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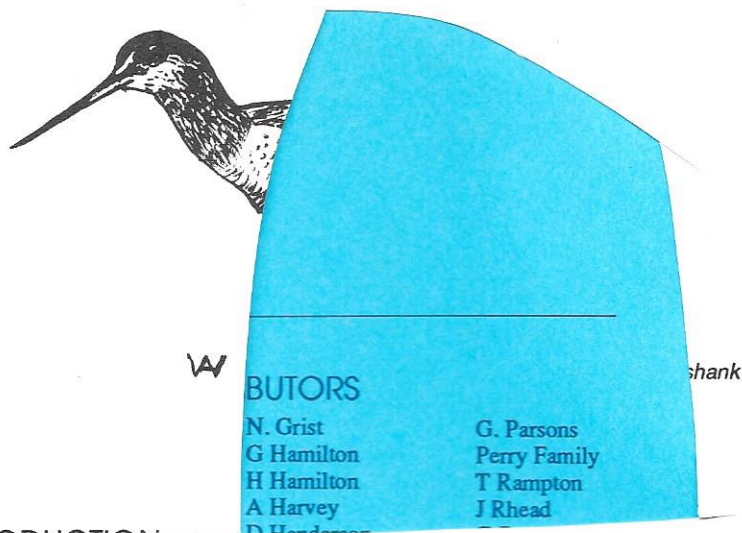
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INTRODUCTION

To lose one experienced bird recorder with the departure of my good friend Maggie Dunn to fresh fields and pastures new in the south of England was bad enough, but to lose a second when Tristan ap Rheinalt and his family moved to Islay last year was a loss we could ill afford. Probably the most experienced bird recorder ever to come to Arran, we wish him all the best in his new appointment as County Recorder for Argyll. His absence is reflected in the much reduced reporting of sea birds which were his special interest. We are pleased to report however that Tristan's sightings of Mediterranean Gulls last year have been accepted by the Scottish Birds Rarities Committee. We are also grateful to him for undertaking a complete update and revision of the checklist, first published last year, a task taking up a great deal of time and research.

Despite not having a car, I agreed to take on the task of bird recorder for Arran in the meantime. The Bird Report this year may be a little shorter than usual as I was unable to check out some locations myself, so I am doubly grateful to all locals and visitors who contacted me with information either by sending me notes or phoning.

As Tristan said in the 1992 Report, the commoner species are just as important as the ever popular birds of prey. Duller birds such as House Sparrows, Dunnocks, Rock and Meadow Pipits are often overlooked. Other birds such as Magpies, Jays, Lesser Whitethroats, Moorhens and Coots are actually quite rare on Arran although they may be plentiful on the mainland. So I would repeat Tristan's advice and ask visitors in particular to examine the checklist carefully and to be aware of the status of species here.

1993 was marked by the absence of certain species recorded in 1992. No records were received of Storm Petrel, Tufted Duck, Long-tailed Duck, Goosander, White-tailed Eagle, Sanderling, Pied Flycatcher, Tree Sparrow, Magpie or Snow Bunting. On the other hand there was a welcome increase in Osprey sightings with every hope that as numbers increase on the mainland there will be more overflying Arran on migration. Also welcome was the return of a winter Black Redstart, last recorded in 1986.

On the downside, the illegal killing of birds of prey has continued. The post mortem

of a female Golden Eagle found on the Boguille in May revealed that the bird had been shot at close range. This is the third eagle to have been illegally killed in as many years. A second incident occurred at Dougrie when a Short-eared Owl was allegedly shot.

Once again, very many thanks to everyone who helped me prepare the report. Please send all records for 1994 in Vooos order (as in the checklist) by mid-January 1995 at the latest, to: Mrs. Audrey Walters, Sula, Margnaeglish, Lamblash, Isle of Arran, KA27 8LE (tel. Lamblash (0770) 600 406.)

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Chiffchaff 2 Apr	Manx Shearwater 11 May
Cuckoo 11 Apr	Garden Warbler 20 May
House Martin 11 Apr	Nightjar 29 May
Willow Warbler 13 Apr	Redstart 31 May
Common Sandpiper 13 Apr	Sand Martin 4 Jun
White Wagtail 16 Apr	Grasshopper Warbler 5 Jun
Common Tern 21 Apr	Arctic Tern 6 Jun
Wood Warbler 27 Apr	Whinchat 7 Jun
Sandwich Tern 28 Apr	Tree Pipit 8 Jun
	<i>(NB Whimbrel and Blackcap recorded in winter)</i>

ABBREVIATIONS

sp/spp - species
no/nos - number(s)
m- male
f - female
yng - young
juv - juvenile
imm - immature
max - maximum
terr - territory

N,S,E,W - direction of flight
Jan etc. - all months abbreviated
inc - including
pr - pair
yr - year
hr - hour
nr - near
fm - farm
BCP - Brodick Country Park

Initials of observer(s) are generally limited to species with 2 or fewer records during the year.

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CHRONOLOGICAL SUMMARY

JANUARY - MARCH

Gales, high winds and driving rain almost every day in JANUARY caused havoc for birds and humans alike, but although these are the very conditions which bring rarities to Britain, sadly none were recorded here. However, a Knot turned up at Machrie on the 10th, and 2 Purple Sandpipers were at Blackwaterfoot on the 23rd. 2 Hen Harriers, a male and an immature were seen hunting near Balmichael on the 24th, despite the heavy rain. A single Red-necked Grebe was seen off The Craw on the 28th, the third winter running this scarce species has visited Arran. A group of 10 Goldeneye at Clauchlands on the 31st took advantage of one of the few calm sunny days to put on a great display of head-throw kicking while further along the bay the Mergansers were giving an equally vigorous display of saluting.

FEBRUARY was an exceptionally mild month except for the final week when a northerly air stream brought temperatures down to around zero. 4 Barn Owls were seen on an evening car run from Lamblash to Shiskine on the 7th, further proof that although this species is in decline on the mainland, they continue to do well here. A Kingfisher was reported in the Cloy/Rosa burn area on more than one occasion, thrilling all who saw it. Meanwhile exceptional numbers of Eiders continued to build up, reaching a peak of 345 off Imachar on the 10th. Two groups of 90 and 135 respectively were noted in Lamblash Bay on the 17th. A Ring-necked Dove at Margnaheglish had a narrow escape when the local Sparrowhawk seized it. It broke free, leaving a cloud of feathers on the road, and hid in a bush until it recovered. Nothing in nature is wasted though, and the feathers were eagerly picked up by nesting sparrows.

MARCH started off relatively dry, but by the 10th the weather had deteriorated and remained wet and windy till the end of the month. 3 Goldfinches at Brodick on the 4th were a welcome sight on a dull day. The number of Wigeon at Clauchlands began to decline from 30 on the 9th to 2 on the 25th, while the number of Shelduck had increased to 7 by the 9th. On the 14th a pair of Blue Tits had re-occupied a nesting box, and a Wren was gathering nesting material at Margnaheglish. A pair of Mallard were seen at the back of a field at the Clauchlands road end, obviously prospecting for a nest site on the 15th. Two rare ducks turned up (rare for Arran, that is) with a male Pintail at Lochranza on the 9th and a male Scaup at Merklund on the 26th.

