

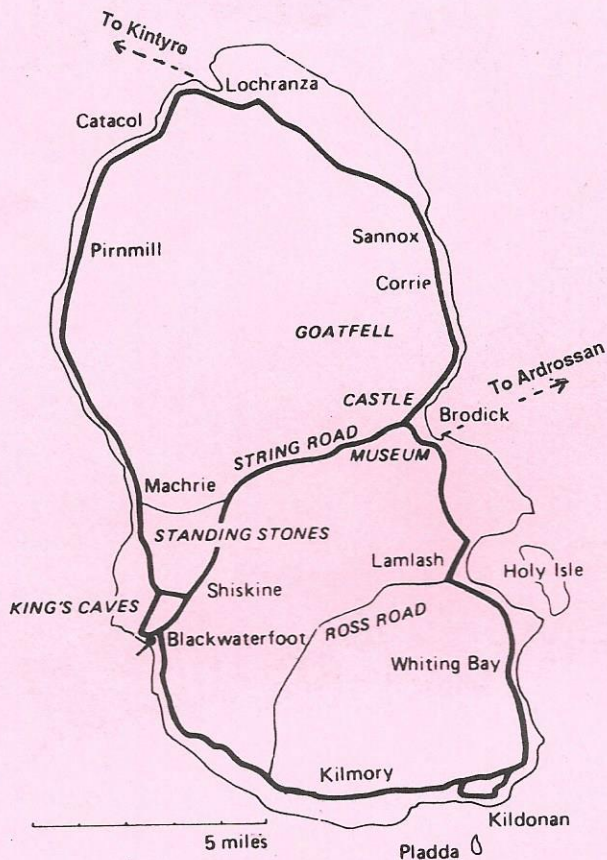
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INTRODUCTION

Every year has something to commend it and 1990 proved to be no exception. Although Arran is not renowned for waders we were fortunate enough to have attracted a rare visitor from America, a Long-billed Dowitcher, not often recorded in Scotland let alone Arran.

A grey shrike recorded at Drumadoon on 18 May was not identified definitely as Great Grey or the much rarer Lesser Grey, though the late spring date might be considered to favour the latter. Previous May/June records of a grey shrike have all been from the same stretch of coastal clifftop heath around Drumadoon and King's Cave. All were by different observers on the following dates: 8 June 1979; 6 June 1980; 4 June 1983. V M Thom in "Birds of Scotland" states that most records of Lesser Grey Shrike have been from mid-May to mid-June or mid-September to mid-October, most often in Fair Isle and Shetland, but also in other counties including Ayrshire and Argyll. A Lesser Grey Shrike was reported from Kirk Yetholm (Borders) on 5 May 1990 (Birding World Vol 3 no 5). Again according to Thom, most Great Grey Shrikes have left by the middle of May, with only occasional stragglers still present in June; nevertheless, the suggestion that a single returning bird may be involved is consistent with the known habits of this species.

Any further sightings of this bird, with detailed descriptions or even better a photograph, would be welcomed.

It is cause for concern that our Golden Eagles have bred unsuccessfully for the last two years, whatever the reason, be it a shortage of suitable hunting terrain, insufficient prey to feed the young, or cold wet springs resulting in the young dying of hypothermia.

On a more hopeful note, however, Nightjars were heard in a new territory; this is encouraging news of a declining species.

Also in 1990, some dedicated seawatching has resulted in more coverage of seabird passage including records of petrels, shearwaters, auks and skuas.

The BTO/SOC/WC Breeding Birds Atlas has been extended for a further year and anyone willing to help with supplementary records should contact D Warner, Brodick Country Park. The BTO "Birds of Estuaries Enquiry" continues as do the Wildlife Counts. Thanks to all who helped with these surveys and to the many who supply the information for the bird report. We would also like to thank Mandy Cree, Audrey Walters, and Bernard Zonfrillo for their art work.

Please send all records for 1991 in Voous order (as in the Check List) by December 1991 or earlier. All records of vagrant or occasional species (see Check List) should be accompanied by a detailed description. It may not be possible to include in the next report records sent later than the end of January 1992. The address for records is: Margaret Dunn, Tigh an Droma, Kingscross, Isle of Arran KA27 8RG.

ABBREVIATIONS

m	male	arr	arrival
f	female	N	north (direction of flight)
imm	immature	S	south (direction of flight)
juv	juvenile	inc	including
yng	young	Jan etc	all months abbreviated
max	maximum count	pr	pair
min	minimum count	*	all records given

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

CHRONOLOGICAL SUMMARY

JANUARY- MARCH

The mild spell at the beginning of the year found nothing more unusual than 2 Purple Sandpipers at Drumadoon on 1st **January**. A flock of 50 Siskins and 8 Redwings seemed happy to be at Kingscross Pt on the 2nd. 2 Little Grebes were found in their usual sheltered waters at Ardlui on the 6th, while on the 7th it was a surprise to find 20 Teal on Holy Isle and 48 Pied Wagtails at Sliderry. The first two Gannets of the year were not seen until the 19th off Whiting Bay. Windy weather on the 21st brought an exhausted Little Auk to Pirnmill where it was rescued and later released alive and well. Another, not so lucky, was found dead at Drumadoon on 4th **February** after prolonged gales. A Jack Snipe and 30 Teal were at Corriecravie on the 5th. 5 Black-throated Divers and a single male Goosander appeared in Whiting Bay on the 12th. 2 Barnacle Geese were discovered at Claulchlands on 1st **March**. Nothing of any import then turned up (or was the weather bad?) until the 18th when 2 early Wheatears appeared to brighten us up on Machrie golf course. At the same time 6 martins, most likely to be Sand Martins, were feeding over trees for 1 hour at Gortonallister. A cheering sound was the first Chiffchaff of the year singing at Lochranza on the 21st.

APRIL-JUNE

On 1st **April** 10 Purple Sandpipers were discovered at Drumadoon. 3 Pintail were unusual at Corriecravie on the 3rd. A few summer migrants arrived during the warmer weather on the 6th, such as a Whimbrel at Cordon and Tree Pipts on the Ross road. On the 8th 2 Sand Martins were at Auchencar. Due to a spell of cold and windy weather with rain, hail and sleet, no more migrants arrived until the more clement weather of the 19th, when 2 Sandwich Terns were at Brodick. A Corncrake was calling at Shiskine on the 20th, but was not heard again. The 22nd found a Common Sandpiper at Brodick, a Grasshopper Warbler at Torbeg, and a House Martin at Auchencaim. 2 White Wagtails appeared in Porta Leacach, and a Swallow at Kildonan on the 23rd when the first Cuckoo of the year was heard in Blackwaterfoot. At the beginning of **May**, temperatures soared to 80F. Migration was again apparent from the 5th, with a Wood Warbler in Brodick Country Park, a Whitethroat at Torbeg, Whinchats in Glenscorrodale on the 6th, and a Sedge Warbler at Kildonan on the 7th. A Blackcap was seen and heard at Kingscross and a Common Tern fished in Whiting Bay on the 9th. A Dotterel was present on the Western Hills from 9th to 11th; also on the 11th a Little Gull was a surprise in Whiting Bay, and 17 Whimbrel was a large number for this species at Kildonan. 7 Great Northern Divers resplendent in summer plumage appeared at Thundergay on the 12th. A Spotted Flycatcher was at Corrie on the 13th and 2 Arctic Terns which called in briefly at Machrie on the 14th did not stay. The first young Shelducks had emerged at Blackwaterfoot on the 21st and a lone Fieldfare lingered at North Sannox on the 27th. The first Nightjar arrived on the 27th and the first Swifts were seen at Sannox on the 28th. This concluded the arrival of summer migrants. **June** was a busy month for parent birds but nothing worthy of note was seen (Editors not present this month). A Long-eared Owl was a good find in Brodick on the 21st and 11 Greylag Geese were still present at Tormore on the 26th.

