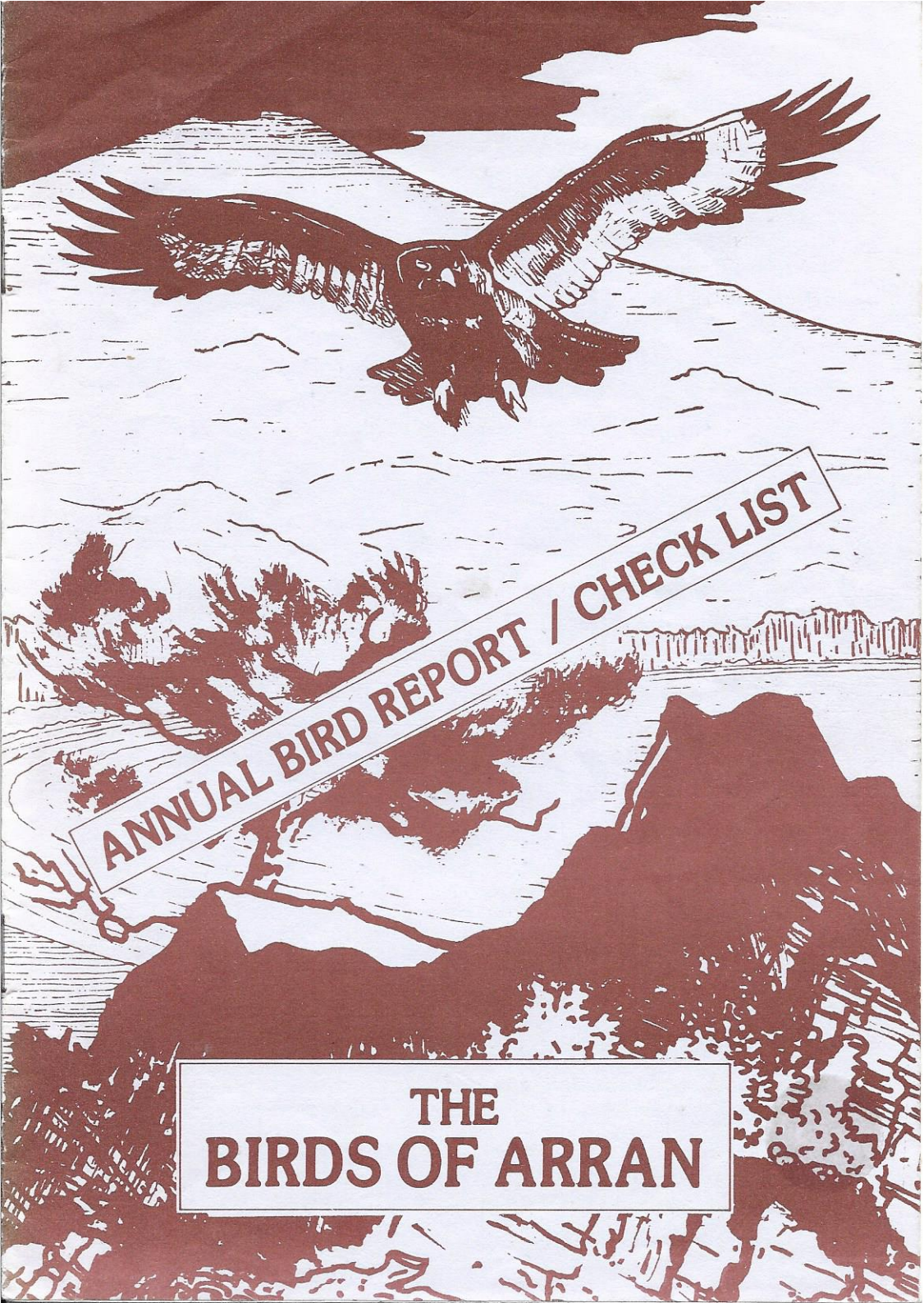




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INTRODUCTION

1980 saw the start of the first Arran Bird Report to be published in separate form. This also included a check-list.

Such was the support and enthusiasm with which it was received that many more observers have contributed, resulting in increased records in the 1981 report.

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ABBREVIATIONS

M: male
F: female
imm: immature
max: maximum count
arr: arrival
N: north (direction of flight)
S: south (direction of flight)
inc: including
Jan etc: all months abbreviated
nos: numbers
(AH) etc: initials of observer concerned

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RED-THROATED DIVER: Increase to 11 sites but only few eggs and young seen. Away from breeding areas: 1 Whiting Bay 1 Jan; 1 Torrylinwaterfoot 25 Jan; 1 Sannox 27 Jan; 2 Largybeg 8 Feb; 2 Whiting Bay 13 Apr, 26 May and 3 on 16 Aug; 2 Kilbrannan 7 May; 2 Catacol 2 Jun; 3 Machrie 11 and 29 Jun, and 14 Sep; 2 Drumadoon 14 Jun; 3 Blackwaterfoot 6 Sep; 3 Lamlash 2 Dec.

BLACK-THROATED DIVER: No breeding records. 1 Kilbrannan 7 May - only summer record. 2 Largymore 14 Nov; 1 Brodick 16 Nov.