Migrating swans and geese were in evidence, with c30 Canada Geese overflying Kildonan on the 23rd, and 11 Mute Swans over Lamblash Bay on the 24th. The first Wheatears of the year were recorded at Kilpatrick on the 21st and Kerr's Port on the 31st. By the 28th, Lesser Black-backed Gulls had returned to Catacol and Machrie, and were also seen in farm fields at Shiskine.

APRIL - JUNE

APRIL was very wet with only a few sunny days. First summer migrant of the month unusually was a very early Swallow at Sannox Picnic Site on the 1st, followed by a Chiffchaff at Lochranza on the 2nd. Next to arrive were Cuckoo and House Martin on the 11th, then 12 Willow Warblers and a Common Sandpiper at Kings Cross on the 13th. Three more warblers, Wood, Sedge and Whitethroat, had reached us by the 29th.

Passage migrants included White Wagtails on the 16th, a pair of Whimbrels at Clauchlands on the 23rd, and Sandwich Terns also at Clauchlands on the 28th. A pair

of Wigeon were last seen at Kerrs Port on the 28th, a very late departure date. The Mallard seen prospecting for a nest site at Clauchlands in mid-March appeared with an early family of 5 ducklings on the 21st.

Normally the driest month on Arran, MAY proved to be the exception with very mixed weather, and a spell of continuous rain mid month combined with exceptionally low temperatures may well have affected our breeding birds. Migrants continued to arrive with Swifts on the 7th at Kildonan, Manx Shearwaters on the 11th, Spotted Flycatcher on the 15th and Garden Warbler on the 20th. A Nightjar was duly recorded at Merkland on the 29th, on time as usual, but a Redstart reported on the 31st was late for this species. A Bar-tailed Godwit at Drumadoon on the 12th was the only passage migrant.

A rare Puffin was sighted on the Claonig/Lochranza crossing on the 2nd, while on the 8th there was the unusual sight of a Woodcock airlifting 2 chicks to safety, witnessed at Glen Shurraig.

The illegal killing of birds of prey continued with the discovery of a dead female Golden Eagle found on the Boguille on the 8th, consequently proved to have been shot at close range. Once again, without evidence no prosecution could be brought.

The unseasonable wet and cool weather continued in JUNE, only the final week being warm and sunny. This may have accounted for the scarcity of some migrants, with only 1 Sedge Warbler and 1 pair of Common Sandpipers at Clauchlands where there would normally be 3-4 pairs. The Sand Martins at Auchencar were also reduced to 1 pair, while Whinchats proved elusive with the first pair at Garbh Bheinn on the 7th. A deliberate search for Whinchats round the northern half of the island on the 23rd produced none, not even on Machrie Moor road where they are normally found without fail. A Grasshopper Warbler reeling at Clauchlands on the 5th was the only record received, but two pairs of Golden Plover at Loch Tanna and a single at Sail Chalmadale on the 12th was more encouraging. The first Tree Pipit was not reported until 8th June, but their arrival, usually in April, could have gone unrecorded. A single Corncrake at Glaister on the 25th was even more welcome as it was feared that it had gone possibly for good from Arran. The Clauchlands Shelducks were unlucky again, with a total of 30 ducklings gone by the 15th, predated by gulls and crows, although other sites seemed unaffected.

JULY - SEPTEMBER

As last year, JULY was disappointingly cool and wet. Having lost all their young for the third year running, the Clauchlands Shelduck departed earlier than usual on the 5th. Although parties of Red-legged Partridges are common especially round the south end, a single was reported on the summit of Goatfell for the first time. A scarce pair of Greenshanks were at Newton shore on the 18th, but one of the best sightings of the year was of a Spotted Redshank between Sliderywaterfoot and the Cleat on the 19th, not recorded since 1987.

With less than 3" of rain, less than half the average, AUGUST was dry and cool until the middle of the month when at long last there was a warmer and more settled spell. Welcome news came from Machrie where a maximum of 5 Fulmar chicks were reported at Cleiteadh Buidhe on the 4th. This is an improvement on last year at this site, but there were no records of any young from other sites round the island. On the 7th, observers at the Cnocan Lochan were watching a Red-throated Diver with a juvenile when a second adult flew in, calling loudly. Having fed the youngster it took off again heading seawards. A White-fronted Goose, possibly the same one reported last year, was seen at Torrylinn on the 10th, while a pair of Crossbills with 3 young were at Kilmory on the 11th. On the 25th, a Slavonian Grebe in summer plumage was seen off Corrie being

harassed by a Herring Gull which succeeded in robbing it of an eel. This is the first summer record for this species.

SEPTEMBER turned out much drier than usual, and without the gale force winds normally expected at this time of year. Two Great Skuas turned up, one at Imachar on the 3rd and one at Laggan on the 4th. Always an important month for migrants, prime sighting of the year was an Osprey on the 15th which flew in from the north and circled over Lochranza Bay before heading southwards in the direction of Catacol. While the numbers of resident ducks continued to build up with 63 Mallard at Clauchlands at the beginning of the month and c50 Mergansers at Machrie, 2 female Wigeon returned to Clauchlands on the 21st. A Ring Ouzel was on Am Binnein on the 22nd, followed by one on A' Chir and one on Beinn Tarsuinn a day later. Passage migrants were scarce with a Greenshank at Lochranza on the 1st, a Whimbrel at Thunderguy on the 17th and 3 Grey Plovers at Blackwaterfoot on the 26th.

OCTOBER - DECEMBER

The weather in **OCTOBER** was the best for many years, with long spells of dry weather and some exceptionally sunny days.

From 7 Greylags seen at Kilmory on the 6th, the number had built up to c.200 by the end of the month, while a juvenile Brent Goose was at Machriewaterfoot on the 8th and a single Barnacle Goose at Clauchlands on the 10th. 11 Whooper Swans were present at Kilmory from 8-11th.

On the 12th, Angus Maciver who was back at Altachorvie to lead a second week of birdwatching could scarcely believe his luck when a second Osprey appeared over the Machrie Standing Stones. An elusive Moorhen was seen near the bridge over the Cloy burn on the 23rd, while an even more elusive Water Rail was on the String road on the 31st.

NOVEMBER started off reasonably well, but by the third week we were in the grip of the coldest weather experienced for many years. The Brent juvenile reported in October turned up again at Torrylinnwaterfoot on the 4th. A Little Grebe was threading its way through the tangle of vegetation at the edge of Machrie Pond on the 13th, a new location for this species. A pair of Grey Herons were seen chasing away a Cormorant that had infringed their fishing rights on the Kilmory Water on the 24th.

Best sighting though came right at the end of the month when a female Black Redstart appeared in a garden at Blackwaterfoot on the 30th, a species not reported since 1986.

The cold snap continued into **DECEMBER** accompanied by high winds, sleet and snow, and at one point five consecutive days of incessant rain. However, a Little Auk was spotted on the Gourrock/Brodick crossing on the 6th, and unusually there were 4 Manx Shearwaters off Pirrmill on the 8th. A single Barnacle Goose turned up again at Clauchlands on the 9th and 21st. A female Merlin at Porta Leacach on the 19th was the last sighting of any note for the year.

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SYSTEMATIC LIST

Red-throated Diver

Breeding: attempted at 5 lochans; failed at egg stage on 2, chicks on water at other 3. Improvement on last yr.