JULY-SEPTEMBER

A Tawny Owl with a juvenile in Brodick was a good start to the month on 1st **July**. In very strong southerly winds 1200 Manx Shearwaters in 1 hour were moving south past

Whiting Bay on the 4th; this was part of a large movement in the Firth of Clyde and Kilbrannan that continued throughout and after July. Storm Petrels too figured in this movement with 26 together off Dougrie on the 13th and 20 off Imachar on the 17th. 2 Puffins were seen on the Brodick to Ardrossan crossing on the 18th. 5 rather scarce Common Terns were at Whitefarland on the 19th. 15 Crossbills announced their presence on the 22nd by dropping pine cones on the head of a startled gardener at Auchencairn; these may have been part of an irruption of Crossbills from the European continent. A Sanderling in summer plumage was discovered at Pimmill on the 24th. August began quietly with a single Barnacle Goose - probably feral - sitting with gulls at St Molio's Cave, Holy Isle on the 4th. Events livened up slightly on the 14th when 15 Storm Petrels were seen between Brodick and Ardrossan. Also on that crossing a Great Skua appeared while 2 Whimbrel remained at Brodick. 3 vociferous Greenshanks called in at Machrie on the 19th while also present were a Sanderling, a Knot and a Whimbrel with 60 Ringed Plovers. Sandwich Terns visited many parts of the island during the month and on the 21st we were pleased to find 24 including juveniles at Lamash, Whiting Bay and Kildonan. The month closed with the first Wigeon back at Machrie on the 31st. In September, which proved to be a lively month, 6 Sanderling were at Blackwaterfoot on the 2nd and 6 Goosander at Machrie on the 10th. At Pimmill 2 Common Scoter, which are not common on Arran, flew north on the 12th while 3 White Wagtails were at Blackwaterfoot. A Merlin was pursuing a flock of Linnets at Cleats on the 14th. Undoubtedly the highlight of the year, a Long-billed Dowitcher, arrived at Sliderry on the 15th and remained until the 17th. The presence of a Curlew Sandpiper at the same location paled by comparison. With the Long-billed Dowitcher being a very special first record for Arran, it caused a great stir among local birders, and even brought over from the mainland a number of twitchers, who dipped out much to their disgust! A Great Skua was off Sliderry on the 18th. Strong gales at Pimmill on the 19th drove close inshore 2 Leach's Petrels, 2 Storm Petrels and a Little Gull together with some 2000 Kittiwakes. A touch of winter on the 21st found 50 Greylag Geese flying SE at Kingscross while an Arctic Skua was at Imachar. A Grey Plover turned up at Clauchlands on the 23rd and a Great Skua was onshore at Machrie feeding on the carcass of a dead sheep. A Snow Bunting appeared at Glas Choirein (Western Hills) on the 24th and 8 Redwings were early at Machrie on the 26th.

OCTOBER-DECEMBER

October 1st found a White Wagtail still present at Whitefarland, and a single Purple Sandpiper at Cleats on the 5th. A large movement of seabirds N off Pimmill on the 6th included a Little Tern, a Little Gull, and an Arctic Tern with thousands of gulls and Kittiwakes. The first 6 Fieldfares were at Pimmill on the 12th. The 14th proved to be eventful when during a south-east gale a 'Balearic' Shearwater was with 8 Manx Shearwaters and an Arctic Skua at Corriecravie, a Common Scoter at the Cleats, a Grey Plover at Machrie, and a late Wheatear at Corriecravie. The last 2 Swallows were at Whiting Bay on the 15th. A Water Rail was disturbed from dense cover at Clauchlands on the 18th. A Pink-footed Goose had joined the Greylags at Machrie on the 22nd, at which date a Common Scoter was at Whitefarland and yet another Great Skua at Pimmill. A very early (or late) Shelduck was at Kildonan on the 25th and 6 Whooper Swans which were discovered at Bennecarrigan on the 28th stayed on into the following month. **November** began with 2 Brent Geese at Kerr's Port and 2 Snow Buntings on Beinn Bharrain on the 1st. Single Little Grebes were in Blackwaterfoot harbour and Kerr's Port on the 2nd. 12 Crossbills were in the forestry above Shiskine on the 4th and by the 6th the number of Snow Buntings had risen to 10, this time on the Stacach Ridge. Also on

the 6th, 6 Waxwings at Shiskine brightened a winter day as they devoured cotoneaster and hawthorn berries hungrily, soon stripping the bushes in company with 300+ Fieldfares and Redwings. A Jack Snipe was at Clauchlands on the 8th. A Kingfisher delighted observers at Cloyburn Brodick on the 11th, coinciding with the departure of a late brood of House Martins from Kildonan. A Water Rail unfortunate enough to be caught by a cat at Catacol on the 24th was released unharmed. A Little Auk was unusual in calm waters at Lamlash pier on the 29th. **December** opened with a Snow Bunting on Brodick beach on the 1st. A large northward movement of auks in icy NE winds off Pimmill on the 9th included surprisingly a Little Auk, 2 Little Gulls, and a Manx Shearwater. A male Blackcap was at a bird table in Kilmory on the 12th, 2 Red-necked Grebes showed up at Catacol on the 16th and 2 Whooper Swans flew over Machrie Moor on the 17th. A Moorhen, seldom seen on Arran, was discovered at Cloyburn on the 18th while a pair of Tufted Ducks were in the sea at Slidery. A Gannet was battling against storm force winds at Whiting Bay on the 29th. A Whimbrel remained at Whitefarland, the 2 Brent Geese at Clauchlands and the Kingfisher at Cloyburn until the end of the year.

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Summer Migrant Arrival Dates

Lesser Black-backed Gull	Whiting Bay	3 Mar
Wheatear	Machrie	18 Mar
Chiffchaff	Lochranza	21 Mar
Whimbrel	Cordon	5 Apr
Tree Pipit	Ross	7 Apr
Sand Martin	Auchencar	8 Apr
Willow Warbler	Porta Leacach	8 Apr
Sandwich Tern	Whiting Bay	17 Apr
Swallow	Lochranza	17 Apr
Corncrake	Shiskine	20 Apr
Common Sandpiper	Brodick	22 Apr
House Martin	Auchencairn	22 Apr
Grasshopper Warbler	Torbeg	22 Apr
Cuckoo	Blackwaterfoot	23 Apr
White Wagtail	Porta Leacach	23 Apr
Whinchat	Urie Loch	4 May
Common Whitethroat	Torbeg	6 May
Sedge Warbler	Kildonan	7 May
Common Tern	Whiting Bay	9 May
Blackcap	Kingscross	9 May
Spotted Flycatcher	Corrie	13 May
Arctic Tern	Auchencar	14 May
Wood Warbler	Monamore Glen	24 May
Nightjar	-	27 May
Swift	Sannox	28 May

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Red-throated Diver Only 3 sites visited. Site 1: 2 eggs hatched successfully and produced 2 well-grown young last seen 24 Jul; Site 2: pr with 1 yng 1 Aug; Site 3: pr 12 Jul. Highest counts: 16 Pirmill 18 Jul; 10 Tormore 26 Sep; 8 Machrie 22 Oct; 6 Whitefarland 11 Nov; 4 Whiting Bay 27, 28 Nov; 3 Lamlash 30 Nov; 5 Imachar/Dougrie 5 Dec; 7 Thundergay 16 Dec.

Black-throated Diver Highest counts: 5 Whiting Bay 12 Feb, 8 on 28 Feb; 3 Kildonan 12 May; 4 Kings Cave 20 May; 10 Machrie 22 Oct; 7 Kings Cave 27 Oct; 4 Lamlash 5 Nov; 5 Blackwaterfoot 6 Nov; 5 Whiting Bay 28 Nov; 13 Tormore 13 Dec. Many singles and pairs present throughout year including Jul and Aug.

Great Northern Diver Highest counts: 9 Catacol/Pirmill 12 May, 7 Thundergay 12 May; 4 Machrie 22 Oct; 3 Pirmill 9 Nov, 13 Dec, 5 on 15 Dec; 3 Tormore 13 Dec. Many singles and pairs present throughout year but only 3 summer records (1 Pirmill 12, 17 Jun, 1 Catacol 24 Jul).

* **Little Grebe** Ardlui: 2 on 6 Jan, still present 17 Feb, 21 Feb, 4 on 24 Feb, only 2 present 14 Mar; Blackwaterfoot: 1 in harbour 2 Nov; Kerr's Port: 1 from 2 to 7 Nov.

* **Red-necked Grebe** Thundergay: first-winter 15, 16 Dec (TapRh, MHD, AW); Catacol: a different bird (probably also first-winter) 16 Dec (TapRh).

Fulmar 190 occupied sites is close to last year's total of 205. 2 yng Machrie 10 Aug, 28 Aug; 1 ad 1 juv Drumadoon 14 Sep. 2 dead (cause unknown) Machrie 21 May. No significant change.

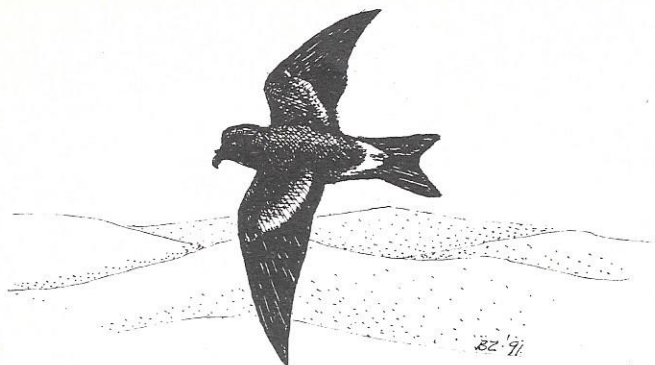
Manx Shearwater Highest counts: 1200/hr S Whiting Bay 4 Jul; 200 Brodick/Ardrossan 14, 16, 17 Jul; 110/hr S Pirmill 21 Jul, 100/hr S 24 Jul, 150/hr S 25 Jul; 80/hr S Whiting Bay 29 Jul; 300/hr N/S Pirmill 7 Sep. Late singles Pirmill 9 and 16 Dec. * Balearic Shearwater: 1 Corrie cravie 14 Oct (TapRh).

