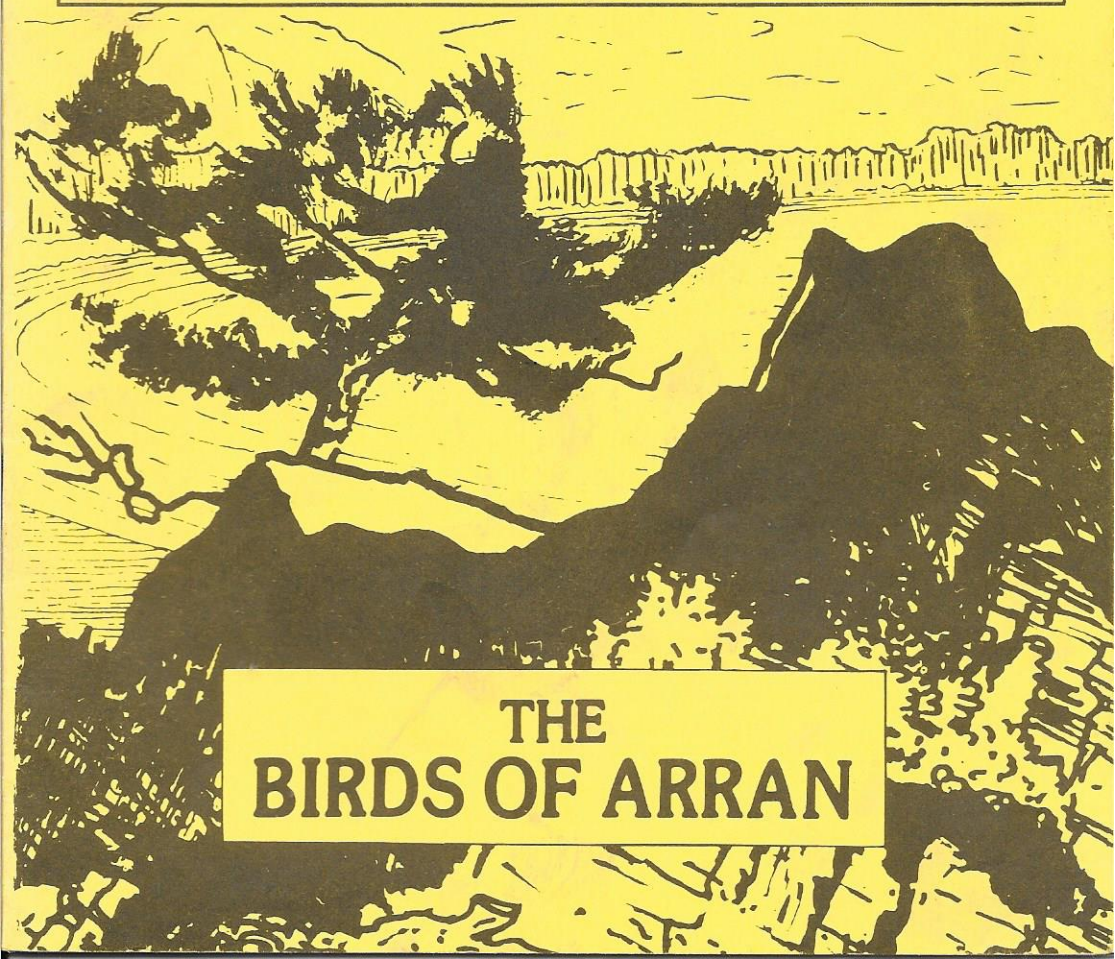




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INTRODUCTION

The Arran Bird Report is now in its eighth year, and once again includes black and white illustrations by Bernard Zonfrillo with an additional Hoopoe by Audrey Walters. I would like to thank them both, and also Audrey for help and typing. Thanks are also due to the many contributors without whom this report would not be possible.

Numbers of many species were lower than in the previous year, and many birds of prey had poor success with the exception of the Golden Eagle. On the positive side several species turned up that were missing last year, and we had a few surprises.

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CHRONOLOGICAL SUMMARY

JANUARY - MARCH

A stimulating start to the year was a Water Rail in one of its former haunts in the Blackwater Valley on 7th January. Whooper Swans were in evidence with 3 at Shiskine on 11th with more towards the end of the month. A Waxwing delighted its observers at Corrygills on 12th followed by 5 Waxwings on rowans at Corrie on 16th. The first Gannet appeared off Kildonan on 21st. 200 Fieldfares and Redwings were at Shiskine on 8th February and 850 Greylags was more than usual on 10th. Herons began nest building on 14th when 11 were present at Lamlash. 3 Tree Sparrows were unexpected in a garden at Lamlash on 15th. The single Grey Plover on 16 - 26th was at the same location in Lamlash for the fourth consecutive year. 20 Goldeneye were between Dougrie and Lochranza from 26th until 3rd March. A single Snow Bunting at Auchencairn on 28th March was the only one of the year.

APRIL - JUNE

April was a month of more movement when 7 Whooper Swans flew north of Brodick on 6th while an early male Ring Ouzel appeared briefly on Goatfell on 7th. A Slavonian Grebe was between Corrie and Sannox on 9th. A Brambling was still at Blackwaterfoot on 18th. Spring passage was well under way on 24th with 9 Great Northern Divers at Dougrie, 2 Whimbrel, 2 Sandwich Terns, 12 White Wagtails at Kildonan and a Bar-tailed Godwit at Brodick. Taking advantage of warm weather, most summer migrants had arrived by the end of April.

As he had been in the Ormidale, no one believed the first person to see the Chilean Flamingo at the Rosa mouth Brodick on 7th May until confirmed by others! 2 Cormorants attracted much attention at Shiskine on 28th, but probably the most interesting summer visitor was the Lesser Whitethroat trying to establish territory at Kingscross from 26th to 29th. June passed quietly with breeding in full progress, the most remarkable fact being the hatching of the first of the two Golden Eagle chicks on the 19th, and the almost forgotten sound of Cormorants at Shiskine caused much comment all round.

Summer Migrant Arrival Dates

Wheatear	Pimmill	4 Apr
Ring Ouzel	Goatfell	7 Apr
Chiffchaff	Dougrie	7 Apr
House Martin	Cornecravie	11 Apr
Swallow	Gortonallister	12 Apr
Grasshopper Warbler	Tornore	12 Apr
Willow Warbler	Lochranza	14 Apr
Common Sandpiper	Carlo	20 Apr
Cuckoo	Glenshuring	22 Apr
White Wagtail	Kildonan	24 Apr
Whimbrel	Kildonan	24 Apr
Sandwich Tern	Kildonan	24 Apr
Tree Pipit	Pimmill	24 Apr
Spotted Flycatcher	Imachar	24 Apr
Blackcap	Brodick	26 Apr
Whinchat	Boguille	27 Apr
Wood Warbler	Merkland	27 Apr
Garden Warbler	Kerr's Port	27 Apr
Common Whitethroat	Torbeg	2 May
Sand Martin	Corriecravie	4 May
Sedge Warbler	Clauchlands	5 May
Arctic Tern	Pladda	10 May
Lesser Whitethroat	Kingscross	23 May
Cormorant	Shiskine	28 May
Nightjar	Brodick	1 Jun

JULY - SEPTEMBER

The next three months proved to be very lively, starting with a stray Puffin at Lochranza on 6th July. Return passage found 2 Black-tailed Godwits in full summer plumage feeding in a recently mown hay field at Machrie on 9th and 10th, when 2 Sandwich Terns were at Sannox. 20 Manx Shearwaters were in Kilbrannan on 13th and a Willow Tit with its distinctive call was an exciting find at Lochranza on 16th. Also at Lochranza was another uncommon visitor, a Great Spotted Woodpecker on 22nd, and a Spotted Redshank was a highlight at Machrie. A Greenshank on the 23rd stayed to winter at Machrie-Tormore. Corncrakes at Shiskine stayed until 27th and possibly one of them, or another, was calling at Clauchlands the same day. Migration was well advanced by August when a Little Gull was halfway on the Ardrossan-Brodick crossing on 1st, a Sanderling at Cleiteadh on 8th and 2 Knots at Catacol on 9th. A Whimbrel was at Torrylinn on 11th, 10 Redpolls at Kingscross on 16th, 2 Great Skuas on the crossing and 2 Storm Petrels off Lochranza on 17th during strong north winds. The 18th found 60 Siskins at Kingscross. 4 Great Crested Grebes were unusual at Corrie-Sannox on 19th when 2 Little Stints were at Brodick. 5 Arctic Skuas were on passage at Cock of Arran on 22nd, 10 White Wagtails and 1 Bar-tailed Godwit were at Kildonan on 25th. 2 Ruff on 26th at Kildonan was an exciting find while 12 Crossbills were in Monamore on 30th. 4 Golden Eagles were tumbling and playing in Glen Rosa on 1st September when the first 3 Fieldfares were back at Brodick. 3 juvenile Sanderling allowed close approach at Sliderry on 3rd but it was an exotic Hoopoe at Lamdash on 4th and 5th that set the twitchers racing. 2 single Swifts were late in Glen Cloy and Corrygills on 6th. There were large concentrations of Shags all round the coast with maximum 500 at Blackwaterfoot on 27th.

