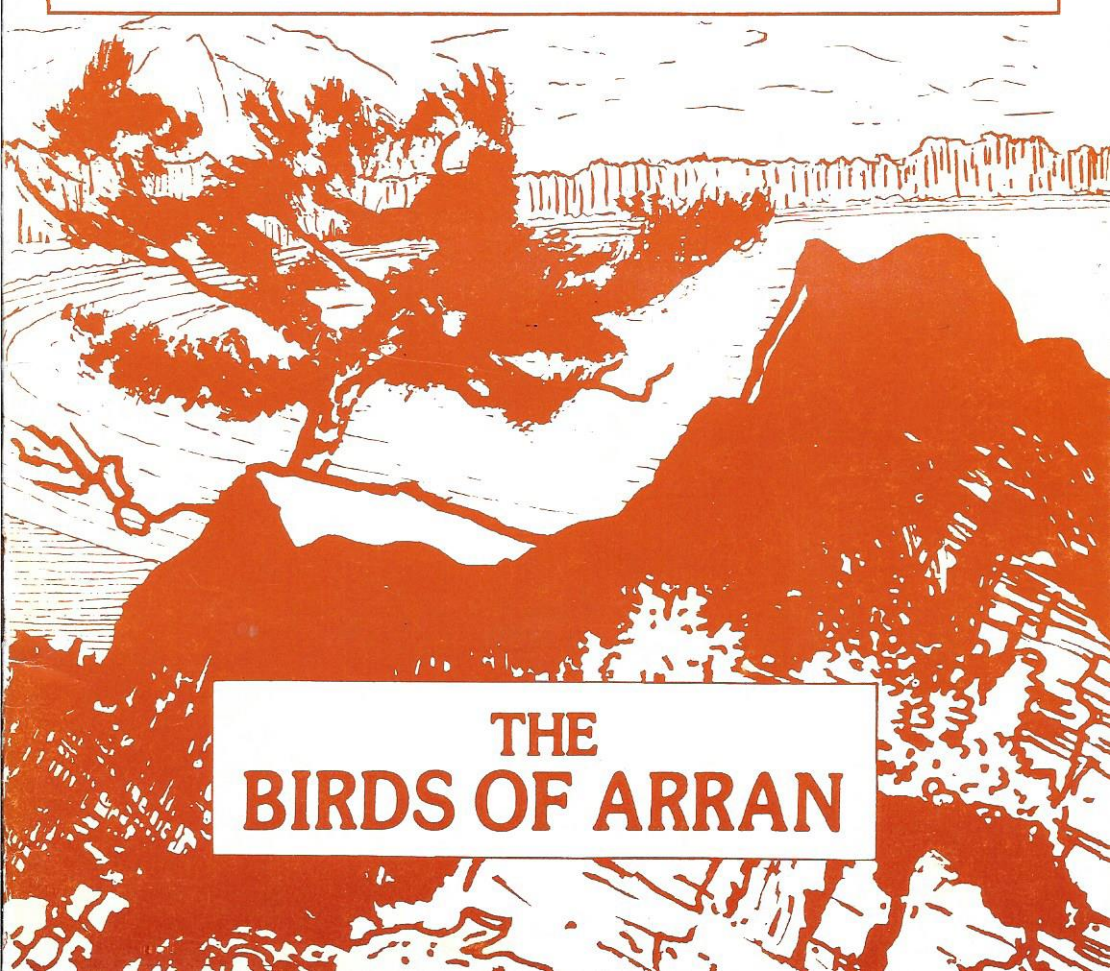


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INTRODUCTION

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ABBREVIATIONS

♂:	male
♀:	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
pr:	pair

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SUMMARY OF THE YEAR

January A blustery beginning with gales rain and hail from 1st-3rd revealed a lone Velvet Scoter near Merkland, but Eider were courting at Corrygills by 12th. The advent of snow and frost from 14th caused an amazing total of 67 Stonechats to inhabit the shore levels along with 2 Snow Buntings at Sannox while 3 Snow Buntings kept a Ptarmigan company on Goatfell on 16th. This big weather movement followed by thunder, gales and more snow and frost brought some unusual visitors to bird tables such as Crossbill, Snow Bunting, Brambling and Rook. 15 Brambling in Glen Cloy and 10 Snow Bunting at Clauchlands Hill delighted observers on 24th. Snow also caused a Golden Eagle to come down to the String at Dereneneach. 200 Redwings and Fieldfares were at Auchencairn and 300 at Kildonan on 22nd. Biggest surprise also on 22nd must be a Coot on rocks in the sea at Whiting Bay blown over from mainland by a south east gale. 2 Great Northern Divers, 59 Red-breasted Mergansers and 32 Shags also sought shelter. 2 White-fronted Geese were unexpected in North Glen Sannox on 27th and the wintering Greylags reached 500 in Shiskine on 31st, having eaten Robertsons' grass and carrots.

February A Grey Plover appeared at Lamlash from 24 Jan - 6 Feb. Also on 6th an unexpected Tufted Duck visited Brodick Pier briefly. An oil slick off Kildonan on 10th killed many seabirds including 15 Razorbills, a few Guillemots and Gulls, while a Great Northern Diver was cleaned and looked after by Tony Church at Lochranza. 2 Purple Sandpipers were at Blackwaterfoot on 26th and 400 Rooks was a big number at Shiskine while a pair of Golden Plover on territory near Loch Nuis with song and courtship display gave a delightful lift to February. 2 Redpolls were at Marnaheglish on 29th and 2 Lesser Black-backed Gulls arrived back at Lamlash. Rain, hail and wind prevailed at the beginning of the month with a mild spell from 9th-19th, then back to the cold east wind which was the main feature although there were some sunny mild days.

March As expected March contained much wind, but was mainly dry with some mild spells which encouraged the Herons to start nest building early at Lamlash. A pair of Sparrowhawks gave the inmates a fright at an aviary in Whiting Bay on 10th. A Glaucous Gull followed the ferry on 15th and remained at brodick for 2 months. 14 Yellowhammers were still in a flock at Kilmory on 18th while 12 Shelduck fought for territory at Kildonan. A Merlin was discovered at Corrie on 19th and a Pochard at Lamlash on 21st. A Barn Owl was at Largybeg on 24th and 2 early Wheatears arrived at Cleiteadh on 25th. In late March 6 Golden Eagles, while being a magnificent sight, were viewed with mixed feelings as meaning they were unlikely to be breeding.

April April began with a cold north east wind which continued cold but fair. The first of what proved to be an exciting month found an Iceland Gull at Whiting Bay which remained until 12th May and a Magpie (rare for Arran) at Kings Cross for most of April until it decided to visit Lamlash and Lagg. Chiffchaffs were late with none heard until 11th at Brodick and a Willow Warbler at Kings Cross on 13th. 20 Quail were most unusual feeding in a field at Bennecarrigan on 13th and 14th and a shy Water Rail was discovered at Clauchlands. On 14th a strong south wind caused a Roseate Tern to fish close in at a sheltered bay in Pirnmill, a Common Sandpiper to arrive at Catacol, 2 White Wagtails to be at Kildonan and a Yellow Wagtail to be at Brodick. 15th saw the arrival of a Black Redstart at Lamlash and a Swallow at Strathwillan. A Common Redstart was singing at North Glen Sannox on 19th and a female Goosander was at Loch Iorsa. On 20th a now scarce Moorhen was at Brodick, the first Cuckoos were heard at Kildonan and Glen Rosa, while the last Fieldfares were departing. Warmer weather coupled with clear skies on 22nd brought a Tree Pipit to Kings Cross, and a House Martin to Lamlash. Sedge Warblers had reached Bannan and a pair of Ring Ouzels were at Catacol by 29th. During the month there was the usual movement of Divers mainly in Kilbrannan Sound with three species seen. The month closed on 30th with the arrival at Kings Cross of a Blackcap.