* **Storm Petrel** 4 Pirmill 5 Jul; 26 Dougrie 13 Jul; 2 N Pirmill 14 Jul, 12 (11 S, 1 N) 1 hr 15 Jul, 5 (4 S, 1 N) 30 min 16 Jul, 11 S 40 min 17 Jul; 20 N Imachar 17 Jul; 22 Pirmill 18 Jul, 3 S 19 Jul; 1 Brodick/Ardrossan 22 Jul, 5 on 24 Jul; 3 S Pirmill 28 Jul, 8 S on 30 Jul; 8 Brodick/Ardrossan 10 Aug, 12 Aug; 2 Pirmill 12 Aug; 15 Brodick/Ardrossan 14 Aug, 1 on 8 Sep; 2 S Pirmill 19 Sep

* **Leach's Petrel** 2 close inshore Pirmill in strong gale 19 Sep (TapRh)

Gannet First 2 Whiting Bay 19 Jan; no large numbers recorded - max 55 Whiting Bay 23 Sep; last 1 Whiting Bay 29 Dec.

Cormorant 5 Brodick/Sannox 28 Jan; 10 Whiting Bay 3 Jul; 7 Blackwaterfoot 21 Jul; 8 Machrie 10 Sep; 10 Drumadoon 14 Sep; 7 Cleats 14 Sep.



Leach's Petrel

Shag Breeding colony Holy Isle again not checked. Highest counts: 30+ Whiting Bay 13 Oct; 67 Lamlash 22 Oct; 94 Blackwaterfoot 6 Nov; 120 Brown Head 24 Nov; 50 Whitefarland 28 Nov; 75 Kildonan 29 Nov; 40 Largybeg 10 Dec. Numbers down.

Grey Heron 11 occupied nests, 10 yng recorded. Small numbers throughout yr; highest count 4 Machrie 5 Nov, 25 Nov.

Mute Swan 3 Lochranza 2 Mar, 1 on 3 Mar, 1 on 22 Mar, 1 on 26 Apr; 7 imms on 2 May, not thought to have bred here; 2 on 8 Oct; 3 Kildonan 12 Mar, 1 on 5 Dec; 2 wintered Whiting Bay, 3 on 19, 22 Feb, 1 on 11, 17 Apr, 2 on 13 Oct, 2 prs on 20, 21 Oct, 2 on 22 Oct; pr present most of Nov, 10 Dec to end of year; 2 wintered Lamlash, 1 only on 28 Apr, 1 on 23 Sep, 2 on 24 Sep, pr on 2 Dec; 1 Clauchlands 3 Oct; 1 Sannox 31 Jul.

* **Whooper Swan** 6 Bennecarrigan 28 Oct - 7 Nov; 5 N Tormore 5 Nov; 2 N Machrie Moor 17 Dec; 3 Bennecarrigan 31 Dec.

* **Pink-footed Goose** 30-40 NW Blackwaterfoot 23 Apr; 1 Machriewaterfoot 22 Oct; 1 Sliddy 22 Oct; 1 Shiskine 10 Nov.

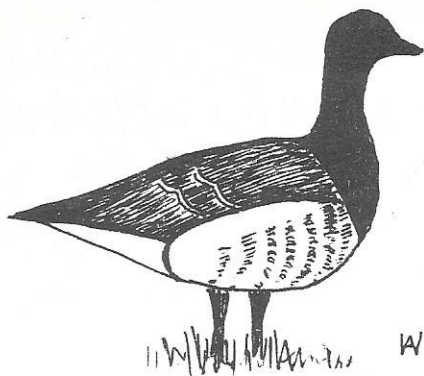
Greylag Goose Highest counts: 222 Shiskine 7 Feb, 407 on 25 Mar; 230 Machrie 8 Apr; 290 Shiskine 10 Nov, 535 on 13 Dec. 11 Tormore 26 Jun is late. Return: 50 S Kingscross and 1 S Pirmill 21 Sep.

* **Canada Goose** 5 Kildonan 27 Feb (DG); 3 hybrids remain Brodick, sometimes found Holy Isle.

* **Barnacle Goose** 2 Clauchlands 1 Mar (AW); 1 Holy Isle 4 Aug, 1 Hamilton Rock 4 Sep, 1 Lamlash 15 Sep, 5 Oct may refer to the same individual, probably feral.

* **Brent Goose** 2 pale-bellied imms Kerr's Port/Clauchlands 1 Nov to end of year (AW, MHD et al).

Shelduck 27 prs reared 74 yng, not all of which survived. First of year Kildonan 1 Jan; 1 (late or early?) Kildonan 22 Oct. Max 21 Lamlash/Clauchlands 14 Mar.



Light Bellied Brent Goose (juv)

Wigeon Highest counts: 80 Machrie 5 Jan; 41 Clauchlands 15 Jan, 36 on 25 Feb; 30 Clauchlands 8 Nov; 61 Machrie 19 Nov; 18 Porta Leacach 15 Dec; 25 Whiting Bay 18 Dec. Last spring record 4 Clauchlands 14 Mar; return 1 Machrie 31 Aug.

* **Teal** 20 Holy Isle 7 Jan; 30 Corriecravie 5 Feb; 4 Sliddery 11 Apr; 7 Sliddery 17, 18 Sep; 7 Holy Isle 23 Sep; 3 Machrie 26 Sep; 10 Sliddery 7 Oct; 2 Machrie 7 Oct, 50 on 14 Oct; 35 Corriecravie 14 Oct; 5 Machrie 22 Oct, 40 on 5 Nov, 150 on 19 Nov, 75 on 29 Nov, 75 on 17 Dec. No breeding records.

Mallard Nest 8 eggs String summit 27 Apr; only 3 prs noted, reared 11 yng. 20 dead yng Whitefarland 20 May. Highest counts: 30 Clauchlands 24 Aug; 50 Kilpatrick 23 Sep; 64 Machrie 23, 26 Sep; 55 Kildonan 2 Nov; 75 Machrie 19 Nov.

* **Pintail** 3 Corriecravie 3 Apr (JL), 2 for 3 weeks Apr (DM).

* **Tufted Duck** Pr in sea Sliddery 18 Dec (GS).

Eider 37 f reared 87 yng reduced late summer. Highest counts: 61 Lochranza/Machrie 1 Apr; 65 Kildonan 6 Apr; 68 Machrie/Imachar 8 Apr; 55 Lamblash/Clauchlands 13 May; 88 Machrie 13 Jun; 55 Machrie 31 Aug; 90 Machrie 23 Sep.

* **Common Scoter** 2 N Pirmill 12 Sep; 1 E Cleats 14 Oct; 1 S Whitefarland 22 Oct (TapRh).

Goldeneye Highest counts: 10 Lamblash 14 Jan; 5 Corrie 23 Jan; 7 Merkland 28 Jan; 9 Cordon 12 Feb; 8 Lamblash 16 Feb; 6 Rubha Airigh Dhughail 3 Mar; 6 Merkland 4 Mar; 6 Cordon 22 Mar; 9 Rubha Airigh Dhughail 1 Apr; 8 Cordon 2 Apr; 17 Lamblash 30 Nov; 6 Imachar 1 Dec; 12 Lamblash 14 Dec; 5 Auchencar 16 Dec. Last spring: 1 Brodick 13 Apr; first autumn: 1 Whiting Bay 5 Sep.

Red-breasted Merganser 6 f reared 30 yng, some predated. Highest counts: 47 Pirmill 20 Jun, 74 end Jun; 40 Dougrie 16 Jul; 40 Pirmill 19 Jul; 75 Machrie 2 Aug, 51 on 13 Aug, 58 on 19 Aug; 71 Pirmill 30 Aug, 75 on 2 Sep; 51 Whiting Bay 4 Sep; 40 Machrie 10 Sep; 89 Pirmill 26 Sep.

* **Goosander** 1 m Whiting Bay 28 Feb; 6 f/imm Machriewaterfoot 10 to 30 Sep, 2 on 10 Nov, 1 on 29 Nov.

Hen Harrier 4 prs probably nested; no nests checked. 1 juv Whitefarland forestry 3 Nov. Away from usual areas winter inc: m Kingscross 12, 22 Jan; m Kerr's Port 12 Feb; m Gortonallister 3 until 28 Sep; 1 Cleats 22 Sep; m Clauchlands 12 Dec.

Sparrowhawk 15 territories possible; 2 prs definitely bred. 1 dead Corrie (possible wire strike) 21 Aug; 1 window strike Auchencairn 1 Dec.

Buzzard 17 terr; only 4 yng recorded. Highest counts: 3 Kingscross 12 Apr; 3 Ross 6 May; 3 Glen Rosa 9 May; 4 Pirnmill 6 Jun; 4 Ross 19 Jun; 3 High Corrie 30 Jul; 3 Corriecravie 28 Aug; 3 Ross 3 Sep; 3 Fallen Rocks 6 Sep; 5 Ross 7 Sep; 5 Pirnmill 8 Sep; 11 Ross 12 Sep; 4 Shiskine 1 Dec.