GREAT NORTHERN DIVER: Summer plumage: 2 Sannox 7 May; 1 Pirnmill 8 May; Pair Fallen Rocks 19 May; 1 Drumadoon 27 May; imm Whiting Bay 30 May; imm Kings Caves 25 June.

Winter-Spring: singles Whiting Bay 1 Jan; Sannox 22 Jan; Bennan 25 Apr; Pirnmill 14 Sep; Machrie 8 Nov; Largymore 22 Nov; Whiting Bay 29 Nov.

LITTLE GREBE: 3 Jan - Mar and Sep - Dec Lochranza.

SLAVONIAN GREBE: 1 Whiting Bay 22 Mar (MHD)

BLACK-NECKED GREBE: 1 Lamlash 27 Aug (IS)

FULMAR: 173 pairs is increase but no breeding success seen.

MANX SHEARWATER: 2 nests Pladda with addled and predated eggs is an attempt to establish new colony. 20 → S Kildonan 11 Sep; 3 Brodick/Ardrossan crossing 27 Sep.

GANNET: First seen back Feb; Max 40 Kilbrannan 6 Sep.

CORMORANT: May have nested Holy Isle. Small nos seen all year. Max 18 Kilpatrick 6 Sep.

SHAG: Outnumber Cormorants about 30-1. Probably nested Holy Isle. 5 Holy Isle 8 Jul; High counts: 40 Kildonan 4 Oct; 65 Clachlands 5 Oct; 50 Merkland 10 Nov.

GREY HERON: Good success but fewer nests. 4 nests Lamlash; 2 Brodick; 6 Merkland; 2 Lagg; 1 Gortonallister; 1 Whiting Bay. Total 16 nests. Several winter.

MUTE SWAN: On nest Lochranza 4 Jun; no success as usual. Pair Whiting Bay 1-24 Jan; 2 imm Wineport 28 Jan; pair Cordon 6 Mar; 4 adults Brodick and 2 Lamlash 16 Sep, 4 Brodick 7 Dec appear to be wintering.

WHOOPEE SWAN: 10 → S Brodick, calling 16 Oct; 6 → W. Brodick, calling 2 Dec.

GREYLAG GOOSE: 6 Clachlands 23 Jan; 100 Shiskine 8 Mar; last spring 80 → N Kingscross 9 Apr; 150 Balnacool 22 Nov; 40 Clachlands 22 Dec; 45 → S Sannox 17 Dec; max 400 Shiskine by end Dec.

BARNACLE GOOSE: 1 Brodick 7-14 Oct (CJ/MHD et al); 5 Largybeg 7 Oct (AN)

SHELDUCK: Pair 6 young Pladda 5 May; pair 12 young Pirate's Cove 28 May, 6 left 15 Jun; pair 3 young Imachar 1 Jun; pair 2 young Merkland 11 Jun; pair 6 young Clachlands 16 Jun; total 5 pairs reared 24 young. Counts inc 10 Largybeg 22 Mar; 28 Machrie 1 May; 14 Kildonan/Bennan 4 May; 2 returned 9 Dec Clachlands.

WIGEON: 21 Machrie 11 Jan; 30 Kildonan 4 Jan; 38 Lamlash 23 Jan; first back Clachlands 12 Sep; Machrie 17 Sep; 16 Kildonan 4 Oct; 23 Machrie 8 Nov; max 73 Cleiteadh 15 Nov-31 Dec.

TEAL: F Machrie 11 Jun in breeding territory. Winter 13 Machrie 11 Jan; 51 Cleiteadh 25 Jan; 3 Machrie 1 Oct, 42 on 8 Nov; 1 Clachlands 5 Oct; max 62 Cleiteadh 15 Nov.

MALLARD: F 12 young Millburn Lamlash 2 May; a second F 10 young Clachlands, Lamlash 9 May; a third F 4 young Lamlash pier 12 May; F 3 well grown young Machrie 14 Jun. Only 29 young seen. Almost all early broods desimated by Jackdaws and Hoodies. Counts inc 16 Merkland 28 Jan; 30 wintered Lochranza; 13 M M Machrie 1 May; 16 Kilpatrick 6 Sep; max 36 Machrie 1 Oct.

EIDER: 23 broods noted, mainly east coast. Sample 18 FF, 11 young Sannox to Corrie 28 Jul. Counts 50 Whiting Bay 22 Mar; 54 on 3 May; 38 Merkland 7 Dec.

KING EIDER: Sadly no male at Lochranza. Possible sighting Kildonan 27 May (RR).

GOLDENEYE: 4 Lochranza Jan, Feb; F Brodick 5 Jan; 7 Auchencar 4 Feb; 11 Merkland 13 Feb; 4 Cordon 6 Mar; 2 Kildonan 6 Dec; 6 Brodick 7 Dec.

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER: F 10 young Holy Isle 28 Jun; 2 FF 8 and 11 young Lamlash 20 Jul and 3 Aug; F 10 young Sannox Jul; counts inc 36 Whiting Bay 3 May; 60 MM or non breeders beginning moult Machrie 14 Jun yet still no young anywhere. Max 70 Machrie 30 Aug.

