dunnock 1, Chaffinch 1, Brambling 3, Reed Bunting 1.

Wednesday 11th October

Weather: SW5 dec 4 for a time. Rain earlier, clear afternoon.

Passage: Goosander 1n, Sooty Shearwater 1n, Puffin 1n, Snow Bunting 1.

Present: Grey Heron 2, Kestrel 1, Peregrine 1, Curlew 80, Cormorant 103, Snipe 1, Black-headed Gull 50, Common Gull 60, Carrion Crow 2, Goldcrest 5, Chiffchaff 1, Starling 1, Blackbird 1, Song Thrush 3, Redwing 2, Robin 25, Meadow Pipit 10, Goldfinch 1, Siskin 1, Linnet 6, Redpoll 7.

Thursday 5th October

Honey Buzzard

Wednesday 4th October

Seawatching: Red-throated Diver 1N 1S, Mallard 1N, **Gadwall** 3N (male and two females) sixth record for island, Goosander 2S, Sooty Shearwater 1N, Arctic Skua 2N, Great Skua 2N,

Passage: Pink-footed Goose 1,433S, Common Gull 36,

Present: Merlin 2, Peregrine 2, Kestrel 1, Jack Snipe 1, Snipe 2, Common Sandpiper 1 (late individual) Swallow 7S, Skylark 2, Goldcrest 10, Chiffchaff 5, Willow Warbler 1, Blackcap 5, Garden Warbler 1, Song Thrush 40, Robin 35, Dunnock 1, Meadow Pipit 666, Chaffinch 18, Brambling 4, Goldfinch 57, Linnet 4, Siskin 2, **Bullfinch** male, Reed Bunting 2.

Year List: two year ticks today (169) Gadwall and (170) Bullfinch

Tuesday 3rd October

Seawatching: Red-throated Diver 3N 1S, Great Northern Diver 2S, Pintail 2S (pair), Tufted Duck 2N (pair), Wigeon 18S, Common Scoter 1N, Great Skua 1N,

Passage: Pink-footed Goose 3,685S (new record for the island eclipsing 2,541 in 2015), Common Gull 91,

Present: Sparrowhawk, Merlin, Peregrine 3, Golden Plover 3, Jack Snipe 1, Snipe 3, Swallow 23, Goldcrest 10, Chiffchaff 3, Yellow-browed Warbler 1, Blackcap 5, Garden Warbler 1, Song Thrush 10, Robin 25, Meadow Pipit 1,187S, Goldfinch 77, Linnet 62, Twite 4, Siskin 2, Redpoll 17, Reed Bunting 7

Year List: Now reached 168, joint second highest (record 180 set last year).

Thursday 28th September

Weather: SW-SE 1, clear, sunny and warm after light overnight rain.

The Olive-backed Pipit was still present and a light passage of migrants over the isle. A Grey Plover overhead was the first of the year, while a Lapland Bunting flew over. A Speckled Wood butterfly was the second of the year.

Passage: Brent Goose 7s, Wigeon 8, Teal 16, Common Scoter 20, Red-throated Diver 19, Fulmar 2s, Manx Shearwater 1n, Grey Plover 1, Snipe 1, Great Skua 3, Mediterranean Gull 1s, Black-headed Gull 4, Common Gull 10s, Swallow 54s, Grey wagtail 3, Goldfinch 6, Siskin 1, Linnet 34, Redpoll 2, Lapland Bunting 1.

Present: Grey Heron 2, Kestrel 2, Peregrine 1, Oystercatcher 29, Golden Plover 1, Purple Sandpiper 2, Kittiwake 650, Lesser Black-backed Gull 1, Great-spotted Woodpecker 1, Carrion Crow 3, Goldcrest 3, Skylark 5, Yellow-browed Warbler 3, Chiffchaff 4, Blackcap 6, Garden Warbler 1, Wren 5, Starling 4, Song Thrush 15, Redwing 1, Robin 16, Pied Flycatcher 1, Wheatear 5, Tree Pipit 1, Olive-backed Pipit 1, Meadow Pipit 50, Chaffinch 3, Brambling 2.

Wednesday 27th September

Weather: SE 3 increasing 5 by mid-morning. Generally clear and hazy sunshine.

An Olive-backed Pipit was the 8th record for the isle. First seen at Milldoor it settled for a time around Three Tarn Nick. The Arctic Warbler was still present while a Cuckoo was a late record while a Pied Flycatcher was caught

Passage: Red-throated Diver 4s, Fulmar 1, Manx Shearwater 1s, Great Skua 1s, Puffin 1, Common Gull 3s

Present: Teal 20, Eider 8, Grey Heron 2, Kestrel 2, Peregrine 2, Golden Plover 1, Curlew 25, Turnstone 12, Purple Sandpiper 2, Dunlin 1, Redshank 10, Snipe 2, Woodpigeon 2, Cuckoo 1, Great spotted Woodpecker 2, Goldcrest 1, Skylark 3, Yellow-browed Warbler 6, Arctic Warbler 1, Chiffchaff 2, Willow Warbler 1, Blackcap 1, Ring Ouzel 1, Blackbird 2, Song Thrush 40, Redwing 5, Pied Flycatcher 1, Redstart 1, Wheatear 7, Grey Wagtail 4, Tree Pipit 1, Olive-backed Pipit 1, Meadow Pipit 35, Chaffinch 2, Brambling 5, Goldfinch 1, Siskin 6, Reed Bunting 1.

Tuesday 26th September

Harr through much of the day with SE 3-4.

Passage: Wigeon 1, Teal 23, Red-throated Diver 3s, Fulmar 2, Manx Shearwater 1s, Arctic Skua 1, Great Skua 1, Common Gull 6

Present: Eider 3, Cormorant 70, Grey Heron 1, Kestrel 2, Peregrine 1, Curlew 28, Turnstone 7, Purple Sandpiper 6, Redshank 2, Snipe 2, Guillemot 10, Kittiwake 150, Woodpigeon 2, **Great-spotted Woodpecker 2**, Skylark 20, Yellow-browed Warbler 5, **Arctic Warbler 1**, Chiffchaff 4, Willow Warbler 1, Blackcap 1, Garden Warbler 1, Lesser Whitethroat 1, Reed Warbler 1, Wren 10, Starling 8, Blackbird 1, Song Thrush 25, Redwing 5, Spotted Flycatcher 1, Robin 15, Wheatear 5, Grey Wagtail 1, Meadow Pipit 20, Chaffinch 2, Brambling 7, Goldfinch 5, Siskin 1, Redpoll 1.

Monday 25th September

Rain until mid-morning. Light ESE wind.

Passage: Common Scoter 20w, Swallow 2, Starling 9

An Arctic Warbler was trapped, only the 6th record and first since 1996.

Present: Cormorant 108, Grey Heron 1, Kestrel 4, Peregrine 1, Curlew 172, Snipe 2, Woodpigeon 3, Great-spotted Woodpecker 2, Goldcrest 2, Yellow-browed Warbler 4, **Arctic Warbler 1**, Chiffchaff 4, Blackcap 2, Garden Warbler 1, Song Thrush 25, Redwing 2, Spotted Flycatcher 3, Robin 20, Redstart 1, Whinchat 3, Wheatear 3, Chaffinch 3, Brambling 7, Siskin 2, Linnet 2, Lesser Redpoll 1.

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Present: Grey Heron 2, Goldcrest 20, Skylark 1, **GREAT SPOTTED WOODPECKER 1**, Robin 20, Meadow Pipit 30, Lesser Whitethroat 2, Wren 7, Wheatear 1, Merlin 1, Whimbrel 1, Linnet 2

Thursday 21st September 2017

Passage: Arctic Skua 1n, Great Skua 1n, Sandwich Tern 2

Present: Cormorant 16, Grey Heron 1, Merlin 1, Peregrine 1, Turnstone 15, Purple Sandpiper 2, Kittiwake 1318, Common Gull 3, Lesser Black-backed Gull 1, Woodpigeon 3, **GREAT SPOTTED WOODPECKER 1** immature, Carrion Crow 2, Goldcrest 8, Chiffchaff 1, Willow Warbler 1, Lesser

Whitethroat 1, Wren 4, Starling 6, Blackbird 1, Robin 10, Wheatear 3, Grey Wagtail 1, Linnet 1, Lesser Redpoll 1

Wednesday 20th September 2017

Passage: Common Scoter 18n 19w, Goosander 3s, Red-throated Diver 5w, Sooty Shearwater 1n, Arctic Skua 2n, Puffin 1 (on sea), Black-headed Gull 3s, Swallow 178, House Martin 168

Present: Common Eider 7, Cormorant 32, Grey Heron 2, Sparrowhawk 1, Peregrine 1, Oystercatcher 7, Whimbrel 1, Turnstone 16, Woodpigeon 2, **GREAT SPOTTED WOODPECKER** 1 immature, Carrion Crow 2, Goldcrest 9, Skylark 3, Willow Warbler 1, Lesser Whitethroat 3, Wren 6, Starling 11, Song Thrush 1, Robin 18, Wheatear 3, Grey Wagtail 1, Linnet 12, Lesser Redpoll 2

Tuesday 19th September 2017

Passage: Pink-footed Goose 35, Wigeon 1, Common Scoter 3w, Manx Shearwater 1n, Arctic Skua 1n, Great Skua 3n, Short-eared Owl 1n, Sand Martin 11, Swallow 102, Tree Pipit 1, Meadow Pipit 60+, Lapland Bunting 2w

Present: Grey Heron 1, Peregrine 1 (male), Whimbrel 1, Curlew 29, Lesser Black-backed Gull 1, Woodpigeon 2, **GREAT SPOTTED WOODPECKER** 1 immature, Carrion Crow 2, Goldcrest 10, Skylark 4, Blackcap 1, Lesser Whitethroat 4, Wren 9, Starling 7, Song Thrush 1, Robin 17, Stonechat 1 (immature male), Wheatear 3, Grey Wagtail 1, Siskin 1, Linnet 3, Lesser Redpoll 2, **LITTLE BUNTING** relocated to jetty area and 3 Silver-Y Moths

Monday 18th September

Passage: Pink-footed Goose 15w, Wigeon 1n, Teal 5n+1, Common Scoter 19n, Red-throated Diver 1, Sooty Shearwater 15n, Manx Shearwater 18n, Arctic Skua 5n, Great Skua 4n, Sand Martin 1, Swallow 18, House Martin 2, Meadow Pipit 45

