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INTRODUCTION

I usually put my name, address, and telephone number at the end of this section. but this year I'm starting with an important announcement. I took over the job of Bird Recorder in 1993 after the departure of Tristan ap Rheinallt, mainly because no-one else was willing to take it on, and I couldn't bear to see the Bird Report go the same way as The Arran Naturalist. Thirteen years later, I decided it was high time that someone else with better recording facilities should take over from me, and I am delighted that Jim Cassels has agreed to take on the responsibility as from January 2006. Jim and his wife Angela are both very experienced birders, and have been contributing to the Arran Bird Report for many years. So, all records for 2006 should go to Jim. His address is: Kilpatrick Kennels, Kilpatrick, Blackwaterfoot, Isle of Arran, KA27 8EY, tel. (01770) 860316, or you can leave a message on his 1571 service. You can also E-mail him at james.cassels @ virgin.net. NB there is another Jim Cassels (no relation) in the phone book who just happens to be my next door neighbour, so no calls to him please! Just as I have asked you to do over the years, please tell him how many, where, and the date before the end of January 2007.

So, a quick overview of what's been happening in 2005. The new sewage systems which caused such disruption to the coastline in the main villages are almost complete now. Clear felling continues in the forestry areas, so be prepared to find some areas closed off. Paths continue to be improved and extended. The new loop path at Merkland Wood is worth mentioning, and you can now walk much further into the woodland where you will find treecreepers, spotted flycatchers and much more besides.

A scan of the systematic list reveals that 151 species were recorded in 2005, three more than last year; red-necked, Slavonian and black-necked grebes have been absent for some time now; the mute swans had a poor breeding season, with only 6 cygnets surviving; greylag geese returned in October as usual, but were first seen at the Cleat, and didn't return to their traditional overwintering grounds at Shiskine until the end of October; due to a crash in the vole population, hen harriers, kestrels and barn owls had a very poor breeding season; an

increase in merlin sightings, but still no breeding records; the return of corncrakes, last recorded in 1997; purple sandpipers are now overwintering at Kildonan rather than Drumadoon Point; more puffins seen from ferry crossings, as they are now breeding again on Ailsa Craig after the rat extermination project; great spotted woodpeckers bred for the first time since the 1950's; waxwings went from boom in 2004 to slump!; warblers had a poor breeding season, with very few young reported; rooks no longer come to overwinter in the Shiskine Valley; only 3 records of yellowhammers, and none at Shiskine Golf Course for the first time. Highlights of the year included common scoter, red kite, successful breeding goshawks and great spotted woodpecker, corncrakes, grey plover, glaucous gull, little gull, little tern and black redstart, all of which are scarce on Arran.

I have enjoyed my time as Bird Recorder so much, and have learnt a great deal, but now I can relax and continue to bird watch without the responsibility! A big thank you to everyone who wrote or phoned me with information over the years, and to Maggie Dunn who taught me my trade, John Rhead, Terry Southall and Bernie Zonfrillo who gave me invaluable help with identification and other matters, Tony Smith for proof reading, and Jim Cassels who helped with the technical side. I hope you will continue to send records to Jim in Voous order if possible (date lists take longer to sort out, and tick lists are interesting but of no use). I end with my annual plea to visitors to please check the status of the birds given in the Check List at the back of this report. You maybe have lots of magpies in your garden, but we have none here! Beware too of hybrid feral ducks and geese which you won't find in your bird book, and which don't count for our records.

CHRONOLOGICAL SURVEY

JANUARY

New Year's Day was a good day for ducks at Kilpatrick, with 30-40 teal, and 40+ mallard. Ten purple sandpipers were on shore at Kildonan on the 2nd, an increase from last year. Two contrasting sightings on the 3rd, with a black-throated diver at Kilpatrick and a flock of 40-50 siskins at Corrie. On the 5th, there was a flock of c220 chaffinches at Corrie, the biggest of the year. Another big number of mallard, 41 in all, on the Rosa burn and the first gannet of the year appeared at Blackwaterfoot on the 7th. 50+ redshanks were at Whiting Bay on the 10th, and the usual pair of overwintering little grebes was noted at Lochranza on the 13th. On the 15th, 9 shelducks were strung along the Kildonan shore, while 21 mute swans were counted at Whiting Bay. A big flock of 109 roosting ringed plovers was on shore at Machriewaterfoot on the 16th. Bullfinches, 4 males and 1 female, brightened up a garden at Arranton on the 19th. The 23rd brought one of the most important sightings of the year - a 2nd winter glaucous gull at Shiskine, last recorded in 1991, and there were also 4 waxwings at Newton. On the 25th, 4 woodcock were reported from High Kildonan, while on the 29th, 3 male and 1 female goldeneye were at Port-na-lochan. Multiple sightings on the 30th, with an overwintering whimbrel at Auchenew, 3 pink-footed geese in a flock of 400+ greylags in the Shiskine Valley, and 2 ptarmigan on Beinn Bhreac, the only record of the year.

FEBRUARY

On the 1st, 5 herons had gathered at Merkland pond, while on the 3rd, a party of 8-10 long-tailed tits flitted through a garden at Sannox. An elusive water rail was spotted at the Lakin Farm, while on the 5th there were c50 fulmars back at the Drumadoon cliffs. On the 6th, 2 twite were on the Kilpatrick shore, while a great northern diver was further out at sea. A female merlin was hunting at the Dyemill on the 9th, not the first time it had been seen there. Goldfinches were at a nut feeder at Margnaheglish on the 12th, while a single yellowhammer was seen at Arranton. A busy day on the 13th, with 9 whooper swans with the mutes, 3 brent geese and 110 kittiwakes at Whiting Bay, as well as 72 wigeon at Machrie and 2 peregrines at the String road summit.

On the 14th, a single pale-bellied brent goose was with the greylag flock at Shiskine, and the first lesser black-backed gull of the year was noted at Blackwaterfoot. A male reed bunting turned up at Blackwaterfoot on the 15th, as well as a red-throated diver at Kilpatrick. Winter rooks have been absent from the fields on either side of the Roddin for some years now, but 2 were seen in the Shiskine Valley on the 23rd. A big winter flock of 54 lapwings was seen at Kilpatrick on the 26th, while a party of 20-30 snow buntings was seen at The Bowman's Pass. Last but not least, a pair of short-eared owls was seen on the Ross road on the 27th.

MARCH

Another merlin appeared at Bennecarrigan on the 2nd. The WeBs count done on the 13th produced good numbers of wildfowl and waders, with 44 eiders at Whiting Bay, 5 goldeneye at Clauchlands (fewer than usual), 118 turnstones at Kildonan, 117 oystercatchers at Machrie, and 20 black-headed gulls at Lamblash, 4 of which had bright pink breasts. This caused me to rush for my bird book when I got home, but sadly it appears that it is caused by their diet! The 13th was also the start of a spate of earliest ever summer migrant arrivals, with a wheatear at Dougarie. On the 17th, c12 teal were making use of a new pond in the Shiskine Valley, 2 male and 3 female goosanders were at Machriewaterfoot, and the earliest ever chiffchaff arrived in Whiting Bay. A flock of 100+ redwings was at North Kiscadale on the 18th, the last of the winter season, and there were 5 red-throated divers at Whiting Bay. The 20th produced a single black-throated diver at Auchencar, 3 great northern divers at Kilpatrick, and 8 whooper swans at Machrie. A passage greenshank turned up at Torrylinnwaterfoot on the same day, a rare spring sighting. More earliest ever arrival summer migrants followed, with a sand martin at Port-na-lochan on the 22nd, a swallow at Lamblash on the 23rd, and a house martin at Port-na-lochan on the 28th (= earliest). Last note for the month was of a brambling at High Kildonan, also on the 28th.