OCTOBER - DECEMBER

More than the usual number of Whooper Swans were in widespread localities from 4th October when a late Chiffchaff was still at Knockankelly on 10th and a late Redstart at Lochranza on 17th. On 1st November the largest concentration of Thrushes was 700 Fieldfare at Shiskine and 500 Redwing at Machrie. 17 was a large number of Black-throated Divers at Machrie on 14th, when 4 House Martins at Whiting Bay and 2 Swallows at Kildonan set a latest ever record on Arran. Geese provided a few surprises when a single Barnacle fed with Greylags at Shiskine on 17th and 2 Brents were at Kildonan from 10th - 17th December. Slavonian Grebes turned up again, 1 at Lochranza on 10th and 1 at Whiting Bay on 20th. 5 Purple Sandpipers were at Drumadoon on 20th and a Moorhen (rare for Arran) was at Machrie on 23rd.

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		

Initials of observer concerned are generally limited to rarities and less common species.

SYSTEMATIC LIST

Red-throated Diver 5 prs attempted breeding but poor success; 3 sites not monitored 3 not used. Counts: 5 N Catacol 12 Apr, 1 on 16 Apr; 2 Thundergay 16 Apr; 4 Imachar and 2 Bennan 24 Apr; 1 Lochranza 25 Apr; 2 Drumadoon 1 May; 4 Kilbrannan 2 May; 2 Whitefarland 24 May; 2 Machrie 15 Jun; 1 Thundergay 6 Jul; 2 Catacol 9 Jul and 12 Aug; 2 Brodick and 2 Whiting Bay 15 Jul; 2 Pimmill 21 Jul; 3 Thundergay 10 Aug; 2 Tormore and 1 Machrie, 2 Dougrie 23 Aug; 2 Machrie 6 and 16 Sep; 2 Whiting Bay Oct-Dec, 6 on 31 Oct; 1 Lamlash Nov-Dec; 6 Pimmill 10 Dec.

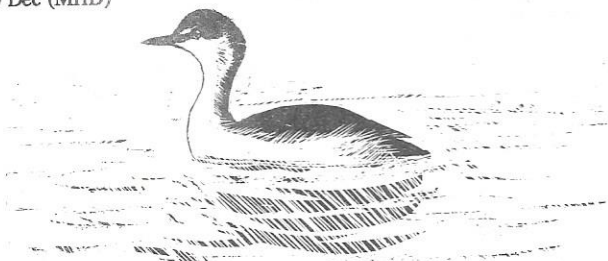
Black-throated Diver Counts: 2 Sannox 7 Jan; 1 Lamlash 21 Feb; 2 Kilpatrick 23 Feb; 2 Pimmill, 1 Kings Cave 12 Apr; 2 Dougrie 16 Apr and 2 May; 3 Imachar 24 Apr; 1 Brodick 4 Jun; 1 dead Cleiteadh 9 May; 1 Thundergay 19 Oct; big movement Nov with 5 Largymore, 3 Lamlash 2 Nov; 5 Whiting Bay, 4 Kerr's Port 3 Nov; max 17 Machrie-Drumadoon 4 Nov; 6 Lamlash 6 Nov, 2 on 9 Dec.

Great Northern Diver Mainly Apr-May: 2 Thundergay 1 Apr; max 12 Catacol-Machrie 5 Apr; 2 Blackwaterfoot 8 Apr; 1 Catacol, 1 Pimmill 16 Apr; 7 Dougrie, 2 Imachar 24 Apr; 10 singles Kilbrannan 2 May; 1 Fallen Rocks 6 May; 3 Machrie 11 Jun; 3 King's Cave 4 Nov; 1 Pimmill 10 Dec.

Little Grebe Usual 2 + 1 single wintered Kingscross-Cordon still present end Mar, 1 Cordon 19 Mar; back Kingscross 14 Dec; 1 Lochranza 10 Dec.

Great-crested Grebe 4 Corrie-Sannox 19 Aug consisting of 1 ad and 3 juvs, gone later same day (DB)

Slavonian Grebe 1 Corrie-Sannox 9 Apr (CS); 1 Lochranza 10 Dec (JR); 1 Whiting Bay 20 Dec (MHD)



Slavonian Grebe

Fulmar 284 prs but no young seen. 2 still present nest site Machrie 2 Sep; 3 left Corrieavie 7 Sep; none present any sites 25 Sep; 1 pr back Drumadoon 4 Nov; passage: 207 S 15 min Corrie 3 Sep.

Manx Shearwater 1 Drumadoon 1 May, 4 Corrie 19 Jul; 3 S Fallen Rocks 8 Jul; max 20+ Kilbrannan 13 Jul; 1 Ardrossan-Brodick 16 Aug; 1 Machrie 6 Sep.

Storm Petrel 2 off Lochranza S Kilbrannan 17 Aug.

Gannet First Kildonan 21 Jan, 12 on 7 Feb; large nos diving close to King's Cave 16 Jun; max 300 Kilbrannan 18 Jun; 100 Kildonan 8 Aug; 100 Lamlash 10 Sep. Last: 2 Cock of Arran 23 Dec; 2 S King's Cave 25 Dec.

Cormorant 6 Machrie 18 Jan; 1 imm Sannox 1 Jul; 6 Corrie 10 Jul; 4 Hamilton Rock 28 Sep; 4 King's Cave 4 Nov, 20 Dec; 10 Blackwaterfoot, 8 Machrie 25 Sep; max 17 Kildonan-Bennan 25 Nov.

Shag Breeding: 16 ads, 3 juvs Holy Isle colony, 5 ads in sea 12 Jul. More seen than usual. Counts: 80 Kildonan 24 Jan; 18 King's Cave 9 Aug; 107 Dougrie 30 Sep, 20 Nov; max 500 Blackwaterfoot 25 Sep; 125 Bennan 27 Sep; 106 Hamilton Rock 28 Sep; 60 Whiting Bay 2 Nov; 240 Machrie, 200 Drumadoon 4 Nov; 150 Kildonan 25 Nov; 30 Corrie 18 Dec; 125 Brown Head 30 Dec.

Grey Heron Breeding: 18 prs occupied 5 sites is increase from 11 prs; began nest building 14 Feb when 11 present Lamlash, 4 nests 1 double brooded; 4 nests 2-4 yng each Lagg; 4 nests Merkland + 5 probable inaccessible part of wood; 2 nests Stronach not used 1986; 1 nest Whiting Bay. Counts: 1 dead Clauchan Glen 19 Mar; 2 frequent Kildonan 6 Brodick-Corrie, 3 Blackwaterfoot Jul; 2 Lochranza 17 Jul; 1 Narachan 16-19 Oct; 6 Cordon-Kingscross 1 Aug; 1-6 throughout year Lamlash, 1 feeding by lamplight Oct; 2 Machrie 9 Nov.

Chilean Flamingo 1 Rosa mouth Brodick 7 May (TM, A and A.Dinwoodie).

Mute Swan More than usual. Lochranza pr did not breed, present most year up to end Aug; 2 Lamlash Jan-Feb, 5 on 2 Mar, 2 on 12 Apr, 2 on 12 Jun, 6 on 16 Oct, 8 on 11 Oct, 5 on 19 Oct, 3 on 5 Nov, 2 on 31 Dec; 2 Machrie 2 Apr; 2 Corrie 2 Sep; 2 Pimmill-Thundergay 19 Oct; 5 Whiting Bay 20 Feb, 1-2 Sep-Dec, 5 on 6 Nov; pr + 3 imm Brodick 8 Jun; 2 on 3-4 Sep, 4 on 5 Nov; 4 S Pimmill 30 Sep; 1 dead Sliderry 23 May.

