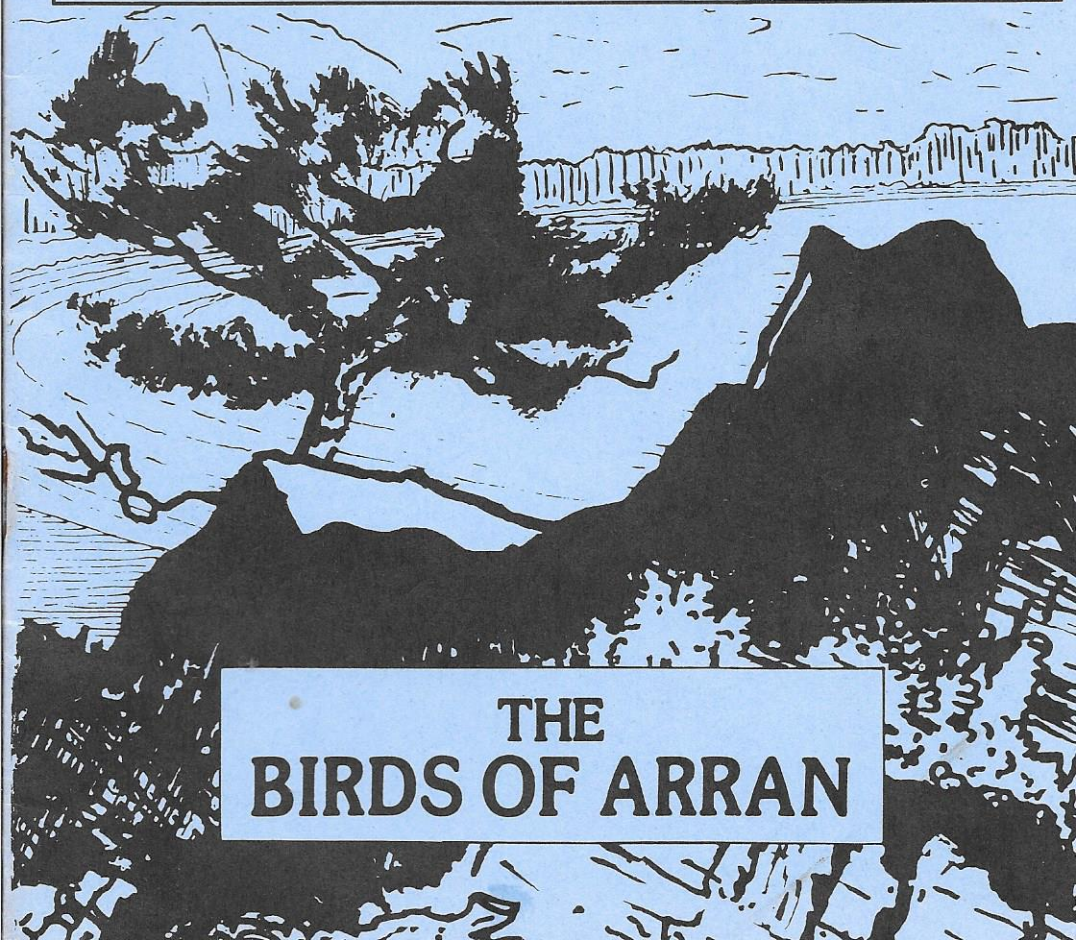


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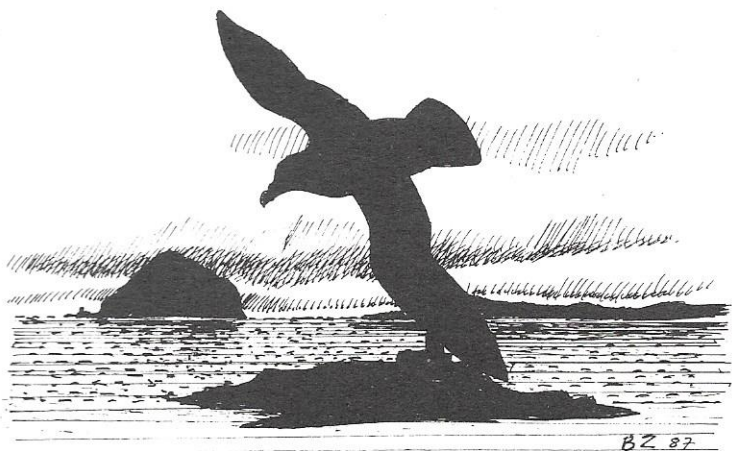
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CHRONOLOGICAL SUMMARY

JANUARY - MARCH

For the third consecutive year, during very strong south westerlies a Grey Plover discovered at Lamlash on 11th January remained until 11th March. The first Gannet of the year was at Kildonan on 12 January. Merlins were to the fore on 16th with a male at Blackwaterfoot and another at Brodick Country Park. Siskins were back at nuts and the usual pair of Little Grebes found sheltered waters from Cordon to Kingscross. Another member of the grebe family, a Slavonian appeared at Carlo on 9th February. A Black Redstart was a good find on a bitter day at Machrie on 15th but bad weather never perturbed the Fulmars who were back at colonies on 18th. A Buzzard and a Sparrowhawk had a sparring match at Gortonallister on 27th which ended amicably with them both sharing the same tree. A blue phase Fulmar was a mile offshore from Brodick on 28th March while Greylags were still at Shiskine and the first Wheatear arrived at Lochranza.

APRIL - JUNE

April found 2 Long-Tailed Ducks in Kerr's Port on 3rd-4th while 2 Goldeneye lingered at Carlo until 11th. A Magpie at the Heights on 12th possibly attracted a mate, as there were 2 birds on 18th. Fieldfares and Redwings were still at Kingscross on 20th when the first Sandwich Tern was at Machrie. It was not until 22nd that the first Willow Warbler arrived at Lochranza with more generally on 23rd when the first cuckoo was heard. Diver movement was apparent mainly in April and May with many Black-Throated and Great Northern Divers round the coast. Although a Tufted Duck may be a non event on the mainland, a fine male was a pleasant surprise at Machrie on 28th May. The 1st June was heralded by the churring of Nightjar and an Arctic Skua in Brodick at 4am. 2 Non-breeding Puffins were in dull plumage off Whiting Bay on 8th when it was pleasing to see 8 Black Guillemots at Pladda. On 9th a pair of frantic Common Gulls were alarmed as their 3 young crouched under the feet of a sheep, quite oblivious to their presence, which eventually moved off. During a hot spell 20 Swifts were in Pirmill on 22nd and the Ross on 29th.