Golden Eagle Pr A; nest failed for second successive yr. Pr B: no attempted breeding - site checked. Singles and prs seen winter: 3 Mullach Buidhe 1 Nov inc 1 imm.

Kestrel 12 prs at breeding sites. Max 8 Ross 18 Jul, 6 Ross 12 Sep. Singles common winter.

Merlin 1 pr in breeding territory; success not evident. Autumn/winter: 1 Largybeg 14 Jan; 1 Gortonallister 26 Jan; 2 Auchenhew 27 Aug; 1 Shiskine 9 Sep; 1 pursuing Linnets Cleats 14, 22 Sep; 1 Tormore 27 Oct; 1 Cnocan Loch 6, 7, 11 Nov.

Peregrine Breeding probably attempted at 8 sites. 1 injured m taken into care and subsequently died. A few sightings away from breeding areas eg 1 Clauchlands 29 May; 1 Shiskine 8 Sep.

Red Grouse Few records, yet must have had a good season: good numbers shot in August and subsequently, also several heard above String Dec.

* **Ptarmigan** 1 Beinn Bharrair 11 Apr (MO), pr 9 to 11 May (per SL),

Red-legged x Chukar Partridge Many Dougrie/Machrie especially autumn; 5 Clauchlands 24 Jan; 3 Clauchlands 23 Sep; 2 Whiting Bay 16 Dec; 4 Imachar 16 Dec.

Pheasant Numerous Dougrie/Machrie, Ross, Clauchlands; 25 Ross 2, 3 Sep; 16 Clauchlands mid-Sep.

* **Water Rail** 1 Shiskine 26 Apr; pr Clauchlands 5 May; 1 Clauchlands 18 Oct; 1 Catacol 24 Nov rescued unharmed from a cat.

* **Corncrake** 1 calling Shiskine 20 Apr (JL).

* **Moorhen** 1 Cloyburn Brodick 18 Dec (TapRh).

Oystercatcher Only 18 nests recorded, 22 eggs found. Highest counts: 53 Whiting Bay 12 Jan; 60 Lamlash 14 Jan, 110 on 30 Jan; 50 Blackwaterfoot 20 Feb; 95 Machrie 20 Feb, 75 on 18 Mar, 90 on 25 Mar, 7 Apr, 100 on 8 Apr, 140 on 12 Apr; 50 Sliderry on 11, 13 Apr; 55 Machrie 23 Jul; 56 Whiting Bay 30 Jul, 74 on 12 Sep; 50 Machrie 10 Nov; 50 Whiting Bay 18 Nov; 98 Lamlash 128 Nov; 50 Machrie 23 Dec.

Ringed Plover Only 16 prs with yng recorded. Main concentrations: 23 Machrie 25 Jul building up to 75 on 14 Oct, reduced to 18 by 17 Dec; 68 Whiting Bay 2 Jan reduced to 34 on 17 Mar; 13 on 23 Jul building up to 91 on 23 Sep, reduced to 57 by 17 Dec. 11 Sannox 28 Jan; 28 Whitefarland 5 Aug, reduced to 12 by 9 Dec; 25 Kildonan 21 Aug; 33 Drumadoon 26 Aug; 15 Blackwaterfoot 31 Aug; 35 Brodick 11 Sep; 15 Lamlash 24 Sep; 35 Cleats 14 Oct; 65 Torrylinnwater Foot 12 Nov; 28 Kildonan 14 Nov; up to 30 Lamlash winter months.

* **Dotterel** 1 Beinn Bhreac 9-11 May (per SL).

* **Golden Plover** 2 sites but no yng recorded. 9 Sliderry 17 Sep; 5 Pimmill 29 Sep; 1 Whitefarland 20 Oct.

* **Grey Plover** 1 Clauchlands 23 Sep (AW); 1 Machrie 14 Oct (TapRh).

Lapwing 20 prs; no success known, some yng predated. Highest counts: 57 Dougrie 28 Jan; 65 Machrie 31 Jan; 50 Machrie 14 Oct; 37 Dougrie 27 Oct; 31 Machrie 5 Nov; 65 Torrylinnwater Foot 12 Nov; 45 Dougrie 16 Dec; 100 Sliderry 18 Dec.

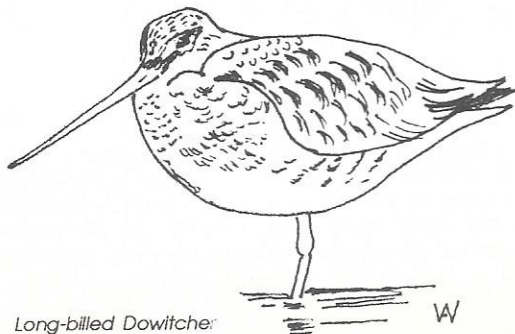
* **Knot** 1 Machrie 19 Aug (MHD); 1 Clauchlands 13 Nov (TapRh).

* **Sanderling** 1 ad summer plumage Pimmill 24 Jul (TapRh); 1 ad summer plumage Machrie 19 Aug (MHD,AW); 6 Blackwaterfoot beach 2 Sep (TM).

* **Curlew Sandpiper** 1 with 6 Dunlin Sliderrywaterfoot 17 Sep is first since 1979 (JR,MHD).

* **Purple Sandpiper** 2 Drumadoon Pt 1 Jan, 10 on 1 Apr; 1 Cleats 14 Oct.

Dunlin 1 breeding plumage Kildonan 19 Jun. Spring: 11 Cleats 30 May. First autumn: 2 Machrie 14 Jul; 3 juvs N Sannox 22 Jul; 4 ads 1 juv Whitefarland 31 Jul. Highest counts: 12 Machrie 12 Sep; 12 Sliderry 17 Sep, 15 on 18 Sep; 10 Corriecravie 14 Oct.



Long-billed Dowitcher

* **Jack Snipe** 1 Corriecravie 5 Feb (HH); 1 Clauchlands 8 Nov (MHD).

Snipe Bred Beinn Bharrain, Machrie Moor, Gleann Easan Biorach. Other sightings inc: 5 String 14 Sep; 7 Machrie pond 23 Sep; 9 Tormore 27 Oct; 6 Machrie 10 Nov; 10 Clauchlands 13 Nov; 13 Clauchlands 14 Dec.

* **Long-billed Dowitcher** 1 moulting juv Sliderrywaterfoot 15, 16, 17 Sep is first record for Arran (JR ,MHD, GA ,CA, DW, TapRh).

Woodcock 14 territories. Roding: 1 Kingscross 30 Apr, 2 May; 1 Auchencairn May; 1 Glen Shurig May; 2 N Sannox 28 May; 2 Corrie 30 May; 1 Brodick Country Park 31 May; 1 Merkland 21 Jun; 2 Glenscorrodale 26 Jun; 2 Ross road 27 Jun; 1 Lochranza end Jun. Other sightings: 1 Claddach 7 Apr; 3 feeding Brodick Castle drive 11 Jul; 1 Whitefarland 9 Nov; 1 Kingscross 27 Nov, 3 Dec; 1 Fallen Rocks 4 Dec.

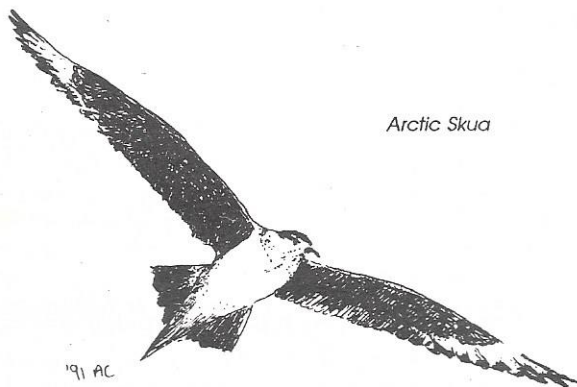
* **Whimbrel** Arr: 1 Cordon 5 Apr; 1 Clachan gull colony 19 Apr; 2 Clauchlands 27 Apr, 3 on 28 Apr; 1 Kildonan 5 May, 17 E on 11 May; 1 Lagg 13 May; 1 Catacol 3 Aug; 2 Brodick 14 Aug; 1 Machrie 19 Aug; 1 Whitefarland 8 - 19 Sep, 2 on 22 Sep; 1 Catacol 3 Oct; 1 Whitefarland Oct through to end of year.

Curlew 7 territories. Highest counts: 103 Machrie 31 Jan; 100 Cordon 24 Feb; 40 inc juvs Kildonan 16 Jul; 60 Clauchlands 26 Jul; 50 Machrie 30 Aug, increasing to 110 on 5 Nov; 200 Kilpatrick 13 Sep; 80 Corriecravie 14 Oct; 109 Merkland 4 Dec; 100 Sliderry 18 Dec.