APRIL

A busy month as usual, with the departure of the winter visitors, and summer migrants continuing to arrive. Things started well

on the 2nd, with 7 twite on the Sannox cricket pitch, and a scarce black-tailed godwit in transitional plumage at Kilpatrick. There were still 40+ greylags at Shiskine on the 3rd, but they were not seen after that date. Also on the 3rd, there were 6 redpolls on the Machrie Moor road, and two more arrivals, a single willow warbler at Lagg Wood and 2 at Auchenhew, and a Sandwich tern at Machriewaterfoot, another earliest ever arrival. On the 5th, a sparrowhawk on a search and destroy mission was seen "munching on a cock house sparrow" in a Corrie garden. A gaggle of 15 brent geese on passage was recorded at Whiting Bay on the 12th. Three sightings of note on the 15th, a male hen harrier with 2 females on Machrie Moor, a single male at Kilpatrick Farm, an arrival white wagtail at Kilpatrick, and a grey plover on passage, also at Kilpatrick. On the 16th, there were 4 black-throated divers at Machrie, 2 of them in summer plumage. A female mallard with 7 ducklings was dicing with death as she crossed the Brodick road on her way to the Strabane gravel pit on the 22nd. The first common sandpiper of the year turned up at Carlo on the 23rd, while the number of whimbrel at Auchenhew rose to 10. More arrivals, with cuckoos at Corrie and Glen Sannox on the 27th, grasshopper warbler at Glen Rosa on the 29th, and tree pipit and and arctic tern on the 30th, the former at Glen Rosa, the latter at Kildonan. Also on the same day a puffin was seen on the Brodick/Ardrossan crossing, hopefully a sign of more to come now that they have returned to breed on Ailsa Craig.

MAY

First of the May arrivals was a whinchat at Glen Rosa on the 1st, then came the first Manx shearwater, seen off Brodick on the 3rd. They were followed by 2 sedge warblers at Clauchlands on the 5th, then a lesser whitethroat at Kildonan on the 8th. By the 10th the number of Sandwich terns at Machriewaterfoot had risen to 9. May is always a good time to see great northern divers, and there were 3 off Pirnmill on the 12th. A report was received of breeding success for golden plovers in central Arran, with at least 4 nests with eggs. News came on the 14th of a pair of collared doves nesting in an old barn at Strabane, interesting because although they are relatively common, there are very few breeding records. On the 15th, there were 8 dunlin in summer plumage at the Cleat, while there was further nesting news on

the 16th with 12 pairs of fulmars at Drumadoon, and a meadow pipit's nest near Loch na Davie, another common species that tends to be overlooked. By the 20th, the mute swans at Clauchlands had 8 cygnets, 6 of which survived. Cygnets hatched at other sites, but it seems none survived. Also on the 20th, an arrival swift was seen at The Heights. The shelducks at Clauchlands produced 6 ducklings on the 21st, 6 of which survived, but again although young were seen elsewhere, they disappeared quite quickly. Another migrant, a spotted flycatcher arrived at Merkland Wood on the 22nd. On the 25th, a corncrake was heard in the Shiskine Valley, the first confirmed report since 1997. A small number of sanderlings, 3 in all on spring passage, turned up at Kildonan on the 29th, while the last of the May migrants, a wood warbler, arrived at Glenashdale on the same day. Last note for the month was of a woodcock with 3 young seen at Largiebeg on the 31st.

JUNE

The good news that we had been expecting was confirmed on the 2nd - a pair of great spotted woodpeckers with a minimum of 2 young in their nest hole at Kilmichael, the first breeding record since the 1950's. A scarce garden warbler was singing in the Monamore Forestry on the 7th. More breeding news on the 11th, with the barn owls on camera at BCP sitting on 2 eggs. 3 young were seen later, but 2 of them were caught on camera as they ate their smaller sibling! A scarce visitor turned up also on the 11th, a bar-tailed godwit at Kilmory shore. Meantime our local ringer was busy on Pladda on the same day, where he reported 4 prs of arctic terns, 1 of the nests with young. The number of gannets increased, with 320+ off Pladda on the 12th, while a kingfisher was glimpsed on the Rosa burn on the same day. On the 15th, there were 8 sand martin nests at Sannox quarry, with young at the mouth of 1 tunnel. Sadly the sandbank was bulldozed, and although 6 more nests were excavated, they too were bulldozed and 1 dead fledgling was found nearby. By mid June, 4 young red-throated divers at inland lochans had fledged, and a swallow nesting on a ledge at the Rangers Centre in BCP had 5 young, the adults causing some visitors to duck in alarm as they flew in to feed their brood only inches above their heads. On the 18th, 6 pairs of common sandpipers were noted between the North Sannox picnic site and the Fallen Rocks,

while a scarce turtle dove turned up at Braehead Farm. Two linnet records on the 25th, with an adult feeding 3 juveniles at Clauchlands, and a flock of 10-15 at Ardlui plus a male redpoll. A crossbill was heard as it overflowed the road near the Greannon Hotel, also on the 25th, and there was a noisy party of 40-50 swifts at High Kildonan. Another occasional visitor on the 27th, a little gull at Whiting Bay. Last notes for the month were of a pair of ringed plovers with newly hatched young at Blackwaterfoot on the 30th, and a reed bunting with a juvenile at Ardlui also on the 30th.

JULY

A female merlin in hot pursuit of a meadow pipit was seen on Machrie Moor on the 1st. Further breeding notes from Kilmory shore on the 9th, with 2 pairs of whinchats with a juvenile each, and a willow warbler carrying food. Another black-tailed godwit appeared at Blackwaterfoot on the same day. On the 10th, a second puffin was seen on the Ardrrossan/Brodick crossing, and there was also a group of 8 crossbills in the small wood on Machrie Moor. A good-sized flock of c50 lesser black-backed gulls was at Dougarie on the 11th. Two sightings of note on the 12th - 3 sanderlings at Drumadoon Point, and a second family of woodcock with 3 juveniles at BCP. On the 13th, a juvenile cuckoo near King's Cave was watched as its hapless foster parents, a pair of meadow pipits as usual, tried to fill its ever gaping beak. The first merganser brood was noted at Pirrmill on the 14th, a female with 11 young. On the 18th, a pair of spotted flycatchers with 2 juveniles was seen at Sannox Cemetery, while the Dougarie barn owls were sitting at their nest hole with 2 young, the only successful breeding pair apart from the ones at BCP. Another occasional visitor, a little tern was recorded at Largiemore on the 19th. An unusual record on the 20th, with a redpoll on Holy Isle. Despite trips to the island being very popular in the summer, there are hardly ever any reports of bird sightings. An osprey on passage was noted at Clauchan Glen by our local postie on the 23rd. Six herons were roosting in the trees at the back of the farm fields at Kildonan on the 24th, but to date there have been no signs of a heronry being established. On the 30th, a pair of hen harriers was at Imachar, and a single fulmar young on the ledges at Cleateadh Buidhe, the only record received. The 31st produced 3 sightings - an

unusual summer record of 7 lapwings at Sliddery, a second bar-tailed godwit at Machrie, and the rather later than usual arrival of 2 common terns at Blackwaterfoot and 3 at Machrie.

AUGUST

A knot on passage turned up at Machrie, and 2 whimbrels were feeding with curlews at Clauchlands Point on the 1st. Two common terns were noted at Machrie on the 3rd, and a single at Whiting Bay on the 4th. On the 6th, a party of 20 long-tailed tits was seen at Glenashdale. Varied sightings on the 9th, with c10 mistle thrushes and 4 spotted flycatchers at Glen Sannox, a grasshopper warbler reeling at Shiskine, and a garden warbler at Arranton. Five red-throated divers were displaying at Pirnmill on the 10th, while on the 11th there was an unconfirmed report of a great crested grebe at Sandbraes, and a group of c350 red-breasted mergansers at Thunderguy. A female sparrowhawk was giving a kestrel a hard time at Glen Rosa on the 12th, while a wren was feeding its thimble-sized young at Torbeg. Another big moulting flock of c100 eiders in eclipse was to the south of Pirnmill on the 16th. Also on the 16th, a pair of twite was feeding a juvenile at Torbeg, the first breeding record for a very long time. An estimated 500 swallows were noted at Kildonan on the 17th, while on the 18th, 2 greenshanks on passage stopped off at Blackwaterfoot, and a kingfisher was seen at Cordon. An osprey overflying Machrie Moor was recorded on the 20th, and on the following day 2 passage knots were at Blackwaterfoot and the number of kittiwakes at Whiting Bay had increased to 310. House sparrows do very well here, and on the 27th, c50 were bathing in puddles on the road at Arranton. A great spotted woodpecker was seen at Ardlui, also on the 27th, further evidence of their spread around the island. Last note of the month was of another corncrake at Braehead Farm on the 29th.

SEPTEMBER

First note of the month was on the 10th, with 3 passage knots at Blackwaterfoot. A flock of c40 twite was at Clauchlands on the 11th. On the 12th, a kingfisher was seen fishing at the mouth of the Monamore burn, probably the same one recorded at Cordon in August. A flock of 67 whooper swans overflew High Kildonan on the 15th. On the 17th, a party of birdwatchers

coming into Lochranza by boat reported a great skua off the Cock of Arran. A variety of records on the 18th, with 9 returning wigeon returning at the Cleat, 40+ linnets at Shiskine Golf Course, 135 mallard at Blackwaterfoot, and the number of kittiwakes at Whiting Bay had increased to a maximum of c700.