Up to 5 seen at Laggantuin, Pirmill, Imachar, Holy Isle, Dougarie, Clauchlands and Drumadoon, with max 12 Machrie 23 Oct.

Black-throated Diver

Recorded all yr round with max 10 Machrie 7 Feb; 2 imm Machrie 18 Jun, pr with 2 imm again at Machrie 27 Jul. Fewer sightings than last yr.

Great Northern Diver

Records mainly during winter/spring months with max 10 Kilbrannan Sound 28 Oct. 6 May sightings from Machrie, Blackwaterfoot and the west coast, and 1 Laggan 6 Jun was unusual.

Little Grebe

Singles Sannox/Corrie 31 Jan, Cloy Burn 8 Feb and Cordon 16 Feb; max 3 Lochranza 3 Nov; 1 Machrie Pond 13 Nov is a new location for this species.

Red-necked Grebe

1 Crow 28Jan/11 Feb (TapR), 5th winter recording running for this location.

Slavonian Grebe

1 off Corrie 28 Aug (TR) is first summer record for Arran.

Fulmar

Breeding: max 5 yng Machrie 4 Aug, 1 still present 20 Sep is a small increase on last yr. No breeding records from any other sites.

Manx Shearwater

First of the yr Ardrossan/Brodick 11 May. Most records in Aug with max 33 Ardrossan/Brodick 16 Aug; 30+ Ardrossan/Brodick 19 Sep; last 4 N in 2.5 hrs Pirmill 8 Dec.

Gannet

First seen Pirmill 9 Jan; no high counts recorded with max 50+ Clauchlands/Holy Isle 25 Jul.

Cormorant

Present all yr with max 20 Blackwaterfoot 19 Sep.

Shag

No breeding records. Present all yr but commoner than previous species with max c.100 Drumadoon 12 Oct.

Grey Heron

Breeding: nested White House, Lamlash and Altachorvie Wood, but success unknown.
No records from other sites.

Seen round the coast all yr, with max 11 White House in May.

Mute Swan

Prs noted at Brodick, Lamlash and Whiting Bay during winter months; 11 overflying Lamlash Bay 24 Mar; pr + 3 yng Brodick 5 Sep and Lamlash 17 Oct.

Whooper Swan

Smaller nos than last yr reported during winter months from Shiskine, Dippen, Sliderry, Glenloig and Brodick with max 11 Kilmory 8 Oct.

White-fronted Goose

1 Torrylinn shore 10 Aug (TC) was the only record.

Canada Goose

c.50 flying E towards Kildonan 23 Mar (PT). 3 hybrids still present at the Rosa burn, usually with a pr of Mute Swans.

Barnacle Goose

1 Sliderrywaterfoot 25 Sep; 1 Clauchlands 9-11 Oct, possibly same one again Clauchlands 9 and 21 Dec.

Brent Goose

1 juv Light-breasted Machriewaterfoot 10 Oct and again Torrylinnwaterfoot 4 Nov.

Shelduck

Breeding: pr + 7 yng Blackwaterfoot 19 Jun; pr + 15 yng Merkland/Carlo 20 Jun; pr with 4 yng Whitefarland 20 Jul; 4 families totalling 30 yng were all predated for the 3rd yr running at Clauchlands.

Return 1 Clauchlands 14 Nov.

Wigeon

Recorded during winter months at Clauchlands, Machrie, Porta Leacach and Tormore. Nos slightly lower than last yr with the exception of Machrie where max 70 13 Nov; pr still at Lamlash 28 Apr which is exceptionally late.

Teal

No breeding records.

Reported during winter months only this yr from Cleat, Kilpatrick, Blackwaterfoot and Kilpatrick with max 50 Machrie 7 Feb; 7 Loch na Learg 21 Nov was the only non coastal record.

Mallard

Breeding: yng reported from Clauchlands, Rosa burn, Merkland and Sail Chalmadale. Max 63 Machrie 10 Jan and 63 Clauchlands 28 Aug.

Pintail

1 m Lochranza 9 Mar (AC et al), only record this yr.

Scaup

1 m Merkland 26 Mar (SM) only record this yr.

Eider

Breeding: pr + 4 yng Clauchlands 25 May; f + 4 yng Lochranza, pr + 2 yng Pirmill, and 6 f + 13 yng Carlo 20 Jun; 2 adults + 2 small yng Lochranza 20 Jul (late); no yng at Porta Leacach where bred last yr.

Big increase in winter nos with max 320 Whitefarland/Pirmill 7 Feb.

Common Scoter

1 Brodick/Ardrossan 7 Apr; 2 Kings Cave 14 Apr.

Goldeneye

Singles and small groups present round the coast during winter/spring months with a single inland record again at the Urie Loch 21 Nov. Last 4 off Catacol 21 May, a month later than last yr. Slight decrease in nos with max 10 Clauchlands 31 Jan.

Red-breasted Merganser

Breeding: f + 17 yng Lamdash 2 Jul; f + 12 yng Brodick 25 Jul, reduced to 6 by 1 Aug.

Largest nos recorded at Machrie with c.100 7 Aug.

Hen Harrier

Breeding: reported from 1 site only, success unknown.

Singles seen at Cladach, Corriegills, Boguille, Monamore, Ben Tarsuinn, Cioch n'Oighe, Glen Loig, Lochranza, Cnoc na Dail, Glenscorrodale and Blackwaterfoot.

Goshawk

1 North end 14 Feb (IS)

Sparrowhawk

Breeding: yng reported at Clauchlands

Singles recorded at Whitefarland, Catacol, Machrie, BCP, Levencorrach, Bailemargaidh, Machrie Moor, Laggan, Glen Loig, Cleat and Gortonallister. Dead m found at Pirmill in October - post mortem failed to establish cause of death.

Buzzard

Breeding: nest at Bailemargaidh 23 May (unsuccessful), but probably bred at many other locations.

Singles reported all yr round from Kerrs Port, Laggantuin, Thunderguy, Bailemargaidh, Kings Cross, Bennan Head, Ross road and Whitefarland. Prs recorded at Fallen Rocks, Urie Loch, Glen Rosa, Pirmill, Glenscorrodale and Glenashdale. Max 4 Cleat 14 Oct.

Golden Eagle

Breeding: 2 prs bred, 1 failed (female shot), 1 yng fledged at 2nd site.

Dead f found Boguille 9 May, post mortem established cause of death as gunshot wounds inflicted at close range. Max 3 Glen Chalmadale 11 Oct; pr Urie Loch 21 Nov is unusual.

Osprey



Osprey

Increase in sightings with 1 flying S Lochranza 15 Sep, 1 Machrie Moor 12 Oct, and a possible Shiskine 1 Nov.

Kestrel

Breeding: only 2 nests reported, 1 with 3 yng, the other success unknown.

1 dead from starvation Pirmill 2 Jan. Singles reported from Clauchlands, the 3 Bens, Glen Sannox, Auchencar, Corriecravie with max 4 Bennan Head 28 Jul.

Merlin

Fewer records than last yr; f being mobbed by pr of Kestrels Goatfell 8 Jun; 1 Bennecarrigan 13 Oct; f Porta Leacach 19 Dec. Dead m found at Fairhaven in October, post mortem failed to establish cause of death.