GOOSANDER: 2 MM 1 F Glen Rosa 11-14 Jun; (FG) pair with 5 Mergansers Whitefarland 6 Jun.

HEN HARRIER: 11 pairs with fairly good breeding success. 5 eggs stolen from one nest. Several young flying Aug, Sep. M Cleiteadh 1 Jan; F Kingscross 22 Jan; F Cleiteadh 25 Jan; pairs on territory Apr; pair new forestry 8 Nov; F Kildonan 15 Dec.

SPARROWHAWK: Pair Glen Chalmadale reared 3 young; pair Lamlash; pair Whiting Bay; 2 pairs Brodick/Merkland; 1 Dougrie 27 May; 1 String 1 Jun and 13 Sep; 1 Ross 1 and 13 Sep; 1 Kingscross 5 Jan, 24 Aug, 9-30 Sep; 1 Clauchlands 16 Feb; 1 Kilpatrick and 1 Lamlash 6 Sep.

BUZZARD: Breeding: 5 Ross 5 Apr; Pair Ben Nuis 4 Apr; pair Glen Rosa 7 Apr; pair Cock of Arran 10 May; 1 Glen Dhubb 5 May; 1 Dougrie 27 May; pair Auchencar 21 Jun; pair 2 young Brown Head 21 Jun; pair Thundergay 29 Jun; 1 Maol Donn 30 Jun; 6 pair 4 young String summit 30 Aug; 5 pair 3 young Ross 12 Sep; 3 pair 1 young Corrygills 13 Sep; pair Lochranza 27 Sep. Many singles inc 4 Ross 4 Jan; Largybeg, Kildonan, Gortonallister 1 Jan; Kilpatrick, Brown Head 11 Jan; Auchenhew, Cleiteadh 25 Jan; String 16 Feb; Shiskine 8 Mar; Sannox 8 Aug; Auchencairn 13 Sep; 3 String 8 Nov; 2 Pirate's Cove 16-31 Dec.

GOLDEN EAGLE: Breeding pair reared 1 young N Arran; pair central Arran did not breed. Many sightings of the 2 pairs all year round. 1 imm dead Brodick and 1 imm dead Lochranza 30 Apr (latter ringed Lochranza 1980) - not poisoned; imm Brown Head 1 Aug.

OSPREY: 1 with large fish Ross 6 Aug (AC).

KESTREL: Very good breeding season, 22 pairs. Many sightings inc 6 Ross 13 Sep; 8 Machrie 18 Aug; 10 String 20 Aug; 3 Glen Chalmadale 27 Sep.

MERLIN: 4 pairs in breeding territory; winter M String 6 Feb; 8 Mar; M dead Laggan 8 Mar; F Kildonan 6 Dec; 1 Brodick Castle grounds 18-23 Dec.

PEREGRINE: Good breeding season. Many coastal sightings in winter.

RED GROUSE: Fair numbers in suitable habitat, mostly N Arran. Adult 6 young Beinn Tarsuinn 4 Jul; 11 Maol Donn 30 Jul; 5 Beinn a Chliabhain 26 Aug; 3 Glen Rosa 30 Aug.

PTARMIGAN: Increase F 5 young Goatfell 12 Jul; pair Caisteal Abhail 19 Apr; 5 Beinn Bharrain 3 Jul; 2 young Beinn Bhreag 9 Aug; 2 Mulloch Buidhe 14 Aug; max 17 Cioch na h-Oighe 27 Aug; 4 Beinn a Chliabhain, 2 Beinn Nuis 4 Sep.

BLACK GROUSE: F Auchareoch area 2 Apr; M Glen Iorsa, 4 Catacol 5 Apr; imm shot Glenree 23 Sep. A few only in S and W Arran.

PHEASANT: Usual good numbers with young.

CORNCRAKE: 1 calling Corrygills Jun.

MOORHEN: F 1 young Machrie 14 Jun; pair seen often Glen Cloy; Several Arranton 18 Feb; 1 Clauchlands 12 Sep.

OYSTERCATCHER: 57 nests found. Max 100 Machrie 17 Jul.

RINGED PLOVER: 35 pairs reared average 1 young. Max 66 Whiting Bay 19 Sep.

DOTTEREL: 1 on passage Beinn Bharrain 7 Sep (GS et al).

GOLDEN PLOVER: 4 young with adult Beinn a Chliabhain 8 Jul; 2 Beinn Tar-suinn 4 Jul; counts inc 6 Machrie 1 Aug; 23 on 6 Sep; 1 Clauchlands 13 Sep.

LAPWING: 1 with 1 young Machrie 6 Jun; pair Clauchlands 7 Jun; pair Kildonan 9 Jun; pair Dougrie 21 Jun; pair 1 young Holy Isle 28 Jun; max 100 Cleiteadh 25 Jan; 100 Sannox Dec.

PURPLE SANDPIPER: 3 Kildonan 6 Dec is only sighting!

DUNLIN: 1 summer plumage Machrie 28 Jun; 10 Kildonan 9 Jul; 1 Holy Isle 8 Jul; no breeding records; 2 Whiting Bay 24 Jan; 1 on 8 Feb, wintered; 6 Blackwaterfoot 6 Sep.