Summer Migrants Arrival Dates

Wheatear	Lochranza	28 Mar
Tree Pipit	Kingscross	4 Apr
Sandwich Tern	Machrie	20 Apr
Willow Warbler	Lochranza	22 Apr
Common Sandpiper	Carlo	22 Apr
Cuckoo	Lochranza	23 Apr
Swallow	Kildonan	24 Apr
Chiffchaff	Whiting Bay	25 Apr
Wood Warbler	Merkland	28 Apr
House Martin	Lamlash	28 Apr
Blackcap	Kingscross	5 May
Whinchat	Slidery	8 May
Swift	Merkland	14 May
Whimbrel	Kildonan	16 May
Sedge Warbler	Clauchlands	16 May
Whitethroat	Kingscross	18 May
Garden Warbler	Lamlash	19 May
Spotted Flycatcher	Lamlash	19 May
Arctic Tern	Machrie	26 May
Nightjar	Brodick	1 Jun

JULY - SEPTEMBER

The first of 4 Great Skuas was sighted between Brodick and Ardrossan on 5th July. A female Redstart was rather high at the summit of Mulloch Buidhe on 12th, followed by a few more singles in July and August. 135 Red-breasted Mergansers was a welcome sight at Machrie on 13th. Rain and wind on 19th made conditions difficult for 150 Gannets as they plunge dived close in at Whiting Bay, but did not seem to affect a Great-spotted Woodpecker in Glenashdale, the first since 1982. A Leach's Fork-tailed Petrel caused a stir as it headed south past Catacol on 28th, and a Greenshank at Machrie remained until 20th August. Stormy weather on 2nd August brought a Black-necked Grebe close inshore at Lamlash and again after a southerly gale on 13th a Green Sandpiper took shelter by lochside in Glen Iorsa. Calmer conditions found 2 Common Scoter (uncommon for Arran) at Machrie on 19th. There was a southerly movement during easterly gales of 200 Manx Shearwaters off Clachlands on 25th. 6 early Fieldfares returned to Glen Sannox on 29th. A few more winter migrants were arriving with 15 Redwings at the Heights on 3rd September. Passage was taking place with 4 White Wagtails at Clachlands on 7th, a Redstart at Sliderry on 8th and a Yellow Wagtail at Kilmory on 9th. A single Bar-tailed Godwit turned up at Machrie on 18th.

OCTOBER - DECEMBER

A male Scaup was a surprise at Machrie on 2nd October, also a Wheatear, one of the earliest to arrive, was late to leave. The 3rd found the second Bar-tailed Godwit of the year at Brodick. On the 10th 3 Blackcaps pleased observers in Glen Iorsa while the last House Martin was at Lochranza. Also on 10th it was good to see 3 Ptarmigan on the Castles and hope that at least one was reared from the young seen in summer. 6 Swallows were still in Whiting Bay on 11th, and 1,000 Kittiwakes was a large number there on 14th. Lamlash produced 5 Sanderling on 27th and a Slavonian Grebe again turned up at Carlo on 29th.

November was an uninteresting month apart from a Black-throated Diver in a field at Kildonan on 12th following 3 days of storm and wind. Always pleasant to see was a Blackcap in Glenashdale on 25th and another there on 2nd December. 2 Shelduck were back at Monamore Machrie on 14th along with a single male Pochard, another duck uncommon to Arran. Most of these strays seem to make their way to Machrie! 24 Whooper Swans made themselves heard while circling over the String summit on 14th, and 12 Goldeneyes appeared at Kerr's Port on the same date. 500 noisy Greylags and 2 Whooper Swans arrived at Balmichael on 17th and probably the same Slavonian Grebe re-appeared at Brodick on 22nd. The year ended quietly on 31st with the family of 5 Mute Swans still at Brodick, a Barn Owl at Cordon and a Shelduck back at Clachlands.

ABBREVIATIONS

♂	male	N	north (direction of flight)
♀	female	S	south (direction of flight)
imm	immature	inc	including
juv	juvenile	Jan etc	all months abbreviated
Max	maximum count	pr	pair
Arr	arrival		

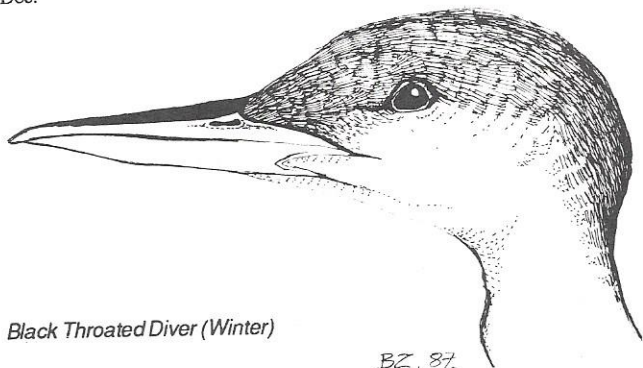
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SYSTEMATIC LIST

RED-THROATED DIVER: 9 prs on breeding lochans; 1 adult with juv Pimmill 10 Aug was only young seen; Counts: 1 Bennan 3 Jan; 2 Whiting Bay, 2 Lamlash, 2 Brodick 12 Jan; 2 Corrie 28 Apr; 2 Whiting Bay 22 May; 5 Pimmill 31 May; 3 Pimmill 6 Jun; 5 Corrie cravie 25 Jul; max 8 Pimmill 4 Aug; 5 Blackwaterfoot-Machrie 20 Aug; 5 Whiting Bay 28 Aug; 6 Machrie-Catacol 21 Aug; 4 N of Machrie 3 Oct; 1 Dougarie 6 Oct; 1 Brodick 15 Oct; 1 Machrie, 1 Blackwaterfoot 15 Nov; 5 Whiting Bay, 1 Lamlash 14 Dec.

BLACK-THROATED DIVER: 2 Whiting Bay 3 Apr; single 19 May; 2 Kildonan 13 Apr; single Pimmill 20 Apr; 2 Blackwaterfoot 25 Apr; singles Pimmill, Dougarie 14 May; 2 Kings Cave, 2 Machrie 19 May; 2 Kilbrannan 19, 20 Jul; singles Kings Cave 9, 13, 28 Jul; Machrie 9 Jul; Blackwaterfoot 17 Sep, Brodick 15 Oct; in field Kildonan 12 Nov; 4 Machrie 25 Sept; 2 Sannox 31 Dec.



Black Throated Diver (Winter)

GREAT NORTHERN DIVER: Singles Blackwaterfoot 25 Apr, Sannox 28 Apr, Thundergay 7-20 May, Kings Cave 19 May, Sannox 22 May, Pimmill, Catacol 25 May, Imachar 26 May; 2 Carlo 5 May, 2 Catacol 14 May; 2 Pimmill 31 May; 2 Ardrossan-Brodick 16 Sep.

LITTLE GREBE: Usual 2 wintered Kingscross-Cordon early part year; 1 Cordon 14 Dec.

SLAVONIAN GREBE: 1 Carlo 9 Feb, 29 Oct (LM); 1 Brodick 22 Dec (MHD). 3 birds was good compared with none in 1985.

BLACK-NECKED GREBE: 1 Lamlash on 2 Aug was the only sighting of year (DJC).

FULMAR: Machrie: 19 prs 20 Apr, 8 prs 9 Jul, 1 fairly dark poss hybrid of Blue Phase, many in moult, only 1 pr 2 Aug, young in nest, a second nest looked predated. Catacol: 16 prs 20 Apr, 18 prs 10 Jun, 9 prs 8-9 Jul, no young, 14 birds on ledges 26 Nov. Bennan-Sliddy: 34 prs 28 May, some still present mid Sep. Dunfion: back 18 Feb, 30+ prs 19 Mar, 10 prs 8 Jun, 26 prs 8-9 Jul. Dippen: 40-50 prs 15 Jun, 50 prs 8-9 Jul. Brown Head: 9 prs 10 Jul. Drumadoon: 20 prs 27 Feb - 9 Jul, only 1 pr on 30 Aug. Corrie cravie: 3 prs 18 Mar, 29 Jun, 9 Jul seems very few, no young. Imachar: 8 pairs, 1 egg 9 Jun, a few prs Aug, 1 pr left 7 Sept. Kings Cave: 5-6 prs 15 Apr, 3 prs 8 Jul. 176 occupied sites 8-9 Jul (BZ). 1 Blue Phase 1 mile out from Brodick 28 Mar (RHH).