Whooper Swan More than usual. 3 Balmichael 11 Jan; 3 N Kildonan 21 Jan; 2 E Pladda 22 Jan; 7 N Brodick 6 Apr; 6 S Whiting Bay 4 Oct; 5 Machrie 21, 24 Oct; 1 S Kildonan 11 Oct, 6 N on 1 Nov, 5 E on 15 Nov; 14 N Merkland 18 Oct; 4 W Glenashdale 2 Nov; 10 SW Kingscross 8, 17 Nov, 5 S on 10 Dec; 5 S Lamlash 13 Dec.

Greylag Goose More than usual. 850 Blackwatervalley 10 Feb, 500 on 18 Feb; 100 Machrie 22 Feb; 350 Blackwatervalley 29 Mar; 200 N Auchencaim 12 Apr; 35 N Corrygills 14 Apr; single Machrie 15 Apr; 70 Balnacoolie 1 Nov; 190 Shiskine 17 Nov; 60 Machrie 1 Dec.

Barnacle Goose Single with greylags Shiskine 17 Nov (MHD,AW).

Brent Goose 2 dark-bellied Kildonan 10-17 Dec (MHD, DG,AW,TRB)

Shelduck Breeding: 9 prs reared 54 young; 3 prs Lamlash from which no young survived; pr Merkland reared 4 out of 6; pr A Kildonan reared 2 broods totalling 22, pr B reared 10 out of 12; pr Drumadoon and pr Rubha Airigh Dougail reared only 1 each; pr Cleiteadh reared 18 young. Counts: 2 Lamlash 8 Jan increasing to 10 on 17 May, gone 12 Jul; 6 Machrie 15 Feb, 12 on 5 Apr, 18 Kildonan 17 Apr; 6 Merkland 2 May; 6 Cleiteadh 3 May; 4 Sliderry 29 Mar; 8 Kingscross 6-8 Mar; 12 Port Leacach 4 May; single prs Auchencar, Imachar, Largybeg, Catacol. 1 back Merkland 6 Dec, moved on by 7th; 15 Blackwaterfoot 9 Dec.

Wigeon 13 Lamlash 8 Jan building to 50 on 17 Feb, 3 on 2 Sep; 56 Kerr's Port 31 Dec; 1 o Machrie 24, 25 May, 62 on 1 Dec; 2 Drumadoon 4 Nov; 7 Kildonan 9 Nov; 32 Blackwaterfoot 230 Dec.

Teal Summer: 1 Corriecravie 25 May; 8 Machrie 29 Mar; 7 Corriecravie, 9 Machrie 14 Apr; 8 Whiting Bay 1 Aug; 2 Machrie 1 Dec.

Mallard Breeding: only 3 prs observed with 14 young; 1 pr bred Lochranza, 8 prs Merkland. Counts: 98 Machrie 18 Jan, 28 on 24 May, 50 on 25 Sep; 12 Lamlash 18 Jan, 20 inc 1 leucistic (present throughout year) on 12 Jul; 25 Kilpatrick 27 Aug; 84 Machrie-Blackwaterfoot 4 Nov.

Eider Breeding nos down to 43 young. Counts: 76 Machrie 18 Jan; 29 Lamlash 15 Feb; 21 Whiting Bay 12 Apr; max 98 Kildonan 24 Apr; small groups with displaying males and prs distributed round coast 12 Apr; 43 males Machrie 26 May; 50 Whitefarland 12 Aug; 24 Drumadoon 25 Sep; 35 Cordon 14 Dec; 56 Sannox 18 Dec: smaller nos elsewhere.

Goldeneye Counts: 5 Brodick 20 Jan; 11 Dougrie 21 Jan; 6 Corrie 27 Jan; 17 Kerr's Port 15 Feb; 20 Lochranza-Dougrie 26 Feb - 3 Mar; 10 Machrie-Dougrie 2 Apr, 12 Dougrie 5 Apr; 6 Blackwaterfoot 8 Apr; 2 Sliderry 16 Apr; 2 Loch Cnocan Loch 21, 22 Apr. Return: 2 Lamlash 1 Nov; 6 Drumadoon 4 Nov; 2 Kildonan 9 Nov; 12 Cordon, 5 Kerr's Port 10 Nov; 2 Brodick, 2 Merkland 21 Dec; 2 Cock of Arran 23 Dec; 2 Sannox 18 Dec; 7 Blackwaterfoot 20 Dec.

Red-breasted Merganser Breeding: Poor with only 5 prs recorded reared 5 young. Pr Glen Rosa possibly bred; 6 young Cordon 30 Jun, 2 left 7 Jul; 1 young Pimmill 30 Jun; 1 young Carlo 1 Jul. Max counts inc many non-breeders: 23 Machrie 15 Feb; 24 Lamlash 3 Feb; 55 Whiting Bay 12 Apr; 40 Machrie 24 May, 82 on 17 Jun; 90 Tormore 3 Jul; 95 Pimmill 10 Jul; 188 Tormore-Dougrie 19 Jul; 141 Tormore 23 Aug, 6 Sep; 72 Whiting Bay 10 Sep; 134 Thundergay 20 Sep; 30 Pimmill 1 Oct; 12 Sannox 18 Dec.

Hen Harrier 5 prs with nests late to breed, all failed; 1 pr 5 eggs, then 3 eggs sat for weeks over time, then all broken. A few only of many sightings: single ♂, ♀ Gortonallister Feb, Mar, Nov; ♂ Corrygills 28 Mar; 1 Glen Rosa 4 Sep, 24 Dec; 3 ringtails Machrie Nov; ♂ Blackwaterfoot 24 Dec.

Sparrowhawk Still good nos with 16 territories; reared 2 young Pimmill; imm Dougrie 18 Aug; imm Corrie 26 Aug; 1 injured Cordon 20 Aug; 1 rescued and released from caravan Whiting Bay.

Buzzard Nos down to 17 prs; 2 juvs reared one site; 5 prs may have bred. 1 dead Windmill 29 May; 3 Strathwhillan 9 Jul; 5 Glen Rosa, 3 Boguille, 3 String 3 Sep.

Golden Eagle Pr 1 reared 2 young, fledged 22 Jul, 4 in air together frequently seen subsequently Aug, Sep. Pr 2 did not breed.

Kestrel 12 prs from which 4 juvs reared by 2 prs. Max 5 Ross 8 Aug.

Merlin Singles Cnoc na dail 26 Mar, Glen Rosa 17 May, Lochranza 14-21 Jul, Dunfion 9 Aug, Boguille end Dec.

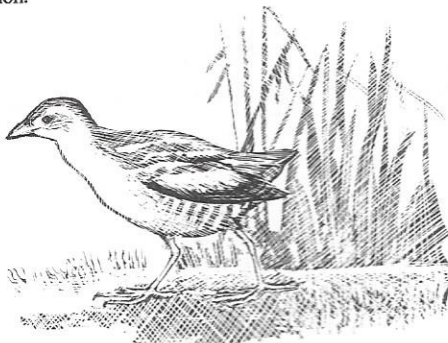
Peregrine 8 prs usual sites, some displaying. Only 2 juvs recorded. 1 ad dead sent for analysis.

Red Grouse Slight improvement in nos young Beinn Nuis hills. 3 Correin Lochain 18 Apr; 8 Goatfell 22 Sep.

Ptarmigan 3 prs probably bred: pr Mulloch Buidhe Feb-Jun, 3 on 3 Jul; pr Beinn Nuis 19 May, with 4 young 24 Jun; pr Beinn Bharrain 12 Jun, 25 Sep, 1 on 5, 28 Oct; 1 Beinn a Chliobhain 1 Sep.

Pheasant More seen. 1 Machrie Moor Standing Stones 22 Apr seemed unlikely place; 6 Glen Iorsa 21 Jan; melanistic ♀ 2 juvs Glen Rosa 8 Jul; 6 Glaister 1 Nov.

Water Rail Single Balmichael Shiskine 7 Jan is first seen for three years, near old stronghold where once fairly common.