SNIBE: Pair Holy Isle 17 Jun; probably bred quite commonly; mostly singles or pairs seen autumn and winter. 11 Machrie 17 Sep.

WOODCOCK: 20 Roding May, Jun, Jul; nest 4 eggs Glenashdale. Winter: 14 Ross 3 Dec; max 40 Ross 10 Dec; 1 wintered Kingscross and 1 Sannox.

BAR-TAILED GODWIT: 2 Whiting Bay 8 Sep - 4 Oct, 1 to end Dec. 1 Lamlash 8-16 Sep.

WHIMBREL: 1 Bennan 25 Apr; 1 Kildonan 4 May.

CURLEW: 6 pairs Machrie Moor 6 Jun; pair 2 young Bennan 17 Jun; 2 pairs Dougrie 21 Jun; pair 2 young Kingscross 1-18 Jul; probably bred many other parts island. Counts 80 Machrie 11 Jan; 50 Kingscross 24 Jan; 100 Cleiteadh 24 Jan; 100 Merkland 28 Jan; 100 Kilpatrick 30 Jul; 110 Machrie 30 Aug; max 150 Kilpatrick 6 Sep.

REDSHANK: 1 pair bred Machrie Moor; pair 2 imm 14 Jun; 14 Clauchlands 20 Aug; 6 Whiting Bay 19 Sep. Small nos wintered.

GREENSHANK: 1 Pirnmill 15 Apr; 1 Machrie 13 Aug; both on passage.

COMMON SANDPIPER: Arrival 22 Apr Pirate's Cove; 34 pairs bred, mainly coastal, a few up streams. Several young seen. None left by 17 Aug.

TURNSTONE: Summer: 2 Machrie 24 May; 5 Machrie 5 May; 1 on 14 Jun. Counts inc 20 Machrie 1 Aug; 18 Whiting Bay 28 Nov.

ARCTIC SKUA: 1 imm Brodick/Ardrossan crossing 19 Sep; 1 → W Lochranza 26 May.

GREAT SKUA: 1 imm Holy Isle 12-14 Jul forcing gulls to disgorge food; 1 following 'Clansman' for 20 mins Brodick/Ardrossan crossing 19 Sep.

BLACK-HEADED GULL: Usual small nos bred. Max 62 Kildonan 20 Sep; 40 Cleiteadh 15 Nov; 25 Blackwaterfoot 8 Mar.

COMMON GULL: No change. Nesting Holy Isle 28 Jun 4 young seen (+ 2 dead); nesting several places on shore Machrie to Kings Caves. Max 200 Cordon 28 Sep; 300 Cleiteadh 15 Nov.

LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL: Many nests near Loch Nuis 21 Jun; many young Holy Isle 2-8 Jun; several young Pladda 31 Jul.

HERRING GULL: Many nests near Loch Nuis 21 Jun; many young Holy Isle 28 Jun; several young Pladda 31 Jul. Max 600 Cleiteadh 15 Nov.

GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL: Some young Holy Isle 28 Jun; 5 N Sannox 28 Jun; max 36 Lamlash 22 Sep; 35 Brodick 28 Jan.

KITTIWAKE: Counts include 1000 + Whiting Bay, 100 Brodick, 60 Kildonan 11 Sep; 1200 → NE Pladda in 1 hour probably making for Whiting Bay; 200 Machrie 1 Oct.

SANDWICH TERN: Passage: pair 1 young Brodick 19 Aug; 24 Clauchlands 20 Aug; 6 Brodick 24 Aug; 2 Machrie 30 Aug; max 29 Clauchlands 8 Sep; 6 Kildonan 11 Sep; 6 Whiting Bay 12 Sep; last 2 Brodick 7 Oct.

COMMON TERN: Scarce. 2 Catacol 29 May; 1 feeding young Lochranza 27 Jun; 1 Sannox 1 and 2 Jul; 1 Catacol 14 Sep.

ARCTIC TERN: 10 Machrie 12 May; 25 on 1 Jun did not appear to breed. None left 13 Jun; 1 Blackwaterfoot 27 May; 1 Machrie 1 Aug fishing flew towards Kintyre.

LITTLE TERN: Imm Lamlash 17 Sep (DW). Seldom recorded.

RAZORBILL: 1 Pladda 3 Jul.

BLACK GUILLEMOT: 8 pairs nesting Pladda 3 Jul; pair 2 young Dippen, nest Bennan 29 Jun. 2 Machrie, Kings Cave 25 Jun; singles Brodick, Lochranza, Largymore, Hamilton rock Jun; winter 2 Kerr's Port 23 Jan; 4 Bennan 26 Sep - 5 Oct.

ROCK DOVE: 2 Kings Cave 11 Jun. Feral Pigeon 25 Lamlash 4 May.

STOCK DOVE: 1 possible Brodick 20 Aug.

WOODPIGEON: Usual good numbers.

COLLARED DOVE: Calling Glen Cloy 6 Apr and 18 Jun; Sannox 6 May; common Lamlash, Whiting Bay, Brodick, Lagg. Winter: 12 Cleiteadh 29 Mar; max 43 Brodick - most ever!

TURTLE DOVE: 1 Sannox 2 Sep (Angus Laing per Angus Hogg).