Present: Eider 4, Cormorant 2, Grey Heron 2, Sparrowhawk 1, Peregrine 1 (male), Curlew 6, Purple Sandpiper 6, Redshank 13, Snipe 1, Common Gull 1, Lesser Black-backed Gull 2, Wood Pigeon 1, **GREAT SPOTTED WOODPECKER** 1 immature (present for second day), Rook 1, Carrion Crow 2, Goldcrest 10, Skylark 1, Chiffchaff 1, Blackcap 1 (female), Lesser Whitethroat 5, Wren 8, Starling 12, Song Thrush 1, Robin 19, **Stonechat** 1, Wheatear 1, Dunnock 1, Siskin 1, Linnet 12, **COMMON ROSEFINCH** first of the autumn, **LITTLE BUNTING** for second day

Sunday 17th September

Passage: Wigeon 16n, Teal 13, Common Scoter 59n 1s, Velvet Scoter 1 (male), Red-throated Diver 8n 2s, Sooty Shearwater 14n, Manx Shearwater 27n, Arctic Skua 4n, Great Skua 5n 1s, Black Guillemot 1, Sandwich Tern 1n, Sand Martin 3, Swallow 6, Meadow Pipit 18

Present: Eider 17, Grey Heron 2, Peregrine 1, Oystercatcher 21, Turnstone 24, Purple Sandpiper 2, Black-headed Gull 2, Common Gull 1, Lesser Black-backed Gull 1, Wood Pigeon 3, **GREAT SPOTTED WOODPECKER** 1 immature found on side of lighthouse first record since 2013, Carrion Crow 2, Goldcrest 9, Skylark 2, **Yellow-browed Warbler** 1 (caught and ringed first of the autumn), Chiffchaff 1, Lesser Whitethroat 3, Wren 3, Starling 13, Robin 20, Wheatear 3, Siskin 1, Linnet 1, Lesser Redpoll 1, **LITTLE BUNTING** 1 found by main lighthouse, Porpoise 1

Saturday 16th September

Passage: Pink-footed Goose 150s, Brent Geese 8s, Wigeon 12n 1s, Teal 1 (female), Common Scoter 1n 10s, Red-throated Diver 4n 17s, Sooty Shearwater 24n, Manx Shearwater 33n, Arctic Skua 11n 6s 2, Great Skua 18n 4s 2, Puffin (on sea) 9, Swallow 1

Present: Eider 4 (female), Grey Heron 1, Peregrine 1 (adult), Oystercatcher 7, Golden Plover 3, Curlew 34, Turnstone 15, Redshank 3, Common Gull 1, Lesser Black-backed Gull 2, Feral Pigeon 34, Wood Pigeon 2, Goldcrest 2, Skylark 2, Chiffchaff 2, Wren 1, Starling 7, Robin 6, Tree Pipit 1, Lesser Redpoll 1, Porpoise 3

Thursday 14th September

Passage: Pink-footed Goose 85s, Teal 16, Common Scoter 16w, Red-throated Diver 1n, Sooty Shearwater 2n, Manx Shearwater 5n, Arctic Skua 2n, Great Skua 3s, Puffin (on sea) 1n, Guillemot 4s, Black Tern 1, Swallow 5, House Martin 9

Present: Grey Heron 1, Peregrine 1, Oystercatcher 29, Golden Plover 1, Whimbrel 1, Curlew 46, Turnstone 50, Purple Sandpiper 10, Redshank 24, Snipe 3, Lesser Black-backed Gull 1, Wood Pigeon 1, Carrion Crow 2, Goldcrest 15, Chiffchaff 2, Willow Warbler 4, Starling 14, Robin 8, Wheatear 2, Grey Wagtail 1, Tree Pipit 1, Goldfinch 1

Friday 15th September

Passage: Pink-footed Goose 319, Mallard 1n (female), Common Scoter 3s 15n, Velvet Scoter 2w, Goosander 1n (female), Red-throated Diver 3n 1s, Sooty Shearwater 11n, Manx Shearwater 17n, Arctic Skua 8n 1s, Great Skua 12n 4s, Arctic Tern 2n, Little Gull 1 (adult), Swallow 3, Meadow Pipit 60+

Present: Eider 6, Grey Heron 1, Sparrowhawk 1 (female), Peregrine 1 (juvenile female), Oystercatcher 17, Golden Plover 1, Curlew 32, Purple Sandpiper 3, Redshank 14, Wood Pigeon 2, Crow 4, Goldcrest 6, Chiffchaff 1, Wren 1, Starling 15, Robin 6, **Stonechat** 1, Porpoise 3

Wednesday 13th September

Passage: Pink-footed Goose 4w (first of the autumn), Teal 20, Great Skua 2, Arctic Tern 2, Sand Martin 45s, Swallow 20, House Martin 38, Meadow Pipit 100

Present: Pink-footed Goose 1, Eider 15, Grey Heron 1, Peregrine 1, Oystercatcher 25, Ringed Plover 1, Whimbrel 1, Curlew 20, Turnstone 63, Purple Sandpiper 10, Redshank 10, Razorbill 20, Guillemot 20, Common Gull 1, Lesser Black-backed Gull 1, Wood Pigeon 2, Carrion Crow 2, Goldcrest 7, Skylark 5, Chiffchaff 1, Willow Warbler 4, Wren 4, Starling 20, Robin 12, Wheatear 4.

Porpoise 1

Tuesday 12th September

Passage: Golden Plover 9, Great Skua 1, Sand Martin 1w, Swallow 32, House Martin 4, Meadow Pipit 150

Present: Eider 10, Grey Heron 1, Sparrowhawk 1, Peregrine 1, Oystercatcher 18, Curlew 25, Turnstone 6, Redshank 10, Wood Pigeon 2, Carrion Crow 2, Goldcrest 1, Skylark 5, Chiffchaff 1, Willow Warbler 1, Wren 4, Starling 40, Robin 10, Wheatear 4

Monday 11th September

Passage: Great Skua 4, Swallow 15, House Martin 13, Meadow Pipit 300

Present: Eider 10, Grey Heron 2, Peregrine 2, Oystercatcher 40, Ringed Plover 1, Curlew 53, Turnstone 117, Ruff 1, Purple Sandpiper 44, Redshank 29, Guillemot 10, Wood Pigeon 2, Carrion Crow 2, Goldcrest 1, Chiffchaff 1, Willow Warbler 3, Garden Warbler 1, Wren 5, Starling 50, Robin 10, Wheatear 12, Siskin 1

Sunday 10th September

Passage: Swallow 7, Meadow Pipit 150

Present: Eider 7, Grey Heron 1, Sparrowhawk 1, Oystercatcher 10, Whimbrel 1, Curlew 16, Turnstone 20, Purple Sandpiper 12, Redshank 18, Snipe 1, Wood Pigeon 2, Carrion Crow 2, Goldcrest 2, Skylark 1, Starling 50, Robin 6, Wheatear 6

Saturday 9th September

Passage: Teal 9N, Common Scoter 13, Red-throated Diver 6w, Manx Shearwater 1n 3w, **GOSHAWK 1** female south seen by three observers as it drifted low over island mobbed y birds (only 2nd record for island following one in September 2000), Arctic Skua 7, Great Skua 1, Sandwich Tern 10w, Common Tern 4w, Arctic Tern 10n, Swallow 5, Meadow Pipit 60

Present: Eider 5, Grey Heron 1, Oystercatcher 12, Ringed Plover 1, Whimbrel 1, Curlew 12, Turnstone 10, Redshank 12, Puffin 3 (on sea), Guillemot 1, Black-headed Gull 3, Common Gull 1, Wood Pigeon 4, **Short-eared Owl 1**, Carrion Crow 3, Goldcrest 3, Skylark 1, Chiffchaff 1, Willow Warbler 3, Wren 1, Starling 50, Robin 12, Wheatear 6, Grey Wagtail 2, Lesser Redpoll 1n

Friday 8th September

Passage: Teal 16, Great Skua 2, Sandwich Tern 2, Common Tern 15, Arctic Tern 50, Swallow 12, Meadow Pipit 120

Present: Eider 14, Grey Heron 1, Peregrine 1, Oystercatcher 11, Whimbrel 2, Curlew 48, Turnstone 10, Redshank 10, Puffin 8 (on sea), Razorbill 30, Guillemot 20, Common Gull 2, Wood Pigeon 3, Goldcrest 2, Skylark 1, Chiffchaff 2, Willow Warbler 1, Starling 75, Robin 8, Whinchat 2, Wheatear 8, Grey Wagtail 1

Thursday 7th September

Passage: Brent Goose 15, Teal 14, Mallard 1, Common Scoter 3n, Red-throated Diver 1s, Arctic Skua 6, Great Skua 3, Common Tern 3, Arctic Tern 30, Swallow 10, Meadow Pipit 200

Present: Eider 14, Grey Heron 2, Peregrine 2, Oystercatcher 11, Curlew 13, Turnstone 20, Purple Sandpiper 7, Redshank 6, Puffin 8 (on sea), Razorbill 8, Guillemot 1, Common Gull 1, Wood Pigeon 3, Carrion Crow 2, Goldcrest 3, Skylark 1, Chiffchaff 1, Willow Warbler 2, Whitethroat 1, Sedge Warbler 1, Wren 2, Starling 100, Spotted Flycatcher 2, Robin 12, Whinchat 3, Wheatear 12, Grey Wagtail,

Porpoise 15, **Minke Whale** 1

Wednesday 6th September

Weather: mainly clear and sunny. SW 5.

A Green Sandpiper was probably the highlight.

Passage: Manx Shearwater 1, Arctic Skua 3s, Puffin 6, Sandwich Tern 4, Arctic Tern 112, Sand Martin 5, Swallow 30, House Martin 25, Meadow Pipit 700.

Present: Teal 16, Grey Heron 1, Sparrowhawk 1, Kestrel 1, Merlin 1, Peregrine 1, Whimbrel 2, Curlew 47, Dunlin 1, Common Sandpiper 1, Green sandpiper 1, Redshank 31, Woodpigeon 4, Goldcrest 1, Skylark 1, Chiffchaff 1, Willow Warbler 2, Whitethroat 1, Whinchat 1, Wheatear 12, Starling 40, Spotted Flycatcher 1, Robin 10, Grey wagtail 2. Porpoise 2.

Tuesday 5th September

Weather: SW2 increasing 5 from mid-afternoon. Rain until late morning with cloud clearing completely by late afternoon.

A Speckled Wood butterfly was the rarest sighting but a Black Tern was notable with less than 40 records for the isle and the first since 2013. A Ruff and Mallard were also the first records of the year. Barred Warbler still present.

Passage: Manx Shearwater 1, Black Tern 1, Mallard 1.

Present: Ruff 1, Common Sandpiper 1, Dunlin 1, Golden Plover 1, Black Redstart 1, Barred Warbler 1, Sparrowhawk 1.