Corncrake

Corncrake 2-3 calling Shiskine, Shedog, Torbeg 28 May - 27 Jul. Significant length of time suggests breeding attempted. Singles calling Auchencaim 28 Jun, Clachlands Lamlash 27 Jul suggests birds on migration.

Moorhen 1 Machriewaterfoot 23 Dec was only sighting (DWh)

Oystercatcher Breeding nos down to 28 prs. Sample: 3 prs 3 young Holy Isle 12 Jul. Counts: 80 Machrie 18 Jan, 150 on 2 Apr; 81 Kerr's Port 2 Mar; 50 Brodick 18 Mar; 60 Sliderry 17 Apr; 40 Imachar 24 Apr; 54 Whiting Bay 25 Oct; 58 Blackwaterfoot 20 Dec.

Ringed Plover 26 prs is slightly down, only 6 young noted. Counts inc 16 Cleiteadh 2 Jan; 20 Machrie 18 Jan; 30 Lamlash 15 Feb; 17 Newton 16 Jul; 19 Brodick 18 Aug; 50 Machrie 23 Aug; 9 Kildonan 25 Aug; 65 Whiting Bay 24 Sep, 83 on 25 Oct, 85 on 27 Dec; 24 Catacol 19 Oct.

Golden Plover Very scarce. 2 prs Western Hills, 1 pr showing anxiety 20 Jun; pr Glen Diobhan, distraction 3 Jun; winter: 2 Knockankelly 10 Oct.

Grey Plover Single Lamlash 16-26 Feb, fourth consecutive year (AW).

Lapwing Breeding nos down: 10 prs, only 2 young. Counts: 70 Sliderry 2 Jan; 27 Dougrie 21 Jan; 30 Machrie 4 Feb; 4 Machrie 16 Apr; 23 Shiskine 15 Jul; 53 Blackwaterfoot 17 Nov; 10 Kildonan 25 Nov; 11 Lamlash 15 Dec; 28 Blackwaterfoot 20 Dec.

Knot 2 Catacol 9 Aug (CR)

Sanderling 1 Blackwaterfoot 18 Apr, 1 Aug; 3 Sliderry 3 Sep.

Little Stint 2 Wineport Brodick 19 Aug (DP)

Purple Sandpiper 1 Blackwaterfoot 29 Mar, 2 on 18 Apr; 5 Drumadon Pt 20 Dec.

Dunlin Breeding: pr distraction display Tor Nead 29 May (CR). 1 Lamlash 11 Jan; 3 Machrie 18 Jan; 3 Blackwaterfoot 18 Apr, 2 May; 5 Cleiteadh 23 May; 1 Machrie 24 May, 6 Sep; 1 Blackwaterfoot 28 May; 1 Kildonan 10 Jul; 4 Cleiteadh, 1 Lamlash 14 Aug; 1 Whiting Bay 24 Aug, 3 on 2 Sep, 2 on 7 Sep.

Ruff 2 Kildonan 26 Aug (JB). No previous records, a first for Arran.

Snipe Drumming Auchencaim 10 May; 2 Pimmill 14 May; probably bred several parts but seemed scarce. 3 Blackwaterfoot 9 Mar; 9 Clachlands 9 Dec.

Woodcock Roding Carlo 17 Apr, Kingscross 20 May. Pr 4 young Glen Rosa 25 May; 1 Rubha Salach 27 May; 1 badly injured by cat Kingscross Pt, 1 North Glen Samox 30 Jul; 1 Glenashdale 13 Aug; 1 Clachlands 30 Sep; 1 Ballymenoch String 22 Oct; 1 The Heights Kingscross 2 Dec.

Black-tailed Godwit 2 Machrie 9, 10 Jul, summer plumage (CR, MHD, AW et al)

Bar-tailed Godwit 1 Brodick 24 Apr; 1 Kildonan 25 Aug.

Whimbrel 2 Kildonan-Bennan 24 Apr, 1 Torrylinn 11 Aug; 1 Catacol 3 Sep.

Curlew Breeding: 20 prs seem few. Counts: 40 Kingscross, 40 Cleiteadh 2 Jan; 35 Lamlash 30 Jan; 128 Kilpatrick 15 Mar; 40 Machrie 19 Jul; 75 Cordon 1 Aug; 70 Clauchlands 9 Aug; 17-110 Brodick Country Park Sep-Oct; 47 Kildonan 20 Sep; 95 Machrie 25 Sep; 121 Blackwaterfoot 20 Dec.

Spotted Redshank 1 Machrie 22 Jul (JR,MHD,AW).

Redshank Breeding: 2 prs may have bred Dougrie and Corriecravie where courtship, mating and territories observed. Counts: 11 Kerr's Port, 9 Blackwaterfoot-Machrie 15 Feb; 10 Whiting Bay 20 Apr. Autumn: 2 ads 1 juv Sannox 8 Jul; 8 Whiting Bay 31 Jul increasing to 19 on 2 Sep, 10 on 31 Dec, 15 Lamlash 9 Oct; 4 Kildonan Sep-Nov; 10 Blackwaterfoot 20 Dec. Singles and smaller nos elsewhere.

Greenshank 1 Machriewaterfoot 15 Feb, 23,28 Jul, 13,28 Aug, 16 Sep, 4 Nov, 1 Dec sometimes Tormore, appears to winter; 1 Slidervy 29 Aug.

Common Sandpiper Arr: 1 Carlo 20 Apr; 2 Kildonan, 1 Imachar 24 Apr; 1 Lochranza, 1 North Corrie, 1 South Corrie 28 Apr; 2 prs Fallen Rocks 6 May; pr Lamlash 11 May, May-Jun; pr Largymore 18 May, 14 Jun; pr Largybeg 20 May; pr Tormore 24 May; prs Wineport, Merkland, Carlo, Rubha Salach 27 May; 2 prs Kildonan-Bennan 14 Jun, 30 Jun; pr Dougrie 15 Jun; pr Auchencar 17 Jun; pr Glen Iorsa 17 Jun; 1 Monamore 30 Jun, 7 Jul; 1 Whiting Bay 6, 31 Jul; 1 mid Kildonan 16 Jul; pr Cnocan Brodick 17 Jul; 4 prs Machrie-Auchencar 19 Jul; all prs showed anxiety, denoting nest or young; pr, 2 young Corriecravie 2 Jul. Min 27 prs. Last 1 Kildonan 27 Aug.

Turnstone 12 Slidervy 2 Jan; 16 Lamlash 7 Feb; 14 Blackwaterfoot 29 Mar; smaller nos Apr; 1 late Cleiteadh 23 May; 1 returned Machrie 23 Jul; 18 Machrie 16 Sep; 16 Whiting Bay 24 Sep, 20 on 25 Oct, 18 on 22 Nov, 14 on 20 Dec.

Arctic Skua 2 S Brodick-Ardrossan crossing 18 Jul; 1 S Lochranza 17 Aug; 1 following trawler off Catacol 18 Aug; 5 Cock of Arran 22 Aug.

Great Skua 1 between Ardrossan-Brodick 22 Jul, 16 Aug; 1 with Arctic Skua off Catacol 18 Aug.

Little Gull 1 between Ardrossan-Brodick 1 Aug (A Carroll).

Black-headed Gull Breeding: 1 pr at Common Gull colony Port na Fennaiche 13 May; 10 prs Dougrie 15 Jun. Counts: 12 Brodick 28 Jul and most of year; 20 Kildonan 19 Jul; 40 Sannox 21 Sep; 40 Catacol 16 Oct; 14 Pimmill 19 Oct; max 62 Blackwaterfoot 20 Dec.

Common Gull Breeding: 100 prs with young Holy Isle; 15 prs Port na Fennaiche; 5 prs Dougrie, 3 grown young Jul; a few prs Pladda and Laggan. Total 120 prs certain, possibly 136 prs. Counts: 151 Machrie 18 Jan, 169 on 15 Feb; 103 Kilpatrick 15 Mar; 113 Lamlash 18 Mar; 200 Shiskine 17 Nov, 300 on 1 Dec.

Lesser Black-Backed Gull Arr: 16 Blackwaterfoot 15 Feb. Usual large colonies Holy Isle, Pladda, Loch Nuis, SE Ross. Counts: 41 Whiting Bay 28 Mar; 34 Lochranza 10 Aug; 94 inc 60 juvs Machrie 23 Aug; 55 Lamlash 27 Aug; 138 Catacol 16 Oct, 52 on 17 Oct last.