CUCKOO: First arrival 9 Apr Glen Shurig; Auchencairn 20 Apr; Sannox 25 Apr; Glen Cloy 7 May; Kildonan 8 May; 3 Clauchlands 7 May; Catacol, Machrie 26 May; fed by Blackbird Brodick Castle grounds 5 Jul.

BARN OWL: Deserted nest, 3 eggs Glen Sannox 14 Mar; pair with young Machrie 27 Aug; sightings inc singles Drumadoon 22 Jan; Brodick 25 Jan; Glenrickard 27 Jan; Glen Sannox 14 Mar and 24 Jun; 25 and 28 May Rhubha Salach; String 6 Jun and 6 Jul; Brodick Castle grounds 28 Jun; The Guerry 22 Aug and 12 Sep, Lochranza 13 Sep; Glen Shurig 14 Nov; Kingscross 15 Nov; Glenree 3 Dec; 2 Cuddy Dook 20 Aug.

TAWNY OWL: 1 Sannox 3 May (JW) only report.

SHORT-EARED OWL: Pair reared 3 young String; pair reared 3 young Glen Chalmadale; singles lower Goatfell 27 May; Ross 30 May and 24 Jun; Machrie 5 May and 4 Jun; String 11 and 14 Jun; Boguillie 25 Jun; Glen Chalmadale 12 Sep.

NIGHTJAR: 9 pairs Brodick and Corrie. Same numbers as 1980 but many usual sites deserted. More concentrated in Brodick.

SWIFT: 3 Blackwaterfoot, 1 Lamlash 27 May; 2 → N Holy Isle 22 May and 26 Jun; 2 → N the Guerry 20 Jun; 2 Clauchlands 21 Jun; 1 Kingscross 7 Aug; 1 Sannox 11 Sep.

KINGFISHER: 1 Glen Rosa 6 Aug. First seen since 1978.

GREAT SPOTTED WOODPECKER: 1 Brodick 16 Oct (CS). First since 1976.

SKYLARK: Good nos on territory 29 Mar, deserted after snow 25 Apr. Many pairs singing high ground May, Jun; pair with young Machrie 14 Jun; 4 pairs above Dougrie 20 Jun; max 80 Torbeg 8 Mar; 50 Ross 25 Apr; 47 Dippen 4 Oct.

SAND MARTIN: 2 Machrie 18 May; 2 Glenscorradales 28 May; 2 Sannox 30 May; 3 Dougrie 17 Jul; last Kingscross 30 Sep.

SWALLOW: First arrival 2 Lamlash 15 Apr; 2 Sannox 25 Apr; 12 Kildonan 26 Apr; 10 Clauchlands 27 Apr; more by 9 May; many nests and young. Max 200 (mixed House Martins) Glen Cloy 4 Sep; last Whiting Bay 14 Nov - latest known Arran record.

HOUSE MARTIN: First arrival 3 Kildonan 3 Apr; 8 on 25 Apr; more by 9 May; 13 nests with young on one small house Whiting Bay 16 Jul; many nests and young; 2 still feeding young Sannox 11 Sep, Whiting Bay end Sep. Counts 50 Glenashdale 24 Aug; max 200 Glen Cloy (mixed Swallows) 4 Sep; last 4 Kingscross 4 Oct.

TREE PIPIT: Singing Ross 4 May and 3 Jun; 1 Corrie and 1 String 24 May; 1 Goatfell path 27 May.

MEADOW PIPIT: Many with young. Probably thousands nested. Counts inc 40 String summit 28 Aug; 60 Clauchlands hill 29 Aug; max 100 Kildonan 4 Oct.

ROCK PIPIT: Good nos with young inc 2 pairs Merkland 1 Jun; 6 pairs with young Holy Isle 8 Jul; 2 pairs with young Machrie 6 Jun. Pairs with young all round island shores.

YELLOW WAGTAIL: 2 Kildonan 25 Apr (MHD).

GREY WAGTAIL: Pair on territory Wineport, singing 9 Feb; pair Auchareoch 29 Mar; 3 pairs Kildonan/Benan 26 Apr; nest Merkland 22 May; pair and 1 young Lochranza 24 May; 2 pairs Brodick 21 May; M String 25 May; 1 Glen Scorrada 28 May; nest 6 eggs Corrie 14 Jun; pair Glenashdale 2 Jul; pair Lamlash 28 Aug. Winter: singles Kilmory 4 Jan; Blackwaterfoot 6 Aug; others where seen in summer. Increase 14+ pairs.

PIED WAGTAIL: Many families. Counts inc 50 Cleiteadh 25 Jan; 48 Whiting Bay 16 Aug; max 70 Kildonan 20 Sep.

WHITE WAGTAIL *M a alba*: 1 Lamlash 2 May; 10 Kildonan 4 May; max 15 Kildonan 20 Sep.

WAXWING: 3 Sannox 1 Nov (JW).

DIPPER: Increase 2 pairs with nests Brodick; pairs seen Glenashdale, Slidery, Lochranza, N Glen Sannox, Lamlash.

WREN: Very common. Sample 7 Kildonan/Benan 10 Jul. Seen or heard almost everywhere.

DUNNOCK: Good season. Common.