May A continuation of high pressure allowed the main arrivals of summer visitors to take place. A Wood Warbler arrived at Brodick on 1st, a Whinchat near Corrie on 2nd while 2 Roseate Terns were at Dougrie on 5th. A Spotted Flycatcher came to Brodick and a

Whitethroat to Whiting Bay on 6th, although numbers of Hirundines remained low until well into the month. An out of season Grey Plover turned up at Dougrie on 9th and an interesting male Goosander at Machrie on 12th. A Garden Warbler was at North Sannox on 18th but only 2 Sand Martins had arrived at Dougrie by 19th. A Sanderling was on passage at Blackwaterfoot on 20th with 3 at Machrie on 31st. A male Hen Harrier killed a Blackbird at Lamlash on 23rd which startled more than a few observers. Swifts first appearance was at Kildonan with 4 on 29th.

June Blazing June lived up to its name in part only, as cooler weather with rain occurred on 10 of the days. Terns were in view on 1st with 4 Common Terns at Pirmill, 2 Sandwich Terns at Kildonan and 6 Arctic Terns at Machrie-Dougrie. Only 4 Arctic Terns present at Machrie is a big drop from 24 in 1983. Nightjars were late in arriving with the first not heard in Brodick until 5th, however, they later appeared, thankfully, in their usual numbers. A rarity in the form of a possible Black Wheatear caused a stir at Blackwaterfoot on 11th-15th. A lone Pink-footed Goose was at Catacol from 20th-26th. A Grasshopper Warbler, at Brodick during the month, was the only one heard. Being non-breeders Swifts are always interesting with 12 scything through the still warm air on 22nd. A Buzzard with a snake dangling winged its way over the Boguillie on 30th, and the month ended quietly with a Barn Owl asleep in a rock crevice at Machrie.

July Basking in some really hot sun, July was quiet, although some movement occurred on 7th when off Brodick, seen from the ferry were a Leach's Petrel, 4 Storm Petrels and 2 Great Skuas. Blackwaterfoot produced a solitary Bar-tailed Godwit on 16th and a Corncrake (sadly a declining species) which had also been heard in Lamlash. 9 Buzzards soared in the Ross on 22nd with 7 in one thermal. The leucistic Thrush showed up in Lochranza for 2 days and a leucistic "Hoodie" was at Kings Cross on 24th. A Knot was in full summer plumage at Machrie on 25th while small numbers of Swifts were again seen with 14 at Lamlash on 29th.

August August turned out to be lively in spite of the drought which continued until 28th. 10 Sandwich Terns including juveniles were on passage at Clachlands on 5th remaining for 6-8 weeks. 1000 Gannets were giving spectacular diving displays in Kilbrannan on 7th. 40 Long-tailed Tits was a fair number at Auchencairn on 8th. The Brodick-Ardrossan crossing again revealed 4 Storm Petrels and 20 Guillemots on 11th-12th. 3 Black Guillemots were at Whiting Bay on 14th and 3 Knot at Kildonan on 17th. Kittiwakes began to trickle into Whiting Bay with 8 on 15th building to 50 on 17th and good numbers immatures at Sannox on 19th. An early male Goldeneye was at Kings Cross Point on 18th and 15 Redpolls were feeding at Kings Cross on 21st, which also held good numbers of Hirundines with 100 on 24th. Machrie showed some passage with a Greenshank, 8 Dunlin and 3 Knot on 25th, and a lonely Fulmar chick in nest on 26th. A flock of 100 Siskins rounded off the month at Gortonallister on 30th.

September Passage continued on 1st-3rd with 2 White Wagtails, 5 Grey Wagtails at Clachlands with minimum 1000 Pied Wagtails round entire island. A Great Skua followed the ferry to Brodick on 2nd while 1 on the shoreline at Catacol on 9th was a surprise, and another was south east of Kildonan on 11th. Tawny Owls were hooting at new locations on 4th at Catacol and Whiting Bay. Also on 4th a northerly gale brought a big movement of Manx Shearwaters up Kilbrannan Sound with 1000 in 1 hour. During another large passage of Manx Shearwaters on 9th off Pladda, a Cory's Shearwater was seen. If accepted this would be a 1st record for Arran. An incredible 14 Buzzards soared above the Ross eastern hills on 5th and 12 Red-legged Partridges were at Dougrie on 6th. A Peregrine at Kings Cross on 8th mobbed by Starlings, turned and half-heartedly attacked one but was obviously not interested. Also on 8th the last Spotted Flycatcher was at Brodick. A Bar-tailed Godwit was at Torrylinwater Foot on 11th, the same date and place as last year while Guillemots peaked at 500 at Kildonan. A small passage of 12 Golden Plover occurred in Glen Chalmadale on 17th and a male Pintail was unusual at Kings Cross Point on 19th. A large movement of all adult Gannets took place past Corrie on 21st with 1000 south in 2 hours. On 23rd an unfortunate adult Peregrine died after collision with overhead wires while a Greenshank and 12 Twite were at Blackwaterfoot.

October October began with a mild spell and some warm north west winds on 4th and 5th. The last 2 Sandwich Terns were in Lamlash Bay on 2nd while Whiting Bay held 98

Red-breasted Mergansers. Auks figured more frequently with a rare Little Auk off Catacol on 7th, 4 Puffins off Laggan on 9th, 1 off Lochranza on 11th and many Guillemots and Razorbills round the island during the month. A Common Scoter was uncommon at North Sannox on 8th while on 9th a Greenshank remained at Machriewaterfoot and a solitary Black Grouse above Laggan was the only one seen during the year. Winter visitors were arriving with flocks of 100 Redwings at Kilmory and Kings Cross on 8th, a Brambling at Clachlands on 9th and 8 Bramblings at Lochranza on 11th. The last 2 Wheatears were at Clachlands on 7th and 2 Corn Bunting was a real find at Brodick for a species not recorded on Arran for over quarter of a century. A Great Grey Shrike appeared at Gortonallister on 17th while the last 4 Swallows were at Whiting Bay on 18th. An exciting Kingfisher flew south past Clachlands Point on 22nd and a passage of 12+ Blackcaps took place at Sannox from 23rd to the end of December, with only 1 Garden Warbler. 7 Great Northern Divers was a fair number at Dougrie on 24th. Small numbers of Greylags began to arrive at the end of the month.

November Early November was dominated by cold east winds but 8 late House Martins were still at Brodick on 3rd. A large fall of Thrushes occurred on 4th with 1500 Fieldfares and Redwings seeking food and shelter in Glen Cloy and a Kingfisher at Rosa Burn. Snow Buntings added a wintry touch with 3 on North Goatfell on 5th and 7 on Staccach Ridge on 26th. 8 Bar-tailed Godwits were revealed at Corrie on 11th and a Black Redstart at Brodick on 12th. Kildonan on 19th had 5 Red-throated Divers, 10 Yellowhammers and 8 Twites. Fulmars were on ledges at Bennan on 26th and 130 Shags were at Brown Head. Also on 26th, 2 White-fronted Geese were at Shiskine and numbers of Greylags reached 200 by end of the month which ended on a sad note with a dead Water Rail in Glen Rosa on 30th.

December Low pressure prevailed through most of the month with little movement in birds. 300 Rooks wintered at Shiskine, while wintering single Blackcaps were at Kildonan on 3rd and Whiting Bay on 18th. A Great Northern and a Red-throated Diver were in Whiting Bay on 9th while a pair of Dippers was at Glenashdale. 16th found 44 Teal at Cleiteadh, 15 Scaup at Slidriewaterfoot and 50 Greenfinch at Kilmory. 2 Bullfinch were at Kings Cross on 18th and the leucistic Crow had taken up residence in Lamlash. 2 Mute Swans ended the year quietly at Lamlash on 31st.