Herring Gull Expanding Holy Isle. Colonies elsewhere Pladda, Boguille, SE Ross, Loch Nuis; E Boguille colony deserted 11 Aug; 400 with young Pladda 15 Jun. Counts: 239 Machrie, 57 Lamlash 15 Feb; 232 Whiting Bay 12 Apr; 100 Kildonan 14 Jun; 90 Whiting Bay 22 Jun; 171 Lamlash 9 Aug; 200 Catacol 30 Sep; 600 Catacol, 80 Lochranza 16 Oct; 150 Lochranza, 310 Catacol 17 Oct; 1,000 Holy Isle 31 Oct; 1,000 Machrie 1 Dec.

Great Black-backed Gull Highest nos later in year; 37 Whiting Bay 15 Sep; 70 Machrie 16 Sep; 20 Lamlash 28 Sep; 50 North Glen Sannox, 20 Catacol 30 Sep; 77 Machrie 1 Dec.

Kittiwake 12 Whiting Bay 31 Jul building to 55 on 13 Aug, 250 on 15 Sep-Nov, 6 on 9 Dec; 55 S Corrie 3 Sep; 250 Brodick 3 Sep departed at dusk; 100 Machrie 16 Sep; 53 Catacol 30 Sep.

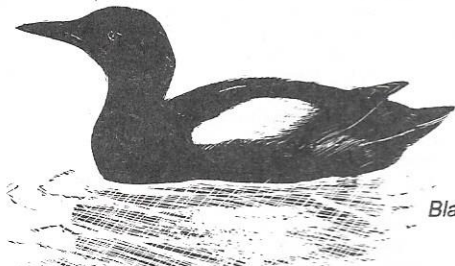
Sandwich Tern 2 mating Kildonan-Bennan 24 Apr did not stay to breed; 2 Machrie 26 Apr. Downward trend continues with less autumn passage: 2 Sannox 10 Jul; 3 Clauchlands 9 Aug; 2 Kildonan 15,21 Aug; 2 Machrie 23 Aug, 8 on 6 Sep; 3 Brodick 31 Aug; 2 Whiting Bay 2 Sep, 1 on 7, 17 Sep; 1 Blackwaterfoot 16 Sep.

Common Tern Very few. Did not breed. 2 Thundergay 24 May; 1 Machrie, 1 Pimmill 9 Jul; 1 Blackwaterfoot 8-17 Jul; 1 Dougrie 21 Jul.

Arctic Tern 6 prs attempted breeding Pladda, only 1 nest successful, 2 eggs 1 young survived; pr Kildonan, male feeding female 31 May; 2-3 prs Machrie Jun-Jul, carrying food 23 Jul, 3 ads often present. 4 Pladda 31 Jul; 1 Kildonan 8 Aug. Total 10 prs attempted breeding. Passage: 18 N Pimmill 14 May.

Little Tern 1 Dougrie 19 May (JR)

Guillemot 1 Cordon 19 Mar; 14 Holy Isle 25 Apr; 2 Largymore 16 Jun; 9 Brodick-Ardrossan 30 Sep; 4 off Fairy Dell 22 May; 2 Pimmill 5 Jul; 12 Catacol Bay after storm 18 Aug; 3 Cleiteadh Buidhe 23 Aug; 2 Whiting Bay 31 Oct; 1 dead Lamlash 18 Dec; 1 Cock of Arran 23 Dec.



Black Guillemot

Black Guillemot Breeding: 8 prs Pladda 24 Apr; pr with young nest King's Cave 28 Jun; 1 pr nested again Lochranza Pier, young in nest 17 Jul; pr in suitable breeding territory Imachar 24 Apr; may have nested Dippen and Kilpatrick. Counts: 4 Kilpatrick 1 May, 16 Jun; 3 Sannox 7 Jan; 1 Cordon 19 Mar; 2 Holy Isle 12 Jul; 4 Lochranza 16 Jul; 1 juv Brodick 19 Aug; 1 Largymore 15 Sep; 1 Whiting Bay 31 Oct; 8 Kerr's Port 3 Nov; 1 King's Cave 4 Nov.

Puffin 1 Lochranza 6 Jul (CR)

Rock Dove 1 pr nested Machrie Cave, 1 pr Dougrie Cave; 1 Catacol 16 Jul; 1 Cleiteadh 27 Aug; 12 Machrie 2 Sep; 2 King's Cave 4 Nov.

Feral Pigeon Common Lamlash

Woodpigeon Common farmland. 16 Sannox 2 Jan; 12 Kingscross 2 Apr; 23

Torrylinnwaterfoot 11 Aug; 40 Shiskine 17 Nov; 30 Kingscross 15 Dec; 8 Clauchlands 19 Dec.

Collared Dove 4 prs Whiting Bay; 7 prs Shiskine; 6 prs Brodick; 10 prs Lamlash. Total 27+ prs.

Cuckoo Arr: 1 Glen Shurig 22 Apr, 1 Auchencaim, 1 Glen Cloy 25 Apr; 1 Glen Rosa 26 Apr; 1 Lochranza 28 Apr. 3 inc 1 o Machrie 3 May; also calling Crocandoon 2 May; Sannox, Knockenkelly 6 May; Kilpatrick 7 May; Kingscross 19 May; 4 Machrie area 24 May; Fallen Rocks 24 May; Shiskine 29 May. 15+ calling. Absent Largybeg where usual. 3 juvs all fed by Meadow Pipits Boguille 16 Jul, Lochranza 9 Aug, Blackwaterfoot 19 Aug.

Barn Owl Breeding: 3 eggs, 1 young Kilmory 27 May; pr, 1 young Dougrie (CR); suspected breeding 9 other sites. Singles Margnaheglis 7, 12 Apr; Blackwaterfoot 5, 24 Apr; Cordon May; Gortonallister 30 May, 11 Jul, 1 Sep; Sannox 10 Jul; Machrie 19-23 Jul; Clauchlands 30 Sep; 1 dead road casualty Dougrie 15 Sep; Kingscross 1 Nov; Carlo 16 Nov regular there; String summit 10 Dec, frequent Brodick.

Tawny Owl pr Brodick Country Park; pr Lamlash not so often heard.

Short-eared Owl Only 6 territories. Success unknown. Many sightings of singles and prs in low forestry.

Nightjar Arr: Brodick 1 Jun. 3-4 prs Brodick Country Park shows steady decline; 1 Auchencaim 28 Jun, 1 Whiting Bay, former territory 13 Jul, both heard only one day.

Swift 1 Dougrie 24 May; 1 Corrygills 18 Jun; 3 Machrie Moor 22 Jul; 1 Glenashdale 13 Aug; 2 Gortonallister 21 Aug; 1 Glen Cloy, 1 Corrygills 6 Sep.

Great-spotted Woodpecker 1 Lochranza 22 Jul (MI)

Hoopoe 1 Lamlash 4-5 Sep (HW,D & JF)

Skylark Nos down. 4 prs Machrie 16 Apr, 2 May; 3 prs Machrie Moor 22 Apr; 1 pr Tormore 24 May; pr Coirein Lochain 24 Jun; pr Drumadon 28 Jun; pr Kildonan 30 Jun.

Sand Martin 5 nests Auchencar 17 Jun; elsewhere 1 Corrie cravie 4 May; 1 Sannox 27 Jul.

Swallow Arr: 1 Gortonallister 12 Apr; 1 Margnaheglis 13 Apr; 2 Blackwaterfoot, 1 Sliderry 14 Apr; 1 Kildonan 15 Apr; 2 Sliderry 16 Apr; 3 Lamlash, 3 Brodick, 1 Torrigh 18 Apr; 5 Kilmory, 1 Whiting Bay 20 Apr. Breeding: pr nested Sannox; 3 prs nested Gortonallister, 1 pr had 3 broods; 2 nests Newton; 5 prs Clauchlands; many more unrecorded. Counts: 13 Lochranza 10 Aug; 200 (mixed House Martins) Gortonallister 21 Aug, Auchencaim 30 Aug; 20 Dougrie, 16 Machrie 23 Aug; 48 Glen Rosa 4 Sep, 24 Kildonan 20 Sep; 2 Lamlash 15 Oct; 3 The Heights Kingscross 17 Oct; 1 Whiting Bay 24 Oct; last 2 Kildonan 14 Nov.