MANX SHEARWATER: 5 off Kings Cave 13 May; 7 off Pladda 1 Jun; 10 Kilbrannan 2 Jul; 38 S Kilbrannan 17 Jul; 8 S Lochranza 21 Jul; 5 Ardrossan-Brodick 2 Aug, max 200 S Clachlands Pt 25 Aug, 20 W of Pladda 27 Aug; 1 S Pladda 12 Dec.

STORM PETREL: Singles off Machrie Bay 28 Jul, Cock of Arran 31 Aug.

LEACH'S PETREL: 1 S Kilbrannan off Catacol 28 Jul (GM, LM).

GANNET: First back Kildonan 10 Jan; at least 12 dead Whiting Bay-Kildonan Feb-Mar; common round coast but seemed fewer. Counts inc 150 Whiting Bay 19 Jul, 250 Jul-Aug; singles still present Kildonan until 27 Nov.

CORMORANT: Small nos throughout year. 2 Kings Cave, 2 Corriecravie throughout summer, 1 Pladda 15 Jun; 2-3 Whiting Bay most of year. Counts inc 6 Whiting Bay 21 Sep; 16 Kingscross 1, 12 Oct; 6 Clauchlands 22 Sep.

SHAG: Probably bred Holy Isle. Counts inc 37 Kildonan, 112 Bennan 3 Jan; 15 Lamlash 9 Mar; 15 Whiting Bay 21 Sep, 27 on 19 Nov, 42 on 14 Dec; 21 Lochranza 10 Oct; 70 Kildonan 11 Oct; 44 Brown Head 15 Nov; 46 Blackwaterfoot 14 Dec; 17 Corrie 31 Dec. Many dead S-E coast Feb-Mar.

GREY HERON: 11 prs reared minimum 8 young. Lamlash:- 4 nests reared 6 young, 3 nests each with 2 young, 1 with none; Whiting Bay: 1 nest, reared 1 young; Merkland: 4-5 nests, some parts inaccessible, no nests Stronach or Machrie. Lagg: 1 nest reared 1 young. Many sightings round coast and up streams, with max 6 Brodick-Corrie 5 Jul.

MUTE SWAN:- Pr present Lochranza throughout summer, nest, no eggs, seen other parts coast spring, autumn, winter. Single imm Whiting Bay Mar-mid Apr; pr with 3 first winter cygnets Brodick 6 Oct remained until end of year; joined by resident pr making 7 Brodick 8 Oct; pr with 3 cygnets Cordon 15 Dec.

WHOOPEE SWAN: 11 S Corriegills 7 Jan; 12 S Pimmill 23 Oct; single Brodick 28 Oct; 24 String summit 14 Dec; 2 with Greylags Shiskine 17 Dec.

GREYLAG GOOSE: 9 Clauchlands 20 Feb; 150-200 wintered Balnacooile, 185 on 17 Mar; 50 N Shiskine 13 Apr; single Machrie 19 May; 18 Corriegills 19 Oct; 130 Balnacooile 15 Nov; 45 S Brodick 27 Nov; 185 Balmichael 17 Dec built to 500 by end year.

CANADA GOOSE: Domestic 5 frequently with Chinese Goose mainly Brodick, Lamlash; 5 hybrids Dougarie 6 Oct.

SHELDUCK: 32 prs, many non-breeders left end Jun; 47 young is down on previous year, with 21 or less surviving; 6 prs Lamlash 8 Jun, 2 prs of which normally breed produced no young; 12 Pladda 15 Jun, no young; mink predation Kildonan destroyed one brood; Counts inc 4 Clauchlands 1 Jan; 18 Kildonan 13 Apr; 14 Machrie 20 Apr; last 2 juvs Cleiteadh 14 Aug; 1 juv Whiting Bay 21 Sep.

WIGEON: Counts inc 48 Lamlash 5 Jan; 12 Whiting Bay 9 Feb; 9 Kildonan 2 Mar; 2 Machrie 17 Mar; first 10 back Machrie 25 Sep building to 44 on 11 Nov; 16 back Lamlash 17 Oct building to 35 on 17 Dec.

TEAL: Low nos. A few probably bred. Counts: 8 Machrie 17 Mar, 3 on 25 Sep; singles Corriecravie 6, 10 Aug; 11 Kilpatrick 11 Oct.

MALLARD: Few young seen; q Lily pond Brodick Country Park 12 Apr; pr 4 young Machrie pond 22 Jun; well grown young several parts 23 Aug. Counts inc 24 Lamlash 12 Jan; 20 Corriecravie 6 Aug; 21 Merkland 21 Sep; 33 Kilpatrick 11 Oct; max 63 Machrie 8 Oct; leucistic bird still present Lamlash.

POCHARD: Single Tornmore 14 Dec.

TUFTED DUCK: Single ♂ Machrie 28 May.

SCAUP: Single ♂ Machrie 2 Oct.

EIDER: 67 young is minimum count as some unrecorded. 5 young Pladda 28 May, 7 nests less than previous years; 5 young Carlo 31 May; 2 young Clauchlands 1 Jun, 4 on 10 Jun, 8 on 18 Jun; 13 Pimmill 9 Jun; 19 Kildonan 11 Jun; 4 Brodick 1 Jun; 15 Lochranza-Newton 13 Jun; 6 Whiting Bay 22 Jun; 5 Lamlash, 11 Machrie-Dougarie 9 Jul. Counts into 15 Kildonan 3 Jan; 18 Carlo 17 Jan; 30 Whiting Bay, 30 Lamlash 13 Apr; 23 North Sannox 29 Apr; 30 Pimmill 6 Jun; max 60 Pladda summer; 50 Machrie 22 Jun, 14 Dec.

LONG-TAILED DUCK:- 2 q q Kerr's Port 3-4 Apr; pr breeding plumage Pimmill 31 May.

COMMON SCOTER: Pr Machrie 19 Aug.

GOLDENEYE: 10 Kerr's Port 5 Jan; 5 Merkland 9 Jan; 3 Carlo 11 Jan, 12 on 9 Feb, 2 N 21 Apr, 4 N 4 Jun is late; 4 Kildonan 2 Mar; 3 Slidery 31 Mar; 5 Clauchlands 9 Feb left 23 Mar. Return 7 Cordon 16 Nov; 11 Kerr's Port 19 Nov, 12 on 14 Dec; 4 Lochranza 26 Nov; 5 Slidery 31 Dec.

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER: Of many prs round coast only 5 prs bred 30 young. Nest 8 eggs Pladda, 5 of which hatched, 4 juvs later; 2 prs bred Brodick, 17 young 11 Jul, 14 juvs by 31 Aug; 5 juvs North Sannox, 8 juvs Drumadoon 25 Aug. Counts inc 10 Carlo 9 Feb;

max 135 Machrie 13 Jul; 100 Pimmill 19 Jul; 104 Machrie 20 Aug; 40 Dougarie 6 Aug; 44 Catacol 6 Oct; 37 Whiting Bay, 29 Lamlash 24 Sep. Largest nos on west coast with higher counts than previous years.

HEN HARRIER: 8 prs, many of which have adapted to growing forestry. 1 nest with young disappeared - mink footprints; only one nest successful; adult with juv Dougie 5 Aug.

SPARROWHAWK: 16 territories. At least 4 nests successful.

BUZZARD: Usual 25 territories but fewer Sep to end of year. Max 6 Ross 5 Aug; 5 Corrie cravie 31 Mar.

GOLDEN EAGLE: Pr with 1 young in nest failed. Cold wet late spring thought responsible. Regular sightings The Ross, Glen Rosa and other parts.