SYSTEMATIC LIST

RED-THROATED DIVER: 12 prs on breeding lochans; successful on 2 lochans; many nests with eggs failed. Many sightings inc. 6 Rubha Airigh Bheirg 6 Sep, 6 Kildonan 19-20 Nov.

BLACK-THROATED DIVER: 1 pr Drumadoon 9 Apr; 2 Catacol, 1 Pirnmill 27 Apr; 2 Pirnmill 18 Aug.

GREAT NORTHERN DIVER: Many sightings Jan-May, Oct-Dec, mainly singles and prs. Counts inc 7 Dougrie 24 Oct.

LITTLE GREBE: 2 wintered Kingscross - Cordon; singles Brodick 23 Oct, Lochranza 29 Nov.

SLAVONIAN GREBE: 1. Brodick 12 Mar is first seen since 1981 (MHD).

FULMAR: 50 prs Dunfion, 50 prs Dippen, 50+ prs Bennan, 25 prs Drumadoon, 20 prs Catacol, 18 prs Brown Head, 9 prs Machrie, 6 prs Holy Isle, 6+ prs Corriecravie, 4 prs Largybeg inland cliffs, 2 prs Imachar. Total 240 prs. Still expanding although few young. 1 young Machrie 26 Aug, 1 young Drumadoon 2 Sep, 2 prs Catacol 24 Sep. Late singles Drumadoon 24 Oct, Bennan 26 Oct. Many on ledges Bennan 26 Nov.

CORY'S SHEARWATER: 1 N Kildonan 9 Sep is 1st Arran record (MHD, CA).

MANX SHEARWATER: 6 overtook "Isle of Arran" Ardrossan-Brodick 28 May, then S on nearing Brodick. Counts inc feeding birds for which direction not always given: 10 Ardrossan - Brodick, 10 N Machrie 10 Jul; 22 off Dippen 14 Aug; 32 Brodick 13 Sep. Max 1000 N Pladda in 1 hr 4 Sep; 600 S in 1 hr Kilbrannan 9 Sep; last 2 S Drumadoon 24 Oct.

STORM PETREL: 4 Ardrossan - Brodick 7 Jul; 4 off Brodick 12 Aug.

LEACH'S PETREL: 1 Ardrossan - Brodick 7 Jul (per 1P).

GANNET: 1st 1 Whiting Bay 19 Feb; 100 Ardrossan - Brodick 1st Mar; Many fishing round island Mar-Oct, Max counts inc 1000 Kilbrannan 7 Aug; 200 Whiting Bay 15 Aug; 1000 S in 2 hrs Corrie 21 Sep; 1000 Kilbrannan 7 Aug; large movement S Whiting Bay 10 Oct.

CORMORANT: Possibly bred Holy Isle and S Arran where present summer - 26 Nov. Counts inc 20 Pladda 14 Aug; 22 Brodick 7 Oct; 26 Clachlands Pt 12 Oct; 20 Cock of Arran 2 Oct.

SHAG: Breeding: 10 prs Holy Isle 29 May Counts inc 15 imm. Bennan 29 Apr; 32 Whiting Bay 22 Jan; 28 Brown Head 26 Feb and 130 on 26 Nov; 30 Hamilton Rock most months; 60-100 Kildonan 17 Aug - 26 Nov.

GREY HERON: 22 nests with young: 8 Whitehouse Lamlash, 1 Lamlash with 2 young, lost 1 to a Buzzard; 7 Brodick Country Park; 2 Stronach Brodick, 2 Lagg, 1 Whiting Bay, 1 Machrie. Counts inc 5 Corrie - Brodick 12-17 Jul; 6 Loch a Mhùilein often seen.

MUTE SWAN: Pr Lochranza did not breed, joined by a single 20 Mar - 25 Apr; Pr. Lamlash Jan - 19 Mar, 27 Sep - 31 Dec; 1 Whiting Bay 10-18 Mar, 2 on 17-26 Dec; pr Machriewaterfoot 3 Apr sometimes seen Catacol is probably resident Lochranza pr; separate pr. Brodick 2 Sep - 21 Oct when usual pr at Lochranza.

WHOOPEE SWAN: 30 S off Lamlash 27 Sep (AW).

PINK-FOOTED GOOSE: 1 Dunan Brodick joined domestic geese end June and has wintered; 1 Catacol 20-26 June could be same one.

WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE: 2 North Glen Sannox 27 Jan (AR); 2 Shiskine 26 Nov (MHD).

GREYLAG GOOSE: 20 Kings Cross, 70 Clachlands 25 Jan (same 70 Whiting Bay 4 Feb also seen other dates); Max 500 Shiskine 31 Jan, 213 on 4-31 Mar; last Spring 25 left 15 Apr. Arrived back in small numbers; 6 S Lochranza 8 Oct, 25 Shiskine 26 Nov built up to 200 by end Nov. Numbers down.

CANADA GOOSE: 5 Brodick - Lamlash 6 June and 10 Nov found to be domestic. Canada Goose mated with a Chinese Goose (recently flown in) and produced 4 Hybrids.

SHELDUCK: 29 prs yet only 4 prs produced 19 young. No young at established breeding sites Merkland and Clachlands where normally successful. Counts inc 21 Machriewaterfoot 3 Apr; 14 Kildonan - Bennan 18 Mar. Last 7 Port na Fennaiche 22 Jul.

WIGEON: Max 56 Clachlands 20 Jan; 8 Kildonan 22 Jan; 4 Whiting Bay 19 Feb; 2 Cleiteadh 25 Mar; 10 Machriewaterfoot 3 Apr; return: single Clachlands 16 Sep, 12 on 22 Oct; 18 Machriewaterfoot 18 Nov; 4 Cleiteadh 16 Dec.

TEAL: 3 prs Machriewaterfoot 3-13 Apr probably nested, also probably Balnacoolie; 3 lorsa lochan Jul. Counts inc 3 Cleiteadh 18 Sep; 30 Machriewaterfoot 20 Sep and 23 Oct; 14 Kilpatrick 18 Nov; Max 44 Cleiteadh 16 Dec.

MALLARD: 3 prs Aird Nan Ron 22 Apr; 9 young Machrie 12 May; pr lost all young Cordon by 21 May; 2 young Lamlash 26 May; 7 young Cloy Burn 8 Jul; pr Corrie - Sannox 2 young 29 May. Counts inc 21 Clachlands 19 Mar and 3 Sep; 25 Port na Fennaiche 17 June; 29 Lochranza 8 Oct; 60 Machriewaterfoot 23 Oct; Max 200 Shedge Oct.

PINTAIL: 10 Kings Cross Pt. 19 Sep (AM).

POCHARD: 1 Lamlash 21 Mar (HA).

TUFTED DUCK: 1 with Eiders Brodick 6 Feb (CW).

SCAUP: 15 Sliderrywater Foot 16 Dec (MHD, AW).

EIDER: 37 prs. with 58 young. Counts inc 30 in prs Kildonan - Bennan 29 Apr; 20 Brodick - Sannox Jan; 32 in prs Catacol - Pirnmill Apr; 40 Machriewaterfoot 10 June; 60 on 22 Oct; 50 Blackwaterfoot - Lochranza 17 June; 25 Imachar - Whitefarland 11 Jul; 25 Sannox 6 Sep; 22 Lochranza 11 Oct; 38 Whiting Bay - Largybeg 26 Nov.

COMMON SCOTER: Single North Sannox 8 Oct (CPC).

VELVET SCOTER: 1 Brodick - Corrie 2 Jan (JW).

GOLDENEYE: Corrie - Sannox 5 Jan; 7 Lamlash 27 Jan; 2 Whiting Bay, 2 Kildonan 22 Jan; 11 Kerr's Port 2 Feb; 4 Carlo 25 Jan; 5 Merklund 2 Feb; 10 Lochranza 29 Feb; Lochranza 11 Apr; pr Loch na Leirg 3 Nov; 3 Blackwaterfoot 18 Nov; 5 Clauchlands 20 Nov.