House Martin. Arr: 1 Corriecravie 11 Apr; 3 Kildonan 17 Apr; 2 Lamlash 23 Apr; 1 Whiting Bay 24 Apr; 2 Sannox 26 Apr. Breeding: 2 nests Lamlash, young flown 26 Sep; 6 nests 1 house Kildonan, 1 knocked down by House Sparrows; good nos nests Whiting Bay, Brodick, Lagg, Machrie; 2 nests successful Corrygills; tore down own nests Sannox 28 May, later built 3 nests 19 Jun. Counts: 6 Catacol 6 Aug; 8 Corrie 13 Aug; 200 (mixed Swallows) Gortonallister 21 Aug, Auchencairn 30 Aug; 30 Machrie 23 Aug; 107 Glen Rosa 4 Sep; 65 Whiting Bay, 50 Kildonan 20 Sep; 6 Kilmory 4 Oct; 3 Lamlash 24 Oct, last 3 Kildonan, 4 Whiting Bay 14 Nov is latest ever recorded on Arran.

Tree Pipit Arr: 24 Apr, 2 Dougrie, 1 Pimmill, 1 Goatfell. Pr, nest Glen Chalmadale 19 Jun; pr Maol Donn 19 Jun; 1 Dunan 19 Jun; 1 near Coirein Lochain 6 Jul; 1 North Sannox 13 May; 1 Corrie 20 Jul; 2 singing Benlister, 1 Fairy Dell, 13 territories.

Meadow Pipit. Still common but not so plentiful. Breeding: 2 prs nests Glen Chalmadale 19 Jun; 2 prs Holy Isle 12 Jul; pr young Cleiteadh 27 Aug. Counts: 8 Lochranza 12 Aug; 6 Laggantaine 6 May; 30 Clauchlands autumn; 26 Glen Rosa 4 Sep; 12 Kildonan 8 Sep..

Rock Pipit. Present many island shores. Breeding: 2 prs Kerr's Port; 6 prs Kildonan-Bennan; 3 prs Laggantaine; 3 prs Machrie; 6+ Rubha Salach carrying food for miles 27 May; prs with young Corriecravie 2 Jul, Holy Isle 12 Jul, Cleiteadh 27 Aug.

Grey Wagtail Single prs noted Largymore, Machrie Water, Kildonan-Bennan, Lagg, Sliddywater, Glen Chalmadale, Merklund Wood, Corrie, Whiting Bay, Monamore, Corrygills, 2 prs Brodick; 3 prs Lamlash. 16+ prs Corrie Harbour 7 Jan; 1 wintered Feb garden Whiting Bay; 2 Lamlash 12 Feb; 3 Bennan 8 Aug; 3 Brodick 31 Aug; 3 Largymore 31 Oct; 4 Kildonan 1 Sep; 1 Merklund shore 21 Dec.

Pied Wagtail Pr 1 young Gortonallister; pr nest Kildonan 20 May; pr young Lamlash 9 Aug; good breeding season generally. Common all year. Counts: 30 Drumadoon 2 Jan; 44 Kildonan 1 Sep.

White Wagtail M.a.alba Passage counts: 12+ Kildonan-Bennan 24 Apr; 4 Drumadoon 1 May; 4 Cleiteadh 3 May; 10 Kildonan 25 Aug; 4 Cleiteadh 27 Aug.

Waxwing 1 Allandale Corrygills 12 Jan (GS); 5 Corrie 16 Jan (DWW) is first appearance for 5 years.

Dipper Minimum 8 territories: single Glenashdale Falls 3 Mar usually nests; pr Machrie Water 5 Apr; 1 North Glen Sannox 24 Apr; pr feeding young in nest Lagg 16 May; pr Benlister, pr Monamore summer; 1 Millhill Lamlash 21 Oct; 1 Alt Ceirde Whiting Bay 22 Oct-22 Nov; 1 Glenashdale Foot 10 Dec.

Wren Common round coast winter but still not so plentiful. 3 Glenashdale 8 Aug; 1 Glen Rosa 4 Sep; 5 Bennan 27 Sep; 2 Kildonan 9 Dec.

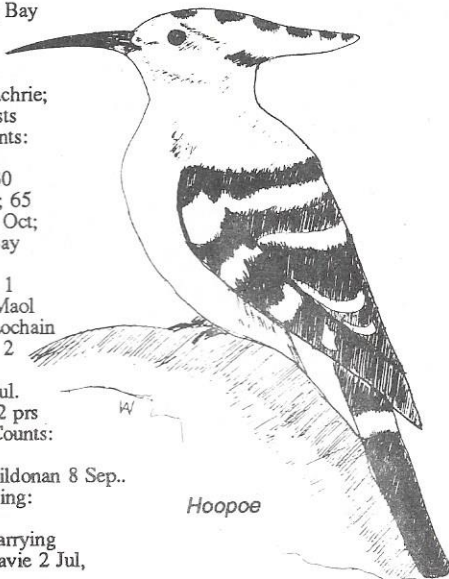
Duncock Common throughout year. 4 Auchencairn, 5 Brodick 1 Sep were only comments.

Robin Abundant. Pr, nest Sannox 3 May; pr Gortonallister reared young May; 2nd brood reared Kingscross 19 Jun; pr, 2 young Margnaheglis 6 Aug; 1 nest failed Lochranza.

Redstart Very scarce. None Corrie woodland 7 May; 1 Lochranza Outdoor Centre 22 Jul; 1 Butt Lodge Lochranza 11 Aug, 17 Oct.

Whinchat Arr Boguille 26 Apr; 30 prs, many with broods Glen Easan, Laggan, North Newton, String, Machrie, Ross, Boguillie, Glen Chalmadale. 1 Clauchlands 1-4 May; 2 ♂ Port na Fennaiche 13 May; pr Cock of Arran 29 May; pr 3 juvs Glen Catacol Jul; 3 broods Ross Glen 22 Jul; pr 3 juvs Auchencar 23 Aug; 1 dead Ballymichael road May; 2 Glen Rosa 17 Jul, 4 Sep; 2 Bennan 8 Aug, 1 Clauchlands Pt 12 Aug, 4 on 24 Aug; 1 Kildonan 24 Aug.

Stonechat Breeding: 3 prs Brown Head; 2-3 territories Kildonan-Bennan; pr 2 fledged young Torbeg 24 May; pr Machrie forestry 24 May; pr Corrie Lochain path 25 May; ♂ Rubha Salach 27 May; pr Gleann Easbuig 20 Jun; pr, 2 young Drumadoon 28 Jun; 1



Hoopoe

Lochranza 5 Jul, 13 Aug; pr 2 young Glen Sannox 9 Jul; pr 4 young Ross Road 9 Jul; pr, 1 young Holy Isle 12 Jul; pr 2 young Boguillie 26 Aug; pr, 1 young Brown Head 27 Aug; 6 Brown Head 27 Aug. Winter: pr Corrie 2 Jan; 1 Clauchlands Pt 11 Jan-15 Feb; 1 King's Cave 22 Feb; 1 Brown Head 29 Mar; 3 Glen Rosa 4 Sep; 9 Bennan 27 Sep; 2 Machrie, 2 String Summit 1 Oct; 2 Drumadoon 11 Oct; 1 Machrie 1 Nov; 1 Kildonan 9 Dec; 3 King's Cave 25 Dec. c 22 prs reared 18 young. Families Cleiteadh and Dougrie.

Wheatear Arr: Pimmill 4 Apr, Blackwaterfoot 5 Apr, Lamlash 7 Apr, Max 25 Machrie 11 Apr. 30 prs in breeding territories, with young Witches Step 25 Jun, Drumadoon 28 Jun, Monyquill 1 Jul, Corrieavie 2 Jul, Ross 22 Jul. Autumn: 1 juv Lochranza 10 Jul; 6 Kildonan 1 Sep; 1 Machrie 2 Sep; 1 Goatfell 23 Sep; 1 Drumadoon 25 Sep.

Ring Ouzel Arr: ♂ Goatfell 7 Apr; pr Glen Dhiouvain Jun-Aug.