Six early bramblings were seen at Sliddery on the 19th, while a little grebe was seen on the Rosa burn on the same day. A peregrine was seen from the Cioch na Oighe ridge on the 20th, then 9 Sandwich terns at Whiting Bay on the 21st, as well as 104 ringed plovers at Auchencar. Kildonan is a good place to see dunlin, and there were 30 on shore on the 22nd. One of the 6 surviving cygnets at Clauchlands was reported to have a damaged wing on the 23rd. Since it appeared to be feeding well, it was decided to leave it with its family. Also on the 23rd. flocks of up to 100 siskins and c50 pied wagtails were reported from Dougachie. On the 24th, a second turtle dove turned up at the Cleat, and there was a flock of 70-100 goldfinches at Machrie. On a Natural History Society outing to Kildonan on the 25th, 2 more bar-tailed godwits were recorded, as well as a passage sparrowhawk flying high out to sea in a SW direction and the last white wagtail of the year. On the 29th, the first of the overwintering little grebes was back at Lochranza.

OCTOBER

The month started with a good sighting, 3 male ring ouzels feasting on berries in Glen Sannox on the 3rd. A huge raft of 100+ razorbills was seen off Pirnmill on the 6th. Two final records on the 8th, with 6 house martins at Shiskine, and a Sandwich tern at Whiting Bay. Another puffin was seen from the ferry on the 11th, the third sighting of the year. The first returning redwings, 2 at High Kildonan, came in on the 12th, followed by 50-100 fieldfares at Corrie on the 14th. On the 16th, a Greenland race wheatear in transit was on the Kilmory shore, 4 black-throated divers were at Blackwaterfoot, and 1 male and 3 female bramblings were seen in a flock of chaffinches at Clauchlands. A flock of c20 lapwings were feeding at Shiskine on the 17th. On the 18th, there was the welcome return of a red kite (no wing tag this time), seen firstly at Sandbraes, then later at Lamlash Golf Course. The first returning goldeneye arrived at Port na Lochan on the 19th. On the 21st, another water rail was seen as it flew over the road

between Crockandoon and Ashlar. A visit to the Cleat on the 22nd produced a flock of 75 twite, another Greenland race wheatear, and a flock of 30 skylarks. Back at the Cleat the following day, there were 7 adult and 2 juvenile whooper swans, 34 returning greylags, 40-50 blackbirds, 2 reed buntings and a single redpoll. The last swallow was recorded at Kildonan on the 24th, while a bigger flock of 87 greylags was seen in the Clachaig Farm fields above the Cleat, and more importantly, there were 9 barnacle geese with them. On the 25th, 17 mute swans flying in V-formation passed Corrie on the 25th. On the 29th, the last 2 Manx shearwaters were seen flying south at Pirnmill, while the number of whooper swans in the Shiskine Valley had increased to 15.

NOVEMBER

The weather may have cold and miserable, especially during the second half of the month, but there was plenty of interest on the bird front., starting with 4 greylags with the whoopers in the Shiskine Valley, remarkable because this was the first time they had been recorded elsewhere before returning to their traditional overwintering grounds. Two male goosanders put on a fine display of aquaplaning and saluting their mates at Lochranza on the 2nd. On the 3rd, 6 bramblings were feeding in the rough grass at the foot of a Brodick garden. An important sighting on the 4th, when a male black redstart turned up on shore at Kilpatrick. Also on the 4th, there was the intriguing sight of two adults and a juvenile golden eagle playing with what might have been a long length of deer entrails at Creag Ghlas. A single waxwing was seen at Lamash on the 5th, and again on the 21st. After last year's boom, we had gone to slump! A busy day on the 6th, with 60 teal and the last 3 gannets of the year at Blackwaterfoot, a returning purple sandpiper at Kildonan, and a large flock of c250 chaffinches at High Kildonan. The fishing must have been good in Brodick Bay on the 8th, with 90 red-breasted mergansers, and the biggest ever recorded number of shags - 266 standing on the rocks below the promenade. A noisy red-legged partridge was at Glen Cloy on the 9th. Two interesting records on the 13th, with c20 snow buntings on the Castles ridge, and the amusing sight of a shag at Sannox which had literally bitten off more than it could chew. For 20 minutes, it tried to choke down a fair sized flounder which it had caught,

and it remained with its beak pointing skywards for some time afterwards! A kingfisher was seen unusually on shore at the seal viewing point below Brodick Castle on the 15th. By the 20th, the number of greylags at the Cleat had increased to c240, while on the 22nd, a flock of 80+ rooks was at Corriecravie. Unlike previous years though, they were only there for one day. Two white pheasants appeared at Kilpatrick on the 23rd - both black and white are quite often seen here. On the 26th, there were 170 golden plovers at Machriewaterfoot, the maximum recorded for the year.

DECEMBER

Fewer notes as usual, but there were some significant sightings. Another great spotted woodpecker turned up in a garden at Margnaeglish on the 5th, and a female blackcap came to my bird table for the first time on the 7th. On the 10th, 3 female common scoters were seen at Machrie, the second year running that they have been recorded. A single snow bunting was in Glen Rosa, and 2 bramblings were feeding with chaffinches below a bird table at Strathwillan on the 13th. On the 17th, 25 lapwings were in the farm fields at Kilpatrick. Four sightings on the 26th, with a mixed flock of 60 redwings and fieldfares at Shiskine, a short-eared owl on Machrie Moor, a pair of ravens at the Goatfell summit, and a jack snipe at Drumadoon Point. On the 27th, a single waxwing was recorded at Pirnmill. A crossbill was at High Kildonan on the 27th, as well as 6 winter goldfinches at Shiskine and 3 more jack snipe at Kilmory. Herons are often seen at the Strabane gravel pit, and there were 8 standing contemplating the infinite on the 29th. The year ended with c350 greylags at Shiskine, a return to their usual numbers there.

SUMMER MIGRANT ARRIVAL DATES

Wheatear 13 Mar (earliest ever)
Chiffchaff 17 Mar (earliest ever)
Sand Martin 22 Mar (earliest ever)
Swallow 23 Mar (earliest ever)
House Martin 28 Mar (= earliest ever)
Willow Warbler 3 Apr
Sandwich Tern 3 Apr
White Wagtail 15 Apr
Common Sandpiper 23 Apr
Cuckoo 27 Apr
Grasshopper Warbler 29 Apr
Arctic Tern 30 Apr
Tree Pipit 30 Apr
Whinchat 1 May
Manx Shearwater 3 May
Sedge Warbler 5 May
Whitethroat 6 May
Lesser Whitethroat 8 May
Swift 20 May
Spotted Flycatcher 22 May
Wood Warbler 30 May
Garden Warbler 7 Jun
Common Tern 31 Jul
(NB whimbrel and blackcap sometimes overwinter)

ABBREVIATIONS

no/nos = number/s

m = male

f = female

yng = young

juv = juvenile

imm = immature

max = maximum

min = minimum

pt = point

fm = farm

nr = near

N,S,E,W = direction of flight

wk/s = week/s

Jan etc. = all months abbreviated

incl = including

inc = increase

dec = decrease

pr/s = pair/s

arr = arrival

rd = road

BCP = Brodick Country Park

cf - compare

SYSTEMATIC LIST

Red-throated Diver

Common resident breeder. Breeding: 4 yng successfully fledged at inland lochans; pr + juv Pirmill 23 Jul. Seen Feb/Nov round the coast, with max 5 Whiting Bay 18 Mar, 5 Pirmill 10 Aug, and 5 Machrie 21 Aug.

Black-throated Diver

Fairly common passage visitor. Seen round the coast all yr, with max 4 Machrie 16 Apr and 4 Blackwaterfoot 16 Oct.

Great Northern Diver

Fairly common passage visitor, with majority of sightings in May. Seen Feb/Dec round the coast, with max 3 Kilpatrick 20 Mar and 3 Pirmill 12 May.

Little Grebe

Uncommon winter visitor. 2 Lochranza 13 Jan; 1 S Newton 21 Mar; 1 Rosa burn 19 Sep; 1 Lochranza 20 Sep. No report from the Fish Fm.

Great Crested Grebe

Occasional visitor. Unconfirmed report of 1 Sandbraes 11 Aug.

Fulmar

Common round the coast all yr. Breeding: 4-5 nests Imachar 24 Apr; 12 occupied nests Catacol 1 May; 7 nests Dunfion 3 May; 12 prs nesting Drumadoon 16 May; 9 nests Cleateadh Buidhe 26 May, 1 yng seen 30 Jul; 7 prs nesting King's Cave 12 Jun. Max 50 Drumadoon 5 Feb.