Peregrine

Breeding: 2 fledged yng at 2 sites.

Single coastal sightings throughout the yr; 1 Beinn Chliabhain 1 Apr; 1 Maol Donn 20 May.

Red Grouse

No breeding records.

Prs recorded at Corlach, Muileann Gaoithe, Catacol, Correin Lochain, Goatfell and Urie Loch, mainly during winter months.

Ptarmigan

Very poor yr with only 1 Castail Abhail 11 Apr. (MB)

Red-legged Partridge

Largest nos concentrated around Dougarie and Machrie Fm, but unusually 1 Goatfell summit 11 Apr (JB)

Pheasant

Common, with further releases of varied spp, i.e. melanistic .

Water Rail

Poor yr, with only 1 String road 31 Oct (TM).

Corncrake

No records last yr, thought to have possibly gone for good, but 1 Glaister 25 Jun (GP) is better news.

Moorhen

1 Cloy burn 5 Mar and 23 Oct, probably same bird reported there last yr.

Oystercatcher

Breeding: 2 nests, 1 with 4 eggs, 1 with 3 eggs Kilpatrick, 1 nest with 3 eggs Machrie 23 May; pr + 3 yng Dougarie 6 Jun; nest with 2 eggs Pimmill 10 Jun; 2 prs + 4 yng Catacol 10 Jun; nest with 2 eggs Clauchlands 18 Jun.

Common and widespread with max c.120 Machrie 17 Oct.

Ringed Plover

Breeding: 4 adults + 1 yng Cladach 30 May; pr + 3 yng Dougarie 4 Jun; pr + 2 very small yng Blackwaterfoot 8 Aug.

Common and widespread with max c.100 Machrie 19 Sep.

Golden Plover

Better yr with 1 Machrie 3 Mar, 2 prs calling Loch Tanna, 1 calling Sail Chalmadale 12 Jun, and 2 Whitefarland 24 Sep.

Grey Plover

1 juv Bennan Head 29 Sep; 3 Blackwaterfoot 26 Sep; 1 Cleat 23 Oct. Not reported from Machrie where seen last 3 yrs.

Lapwing

Breeding: 3 yng Machrie Moor 3 Jun

Small flocks noted at Machrie, Dougarie, Balmichael, Clauchlands, Whitefarland, Imachar, Kilpatrick, Auchencar, Cleat and Porta Leacach during winter months with max 85 Sliderry 28 Dec.

Knot

1 Machrie 10 Jan (unusual); 1 Sliderywaterfoot/Cleat 19 Jul; 1 Blackwaterfoot 22 Aug; 1 Kildonan 26 Aug.

Purple Sandpiper

Only 2 records: 2 Blackwaterfoot 23 Jan and 1 Imachar 24 Feb.

Dunlin

Small nos reported from Machrie, Kildonan, Blackwaterfoot, mainly during Aug with max 14 Blackwaterfoot 19 Sep; 4 Brodick 22 Sep is unusual.

Jack Snipe

Better yr, with 2 records: 1 Machrie Moor 12 Oct and 1 Blackwaterfoot 17 Oct.

Snipe

Small nos seen during winter months at Blackwaterfoot, Whitefarland, Clauchlands, Brodick, Kilpatrick, Sail Chalmadale, Torbeg and Slidery with max 11 Tormore 1 Sep.

Woodcock

Breeding: unusual record of an adult flying with 2 yng clinging underneath at Glen Shurraig 8 May (SL).

Roding at BCP, Glen Dubh, Brodick, Glen Rosa and Pirmill spring/summer.

Bar-tailed Godwit

Poor yr with only 1 record of 1 Drumadoon 12 May (TM)

Whimbrel

1 overwintering reported last yr at Whitefarland still present 13 Feb, but may have stayed longer.

Spring/autumn migrants; pr Clauchlands 23 Apr, 3 Drumadoon 12 May and 1 Thunderguy 17 Sep; 1 back at Whitefarland 8 Dec.

Curlew

Breeding: nested Machrie Moor, Dougaree and High Balnacool.

Common and widespread with max 120 Machrie 7 Feb.

Spotted Redshank

1 Sliderywaterfoot/Cleat 19 Jul (TC) is first record since 1987.

Redshank

Breeding: 1 yng Cleat 12 Sep.

Common and widespread round coast, but absent May/Jun. Max 21 Lamrash 10 Jan.

Greenshank

1 Blackwaterfoot 14 Apr; pr Newton shore 18 Jul; 1 Lochranza 22 Aug and 1 Sep.

Common Sandpiper

Breeding: nested at Kerrs Port (success unknown), also bred Porta Leacach. Arrival 1 Kings Cross 13 Apr, thereafter reported at Blackwaterfoot, Lochranza, Merkland, Carlo,

Imachar, Kilpatrick and Kildonan. Holding terr at Thunderguy, Rubha Airigh Dougall and Whitefarland. Max 4 prs + 2 singles Clauchlands 8 May. Last 1 Slidderlywaterfoot 28 Aug.

Turnstone

Reported mainly during winter months from Lamlash, Machrie, Blackwaterfoot, Catacol and Slidderly, with max 25 Machrie 5 Oct. 2 mid-summer records with 15 Whiting Bay 22 Aug, and 4 Blackwaterfoot 28 Aug.

Arctic Skua

1 record only of 1 pale-phase adult Ardrossan/Brodick 28 May.

Great Skua

1 Blackwaterfoot 11 Sep; 1 Imachar 3 Oct; 1 Laggan 4 Oct

Black-headed Gull

Recorded all yr, but smaller nos May/Jun. Max c.100 Brodick 20 Feb. Returning birds 40 Brodick 25 Jul.

Common Gull

Breeding: nest with 3 eggs, also 2 yng Kilpatrick, 5 yng Dougarie 20 Jun; pr + 1 yng Craw 28 Jun. Highest nos during winter months with max 205 Blackwaterfoot 7 Feb.

Lesser Black-backed Gull

Return 36 Brodick 7 Feb, with max c.80 Dougarie 18 Aug. Last 1 Clauchlands 21 Oct.

Herring Gull

No breeding reports. Common and widespread with max 400 Machrie 7 Feb.

Great Black-backed Gull

No breeding reports. Present all yr with max 41 Brodick 24 Sep.

Kittiwake

Fewer reports than last yr; 1 oiled bird Blackwaterfoot 23 Jan; max 2500+/1 hr SW in gale force wind with high proportion of juvs off Porta Leacach 16 Jan.

Sandwich Tern

Return pr Clauchlands 28 Apr; more spring records than autumn with max 5 Whiting Bay 22 Aug.

Common Tern

Only 1 definite record; 2 Kings Cross 21 Apr. 4 "comics" Pirmill 6 Jun.

Arctic Tern

No breeding records, but no report from Pladda. Even worse than last yr, with only 1 definite record of 1 Kings Cross 15 May.

Guillemot

Small nos reported from Blackwaterfoot, Whiting Bay, Kings Cross, Pirmill and Clauchlands. Max 100+ mixed with Razorbills Machrie 23 Oct.

Razorbill

Small nos seen regularly on Ardrossan/Brodick crossing; 1 Blackwaterfoot 17 Oct; 100+ mixed with Guillemots Machrie 23 Oct.