RED-BREADED MERGANSER: 5 ♀♀ with 33 young. Many prs and non breeders. Counts inc 59 Whiting Bay 22 Jan; 16 Lamlash 25 Jan - 15 Apr; 65 Machriewaterfoot 24 May; 25 Pirnmill 10 Jul, 6 Sep; 64 Machrie - Dougrie 8 Aug; 32 Lamlash 4 Oct; Max 98 Whiting Bay 6 Oct; 41 Brodick 9 Oct; 22 Lochranza 11 Oct; 11 Kildonan 12 Oct.

GOOSANDER: ♀ Loch Iorsa 16 Mar and probably same ♀ Loch Tanna Apr - May (TC), ♂ Machriewaterfoot with 60 Mergansers 12 May - 10 June (MHD); ♂ Lochranza - Sannox 21 Sep (J Wh).

HEN HARRIER: 10+ territories, 8 young. Many sightings of singles and prs throughout year. 3 Glen Cloy 23 Nov. Dec only month not recorded.

SPARROWHAWK: 15 prs shows steady increase over last few years. 2 prs, 6 young Brodick Country Park 3 June.

BUZZARD: Plentiful and seen most parts. 24 territories. Max 14 Ross Road 4 Sep.

GOLDEN EAGLE: No young from 2 prs. Pr built 2 nests at one site but no eggs. Good spring and summer. 6 North Arran 15 Mar; pr Kildonan 20 Apr was unusual. Many other sightings over high ground.

KESTREL: Better year with 15 prs. Pr 3 well grown young Machrie 21 Jul; pr, 2 young Glen Catacol 27 Jul; nest Bennan late June; 4 Imachar 29 Jul; fledged young Corriegills Jul.

MERLIN: At least 3 territories. ♀ Rubha Salach 19, 22 Mar; ♀ Kings Cross 4, 13 Apr; singles Machrie 25 May; Sannox 30 June; Catacol 4 Sep; Bennecarrigan 10 Oct; Shiskine 12 Nov.

PEREGRINE: 4 successful prs reared 14 young. Eggs found smashed at one site, possibly high in PCB's. 1 died Lamlash 26 Sep after collision with overhead wires.

RED GROUSE: Small numbers. Counts inc 1 at sea level in severe weather Lochranza 23 Jan; 7 Corein Lochain 31 Aug; 9 on 14 Nov; pr Loch Tanna 17 June; 4 Glenshant 22 Aug.

PTARMIGAN: Appears to be decreasing. Singles North Goatfell 16 Jan (DWW); Western Hills 11 Oct (VS); Mulloch Buidhe 28 Nov and 1 dead (NM).

BLACK GROUSE: 1 ♂ above Laggan 9 Oct (CPC) is only one seen and in roughly same area as when last seen in 1982.

RED-LEGGED PARTRIDGE: 12 released birds Dougrie 6 Sep, 10 on 4 Dec. (MHD).

GREY PARTRIDGE: 12 released Dippen, 4 Bennecarrigan 1st Sept (BS).

QUAIL: 3 Bennecarrigan 12 Apr, 20 on 13 and 14 Apr (CL, MHD).

PHEASANT: Few ♀♀ early part year. 2 Families Clauchan Glen 16 June; pr, 6 young Kings Cross 8 Sep. Singles most parts. Plentiful Brodick.

WATER RAIL: 1 Clauchlands 19 Mar (AW); 1 dead Glen Rosa 30 Nov (per I S).

CORNCRAKE: 1 calling Kilpatrick (per AC) 16 Jul; 1 Clauchlands early Jul (MO); both in wet meadows.

MOORHEN: 1 Brodick 20 Apr (JM) is only record. None nested Bennecarrigan.

COOT: 1 Brodick Pier in sea 8-9 Jan (LM).

OYSTERCATCHER: 4 prs Aird Nan Ron 22 Apr; 2 prs Catacol, 2 prs Pirnmill, 3 prs Lochranza Apr; pr Sannox 26 May; pr Corrie 27 May; 4 prs Kildonan 29 May; pr, 1 young Holy Isle 29 May; pr, 1 young Brodick 7 June; nest Dougrie 10 June; several prs, nests/young Port Na Fennaiche 17 June. Counts inc 70 Machrie 17 June, 10 Jul; 30 Imachar - Whitefarland 11 Jul; 52 Brodick 9 Oct; 26 Kildonan 12 Oct; 55 Clauchlands 18 Oct; 50 Whiting Bay 11 Nov; 45 Cleiteadh 2 Dec.

RINGED PLOVER: Minimum 27 prs noted with c 35 young. Most prs reared 1 or 2 young but 3 well grown young with ♀ Brodick 11 Jul. Counts inc 80 Blackwaterfoot 30 Aug; 70 Whiting Bay 14 Oct; 52 Dunfion 15 Sep; 27 Cleiteadh 16 Dec; several flocks of c 20 elsewhere.