KESTREL: Only 4 prs found breeding, 3 separate juvs, one nest had 4 addled eggs but fledged 1 young. Poor year.

MERLIN: Only summer bird q Goatfell 28 Jun; q Sannox 15 Jan, 18 Feb, Carlo 26 Jan; ♂ Blackwaterfoot 16 Jan; ♂ Brodick Country Park 16 Jan, 27 Apr, 19 Nov; q Gleann Easan Biorach 4 Aug; ♂ Ross 26 Aug; ♂ Imachar 6 Oct, probably same one Catacol 7 Oct; ♂ Kilpatrick 7 Oct, occasionally Acheleffan.

PEREGRINE: 8 prs, 3 successful. Fewer sightings.

RED GROUSE: Fairly good nos but heather poor and dead above 700 ft Glen Chalmadale. Several prs nests and families. Count inc 8-10 Boguillie 15 Aug, 9 The Ross 2 Nov.

PTARMIGAN:- None seen early spring when deep snow lay very late. 2 prs successful with q 1 young Beinn Bharrain 15 Jun; 1 young N Goatfell 10 Jul; adult Ben Nuis 19 Sep; 3 Caisteal Abhail 10 Oct; adult Goatfell 23 Oct; 2 Am Binnein 15 Nov.

RED-LEGGED PARTRIDGE: Single Lochranza 23 Apr; some success Shiskine; 1 Bridge Farm near Shiskine 17 May.

PHEASANT:- Plentiful. Counts inc 5 Auchencar 30 Aug; 7 Dougie 10 Oct; 4 Brodick 27 Oct.

OYSTERCATCHER: 50+ prs holding territory. Of 20 nests checked 40 eggs found, 9 young at 11 Jun; 4 nests Brodick-Corrie washed away by high tides. Counts inc 76 Lamlash 12 Jan; 30 Brodick 19 Feb; 70 Machrie 17 Mar; 30 Sliderry 11 Apr; 60 Kildonan 28 Jul; 32 Blackwaterfoot 21 Sep; 51 Whiting Bay 22 Dec.

RINGED PLOVER: 31 prs reared 11 young is improvement. Highest nos autumn-winter; 57 Whiting Bay on 12 Jan, 66 on 26 Aug, max 78 on 9 Oct-19 Nov; 45 Lamlash 9 Feb; 27 Kilpatrick 11 Oct; 22 Cleiteadh 13 Aug; 18 Brodick 20 Aug; 15 Lochranza 6 Oct; 12 Pladda 2 Mar; 9 Sannox 18 Oct.

GOLDEN PLOVER: Pr on territory Loch Nuis area 3 Mar later nested; 6 Catacol 22 Apr probably bred; 3 prs Loch Dubh area 11 Jun; 1 Loch Tanna 24 Jun.

GREY PLOVER: Single back same locality Lamlash 11 Jan-11 Mar.

LAPWING: 17 prs bred; 4 juvs Dougie 22 Jun; counts low inc: max 100 Glen Cloy 12 Nov; 50 Kildonan early Mar; 25 Blackwaterfoot 16 Jan; 25 Auchencar 8 Oct; 20 Sliderry 29 Dec; 13 Corrie cravie 25 Jul; 12 Balnacool 17 Mar.

KNOT: Very small nos but a few more than 1985. 1 summer plumage Blackwaterfoot 6 Aug; 1 Sliderry 13 Aug; 2 Kilmory 1 Sep; 2 Drumadoon 13 Aug, 1 on 15 Aug; 1 Whiting Bay 23 Sep.

SANDERLING: 1 Cleiteadh 23 Aug; 5 Lamlash 27 Oct.

DUNLIN: 3 Machrie 27 Apr, 13 May, 28 Jul; most autumn: 1 Catacol 12 Jun, 2 Corrie cravie 6 Aug; 2 Blackwaterfoot 6 Aug, 8 on 20 Aug; 1 Machrie 10 Aug; 6 Cleiteadh 11-14 Aug; 4 Brodick 20 Aug; 2 Torryllynwaterfoot 26 Aug; 1 Clauchlands 6 Nov; 1 Whiting Bay 22 Dec.

SNIEPE: Probably bred where seen or heard Maol Donn, Altgobhach, Ross, Pimmill, Kingscross, Auchencaim, Corrie cravie, Machrie.

WOODCOCK: Low nos. 3 Clauchlands 2 Feb; 1 Kingscross 21 Apr; roding Brodick, Lamlash, Lochranza, Glen Cloy, Kingscross, Merklund; single flushed Glen Chalmadale 5 Jun; pr flushed Pimmill 11 Jun; several times seen Corrie gills 9-12 Nov.

BAR-TAILED GODWIT: Singles Machrie 17 Sep; Brodick 3 Oct.

WHIMBREL: 2 Kildonan-Bennan 16 May.

CURLEW: 25 prs in breeding territories. Counts inc 200 Corrie cravie 1 Aug; 90 Machrie 10 Aug; 56 Brodick 23 Oct; 48 Lamlash 12 Jan, Sliderry 12 Sep; 40 Kilpatrick 11 Oct; Kingscross 30 Dec.

REDSHANK: Only 5 prs probably bred; 6 Corrie cravie 24 Jun showed possible success. Max 20 Kildonan 26 Aug; 13 Lamlash 14 Dec; 9 Whiting Bay 21 Sep; smaller nos elsewhere.

GREENSHANK: Single Machrie 28 Jul - 20 Aug.

GREEN SANDPIPER: Single Glen Iorsa 12 Aug (PW).

COMMON SANDPIPER: Arr: 2 Carlo 22 Apr; 4 Kerr's Port - Clauchlands, 2 Brodick, 1 Machrie 27 Apr; 34 prs in breeding territory; 1 nest 3 eggs, 1 nest 4 eggs; 3 juvs, 2 juvs, 1 juv with adults. Autumn: 5 Drumadon 9 Aug; 2 Sliderry 20 Aug; last 1 Machrie 21 Sep.

TURNSTONE: 12 Lamlash 9 Mar; in summer plumage 8 Pladda 2-9 May; 7 Machrie 11 May; 7 Lamlash 19 May; max 25 Machrie 20 Aug; 15 Catacol 18, 21 Aug; 10 (all juvs) Machrie 12 Sep; 18 Machrie 20 Oct; 21 Whiting Bay 20 Oct.

ARCTIC SKUA: 1 Brodick Bay 31 May.

GREAT SKUA: 3 singles Brodick-Ardrossan 5 Jul, 27 Jul, 2 Aug; 1 Brodick Bay 30 Aug.

BLACK-HEADED GULL: 18 occupied nests, 1 young Dougrie 22 Jun; counts inc 21 Lamlash 12 Jan; 9 Whiting Bay 7 Feb; 10 Brodick 23 Jul; 22 Kildonan 7 Aug; 12 Cleiteadh 23 Aug; 10 Shiskine 15 Nov; 15 Whiting Bay 16 Nov; 38 Lamlash 14 Dec; max 200 Ardrossan-Brodick 30 Dec.

COMMON GULL: Pr 3 young Glen Chalmadale 9 Jun; more nests than usual Laggan, but only 6 nests Pladda 11 Jun; no word from Holy Isle; nest 2 eggs Pirmill 5 Jun, empty 6 Jun; second nest 2 eggs 6 Jun; counts inc: 300 Whiting Bay 7 Jan where never usually more than 30; 200 Lamlash 16 Jan; 137 Kilpatrick 13 Oct; 30 Lochranza 23 Oct; 400 Balnacool 15 Nov.

LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL: 100 Machrie 17 Mar; some success at usual breeding colonies although Clachan in north deserted early. Fairly big nos juvs Machrie 10 Aug; 227 Whiting Bay 11 Jul was more than 150 Herring Gulls.

HERRING GULL: Nos down although usually high Brodick. Many nests and young on Holy Isle and Pladda. Clachan colony deserted early also colony SE Boguillie. Counts inc 100 Blackwaterfoot 16 Jan; 300 Kildonan, 150 Holy Isle, 400 Pladda 15 Jun.

GLAUCOUS GULL: 1 North Sannox 14 May (JR)

GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL: 2 prs with nests Loch Cnocan Loch 8 May. None Pladda 11 Jun; 15 non breeders Whiting Bay 19 May; 4 prs Merkland-Sannox placed for predation summered; fairly good nos juvs Machrie 10 Aug; counts inc: 7 Whiting Bay 16 Jan, 19 on 21 Sep; 14 Machrie 20 Apr, 41 on 8 Oct; 11 Lamlash 21 Oct; 7 Corrie 31 Dec.

KITTIWAKE: 3 Whiting Bay 7 Feb; 50 Brodick 13 Jun; 2 Pladda 2 Jul; 2 Machrie 10 Aug, 30 on 8 Oct; 40 Catacol 27 Aug; 24 Whiting Bay 22 Aug; 130 on 21 Sep, 1,000 on 14 Oct; 50 Kingscross 23 Nov; 276 Brodick 27 Sep; 2 off Pladda 12 Dec.

SANDWICH TERN: Arr - spring passage: 1 Machrie, 2 Blackwaterfoot 20 Apr; 2 Clauchlands 25 Apr; 5 Machrie, 4 Brodick 27 Aug; 1 Sliderrywaterfoot 21 May; 5 Kildonan 14 May; 2 Kildonan 23 May; 5 Whiting Bay 14 May; 1 North Sannox 23 May; 1 Fairy Dell coast 26 May; more than usual. Autumn: 1 adult, 1 juv Clauchlands 3 Aug; 6 inc 1 juv Clauchlands 25 Aug; 3 on 8 Sep; last 1 Clauchlands 6 Oct.

COMMON TERN: Many "Comms" reported mostly May. 4 Machrie 8 May; 2 Blackwaterfoot, 2 Lochranza 13 Jun; 1 Brodick 7 Jul. Some bred.

ARCTIC TERN: 4 Machrie, 2 Auchencar 26 May did not breed; 3 Catacol 13 Jun; 18 nests Pladda 30 Jun, 14 contained 2 eggs, 2 nests 1 egg. First hatched 1 Jul, 1 other hatched 2 young 6 Jul, disappeared 14 Jul, crows responsible. Pr Corrie cravie left 25 Jul, no proof success.

GUILLEMOT: 1 dead Kildonan 3 Jan; 4 Whiting Bay 4 Jan; 4 Kildonan 7 Mar; 2 Machrie, 2 Imachar 26 May; 25 Machrie 9 Jun; 16 Holy Isle 15 Jun; 5 Ardrossan-Brodick 28 Jun; 2 Kilbrannan 10 Aug; 75 Merkland 21 Sep; 1 Largymore 20 Oct; 2 Whiting Bay 14 Dec.

RAZORBILL: 1 dead Kildonan 3 Jan; 1 Pladda 2 Jul.

BLACK GUILLEMOT: Pr nested Lochranza, no evidence success; 8 prs Pladda, no nests or young seen but appear to be thriving; 1 pr Bennan carrying food 5 Jun, nest 1 egg cold; 3 Drumadon 29 Jun; 2 adults, 1 juv 1 mile N Machrie 3 Oct; max 23 Pladda Aug; 2 Kerr's Port 3 Apr; 2 Kilbrannan 10 Aug; 1 Whiting Bay 21 Sep; 1 Kingscross Pt 12 Oct; 1 Sannox 26 Oct; 1 Kerr's Port 19 Nov.

PUFFIN: 2 Kingscross 15 Jun; 1 Pladda 2 Jul; 1 Brodick-Ardrossan 27 Jul; 1 Pladda 12 Dec.

ROCK DOVE: 2 prs Machrie 20 Apr, 16 on 26 May; 3 Kings Cave 13 May; pr Cleiteadh 10 Aug, 6 on 17 Sep; 1 Auchencar 7 Oct; 3 Kilpatrick 13 Oct.

WOODPIGEON: Lower nos; counts inc 30 Kingscross 8 Jan, 7 Feb, 23 Dec (where 100 in

1984); 50 Glen Rosa 22 Aug; 23 Dougie 22 Sep; 150 Brodick Country Park 23-26 Oct. **COLLARED DOVE**: 3 prs Whiting Bay; 10 prs Lamlash, 7 prs Shiskine; 6+ prs Brodick; 2 prs Corrie cravie; 1 pr Kildonan, 1 pr Corrie - all in breeding season. Probably more.

FERAL PIGEON: No comments received. Probably 60+ prs Lamlash and Sliderry.

CUCKOO: Arr: 23 Apr Lochranza; generally late; calling 1 May; Machrie 13 May; Corrygills 20 May; Corrie 26 May. 2 juvs fed by Meadow Pipits Lochranza 9 Aug, Blackwaterfoot 19 Aug.

BARN OWL: Located 10 sites where breeding suspected. Singles Margnaheglish 2 Jan, 7 Jun; Wineport Brodick 5 Jan; Auchencaim 7 Feb; Gortonallister 28 Mar, 21 May; Sannox 18 Apr; Carlo 20 Apr, 11 Jun; Drumadoon 1 Jun; Cordon 2 Aug.

TAWNY OWL: Single hunting Lochranza 22 May; heard Lamlash several occasions inc 11 Jul; 1-2 Brodick 19 Sep; Whiting Bay 1-8 Oct.

SHORT-EARED OWL: 13 territories is increase within low growth afforested areas. Numerous sightings Auchaleffan-Kilmory, Auchareoch-Whiting Bay, North Glen Sannox, Boguillie, Lochranza, Ross, Urie Loch, High Corrie, Machrie, Dougie, Corrie cravie.

NIGHTJAR: Arr: 1 Jun Brodick; 4-5 churring Brodick shows steady decline.

SWIFT: First 1 Merkland 14 May; 2 Kildonan 17 May; 2 Machrie 12 Jun; 2 N Pladda 15 Jun; 1 Machrie 21 Jun; 20 Pimmill 22 Jun; 20 N Ross 29 Jun; 2 Lamlash 30 Jul; 3 Boguillie, 2 Corrie cravie 6 Aug.

GREAT-SPOTTED WOODPECKER: 1 Glenashdale Jun (A. Williams) is first seen since 1982.

SKYLARK: 3 prs Machrie 17 Mar, 20 Apr; singing Garbh Alt 14 May, Kingscross 19 May, Bennecarrigan 21 May, Corrie 27 May, Beinn a Chliabhain 5 Jun, Pladda 15 Jun, Dougie 22 Jun, Ben Nuis 25 Jun. Autumn movement: 6 Corrie cravie 21 Aug; max 46 Cleiteadh 17 Sep; 12 String 25 Sep; 1 Narachan 15 Oct.

SAND MARTIN: None Auchareach where 1 pr last year, 20 prs 1983; subsequently bulldozed but suitable habitat still remains; none Dougie where 6 prs last year. Disastrous with no reports anywhere on island.