ROBIN: Many singing Glenashdale 8 Feb. Common and widespread.

REDSTART: 1 possible Clauchlands hill 24 Jul.

WHINCHAT: Increase 35 pairs with nest or young. 43 nestlings ringed (JSP).

STONECHAT: Increase 34 pairs. 45 nestlings ringed (JSP). Winter: pair Blackwaterfoot 11 Jan; M Kildonan 6 Dec; 3 Kildonan 15 Dec; M Merkland 16 Dec. Most nested on high ground and moved to coast in winter.

WHEATEAR: First arr Ross 23 Apr; 4 Kildonan 8 May; 14 pairs bred. Autumn 2 Kilpatrick 14 Aug; 1 N Goatfell 8 Sep; Last F Pladda 13 Sep.

BLACKBIRD: Many nests and young. 11 Kildonan 10 Jul; 15 Kingscross 15 Jan.

FIELDFARE: 60 Kingscross → N 14 Mar; 100 on 30 Apr; max 200 Sannox 21 Oct.

SONG THRUSH: 4 singing 1 acre 29 Mar; common.

REDWING: 50 Kingscross 30 Apr; max 200 Glen Cloy 6 Oct; 100 Sannox 15 Oct.

MISTLE THRUSH: 7 pairs noted. Max 30 Heights 20 Sep.

GRASSHOPPER WARBLER: Singing Kingscross 9-12 May.

SEDGE WARBLER: First arrival Kingscross 11 May; 2 pairs Kingscross; 2 pairs Clauchlands; 1 Arranton 22 May; 5 pairs Kildonan; 2 pairs Bennan; 10 pairs Machrie. Total 22 pairs.

WHITETHROAT: First arrival Kingscross 11 May. 7 pairs Kingscross; 3 pairs Whiting Bay; 2 pairs Glenashdale; 4 pairs Lamlash/Clauchlands; 6 pairs Kildonan/Bennan; 2 pairs Machrie; 2 pairs Auchencar; 1 pair Dunfion; 1 pair Corrygills; 1 pair Imachar; 1 pair Blackwaterfoot; pair with young Kilpatrick 1 Aug. Total 31 pairs.

GARDEN WARBLER: 5 pairs Lamlash; heard Sannox 1 Jun.

BLACKCAP: Singing Brodick 25 May; Glenashdale 2 Jul; Glen Cloy 10 Jul. Winter: 12 ringed Sannox 29 Sep - 17 Oct (JSP); 1 Merkland 16 Nov; 1 Sannox 7 Dec.

WOOD WARBLER: First heard Merkland 6 May; 5 singing Catacol, nest with eggs 1 Jun; 3 singing Merkland 13 May; 1 Sannox 1 Jun; 1 Lochranza 2 Jun; 1 Glen Cloy 28 Jun - 2 Jul.

CHIFFCHAFF: First arrival Kingscross 27 Mar; 2 on 30 Mar; 3 in song Lamlash; 5 Brodick; 4 Glenashdale; 2 Sannox.

WILLOW WARBLER: Arr Sannox 2 Apr; 7 singing within 200 yds Kingscross 20 Apr; most common warbler - almost everywhere! Family Lochranza 30 Jun; last Clauchlands 5 Oct.

GOLDCREST: Several Auchareoch 29 Mar; pair Kingscross 30 Mar; 2 pairs Merkland reared 8 young; 4 singing Kingscross 19 May; 6 pairs Brodick; 4 pairs Lamlash; family Glenashdale 2 Jul; 1 N Sannox 2 Jul. Singles seen many parts. 6 Kingscross 12 Sep.

SPOTTED FLYCATCHER: 5 pairs Brodick Castle; several pairs Altachorvie; 2 pairs Catacol; 2 pairs Torbeg; 2 pairs Glen Cloy; 2 pairs Merkland; pair 3 young Lochranza 30 Jun; 2 families Machrie 1 Aug; max 20 Kingscross 1 Aug; 1 Glenree 9 Aug; last Kingscross 12 Sep.

PIED FLYCATCHER: F Merkland 20 May; pair Fairy Dell, Lochranza, May.

LONG-TAILED TIT: Pairs Glenashdale; Kingscross; Lamlash forestry; Sannox; Merkland; Fallen Rocks; N Glen Sannox; families Kingscross; Merkland; Glenree; Auchencairn; Sannox. Max 20 Glaister 14 Aug.

WILLOW TIT: Possible Goatfell path 24 Jul (GS).

COAL TIT: Fairly common in forestry and woodland. Young seen Merkland 10 Jun; Brodick 12 Jun; Glenashdale 2 Jul.

BLUE TIT: Most common Tit. Many pairs with young.

GREAT TIT: Fairly widespread. Nested ground level crevice in tree Brodick; nest box used Merkland; family Thundergay; family Lochranza. Pairs noted most parts.

TREE CREEPER: Min 12 pairs noted. With young Glen Cloy; Brodick cemetery; Merkland.

JACKDAW: Max 2000 +, no change.

ROOK: 1 imm Boguillie 14 Aug; 1 Glenree 10 Aug with Hooded Crows.

CARRION CROW: (50 mixed Hooded) Kilmory 4 Jan;

HOODED CROW: 20 Ross 5 Apr. A few Hybrids seen.