Blackbird Many prs bred. 2 leucistic Lamlash, 1 almost all white, the other with white head. Scarce Sep. Influx of 1st year males Whiting Bay 24 Oct. 15 Gortonallister Jan-Feb.

Fieldfare 100 Shiskine 8 Feb; 6 Dougrie 15 Apr: early return autumn: 3 Brodick 1 Sep; 40 Lochranza 16 Oct; 200 Gortonallister 17 Oct; 7 Ross, 5 Lamlash 18 Oct; 100 (mixed Redwings) Lochranza 19 Oct; 400 Machrie, 500 Shiskine 1 Nov; 33 Kildonan 9 Nov; 300 (mixed Redwings) Kingscross 10 Nov; 100 Glen Cloy (mixed Redwings) 13 Nov.

Song Thrush Common summer and autumn, few winter. Sample nest 4 eggs Blackwaterfoot 17 Apr. Fairly good breeding season.

Redwing 100 Shiskine 8 Feb; 1 spring passage Kingscross 9 Apr; 4 Dougrie 15 Apr; 50 Kingscross 4 - end Oct; 200 Lochranza, 80 Ross 18 Oct; 150 Machrie, 200 Shiskine 1 Nov; 12 Kildonan 9 Nov; 300 (mixed Fieldfares) 10 Nov; 100 (mixed Fieldfares) Glen Cloy 13 Nov.

Mistle Thrush Breeding: pr Dougrie 17 Jun; pr Lochranza 5 Jul, 5 on 16 Jul; pr Machrie 19 Jul; pr frequent Gortonallister, pr Kingscross. Winter: 2 Corrie 2 Jan; 30 Auchencaim 31 Aug; 10 Brodick Country Park 31 Aug; 6 Lamlash 6 Sep; 3 Corrygills 30 Sep; 1 Kildonan 9 Nov.

Grasshopper Warbler Arr: 1 Tormore 12 Apr, 1 Machrie-Torbeg 2 May; 1 Kildonan 23 May.

Sedge Warbler Arr: 1 Clauchlands 5 May, 3 prs Clauchlands, 1 pr reared 3 young; 4 prs Tormore, 1 pr feeding young in nest 15 Jun; nos down. Last Clauchlands 1 Sep.

Lesser Whitethroat 1 Kingscross 26-29 May was only one seen and heard (MHD).

Common Whitethroat Arr: 1 Machrie-Torbeg 2 May; 4 Corrie 3 May. Singing males: 2 Cleiteadh 3 May; 2 Kildonan-Bennan, 3 Kingscross, 1 Margnaheglis 5 May; 2 Clauchlands 10 May; 1 Largybeg, 1 Kildonan steps 20 May; 1 Largymore 31 May; 2 Dippen-Kildonan 14 Jun; 1 Cladach Brodick 15 Jun; 2 Drumadoon-King's Cave 28 Jun; 1 Machrie Forestry 19 Jul; last 1 Machrie 6 Sep. Only 20 territories.

Garden Warbler Arr: 2 Kerr's Port 27 Apr; 1 singing Kildonan-Bennan 16 May, 1 Lagg 19, 20 May.

Blackcap Arr: 1 Margnaheglis 21 Apr, 6 May; 1 Brodick Country Park 26 Apr; others singing: 1 Altachorvie Lamlash 10 May; 1 Whitehouse, 1 mid Lamlash 16, 25 May; 2 Lagg 17, 20 May; 1 Whiting Bay 18 May; 1 Largybeg 20 May; 1 Gortonallister 26 May; 3 Brodick 27 May; 1 Clauchlands Farm 21 Jun, also 1 Corrygills, 1 Thundergay; 16 territories. Winter: ♂ Margnaheglis 4, 11 Jan, 22 Oct; ♀ Glen Rosa 22 Oct; ♂ Brodick 17 Nov.

Wood Warbler Arr: 1 Merkland 27 Apr; 2 ♂ on 10 May; 1 Altachorvie Lamlash 10 May; 1 Lagg 17, 23 May, 2 ♂ on 23 May; 1 Cnocan Brodick 27 May; 2 singing Brodick Country Park, 1 Ormidale, 1 Corrygills. 12 territories is less than last year.

Chiffchaff Arr: 2 Dougrie 7 Apr; 2 Brodick 11 Apr; 3 Lamlash 12, 17 Apr, 4 May; 1 Glen Cloy 17 Apr; 1 Dippen 30 Jun; 1 Lochranza 9 Jul. 1 Corrie, 1 Thundergay. Only 12 calling. Late one Kingscross 4 Oct.

Willow Warbler Arr: Lochranza 14 Apr, Kingscross and Kildonan 17 Apr; 3 nests and young located Gortonallister; many prs Corrie-Sannox, Kildonan and Lamlash. Autumn: good nos Kingscross Aug; pr, 4 young Lamlash 6 Aug; 1 Bennan 8 Aug; 2 Clauchlands, 2 Glen Rosa 1 Sep; pr, 1 juv Gortonallister 20 Sep.

Goldcrest Breeding: pr, 7 juvs Fallen Rocks 8 Jul; family Newton 18 Jul. Single Lamlash 12 Jan, 2 Nov; 3 Glenashdale 13 Aug; 1 Sliderry 8 Sep; 4 Kerr's Port 27 Sep; 4 Torm Sannox 30 Sep; 2 Cleiteadh 2 Oct; 2 Kingscross 15 Aug, 1 only 31 Oct - end Dec.

Spotted Flycatcher Arr: pr Imachar 24 Apr, 1 Lochranza 25 Apr is early, 1 Lagg 17 May. 20 territories: 5 Brodick Country Park, pr, 3 juvs Brodick Country Park exit 29 Jun; 2 Kilmichael 21 May; 1 Corrie 27 May; pr Kingscross 28 May, 1 young 2 Jul; pr Dougrie 17 Jun; 1 Clauchlands 21 Jun; broods Lamlash 8 Jul, Sannox 11 Jul, Newton 17

Jul; pr 3 young Corrie 20 Jul. Autumn: 3 Machrie 23 Aug; 7 Kingscross 28 Aug - 8 Sep; 6 Auchencaim 31 Aug; last 1 Kildonan 20 Sep.

Long-tailed Tit Breeding: 2 Machrie 5 Apr, 18 young 8 Jul; pr, 15 young Kingscross 28 Jun; families Benlister, Lochranza, Corrygills. 10 Benlister 21 Jan; 12 North Sannox 8 Feb; 1 Lamlash 17 Feb; 12 Sliderry 8 Sep; 20 Auchencaim 3 Oct; 20 Kingscross 24 Oct; 8 Glenashdale 22 Dec.

Willow Tit 1 Newton Lochranza 16 Jul stayed in area one day only (JB,CM). Formerly Newton 13 May 1979, Brodick 1981,82.

Coal Tit Breeding: prs with young Corrie Wood, Lamlash, Dunfion forestry, Gortonallister, Glenashdale, North Sannox. Others noted: pr Margnahegligh all year, pr Thundergay 6 Jul; 4 Glenashdale 13 Aug; good nos Whiting Bay, Kingscross, Brodick.

Blue Tit Used nest boxes Blackwaterfoot, Gortonallister, Kingscross, Brodick, Lamlash; nest in wall Lamlash 23 Apr; tree hole Corrie Wood 27 May; Counts: 12+ Auchencaim 31 Aug - 31 Dec; 6-8 garden Whiting Bay, 4-6 garden Kingscross winter.

Great Tit prs bred Corrie wood, Lamlash, Margnahegligh, Gortonallister, Kingscross, Brodick, Sannox. Pr, 3 juvs North Sannox - Fallen Rocks 16 Jul.

Tree Creeper Pr 2 young Corrie 20 Jul; singles Margnahegligh, Newton 2 Jan; Lochranza 26 Feb; Lamlash 7 Apr; regular Benlister, Brodick, Lochranza, Dougrie; singles Kingscross 27 Sep, 20 Oct, 17 Dec; Lamlash 22,23 Oct, 5 Dec; Merkland 23 Oct; Auchencaim 3 Nov. Seem good nos autumn/winter.

Jackdaw usual nos: 200 Brodick 2 Jan; 70 Lamlash 10 Jan; 120 Brodick 3 Sep; 150 Pimhill 25 Sep; 200 Gortonallister, 300 Shiskine 14 Nov.