Monday 4th September

Weather: SE2 veering SSW2 from mid-afternoon. Bright but overcast until midday with rain from 13-17:00.

A scattering of arrivals with the wind direction the highlights being the first Reed and Barred Warblers of the year with single of each in the Low Light bushes.

Passage: Red-throated Diver 1, Common Scoter 25n, Manx Shearwater 1s, Great Skua 1n, Arctic Skua 1s, Arctic Tern 1s, Black-headed Gull 1s.

Present/arrivals: Barred Warbler 1, Reed Warbler 1, Garden Warbler 1, Willow Warbler 6, Chiffchaff 2, Goldcrest 2, Pied Flycatcher 1, Robin 9, Black Redstart 1, Whinchat 1, Wheatear 15, Wren 1, Collared Dove 1, Kestrel 1, Common Sandpiper 1, Dunlin 1, whimbrel 3, Redshank 8, Teal 20.

Sunday 3rd September

Weather: SE 3 increasing 5 by mid-afternoon. High cloud thinning late morning before thickening again mid-afternoon.

Passage: Common Scoter 9, Great Skua 1, Arctic Skua 1, Swift 1.

Present/arrivals: Black Redstart 1, Chiffchaff 2, Willow Warbler 4, Goldcrest 1, Wheatear 16, Skylark 1, Swallow 10, House Martin 1, Wren 1, Robin 1, Grey Heron 5, Kestrel 1, Whimbrel 1, Curlew 30.

Friday 1st September

Teal 6, Grey Heon 1, Sparrow Hawk 1, Oystercatcher 12, Whimbrel 1, Curlew 39, Turnstone 39, Purple Sandpiper 2, Redshank 22, Goldcrest 4, Skylark 1, Swallow 5, House Martin 1, Chiffchaff 1, Willow Warbler 5, Robin 7, Wheatear 20.

Thursday 31st August

Eider 14, Grey Heron 1, Golden Plover 1, Whimbrel 1, Greenshank 1, Great Skua 2, Barn Owl 1, Short-eared Owl 1, Goldcrest 4, Swallow 20, House Martin 5, Chiffchaff 1, Willow Warbler 14, Garden Warbler 1, Sedge Warbler 1, Whitethroat 1, Black Redstart 1, Common Redstart 1, Tree Sparrow 9, Wheatear 30, Pipit 150.

Wednesday 30th August

Teal 1, Grey Heron 1, Puffin 1, Goldcrest 3, Barn Owl 1, Short-eared Owl 1, House Martin 2, Willow Warbler 8, Wheatear 12.

Tuesday 29th August

Grey Heron 1, Goldcrest 3, Swallow 25, House Martin 4, Willow Warbler 10, Whitethroat 1, Common Redstart 1, Wheatear 15. An adult Sabine's Gull in the evening was the 12th record for the isle.

Monday 28th August

Eider 18, whimbrel 1, curlew 5, snipe 1, bonxie 1, guillemot 1, wood pigeon 1, crow 1, goldcrest 2, swallow 30, chiffchaff 1, Willow Warbler 10, starling 130, robin 5, wheatear 12, Meadow Pipit 5.

Sunday 27th August

Eider 8, grey heron 1, curlew 8, whimbrel 1, guillemot 1, wood pigeon 4, crow 3, gold crest 3, swallow 25, Chiffchaff 1, Willow Warbler 15, lesser whitethroat 1, starling 130, spotted flycatcher 1, robin 11, whinchat 1, wheatear 25, Meadow Pipit 10.

Saturday 26th August

Sandwich tern 3, wood pigeon 2, goldcrest 1, chiffchaff 2, Willow Warbler 10, lesser whitethroat 1, whitethroat 1, starling 130, robin 2, wheatear 12, tree pipit 1, Meadow Pipit 10.

Thursday 24th August

An Osprey flew south

Wednesday 23rd August

The isle's second record of Great White Egret with a bird with three Grey Herons which circled the isle before heading south

Monday 21st August

Passage: Sparrowhawk 1, **Water Rail 1** near Bain trap (first this year), Storm petrel (1 caught and ringed overnight).

Present: Song Thrush 1, Willow Warbler 20, Chiffchaff 2, Goldcrest 2, Robin 4 (first of autumn), Redstart 1 (first of autumn) and Meadow Pipit 5.

Sunday 20th August

Passage: Manx Shearwater 13N, RED KITE 1 south at 10:00 (second of the year) Willow Warbler 20, Chiffchaff 2, Meadow pipit 8W, Linnet 1 W

Present: Whimbrel 2, Redshank 3, Wheatear 13, Wood Pigeon 1,

Saturday 19th August

Passage: Whimbrel 1, Redshank 2, Dunlin 1, Chiffchaff 2, Willow Warbler 15, Wheatear 9

Present: Wood Pigeon 3, Tree pipit 1

Friday 18th August

Passage: Goldcrest 1, Skylark 2, Chiffchaff 2, Willow Warbler 12, Wheatear 6

Present: Whimbrel 1, Curlew 4, Turnstone 130, Dunlin 5, Purple Sandpiper 38, Redshank 34, Snipe 1, Wood Pigeon 4, Meadow Pipit 4

Thursday 17th August

Passage: Sparrowhawk immature 1, Black-tailed Godwit 7S, Arctic Skua 1, Swift 1S, Goldcrest 1, Chiffchaff 2, Willow Warbler 6, Black Redstart 1 immature (juvenile ringed), Wheatear 1, Reed Bunting 1 immature (first of autumn)

Present: Cormorant 82 at roost on Rona, Whimbrel 1, Wood Pigeon 3, Skylark 1, Meadow Pipit 4

Wednesday 16th August

Passage: Teal 1W, Arctic Tern 7N, Sandwich tern 1S, Great Skua 3N, Goldcrest 1, Chiffchaff 2, Willow Warbler 6, Wheatear 4

Present: Peregrine 1, Whimbrel 2, Curlew 14, Wood Pigeon 4, Skylark 1, Meadow Pipit 6

Tuesday 15th August

Passage: Manx Shearwater 2N, Teal 4W, Great Skua 2N, Arctic Skua 1, Kestrel, Goldcrest 2, Chiffchaff 2, Willow Warbler 6, Wheatear 4

Present: Peregrine 1, Wood Pigeon 4, Skylark 1, Tree Pipit, Meadow Pipit 4

Monday 14th August

Passage: Great Skua 1, Goldcrest 2 (first of autumn), Chiffchaff 2, Willow Warbler 10, Wheatear 9, Tree Pipit 1 (first of autumn), Meadow Pipit 4 (first of autumn)

Present: Peregrine 1, Oystercatcher 111, Curlew 54, Redshank 13, Whimbrel 3, Turnstone 142, Purple Sandpiper 48 and Dunlin 2, Wood Pigeon 4, Skylark 1,

12th August E1, Rain until 10.00

Visitors arrived at 10.00 and only one, blank, trap round was made

A Black Redstart at Fluke Street.

11th August SW 4, overcast

Ringed: 3 Willow Warbler and 3 Pied Wagtails.

10th August Westerly 4, Sunny periods but cold.

The quietest day. Round after round of the traps drew a blank.

9th August. Cold N wind early then almost cloudless skies

Arctic Skua passed S

Ringed: 1 Rock Pipit and 2 Pied Wagtail.

8th August Sunny am then showers pm

Ringed: 1 Willow Warbler, 2 Pied Wagtail and 1 (3J) Wood pigeon netted at the bushes.

7th August Sunny period again with afternoon showers

For the second (early) morning a Puffin was seen going to a hole behind the Lowlight bushes, each time it left after less than 5 minutes.

Ringed: 2 Starlings, 3 Willow Warblers, 1 Pied Wagtail and 1 Wheatear.

6th August Sunny then heavy showers pm

Ringed: 2 Pufflins, 4 Willow Warblers, 1 Sedge Warbler, 2 Rock Pipits, 2 Pied Wagtails, 1 Robin.

5th August

Observed: 10 Willow Warblers, 1 Sedge Warbler and 2 Wheatears.

Ringed: 2 Pufflings and 1 Willow Warbler.

28th July

Weather: Clear and sunny with occasional evening showers. SW4 decreasing to calm by evening.

The sixth record of Red Kite with a wing tagged juvenile which flew west over the centre of the year. The Two-barred Crossbill remained.

Passage: Red Kite 1W

Present: Two-barred Crossbill 1, Whimbrel 1, Curlew 1, Redshank 3, Black-headed Gull 1, Willow Warbler 2, Robin 1, Wheatear 2.

27th July

Weather: Clear and sunny for most of the day with occasional brief showers in afternoon. SW3 decreasing to calm then SE2 in evening.

The surprise of the day were two Tufted Ducks on the brae west of the Arnott Trap while a Short-eared Owl was seen around North Plateau. A Minke Whale was off the east side through much of the day. Meanwhile a similar picture with the Two-barred Crossbill still present and ever tamer. Black Redstart lingered around the Engine Room.

Present: Tufted Duck 2m, Shelduck 1juv, Curlew 2, Woodpigeon 4, Short-eared Owl 1, Swift 2, Chiffchaff 2, Willow Warbler 4, Robin 1juv, Black Redstart 1juv, Wheatear 2juv, Tree Pipit 1, Two-barred Crossbill 1f.

26th May

Weather: SE3 with rain from 9am until 1pm. Then increasingly bright and clear from 3pm when W5/6.

The Two-barred Crossbill remains along with at least one Black Redstart.

Passage: Black-headed Gull 1ad

Present: Two-barred Crossbill 1, Black Redstart 1, Wheatear 3, Willow Warbler 2, Chiffchaff 2, Redshank 1, Curlew 1, Whimbrel 2, Turnstone 30.

25th May

Weather: Murky morning with improved visibility in afternoon but still overcast. Mainly SE 2 or less

Five Storm Petrels were caught in the early hours while the slightly damp conditions in the morning heralded a small fall with 3 Sedge Warblers, Spotted Flycatcher, Tree Pipit and seven Willow Warblers. Meanwhile the Two-barred Crossbill continued to show well around the Arnott Trap. Black Redstarts increased to two while the Cuckoo remained. A Lapwing was the first of the year.

Present: Two-barred Crossbill 1, Tree Pipit 1, Sedge Warbler 1, Dunnock 1, Willow Warbler 7, Chiffchaff 1, Cuckoo 1, Spotted Flycatcher 1, Siskin 1, Wheatear 3, Black Redstart 2juv, Skylark 1, Common Sandpiper 1, Turnstone 50, Purple Sandpiper 18, Peregrine 1, Shelduck 1juv, Storm Petrel 5.