RAVEN: Good season. 14 pairs reared 13 young (2 pairs reared 3 each, 2 pairs reared 2 each, 3 pairs reared 1 each).

STARLING: Usual numbers bred. Counts inc 60 Machrie 1 Jul; 60 Corriecravie 6 Sep.

HOUSE SPARROW: Locally common. 16 Kildonan 10 Jul.

CHAFFINCH: Many nests and young. Counts inc 100 Dippen 1 Jan; 500 Torgeg 8 Mar; 500 Glen Cloy 4 Nov; 500 Brodick 3 Dec.

BRAMBLING: 1 with Chaffinches Dippen 15 Mar - only one!

GREENFINCH: 12 pairs noted. Not common, max 60 Dippen 16 Feb.

GOLDFINCH: 9 pairs noted. Pair with young Kildonan 5 Jun; imm Corrie 30 Jun; max 16 Sannox 30 Nov.

SISKIN: Pairs bred in forestry, also Sannox, Altachorvie, Merkland, Brodick. Max 75 Merkland 10 Nov.

LINNET: Common, many pairs with young. Counts inc max 40 Kilpatrick 6 Sep; 25 Ross 8 Aug; 30 Kingscross 13 Aug.

TWITE: Very few. 3 Kilpatrick 6 Sep; 6 Machrie 17 Sep.

REDPOLL: 3 Kingscross 9 May; 1 Sannox 8 Jul; 1 Glaister 14 Aug; not seen winter. 2 Mealy Redpolls C F Flammie Clauchlands 5 Oct. First record for Arran (MHD).

CROSSBILL: M Auchareoch 29 Mar; M Clauchlands forestry 30 May.

BULLFINCH: Increase, 20 + pairs; 5 at one nest 6 eggs Sannox, no success.

SNOW BUNTING: 1 Goatfell 15 Oct; 11 Machrie 27 Oct (LP).

YELLOWHAMMER: 2 Brodick, spring; 2 pairs Lagg May and Jun; 1 Bennan 4 May and 10 Jul; 1 Cleiteadh 10 Aug; 4 Blackwaterfoot, summer. Winter 3 Kildonan 1 Jan.

REED BUNTING: F Ross 25 Apr; M Glenscorradale, M Kingscross 4 May; pair N Glen Sannox 24 May, F and imm Heights 2 Jun; F with food Dougrie 21 Jun; M Lochranza 2 Jul; imm Clauchlands 13 Sep; 3 Glen Cloy 16 Sep. Winter 1 Dippen 15 Mar.

Omission. **STONECHAT:** Pr Goatfell 16 Dec.

Corrections to the 1980 Report

Red-footed Falcon not accepted by BBRC (British Birds Rarities Committee).

CHECK-LIST 1982 by MARGARET H DUNN

(Arranged in Zoous order of classification)

STATUS

RESIDENT: the species is present throughout the year although different populations might be involved at different times of the year. An example of this is Redshank, the birds breeding within our area mostly winter outside Scotland and a different population consisting of mainly Icelandic breeding birds is present during winter, but for simplification it is treated as a resident species.

COMMON: the species occurs in good numbers and is widely distributed.

UNCOMMON: the species is not common but occurs within the area every year.

OCCASIONAL: there are at least seven records for the species in the area, but although there may be records most years, it does not occur every year.

VAGRANT: generally there are not more than six records for a species to be treated as vagrant. There may however be more if most are old records with no more than one or two in recent years.

LOCAL: this species has a limited distribution within the area, but within its range may be common.

The symbols, except in the case of 'B*' and 'V', are used in pairs to indicate the seasons when present and the status of the species within those seasons. Where a species' status changes at different times of the year two or more couplets are used.

The status of most species in this check-list updated 1982 are from 1800 to 1982. For any records before 1956 I referred to Gibson 'An Atlas of Arran Vertebrates' published 1975 and McWilliam 'The Birds of the Firth of Clyde'. Reference has also been made to Dr. J. A. Gibson's 'Regional Check-list of Clyde Birds' Second Edition 1981. I would like to thank Ron Forrester who produced an Arran check-list in 1976 'Clyde Bird Report' for permission to use his status symbols.

STATUS SYMBOLS

- R — Resident (Breeds)
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- R** — Resident (No breeding records)
- S — Summer visitor (Breeds)
- S* — Summer visitor (No recent breeding records)
- S** — Summer visitor (No breeding records)
- W — Winter visitor
- P — Passage migrant
- B* — Formerly bred (No recent breeding records)
- C — Common
- U — Uncommon
- L — Local
- O — Occasional
- V — Vagrant