Black Guillemot

Breeding: nested Kings Cave but success unknown.

Small nos reported from Blackwaterfoot, Lamlash, Imachar, Pirmill, Kilpatrick, and Thunderguy, with max 8 Kings Cave 10 Nov.

Little Auk

1 Gourock/Brodick crossing 6 Dec (TapR)

Puffin

1 Lochranza/Claoinig crossing 2 May (TapR)

Rock Dove

9 Kilpatrick shore 18 Jul; 7-8 Lagg/Bennan Head 15 Sep; 4 Machrie 19 Sep.

Wood Pigeon

6 Merkland Wood 19 Jun; c.60 Kildonan Fm 18 Feb; c.100 Kings Cross 19 Feb; 8 Machrie Fm 11 Apr; 1 dead, breast plucked Bailemargaigh 18 Jul; max 180 BCP 23 Sep.

Collared Dove

Small nos reported from Torr Righ, Whiting Bay, Lamlash, and Shiskine, with max 5 Lagg 4 Nov.

Cuckoo

Arrival Kildonan 11 Apr, thereafter at Lochranza, Machrie, Glen Rosa, High Corrie, BCP, Whiting Bay and Bailemargaigh. Last heard Glen Rosa 14 Jun.

Barn Owl

Breeding: nest BCP with 3 yng 23 Jun; late family at South end not fledged till Sep, but were in good condition; no yng at Dougarie where normally seen.

Widespread, with max 4 singles Lamlash/Shiskine 7 Feb.

Tawny Owl

Heard only at BCP, Lamlash, Machrie Fm, Lochranza and Glen Cloy.

Short-eared Owl

No breeding records.

Singles reported regularly from Boguille, Machrie, Crochandoon, Penreoch, Ben Tarsuinn, Cnocan Lochan and Loch na Lairg. 1 allegedly shot at Dougarie Estate.

Nightjar

Arrival 1 Merkland Wood 29 May, heard and seen until 26 Jul.

Swift

A poor yr with only 2 records; 1-6 Porta Leacach 7 May to 22 Jul; 1 the Roddin 28 May.

Kingfisher

2 again seen at the Rosa burn all yr round; 1 Cnocan Gorge, BCP 5 Nov.

Skylark

A better yr with 25 Machrie 3 Mar, singles at Drumaghinia, Dougarie and Ben Tarsuinn during May, 20+ the Cleat 12 Sep and c.60 Drumadoon and 10 Cleat 14 Oct.

Sand Martin

Poor yr with only 2 records: 1 Machrie 4 Jun and pr Auchencar 20 Jun.

Swallow

Breeding: only 2 records from Porta Leacach and BCP where 1 dead bird was found in a nest at the Visitors Centre in November.

Arrival 1 Sannox picnic site 1 Apr, thereafter at Kildonan, Torbeg, Blackwaterfoot, Lamlash, Balmichael and Whiting Bay; last 1 Lamlash 15 Oct.

House Martin

Breeding: Fewer nests occupied at Margnaheglish probably due to bad weather in May.

Arrival 1 Brodick 11 Apr; widespread by May, with max c.50 Lamlash 24 Aug; last 3 Lamlash 27 Oct.

Tree Pipit

Only 2 records; 2 singing BCP 8 Jun; 1 Glaister 23 Jun.

Meadow Pipit

Common and widespread, with c.120 Newton 9 Apr and 100+ Beinn Nuis 23 Sep.

Rock Pipit

Common and widespread.

Grey Wagtail

Breeding: pr + 2 yng Auchencairn 7 Jun; pr + 2 yng Clauchlands 15 Aug.

Singles reported all yr round from Kildonan, Glenashdale, North Sannox, Bailemargaidh, Lochranza, Blackwaterfoot, Glen Rosa and Machrie.

Pied Wagtail

Breeding: nest Blackwaterfoot 11 Apr (success unknown); pr + 1 yng the Craw 28 Jun; pr + 2 yng Clauchlands 14 Aug; pr + 4 juvs Machrie Pond 18 Aug.

Common and widespread with max 22 Kildonan 22 Sep.

White Wagtail

3 Blackwaterfoot 16 Apr; 3 Clauchlands 26 Apr; 1 Imachar 1 May; 1 Kildonan 5 May; 3 Clauchlands 29 Aug.

Waxwing

Single record of 1 Strathwhillan 8 Dec (KW)

Dipper

Singles reported all yr round from Machrie, Lagg., Slidderlywaterfoot, Glenashdale, Kilmory, BCP, Lochranza, Cordon and Blackwaterfoot. 1 Catacol 28 Dec was unusual.

Wren

Breeding: 1 with nesting material Margnaheglish 14 Mar subsequently seen with 3 yng; nest Glaister 11 Apr (success unknown); adult + 6 yng Bailemargaidh 6 Jun; adult + 2 juvs Kildonan 8 Oct; also bred Porta Leacach.

Common and widespread with max 6 Lochranza 15 Apr.

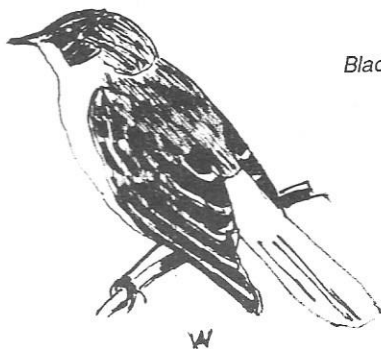
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No breeding records. Common and widespread (and overlooked!)

Robin

Breeding: nest with 2 eggs Margnaheglish, later abandoned.

Commonest garden bird by far with widespread habitat.



Black Redstart f

Black Redstart

Single f Blackwaterfoot 30 Nov, 4 and 5 Dec (JD) is first record since 1986.

Redstart

Poor yr with only 1 record of 1 BCP 31 May.

Whinchat

Breeding: f + 1 yng Ross summit 27 Jun; pr + 2 juvs Machrie Pond 18 Aug; also bred at Glen Rosa and High Corrie.

Arrival pr Garbh Bheinn 7 Jun is late, but arrival may have gone unnoticed. Max 3 adults Auchencar 1 Aug and 3 Torrylinn 10 Aug.

Stonechat

Breeding: 1 juv Blackwaterfoot 19 Jun; pr + yng Ross road 20 Jul; pr + 2 juvs Clauchlands 29 Aug; also bred Glen Rosa, Coire Lan/Maol Donn.

Prs noted at Machrie Moor, Kilpatrick, Glenree, Glen Loig, Brown Head, Drumadoon, Cleat, Machrie and Sail Chalmadale.

Wheatear

Breeding: 2 juvs Kilpatrick and Cir Mhor 20 Jun; adult + 1 juv Bailemargaidh 26 Jul; also bred at Ealta Coire and Coire Lan.

First m Kilpatrick 21 Mar, widespread by Apr. Last 1 Sliderywaterfoot 7 Oct.

Ring Ouzel

A better yr, with 1 Beinn Tarsuinn 23 Sep; 1 m A' Chir, 1 f Am Binnein 22 Sep; 2 Cioch na Oighe 4 Oct.

Blackbird

Common and widespread, with max 25 Kings Cross 15 Oct. Leucistic f at Margnaheglish last seen in Apr, presumed dead.