24th July

Weather: Clear, sunny and warm! NE4 decreasing to calm by evening.

A juvenile **Cuckoo** was the first record of the year but was dazzlingly upstaged late afternoon by the discovery of the isle's third **Two-barred Crossbill** near the Byres. It remained elusive for several hours before settling around the Arnott trap and then flying headlong into the trap where it was duly caught.

Passage: Manx Shearwater 6.

Present: Two-barred Crossbill 1juv, Cuckoo 1juv, Black Redstart 1juv, Wheatear 1juv, Willow warbler 2, Siskin 1, Curlew 4, Whimbrel 3, Redshank 9.

23rd July

Weather: Rain from mid-morning until mid-afternoon when brighter. NE3 inc NE5 in afternoon.

Present: Siskin 2, Black Redstart 2, Willow Warbler 2, Wheatear 2, Wren 1, Curlew 2, Whimbrel 1, Teal 1.

22nd July

Weather: Rain from early morning throughout. NE3

Passage: Swift 1

Present: Black Redstart 1juv, Robin 1, Wren 1, Wheatear 2, Willow Warbler 2, Curlew 1, Whimbrel 1, Purple Sandpiper 16, Turnstone 43.

21st July

Weather: Dry but mainly overcast. SE4/5.

Passage: Arctic Skua 1W, Manx Shearwater 10N

Present: Robin 1juv, Wren 1, Willow warbler 1, Wheatear 2, Curlew 1

20th July

Weather: Early morning rain clear to leave a bright but largely overcast day. SW3/4.

Present: Skylark 1, Willow Warbler 2, Chiffchaff 2, Wheatear 2, Curlew 4, Whimbrel 1, Turnstone 6, Redshank 1.

14th July

Weather: Dry and bright with a light SW increasing to 4/5.

A Wood Warbler was a surprise in the Low Light bushes, the second earliest 'autumn' record. A juvenile Skylark was along Holyman's and 2 Dunlin and the first juv Black-headed Gull flew over. The steady through flow of adult Willow Warblers continued.

Passage: Black-headed Gull 2, Dunlin 2, Red-throated Diver 1.

Present: Curlew 1, Wood Warbler 1, Willow Warbler 5, Chiffchaff 1, Skylark 1, Wheatear 2,

13th July

Weather: Dry and clear with heavy showers mid-afternoon & evening. Calm then SW2

An adult Pomarine Skua west past the isle was the first for two years.

Passage: Common Scoter 8s, Manx Shearwater 15, Bonxie 1, Pomarine Skua 1W, Red-throated Diver 1N.

Present: Willow Warbler 1, Wheatear 1juv.

12th July

Weather: Overcast start to the day before clearing to a warm day until a light SE 3 picked up late afternoon.

Passage: Manx Shearwater 19N, Common Scoter 14N, Red-throated Diver 1

Present: Snipe 1, Turnstone 40, Curlew 1, Robin 1, Meadow Pipit 2, Willow Warbler 1, Carrion Crow 1.

11th July

Weather: Overnight rain clearing to leave a clear and sunny day with SW1.

Willow Warbler numbers increased with at least 6 adults present.

Present: Snipe 1, Dunlin 1, Curlew 2, Turnstone 25, Redshank 2, Wheatear 1juv.

10th July

Weather: Mainly NE3 becoming calm. Drizzly morning drying up but overcast afternoon.

A Black Guillemot was off Pilgrims Haven while a Golden Plover was noted and the Dunlin was still present.

Present: Black Guillemot 1, Dunlin 1, Goldenb Plover 1, Purple Sandpiper 2, Turnstone 30, Redshank 7, Curlew 1, Wheatear 1.

9th July

Weather: Largely overcast but dry morning with light rain through most of the afternoon & evening. W3 decreasing to almost calm late afternoon.

A good day for waders the highlight being three adult Black-tailed Godwits were a surprise along Holyman's Road before heading down to Cross Park. An adult Dunlin was on South Plateau and a Greenshank on North Plateau. A teal was on the South Plateau.

Passage: Grey Heron 1N

Present: Black-tailed Godwit 3, Dunlin 1, Greenshank 1, Curlew 2, Redshank 4, Turnstone 25, Teal 1, Crow 2, Wheatear 1, Willow Warbler 1, Woodpigeon 2.

8th July

Weather: Clear and sunny with a light SW.

Passage: Black-headed Gull 1N

Present: Willow warbler 2, Chiffchaff 1, Wheatear 1,

7th July

Weather: Mainly bright. SW4 decreasing to calm by evening.

Single Spotted Flycatcher and Song Thrush were new arrivals.

Passage: Manx Shearwater 7

Present: Woodpigeon 2, Spotted Flycatcher 1, Song Thrush 1, Starling 80, MCurlew 2.

6th July

Weather: Overnight rain. Mainly overcast with occasional brighter spells and the odd drop of rain. Warm and calm.

The first Storm Petrel of the year was caught overnight.

Passage: Manx Shearwater 5S, Common Scoter 15N, Grey Heron 1.

Present: Storm Petrel 1, Common Sandpiper 1, Curlew 1, Turnstone 20, Carrion Crow 2, Woodpigeon 3, Chiffchaff 1.

5th July

Weather: Mainly bright and sunny with a SE 2.

Passage: Manx Shearwater 22N, Common Scoter 19N

Present: Turnstone 42, Common Sandpiper 1, Chiffchaff 1, Curlew 1.

4th July

Weather: Overcast early on with rain from 6.30am mainly light. ESE2

Passage: Manx Shearwater 42N, Arctic Skua 1N

Present: Common Sandpiper 1, Curlew 1, Redshank 1, Turnstone 54, Grey Heron 1, Woodpigeon 1, Crow 1.

3rd July

Weather: Dry and bright with a decreasing SW from 4 to almost calm by evening.

Present: Redshank 2, Curlew 1, Turnstone 45, Willow Warbler 1, Wheatear 1.

2nd July

Weather: Dry and sunny with SW 5

Further waders in the form of the year's first Green sandpiper on the High Tarn. A Willow Warbler was the first returning bird.

Passage: Siskin 1W

Present: Redshank 4, Ringed Plover 1, Green sandpiper 1, Curlew 2, Wheatear 1, Willow Warbler 1, Woodpigeon 1.

1st July

Weather: Dry! Overcast early morning then largely clear and sunny. Calm then increasing SW becoming force 6.

Clearing weather at last which turned out to be a cracking day for waders. The highlights were the first Greenshank and Knot of the year while a Wood Sandpiper remained. A Black Redstart remained.

Passage: Bonxie 1, Dunlin 3S, Greenshank 1, Grey Heron 1W.

Present: Curlew 4, Common Sandpiper 1, Turnstone 15, Knot 1, Redshank 1, Black Redstart 1, Chiffchaff 3, Wheatear 1, Carrion Crow 1, Woodpigeon 2.

30th June

Weather: Light rain until late afternoon when dry with high cloud. NE4 decreasing to calm in evening.

Well it could really get any wetter but after 36 hours of continual rain it finally stopped. In the murk a Black Redstart was a new arrival while a Whitethroat was in the Top Garden. The two Wood Sandpipers were now together on South Plateau.

Present: Wood Sandpiper 2, Black Redstart 1, Starling 60, Turnstone 2, Chiffchaff 2, Woodpigeon 4, Wheatear 2, Whitethroat 1.

29th June

Weather: Horrendous. NE 7 continuous rain, poor visibility.

It remains to be seen what further impact the weather has on the seabirds with conditions more like mid winter than late June. Despite all the lovely weather for ducks appeared good for waders with two Wood Sandpipers appeared at either end of the island the first for nearly 2 years. But the Black-browed Albatross tracked up the east coast could not be seen through the murk.

Passage: Arctic Skua 3N, Black-headed Gull 1

Present: Wood Sandpiper 2, Turnstone 1, Purple Sandpiper 2, Curlew 1, Wheatear 1.

28th June

Weather: E2 inc NE5/6 by evening. Dry and bright.

Passage: Manx Shearwater 4N

Present: Chiffchaff 1, Wheatear 1, Starling 35.

27th June

Weather: Rain heavy through the morning. SE 4 backing NE by evening.

Present: Chiffchaff 1, Wheatear 1, Starling 35, Turnstone 40, Woodpigeon.

26th June

Weather: Calm becoming SE 2. Dry and sunny clouding over in the afternoon.

Passage: Black-headed Gull 1,

Present: Grey Heron 5, Curlew 1, Turnstone 11, Wheatear 1juv.

25th June

Weather: SW5. Mainly clear and sunny with brief showers late afternoon.

Passage: Black-headed Gull 2

Present: Turnstone 30, Starling 35, Grey Heron 1

24th June

Weather: SW5 inc 8. Mainly clear and sunny.

A juvenile wheatear was the first of the 'autumn'. The strong westerlies washed off the bottom of Greenface resulting in hundreds of chicks perishing just ahead of fledging.

Present: Wheatear 1, Starling 36.

23rd June

Weather: SW4 inc 5/6 in afternoon. Overcast occasionally showery morning. Clear afternoon.

Present: Chiffchaff 1, Carrion Crow 2, Starling 55.

22nd June

Weather: Light SW with fine rain for most of the morning. Bright afternoon with variable 2 wind.

Passage: Great Skua 1, Manx Shearwater 2N, Swift 6S.

Present: Starling 35, Turnstone 30, Chiffchaff 1

21st June

Weather: Light SE and generally dry 7 bright until early evening when there were several hours of thunderstorms.

Passage: Manx Shearwater 2N, Swift 4S

Present: Linnet 1, Turnstone 28, Starling 35

20th June

Passage: Manx Shearwater 18N, Common Scoter 116N

Present: Stonechat 1f, Turnstone 24

19th June

Weather: Clear and sunny with cloud for a time late afternoon. Calm becoming SE 3 for a time

Passage: Manx Shearwater 3N, Common Scoter 122N, Swift 13N, Black-headed Gull 3.

Present: Skylark 1 singing, Chiffchaff 1, Starling 25+

Cetaceans: Minke Whale 1, Harbour Porpoise 2, Bottle-nosed Dolphin 4 distantly.

18th June

Weather: W3 becoming calm. Clear sunny and hot!

Other than the weather the highlight was an impressive flock of 320 Starlings over the island heading north leaving at least 40 on the isle. Otherwise 2 Siskin south were a little unseasonal.

Passage: Starling 320N, Siskin 2S, Swift 3S, Black-headed Gull 3.

17th June

Weather: Dry, mainly clear and increasingly warm. SW4

Passage: Grey Heron 1N, Manx Shearwater 9.