- GOLDEN PLOVER:** 2 on territory Ben Nuis 26 Feb; nest 3 eggs near Loch Tanna 31 May; 12 prs total noted. Counts inc 5 Catacol 21-28 Apr; 12 S Glen Chalmadale 17 Sep; 5 S Ross 21 Sep; 2 Cleiteadh 16 Dec.
- GREY PLOVER:** 1 Lamlash 24 Jan - 6 Feb (AW); 1 Dougrie 8 May (MS) is unusual.
- LAPWING:** 2 prs Shannochie, 2 prs Cleiteadh 25 Mar; 4 Catacol Apr; 3 Torrylinwaterfoot 27 May; a few prs Clauchlands and Machrie probably bred; pr reared 1 young Holy Isle; 1 or 2 prs Dougrie 10 June; 8 prs with young Port Na Fennaiche 17 June; 2 Imachar 11 Jul. Counts inc 90 Kildonan, 70 Auchencairn, 140 Lamlash 29 Jan; 16 S Corrie shore 24 Jan; 100 Machrie 26 Feb; 100 Blackwaterfoot 26 Nov; 100 Cleiteadh 2 Dec.
- KNOT:** 3 Kildonan 17 Aug; 3 Machrie 25 Aug; 1 Machrie 25 Jul in full summer plumage.
- SANDERLING:** 1 Blackwaterfoot 20 May (AM, MHD); 3 Machrie 31 May (J & GM).
- PURPLE SANDPIPER:** 4 Brown Head 15 Jan; 1 Imachar 20 Jan; 2 Blackwaterfoot 26 Feb, 1 on 1st Mar and 18 Nov; 1 Leacan Ruadha 31 Dec.
- DUNLIN:** Counts inc 1 Kildonan - Sliderry 27 May; 14 Kildonan 4 Aug; 6 Machrie 25 Aug; 2 Kildonan 4-5 Sep; 3 Blackwaterfoot 18 Nov; 2 Whiting Bay 8 Oct; 4 Cleiteadh 16 Dec.
- SNIBE:** 16+ territories; 1 with 2 young crossing String 11 Jul; 1 dead top Boguillie with tar and sheep's wool in feet 2 Sep. Counts inc 5 Clauchlands 25 Jan; 8 Corriecravie 12 Feb.
- WOODCOCK:** 17+ territories. Singles and prs throughout year. 1 Meall Biorach Thundergay at 1500 ft 14 Nov; 7 Clauchlands 20 Nov.
- BAR-TAILED GODWIT:** 1 Blackwaterfoot 16 Jul; 1 Torrylinwater Foot 11 Sep; 7 Corrie 11 Nov.
- CURLEW:** 10+ prs on territory Machrie Moor, Ross, Dougrie, Kingscross, Glen Rosa, Cleiteadh, Holy Isle. Counts inc 140 Kildonan 22 Jan; 47 Kings Cross 29 Jan; 60 Corriegills 6 Apr; 120 Kilpatrick 14 Jul; 90 Port Na Fennaiche 22 Jul; 55 Lamlash 3 Sep; 100 Machriewaterfoot 19 Sep; 70 Merkland 23 Oct; Max 200 Cleiteadh 25 Oct; 150 on 16 Dec; 70 Blackwaterfoot 26 Nov.
- REDSHANK:** 4 prs bred Dougrie, Machrie Moor, Corriecravie. Counts inc 21 Whiting Bay 6 Oct; 22 Clauchlands 3 Sep; 9 Machriewaterfoot 2 Sep.
- GREENSHANK:** 1 Machriewaterfoot 25 Aug, and on 9 Oct.
- COMMON SANDPIPER:** 40 prs. Pr, with young Sannox 6 June; pr, 1 young Blackwaterfoot 19 May; pr, 1 young Dougrie 10 June; pr, young Lochranza 27 June. Arr 14 Apr Catacol. Last 2 Whiting Bay 19 Sep. Max 11 Brodick 12 Jul; 7 Cock of Arran - Lochranza 9 Jul; 5 Kilpatrick 14 Jul.
- TURNSTONE:** 1 Machriewaterfoot, summer plumage 24 May. 12 Whiting Bay most months except summer. Counts inc 17 Whiting Bay 9 Sep; 12 Blackwaterfoot 10 Oct; 11 Lamlash 2 Feb; 15 Catacol 18 Aug - 2 Sep; 10 Aird Nan Ron 12 Feb.
- GREAT SKUA:** 2 Ardrossan - Brodick crossing 7 Jul (IP); 1 Brodick followed boat 10 mins then S 2 Sep (MHD); single on shoreline S of Catacol 9 Sep (TC); single 4 miles SE Kildonan 11 Sep (DWW).
- BLACK-HEADED GULL:** 60 Prinmill 14 Apr possibly bred; 1 pr, nest 2 young Sliderry 17 June were only pr in colony Common Gulls; 2 prs. 7 June. Counts inc 13 Lamlash 20 Feb; 20 Blackwaterfoot 4 Mar and 18 Nov.
- COMMON GULL:** 50 prs with young Sliderry 17 June; also bred near Coire Lochain, Holy Isle and Pladda. Counts inc 1050 South Arran 26 Feb; 300 Brodick 28 Feb; 200 Lamlash; 150 Catacol 10 Oct.
- LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL:** Usual colonies Holy Isle, Pladda, Loch Nuis and other parts. Arrival 2 Lamlash 20 Feb increased to 31 on 17 June. Max 174 Bennecarrigan 25 Mar. A few remained until Oct.
- HERRING GULL:** Largest colonies Holy Isle and Pladda. 2000 Arran 28 Feb.
- ICELAND GULL:** 1 Glenashdale burnfoot Whiting Bay 1 Apr - 12 May (MHD).
- GLAUCOUS GULL:** 1 followed boat Ardrossan - Brodick 15 Mar (SW), remained Brodick until 15 May (MHD).

- GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL:** 3 singles, and 1 pr with 1 young on small island in Loch Cnocan Loch 27 May; several young reared other parts. Counts inc. 50 Brodick 9 Feb; 30 Machriewaterfoot 17 Apr, 4 Sep; 18 Whiting Bay 15 Nov; 17 Lamlash 28 Feb; 15 Catacol 3 Sep.
- KITTIWAKE:** 3 East face Dunfion 12 Jul suggests attempt to colonise. Numbers slightly down autumn; 8 arrived Whiting Bay 15 Aug, 50 on 17 Aug, 200 on 2 Sep building to 500 on 5 Oct; 200 Catacol 10 Oct; 69 Sannox 1 Sep; 65 Dougrie 2 Sep; last 3 Whiting Bay 9 Nov.
- SANDWICH TERN:** Counts/passage: 2 Kildonan 1 June; 4 N North Sannox 14 Jul; 2 Blackwaterfoot, 2 S Sliderrywaterfoot 8 Jul; 6 Brodick 30 Jul; 2 Whiting Bay 15 Aug - 8 Sep; 2 S Dougrie 26 Aug; 2 Merkland, 2 North Sannox 6 Sep; several Catacol 20-25 Aug, 2 on 2 Sep; 4 N Newton 24 Aug; 10 Clachlands 5 Aug, 7 on 15 Sep, last 2 on 2 Oct.
- ROSEATE TERN:** 1 Pirnmill 14 Apr (CL); 2 Dougrie 5 May (MS).
- COMMON TERN:** Only 2 prs in breeding territory. Arr: 4 Pirnmill 1 June; 2 Kildonan 3 June; 1 Lochranza, 1 Blackwaterfoot 17 June; 3 Cock of Arran 9 Jul; 2 Brodick 11 Jul. Last 4 S Corrie 18 Aug.
- ARCTIC TERN:** Numbers down. Only 2 prs bred Machrie, 3 prs Dougrie; none Sliderry where bred 1983. Arr: 6 Dougrie 13 May last seen 27 Jul; 4 Brodick 4 June.
- GUILLEMOT:** Counts inc 150 S Kildonan 11 Sep; 20 Brodick - Ardrossan 11 Aug, many 16 Oct. Many Kilbrannan 20-27 Oct.
- RAZORBILL:** 4 S Newton 5 Feb; 15 dead due to oil Kildonan - Corriecravie 10 Feb; 2 Kings Cross 19 Sep; 2 Laggan 9 Oct. Singles elsewhere.
- BLACK GUILLEMOT:** 6 breeding sites. Counts inc 6 Lochranza 19 Apr; 4 Drumadoon Bay 20 May, 2 on 17 June, 10 Oct; 1 Holy Isle 29 May; 1 Hamilton Rock 1 June; 3 Kings Cross - Whiting Bay 14 Aug; 2 Kerr's Port 16 Sep; 2 Catacol 18 Aug; 1 Largymore 6 Oct, Brodick 7 Oct, Imachar 10 Oct; 2 Pladda 19 Nov. Singles and prs Kerr's Port, Kings Cross, Brodick Jan - Mar.
- LITTLE AUK:** 1 Catacol 7 Oct (CPC).
- PUFFIN:** 3 N Laggan, 1 on sea Laggan 9 Oct; 1 Lochranza 11 Oct (CPC).
- ROCK DOVE:** 3 Kilpatrick 12 May - 14 Jul; 1 Machrie Cleiteadh Buidhe 12 May, 3 on 26 Aug; 1 Kings Cave 25 Jul. Counts inc 30 Clachlands 25 Jan; 10 Kilpatrick 26 Feb; 5 Catacol 4 Sep; 14 Cleiteadh 2 Dec; 100 mixed Feral Whiting Bay 18 Dec.
- WOODPIGEON:** Prs most wooded areas. Counts inc 100 Kings Cross 9 Feb; 70 Kilmory 25 Mar; 8 Brodick 11 Jul; 100 Whiting Bay 18 Dec.
- COLLARED DOVE:** Colonies Brodick, Lamlash, Whiting Bay, Kilmory, Shedog. Sites with 1 pr: nest Allandale Brodick 19 Mar; Kilpatrick 28 May. Counts inc 5 Kilmory 31 Aug; 15 Shedog 26 Nov.
- FERAL PIGEON:** Usual numbers bred Lamlash. Counts inc 50 Clachlands 25 Jan; 100 Whiting Bay 18 Dec; 7 Machrie 10 Jul; 4 Brodick 16 Jul; 52 Kilmory 7 Oct.
- CUCKOO:** 22+ prs. Arr Kildonan and Glen Rosa 20 Apr. Heard the Crow and Dougrie 22 Apr; Lamlash 24 Apr; Boguillie and Lochranza 25 Apr; everywhere by 27 Apr. Young Kings Cross 2 Jul; young inside Kings Cave fed by Rock Pipits 25 Jul. Last Lochranza 7 Aug.
- BARN OWL:** Increase to 10 territories. 4 young reared Glen Scorradaile where 6 seen during August. Imm Glen Cloy 24 Oct died later. Many singles seen winter.
- TAWNY OWL:** 6 territories including 2 new ones Whiting Bay and Catacol. 2 Brodick, 2 Lamlash. No word from Sannox.
- SHORT-EARED OWL:** New forestry appears encouraging with increase to 7 territories.
- NIGHTJAR:** 8 prs. 5 males and 2 females Brodick Country Park 9 Jul and another male 16 Jul (IP); 7 prs BCP (DWW); 1 Sannox Jul (PG); no word of any Kildonan. Arr late 5 June BCP (FR).
- SWIFT:** 4 Kildonan 29 May; 12 Kings Cross 19 June; 2 Blackwaterfoot 8 Jul; 3 Brodick 11 Jul; 14 Lamlash 29 Jul.
- KINGFISHER:** 1 S Clachlands Pt 22 Oct (AM); 1 Rosa Brodick 4 Nov (SMcM).