Redshank No breeding birds in former territories. Highest counts: 9 Merkland 26 Jan; 9 Cordon 24 Feb; 16 Clauchlands 17 Mar; 11-16 Whiting Bay Aug to Nov; 9 Whitefarland 6 Oct; 11 Kildonan 16 Dec; 13 Whitefarland 31 Dec.

* **Greenshank** 3 Machrie 19 Aug (AW, MHD)

Common Sandpiper 28 territories, 15 yng is well down on previous year. Arr: 1 Brodick 22 Apr; max 9 Pirnmill 21 Jul; last 1 Tormore 9 Sep.



Arctic Skua

Turnstone Highest counts: 18-20 Whiting Bay Jan to Apr, Aug to Oct, 24 on 17 Mar, max 34 on 12 Sep; 20 Machrie 23 Sep; 18 Kildonan 24 Sep; 15 Clauchlands 22 Oct; 18 Machrie 22 Oct; 30 Kildonan 16 Dec; 19 Whitefarland 31 Dec. First of autumn 1 Dougrie 18 Jul.

- * **Arctic Skua** 1 ad S Imachar 15 Sep; 1 N Imachar 21 Sep; 1 Lochranza/Claonaig 24 Sep; 1 imm SE Corrie cravie 14 Oct.
- * **Great Skua** 1 Brodick/Ardrossan 14 Aug; 1 Sliderry 18 Sep; 1 on shore Machrie 23 Sep feeding on sheep carcass; 1 S Pirmill 22 Oct.
- * **Little Gull** 1 Whiting Bay 11 May (SL); 1 juv Pirmill 21 Sep (TapRh); 1 ad winter N Pirmill 6 Oct (TapRh); 2 first-winters together Pirmill 9 Dec (TapRh).
- Black-headed Gull** No nests found. Highest counts: 18 Merkland 26 Jan; 18 Pirmill 25 Mar; 20 Kildonan 27 Jul; 32 Brodick 28 Aug; 20 Clauchlands 23 Sep, 19 on 22 Oct.
- Common Gull** Breeding: nest 3 eggs Whitefarland 20 May; 3 nests (3, 3, 2 eggs) Machriewaterfoot 21 May; 1 nest Port na Fennaiche 28 May; 16 nests all with eggs on Dougrie beach 7 Jun. Highest counts: 150 Clauchlands 15 Feb; 200 Blackwaterfoot 4 Mar; 400 Clauchlands 2 Apr; 200 Blackwaterfoot 6 Nov, 150 on 1 Dec; 250 Catacol 16 Dec.
- Lesser Black-backed Gull** No reports from breeding colonies. Highest counts: 400 Machrie 18 Mar; 100 Clauchlands 2 Apr; 130 Whiting Bay 19 Aug; 300 Cordon 20 Aug. First 2 Whiting Bay 3 Mar; last 1 Clauchlands 2 Nov.
- Herring Gull** Thousands bred Holy Isle, hundreds Pladda. Highest counts: 1000 Brodick coup winter; 350 North Sannox 4 Jan; 300 Machrie 18 Mar; 600 Clauchlands 2 Apr; 400 Catacol 10 Aug; 260 Whiting Bay 14 Nov; 450 North Sannox 20 Nov; 400 Machrie 29 Nov; 260 Whiting Bay 17 Dec. Ringing recoveries: 2nd yr ringed in Stirling 1981 found Sliderry 24 Aug 1990; 1st yr ringed Sliderry 24 Aug 1988 found West Kilbride 25 Dec 1989.
- Great Black-backed Gull** Breeding: ad feeding yng on Herring/LBB Gull chick Holy Isle 11 Jun; 1 with 2 juvs Cordon 30 Jun probably from Holy Isle; many juvs later in autumn. Highest counts: 50 Whiting Bay 23 Jul; 50 Catacol 3 Oct; 85 Machrie 22 Oct, 120 on 5 Nov; 102 Brodick 27 Dec.
- Kittiwake** 400 Whitefarland 7 Sep; 300 Brodick 10 Sep; 200 Whiting Bay 12 Sep, 400 on 19 Sep; 2000+ moving slowly N Pirmill 21 Sep; 300/hr S Pirmill 29 Sep; 1000+ moving slowly N Pirmill 7 Oct; 200 Whiting Bay 13 Oct; 2500 Pirmill 22 Oct; 250/hr N Pirmill 9 Dec.
- Sandwich Tern** Arr: 2 Whiting Bay 17 Apr to 8 May; 2 Brodick 19 Apr; pr mating Blackwaterfoot 20 May; singles and prs May to 19 Jun; 1 Lochranza 10 Jul; 2 Dougrie 17 Jul; 9 S Pirmill 31 Jul. Max counts: Aug/Sep inc juvs: 6 Clauchlands 14 Aug; 6 Merkland 20 Aug; 12 Kildonan 21-23 Aug; 10 Whiting Bay 21-23 Aug, 7 on 26 Aug; 6 Kildonan 27 Aug, 2 Sep; last 2 Kingscross Pt 17 Sep.
- * **Common Tern** Arr: 1 Whiting Bay 9 May; regular Pirmill Jul, 5 on 19 Jul; 1 Thundergay 24 Jul; 2 Drumadoon 25 Aug; 1 Lamlash 27 Aug.

* **Arctic Tern** Arr: 2 Auchencar 14 May; 4 Machrie 21 May; 2 Largybeg 26 Jun; 3 Kildonan 27 Aug; 7 Whitefarland 7 Sep, 13 on 21 Sep associated with large Kittiwake movements; 12 S Pirmill with Kittiwakes; last 1 N Pirmill 6 Oct.

* **Little Tern** 1 N Pirmill 6 Oct with Kittiwakes (TapRh).

Guillemot Small numbers off coasts through spring and summer, some with half-grown juvs. Autumn counts: Pirmill: 50 auks/hr N mostly Guillemots 21 Sep; 90 auks/hr N mostly Guillemots 6 Oct; 1000 auks/hr N mostly Guillemots 22 Oct; 80 Guillemots on sea 28 Nov; 250 Guillemots/hr N on 9 Dec. Corriecravie: 1200 auks/hr SE mostly Guillemots 14 Oct.

* **Razorbill** 1 Pirmill 2 Jan; 4 Whiting Bay 8 Feb; 1 dead Machrie 8 Apr; 3 Whiting Bay 11 Apr; 1 Pirmill 15 Jul; 1 dead nr Black Cave 29 Aug; 2 Tormore 5 Nov; 1 Whiting Bay 18 Nov; 150 Whitefarland 28 Nov outnumbering Guillemots; 250/hr N Pirmill 9 Dec; 1 dead Kildonan 16 Dec.

Black Guillemot Breeding: Lochranza site destroyed when pier demolished but pr may have nested Newton; probably also nested Imachar and Bennan Head; pr + single Kings Cave 20 May, no yng seen. Highest Counts: 7 Lochranza 20 Jun; 5 Machrie 26 Sep; 12 Kerr's Port 5 Nov.

* **Little Auk** 1 wrecked Pirmill shore 21 Jan, later released (per JL); 1 dead Drumadoon 4 Feb (JL, MHD); 1 Lamlash pier 29 Nov (PT); 1 N Pirmill 9 Dec (TapRh); 1 Pirmill 16 Dec (TapRh).

* **Puffin** 1 Lochranza/Claonaig 22 Apr; 1 Brodick/Ardrossan 23 May; 2 Brodick/Ardrossan 18 Jul; 1 Lochranza/Claonaig 31 Jul; 1 Brodick/Ardrossan 14 Aug.

Rock Dove/Feral Pigeon Birds showing characteristics of Rock Dove: 4 Machrie 4 Mar; 6 prs Machrie 6 May, 5 on 19 Jul; 5 Kilpatrick 13 Sep; 4 King's Cave 14 Sep; 22 Cleats 14 Oct. 48 Ferals Lamlash 5 Nov.

Woodpigeon 2 prs Machrie, 1 pr Kingscross probably bred. Highest counts: 35 Kingscross 20 Jan; 60 High Kildonan 4 Mar; 53 Brodick 26 Aug; 23 Clauchlands 15 Sep; 15 Kingscross 30 Dec.

Collared Dove Counts: 7 Kilmory 7 Jan; 5 Lamlash 15 Jan; 12 Strathwhillan 17 May; up to 6 Gortonallister most of yr.

Cuckoo Arr: 1 Blackwaterfoot 23 Apr; 1 Shiskine 24 Apr; 1 Lochranza 25 Apr; 1 Glen Shurig 25 Apr; total 24 calling males. Pr Machrie Moor 28 May, 7 Jun; no yng recorded at any site. 1 Lamlash 12 Aug; last 1 Corriecravie 14 Aug.

Barn Owl 5 prs holding territory, 2 prs each reared 2 yng; no reports received from some sites. Away from Breeding areas: 1 Imachar 22 Aug; 1 Kingscross 6 Oct; 1 String summit Oct-Nov; 1 Whitefarland 15 Dec; 1 frequently seen Brodick/Lamlash.