Present: Curlew 1, Turnstone 1, Chiffchaff 1, Starling 25+

16th June

Weather: largely dry and overcast with occasional light drizzle but brighter latter part of the day.
SW4-5

Present: Starling 40

15th June

Weather: Generally bright with occasional showers in the afternoon. SW mainly 4.

Surprise of the day was a Grasshopper Warbler caught in the Bain trap, a late spring migrant or early autumn one, either way the first June record? Spotted Flycatcher and Blackbird also appeared

Passage: Common Scoter 47N, Swift 9.

Present: Black-headed Gull 2, Starling 25, Grasshopper Warbler 1, Chiffchaff 2, Spotted Flycatcher 1, Blackbird 1.

14th June

Weather: Dry and bright with light variable winds

Passage: Manx Shearwater 7N, Swift 1.

Present: Grey Heron 1, Black-headed Gull 2, Starling 30.

13th June

Weather: Dry, warm & sunny until later afternoon when several showers some heavy. SW 2 or less.

The main news of the day was the confirmation that a pair of Cormorant are nesting on Rona, the first confirmed breeding of this species on the May. Several reports from the late 19th & early 20th century mention breeding of shags and cormorants but the names appeared interchangeable. A pair was seen with nest material in 1938 but no other reports. Other breeding news related to the first Arctic Tern chick.

Passage: Manx Shearwater 181 (inc flock of 57), Common Scoter 17, Teal 2, Black-headed Gull 2, Redpoll 1N.

Present: Starling 90, Woodpigeon 3, Shelduck 2.

12th June

Weather: Mainly bright and sunny. SW 4/5 inc 6 gusting 7 at times around midday before easing 4/5.

Present: Starling 27, Woodpigeon 1, Chiffchaff 1, Peregrine 1, Shelduck 1, Grey Heron 1.

11th June

Weather: Dry and sunny until midday. Then blustery showers. SW 2 inc 4.

An unseasonal Golden Plover was near Three Tarn Nick very early morning while 11 Greylag Geese flew north. The first juvenile Starlings of the summer appeared with 2 early morning increasing to 22 by midday. A Hummingbird Hawkmoth flew through the visitor centre.

Passage: Greylag Geese 11N

Present: Golden Plover 1, Roseate Tern 1, Starling 22, Turnstone 5, Wheatear 1.

10th June

Weather: Rain off and on from 6am until early afternoon when largely sunny. SW 2 am then S 4.

Present: Starling 2, Roseate Tern 1, Black-headed Gull 1, Chiffchaff 1.

9th June:

Weather: Dry and bright to start then rain from 9am until early afternoon with showers to follow. W4 decreasing 2 by evening.

Four Goosander south passed the west cliffs were notable.

Present: Spotted Flycatcher 1, Chiffchaff 3, Starling 2, Linnet 1, Woodpigeon 2.

8th June

Weather: SE3 dry and bright until 10am when overcast and rain until early evening.

Most notable were the 108 Manx Shearwater logged passing the isle.

Passage: Manx Shearwater 108, Common Scoter 26

Present: Wheatear 1, Starling 2, Spotted Flycatcher 1, Linnet 1, House Martin 1.

7th June

Weather: NW5/6 decreasing W3 then W5. Bright and sunny but cold wind.

Similar range of birds to yesterday but slightly more migrants appeared with the rain having abated. The Nightjar was seen twice in flight while the Red-backed Shrike roamed the middle of the isle. A Roseate Tern was again in the roost.

Present: Nightjar 1, Red-backed Shrike 1m, Spotted Flycatcher 4, Chiffchaff 3, Willow Warbler 2, Whitethroat 2, Wheatear 1, Tree Pipit 2, Roseate Tern 1.

6th June

Weather: Light and variable winds until mid-evening when NW 4. Rain, varying in intensity, throughout the day with very poor visibility at times.

The day began early just after 6am with the discovery of a Nightjar sat on a log in the rain near the Bain Trap. The 14th record for the isle with the last records in 2009 & 2013. Later in the morning a Quail was flushed near the Helipad while three Spotted Flycatchers and a Tree Pipit were seen. Mid-afternoon a male Red-backed Shrike (1st of year) was seen near the Main Light and later along Holyman's Road.

Present/arrivals: Nightjar 1, Quail 1, Red-backed Shrike 1m, Spotted Flycatcher 3, Chiffchaff 3, Wheatear 1, Tree Pipit 1, Turnstone 8.

5th June

Weather: SE4 with rain until midday. Bright and sunny afternoon with calm conditions before cloud and light rain at dusk.

Passage: Manx Shearwater 2

Present: Whitethroat 1, Spotted Flycatcher 1, Goldcrest 1, Wheatear 1, Chiffchaff 2, Turnstone 12

4th June

Weather: Warm, dry and sunny with a light southerly for most of the day.

A dark phase Arctic Skua off the north end, the first of the year was harassing kittiwakes. The first Shelduck ducklings were on Rona while a Spotted Flycatcher was a new arrival.

Passage: Manx Shearwater 3, Red-throated Diver 1W, Common Scoter 4N.

Present: Black-headed Gull 1, Woodpigeon 2, Chiffchaff 2, Spotted Flycatcher 1, Wheatear 1f, Arctic Skua 1dp.

3rd June

Weather: S1 calm evening. Clear, warm & sunny until, late morning when the harr rolled in. Rain for a time from mid-afternoon until early evening.

A Quail was flushed from near the Low Light leading to speculation as to whether it could be the same bird seen last month. A Roseate Tern was seen early and late in the day.

Passage: Manx Shearwater 19N, Common Scoter 21N

Present: Roseate Tern 1, Quail 1, Peregrine 1imm, Turnstone 1, Wheatear 1f, Black-headed Gull 2, Starling 1.

2nd June

Weather: SW2 overcast morning brighter afternoon.

Highlight was a Minke Whale in calm conditions late afternoon.

Passage: Common Scoter 4W

Present: Goldcrest 1, Wheatear 1f, Starling 1, Peregrine 1, Black-headed Gull 3, Woodpigeon 1.

1st June

Weather: SW3 decreasing 1 from late afternoon.

A notable day for the first incubating Sandwich Terns while several groups of Canada Geese were seen heading north. A Ring Ouzel was a late spring date and only the fourth in June.

Passage: Canada Goose 65N.

Present: Ring Ouzel 1, Spotted Flycatcher 1, Chiffchaff 1.

31st May

Weather: SW 2 or less then SE 3-4 from late afternoon. Clear and sunny throughout

Passage: Red-throated Diver 2W.

30th May

Weather: Calm then SW2 increasing 5 by mid-afternoon. Rain early morning then cloud clearing mid-afternoon.

A singing male Common Rosefinch was in the Low Light bushes and ultimately caught, presumably the same bird seen on Sunday. The second Roseate Tern of the year was seen in Kirkhaven, bearing a ring it was ringed as a chick on Coquet Island, Northumberland in 2014. News was also received of the previous Roseate Tern this year which was ringed on Rockabill, Ireland in 2010.

Passage: Barnacle Goose 4W, Black-headed Gull 1, House Martin 1.

Present/arrival: Common Rosefinch 1, Spotted Flycatcher 2, Garden Warbler 1, Roseate Tern 1, Wheatear 2f.

29th May

Weather: ESE 2 with light rain on and off from late morning.

Despite the promising conditions nothing appeared to materialise that was new to the isle.

Present: Wheatear 2, Goldcrest 1, Chiffchaff 2, Turnstone 3.

28th May

Weather: W4/5 decreasing late morning then becoming SE2 from mid-afternoon. Clear morning, brief light rain early afternoon then mainly clear again.

Only one definite arrival but a notable one with a male first summer Common Rosefinch around the North Horn early afternoon, at times in song. Little Tern was again noted early morning.

Present: Common Rosefinch 1m, Wheatear 1f, Goldcrest 1, Chiffchaff 5, Willow warbler 1, Sedge Warbler 1, Lesser Whitethroat 1, Turnstone 10, Redshank 1.

27th May

Weather: Light ESE except for brief West for a time in the evening then NE. Bright and clear morning before cloud early afternoon then heavy rain & thunderstorm for a time early evening.

The all too brief highlight were two Little Tern over the Main Light, the first record since 2004. A scattering of arrivals, mainly Spotted Flycatchers and yet more Hummingbird Hawkmoths (4+).

Passage: Little Tern 2, Dunlin 1N, House Martin 1S

Present/arrivals: Lesser Whitethroat 1, Wheatear 2, chiffchaff 2, Goldcrest 1, Willow warbler 1, Whinchat 1m, Spotted Flycatcher 3.

26th May

Weather: Light SE becoming force 4-5 by late morning. Clear and sunny throughout.

No clear arrivals with a Hummingbird Hawkmoth again the highlight, this time near the guillemot hides. While 21 Barnacle Geese flew north early morning and were then seen flying south late afternoon so had presumably been lurking nearby.

Passage: House Martin 2, Swift 1N, Barnacle Geese 21 N&S,

Present: Robin 1, Chiffchaff 3, Willow Warbler 1, Whitethroat 1, Sedge Warbler 1, Willow Warbler 1.

25th May

Weather: Calm morning then SE from midday becoming force 3 by late pm. Clear, sunny and very warm.

South-east winds and migrants arrive. A Hummingbird Hawkmoth on Palpitation Brae was the first record for a few years overshadowing the second Quail of the year seen at Altarstanes then at the North Horn.

Present/arrival: Quail 1, Spotted Flycatcher 1, Chiffchaff 5, Willow Warbler 2, Goldcrest 1, White Wagtail 1, Wheatear 2, Woodpigeon 4, Tree Pipit 1.

Insects: Hummingbird Hawkmoth 1, Painted Lady 1, Red Admiral 5, Small Tortoiseshell 1, Large White 1, White-tailed Bumblebee.

24th May

Weather: SW3-4 inc 5 mid-afternoon then SW3. Mainly clear and sunny.

Passage: Linnet 1N,

Present/arrivals: Whimbrel 1, Wheatear 4, Carrion Crow 3, White Wag 1, Whitethroat 1, Goldcrest 1, Chiffchaff 4, Willow Warbler 1, Woodpigeon 2, Peregrine 1imm.

23rd May

Weather: SW4 decreasing 2 by evening. Bright morning, more overcast afternoon with light rain early evening.

Most notable event was a Collared Dove calling on the Bain Trap, the first of the year.

Passage: Manx Shearwater 3N, Swallow 4N, House Martin 1N.

Present/arrival: Sedge Warbler 2, Goldcrest 1, Chiffchaff 2, Wheatear 2, Black-headed Gull 1, Collared Dove 1, Carrion Crow 1.