SKYLARK: Good numbers singing on high ground 25 Mar - 11 Jul. 5 Machrie 11 Jul; 2 Shannochie 4 Sep; 1 Brodick 7 Oct; max counts: 50 Cleiteadh 18 Sep; 100 Machriewaterfoot 20 Sep.

SAND MARTIN: Only 1 pr with young in nest Dougrie 19 May; 4 Dougrie 5 June; disastrous decrease due to drought in wintering area.

SWALLOW: Arr Strathwhillan Brodick 15 Apr; 1 Whiterock Lamlash 18 Apr; 3 Whiting Bay 20 Apr; 2 Kildonan 21 Apr; 1 Bollarie, 1 Pirnmill 23 Apr. Very few early May, more by 20 May. Pr. Holy Isle 29 May; 10 Kildonan 3 June; 2 nests Whiterock 4 young; 5 Rosa mouth 7 June; 10 Pirnmill 13 Jul; pr, 6 young Kings Cross 16 Jul; 17 inc young Bennecarrigan 20 Jul; Counts inc 100 mixed House Martins Kings Cross 24 Aug; 30 Machrie 7 Sep; 25 Kildonan 5 Sep. Late dates; 8 Lochranza 9 Oct; 3 Lamlash 11 Oct; 4 Whiting Bay 18 Oct.

HOUSE MARTIN: Arr 2 Lamlash 22 Apr; 1 Brodick, 1 Beinn a Chliablan, 1 Lamlash 27 Apr; 6 Brodick 4 May; 2 Whiting Bay 9 May; 8 Lamlash 20 May. 2 Nests, many young Allandale Brodick; 2 nests Hospital Road Lamlash; good numbers in general. Counts inc 10 Brodick 7 Jul; 100 mixed Swallows Kings Cross 24 Aug; 35 Kildonan 5 Sep; 6 mobbing Sparrowhawk Shiskine 7 Sep; late dates 6 Whiting Bay and 5 Whiterock Lamlash 22 Oct; 4 Bennan 26 Oct; last 8 Brodick 3 Nov.

TREE PIPIT: 20 singing ♂♂ Arr 1 Kings Cross 22 Apr; 2♂♂ Rubha Salach - Corrie 2 May; 2♂♂ Glen Rosa 3 May; pr High Corrie 8 May; pr North Glen Sannox, 3♂♂ Ross, 1♂ String 19 May; 1♂ Cock Farm, 2♂♂ Glen Catacol, 2♂♂ Coillemore, 1♂ above Lochranza, 1♂ Loch a Mhuilinn, 1 Glen Chalmoodale all early May; 1 Clauchlands Farm 9 June.

MEADOW PIPIT: Nest 4 eggs Glen Catacol 4 May; nest 2 eggs Machrie Moor 9 May; many prs Aird Nan Ron; 3 nests on high ground Gleann Dubh - Clauchan Glen 16 June. Many on high ground generally; many prs feeding young Glen Rosa 13 Jul. Counts inc 50 Kings Cross 29 Jan - 19 Apr; 100 Bennecarrigan 31 Mar; 20 Lochranza 9 Jul; 15 Glen Sannox 12 Jul; 15 Beinn Bharrain 13 Jul; 200 Cleiteadh 18 Sep.

RED-THROATED PIPIT: 2 possibles Lochranza 10 Apr (CL).

ROCK PIPIT: Many prs. Aird Nan Ron 22 Apr; 10 Catacol Apr; 6 Pirnmill, 7 Lochranza, 12 Kings Cross, 6 Blackwaterfoot 18-22 May; pr. Drumadoon 16 June; 15 Lochranza 9 Jul; 6 Clauchlands 9 Oct.

YELLOW WAGTAIL: 1 Strathwhillan 7 Apr, 1 Corriegills 9 Apr probably same one (AW).

GREY WAGTAIL: 23 prs. Those with young: 2 prs with 2 young Lagg 19 May; 1 pr 2 young Whiting Bay 29 May; 1 pr, 1 young Douglas Brodick 23 May; pr Ballymichael Glen, 2 young 2 June; pr, 1 juv Largybeg, pr, 1 juv Kildonan 5 Sep; pr 1 juv Millburn Lamlash 25 Sep; max 7 Clauchlands 3-4 Sep; 3 Bennan 16 Oct.

DIPPER: 12 prs but few young. Prs. noted Monamore, Benlister, Douglas Brodick, Glen Cloy, North end Glen Rosa, North Glen Sannox, Bollarie, Auchencairn, Whiting Bay, Glenashdale carrying food, Machrie River Gorge, Clauchan Glen with 1 juv, Slidderlywater.

WREN: Common and widespread. 2 singing nr Coirein Lochain 28 May; 2 Gleann Easan Biorach 28 May; nest with young Whiterock Lamlash 7 June; 4 Brodick Country Park 9 Jul; pr protecting young against cat Lamlash 12 Jul; 3 singing Kilpatrick 14 Jul; prs noted Kings Cross, Margnaheglish, Corrygills, Strathwhillan, Shiskine, 12 roosted in old Sparrow's nest Strathwhillan winter.

DUNNOCK: Common and widespread. Sample: 2 Kings Cave to Blackwaterfoot 16 Jul; pr feeding young Whiterock Lamlash 20 Jul.

ROBIN: Common and widespread. Many juvs. Sample: nest Strabane Brodick 11 May; 3 Cock of Arran - Lochranza 9 Jul.

BLACK REDSTART: ♀ Arranton Lamlash 15 Apr. (HW, RW, MC); ♂ Brathwic Brodick 12 Nov (S McL).