Red-throated Diver	RC	Lady Amherst's Pheasant	V
Black-throated Diver	RU/PC	Water Rail	RU
Great Northern Diver	S**U/WU/PC	Spotted Crake	V
Little Grebe	R*U	Corncrake	S*
Great Crested Grebe	WO	Moorhen	RU
Red-necked Grebe	V	Coot	WO
Slavonian Grebe	V	Oystercatcher	RC
Black-necked Grebe	V	Ringed Plover	RC
Fulmar	SC/WU	Dotterel	V
Sooty Shearwater	V	Golden Plover	SU/WC
Manx Shearwater	S**O/PU	Grey Plover	PU
Storm Petrel	PU	Lapwing	RC
Leach's Petrel	V	Knot	PO
Gannet	S**C/WU	Sanderling	PU
Cormorant	RC	Curlew Sandpiper	V
Shag	RC	Purple Sandpiper	WL
Bittern	V	Little Stint	V
Grey Heron	RC	Dunlin	SL/WU/PU
Spoonbill	V	Jack Snipe	WO
Mute Swan	R*U	Snipe	RC
Whooper Swan	WU/PU	Woodcock	RC
Pink-footed Goose	WO	Black-tailed Godwit	V
White-fronted Goose	WU/PU	Bar-tailed Godwit	WO/PU
Greylag Goose	WC/PC	Whimbrel	PU
Canada Goose	R*/PO	Curlew	RC
Barnacle Goose	WO	Spotted Redshank	PO
Brent Goose	V	Redshank	RC
Shelduck	RC	Greenshank	WU/PU
Wigeon	S*O/WC	Green Sandpiper	V
Teal	SU/WC	Common Sandpiper	SC
Mallard	RC	Turnstone	S**U/WC/PC
Pintail	PO	Grey Phalarope	V
Shoveler	R*	Pomarine Skua	V
Pochard	WO	Arctic Skua	S**U/PC
Tufted Duck	WO	Great Skua	V
Scaup	WO	Little Gull	V
Eider	RC	Sabine's Gull	V
King Eider	S**U	Black-headed Gull	RC
Long-tailed Duck	WO	Common Gull	RC
Scoter	WO	Lesser Black-backed Gull	SC/WU
Velvet Scoter	WO	Herring Gull	RC
Goldeneye	WC	Glaucous Gull	V
Smew	WO	Iceland Gull	V
Red-breasted Merganser	RC	Great Black-backed Gull	RC
Goosander	PO	Kittiwake	B*SU/WC/PC
Red Kite	B*	Ivory Gull	V
White-tailed Eagle	B*	Sandwich Tern	S**U/PC
Hen Harrier	RC	Roseate Tern	B*V
Goshawk	S**	Common Tern	SL/PC
Sparrowhawk	RC	Artic Tern	SL/PC
Buzzard	RC	Little Tern	V
Rough-legged Buzzard	V	Guillemot	R**C
Golden Eagle	RU	Razorbill	R**C
Osprey	B*/PO	Black Guillemot	RU
Hobby	V	Little Auk	V
Kestrel	RC	Puffin	V
Red-footed Falcon	V	Pallas's Sandgrouse	V
Merlin	RU	Rock Dove	RC
Peregrine	RU	Stock Dove	RU
Red Grouse	RC	Woodpigeon	RC
Ptarmigan	RU	Collared Dove	RC
Black Grouse	RU	Turtle Dove	V
Capercaillie	B*	Cuckoo	SC
Grey Partridge	R*U	Barn Owl	RC
Quail	B*/V	Tawny Owl	RU
Pheasant	RC	Long-eared Owl	RU

Short-eared Owl	RC	Chiffchaff	SC/PC
Nightjar	SC	Willow Warbler	SC/PC
Swift	S*U/PU	Goldcrest	RC
Kingfisher	R*U	Spotted Flycatcher	SC
Hoopoe	V	Pied Flycatcher	S**U
Great Spotted Woodpecker	R*O	Long-tailed Tit	RC
Skylark	RC	Willow Tit	RU
Sand Martin	SL	Coat Tit	RC
Swallow	SC	Blue Tit	RC
House Martin	SC	Great Tit	RC
Tree Pipit	SC	Treecreeper	RC
Meadow Pipit	RC	Golden Oriole	V
Rock Pipit	RC	Red-backed Shrike	V
Yellow Wagtail	B*	Great Grey Shrike	V
Grey Wagtail	RC	Jay	B*/PO
White Wagtail	B*/PC	Magpie	B*/PO
Pied Wagtail	RC	Chough	B*
Waxwing	WO	Jackdaw	RC
Dipper	RU	Rook	B*/WU
Wren	RC	Carrion Crow	RC
Duncock	RC	Hooded Crow	RC
Robin	RC	Raven	RU
Black Redstart	WO/PO	Starling	RC
Redstart	SU	House Sparrow	RC
Whinchat	SC	Tree Sparrow	R*
Stonechat	SC/WU	Chaffinch	RC
Wheatear	SC/PC	Brambling	WU
Ring Ouzel	SU	Greenfinch	RC
Blackbird	RC	Goldfinch	RC
Fieldfare	WC/PC	Siskin	RC
Song Thrush	RC	Linnet	RC
Redwing	WC/PC	Twite	R*U
Mistle Thrush	RC	Redpoll	SL/WU/PU
Grasshopper Warbler	SL	Crossbill	RU
Sedge Warbler	SC	Bullfinch	RC
Lesser Whitethroat	V	Snow Bunting	WU
Whitethroat	SC	Yellowhammer	RL
Garden Warbler	SL	Reed Bunting	RC
Blackcap	SL/WU	Corn Bunting	B*
Wood Warbler	SL	Red-headed Bunting	PO

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