22nd May

Weather: SE2 increasing SE4 veering SW2. Bright morning with light rain for an hour or so around midday.

Quiet morning but the rain brought in a scattering of migrants including a French ringed Sedge Warbler. The first puffins carrying fish were seen indicating hatchlings.

Present/arrivals: Wheatear 2, Chiffchaff 2, Willow Warbler 1, Spotted Flycatcher 1, Tree Pipit 1, Redstart 1f, Whitethroat 1, Sedge Warbler 2, Woodpigeon 2, Turnstone 6.

21st May

Weather: SW 2 or less. Mainly high cloud with some clearer spells

Two year ticks in the space of minutes and both scarce species for the island. First up were four immature Mute Swans flying north over the island before settling on the sea about half way to Crail, only the second spring record and ninth in total. While chasing the swans north a first-summer Little Gull was flying around the Loch calling before settling with kittiwakes on the south side. Meanwhile the first Arctic Tern eggs of the year were discovered.

Passage: Tree Pipit 1N, Mute Swan 4N, Red-throated Diver 2W, Teal 2W, Common Scoter 7W, Manx Shearwater 31N, Black-headed Gull 2.

Present: Little Gull 1, Wheatear 4, Chiffchaff 6, Blackcap 1f, Goldcrest 1, Shelduck 3.

20th May

Weather: light rain for most of day but clearing to a bright evening. Mainly SW 2 or less.

Only one arrival but what a bird; the springs second Hawfinch (male) but only tenth ever record. Seen flying into the Low Trap and duly caught.

Passage: Manx Shearwater 9N 2S, Gannet 2607W in 1 hour, Crossbill 2N.

Present/arrival: Hawfinch 1m, Chiffchaff 4, Willow Warbler 2, Goldcrest 1, Wheatear 4, Whimbrel 1.

19th May

Weather: Calm morning with bright but largely overcast conditions. Light SE from mid-afternoon with light rain from 1700.

Passage: Common Scoter 57N 4W, Manx Shearwater 3N, Red-throated Diver 1N, Swallow 3N, Linnet 1S.

Present: Willow Warbler 1, Chiffchaff 4, Goldcrest 1, Wheatear 3, Peregrine 1.

18th May

Weather: again largely calm with a slight SE again from mid-afternoon. Clear and sunny, possibly the warmest day of the year.

Passage: Swift 5N, Common Scoter 22W.

Present: Goldcrest 1, Blackcap 1f, Chiffchaff 4, Wheatear 3, Peregrine 1, Woodpigeon 2.

17th May

Weather: Virtually calm all day, with a whiff of SE from mid-afternoon. Bright and mainly sunny.

A couple new arrivals in the form of a Black Redstart and Goldcrest.

Present/arrivals: Black Redstart 1, Blackcap 1f, Cormorant 37, Wheatear 4, Blackbird 1, Chiffchaff 3, Willow Warbler 2, Goldcrest 1, Whitethroat 1, White Wagtail 1f.

16th May

Weather: SW3 increasing SW5 by mid-morning then SW 3 by evening. Mainly clear and sunny with some cloud spells and light rain.

No apparent arrivals on the passerine front but a female-type Marsh Harrier flew south over the isle early morning.

Passage: Marsh Harrier 1S, Linnet 1N.

Present: Chiffchaff 4, Willow Warbler 1, Garden Warbler 2, Blackcap 1f, Wheatear 5, Tree Pipit 1, Blackbird 1f, Goldfinch 1, Grey Heron 1, Peregrine 1f, Turnstone 12.

15th May

Weather: SE4 decreasing S1. Rain from 0800 until 1500 then occasional light showers.

Despite the wind direction there didn't appear to be any new arrivals. However, the first Roseate Tern of the year was in Kirkhaven for most of the afternoon.

Passage: Common Scoter 5W, Black-headed Gull 1N.

Present/arrivals: Roseate Tern 1, Tree Pipit 2, Lesser Whitethroat 2, Wheatear 8, Whitethroat 1, Chiffchaff 5, Willow Warbler 3, Blackcap 2, Garden Warbler 1, Dunnock 1, Turnstone 6.

14th May

Weather: SW 2-3. Overcast until mid-morning when clear, warm & sunny.

A bit of a clear out but still a good scattering of common migrants. The first incubating Fulmar was noted.

Passage: Yellow Wagtail 1N, Siskin 1N, House Martin 6.

Present/arrivals: Redstart 1f, Garden Warbler 2, Blackcap 4, Whitethroat 4, Lesser Whitethroat 1, Sedge Warbler 2, Chiffchaff 10, Willow Warbler 10, Whinchat 1, Wheatear 6 (inc 1 Greenland), Spotted Flycatcher 4, Tree Pipit 3, Meadow Pipit 2, Woodpigeon 4, Blackbird 1f.

13th May

Weather: Calm becoming SW 5 for a time mid-afternoon then SW 3. Harr and occasional heavy rain until early afternoon when clear.

The Red-breasted Flycatcher remained while a Belgium ringed Sedge Warbler was one of at least 12 present. No scarce arrivals but far more common migrants especially Whitethroat (16+) and Spotted Flycatcher (17+).

Passage: Swallow 6N, Sand Martin 1N, House Martin 4N.

Arrivals/present: Garden Warbler 2, Blackcap 8, Whitethroat 16, Sedge Warbler 12+, Willow Warbler 15, Chiffchaff 20, Lesser Whitethroat 4, Spotted Flycatcher 17+, Red-breasted Flycatcher 1, Stonechat 1, Whinchat 4, Tree Pipit 5, Meadow Pipit 4, Skylark 1, Wheatear 10, Redstart 1f, Robin 2, Dunnock 1, Blackbird 2, White Wagtail 2.

12th May

Weather: ESE 3. Clear morning, cloudy afternoon with dense harr in the evening.

A day for red breasted birds with a Robin for starters. Arguably the highlight was a stunning adult male Red-breasted Flycatcher found on Pilgrims Haven sporting a ring. Later in the morning the bird was caught with the ring coming from Sweden. The third red chested bird was found at Altarstanes early in the afternoon with a flighty 'eastern' Subalpine Warbler, which was far less confiding than

the flycatcher. A fine supporting cast of common migrants brought the tally of flycatcher species to three.

Passage: Red-throated Diver 1W, Ringed Plover 1N, House Martin 3N, Redpoll 1N, Linnet 2S

Present/arrivals: Red-breasted Flycatcher 1, Pied Flycatcher 1m, Spotted Flycatcher 1, 'Eastern' Subalpine Warbler, Stonechat 1, Whinchat 5, Skylark 1, Wheatear 6, Grey Heron 1, Tree Pipit 4, Meadow Pipit 2.

11th May

Weather: SE2 increasing 4 by mid-afternoon. Clear morning and evening but a band of harr in early afternoon.

Light passage in the morning before the brief poor visibility dropped a few migrants including the first Spotted Flycatcher of the year.

Passage: Common Scoter 8N, House Martin 3N, Swallow 38, Swift 1, Tree Pipit 1N.

Present/arrivals: Spotted Flycatcher 2, Stonechat 1m, Whinchat 2, Wheatear 15, Blackbird 2, Willow Warbler 15, Chiffchaff 8, Dunnock 1, Robin 1, Blackcap 3, Lesser Whitethroat 2, Whitethroat 2, Sedge Warbler 2, Starling 1, Chaffinch 2, Common Sandpiper 1, Dunlin 1, Purple Sandpiper 1, Turnstone 9.

10th May

Weather: Calm becoming SE2. Clear and sunny

It was a day for seeing and hearing Willow Warblers with at least 55 arriving but limited to the Low Light bushes, Main Light area and Low Trap. Otherwise arrivals included a Black Redstart, Garden Warbler and 2 Common Sandpipers while light passage included the first Twite of the year and Rook.

Passage: Barnacle Goose 16N, Goosander 1mN, Common Scoter 25N, House Martin 1N, Sand Martin 3N, Swallow 10N, Swift 1N, Rook 1N, Twite 1N, Linnet 6N, Yellow wagtail 1N, Redpoll 3N, Black-headed Gull 1.

Present/arrivals: Willow Warbler 55, Chiffchaff 5, Whitethroat 4, Lesser Whitethroat 4, Blackcap 1f, Garden Warbler 1, Blackbird 2, Meadow Pipit 6, Common Sandpiper 2, Dunnock 1, Robin 1, Wheatear 6, Black Redstart 1.

9th May

Weather: SW2 or less becoming southerly 5. Clear.

Light passage in the morning and more seemingly breeding Swallows appeared. Six Bottle-nosed Dolphins were seen passing the north of the isle.

Passage: Manx Shearwater 3N, Red-throated Diver 3N, Common Scoter 1N, Barnacle Goose 32N, Swallow 7, House Martin 4, Redpoll 1N, Goldfinch 2S, Sparrowhawk 1W, Carrion Crow 14N.

Present: Purple Sandpiper 55, Turnstone 8, Bonxie 1, Dunnock 1, Lesser Whitethroat 6, Whitethroat 2, Chiffchaff 10, Willow Warbler 2, Tree Pipit 1, Meadow Pipit 7, Skylark 1, Song Thrush 1, Blackcap 2f, Woodpigeon 3, Wheatear 7, Robin 1.

8th May

Weather: NNE5-6 with a massive swell. Overcast morning and clear afternoon.

A day for admiring the sea state rather than successfully finding any new arrivals. Most remaining migrants seemed to be feeding in the lee of Palpitation Brae with a male Redstart the smartest.

Passage: Common Scoter 13N

Present: Redstart 1m, Willow Warbler 3, Chiffchaff 7, Lesser Whitethroat 4, Whitethroat 2, Wheatear 5, Robin 1, Dunnock 1, Song Thrush 1, Siskin 1, Woodpigeon 2, Swallow 3, Tree Pipit 2, Turnstone 7, Purple Sandpiper 2.

7th May

Weather: NE 1 inc 5 by early afternoon. Full cloud cover with very light rain early morning, clearing from mid-morning.

Two male Redstart, Sedge Warbler & Fieldfare were new arrivals otherwise a similar selection.

Present: Chiffchaff 10, Willow Warbler 3, Lesser Whitethroat 10, Redstart 2m, Whinchat 1, Wheatear 8, Blackcap 3, Whitethroat 2, Robin 1, Brambling 1m, Fieldfare 1, Tree Pipit 3, Sedge Warbler 1, Whimbrel 1, Bonxie 1, Swallow 8, Meadow Pipit 12.

6th May

Weather: NE4 inc 5. Occasional cloudy periods but mainly clear & sunny.

Highlight was the first Swift of the year. Otherwise similar fare although the Quail after being flushed in the morning was seen incredibly well in the evening out in the autumn near the Byres. Wood Warbler still present while a gaggle of Barnacle Geese were late.