Manx Shearwater

Common on passage summer/Autumn. Arr 1 Brodick/Ardrossan 3 May. Larger groups incl 30 Brodick 16 Jul; 70-80 Brodick 8 Sep and max 200+ Brodick/Ardrossan 30 Aug. Last 2 Pirmill 29 Oct.

Gannet

Common round the coast May/Sep. 1 Blackwaterfoot 7 Jan. Larger nos incl 200+ Whiting Bay 3 Jul; c100 Lamlash 16 Jul;

100+ Brodick 2 Sep; c100 Pirnmill 28 Sep. Max 320 off Pladda 12 Jun. Last 3 Blackwaterfoot 6 Nov.

Cormorant

Fairly common non-breeding resident. Seen round the coast all yr. Larger nos incl 50 Corrie 8 Aug; 50 Thunderguy 11 Aug; 50 N Sannox picnic site 16 Aug; 40 Machrie 21 Sep. Max c150 Auchencar 11 Aug.

Shag

Common resident breeder. Breeding: 70-75 prs breeding Pladda 11 Jun, 99 yng ringed. No report from Holy Isle. Seen round the coast all yr. Inc in nos, with 112 Whiting Bay 1 Aug; 150+ Dougurie 7 Aug; 100+ Brodick 26 Sep; c100 Clauchlands 4 Dec. Max 266 Brodick 8 Nov.

Grey Heron

Common resident breeder. Breeding: 3 nests White House Woods 14 Apr, but no reports of any yng. Common round the coast all yr, with an inland record of 1 Glenloig 2 May. Max 8 Brodick 27 Sep and 8 Strabane gravel pit 29 Dec.

Mute Swan

Common resident breeder. Breeding: pr nesting mouth of the Catacol burn 24 Apr, no further reports; pr at nest Lochranza 10 May, thought to have failed; pr with 8 cygnets Clauchlands 20 May, 6 survived; pr with 4 yng Corrie 21 May, none survived; pr with 6 young Sannox 21 May, survival rate not known; nest with 4 eggs Rubha Salach 29 May, destroyed by high tide 16 Jun; nest with 2 eggs Dunan 12 Jun abandoned. Seen round the coast all yr, with max 21 Whiting Bay 16 Jan.

Whooper Swan

Fairly common passage and winter visitor. Inc in sightings, with 9 Whiting Bay 13 Feb; 8 Machrie 20 Mar; 4 Pirnmill 14 Oct; 7 ads 2 juvs Cleat 23 Oct; 4 ads 2 juvs Kilpatrick 2 Nov; 19 Shiskine Valley, 5 Catacol 4 Nov; 5 overflying Torr Righ 9 Nov; 10 Kilbrannan Sound 17 Nov. Max 36 overflying Brodick 22 Mar.

Pink-footed Goose

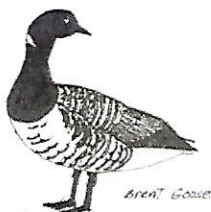
Occasional winter visitor. 3 with greylags Shiskine Valley 30 Jan, inc to 6 by 14 Feb, 4 same location 26 Mar.

Greylag Goose

Common winter visitor. 400+ Shiskine Valley, dec to 40 by 3 Apr; return 67 overflying High Kildonan 15 Sep; 34 Cleat 23 Oct; 87 Clachaig Farm 24 Oct, inc to 240 by 29 Nov; 24 Shiskine Valley 28 Nov, inc to c350 by 31 Dec.

Barnacle Goose

Occasional winter visitor. 1 with greylags Shiskine Valley 23 Mar; 9 Cleat 22 Oct; 8 Clachaig Farm 24 Oct.



Brent Goose

Occasional winter visitor. 3 Whiting Bay 13 Feb; 1 pale-bellied race with greylags Shiskine Valley 14 Feb; 13 Whiting Bay 12 Apr; 16 Brodick 6 Oct.

Shelduck

Common resident breeder. Breeding: pr with 8 yng Clauchlands 21 May, 6 survived, gone by 24 Jul; pr with 5 yng Merkland Pt/Carlo 21 May, 4 survived; return f Merkland Pt/Carlo 10 Nov; 2 Clauchlands 24 Nov; 5 Kildonan 4 Dec; 1 Machrie 26 Dec; 1 Auchencar 27 Dec. Common round the coast Jan/Jul and Nov/Dec, with max 5 prs Clauchlands 14 Feb.

Wigeon

Common winter visitor. Recorded at Clauchlands, Cosyden, Machrie, Kildonan, Slidderlywaterfoot, Cleat and Blackwaterfoot Jan/Mar and Sep/Dec, with max 72 Machrie 13 Feb.

Teal

Common winter visitor and occasional breeder. Recorded at Kilpatrick, Cosyden, Slidderlywaterfoot, Machriewaterfoot,

Cleat, King's Cave, and Shiskine pond Jan/Mar and Jun/Dec, with max 60 Blackwaterfoot 6 Nov.

Mallard

Abundant resident breeder. Breeding: f + 7 yng crossing Brodick rd to Strabane gravel pit 22 Apr; f + 4 yng Clauchlands 3 May; ad + 3 yng Machrie 10 May; ad + 7 yng Shiskine 11 May; ad + 8 yng Loch Tanna 24 May; ad + 4 yng Loch Sail Chalmadale, f + 1 yng Port-na-Lochan 30 May; ad + 1 juv Clachan 9 Jun; 2f + 6 yng Corrie 18 Jun. Common round the coast, and sometimes inland all yr, with max 135 Blackwaterfoot 18 Sep.

Eider

Very common resident breeder. Breeding: 81 yng representing 23 broods recorded at Imachar, Kildonan, Bennan Head, Lamlash, Catacol, Pirnmill, Corrie, Whiting Bay, Kilmory and Sandbraes. Seen round the coast all yr, with max c100 Machrie 16 Aug.

Common Scoter

Occasional visitor. 3f Machrie 10 Dec (J.&A.Cassels) was the only record.

Goldeneye

Common winter visitor. Up to 3 seen at Corrie, Port-na-Lochan, Sannox, Whiting Bay, Kildonan, Lochranza, Merkland Pt, and Brodick Jan/Apr. Return f Port-na-Lochan 19 Oct, thereafter up to 3 at Cordon, Sannox and Kildonan Oct/Dec. Max 5 Clauchlands 13 Mar. 1 inland record of 3f Strabane gravel pit 20 Nov.

Red-breasted Merganser

Very common resident breeder. Breeding: 60 yng representing 10 broods recorded at Clauchlands, Machrie, Lamlash, Brodick, Pirnmill, Merkland Pt and Dougachie. Seen round the coast all yr, with max 330 Thunderguy 11 Aug.

Goosander

Uncommon resident breeder: No breeding records. 2f Machriewater 13 Feb; m Sliderywaterfoot 26 Feb; m

Blackwaterfoot 19 Mar; 2m 3f Machriewaterfoot 17 Mar; m Whiting Bay 14 May; 2f with mergansers Machrie 9 Aug. Max 2 prs Lochranza 2 Nov.

Red Kite

Occasional visitor. 1 Sandbraes, seen later the same day at Lamash Golf Course 18 Oct. A possible 2 seen the following day at Sandbraes, but not confirmed.

Hen Harrier

Common resident breeder. Breeding: bred in several locations, but survival rate very low, owing to a crash in the vole population. Singles and prs seen all yr, mainly in the Boguille, String rd, Ross rd and Machrie Moor areas. Other locations incl Torbeg, Coire Fhionn Lochan path, Kilmory, Glenscorrodale, Dyemill, Kilpatrick, Glen Rosa, Drumla Fm, Corrie, Imachar and Glen Sannox.

Goshawk

Scarce resident breeder. Breeding: bred successfully at more than one location.

Sparrowhawk

Common resident breeder. Breeding: juv Merkland Wood 30 Jul; juv Whiting Bay 16 Aug; juv m Kildonan 19 Aug; juv Shiskine 22 Aug; juv Blackwaterfoot 28 Aug; Widespread all yr, with many taking garden birds. Dead m found by roadside Corrie 26 Aug;

Buzzard

Common resident breeder. Breeding: 2 juvs Clauchlands 26 Jul was the only record, but must have bred successfully at many other locations. Widespread round the island all yr, with max 4 King's Cross 25 May.