* **Tawny Owl** 3 calling Corrie 26 May to 2 Jun; 1 ad 1 juv Home Farm Brodick early Jul; 1 calling Sannox 24 Jul; 1 Merkland 12 Aug; 1 Brodick Country Park 14 Sep; 1 calling Machrie fm 6 Nov.

* **Long-eared Owl** Pr may have bred Merkland (DW); 1 Merkland 21 Jun (B & CMcF); 1 Brodick Country Park 10 Jul (HC).

Short-eared Owl 5 sites, pr reared 2 yng Ross, pr 5 yng Boguille 6 Jun; 1 Machrie 1 Nov is only record after end Jul.

* **Nightjar** Arr: 27 May Site 1: 2 heard 12 Aug; Site 2: 2 churring males Jun.

* **Swift** First 2 Sannox 28 May; 2 Dougrie 20 Jun; up to 11 Kildonan 15 to 23 Jul; 1 Brown Head 19 Jul; last 2 Brodick 5 Sep.



* **Kingfisher** 1 Cloyburn Brodick 11 Nov to end of year (RA et al).

Skylark Only 17 territories recorded. Highest counts: 150 Kilmory 4 Mar; 8 Goatfell path 3 Sep; 36 Blackwaterfoot 14 Sep; 50 Shiskine 6 Nov.

* **Sand Martin** Arr: 2 Auchencar 8 Apr; 2 Glenscorrodale fm 23 to 28 Jun, 1 nest; 1 Auchencar 17 Jul, 2 on 20 Aug; last 2 Tormore 30 Aug. Poor year.

Swallow Arr: 1 Lochranza 17 Apr; 14 prs nested Thunderguy, Glaister, Glenloig, Tormore, Kildonan, Glenshurig, Glenree, Dippen, Kingscross, 11 prs Glenscorrodale fm. 20 Corrygills inc many yng 13 Jul; 33 Blackwaterfoot 8 Aug; 28 Brodick Country Park 26 Aug; 46 Glen Rosa 27 Aug; 30 Whiting Bay 16 Aug increasing to max 240 on 12 Sep, only 12 by 27 Sep; 20 Auchencairn 12 Oct; 5 Kingscross Pt 14 Oct; last 2 Whiting Bay 15 Oct.

House Martin Smaller numbers this year follows the downward trend of the last 3 yrs. Arr: 1 Auchencairn 22 Apr. Breeding: 3 nests Lamlash 5 Jun; 2 nests Port A Ghillie Ghlais 20 Jul; 20+ nests Sannox 22 Jul; many nests Brodick council houses and Whiting Bay; 1 nest Kingscross; late brood Kildonan fledged 4 Nov. Highest counts: 20 Catacol 10 Aug; 40 Whiting Bay 13 Sep; 20 Auchencairn 23 Sep; 40 Brodick 23 Sep; 30 Kildonan 24 Sep; last Kildonan 11 Nov.

* **Tree Pipit** Arr: 2 Ross 7 Apr; 1 Machrie 8 Apr; pr Machrie 29 Apr; pr String 23 May, 4 prs 25 May; 2 High Corrie 26 May; 1 Corrie 30 May; 1 Rubha Salach wood 30 May; 1 N Glen Sannox 1 Jun, 8 Jun; 1 Imachar 9 Jun; 1 High Corrie 18 Jun; 1 Brodick 19 Jun; 1 Goatfell path early Jul; 1 Dougrie 21 Jul; 1 Lochranza 3 Aug; last 1 Pimmill 14 Sep.

Meadow Pipit Breeding sample: 9 prs Gleann an t-Suidhe 23 May. Highest counts: 100 Pimmill 8 Aug; max 200 Whitefarland 2 Sep; 100 Machrie 16 Sep.

Rock Pipit Breeding samples: 8 terr Bennan shore 27 May; pr, yng, nest Kings Cave 3 Jul.

Grey Wagtail 22 prs, 5 yng. Counts inc: 5 Merkland Pt 26 Aug; 4 Clauchlands 27 Aug; 8 Bennan 29 Aug; 1 Glenashdale Foot 18 Nov attacking reflection in wing mirror of bus.

Pied Wagtail Crow predation at Kingscross nest. Counts inc: 48 Sliderry 7 Jan; 30 Whiting Bay 25 Aug; 34 Kildonan 27 Aug; 20 Bennan 29 Aug; 30 Kildonan 2 Nov. * **White Wagtail** *M. a. alba*: 2 Porta Leacach 23 Apr; 1 Whitefarland 2 Sep; 2 Tormore 12 Sep; 2 Blackwaterfoot 12 Sep; 1 Kilpatrick 12 Sep; 2 Whitefarland 14 Sep, 1 on 1 Oct.

* **Waxwing** 2 Shiskine 3-6 Nov, 6 on 7 Nov eating cotoneaster and hawthorn berries, present until 9 Nov (MH, BC, MHD, TapRh et al.); most were 1st winter birds.

Dipper 11 prs; 2 prs Machrie reared 1 yng

Wren Plentiful most parts. Poss nested High Corrie; pr 3 yng Cordon 22 Jun; pr 6 yng + pr yng North Sannox 23 Jun; 2 prs with broods Squiler 1 Aug; 2 broods Whiterock.

Dunnoek Few comments. Regular sites inc: Kingscross, Lochranza, Clauchlands, Pimmill, Brodick Country Park; pr Gortonallister reared 2 yng.

Robin Very common. Nest Kingscross 15 May, 1 juv 1 Jul; 1 ad 2 yng Margnaheglis 5 Jun; 1 juv Lagg 17 Jun; nested Lochranza; 2 juvs reared Gortonallister, max of 5 in cold weather; 5 in garden Whiting Bay winter.

* **Redstart** 1 Machrie 2 Jun; 1 Corriegills 4 Jun; pr North Sannox picnic area 25 Jun; m Lochranza 3 Aug; also reported from NR92 early Jun.

Whinchat Arr: 1 Urie Loch 4 May. 21 prs min, 23 yng. Last 1 Kilmory 4 Sep.

Stonechat 44 prs with 17 yng is probably an underestimate.

Wheatear Arr: 3 Machrie golf course 18 Mar; 3 Clauchlands 19 Mar; 1 Catacol 21 Mar; 1 Bennan 28 Mar; 1 Largymore 30 Mar. Only 30 prs recorded, some with yng. Autumn: 1 Clauchlands 3 Oct; 4 Cleats/Corriecravie 14 Oct; 1 Lamblash 14 Oct; last 1 Creag Ghlas Laggan 21 Oct.

* **Ring Ouzel** A few unconfirmed records from known breeding areas; 1 Tormore 25 Jun (DE et al.)

Blackbird Abundant. Good breeding season; leucistic f feeding yng Margnaheglish 8 Jun. Counts: 32 between Margnaheglish and Hamilton Rock 16 Feb.

Fieldfare Scarce in spring; 40 Largybeg 1 Jan; 80 Shannochie 5 Jan; 15 Dippen 30 Jan; 15 Kingscross 24 Feb; late 1 North Sannox 20 May. Autumn: first record 100 (mixed Redwing) Lochranza 12 Oct, 6 Pirmill 12 Oct; highest counts: 100 Kingscross 24 Oct; 100 Pirmill 1 Nov; 60 Machrie 5 Nov; max 200 Shiskine 6 Nov; 60 Lochranza 16 Dec.

Song Thrush Good numbers bred; no change.

Redwing Very scarce in spring: 1 Largybeg 1 Jan; 8 Kingscross 2 Jan to 7 Mar; 7 Cleats 7 Jan; 30 Brodick 4 Mar. Autumn: first 8 Machrie 26 Sep; highest counts 100 (mixed Fieldfares) Lochranza 12 Oct; 50 Kingscross 14 Oct; 100 Kildonan 22 Oct; 100 Shiskine 6 Nov; only 2 records Dec.

Mistle Thrush 7 prs, 21 yng. Counts: 10 Ross rd 1 Aug; 15 Glen Chalmadale 29 Aug.

* **Grasshopper Warbler** 1 Torbeg 22 Apr; 1 Lochranza 28 Apr; 1 Dougrie 1 Jun; 1 N Sannox early Jul; 1 Crochandon 31 Jul.

Sedge Warbler Arr: 1 Kildonan 7 May. 23 prs. Last 2 Machrie 10 Aug, 1 Shiskine 10 Aug.

Common Whitethroat Arr: 1 Torbeg 6 May. 40 territories; good numbers similar to last yr. Last 1 Kingscross 17 Sep.

* **Garden Warbler** 2 Kildonan 23 Jun; also reported from NS02 and NR84 early Jun.

* **Blackcap** Arr: 1 singing Kingscross 9-11 May; 1 Lamblash 10, 21 May; 1 Brodick Country Park 13 May; 1 Goatfell path 26 May; wintering birds: f Lamblash 15 Jan; m Auchencaim 21 Oct; m Kilmory 12 Dec, 13 Dec.

* **Wood Warbler** 1 Monamore Glen 24 May; 1 Merklend Wood 24 May; 1 Lagg 2 Jun; 2 Imachar 9 Jun; 1 Pirmill 28 Jul; 1 Whitefarland 8 Aug

Chiffchaff Arr: 1 Lochranza 21 Mar. 15 singing birds. Last 1 Pirmill 26 Sep.