- REDSTART:** 1 North Sannox - Fallen Rocks 19 Apr; 1 Catacol 22 Apr; 2♂♂ Lochranza 13 May; 1♂ Rubha Salach 18 May; 1♂ Glen Chalmadale 21 May; 1♂ Glen Rosa 13 Jul and 1 Blackwaterfoot 29 Jul probably on passage. 6 singing North Arran is increase.
- WHINCHAT:** 35+ prs. 8 broods noted. 4 broods ringed June (JP). Arr Glen Rosa 1 May; max family 7 Glen Scorradaile 5 Sep.
- STONECHAT:** 39+ prs. 10 broods noted. Winter: 68+ at sea level 13-31 Jan. Not all shore areas visited.
- WHEATEAR:** 38+ prs is down on last year, but many families. Counts inc 12 Blackwaterfoot - Kings Cave 16 Jul; 5 Shannochie 4 Sep; 7 Machrie 7 Sep. Arr 2♂♂ Cleiteadh 25 Mar; last 2 Cleiteadh 7 Oct. Reports of 2 Black-eared Wheatear the Craw Lochranza 4-11 May (MJ, MH) and 1 Black Wheatear Brown Head 11-15 June (PS, KS) probably not accepted by British Birds Rareties Committee.
- RING OUZEL:** Pr Glen Catacol 29 Apr; 1 Ross 27 June; 1 Chir Mhor 10 Aug; 1 with 2 juvs Coire Chatan 16 Sep; 1 Mulloch Buidhe 18 Sep.
- BLACKBIRD:** Common and widespread. Sample: nested Kings Cross, Auchencairn Lamash; 2 families Kings Cave area 16 Jul. Counts inc 12 Brodick Country Park 27 Jan; 8 Gortonallister Jan - Mar; 14 Lamash 27 Mar.
- FIELDFARE:** 70 Glen Cloy 1 Jan; 150 Kildonan, 120 Auchencairn 22 Jan; 100 Ross 26 Feb; 50 Bennecarrigan 18 Mar; last Spring: 30 Kings Cross 19 Apr; Autumn - Winter only 5 Kings Cross 5 Nov; 1500 mixed Redwing Glen Cloy 4 Nov; 60 mixed Redwing Machrie 21 Oct; 20 Cleiteadh 25 Oct.
- SONG THRUSH:** Scarce autumn to end year. A few seen Jan. Returned Lochranza 9 Feb. White Thrush seen again, 2 days only Jul Lochranza. Breeding: singles and 1 pr Corrie 27 May; singles or prs Sliderry, Kildonan, Dougrie, Pirnmill, Kings Cross, Brodick, Lamash. Fair numbers juvs.
- REDWING:** 50 Kings Cross 21 Jan; 150 Kildonan and 80 Auchencairn 22 Jan; 35 Brodick Country Park 27 Jan; 200 Sliderry 26 Feb; 30 Bennecarrigan 18 Mar; autumn arr early: 100 Gortonallister 14 Sep; 100 Kings Cross and 100 Kilmory 8 Oct; 30 Corrygills 11 Oct; 50 Largybeg 22 Oct; 300 Cleiteadh 25 Oct; 1500 mixed Fieldfares Glen Cloy 4 Nov; 100 Kings Cross 12 Nov; 60 Whiting Bay 15 Nov.
- MISTLE THRUSH:** 16+ prs in breeding territories. Prs. with young Strabane Brodick 2 May; Brodick Country Park 11 June; Glen Cloy 11 Jul. Counts inc 7 Glen Cloy 11 Jul; 20 Ross 10 Aug; 9 Dippen 15 Aug; 6 Lochranza 4 Sep; 16 Machrie 7 Sep; 30 Brodick 8 Oct; 8 Kings Cross 11 Oct.
- GRASSHOPPER WARBLER:** 1 heard several times lower slopes Goatfell June (DWW).
- SEDGE WARBLER:** Arr Kildonan - Bennan 29 Apr, 4 singing 12 May; numbers well down with only 8 singing whole island. None Kings Cross where usual. Shiskine area may have held more but few observers.
- WHITETHROAT:** Arr Whiting Bay 6 May. 11 singing Bennan - Kings Cross 12 May. Poss bred Fairy Dell Lochranza where 3 on 9 Jul; notable decrease with 23 prs. Last 1 Largybeg 5 Sep.
- GARDEN WARBLER:** Only 4 singing May. 1 ringed Sannox 23 Oct.
- BLACKCAP:** Arr Kings Cross 30 Apr, sang briefly, then every day in May. 17 prs. 8 singing Brodick 1-14 May; single prs Kings Cross, Whiting Bay, Largybeg, Glenashdale, Kildonan, Sannox, Corrie; 2 prs Lamash. Winter: 12 ringed Sannox 23 Oct - 9 Nov; 2 Whiting Bay 15 Nov; 1 Whiting Bay 18 Dec; 1 Kildonan 30 Nov - 3 Dec.
- WOOD WARBLER:** Arr Brodick 1 May. Total 10 singing May: 4+ prs Brodick; 2 prs Altachorvie and 1 Gortonallister Lamash; singing ♂♂ Catacol, Glenashdale and Lochranza.
- CHIFFCHAFF:** Arr Brodick 11 Apr is late. Notable decrease with only 14 calling: 8 Brodick, 2 Whiting Bay 1 Lochranza, 1 Lagg, 2 Lamash.
- WILLOW WARBLER:** Arr Kings Cross 13 Apr. Widespread where there are bushes or trees. Some noted: 3 N Sannox - Fallen Rocks 26 Apr; 5 singing Kings Cross 19 Apr; family Blackwaterfoot 16 Jul; 10 Brodick Jul; last 1 Machriewaterfoot 20 Sep.
- GOLDCREST:** Common in wooded areas. Noted singing Kings Cross, Brodick, Lamash, Merkland.

SPOTTED FLYCATCHER: Arr Brodick 6 May, pr nest building Strabane 11 May; 19+ prs, many with young. 6 Glen Cloy 6 Aug; 10 Kings Cross 14 Aug; last 1 Kings Cross 8 Sep.

LONG-TAILED TIT: 40 Auchencairn 8 Aug; 22 Kings Cross 19 June; 6 Gortonallister 28 Sep; 4 Carlo 29 Jan; low numbers Lochranza with only 2 after cold spell in Jan; 4 on 28 Oct.

COAL TIT: 10 prs noted with young. Many in afforested areas.

BLUE TIT: Breeding samples: 2 prs Strabane; 6 Brodick Country Park; pr with young Kings Cross 29 May; Gortonallister 7 June.

GREAT TIT: No change. Several families noted. Common.

TREE CREEPER: 15+ singles or prs noted. Those with young Clauchlands 16 May; Strabane Brodick 27 May. Singles with Tits throughout year.

GREAT GREY SHRIKE: 1 Gortonallister 17 Oct (AG, JG).

MAGPIE: 1 Kings Cross 1-16 Apr, seen also Lamlash, Lagg until 1 June.

JACKDAW: 10 prs Drumadoon 16 June, 50 on 16 Jul. Normal large flocks. Counts inc 1000 Shiskine Valley 26 Feb; 300 Cleiteadh 25 Oct; many flocks of 200 and 100 Brodick, Kildonan, Shannochie, Lamlash.

ROOK: 400 Shiskine 26 Feb still present 4 Mar; 300 Balymichael 18 Nov - 31 Dec. Singles and prs at bird tables during hard weather: 1 Lamlash 15 Jan - 24 Jan; 2 Whiting Bay 4 Feb; 1 Clauchlands 7 Mar; 1 Kings Cross 21 Mar.

CARRION CROW: Paired with Hooded Crow Kings Cross reared 1 Hybrid 24 Jul; paired with Hooded Crow Lochranza 25 Mar; 2 Catacol, 2 Pirmill Apr; 7 Corrygills 13 Jul; 4 Kilpatrick 14 Jul; 25 Monamore Lamlash and 2 Hybrids 6 Oct.

HOODED CROW: Pr, nest Corrygills 19 Mar; many paired with Carrions Kilmory, Ross, Cleiteadh, Gortonallister, Lochranza, Lamlash, Auchencairn. Many Hybrids. Counts inc 42 Clauchlands 7 Mar; 12 Corrygills 11 Jul; 7 Kilpatrick 14 Jul; 6 Kildonan 17 Jul; 38 Monamore 6 Oct; 14 Catacol 7 Oct. Leucistic bird Kings Cross 24 Jul, later seen Lamlash.

RAVEN: 18 prs, many young, probably thriving on carnage provided by mink.

STARLING: 120 Machrie 26 Feb; 100 Sliderry 26 Feb; 120 Kilmory 25 Mar; 100 Whiting Bay 27 Aug; 30 Whitefarland 11 Jul; 150 Kings Cross 11 Sep; 150 Kildonan 12 Oct.

HOUSE SPARROW: Nested most farms and villages. Many nested Shedog and Shiskine. 20 Catacol Apr; 20 Kilmory 16 Dec. 1 Leucistic Cordon 2 Sep.