SWALLOW: Arr: single Kildonan 24 Apr is late; small nos at first with 2 Lamlash 26 Apr; 2 Glenloig, 2 Kings Cave, 2 Tormore, 2 Shedog 27 Apr; 6 Blackwaterfoot 16 May; more by 26 May; 2 prs nested East Bennan, 5 prs Bennecarrigan, 6+ prs Brodick; 1 pr Gortonallister, Kingscross. Counts inc: 120 Whiting Bay 4 Sep high proportion juvs; max 160 Whiting Bay 5 Sep; 20 Kildonan 23 Sep; 22 Sannox 24 Sep; 20 inc juvs Machrie-Pimmill 2 Oct; 4 Blackwaterfoot 4 Oct; 6 Kildonan 10 Oct; last 6 Whiting Bay 11 Oct.

HOUSE MARTIN: Arr: 2 Lamlash 28 Apr is late; 5 prs Kildonan 14 May; 3 prs Kilmory 21 May; 3 prs Machrie 26 May; 2 prs Corrie 27 May; 7 prs Lagg Hotel 1 Jun; 16 prs Lamlash 2 Jun; 3 prs Catacol 7 Jul. No nests Allandale Brodick where usual; 1 nest taken over by House Sparrows Lamlash. Counts inc 16 Brodick 24 Aug; max 150 Benlister 8 Sep; 20 Kingscross 12 Sep; 10 Kildonan 30 Sep; last 1 Lochranza 10 Oct.

TREE PIPIT: Arr 4 Apr Kingscross and Glen Cloy; 20 Singing ♂♂ located; nest, 6 eggs North Glen Sannox, success not known.

MEADOW PIPIT: Very common on moorland. Of those noted 4 prs had 17 young. Counts inc 20 Kildonan 3 Jan; 30 the Heights 4 Apr; 7 Pimmill 25 May; 60 West Bennan, 12 String 17 Sep; 46 Glen Cloy 22 Sep; 26 Sannox 24 Sep; 50 Tormore 25 Sep; 67 Machrie Moor 26 Sep; max 100 Auchagallon, 50 Machrie Moor 2 Oct; 25 Lenimore 16 Oct.

ROCK PIPIT: Commonly bred round coast. Only 1 pr Clachlands 8 Jun; 2 Machrie 5 Jul; 2 Pimmill 25 May; family 8 Machrie 10 Aug; 10 Cleiteadh 17 Aug. Seem fewer.

YELLOW WAGTAIL: ♂ Kilmory 9 Sep (GM).

GREY WAGTAIL: 20 prs; at least 1 pr bred Sliderry Jun; pr at nest Glenashdale 1 Jun; 3 Lamlash 8 Sep; 3 Kilmory 9 Sep.

PIED WAGTAIL: Prs with nests or young Margnaheglish 8 May; Carlo 31 May, Whiting Bay 1 Jun; Lochranza Castle 13 Jun; Pladda 15 Jun; counts inc juvs; 12 Cleiteadh 17 Aug; 12 Kildonan 26 Aug; 24 Clachlands 8 Sep; many everywhere Sep. M.a.alba: singles Tormore 19 May, Clachlands 23 Jun; 2 Torrylinwaterfoot 26 Aug; 2 Kildonan 26 Aug; 4 Clachlands 7 Sep; 3 Catacol 7 Oct.

DIPPER: No change with 10 territories although some singles in different localities. 3 prs Kilmorywater, no young seen; imm Lochranza Water 9 Jun. Winter: singles Millburn Lamlash

17 Jan, 21 Feb; Machriewater 23 Oct; Lochranza Water 26 Nov.

WREN: No change. Pr nested Carlo; 5 prs in small area Brodick Country Park. Common round coast; many singing 9 Oct Narachan-Laggan; 15 Oct Cock of Arran-Newton.

DUNNOCK: Very common throughout year. Max 12 Auchencaim 22 Nov.

ROBIN: Exceptionally common although scarce Aug; 8 prs in small area Brodick Country Park. Many singing autumn song Kingscross 24 Sep; 25 Brodick-Merkland 21 Sep.

BLACK REDSTART: Single ♂ Machrie-String Road 15 Feb (SB).

REDSTART: All sightings in autumn with no ♂ seen. ♀ summit Mulloch Buidhe 12 Jul; ♀ Glen Chalmadale 18 Jul; single Sliderry-Lagg 11 Aug; 2 ♀ Brodick Country Park 26 Aug - all probably juvs.

WHINCHAT: Arr; 2 Pirmill, 2 Kings Cave 5 May; 1 Loch Cnocan Loch 8 May; 2 Rubha Salach 26 May; 4 prs Glen Iorsa 25 May; 5 prs Glen Rosa 5 Jun; broods Loch a Mhuillinn, Gleann Easan Biorrach, Lochranza, Corriecrievie, Tormore Machrie, String, Sannox-Glen Chalmadale, Kildonan, Ross Road. Common and widespread. High proportion juvs with adults; several families Glen Iorsa 13 Aug; 15-20 Glen Rosa 22 Aug; 12 Tormore 10 Aug; last 3 Machrie Moor 22 Sep.

STONECHAT: 22 prs is improvement, 16 broods noted. Winter singles and prs Glen Cloy 8 Jan, Kildonan 3 Jan, Torbeg 15 Nov, N Glen Sannox 8 Nov, 24 Dec.

WHEATEAR: Arr: 1 Lochranza 28 Mar; 2 Kerr's Port, 2 Brodick 31 Mar, more 1-27 Apr; 33 prs with 25 juvs; max 10 Ross Road 29 Jun; autumn: 5 Glen Rosa 14 Jul; 5 Torrylin 11 Aug; 5 Machrie Moor 21 Aug; 4 Clauchlands 26 Aug; 1 Merkland 20 Sep; 3 Whiting Bay, 2 Kildonan 23 Sep; 1 Kilmory 26 Sep; last Machrie Moor 2 Oct.

RING OUZEL: No comments received.

BLACKBIRD: Very common and widespread; 6 prs Brodick Country Park in small area; ♂ killed 2 other ♂ while fighting for territory Dippen 8 Apr; 10 Kingscross 16 Oct.

FIELDFARE: Lower nos: 100 Kingscross 20 Apr; 55 Shiskine 16 Apr; late stragglers 1 Blackwaterfoot 2 May, 1 Catacol 6 Jun; autumn: 6 early imms Glen Sannox, 1 North Sannox 29 Aug; a 'few' with Mistles Heights 11 Sep; 2 Sannox 6 Oct; only 4 Kingscross 8 Oct-23 Nov; 10 Glen Ormidale 14 Oct; 100 Torr Nead 1 Nov; 300 (mixed Redwings) Sliderry 15, 21 Nov.

SONG THRUSH: Singles throughout year although fewer winter. 4 prs in small area Brodick Country Park, prs small area Kingscross spring-summer.

REDWING: Low nos: 10 Kingscross, 30 Monamore 20 Apr, autumn: 15 Heights 3 Sep; 12 Kingscross 16 Oct; 100 Gortonallister, 6 Sliderry 23 Oct; 35 Corrie 21-28 Oct; 300 (mixed Fieldfares) Sliderry 15, 21 Nov; 30+ Kildonan 18 Nov; 5 Kingscross 23 Nov.

MISTLE THRUSH: Young fledged Lochranza and Dougie 25 May; counts inc 9 Kildonan 7 Feb; 20 Clauchlands 27 Aug; 18 Kingscross 17 Sep; 14 Monamore 20 Sep; 10 Auchencar, 9 Corriegills 7 Oct; 29 Heights 8 Oct; 8 Corrie 14 Oct.