Golden Eagle

Common resident breeder. Breeding: 4 yng successfully fledged. Singles and prs seen all yr, mainly in the Boguille, Lochranza, Glen Catacol, Glen Rosa and String rd areas, but also at upper Glenashdale and High Benlister. Max 3 Boguille 26 Mar, 3 Glen Catacol 20 Jun, 3 Lochranza 24 Aug, and 3 Glen

Rosa 31 Aug.

Osprey

Scarce passage visitor. 1 Clauchan Glen 23 Jul; 1 Machrie Moor 20 Aug.

Kestrel

Common resident breeder. Breeding: fewer records than usual due to crash of the vole population. Failed to breed at Benlister where bred successfully last yr; 1 imm Catacol mid Jun; ad with 1 imm Cleateadh Buidhe 24 Jun. Widespread all yr, with max 11 singles String rd 24 Sep.

Merlin

Scarce resident, no recent breeding records. Inc in sightings with singles at Lamlash, Lagg Wood, Bennecarrigan, Machrie, Glenree, Machrie Moor, shore path to King's Cave, and String rd Feb/Dec, and a pr Dyemill 28 Dec.

Peregrine

Common resident breeder. Breeding: min 4 prs nested, 2 prs successful. Seen all yr, with 1 Shiskine 5 Feb; 1 String rd 19 Jun; 1 Creag Ghlas 26 Mar; 1 Kilpatrick 2 Apr; 1 Lochranza 20 Jun; 1 Lamlash 14 Jul; 1 Glen Rosa 12 Aug; 1 Craig an Eich 6 Sep; 1 Cioch na Oighe ridge 20 Sep.

Red Grouse

Common resident breeder. Breeding: nest with 6 eggs Beinn Bhiorach 23 Jun. Coveys of up to 7-8 seen between the String rd and the Ross rd. 2 Correin Lochan 13 Mar; 2 Creag Ghlas 26 Mar.

Ptarmigan

Scarce resident breeder. No breeding records. 1 record only of 2 Beinn Bhreac 30 Jan (C.Goeckeritz)

Red-legged Partridge

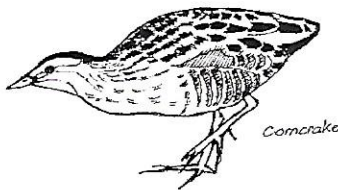
Introduced resident breeder. No breeding records. Nos remain low, with 2 Dunan 12 Jun; 1 Auchencar 28 Oct; 1 Glen Cloy 9 Nov.

Pheasant

Introduced resident breeder. No breeding records. Widespread all yr, with many coming to gardens to feed, especially in winter. 2 leucistic birds Kilpatrick 23 Nov. Max c20 nr Loch Iorsa 7 Aug.

Water Rail

Rare resident, no breeding records. 1 Lakin Fm 5 Feb; 1 Crockandoon/Ashlar 21 Oct. Also heard calling at Kildonan on several occasions.



Corncrake

Rare visitor, last recorded in 1997. 1 heard Shiskine Valley 25 May, and again 29 May and 9 Jun; 1 heard Machrie Moor 27 Jun; 1 Braehead Fm 29 Aug.

Moorhen

Scarce resident breeder. No breeding records. Singles at Machrie pond 28 Jan and Corriecravie pond 25 Sep; pr Shiskine Valley 22 Apr.

Oystercatcher

Abundant resident breeder. Breeding: nests with up to 4 eggs recorded at Imachar, Dougarie, Kilpatrick, Shiskine Golf Course, King's Cross, Dunan, Clauchlands and Sandbraes May/Jun. Widespread round the island all yr. Larger groups incl 102 Whiting Bay, 120 Kildonan 16 Oct, and max 177 Machrie 14 Mar.

Ringed Plover

Common resident breeder. Breeding: pr nesting Machriewaterfoot 12 May; nest with 4 eggs Cleat 15 May; min 1 pr nesting Blackwaterfoot 16 May; 2 prs, each with 1 juv King's Cross Pt 14 Jun; ad + 2 juvs Blackwaterfoot 22 Jun; pr with newly hatched yng Blackwaterfoot 30 Jun; 3 prs nesting

Pirnmill 16 Jul. Widespread round the coast all yr, with max 109 Machrie 16 Jan.

Golden Plover

Uncommon resident breeder, common passage/winter visitor. Breeding: min 4 nests with up to 4 eggs in central Arran Apr/May; 1 yng Beinn Tarsuinn 30 May. All records came from the Machriewaterfoot area Feb/Dec, with the exception of 2 Cleat 23 Oct. Max 170 Machriewaterfoot 26 Nov.

Grey Plover

Occasional passage visitor. 1 in transitional plumage Kilpatrick 15 Apr (J.&A.Cassels).

Lapwing

Uncommon resident breeder, fairly common winter visitor. No breeding records. c30 Kilpatrick 13 Jan, inc to 54+ by 26 Feb; 12 Shiskine Valley 27 Feb, inc to 24 by 15 Mar; 1 Brodick 15 May; 7 Slidderly 31 Jul; 11 Blackwaterfoot 16 Oct; c20 Shiskine Valley 17 Oct; 3 Cleat 23 Oct; 5 Kilpatrick 8 Nov, inc to 25 by 17 Dec; 1 Machriewaterfoot 8 Dec.

Knot

Scarce passage visitor. 1 Machrie 1 Aug; 2 Blackwaterfoot 21 Aug; 3 Blackwaterfoot 10 Sep; 1 Kildonan 23 Sep.

Sanderling

Scarce passage visitor. 3 Kildonan 29 May; 3 Drumadoon Pt 12 Jul.

Purple Sandpiper

Scarce winter visitor. 10 Kildonan 2 Jan; 1 Drumadoon Pt 10 Apr; 1 Kildonan 6 Nov; 1 Drumadoon Pt 4 Dec; 3 Kildonan 6 Dec.

Dunlin

Fairly common non-breeding resident. Most records came from the Blackwaterfoot and Kildonan areas May/Dec, with max 30 Kildonan 22 Sep. Other records incl 8 Cleat 15 May; 1 Drumadoon Pt 22 Jul; 3 Machrie 31 Jul; 2 Clauchlands 18 Sep; 2 Auchencar 21 Sep; 1 Pirnmill 30 Nov.

Jack Snipe

Scarce winter visitor. 1 Drumadoon Pt 26 Dec; 3 Kilmory 28 Dec.

Snipe

Fairly common resident breeder. No breeding records. Singles at Clauchlands, Kilpatrick, Machrie, Largiebeg, Glen Rosa, Boguille summit, Kildonan, Lenamore and Shiskine Valley Jan/Nov. Prs at Laggantaine, Glen Sannox, Port na Lochan and Blackwaterfoot all yr. Max 3 Cleat 29 Jan.

Woodcock

Common resident breeder. Breeding: ad + 3 yng Largiebeg 31 May; ad + 3 juvs BCP 12 Jul. Up to 3 roding at Glen Rosa, Benlister, Machrie Forestry, Lamlash, Lagg, Machrie Moor rd, Ardlui and King's Cross Apr/Jun. Singles at Machrie 7 Oct, High Corrie 16 Nov and 2 Brodick 26 Dec. Max 4 High Kildonan 25 Jan.

Black-tailed Godwit

Scarce passage visitor. 1 Kilpatrick 2 Apr; 1 Blackwaterfoot 9 Jul.

Bar-tailed Godwit

Scarce passage visitor. Juv Kilmory shore 11 Jun; 1 Machrie 31 Jul; 1 Kildonan 25/27 Sep.

Whimbrel

Fairly common spring/autumn passage, occasionally overwinters. 1 Auchenhew 30 Jan; 1 Kilpatrick 6 Feb; 1 Lamlash 9 Mar; 2 Cleat 12 Apr; 4 Kildonan 8 May; 2 Clauchlands Pt 1 Aug; 1 Whiting Bay 20 Sep; 1 Lamlash 8 Oct. Max 120 Auchenhew 23 Apr.

Curlew

Common resident breeder. Breeding: no records. Seen round the coast all yr. Larger groups incl 50+ Kilpatrick 4 Jan; 50+ Merkland Pt 11 Jan; 57 Machrie 14 Mar; 50 Brodick 16 Oct; 56 Dougare 31 Dec. Max 74 BCP 29 Dec.

Redshank

Common non-breeding resident. Seen round the coast Jan/Mar and Jul/Dec. Larger groups incl c40 Torrylinnwaterfoot 26 Mar; 41 Whiting Bay 22 Sep, and max 50+ Whiting Bay 10 Jan.