Willow Warbler Arr: 2 Porta Leacach 8 Apr. Present in large numbers by 30 Apr. Last: 1 Shiskine 19 Sep.

Goldcrest Breeding: pr nested Gortonallister; pr poss nested Kingscross. Counts inc: 3 Kildonan 1 Apr; 4 Glenashdale 2 Sep; 3 Brodick 23 Sep; 4 Clauchlands 24 Sep; 4 Shiskine 10 Nov. This species is greatly under-recorded.

Spotted Flycatcher Arr: 1 Corrie 13 May. 26 prs. 10 Kingscross 1 Aug. Last 1 Machrie 13 Oct is unusually late.

Long-tailed Tit Highest counts: 9 High Corrie 28 Jun; 42 Torbeg end Jun; 30 Auchencairn 1 Jul; 18 Kingscross 24 Aug; 20 Auchencairn 30 Sep; 12 Clauchlands 17 Oct; 9 Shiskine 10 Nov; 9 Margnaheglish 12 Nov; 17 Porta Leacach autumn.

Coal Tit Widespread in forestry; common at bird tables winter. Few breeding records.

Blue Tit Common and widespread. Only a few breeding records.

Great Tit Common and widespread. Few comments received.

* **Treecreeper** 1 Glenashdale 18 Feb; 2 Lochranza 15 Jun; 1 Strathwhillan 23 Jun; 1 Pimill 14 Jul, 3 on 26 Jul; 1 Whitefarland 21 Jul; 3 Brodick Country Park 26 Aug; 1 Lamlash 18 Oct; 1 Kildonan 6 Nov; 1 Shiskine 10 Nov; 1 Whiting Bay 10 Nov; 1 Auchencairn 11 Nov. The early Nov records may represent an influx of migrants.

Jackdaw Breeding: nested usual localities. Highest counts: 400 Shiskine 7 Feb; 100 Catacol 7 Aug; 145 Catacol 3 Oct; 110 Machrie 10 Nov; 200 Auchencar 18 Nov; 300 Shiskine 1 Dec.

* **Rook** 1 Blackwaterfoot 29 Jan; 5 Shiskine 25 Mar; 4 Shiskine 9 Sep; 3 Cock of Arran 10 Sep; 10 Shiskine 6 Nov, increasing to 60+ on 1 Dec, 135 on 13 Dec.

Carrion Crow Numbers apparently down. 10 West Bennan 7 Jan; 10 Kildonan 22 Oct.

Hooded Crow Highest counts: 10 Kilmory 4 Mar; 15 Ross rd 27 Aug; 12 Brodick 18 Nov.

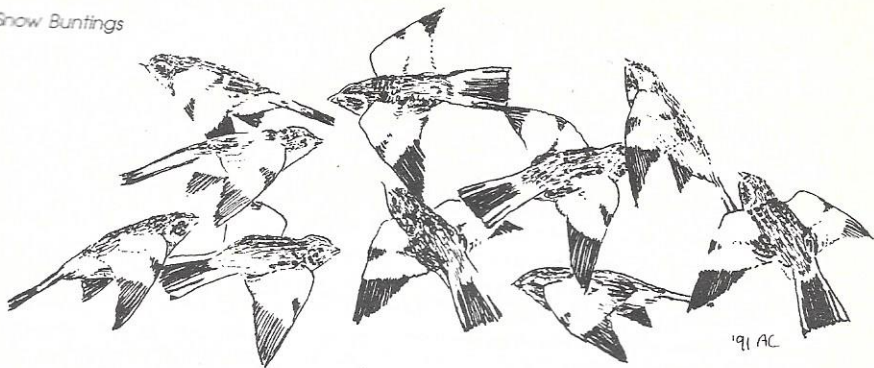
Raven 14 territories, 17 yng. Highest counts: 5 Lochranza 28 Jun; 5 Monamore Glen 1 Aug; 5 String 23 Aug; 7 Kings Cave 9 Sep.

Starling 2 ads 9 yng Cordon 13 Jun was only breeding record. Highest counts: 40 imms Clauchlands 21 Jun; 20 Blackwaterfoot 9 Sep; 150 Kildonan 22 Oct; 100 Shiskine 6 Nov, 1 Dec; 200 Blackwaterfoot 1 Dec.

House Sparrow Highest counts: 50 Whiting Bay 20 Jan; 50 Auchencairn 12 Feb; 40 Blackwaterfoot 26 Aug; 30 Brodick 1 Sep; max 100 Kingscross 4 Sep; 70 Blackwaterfoot 14 Sep; 30 Lamlash all yr.

Chaffinch Breeding: common with many yng. Highest counts: 150 Shiskine 7 Feb; 100 Auchencairn 12 Feb; 250 Kildonan Sep; 100 Kingscross 4 Oct; 200 Pimill 1 Nov.

Greenfinch 14 prs noted. No flocks recorded.



Goldfinch Only 10 prs noted, with 4 yng. Highest counts: 10 Shiskine 7 Sep; 6 Kingscross 16 Sep; 40 Machrie 16 Sep; 8 Kildonan 19 Sep, 20 on 22 Sep; 6 Lochranza 23 Sep; 17 Machrie 26 Sep; 30 Whitefarland 29 Sep, 20 on 1 Oct.

Siskin 20 prs noted. Highest counts: 50 Kingscross 2 Jan; 20 North Sannox 4 Jan; max 100 Brodick 27 Aug; 20 Brodick 11 Sep; 40 Margnaheglish 12 Nov.

Linnet 19 prs located. Highest counts: 60 Cleats 8 Aug; 40 Tormore 31 Aug; max 100 Cleats 9 Sep, 14 Sep; 50 Tormore 10 Sep; 40 Kilpatrick 12 Sep; 50 Clauchlands 21 Sep; 70 Cleats 30 Sep.

Twite All records from W coast, except 1 Clauchlands 22 Nov. Highest counts: 25 Tormore 2 Aug; 18 Kilpatrick 12 Sep; 15 Machrie 15 Sep; 50 Machrie 26 Sep; 17 Whitefarland 29 Sep, 15 on 1 Oct; max 60 Tormore 27 Oct; 25 Machrie 19 Nov. 5 summit Beinn Bhreac and 6 summit Beinn Bharrair 1 Nov; not previously recorded here at high altitude.

* **Redpoll** 1 Kingscross 24 Apr and several dates May; 1 Kildonan 1 Jun; pr High Corrie 18 Jun, 20 Jun, 4 on 28 Jun probably a family group; 1 Kingscross 30 Jun; 2 Corriecravie 14 Jul; 4 Dougrie 21 Jul; 4 Sannox 24 Jul; up to 3 Pirmill Jul; 50 Whitefarland 12 Sep; 20 Kingscross 17 Sep; 20 Imachar 22 Sep; 13 Pirmill 7 Oct; 1 Pirmill 15 Dec.

* **Crossbill** 15 Auchencaim 22 Jul; 1 Brodick Country Park 20 Sep, 7 on 29 Sep, 1 on 8 Oct; 12 Clauchan Glen 4 Nov; 8 Shiskine 6 Nov.

Bullfinch 15 prs, 3 yng. 3 window strikes. Max 6 Dunfion 16 Mar.

* **Snow Bunting** 1 Beinn Bhreac 24 Sep; 2 Beinn Bharrair 1 Nov; 8-10 Stacach ridge 6 Nov; 1 Brodick beach 1 Dec.

Yellowhammer 8 prs. Highest counts: 8 Kilmory 7 Jan, 10 on 4 Mar; 5 Drumadoon 30 Sep.

Reed Bunting 11 prs is continued increase; 2 juvs Kildonan 12 Jul. Highest count: 5 Blackwaterfoot 30 Sep.

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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.