GRASSHOPPER WARBLER: 1 Torbeg May-Jul; 1 Glen Cloy 8 Jul.

SEDGE WARBLER: Arr: Clauchlands 16 May; 4 prs Clauchlands; 5 prs Tormore-Torbeg; 3 prs Corriecrievie; 1 pr Dougie; total 13 prs.



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COMMON WHITETHROAT: Arr: Kingscross 18 May - 2 territories; 6 singing Kildonan-Bennan 11 Jun; only 23 territories is minimum.

GARDEN WARBLER: First Lamlash 19 May; Fallen Rocks 23 May; Brodick 30 May; Lagg 5 Aug.

BLACKCAP: Arr: 6 May Kingscross; 2 singing Kilmichael 16 May; 1 Lochranza 21-24 May; 1 Brodick Country Park 31 May; 4 Lamlash 21 May-21 Jun; 1 Kildonan 1 Jun; 2 Cnocan Wood 25 Jun; 12 singing males located, probably more. Winter: 3 Glen Iorsa 10 Oct; ♂ Glenashdale 25 Nov; ♂ Kildonan 2 Dec.

WOOD WARBLER: Arr: 2 Merkland 28 Apr, singing Glen Cloy 26 May; Stronach, North Glen Sannox, Dougie, Dippen 28 May; Kilmichael 14 May; Lochranza 16 May; 2 prs Brodick Country Park 11 May; Glengarry Lamlash 30 May; 2 ♂ Altachorvie Lamlash 8 Jun; 1 ♂ Clauchlands 24 Jul; 1 Lagg 5 Aug. 16 territories is more than usual.

CHIFFCHAFF: Arr: Whiting Bay 25 Apr, Lochranza 26 Apr, 15 calling is poor; singing Altachorvie, Merkland 28 Apr, Stronach Brodick 5 May, 2 Whitehouse Lamlash 2 May, Blackwaterfoot 19 May; 2 Brodick Country Park 27 Jun; 1 Corrie, 1 Glenashdale 16 Jul; 1 Clauchlands 6 Aug; 1 Sannox 21 Aug; last Glen Rosa entrance 17 Sep.

WILLOW WARBLER: Arr: Lochranza 22 Apr, more on 23 Apr Lochranza, Lamlash, Whiting Bay, Kildonan, Kingscross, Larybeg on 24 Apr, 10 Merkland 29 Apr by now widespread; pr nesting Carlo 3 May; nest Kildonan; 4 fledged Dougie 22 Jun; last Corrie 24 Sep. Bird ringed as juv Jun 1985 re-trapped as adult Sliderry 28 Jun 1986.

GOLDCREST: 5 Stronach Brodick 5 May; 3 prs small area Brodick Country Park; 6 Cam Ban Kilmory 18 Aug; 6 Merkland 21 Sep; many elsewhere.

SPOTTED FLYCATCHER: Arr: 2 Lamlash 1 May; 18 prs minimum; nest with young Lamlash 8 Jun, Brodick 25 Jun; Sannox, Gortonallister, Kingscross, Sliderry; 8 Brodick Jul; 5 Kingscross 23 Aug; 2 juvs Sliderry 31 Aug.

LONG-TAILED TIT: Families early despite long cold winter-spring: Lochranza, Carlo, Benlister, Corriegills, Kingscross, Brodick. Exceptionally good nos seen by many observers. Max counts inc: 20 Glenkiln Lamlash 2 Feb; 23 Merkland, 6 Carlo 26 Sep; 60 Brodick Country Park 7 Sep; 7 Corrie 27 Oct; 4 Gortonallister Nov; many singles, prs and threes.

COAL TIT: Increased some areas; 4 prs small area Brodick Country Park; 5 Merkland 21 Sep; 60 Glenashdale 24 Sep; back to garden feeders Nov.

BLUE TIT: 5 prs small area Brodick Country Park; successfully nested many parts inc Kildonan and Kingscross, flown 26 Jun; 4 adults 6 juvs Brodick Jul; 8 North Corrie 2 Jan; 6 Corrie 3 Jan; 9 North Corrie 7 Oct were only counts.

GREAT TIT: Fairly good nos. Only 4 prs reported nesting. 6 Corrie 3 Jan; 4 Clauchlands 27 Oct were only counts.

TREE CREEPER: Only 7 singles reported Altachorvie and Whitehouse Lamlash, Lochranza, Benlister, Dougie, Brodick, Merkland.

MAGPIE: Single Heights-Kingscross 12 May; 2 Heights 18 May. Single seen same area for last 3 years now with mate? Not seen rest of year.

JACKDAW: Large flocks throughout year, 200 Blackwaterfoot 16 Jan; 100 Gortonallister 22 Apr; 50 Kildonan 28 May; 70 Tommore Aug; 120 Kildonan 23 Sep; 150 Auchencar 7 Oct.

CARRION CROW: Pr nest 2 young Lamlash 10 Jun where more common than Hooded; pr regular Pladda did not nest but predated Tern colony; fledged young Bennan 28 May; 5 Corrie 31 May; 20 mixed Hooded Shiskine 15 Nov.

HOODED CROW: comix: nested Cordon, Glenree, Monamore, Machrie, Glen Chalmadale, Corriecravie, Clauchlands, Dougie. Counts inc 2 prs Corrie 25-28 May; several String 6 Jun; 6 Glenscorradale 20 Sep; 5 Glen Iorsa 10 Oct; 9 Kildonan 20 Oct; 20 mixed Carrion Shiskine 15 Nov.; 2 Carrion x Hooded nests Kingscross 8 Feb fledged 2 hybrids; 18 Hooded inc hybrids Ross 17 Aug.

RAVEN: 15+ prs, some successful, 15 young minimum; counts inc 4 Bennan 3 Jan; 4 Drumadoun 27 Feb; 6 Kildonan 3 Aug; 5 Lochranza 7 Aug; max 11 Lochranza 7 Sep; 6-7 Whiting Bay 25 Sep.

STARLING: First time Starlings nested Lochranza Youth Hostel in 4 yrs; counts inc 24 Kildonan 3 Jan increased to 50 later in year; max 800 Sliderry 19 Aug; 600 Kilmory 26 Sep; 100 Auchencar 8 Oct.

HOUSE SPARROW: No change. Absent some parts. Counts inc 40 Lamlash 24 Aug; 30 Auchencar 16 Nov, 22 Nov. Leucistic male Tormore 19-28 May.

CHAFFINCH: 11 prs Brodick Country Park; several with diseased feet Gortonallister; 10 adults with juvs Brodick Jul; successful breeding many parts. Counts inc 50 Lamlash 24 Jan; 50 Glen Cloy, 55 Glenscorradale 20 Sep; 45 Corriegills 21 Sep; 100 Whiting Bay 29 Sep; 100 Auchencaim 22 Nov; max 200 Kildonan 6 Dec. 40 Corrie 31 Dec; dove grey bird with large flock Sannox 1 Nov.

GREENFINCH: No change breeding status. Counts inc 30 Blackwaterfoot 11 Apr; 20 Clauchlands 27 Apr; 7 Kildonan 3 Aug; 6 Tormore 25 Sep; 14 Heights 8 Oct; 12 Dougrie 10 Oct; 6 Lamlash 26 Nov.

GOLDFINCH: Only 13 prs, 8 juvs noted; counts; 25 Kingscross 28 Sep; 6 Kildonan 30 Sep; 20 Clauchlands 4 Oct.