Greenshank

Scarce passage visitor. 1 Torrylinnwaterfoot 20 Mar; 1 Cordon 2 Apr; 2 Blackwaterfoot 18 Aug.

Common Sandpiper

Common migrant breeder. Breeding: pr with 1 juv Fallen Rocks 18 Jun. Arr 1 Carlo 23 Apr, widespread round the coast by May. Up to 3 at Corrie, Kilpatrick and Whiting Bay; 4 Clauchlands Pt, 7 Dougarie 19 Jul, and max 6 prs N Sannox picnic site/Fallen Rocks 18 Jun

Turnstone

Common non-breeding resident. Seen round the coast all yr. All records came from between Lamlash/Dougarie, with max 118 Kildonan 13 Mar. Larger groups incl 42 Machrie 14 Mar; 31 Whiting Bay 21 Sep; 50 Blackwaterfoot, 74 Kildonan 4 Dec.

Great Skua

Occasional summer/autumn visitor. 1 Cock of Arran 17 Sep (B.Zonfrillo) and again same area 20 Sep.

Little Gull

Occasional summer visitor. 1 Whiting Bay 27 Jun (C.&A.Southgate).

Black-headed Gull

Fairly common non-breeding resident. Seen round the coast Jan/Apr and Jun/Dec. Larger groups incl 15 Whiting Bay 10 Jan; 20 Sandbraes 15 Aug; 30 Kildonan 22 Sep. Max 80 Lamlash 14 Feb. A group of 20 Lamlash 13 Mar incl 4 with bright pink breasts.

Common Gull

Common resident breeder. Breeding: 9 nests, some with eggs Thunderguy 11 May; nest with 5 eggs Strabane gravel pit 14 May; 12 prs nesting Shiskine Golf Course 16 May; c40 prs

nesting Machrie/Dougarie, some with 2-3 yng 11 Jun; c30-40 prs, some with yng Pladda 11 Jun. Seen round the coast all yr, with max 325 Blackwaterfoot 4 Dec.

Lesser Black-backed Gull

Common resident breeder. Breeding: 60-70 prs nesting Pladda 11 Jun. Arr 1 Blackwaterfoot 14 Feb. Larger nos incl 42 Glenashdalewaterfoot 30 Jun; 36 Whiting Bay 17 Jul. Max c50 Dougarie 11 Jul, and last 1 Blackwaterfoot 16 Oct. Inland record of 16 Loch Iorsa 10 May.

Herring Gull

Abundant resident breeder. Breeding: c100 prs nesting Pladda 11 Jun; ad feeding 2 juvs Corrie 2 Aug. Seen round the coast all yr. Larger nos incl c200 Dougarie 11 Jul; 212 Blackwaterfoot 6 Nov. Max c500 feeding in a newly mown field Shiskine Valley 14 Aug.

Glaucous Gull

Rare winter visitor, last recorded 1991. 1 2nd winter Shiskine 23 Jan (S.Thomson).

Great Black-backed Gull

Common resident breeder. Breeding: 12 prs, 3 of which had yng Pladda 11 Jun. Seen round the coast all yr, with max 40 Brodick 4 Mar.

Kittiwake

Common passage visitor. Most records came from the Whiting Bay, Kilbrannan Sound, Lamlash and Machriewaterfoot areas Jan/Mar and May/Dec. Larger nos incl 110 Whiting Bay 13 Feb; c200 Whiting Bay, c250 surface feeding Kildonan 23 Jun; 310 Whiting Bay 21 Aug, inc to max 700 by 18 Sep.

Sandwich Tern

Fairly common passage visitor. Arr 1 Machriewaterfoot 3 Apr (earliest ever). Up to 6 at Blackwaterfoot, Brodick, Pirmill, Imachar, Machrie, Whiting Bay, Lamlash and Kildonan Apr/Sep, with max 11 Whiting Bay 19 Aug. Last 1 Whiting Bay 8 Oct.

Common Tern

Scarce migrant visitor. No breeding records. Arr 2 Blackwaterfoot, 3 Machrie 31 Jul; 2 Machrie 3 Aug; 1 Blackwaterfoot 4 Aug.

Arctic Tern

Uncommon migrant breeder. Breeding: 4 prs nesting Pladda, 1 nest with 2 eggs 11 Jun. Arr 1 Kildonan 30 Apr; 2 Whiting Bay 21/28 Jul; 20 "comics" Whiting Bay 2 Aug; pr Dougarie 19 Aug, but failed to breed. Max 8 Kildonan 19/27 Aug, and last 2 Whiting Bay 21 Aug.

Little Tern

Occasional summer visitor. 1 Largiemore 19 Jul (R.Lambie).

Guillemot

Common passage visitor. Seen all yr round the coast and from ferry crossings. Larger nos incl c40 Ardrossan/Brodick 30 Apr; 42 Whiting Bay 24 May; 28 Machrie 30 Jul; 29 Pirnmill 22 Oct. Max 47 Brodick/Ardrossan 23 Jul.

Razorbill

Common passage visitor. Seen Mar/Dec round the coast and from ferry crossings. Larger nos incl 21 Pirnmill 14 Jul; c30 Brodick/Ardrossan 20 Aug. Max 100+ Kilbrannan Sound 6 Oct and 100+ Pirnmill 16 Dec.

Black Guillemot

Common resident breeder. Breeding: 7 ads + 3 yng Imachar 24 Jun. Seen round the coast Feb/Dec, with up to 6 at Whiting Bay, Cock of Arran, Brodick, Catacol, Thunderguy, Pirnmill, Kilpatrick and King's Cave, and also seen from ferry crossings. Max 10 Lochranza/Pirnmill 11 Jul.



Puffin

Uncommon passage visitor. Singles seen from the Brodick/Ardrossan crossing 30 Apr, 10 Jul and 11 Oct.

Rock Dove

Fairly common resident breeder. Breeding: nest Imachar 7 May; 13 nests Kilpatrick 13 May. Seen round the coast Feb/Oct. 4 Brodick pier 26 Feb; 18 Machrie shore 17 Mar; 2 prs King's Cave 20 Aug; 25 Kilmory 16 Oct. Max 26 Shiskine 26 Mar.

Wood Pigeon

Common resident breeder. No breeding records. Seen all yr, mainly on farmland, with max 60+ Shiskine 12 Mar.

Collared Dove

Common resident breeder. Breeding: nesting in a barn nr Strabane gravel pit 14 May. Seen all yr, mainly round the villages, with max 7 Torbeg 13 Aug.

Turtle Dove

Scarce passage visitor. 1 with collared doves Braehead Fm 18 Jun; 1 Cleat 24 Sep.

Cuckoo

Common migrant breeder: Breeding: juv being fed by a pr of meadow pipits nr King's Cave 13 Jul. Arr 1 Corrie, 1 N Glen Sannox 27 Apr. Heard at Shiskine, High Kiscadale, Sannox, Glen Cloy, Lochranza, Glenscorrodale, Catacol, Machrie Moor, Thunderguy, Kilpatrick, N Sannox Fm Park, Auchencairn and Newton by the end of May. Last 1 juv Cock of Arran 3 Aug.

Barn Owl

Common resident breeder. Breeding: poor yr owing to shortage of voles. Many nest boxes found to have eggs which had been abandoned. Pr on camera at BCP had 3 yng, 1 of which was eaten by its siblings; pr at Dougarie successfully reared 2 yng. Few sightings - 2 Shiskine 29 May; 1 Machrie Moor rd 30 May.

Tawny Owl

Rare non-breeding resident. 1 heard at Strabane all yr, possibly the 1 normally at BCP. (S.Wilkinson). No report from Lamlash.

Long-eared Owl

Uncommon resident breeder. No breeding records. No confirmed reports, but probably still present in the Machrie and Torr Righ Forestry areas.

Short-eared Owl

Common resident breeder. No breeding reports, again due to the vole shortage. Few reports, with pr Ross rd 27 Feb; 1 Monyquil 7 Mar; 1 Machrie Moor 16 Apr; pr Boguille 30 Jul; 1 Braehead Fm (no date).

Swift

Fairly common passage migrant. Arr 1 The Heights 20 May; 6 Kilpatrick 18 Jun; 12 Machrie 19 Jun; 1 Lamlash 17 Jul. Max 440-50 High Kildonan 25 Jun, and last 1 High Kildonan 1 Aug.

Kingfisher

Scarce non-breeding resident. 1 Rosa burn 12 Jun; 1 Cordon 18 Aug; 1 Monamore burn 12 Sep; 1 Cloy burn 30 Oct; 1 on shore below Brodick Castle 15 Nov.