Rook 50 Blackwaterfoot 11 Oct, 30 on 10 Nov. Winter only.

Carrion Crow pr Kildonan, 2 prs Lamlash only ones noted. Outnumbers Hooded low ground. Counts: 12 Brodick Country Park 7 Apr; 20 Clauchlands 28 Sep; 70 mixed Hooded Torrylinnwaterfoot 2 Oct; 20 Shiskine 17 Nov.

Hooded Crow Prs bred Bennan, Cordon, Glenrigh, Glaister, Ross. Pr mixed Hooded/Carrion, 1 Hybrid Corrygills and Kingscross; Counts: 12 Cordon 1 Aug; max 30 Ross 20 Sep; 10 Shiskine 1 Dec.

Raven Decrease to 13 prs. Pr Glenashdale 25 Jan; pr Creag Ghlas Lochranza 12 Apr; pr Cock of Arran 13 Apr, 29 May, only 2 again 18 Oct, 23 Dec; pr Port Leacadh 17 Apr; pr Dippen 19 Apr; pr 3 young Bennan 24 Apr, 20 May; pr, 3 young shot Imachar 24 Apr, prosecution followed; pr Dunfion, 3 young 17-30 May; pr, 3 young Kilpatrick 12 May; pr probably nested Beinn Bharrain; pr 1 young Holy Isle 5 Jul; 6 Glen Rosa 17 Jul; pr Maol Doun 18 Jul. Some sightings of many autumn/winter: 2 Newton 17 Jul - 20 Oct; 1 Machrie 23 Aug; 2 Lamlash 1 Sep; 3 Kildonan 8 Sep; early courtship Kingscross-Holy Isle 1-3 Nov, Dunfion 24 Nov.

Starling Nos maintained. Sample, pr, 4 young Margnahegligh. Counts: 200 Kilmory 11 Aug; 100 Lamlash 30 Aug; 100 Auchencaim 31 Aug; 70 Brodick 3 Sep; 250 Kilpatrick, 200 Kildonan 20 Sep - 25 Oct; max 300 Kildonan 9 Nov.

House Sparrow Locally common. Evicting House Martins Whiting Bay, Kildonan, Lamlash. Numerous Whiting Bay, several Kildonan, Brodick, Shiskine. Counts: 2 Corrie 6 Oct; 2-6 Kildonan, 6 Whiting Bay, 4 Glen Rosa winter. Max: 60 Auchencaim 3 Dec.

Tree Sparrow 3 Lamlash 15 Feb (AW) not seen since 1984.

Chaffinch Nested many parts. Counts: 30+ Whiting Bay most of year; 100 Blackwaterfoot 6 Apr; 60+ Cleiteadh 2 Oct; 100 Kilmory 3 Oct; 80 Largymore 2 Nov; 200 Kildonan 25 Nov; 100 Torbeg 25 Dec.

Brambling 1 Blackwaterfoot 6 Apr, 1 Cordon 12 Apr, both with Chaffinches.

Greenfinch min 12 prs bred: 12 young reared Gortonallister; pr, 2 young Kingscross 19 Aug. Counts: 20 Whiting Bay 10 Aug; 30 Kildonan 20 Oct.

Goldfinch pr Clauchlands 4 May; 3 prs Lagg, 4 Whiting Bay 1 May; 2 singing Kildonan 20 May, 1 singing Brodick 27 May; pr, 4 young Kingscross 19 Jun; pr reared young Glenashdale 22 Jun; Counts: 5 Lamlash 3 Feb; 1 Bennan, 1 Cleiteadh 8 Aug; 1 Gortonallister 6 Sep; 2 Auchencaim 8 Sep; 12 Largymore 15 Sep; max 60 Kingscross 28 Sep; 3 Clauchlands 9 Oct; 30 Kingscross 13 Oct.

Siskin a few Jan onwards, more Mar/Apr at nuts in gardens; prs bred Gortonallister, Cordon, Brodick-Corrie, Whiting Bay, North Sannox, Kildonan, Lamlash, Sliderry; young flying Gortonallister 15 Jun; 2 prs feeding on dandelions Whiting Bay 18 May, Margnahegligh 21 May. Counts: 12 Sliderry 13 Apr; 7 juvs Glen Rosa 8-17 Jul; 31 Merkland 31 Aug; max 60 Kingscross 18-26 Aug; flocks Gortonallister until Oct; 2 Kingscross 2 Dec, male in sub song.

Linnet prs with young Clauchlands, Machrie, Dougrie, Drumadoon, Lamlash, Kilpatrick. Counts: 6 King's Cave 13 Aug; 20 Cleiteadh 14 Aug; 15 Clauchlands 24 Aug; 3 Kilpatrick

27 Aug; 6 Machrie 2 Sep; 30 Clauchlands 28 Sep; max 45 Kerr's Port 8 Oct; 2 Largymore 20 Oct; 12 Machrie 4 Nov; 4 Blackwaterfoot 17 Nov; 26 Kildonan 25 Nov; male dead on road Blackwaterfoot 28 May.

Twite 20 Blackwaterfoot 1 May; 7 summered King's Cave; 4 Drumadoon 13 Aug.

Redpoll 1 Kildonan 24 Apr; 4 Machrie-Torbeg 2 May; 1 Dougie forestry 17 Jun; 3 Kingscross 20 Jul probably bred, 10 on 16 Aug, regular summer King's Cave forestry.

Crossbill 2 Dougie, 1 ♂ seen, another calling 20 Apr; pr Strathwillan 12 Jun; 12 Monamore forestry 30 Aug.

Bullfinch Pr bred Kingscross, present 2, 22 Apr, 18 May, 3 on 28 Sep; pr bred Brodick Country Park; pr Lagg 19 May. Counts: 20 Brodick Country Park 9 Feb; 1 ♂ spring, 1 ♀ autumn Gortonallister; 1 Whiting Bay 17 May; 1 Margnaeghlish 13 Dec; 6 Heights Lamlash 21 Dec. Rather scarce.

Snow Bunting 1 only Auchencaim 28 Mar (EA)

Yellowhammer 2 territories Cleiteadh 3 May; 1 ♂ Corrie 4 May; 3 territories Kildonan 8 Apr-30 Jun; 5 territories Blackwaterfoot 5 Apr (5 ♂♂, 4 ♀♀); 2 territories Clauchlands 21 Jun; 2 territories Torrylinnwater Foot 26 Jun, 11 Aug; 1 King's Cave-Drumadoon 28 Jun; 1 Kilmory 1, 2 Oct. Total 15 territories.

Reed Bunting Low nos. 2 prs Glen Cloy; 2 prs Machrie-Torbeg. 1 ♂ Kilpatrick 22 Jul; absent some former territories. Max 8 (7 ♂♂, 1 ♀) Machrie 15 Apr.

ADDITIONS TO PREVIOUS NOTES

1986 Sand Martins. 6 prs bred Machrie (JM)

1986 Long-eared Owl Strabane Brodick 12 Jul (P.Simpson, J.Horton)

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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. E — Escaped

• Red-throated Diver	RC	Shoveler	B*
Black-throated Diver	R*/PC	Pochard	WO
Great Northern Diver	S**U/WU/PC	Tufted Duck	WO
Little Grebe	WU	Scaup	WO
Great Crested Grebe	WO	Eider	RC
Red-necked Grebe	V	King Eider	S**U
Slavonian Grebe	WO	Long-tailed Duck	SO/WO
Black-necked Grebe	WO	Scoter	WO
Fulmar	SC/WU	Velvet Scoter	WC
Cory's Shearwater	V	Goldeneye	WO
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	Partridge	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
		• 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
Ruff	V
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	SU/PU
• 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	SC/PC
• Arctic Tern	SC/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*U
• Grey Wagtail	RC

White Wagtail	B*/PC
• Pied Wagtail	RC
Waxwing	WO
Dipper	RC
• Wren	RC
• Dunnock	RC
• Robin	RC
Black Redstart	WU/PU
Redstart	SU
• Whinchat	RC
• Stonechat	RC
• 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	SC
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
Tree Creeper	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
• Carrion 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	SC/PU
Crossbill	RU
• Bullfinch	RC
Hawfinch	V
Snow Bunting	WU
• Yellowhammer	RC
• Reed Bunting	RC
Corn Bunting	B*
Red-headed Bunting	POE

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