CHAFFINCH: 20 Dougrie 4 Jan; 50 Brodick 27 Jan; 20 Cleiteadh 18 Mar; 10 Glen Cloy Jul; 20 Lochranza 4 Sep; small passage Glen Chalmadale 17 Sep; max 200 Kilmory 16 Dec.

BRAMBLING: Singles at bird tables Whiting Bay 15 Jan; Auchencairn and Kings Cross 25 Jan - 7 Feb; Lochranza 1 - 20 Feb; 15 Glen Cloy 24 Jan; 1 Clauchlands 9 Oct; 8 Lochranza 11 Oct.

GREENFINCH: 18 prs. 1 pr 3 young Sliderry 8 June; 1 pr 2 young Glen Cloy 25 June. Counts inc 4 Imachar Aug; 50 Kings Cross 2 Sep; 6 Gortonallister 11 Nov - Dec; 50 Kilmory 16 Dec.

GOLDFINCH: 13 prs, most with young. No large flocks. Counts inc 8 Kings Cross 24 Aug; 8 Glen Cloy 12 Oct.

SISKIN: Singles and prs at nut bags Jan - Apr; 12 Monamore 29 Jan; Good numbers maintained breeding. Max 100 Gortonallister 30 Aug - 20 Dec when flock dwindled; 17 Kings Cross 15 Nov.

LINNET: 10 prs noted. Counts inc 60 Machrie 4 Sep; 40 Clauchlands 16 Sep, 65 on 9 Oct; 100 Cleiteadh 18 Sep; 50 Kings Cross 3 Oct; 50 Kildonan 7 Oct.

TWITE: 6 Clauchlands 25 Jan; 12 Corriecravie 12 Feb; 12 Blackwaterfoot 23 Sep; 5 near Kings Cave 10 Oct; 10 Cleiteadh 26 Oct; 8 Kildonan 19 Nov; 2 Cleiteadh 2 Dec.

REDPOLL: Pr Margnaheglis 29 Feb; 2 prs Lochranza 25 Aug; 1 Brodick 7 Jul; pr Dougrie, 1 Kings Cross 24 Jul; max 15 Kings Cross 21 Aug.

CROSSBILL: Whiting Bay Jan (EF); Auchareoch 10 Apr (AM).

BULLFINCH: Prs noted Dougie, Kings Cross, Dereneneadh, Kilmichael, Gortonallister, Lochranza, Margnaheglis, Clauchlands, Whiting Bay, Brodick Country Park.

SNOW BUNTING: 3 North Goatfell 16 Jan; ♀ Lochranza 23 Jan; 2 Sannox 24 Jan; 10 Clauchlands Hills 25 Jan; 3 North Goatfell 5 Nov; 7 Staccach Ridge 26 Nov.

YELLOWHAMMER: 9 prs noted, 1 pr with nest, 4 young. Counts inc 7 Kildonan 2 Jan; 14 Cleiteadh 18 Mar; 7 Kerr's Port 19 Mar; 10 Kildonan 19 Nov; 7 Glen Cloy 23 Nov.

REED BUNTING: Very few. Pr Lochranza 1-27 Jan; 1 Clauchlands 2 Feb; ♂ singing Narachan 20 May.

CORN BUNTING: 2 Brodick 7 Oct - passage (BrT), not seen Arran for over 29 years.

Additions to 1983 Report

WHITE-TAILED EAGLE: Wandering adult or sub-adult watched coming from Arran flew ashore 2 miles N of Ardrrossan 12 Aug. This is the first record of the species in Ayrshire and Arran since 1881 and probably refers to one of the birds introduced on Rhum (R H Hogg).

CHECK-LIST

STATUS SYMBOLS

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

Red-throated Diver (Updated) . . .	RC	Shoveler	B*
Black-throated Diver	R*/PC	Pochard	WO
Great Northern Diver . . .	S**U/WU/PC	Tufted Duck	WO
Little Grebe	R*U	Scaup	WO
Great Crested Grebe	WO	Eider	RC
Red-necked Grebe	V	King Eider	S**U
Slavonian Grebe	WO	Long-tailed Duck	WO
Black-necked Grebe	V	Scoter	SO/WO
Fulmar	SC/WU	Velvet Scoter	WO
Cory's Shearwater	V	Goldeneye	WC
Sooty Shearwater	V	Smew	WO
Manx Shearwater	SU/PC	Red-breasted Merganser	RC
Storm Petrel	PC	Goosander	S*/PU
Leach's Petrel	V	Red Kite	B*
Gannet	S**C/WU	White-tailed Eagle	B*V
Cormorant	RC	Hen Harrier	RC
Shag	RC	Goshawk	S**/PO
Bittern	V	Sparrowhawk	RC
Grey Heron	RC	Buzzard	RC
Spoonbill	V	Rough-legged Buzzard	V
Chilean Flamingo	V	Golden Eagle	RC
Mute Swan	R*C	Osprey	B*/PO
Whooper Swan	WU/PC	Hobby	V
Pink-footed Goose	WO	Kestrel	RC
White-fronted Goose	WU/PU	Red-footed Falcon	V
Greylag Goose	WC/PC	Merlin	RU
Canada Goose	R*/PO	Peregrine	RC
Barnacle Goose	WO	Red Grouse	RC
Brent Goose	V	Ptarmigan	RU
Shelduck	RC	Black Grouse	RU
Wigeon	S*O/WC	Capercaillie	B*
Teal	SU/WC	Red-legged Partridge	I
Mallard	RC	Grey Partridge	R*U
Pintail	PO	Quail	B*/V
Bullfinch	RC	Reed Bunting	RC
Hawfinch	V	Corn Bunting	B*
Snow Bunting	WU	Red-headed Bunting	
Yellowhammer	RC	(probably escaped)	PO

Pheasant	RC
Lady Amherst's Pheasant	V
Water Rail	RU
Spotted Crane	V
Corncrake	S*U
Moorhen	RU
Coot	WO
Oystercatcher	RC
Ringed Plover	RC
Dotterel	V
Golden Plover	SU/WU/PU
Grey Plover	PU
Lapwing	RC
Knot	PU
Sanderling	PU
Curlew Sandpiper	V
Purple Sandpiper	WU
Little Stint	V
Dunlin	SU/WC/PC
Jack Snipe	WO
Snipe	RC
Woodcock	RC
Black-tailed Godwit	V
Bar-tailed Godwit	WO/PU
Whimbrel	PU
Curlew	RC
Spotted Redshank	PO
Redshank	RC
Greenshank	WU/PU
Green Sandpiper	V
Common Sandpiper	SC
Turnstone	S**U/WC/PC
Grey Phalarope	V
Red-necked Phalarope	V
Pomarine Skua	V
Arctic Skua	S**U/PC
Great Skua	S**U/PC
Little Gull	PO
Sabine's Gull	V
Black-headed Gull	RC
Common Gull	RC
Lesser Black-backed Gull	SC/WU
Herring Gull	RC
Glaucous Gull	O
Iceland Gull	O
Great Black-backed Gull	RC
Kittiwake	B*SU/WC/PC
Ivory Gull	V
Sandwich Tern	S**U/PC
Roseate Tern	B*O
Common Tern	SU/PC
Arctic Tern	SU/PC
Little Tern	V
Guillemot	R**C
Razorbill	R**C
Black Guillemot	RC
Little Auk	V
Puffin	PC
Pallas's Sandgrouse	V
Rock Dove	RC
Stock Dove	RU
Woodpigeon	RC
Collared Dove	RC
Turtle Dove	V
Cuckoo	SC
Barn Owl	RC
Tawny Owl	RC
Long-eared Owl	RU
Short-eared Owl	RC
Nightjar	SU
Swift	S*U/PC

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

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STUDIO 4

LAMLASH