Fieldfare

Small flocks usually mixed with Redwings Jan/Apr with max 50+ Machrie Fm 27 Feb. Main return Oct, with max c.30 Am Binnein 23 Oct.

Song Thrush

Less common than Blackbird, with largest nos seen in autumn. Max 11 Clauchlands 4 Oct.

Redwing

Small nos Jan/Apr with max c.70 mixed Fieldfares Kings Cross 9 Apr. Main return Oct with max 45 Glen Chalmadale 11 Oct.

Mistle Thrush

Widespread but few reports; 14 Bailemargaiddh and 30 Machrie Moor 13 Aug; 15 Machriewaterfoot 14 Sep.

Grasshopper Warbler

Single record only; 1 reeling Clauchlands 5 Jun and 22 Aug.

Sedge Warbler

Arrival 1 Lakin Fm and 5 prs The Roddin 29 Apr. Singles reported from BCP, Kings Cross, Boguille, Corrie cravie, Clauchlands, Rubha Salach and Corrie. Last 1 Blackwaterfoot 21 Jul.

Whitethroat

Breeding: pr + 3 yng Feorline 21 Jul.

Arrival 4 prs The Roddin 29 Apr. Singles reported from Bailemargaiddh, Clauchlands, Shiskine and Blackwaterfoot, with max 3 Kilpatrick 19 Jul. Last 1 Machrie 27 Jul.

Garden Warbler

Arrival 1 Whiting Bay 20 May; 1 singing BCP 8 Jun; last 1 Lochranza 22 Aug.

Blackcap

Breeding: pr + 2 yng White House, Lamlash 30 Jun

Singles reported from Merkland Wood, BCP and Kings Cross Apr/Jun. Autumn/winter: 1 m Porta Leacach 22 Sep and 29 Nov; 1 f Brodick 19 Nov; 1 m Kildonan 26 Nov; 1 Whiting Bay 14/15 Dec.

Wood Warbler

Fewer records than last yr. Arrival 1 Merkland Wood 24 Apr; 1 Feorline 6 Jun; 1 singing BCP 7 Jun.

Chiffchaff

Arrival 1 Lochranza 2 Apr; singles Apr/Jun reported from Lamlash, Kings Cross, BCP, Porta Leacach, Achavoulin, Glenashdale, Corriecravie and Cordon.

Willow Warbler

Breeding: pr + 4 yng Clauchlands 19 Jun.

Arrival 12 Kings Cross and 1 Lochranza 13 Apr; prs reported from Kings Cave, Bailemargaigh and Machrie Pond; singles at Porta Leacach, Sannox, Lochranza, Lamlash and Brodick. Last 1 Whiting Bay 2 Sep.

Goldcrest

Breeding: 1 adult + 1 juv Kings Cross 17 Aug; also bred Porta Leacach.

Few reports received, only prs at BCP and Margnaeglish, and singles at Glenashdale, Lagg, Bailemargaigh and Lamlash.

Spotted Flycatcher

Breeding: pr + 1 juv Tormore 18 Aug.

Arrival 1 Clauchlands 15 May, thereafter singles at Sannox, BCP, Bailemargaigh, Porta Leacach, Kilpatrick, Cleat and Lochranza. Max 6 Kings Cross 19 Aug.

Long-tailed Tit

Breeding: family of 7 Kings Cross 23 Jun.

Flock feeding in seaweed Whitefarland 8 Jan is unusual; small flocks of up to 10 reported from Bailemargaigh, Fallen Rocks, Whiting Bay, BCP, Lochranza, Glen Chalmadale, Sannox and Margnaeglish with max c.20 Porta Leacach 4 Jun, and 20 Cleat 14 Oct.

Coal Tit

Common and widespread with max 5 at bird table Margnaeglish 27 Jan.

Blue Tit

Common and widespread.

Great Tit

Common and widespread.

Treecreeper

Breeding: pr + 4-5 yng Pirnmill 25 May.

Singles reported from Whitefarland, Lagg, Imachar, Bailemargaigh, BCP, Kings Cross and Margnaeglish all yr round.

Jackdaw

Common and widespread, with max 60+ Lochranza 24 Aug.

Rook

Increase in records. 1 Lochranza 14 Feb (TapR per HMCK) is first record for this location; only 1 pr Shiskine 10 Mar where formerly largest nos recorded. 2 summer records; 34 Blackwaterfoot 5 Jul and 2 Bailemargaigh 28 Aug. All other records from Blackwaterfoot; 2 26 Sep, 60 21 Oct, 50 24 Oct, with max 200 1 Nov.

Carrion Crow

Common and widespread with max 51 Clauchlands 21 Sep.

Hooded Crow

Common and widespread with max 9 Clauchlands 21 Sep.

Raven

Breeding: nested at Fallen Rocks, Kilpatrick and Imachar (success unknown).

Prs recorded all yr round at Laggantuin, Pirnmill, Kilpatrick, Cir Mhor, Narrachan and Glen Loig, with max 12 Goatfell 16 Sep.

Starling

Common and widespread. Flocks of 100+ incl many imms reported from Kilpatrick 20 Jun and Blackwaterfoot 18 Aug, with max c.250 Machrie 19 Sep.

House Sparrow

6-7 nests at Fairhaven for first time. Lochranza is still the only village to have none.

Chaffinch

Common and widespread but noticeably fewer at Kildonan owing to agricultural change. Max 200+ Benlister 10 Oct.

Brambling

1 m with Chaffinches Lochranza 27 Mar; 1 dead Cosyden 11 Apr.

Greenfinch

Breeding: pr + 4 juvs Clauchlands 4 Jun.

Prs recorded at Machrie, Sandbraes and Auchencar, with max 20 Blackwaterfoot 4 Jan. Fewer at Kildonan for same reason as Chaffinches.

Goldfinch

No breeding records. Recorded every month except Jun and Dec. Up to 10 recorded at Blackwaterfoot, Machrie, Imachar, Bailemargaidh, Brodick, Clauchlands, Lagg, Kildonan, BCP, Kings Cross, Whiting Bay and Pirnmill, with max 40+ Cleat 12 Sep.

Siskin

At many bird tables during winter months. Prs reported at Margnaheglis, BCP, Lamlash, Corrie, Brodick and Glen Rosa. Largest nos 12 Kings Cross 19 Aug, 10-15 Monamore Forestry 1 Oct and 9 Sannox 1 Nov.

Linnet

Breeding: 14 inc yng Machrie 31 Jul.

Absent during winter months. 1 f Kerrs Port 12 Apr, thereafter small flocks reported from Blackwaterfoot, Clauchlands and Machrie May/Jun with max 35 Kildonan 22 Sep and Cleat 14 Oct.

Twite

Small flocks reported autumn/winter at Blackwaterfoot and Machrie, with max 36 Cleat/Sliderry 15 Feb.

Redpoll

Fewer reports than last yr with 2 Bailemargaith and pr Kings Cross 17 Jun; max 4 North Sannox 20 Jun; 2 Kings Cross 19 Aug.

Crossbill

Breeding: pr + 3 yng Kilmory 11 Aug (JR)

5 Lamlash 16 Oct (AMcI) was only other record.

Bullfinch

Breeding: pr feeding yng BCP 16 Jun; 2 juvs Bailemargaith 25 Sep

Up to 3 reported from Sandbraes, Fallen Rocks, Kings Cross, Machrie Fm, Brodick, Kings Cave, Bennan Head and Largybeg. Max 4 North Sannox 17 Sep and 4 Machrie Forestry 31 Oct.