Passage: Swift 1N, Barnacle Geese 7N, Manx Shearwater 1N, Common Scoter 9W.

Present: Quail 1, Wood Warbler 1, Lesser Whitethroat 12, Whitethroat 3, Blackcap 3, Chiffchaff 15, Willow Warbler 5, Wheatear 15, Whinchat 2, Robin 1, Dunnock 1, Redpoll 3, Brambling 1m, Wren 3, Tree Pipit 3, Meadow Pipit 5, Sparrowhawk 1f, Woodpigeon 1.

5th May

Weather: NE3 inc 5 by mid-morning. Clear & sunny until patchy cloud in evening.

First Common Terns of the year. Wood Warbler, Ring Ouzel and Yellow Wagtail still present along with a good selection of migrants but little new.

Passage: Manx Shearwater 1N, Common Scoter 5N.

Present: Swallow 2, Lesser Whitethroat 13, Blackcap 3, Whitethroat 5, Wood Warbler 1, Willow Warbler 5, Chiffchaff 10, Goldcrest 1, Wheatear 5, Tree Pipit 5, Redstart 1f, Yellow Wagtail 1, Lesser Redpoll 2, Merlin 1, Whinchat 2, Brambling 3, Ring Ouzel 1, Redwing 1, Song Thrush 1, Peregrine 2.

4th May

Weather: NE5 decreasing 4 later. Clear and sunny, cool

Similar assortment to yesterday but generally less. Presumably the same **Quail** as on 1st was flushed from South Plateau while undertaking the all-isle puffin count. A **Ring Ouzel** was new while **Brambling** increased to 3 and a **Yellow Wagtail** was probably new. **Wood Warbler** was again seen at Three Tarn Nick.

Present: Lesser Whitethroat 18, Whitethroat 5, Blackcap 5, Willow Warbler 8, Chiffchaff 15, Pied Flycatcher 1m, Whinchat 3, Redstart 2, Black Redstart 1m, Wheatear 15, Redpoll 1, Linnet 2, Quail 1, Kestrel 1m, Tree Pipit 3, Merlin 1f, Yellow Wagtail 1, Wood Warbler 1, Ring Ouzel 1, Brambling 3, Swallow 2.

3rd May

Weather: ENE 4-5. Clear and sunny, cool.

The highlight would be the rediscovery of the Hawfinch in the Top Garden early morning along with a brief singing male Yellowhammer (first of the year). Otherwise a similar selection to yesterday with slightly lower numbers although single Merlin and Sparrowhawk were keeping the migrants on their toes.

Present/arrivals: Hawfinch 1, Arctic Tern 10, Wheatear 16, Blackcap 5, Goldcrest 1, Redstart 4, Black Redstart 1m, Whinchat 3, Lesser Redpoll 4, Grasshopper Warbler 1, Garden Warbler 2, Lesser Whitethroat 20, Wood Warbler 2, Willow Warbler 10, Chiffchaff 25, Whitethroat 5, Tree Pipit 5, Meadow Pipit 9, Fieldfare 3, Song Thrush 2, Pied Flycatcher 1m, Brambling 2, Sparrowhawk 1, Merlin 1, Kestrel 1.

2nd May

Weather: SE 2 or less becoming E

So yesterday was the aperitif. A Hawfinch (8th record) was looking like the star bird seen flying down the east side mid-afternoon until 30 min later a male Golden Oriole was seen flying down Holymans Road. Only the fifth record and first for 20 years. A fine supporting cast included the first Pied Flycatcher and Yellow Wagtail of the year.

Passage: Golden Oriole 1s.

Present/arrivals: Hawfinch 1, Arctic Tern 10, Wheatear 30, Blackcap 12, Goldcrest 1, Redstart 6, Black Redstart 1m, Whinchat 5, Siskin 1m, Lesser Redpoll 5, Grasshopper Warbler 2, Garden Warbler 1, Lesser Whitethroat 20, Wood Warbler 1, Willow Warbler 55, Chiffchaff 50, Whitethroat 7, Tree Pipit 10, Meadow Pipit 25, Fieldfare 8, Redwing 1, Song Thrush 2, Pied Flycatcher 1m, Brambling 2.

1st May

Weather: SE 3-4 backing E3. Clear morning with cloud and poor visibility from early afternoon.

More migrants which increased as the day wore on. Year ticks with a Quail, 2 flyover pairs of Goosander, Whinchat (5), Brambling (2) & Wood Warbler while there were impressive numbers of warblers.

Passage: Black-headed Gull 5S, Sand Martin 5N, Swallow 10, House Martin 3

Arrivals/present: Quail 1, Arctic Tern 20, Wheatear 18, Blackcap 8, Goldcrest 4, Redstart 6, Black Redstart 1m, Siskin 1m, Lesser Redpoll 2, Garden Warbler 1, Lesser Whitethroat 30, Wood Warbler 1, Willow Warbler 45, Chiffchaff 50, Whitethroat 6, Tree Pipit 3, Meadow Pipit 30, Mistle Thrush 1, Fieldfare 1, Redwing 1, Song Thrush 2.

30th April

Weather: SE 4-5. Overcast morning mainly clear afternoon.

Finally we have a good spring fall. Probably the most species recorded in a single day this year and included the first Grasshopper Warbler, Lesser Whitethroat, Garden Warbler and Common Sandpiper of the year. Wheatears were the easily the most numerous but there were birds in any sheltered spot.

Passage: Dunlin 1N, Swallow 5, Sandwich Tern 2, Arctic Tern 1, Linnet 5, Starling 1.

Present/arrivals: Ring Ouzel 1m, Chiffchaff 15, Willow Warbler 10, Blackcap 4, Mistle Thrush 2, Fieldfare 12, Song Thrush 1, Meadow Pipit 10, Tree Pipit 1, Whitethroat 5, Lesser Whitethroat 1, Grasshopper Warbler 2, Wheatear 45, Robin 1, Black Redstart 1f, Redstart 1f, Goldcrest 6, Common Sandpiper 1, Jack Snipe 1, Snipe 1.

29th April

Weather: Light SE increasing to force 4 by mid-afternoon. Bright morning with increasing cloud and decreasing visibility.

A couple Willow Warblers were the only obvious arrivals early morning but more common migrants trickled in as the day wore on. The first whitethroat and Arctic Tern of the year were the highlights.

Passage: Swallow 8N, House Martin 1N, Linnet 3N, Starling 5, Sandwich Tern 6, Arctic Tern 1.

Present/arrivals: Willow Warbler 5, Chiffchaff 4, Whimbrel 1, Snipe 1, Wheatear 4.

28th April

Weather: Mainly light SE

The first proper winds with an easterly component failed to deliver too much...yet. Highlight a Great Skua.

27th April

Weather: NW-N 2 increasing 4/5 for a time then NNE 3. Light shower early afternoon but mainly clear.

The first Sedge Warbler of the year was in the Bain Trap while a light passage of migrants included a Jackdaw.

Passage: Jackdaw 1, Goldfinch 4N, Linnet 3N, Swallow 3N, Meadow Pipit 1N.

Present: Sedge Warbler 1, Snipe 1, Wheatear 1, Turnstone 13, Redshank 3, Purple Sandpiper 1, Crow 4.

26th April

Weather: Northerly 4 decreasing to variable 2 or less. Clear and sunny until early afternoon when high full cloud cover.

After yesterday's impossible conditions a much improved day, the highlight the first Great Skua of the year first seen flying north past the west cliffs before presumably being the same bird killing and eating a Herring Gull off Kirkhaven.

Passage: Redshank 3N, Sandwich Tern 2N.

Present/arrivals: Wheatear 1f, Swallow 1, Snipe 2, Whimbrel 1, Willow warbler 1, Redwing 1, Cormorant 40, Great Skua 1.

25th April

Weather: Northerly 6 with frequent wintery showers with sunny spells particularly in the afternoon. Wind chill severe.

Given the harsh and unseasonal weather coverage was limited and it was no surprise to find birds absent or sheltering out of sight. The only non-breeding birds noted was a Snipe at three Tarn Nick and a Meadow Pipit. Not too surprising given that there was snow cover almost down to sea level in Fife in the morning.

24th April

Weather: W 2-3 increasing and veering NW 6 early afternoon before decreasing NW3-4 by evening. Light sleet/hail flurries.

The most notable sighting of the day were two Swallows which lingered around Fluke Street suggesting they might be the first returning breeders.

Passage: Sandwich Tern 2N, Meadow Pipit 1N, Linnet 3N, Goldfinch 1N.

Present/arrivals: Swallow 2, Snipe 2, Woodpigeon 2, Wheatear 1, Turnstone 5, Redshank 1, Whimbrel 1.

23rd April

Weather: W2-3 increasing W5 from early afternoon. Mainly clear.

After the quiet day yesterday there was much more activity noted today. Highlight was a rare spring record of Jack Snipe flushed from near the Main Light where it joined a Common Snipe at Three Tarn Nick. The second Sandwich Tern of the year flew south while there was a more pronounced passage north of finches. Goldcrest, Willow Warbler, singing Skylark and Wheatear were all new.

Passage: Sandwich Tern 1S, Goldfinch 4N, Siskin 4N, Linnet 6N, Meadow Pipit 24N, Tree Pipit 1N, Swallow 1N, Sand Martin 3N, Rook 2N, Common Scoter 4.

Present/arrivals: Goldcrest 1, Willow Warbler 1, Sparrowhawk 1, Wheatear 1, Skylark 1, Jack Snipe 1, Snipe 1.

22nd April

Weather: W3 becoming variable 2 or less. Dry, high broken cloud.

A male Blackcap was present again while the first Razorbill egg of the season was found at Bishops Cove.

Passage: Linnet 4N, Swallow 1N, Meadow Pipit 6N, Carrion Crow 5N, Curlew 1S.

Present: Blackcap 1m, Woodpigeon 2.

21st April

Weather: SW5 decreasing to almost calm from 14:00. High cloud until 12:30 when a cold front with rain passed over from the north. Clear from 14:00

The band of rain produced a group of Wheatear with six noted. Otherwise passage was very light.

Passage: Turnstone 30s, Sand Martin 1N, Whimbrel 1N, Swallows 2N.

Present/arrivals: Wheatear 6, Willow Warbler 5, Chiffchaff 1, Blackcap 1m.

20th April

Weather: SW 3 increasing W5 from late morning. Clear and sunny all day.

Highlight was a male Common Redstart which was caught in the Low Trap. Only light passage today but all three hirundines were noted. A Buzzard which eventually flew south was the second of the year while single Glaucous and Iceland Gulls were seen at roost.