✓1	Red-throated Diver	RCV
✓2	Black-throated Diver	R*/PCV
✓3	Great Northern Diver	S**U/WU/PCV
✓4	Little Grebe	WU
✓5	Great Crested Grebe	WO
✓6	Red-necked Grebe	WO
✓7	Slavonian Grebe	WO
✓8	Black-necked Grebe	WO
✓9	Fulmar	SCWU
✓10	Cory's Shearwater	V
✓11	Sooty Shearwater	V
✓12	Manx Shearwater	SU/PC
✓13	Storm Petrel	PC
✓14	Leach's Petrel	V
✓15	Gannet	S**CWU
✓16	Cormorant	RCV
✓17	Shag	RCV
✓18	Bittern	V
✓19	Grey Heron	RCV
✓20	Spoonbill	V
✓21	Chilean Flamingo	V
✓22	Mute Swan	R*C
✓23	Whooper Swan	WU/PC
✓24	Pink footed Goose	WO
✓25	White-fronted Goose	WU/PU
✓26	Greylag Goose	WC/PCV
✓27	Canada Goose	R*/PO
✓28	Barnacle Goose	WO
✓29	Brent Goose	WO
✓30	Shelduck	RCV
✓31	Wigeon	S*O/WC
✓32	Teal	SU/WC
✓33	Mallard	RCV
✓34	Pintail	PO
✓35	Shoveler	B*
✓36	Pochard	WO
✓37	Tufted Duck	PU
✓38	Scaup	WO
✓39	Eider	RCV
✓40	King Eider	S**U
✓41	Long-tailed Duck	SO/WO
✓42	Scoter	SO/WO
✓43	Velvet Scoter	WO
✓44	Goldeneye	WC
✓45	S mew	WO
✓46	Breast-banded Merganser	RCV
✓47	Goosander	S*/PU
✓48	Red Kite	B*
✓49	White-tailed Eagle	B*
✓50	Marsh Harrier	V
✓51	Hen Harrier	RCV
✓52	Goshawk	S**/PO
✓53	Sparrowhawk	RCV
✓54	Buzzard	RCV
✓55	Rough-legged Buzzard	V
✓56	Golden Eagle	RCV
✓57	Osprey	B*/PO
✓58	Hobby	V
✓59	Kestrel	RCV
✓60	Merlin	RU
✓61	Peregrine	RCV

✓62	Red Grouse	RC
✓63	Ptarmigan	RU
✓64	Black Grouse	RU
✓65	Capercaillie	B*
✓66	Red-legged Partridge	I
✓67	Grey Partridge	B*
✓68	Quail	B*/V
✓69	Pheasant	RCV
✓70	Lady Amherst's Pheasant	V
✓71	Water Rail	RU
✓72	Spotted Crake	V
✓73	Corncrake	S*U
✓74	Moorhen	RU
✓75	Coot	WO
✓76	Crane	V
✓77	Oystercatcher	RCV
✓78	Ringed Plover	RCV
✓79	Dotterel	PO
✓80	Golden Plover	SU/WU/PU
✓81	Grey Plover	WU/PU
✓82	Lapwing	RCV
✓83	Knot	PC
✓84	Sanderling	PU
✓85	Curlew Sandpiper	V
✓86	Purple Sandpiper	WU
✓87	Little Stint	V
✓88	Dunlin	SU/WC/PCV
✓89	Ruff	V
✓90	Jack Snipe	WO
✓91	Snipe	RCV
✓92	Long Billed Dowitcher	V
✓93	Woodcock	RC
✓94	Black-tailed Godwit	PO
✓95	Bar-tailed Godwit	WO/PU
✓96	Whimbrel	PC
✓97	Curlew	RCV
✓98	Spotted Redshank	PO
✓99	Redshank	RCV
✓100	Greenshank	WU/PU
✓101	Green Sandpiper	V
✓102	Common Sandpiper	SCV
✓103	Turnstone	S**U/WC/PCV
✓104	Grey Phalarope	V
✓105	Red-necked Phalarope	V
✓106	Pomarine Skua	V
✓107	Arctic Skua	S**U/PC
✓108	Great Skua	S**U/PC
✓109	Little Gull	PO
✓110	Sabine's Gull	V
✓111	Black-headed Gull	RCV
✓112	Common Gull	RCV
✓113	Lesser Black-backed Gull	SCWU
✓114	Herring Gull	RCV
✓115	Glaucous Gull	SU/PU
✓116	Island Gull	O
✓117	Great Black-backed Gull	RCV
✓118	Kittiwake	B*/SU/WC/PC
✓119	Ivory Gull	V
✓120	Sandwich Tern	S**C/PC
✓121	Roseate Tern	B*O

✓ 122 Common Tern	SC/PC
123 Arctic Tern	SC/PC
✓ 124 Little Tern	PO
✓ 125 Guillemot	R**C ✓
✓ 126 Razorbill	R**C
✓ 127 Black Guillemot	RC ✓
✓ 128 Little Auk	PO
✓ 129 Puffin	PU
✓ 130 Pallas's Sandgrouse	V
✓ 131 Rock Dove	RC ✓
✓ 132 Stock Dove	O
✓ 133 Woodpigeon	RC ✓
✓ 134 Collared Dove	RC ✓
✓ 135 Turtle Dove	V
✓ 136 Cuckoo	SC
✓ 137 Barn Owl	RC ✓
✓ 138 Tawny Owl	RC ✓
✓ 139 Long-eared Owl	RU
✓ 140 Short-eared Owl	RC ✓
✓ 141 Nightjar	SU
✓ 142 Swift	S*U/PC
✓ 143 Kingfisher	R*U
✓ 144 Hoopoe	V
✓ 145 Great Spotted Woodpecker	R*O
✓ 146 Skylark	RC ✓
✓ 147 Sand Martin	SC
✓ 148 Swallow	SC ✓
✓ 149 House Martin	SC ✓
✓ 150 Tree Pipit	SC ✓
✓ 151 Meadow Pipit	RC ✓
✓ 152 Rock Pipit	RC ✓
✓ 153 Yellow Wagtail	S*U
✓ 154 Grey Wagtail	RC ✓
✓ 155 White Wagtail (a)	B*/PC ✓
✓ 155 Pied Wagtail (b)	RC ✓
✓ 156 Waxwing	WO
✓ 157 Dipper	RC ✓
✓ 158 Wren	RC ✓
✓ 159 Dunnock	RC ✓
✓ 160 Robin	RC ✓
✓ 161 Black Redstart	WU/PU
✓ 162 Redstart	SU
✓ 163 Whinchat	SC
✓ 164 Stonechat	RC ✓
✓ 165 Wheatear	SC/PC ✓
✓ 166 Ring Ouzel	SU
✓ 167 Blackbird	RC ✓
✓ 168 Fieldfare	WC/PC ✓
✓ 169 Song Thrush	RC ✓
✓ 170 Redwing	WC/PC ✓

✓ 171 Mistle Thrush	RC ✓
✓ 172 Grasshopper Warbler	SC
✓ 173 Sedge Warbler	SC
✓ 174 Lesser Whitethroat	V
✓ 175 Whitethroat	SC
✓ 176 Garden Warbler	SC
✓ 177 Blackcap	SC/WU
✓ 178 Wood Warbler	SC
✓ 179 Chiffchaff	SC/PC ✓
✓ 180 Willow Warbler	SC/PC ✓
✓ 181 Goldcrest	RC
✓ 182 Spotted Flycatcher	SC
✓ 183 Pied Flycatcher	S**U
✓ 184 Long-tailed Tit	RC ✓
✓ 185 Willow Tit	O
✓ 186 Coal Tit	RC ✓
✓ 187 Blue Tit	RC ✓
✓ 188 Great Tit	RC ✓
✓ 189 Treecreeper	HC
✓ 190 Golden Oriole	V
✓ 191 Red-backed Shrike	V
✓ 192 Great Grey Shrike	V
✓ 193 Jay	B*/PO
✓ 194 Magpie	B*/PO
✓ 195 Chough	B*
✓ 196 Jackdaw	RC ✓
✓ 197 Rook	B*/WC ✓
✓ 198 Carrion Crow (a)	RC ✓
✓ 198 Hooded Crow (b)	RC ✓
✓ 199 Raven	RC ✓
✓ 200 Starling	RC ✓
✓ 201 House Sparrow	RC ✓
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✓ 210 Redpoll	SC/PU
✓ 211 Crossbill	RU
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✓ 217 Corn Bunting	B*
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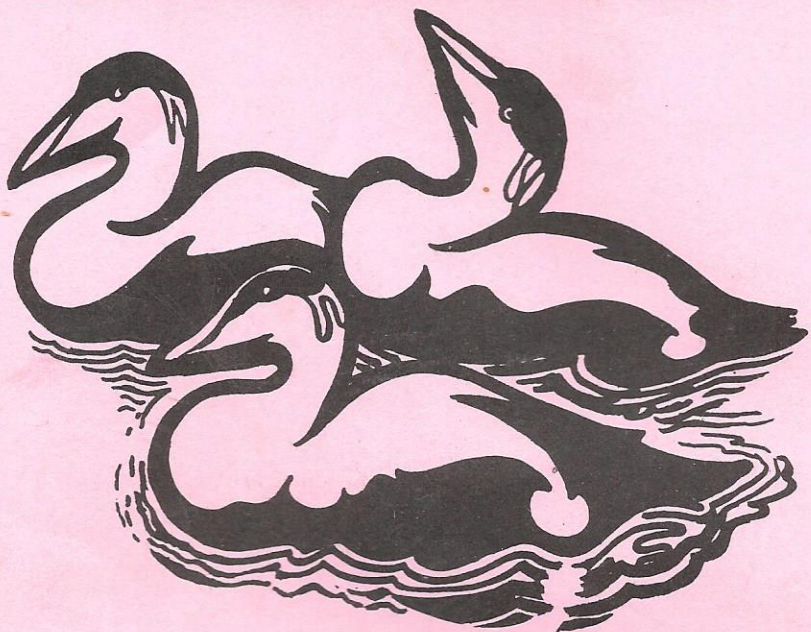
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