Yellowhammer

Singing m at Feorline 22 May and Cleat 19 Jun. 4 m 3 f Blackwaterfoot 13 Apr; 7 Kerrs Port 10 Nov; max c.20 Strathwhillan 2 Dec.

Reed Bunting

Majority of records came from Machrie with 3 10 Jan, 2 7 Feb and 27 Aug. Singles reported from the Roddin, Blackwaterfoot, Kerrs Port and Auchencar.

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Arran Checklist

Revised by T. ap Rheinallt, 1993

Explanation of symbols used in the checklist

1. Categories A-D (first column)

A - Species which have been recorded in an apparently wild state in Arran at least once since 1955.

B - Species which have been recorded in the past, but with no records more recent than those reviewed by Gibson (1956).

C - Species which, although originally introduced to Arran by man, have now established a regular feral breeding stock.

D - Species which would otherwise appear in Category A or C except that there is reasonable doubt (a) that they have occurred in a wild state in Arran, or (b) that the Arran population would be self-sustaining without further introductions by man.

2. Abundance and seasonal status (second column)

These categories have been worked out largely using information covering the last 10 years (1983-1992). This was necessary in order to have a run of data of reasonable length, but in some cases subjective judgement has been exercised when categorising species whose apparent increase in abundance over the decade is probably a result of increased observer effort.

Patterns of seasonal occurrence of the species on the checklist are indicated by the following letters, which may be in bold upper case, italics, or lower case:

R - Breeding or probably breeding resident.

S - Breeding or probably breeding summer visitor or partial migrant.

N - Non-breeding summer visitor.

W - Winter visitor.

P - Passage migrant.

The different typefaces represent different categories of abundance, as follows:

- Bold upper case (e.g. **S**) - Common species with at least 5 records annually (in the case of N, W, P) or thought to have at least 5 breeding pairs on the island (R, S).

- Italics (e.g. *S*) - Uncommon species, with on average fewer than 5 records annually (N, W, P) or fewer than 5 breeding pairs (R, S), but of more or less annual occurrence, i.e. recorded in at least 8 out of the last 10 years.

- Lower case (e.g. *s*) - Occasional species, occurring (or recorded as possibly breeding) in fewer than 8 of the last 10 years but with more than 2 records in total over the same period. This category does not apply to the more sedentary residents (e.g. Black Grouse, Long-eared Owl), which are assumed to be present even when not actually recorded in a given year.

For rarer species whose occurrences cannot be said to show any seasonal pattern, the following symbols have been used:

o - Occasional species as defined above.

v - Vagrants, with only 1 or 2 records over the last 10 years.

v* - Vagrants in Category A for which there are no records later than 1982.

Notes:

- (1) The status of species in Category B has not been further elaborated in terms of seasonal occurrence or of abundance.
- (2) Species whose breeding status has declined markedly over the past decade are shown as S>S, S>s, or S>s, the last two of these three sets of symbols being used when the species apparently no longer breeds (but may perhaps do so again in the future).
- (3) Species shown as S, N or W are also likely to be present during the relevant migration periods. Thus a species shown as W may - at the limit - only be absent mid-June to mid-July (e.g. some waders) while one shown as S may only be absent mid-Nov to mid-Feb (e.g. Lesser Black-backed Gull).
- (4) Species are only shown as P (or P) when their category of abundance during migration is higher than their category of abundance in both summer and winter.
- (5) In the case of occasional passage migrants (p), there may exist one or two records for summer or winter as well.

Check List

1 ✓ Red-throated Diver	A	R	38 Scaup	A	o
2 ✓ Black-throated Diver	A	NW	✓ 39 Eider	A	R
3 ✓ Great Northern Diver	A	nW	40 King Eider	A	v*
4 ✓ Little Grebe	A	W	41 Long-tailed Duck	A	p
5 Great Crested Grebe	A	v*	42 Common Scoter	A	p
6 Red-necked Grebe	A	w	43 Velvet Scoter	A	v
7 Slavonian Grebe	A	w	✓ 44 Goldeneye	A	W
8 Black-necked Grebe	A	p	45 Smew	A	v*
9 ✓ Fulmar	A	R	✓ 46 Red-breasted Merganser	A	R
10 Sooty Shearwater	A	p	47 Goosander	A	o
11 ✓ Manx Shearwater	A	Nw	48 Red Kite	B	
12 Mediterranean Shearwater	A	v	49 White-tailed Eagle	A	v
13 Storm Petrel	A	N	50 Marsh Harrier	A	v
14 Leach's Petrel	A	p	✓ 51 Hen Harrier	A	R
15 ✓ Gannet	A	NW	52 Goshawk	A	v
16 ✓ Cormorant	A	NW	✓ 53 Sparrowhawk	A	R
17 ✓ Shag	A	R	✓ 54 Buzzard	A	R
18 Bittern	B		55 Rough-legged Buzzard	A	v*
19 ✓ Grey Heron	A	R	✓ 56 Golden Eagle	A	R
20 Spoonbill	A	v*	57 Osprey	A	v
21 ✓ Mute Swan	A	NW	58 Hobby	B	
22 Bewick's Swan	A	v	✓ 59 Kestrel	A	R
23 Whooper Swan	A	W	60 Merlin	A	sW
24 Pink-footed Goose	A	p	✓ 61 Peregrine	A	R
25 White-fronted Goose	A	w	62 Red Grouse	A	R
26 ✓ Grey Lag Goose	A	W	63 Ptarmigan	A	R
27 Canada Goose	A	v	64 Black Grouse	A	R?
28 Barnacle Goose	A	v	65 Capercaillie	B	
29 Brent Goose	A	w	✓ 66 Red-legged Partridge	D	R
30 ✓ Shelduck	A	R	67 Grey Partridge	D	?
31 ✓ Wigeon	A	W	68 Quail	A	v
32 ✓ Teal	A	sW	✓ 69 Pheasant	C	R
33 ✓ Mallard	A	R	70 Water Rail	A	w
34 Pintail	A	p	71 Spotted Crake	B	
35 Shoveler	A	v	72 Corncrake	A	s
36 Pochar	A	v	✓ 73 Moorhen	A	sW
37 ✓ Tufted Duck	A	o	74 Coot	A	w