SISKIN: High nos bred but flock sizes down on 1985; counts inc 5 Corrie, 3 Catacol 7 Oct; 10 Kilmory 5 Oct; 40+ Lochranza 11 Sep; 2 Kildonan 30 Sep; 10 Kingscross 15 Nov; 6 Lamlash 24 Nov; flocks Cordon and Gortonallister where common all year.

LINNET: 22 prs probably bred; counts inc 50 Clauchlands 26 Aug; 60 Kildonan 23 Sep; 20 Brodick 3 Oct; 20 Machrie 2 Oct.

TWITE: pr Kilpatrick 15 Jun; ♂ Tormore 13 Jul; 15 Machrie-Tormore summer-autumn; 7 Clauchlands 3 Aug, max 100 Ross Road 17 Aug.

REDPOLL: Single Kildonan 16 May, 11 Jun; Kingscross 2-6 Jun; pr Dougrie 18-22 Jun; pr Glaister-Machrie 22 Jun with 2 juvs 2 Oct.

CROSSBILL: No comments received.

BULLFINCH: 9 prs Kingscross, Heights, Gortonallister, Monamore, Altachorvie, Corrie, Carlo, Kildonan. Juv Clauchlands 7 Aug; 4 Monamore 21 Oct. No word Brodick or Lochranza.

YELLOWHAMMER: 2 prs Clauchlands; 2 prs Torrylinwaterfoot; 2+ prs Kildonan; 3 prs Cleiteadh; 1 pr Blackwaterfoot; 2+ prs Sliderry; ♂ Dereneach String 6 May; 12+ prs are higher nos; max 15 Kerr's Port 9 Feb.

REED BUNTING: More seen. 2-3 prs Corriecraive; 1-2 prs Tormore; pr Glen Cloy 11 Jun; party 5, females and juvs, Ross 1 Aug; singles Blackwaterfoot 25 Apr; Glen Chalmadale 8 Jun; Clauchlands 13-27 Apr; Shiskine 24 Apr; Tighenmenach 26 Apr; Bennecarrigan 21 May; Sliderry 21 May, Torbeg Jul, Machrie 25 Sep.

ADDITIONS TO PREVIOUS NOTES

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MOORHEN: Brodick Country Park 26 Sep.

BARN OWL: Barn owls bred ruin Kilmory, roof collapsed, 3 young died.

MERLIN: Torr Righ Mor 4 Aug.

WHITE WAGTAIL: M.a.alba: 18 Kildonan 25 May

CHECK LIST

STATUS SYMBOLS

R - Residents (Breeds); R* - Resident (No recent breeding records);
 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; C - Common; U - Uncommon;
 B* - Formerly bred (No recent breeding records); O - Occasional; V - Vagrant;
 I - Introduced or released.

Red-throated Diver	RC
Black-throated Diver	R*/PC
Great Northern Diver	S**U/WU/PC
Little Grebe	WU
Great Crested Grebe	WO
Red-necked Grebe	V
Slavonian Grebe	WO
Black-necked Grebe	WO
Fulmar	SC/WU
Cory's Shearwater	V
Sooty Shearwater	V
Manx Shearwater	SU/PC
Storm Petrel	PC
Leach's Petrel	V
Gannet	S**C/WU
Cormorant	RC
Shag	RC
Bittern	V
Grey Heron	RC
Spoonbill	V
Chilean Flamingo	V
Mute Swan	R*C
Whooper Swan	WU/PC
Pink-footed Goose	WO
White-fronted Goose	WU/PU
Greylag Goose	WC/PC
Canada Goose	R*/PO
Barnacle Goose	WO
Brent Goose	V
Shelduck	RC
Wigeon	S*O/WQ
Teal	SU/WC
Mallard	RC
Pintail	PO
Shoveler	B*
Pochard	WO
Tufted Duck	WO
Scaup	WO
Eider	RC
King Eider	S**U
Long-tailed Duck	SO/WO
Scoter	SO/WO
Velvet Scoter	WO
Goldeneye	WC
Smew	WO
Red-breasted Merganser	RC
Goosander	S*/PU
Red Kite	B*

White-tailed Eagle	B*V
Hen Harrier	RC
Goshawk	S**/PO
Sparrowhawk	RC
Buzzard	RC
Rough-legged Buzzard	V
Golden Eagle	RC
Osprey	B*/PO
Hobby	V
Kestrel	RC
Red-footed Falcon	V
Merlin	RU
Peregrine	RC
Red Grouse	RC
Ptarmigan	RU
Black Grouse	RU
Capercaillie	B*
Red-legged Partridge	I
Grey Partridge	R*U
Quail	B*/V
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	PC
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 PhalaropeV
 Red-necked PhalaropeV
 Pomarine SkuaV
 Arctic SkuaS**U/PC
 Great SkuaS**U/PC
 Little GullPO
 Sabine's GullV
 Black-headed GullRC
 Common GullRC
 Lesser Black-backed GullSC/WU
 Herring GullRC
 Glaucous GullSU/PU
 Iceland GullO
 Great Black-backed GullRC
 KittiwakeB*SU/WC/PC
 Ivory GullV
 Sandwich TernS**U/PC
 Roseate TernB*O
 Common TernSC/PC
 Arctic TernSC/PC
 Little TernV
 GuillemotR**C
 RazorbillR**C
 Black GuillemotRC
 Little AukV
 PuffinPC
 Pallas's SandgrouseV
 Rock DoveRC
 Stock DoveRU
 WoodpigeonRC
 Collared DoveRC
 Turtle DoveV
 CuckooSC
 Barn OwlRC
 Tawny OwlRC
 Long-eared OwlRU
 Short-eared OwlRC
 NightjarSU
 SwiftS*U/PC
 KingfisherR*U
 HoopoeV
 Great Spotted WoodpeckerR*O
 SkylarkRC
 Sand MartinSU
 SwallowSC
 House MartinSC
 Tree PipitSC
 Meadow PipitRC
 Rock PipitRC
 Yellow WagtailS*U
 Grey WagtailRC
 White WagtailB*/PC
 Pied WagtailRC
 WaxwingWO
 DipperRC
 WrenRC
 DunnockRC
 RobinRC
 Black RedstartWU/PU

RedstartSU
 WhinchatSC
 StonechatRC
 WheatearSC/PC
 Ring OuzelSU
 BlackbirdRC
 FieldfareWC/PC
 Song ThrushRC
 RedwingWC/PC
 Mistle ThrushRC
 Grasshopper WarblerSU
 Sedge WarblerSC
 Lesser WhitethroatV
 WhitethroatSC
 Garden WarblerSC
 BlackcapSC/WU
 Wood WarblerSC
 ChiffchaffSC/PC
 Willow WarblerSC/PC
 GoldcrestRC
 Spotted FlycatcherSC
 Pied FlycatcherS*U
 Long-tailed TitRC
 Willow TitO
 Coal TitRC
 Blue TitRC
 Great TitRC
 TreecreeperRC
 Golden OrioleV
 Red-backed ShrikeV
 Great Grey ShrikeV
 JayB*/PO
 MagpieB*/PO
 ChoughB*
 JackdawRC
 RookB*/WC
 Carrion CrowRC
 Hooded CrowRC
 RavenRC
 StarlingRC
 House SparrowRC
 Tree SparrowB*
 ChaffinchRC
 BramblingWU
 GreenfinchRC
 GoldfinchRC
 SiskinRC
 LinnetRC
 TwiteR*/WC
 RedpollSC/PU
 CrossbillRU
 BullfinchRC
 HawfinchV
 Snow BuntingWU
 YellowhammerRC
 Reed BuntingRC
 Corn BuntingB*
 Red-headed Bunting
 (probably escaped)PO

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