Great Spotted Woodpecker

Scarce breeding resident. Breeding: pr at nest with min 2 yng Kilmicroichael 2 Jun, first breeding record since the 1950's. 1 BCP 28 Jan; pr Merkland Wood 20 Feb; 1 Glen Cloy 12 May; 1 The Heights 16 Aug; 1 Ardlui 27 Aug; 1 Margnaheglish 5 Dec.

Skylark

Common resident breeder and winter visitor. No breeding records. 3 Lagg 29 Mar; 1 Glen Scorrodale, 1 Shiskine Golf

Course 5 May; 3 Glen Sannox 10 May; 1 Machrie Golf Course 12 May; 1 Kilpatrick 21 May; 1 Machrie Moor 22 May; 1 Sliderrywaterfoot, 1 Blackwaterfoot 10 Jun. Max 30 Cleat 22 Oct.

Sand Martin

Fairly common migrant breeder. Breeding: c8 nest holes being used Sannox quarry, yng at entrance of 1 hole 15 Jun; sandbank bulldozed, but 6 new nest holes excavated, sand bank bulldozed again 1 Sep, 1 dead fledgling nearby. Arr 1 Port-na-Lochan 22 Mar (earliest ever). 1 Monyquil 23 Mar; 2 Sannox quarry 25 Mar; 5 Kilpatrick 13 May; 4 Strabane gravel pit 14 May; 2 Dougarie 5 Jun; 1 Blackwaterfoot 11 Jun; 3 Machriewaterfoot early Aug; 2 with swallows King' Cave 20 Aug. Last 7-8 Sannox quarry 1 Sep. Max 15-20 Sannox quarry 15 Jun.

Swallow

Common summer breeder. Breeding: 1 nest tennis hut, Machrie 12 May; 5 nests High Kiscadale 17 May; ad feeding 5 yng Rangers Centre, BCP 17 Jun; 4 prs nesting Pirnmill beg Jul; 4 prs nesting Kilmory 9 Jul; yng hatched Corrie 31 Jul; 7 yng Dyemill early Aug; ad feeding fledgling E Bennan mid Aug. Arr 1 Lamblash 23 Mar (earliest ever), widespread by Apr. Max c500 Kildonan 17 Aug, and last 1 Kildonan 23 Oct.

House Martin

Common migrant breeder. Breeding: 10 gathering mud Glen Cloy mid May; nesting Auchrannie 13 May; pr nesting Corrie mid May; 4-5 nests Kildonan 22 May; 3 prs nesting Pirnmill beg Jul. Arr 1 Port-na-Lochan 28 Mar (= earliest ever). Widespread by end Apr, with max c200 Brodick 20 Aug and c200 Whiting Bay 25 Sep. Last 6 Shiskine Valley 8 Oct.

Tree Pipit

Scarce migrant breeder. No breeding records. Arr 1 Glen Rosa 30 Apr was the only record.

Meadow Pipit

Common resident breeder. Breeding: nest with 4 eggs nr Loch na Davie 16 May; pr carrying food Auchenhew 3 Jun; nest with 4 eggs Glen Catacol 6 Jun; ad carrying food N Sannox Fm Park

7 Jun; nest with 4 eggs nr Beinn Bhiorach 23 Jun. Widespread all yr, with max 47 Machrie Golf Course 3 Apr.

Rock Pipit

Common resident breeder. Breeding: ad carrying food Lochranza 2 May; 2 prs carrying food nr King's Cave 12 Jun; pr feeding 1 juv Cosyden 11 Sep. Widespread round the coast all yr, with max 14 Dougarie 26 Sep.

Grey Wagtail

Fairly common resident breeder. Breeding: juv Cordon 4 Jun; pr feeding 2 juvs Kildonan 13 Jun; ad carrying food Fallen Rocks 18 Jun; pr with 1 yng Kilpatrick 3 Aug. Widespread in suitable habitat all yr, with max 6 Whiting Bay 12 Aug.

Pied Wagtail

Common resident breeder. Breeding: pr feeding 2 juvs Kildonan 13 Jun; 2 juvs Kilmory shore 9 Jul; ad feeding 1 juv Shiskine Valley 12 Jul; ad with 4 juvs Lamlash 14 Jul; 7 incl juvs Sannox 1 Aug; pr with 1 juv Machrie Golf Course 7 Aug. Widespread all yr, with max c50 Dougarie 23 Sep.

White Wagtail

Fairly common passage visitor. Arr 4 Kilpatrick 15 Apr; 2 Kildonan 21 Apr; 1 Lamlash 3 May; 1 Machrie Golf Course 7 Aug. Last 1 Kildonan 25 Sep.

Waxwing

Irregular winter visitor. 4 Newton 23 Jan; 1 Lamlash 5 Nov and again 21 Nov; 1 Pirnmill 27 Dec.

Dipper

Common resident breeder. Breeding: pr nesting Monamore 20 Mar; failed to nest at Benlister Falls where previously had bred; juv Correin Lochan 2 Jul. Widespread in suitable habitat all yr, with max 3 Sliderywaterfoot 12 Apr.

Wren

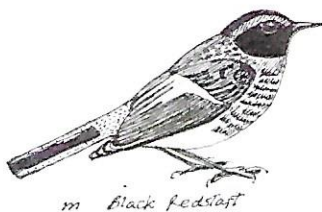
Common resident breeder. Breeding: nest Lamlash Cemetery 13 May; ad carrying food Merkland 10 Jun; ad carrying food Fallen Rocks path 18 Jun; ad feeding yng Torbeg 12 Aug. Widespread in varied habitat all yr, with max 3 Glenashdale 8 Apr, and 3 Kildonan 23 Oct.

Dunnock

Common resident breeder. Breeding: ad with 2 yng Whiting Bay mid May. Singles and prs seen all yr at Corrie, Shiskine Golf Course, Glenscorrodale, Brodick Golf Course, Kildonan, Clauchlands, Glen Iorsa, Torbeg, Sandbraes and Pirmill, with max 4 Kildonan 23 Oct.

Robin

Abundant resident breeder. Breeding: pr with 4 yng Whiting Bay early May; juv Glenashdale 30 May; juv Corrie 19 Jun; ad with 2 juvs Lamlash 11 Jul; 1 juv Kildonan 15 Jul; juv Pirmill 21 Jul; juv Glen Sannox 1 Aug; 2 juvs Kilpatrick 4 Aug. Widespread all yr, mainly around the villages.



Black Redstart

Rare passage migrant, last recorded in 2001. m Kilpatrick shore 4/6 Nov (J.&A.Cassels).

Whinchat

Common migrant breeder. Breeding: 2 prs with 1 juv each Kilmory shore 9 Jul. Arr 1 Glen Rosa 1 May. Prs and singles seen at Glenscorrodale, Glen Sannox, Glen Iorsa, Drumadoon, Machrie Moor, Machrie and Shiskine Golf Course May/Aug, with max 6 singles Ross rd 10 Jun.

Stonechat

Common resident breeder. Breeding: pr carrying food Machrie Moor 13 Jun; pr with 1 juv Glen Catacol, 3 juvs Glen Rosa 20 Jun; pr with 2 juvs Kilmory shore 9 Jul; juv Glen Iorsa 21 Sep. Widespread all yr in suitable habitat, with max 8 Glen Sannox 10 May.

Wheatear

Common migrant breeder. Breeding: 1 juv Kildonan 15 Jul; 1 juv Dougarie 19 Jul; pr with 1 juv Shiskine Golf Course 7 Aug; 1 juv Machrie Moor 20 Aug; ad with 1 juv Whiting Bay 27 Oct. Arr 1 Dougarie 13 Mar (earliest ever), widespread by Apr. 1 inland record of 3 Cioch na Oighe ridge was unusual. Greenland race: 1 Kilmory shore 16 Oct; 2 Cleat 22 Oct. Max 5 Cleat 17 Jun, and last 1 Whiting Bay 31 Oct.

Ring Ouzel

Uncommon breeding/ passage migrant. 3m Sannox 3 Oct (J.Rhead).

Blackbird

Abundant resident breeder. Breeding: pr feeding 1 yng Whiting Bay 11 May; nest in a coal shed at Corrie 26 May, yng hatched 13 Jun; min 2 juvs Pirmill 4 Jul. Widespread all yr, with max 40-50 Cleat 23 Oct.