75 Crane	A	v	✓138 Barn Owl	A	R
✓76 Oystercatcher	A	R	✓139 Tawny Owl	A	R
✓77 Ringed Plover	A	R	140 Long-eared Owl	A	R
78 Dotterel	A	v	✓141 Short-eared Owl	A	SW
✓79 Golden Plover	A	Sw	✓142 Nightjar	A	S>S
80 Grey Plover	A	w	143 Swift	A	N
✓81 Lapwing	A	R	✓144 Kingfisher	A	NW
82 Knot	A	Pw	145 Hoopoe	A	v
83 Sanderling	A	P	146 Great Spotted Woodpecker	A	v
84 Curlew Sandpiper	A	v	147 Skylark	A	R
85 Purple Sandpiper	A	W	✓148 Sand Martin	A	S>S
86 Little Stint	A	v	✓149 Swallow	A	S
✓87 Dunlin	A	sPW	✓150 House Martin	A	S
88 Ruff	A	v	151 Tree Pipit	A	S
89 Jack Snipe	A	w	✓152 Meadow Pipit	A	RR
✓90 Snipe	A	R	✓153 Rock Pipit	A	RR
91 Long-billed Dowitcher	A	v	154 Yellow Wagtail	A	v
✓92 Woodcock	A	R	✓155 Grey Wagtail	A	RR
93 Black-tailed Godwit	A	p	✓156 Pied Wagtail	A	RR
✓94 Bar-tailed Godwit	A	Pw	✓156a White Wagtail	A	P
✓95 Whimbrel	A	Pw	157 Waxwing	A	w
✓96 Curlew	A	R	✓158 Dipper	A	RR
97 Spotted Redshank	A	v	✓159 Wren	A	RR
✓98 Redshank	A	S>SW	✓160 Dunnock	A	RR
99 Greenshank	A	W	✓161 Robin	A	RR
100 Green Sandpiper	A	v	162 Black Redstart	A	w
✓101 Common Sandpiper	A	S	163 Redstart	A	S
✓102 Turnstone	A	nW	✓164 Whinchat	A	S
103 Grey Phalarope	B		✓165 Stonechat	A	RR
104 Red-necked Phalarope	A	v	✓166 Wheatear	A	S
105 Pomarine Skua	A	v	167 Ring Ouzel	A	S
106 Arctic Skua	A	nP	✓168 Blackbird	A	RR
107 Great Skua	A	nP	✓169 Fieldfare	A	W
108 Mediterranean Gull	A	v	✓170 Song Thrush	A	RR
109 Little Gull	A	w	✓171 Redwing	A	W
110 Sabine's Gull	A	v	✓172 Mistle Thrush	A	RR
✓111 Black-headed Gull	A	S>SW	173 Grasshopper Warbler	A	S
✓112 Common Gull	A	R	✓174 Sedge Warbler	A	S
✓113 Lesser Black-backed Gull	A	Sw	175 Lesser Whitethroat	A	p
✓114 Herring Gull	A	R	✓176 Whitethroat	A	S
115 Iceland Gull	A	v	177 Garden Warbler	A	S
116 Glaucous Gull	A	p	✓178 Blackcap	A	SW
✓117 Great Black-backed Gull	A	R	✓179 Wood Warbler	A	SW
✓118 Kittiwake	A	NW	✓180 Chiffchaff	A	SW
119 Ivory Gull	B		✓181 Willow Warbler	A	S
✓120 Sandwich Tern	A	NP	✓182 Goldcrest	A	RR
121 Roseate Tern	A	v	✓183 Spotted Flycatcher	A	S
122 Common Tern	A	S>sP	184 Pied Flycatcher	A	p
✓123 Arctic Tern	A	S	✓185 Long-tailed Tit	A	RR
124 Little Tern	A	p	186 Willow Tit	A	v
125 Black Tern	A	v	✓187 Coal Tit	A	RR
✓126 Guillemot	A	NW	✓188 Blue Tit	A	RR
✓127 Razorbill	A	NW	✓189 Great Tit	A	RR
✓128 Black Guillemot	A	R	✓190 Treecreeper	A	RR
129 Little Auk	A	w	191 Golden Oriole	A	v
130 Puffin	A	N	192 Red-backed Shrike	A	v
131 Pallas's Sandgrouse	B		193 Great Grey Shrike	A	v
✓132 Rock Dove	A	R	194 Jay	A	o
133 Stock Dove	A	o	195 Magpie	A	o
✓134 Woodpigeon	A	R	196 Chough	B	
✓135 Collared Dove	A	R	✓197 Jackdaw	A	R
136 Turtle Dove	A	v	✓198 Rook	A	nW
✓137 Cuckoo	A	S	✓199 Carrion Crow	A	R

✓199aHooded Crow	A	R	✓210Twite	A	SW
✓200Raven	A	R	211Redpoll	A	Sw
✓201Starling	A	R	212Crossbill	A	R
✓202House Sparrow	A	R	✓213Bullfinch	A	R
✓203Tree Sparrow	A	w	214Hawfinch	A	v
✓204Chaffinch	A	R	215Snow Bunting	A	W
205Brambling	A	w	✓216Yellowhammer	A	R
✓206Greenfinch	A	R	✓217Reed Bunting	A	R
✓207Goldfinch	A	SW	218Corn Bunting	A	v
✓208Siskin	A	R	219Red-headed Bunting	D	v*
✓209Linnet	A	SW			

Notes

Great Crested Grebe: 1987 record not considered fully substantiated.

Fulmar: More or less absent Oct.

Manx Shearwater: nested Pladda 1981.

Gannet: More or less absent Nov-Dec.

Cormorant: Last breeding record 1982.

Mute Swan: Unsuccessful breeding attempts Lochranza to 1985.

Shelduck: More or less absent Sep-Nov.

Teal: Few summer records over the last 11 years, but may to nest more or less annually in out-of-the-way locations.

Goosander: Several records over past 3 years indicate that it may be increasing in abundance.

Merlin: Because of doubt over the authenticity of some records, this species cannot be claimed as a regular breeder, even though individuals are frequently reported from suitable habitat during summer.

Red-legged Partridge: Some breeding records but uncertain whether a self-sustaining feral population exists. Often released (some past releases no doubt hybrids with Chukar) and commonly seen all year round.

Grey Partridge: Originally introduced and bred widely in the past. Recently released birds may explain most (if not all) of the records since 1983, and this species may no longer even merit inclusion in Category D.

Black Grouse: Only 2 records in the last 8 years; apparently no releases. On the verge of extinction?

Water Rail: Last breeding record 1979.

Comcrake: Probably now extinct as a breeder.

Redshank: Formerly a regular breeder but no records since 1989. Now largely absent end May - early Jul.

Black-headed Gull: Formerly a regular breeder but no records since 1988. Now scarce end May - early Jul.

Great Black-backed Gull: Although few possible breeding records have been submitted over the last 11 years, it is likely that several pairs of this species occur every year in large gull colonies.

Common Tern: Formerly a regular breeder, but no definite records since 1989.

Arctic Tern: Although no records received for 1992, Pladda colony assumed still to number 5+ pairs. Breeding success very low in recent years.

Rock Dove: Both Feral Pigeons and cliff-nesting wild type Rock Doves are common on the island.

Tawny Owl: Some of birds present are releases.

Short-eared Owl: Apparently virtually absent some winters.

Nightjar: Has declined greatly as a breeding species over the last 11 years.

Sand Martin: Has declined greatly as a breeding species over the last 11 years.

Lesser Whitethroat: May have bred (see article in 1991 Arran Bird Report).

Tree Sparrow: Recorded most winter months but no Jun, Jul records. Cannot be assumed to breed.

Redpoll: May be regular winter but very few records available.

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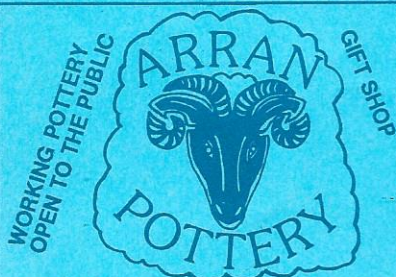
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