Passage: Buzzard 1S, Swallow 5N, Sand Martin 3N, House Martin 1N, Linnet 4N, Goldfinch 2N, Meadow Pipit 15N.

Present/arrivals: Redstart 1m, Blackbird 2, Song Thrush 2, Woodpigeon 3, Chiffchaff 3, Glaucous Gull 1, Iceland Gull 1.

19th April

Weather: SW3. Cold but slightly overcast before clearing mid-morning to leave a warm day out of the wind.

Absolutely nothing early on before things suddenly improved from 11am with a few warblers arriving, the first Tree Pipit of the year and significant Meadow Pipit passage for the next 3.5 hours totalling 431. The first Whimbrel of the year also dropped in mid-afternoon.

Passage: Meadow Pipit 431N, Swallow 5N, Tree Pipit 1N, Siskin 1N, Linnet 4N, Goldfinch 2N, Barnacle Goose 110N.

Present/arrivals: Blackcap pair, Willow Warbler 1, Chiffchaff 4, Wheatear 1f, Robin 1, Blackbird 1, Carrion Crow 4, Wren 4+, Whimbrel 1, Woodpigeon 2, Redshank 1.

18th April

Weather: Light easterly veering south easterly from mid-afternoon. Clear and sunny morning with high cloud drifting in from mid-afternoon.

A Swift was potentially the earliest record for the isle but other than a Sand Martin very little was passing through. The first incubating Guillemot was seen.

Passage: Swift 1, Sand Martin 1N, Greylag Goose 2N, Common Scoter 2N, Linnet 3N, Goldfinch 1N

Present: Blackbird 1, Purple Sandpiper 1, Redshank 2, Curlew 1, Peregrine 2.

17th April

Weather: Very light westerly early morning becoming calm until late afternoon when northerly 5 until dark. Mainly clear with cloudy periods very a few drops of rain.

The highlight of the day was all too brief with what was almost certainly a Humpback Whale tail fluke seen briefly off the east side. The first sitting Eiders were noted. Otherwise little new other than a fly-over Golden Plover, the first of the year.

Passage: Golden Plover 1, Linnet 5, Common Gull 1.

Present: Blackbird 2, Turnstone 4.

16th April

Weather: Clear morning with cold, westerly force 3. Cloud rolling in late morning with light rain for a time. Clearing early afternoon and wind backing easterly.

Very light passage in the morning with four Swallows the highlight. A Short-eared Owl was seen again. First Great Black-backed Gull egg.

Passage: Swallow 4N, Linnet 10N, Goldfinch 1N, Red-throated Diver 1W.

Present: Starling 1, Redshank 2, Peregrine 1, Short-eared Owl 1, Cormorant 47.

15th April

Weather: Bright and largely clear. Westerly force 5 easing slightly late afternoon.

The strong winds seemed to prevent much from arriving or passing by.

Passage: Meadow Pipit 12, Linnet 2.

Present: Peregrine 1, Redshank 1, Turnstone 5, Wren 3, Blackbird 1.

14th April

Weather: Bright with cloud mid-afternoon bringing very light rain for a time before clearing. Light SW wind force 3 increasing 4-5 by evening.

Highlights: The first Sandwich Tern of the year was noted while a Hooded Crow with five Carrion Crow was a welcome addition to the year list. An Osprey flew north.

Passage: Common Scoter 8N, Red-throated Diver 1N, Manx Shearwater 1N, Black-headed Gull 1N, Osprey 1N, Goldfinch 3N, Redpoll 1N, Linnet 13N, Siskin 2N, Meadow Pipit 46N.

Present/arrivals: Willow Warbler 5, Chiffchaff 1, Short-eared Owl 1, snipe 1.

3rd April

Weather: A bright, clear calm morning with high cloud from midday and an increasing south westerly.

Highlight: The most notable record so far this year with a **Firecrest** found in the Low Light bushes, the fifth April record, with at least six Goldcrest. Elsewhere a **Stock Dove** was the first record since 2013 and seven **Jackdaw** and a **Greenfinch** were the first of the year.

Present/Arrivals: Firecrest 1, Goldcrest 12, Jackdaw 7, Stock Dove 1, Greenfinch 1N, Woodpigeon 4, Chiffchaff 2, Robin 2, Dunnock 1, Blackbird 2, Redwing 3, Linnet 6N, Goldfinch 2N.

2nd April

Weather: A stunning day with light south westerlies.

Highlight was a Lapland Bunting seen briefly near the Bain Trap, a rare spring record. Otherwise a few Goldcrest were still present with Goldfinch & Linnet over.

1st April

A Blackcap was the first of the year.

31st March

A Crossbill was a good record so soon in the season while seven Whooper Swans flew north

29th March

An Osprey over was a good early record as was a White Wagtail. Glaucous Gull and Black Redstart were seen again.

28th March

Ring Ouzel, the first of the year, with five present along with 10 Chiffchaff, 2 Wheatear, 57 Siskin, 6 Redpoll, a Black Redstart and two immature Glaucous Gull. 5 Woodcock, 50 Redwing and 6 Fieldfare

26th March

The second Wheatear of the spring was present and a Goldfinch flew over.

25th March

Male Black Redstart remains

24th March

A stunning adult male Black Redstart appeared while the female type was still present. At least three Siskin and a Linnet flew over while four Short-eared Owls were present.

23rd March

Weather: North easterly force 4 decreased through the morning to almost calm by afternoon. Early morning light rain quickly abated to leave a bright but largely overcast day.

Present/arrivals: A female type Black Redstart appeared along with three Chiffchaff, the first of the year. Up to 10 Goldcrest arrived along with a Mistle Thrush and a few more Blackbirds. A Snow Bunting flew over. Three Short-eared Owls were present.

22nd March

Weather: overcast with moderate rain from mid-afternoon. Light NE increasing through the morning to force 5.

Present: A Wheatear was the first of the year and a Stonechat were present while a Sparrowhawk flew low over Fluke St.

5th March

Weather: Light early morning rain cleared to leave a bright day with broken cloud. South westerly force 3-4 eased to virtually calm from early morning onwards.

Highlights: At least 15 Stonechats remained on the island overnight but with a bright day most appeared to trickle away as the day wore on. The Black Redstart also remained while a Snow Bunting dropped in beside the Low Trap for a short while. Two Fieldfare were new while 5 Skylark passed over as did a skein of 46 Pink-footed Geese all going north. The day ended with the year's first Iceland Gull, a third winter, on Rona.

Passage: Skylark 5N, Pink-footed Goose 46N.

Present/arrivals: Iceland Gull 1 (3w), Black Redstart 1, Stonechat 15, Snow Bunting 1, Starling 1, Sparrowhawk 1, Peregrine 1, Fieldfare 2, Robin 5, Wren 3, Blackbird 1, Teal 24, Redshank 1, Curlew 60, Grey Heron 1, Purple Sandpiper 1, Turnstone 1, Carrion Crow 1.

4th March

Weather: overnight rain easing as the morning progressed only to be replaced by harr, visibility slightly improved late afternoon. Brisk easterly overnight easing to almost calm from mid-morning.

Highlights: even this early in the season an easterly breeze brings a significant fall to the island, even if it only composed two species. A first winter male Black Redstart was accompanied by at least **19** Stonechats almost all between the Byres and St Andrews Well. To put the number in context the previous record day count of Stonechat is six. Elsewhere eight Short-eared Owls were present.

Present/Arrivals: Stonechat 19, Black Redstart 1imm M, Short-eared Owl 8, Starling 1, Snipe 1, Blackbird 1, Robin 3, Song Thrush 3, Wren 1, Meadow Pipit 1, Pied Wagtail 2, Kestrel 1, Shelduck 1, Turnstone 3, cormorant 25.

Tuesday 28th February

Peregrine 1, Kestrel male, Curlew 63, Redshank 3, Woodcock 1, Short-eared Owl 5 at roost, Black-headed Gull 4, Song Thrush 1, Robin 4, Wren 6+, Carrion Crow 1, Wood Pigeon 1

Monday 27th February

Teal 3, Peregrine 1, Kestrel male, Merlin 1 immature dead found in Top Trap, Curlew 51, Redshank 3, Snipe 1, Common Gull 1, LBB Gull small numbers back, **Glaucous Gull** immature at roost, Short-eared Owl 4 at roost, Skylark, Song Thrush 2, Robin 4, Wren 6+, Carrion Crow 1, Wood Pigeon 1, Rock Pipit 25, Pied Wagtail 1.

23rd January

Red-throated Diver 1N, Common Scoter 2 off north end, Shelduck pair, Snipe 1, Puffin - winter plumage bird off east side, Short-eared Owl 4 at Low Light bushes, otherwise quiet with very light scattering of robins, wrens.

17th January

Limited coverage but at least five Bottle-nosed Dolphins were off the east side while a Little Auk was off the north end.

16th January 2017

Not surprisingly little change from yesterday however a few additions to the year list. The highlight being five Sanderling passed South Ness while Purple Sandpiper and Black-headed Gull were also seen. A Woodcock and Redwing were the first birds ringed this year.

Passage: Sanderling 5

Present: Long-tailed Duck 1f, Sparrowhawk, Turnstone 6, Purple Sandpiper 1, Short-eared Owl 5, Woodcock 1, Redwing 4, Robin 2, Grey Heron 2, Kittiwake 20, Common Gull 5, Black-headed Gull 5

15th January 2017

A full day of coverage failed to reveal much more ashore but a few good additions on the sea with a Long-tailed Duck and a Red-necked Grebe (presumably the same bird as in December). Five Whooper Swans flew north as did a Linnet.

Passage: Whooper Swan 5, Linnet.

Present: Short-eared Owl 6+, Sparrowhawk 1, Peregrine 1, Woodcock 1, Teal 17, Long-tailed Duck 1f, Red-necked Grebe 1, Kittiwake 3, Redwing 4, Blackbird 3, Song Thrush 2, Wren 5.

14th January 2017

The first day of presence on the isle and a general lack of passerines despite the cold conditions on the mainland. A young male Sparrowhawk may have been responsible given the Blackbird lucky escape witnessed. Highlight was a first winter Glaucous Gull seen at South Ness then what was assumed to be the same on Rona. At least 4 Short-eared Owl are present.

Passage: Pink-footed Geese 60s

Present: Glaucous Gull 1, Short-eared Owl 4, Peregrine 1, Sparrowhawk 1, Redwing 1, Song Thrush 2, Blackbird 2, Wren 3, Rock Pipit 10, Curlew 20, Oystercatcher 30, Redshank 4, Turnstone 2, Common Gull 1, Kittiwake 1.