Fieldfare

Common winter visitor. 25-30 Cnoc na Dail 20 Jan; 150 High Kildonan 22 Jan; 25 Kilpatrick 30 Jan; 50+ Machrie 12 Mar; return 50-100 Corrie 14 Oct; c21 Strathwillan 19 Oct; 150 Cleat 23 Oct; c12 Shiskine Valley 28 Oct; 12 Kilpatrick 17 Dec; c30 with redwings Shiskine 26 Dec. Max c200 Glenloig 8 Mar.

Song Thrush

Common resident breeder. Breeding: ad carrying food Merkland Wood 21 May; ad carrying food King's Cave 12 Jun; ad carrying food Sandbraes 14 Jun; 1 fledgling Marnaheglish 21 Jun; ad + 1-2 juvs Pirmill 4 Jul. Widespread all yr, mainly round the villages, with max 30 Cleat 23 Oct.

Redwing

Common winter visitor, but fewer than fieldfares. Larger nos incl c100+ N Kiscadale 18 Mar; return 2 High Kildonan 12 Oct; c100 with song thrushes Brodick 16 Oct; c100 Shiskine Valley 18 Oct; 250 Cleat 22 Oct. Max 300+ Bennecarrigan 3 Dec.

Mistle Thrush

Fairly common resident breeder. Breeding: pr carrying food Machrie Golf Course 18 Jun. Widespread all yr, with singles and prs at BCP, Whiting Bay, Sannox, Blackwaterfoot, Shiskine, Machrie Moor, Boguille, Lochranza, and Pirnmill. Larger nos incl 11 Machriewaterfoot 18 Feb; 10-12 Sannox 18 Jul; c10 Glen Sannox 9 Aug; 10 overflying BCP 24 Aug. Max c40 Machrie 7 Oct.

Grasshopper Warbler

Scarce migrant breeder. No breeding records. Arr 1 Glen Rosa 29 Apr; 1 reeling Kildonan 1 May; 1 reeling Mayish, Brodick 4 May; 1 Shiskine 9 Aug.

Sedge Warbler

Common migrant breeder. Breeding: 4-5 juvs ringed Auchenhew beg Aug. Arr 2 Clauchlands 5 May. Singles and prs seen at King's Cross, Kildonan, Kilpatrick, Shiskine, Shiskine Golf Course, Slidderwaterfoot, Machriewaterfoot, Pirnmill, Bennan Head, and Ardlui May/Aug. Max 4 Kildonan 1 Aug.

Lesser Whitethroat

Scarce migrant non-breeder. Arr 1 mid Kildonan 8 May; heard W Kildonan 30 May (T.Southall).

Whitethroat

Common migrant breeder. Breeding: pr feeding 2 juvs Bennan Head 13 Jun. Arr 1 Clauchlands 6 May. Singles and prs seen at Kildonan, Auchenhew, Blackwaterfoot, Kings Cross, Port-na-Lochan, Machrie Pond, Kilmory, Kilpatrick and Largybeg May/Jun.

Garden Warbler

Scarce migrant breeder. Breeding: pr nesting Pirnmill, 1 egg late Jun. Arr 1 Monamore Forestry 7 Jun; 1 Kildonan 30 May; 1 with right leg ringed Arranton 9 Aug.

Blackcap

Common migrant breeder, sometimes overwinters. Breeding: f + 1 juv Monamore Forestry end Jul. Singles and prs seen at Strabane, BCP, Whitehouse Woods, Glenashdale, Glen Cloy, Glen Shurraig, Kilpatrick, Merkland Wood, High Kiscadale and Corrie Apr/Aug. Winter records incl m Lamlash 23 Oct; f Margnaeglish 7 Dec; m Port-na-Lochan 9 Dec.

Wood Warbler

Uncommon migrant breeder. No breeding records. Arr 1 Glenashdale 30 May; 1 High Kildonan 11 Jun; 3m Glenashdale 20 Jun.

Chiffchaff

Fairly common migrant breeder. No breeding records. Arr 1 Whiting Bay 17 Mar (earliest ever). Singles and prs at Sliderry, Cleat, Strabane, Margnaeglish, Glen Rosa, BCP, Merkland Wood, String rd, King's Cave and Kiscadale Mar/Aug.

Willow Warbler

Common migrant breeder. Breeding: pr carrying food Monamore Forestry 7 Jun; ad carrying food King's Cave 12 Jun; ad carrying food Kilmory shore 9 Jul; juv King's Cross 17 Jul. Arr 1 Lagg Wood, 2 Auchenheew 3 Apr. Widespread by May, with max 5 singles High Corrie 22 Apr. Last 1 Machrie Moor 16 Aug.

Goldcrest

Common resident breeder. Breeding: ad with 1 juv BCP 3 Aug. Widespread in suitable habitat with singles and prs seen all yr. 3 Loch Garbad 26 Feb; 3 High Glenashdale 29 Jun; 3 N Sannox picnic site 16 Aug; 3 BCP 27 Sep. No large flocks, and max c5 Monamore Forestry 13 Jul.

Spotted Flycatcher

Common migrant breeder. Breeding: ad carrying food

Blackwaterfoot 9 Jun; nest with 3 eggs Margnaheglis 25 Jun, successfully hatched 3 Jul; pr with 2 juvs Sannox cemetery 18 Jul; juv Kilmory 4 Aug; ad feeding yng BCP 23 Aug. Arr 1 Merkland Wood 22 May, widespread by Jun. Max 4 BCP 7 Aug, and 4 Glen Sannox 9 Aug.

Long-tailed Tit

Common resident breeder. No breeding records. Seen all yr in suitable habitat, with up to 10 at Sannox, Monamore Forestry, Brodick, Ardlui, Margnaheglis, Pirmill, Machrie, Cnoc na Dail and Merkland Wood. Larger groups incl 12 Glenshant 3 Jan; 12 Shiskine 20 Dec. Max c20 Glenashdale 6 Aug, and c20 Glen Cloy 13 Oct.

Coal Tit

Abundant resident breeder. Breeding: ad feeding juv Cuddiedook 4 Jun; pr feeding juvs Glen Rosa 22 Jun; ad with 1 juv Lamlash 11 Jul; yng Kilpatrick 5 Aug. Widespread all yr, with many coming daily to bird feeders in winter. Max 14 Margnaheglis 18 Nov.

Blue Tit

Abundant resident breeder. Breeding: nest box occupied Whiting Bay 4 May; 4 yng Whiting Bay mid May; ad with 4 yng Pirmill 19 Jun; ad with 1 juv Lamlash 14 Jul; yng Kilpatrick 5 Aug; ad feeding 2 juvs BCP 7 Aug. Widespread all yr, with many coming to bird feeders in winter. Max 8 BCP 16 Aug.

Great Tit

Common resident breeder. Breeding: ad with 4 yng Brodick Coup 12 Jun; 4 juvs Margnaheglis 18 Jun; 2 juvs Pirmill 4 Jul; ad with 1 juv Lamlash 14 Jul; yng Kilpatrick 5 Aug. Widespread all yr, with many coming to bird feeders in winter. Max 8 BCP 16 Aug.

Treecreeper

Common resident breeder. Fewer record than usual, and no breeding records. 1 Dyemill 20 Mar; pr Merkland Wood 11 Apr; 1 Cladach 22 Apr; 1 Glenashdale 14 May; 1 Machrie Moor 3rd wk May; 1 Machrie 1 Aug.

Jackdaw

Common resident breeder. Breeding: nest Cleiteadh Buidhe 2 May; nest Kildonan 8 May; pr with 2 juvs Lochranza 11 Aug. Widespread all yr, with max 150+ Blackwaterfoot 10 Sep.

Rook

Uncommon winter visitor. 2 Shiskine 23 Feb; 80+ Corriecravie 22 Nov.

Carrion/Hooded Crow

Abundant resident breeder. Breeding: nest with 3 yng Marnaheglish late Apr. Widespread all yr, with max 200+ Clachaig Fm 24 Oct.

Raven

Common resident breeder. Breeding: pr with 2 juvs Brown Head 9 May; pr with 1 juv Kilpatrick 13 May. Widespread all yr, with max 15 Corriegills 11 May.

Starling

Abundant resident breeder. Breeding: ad feeding yng Whiting Bay 13 Jun. Widespread all yr, with max c200 Whiting Bay 25 Jul.

House Sparrow

Common resident breeder. Breeding: pr at nest Whiting Bay 23 May; pr feeding 3 yng Pirmill, pr feeding yng Kilpatrick 5 Jun; c6 juvs Pirmill 19 Jul; ad feeding 1 yng Torbeg 10 Aug. Widespread round the villages all yr, with max c50 Shiskine 13 Aug, c50 Sandbraes 15 Aug, and c50 Lamlash mid Aug.

Chaffinch

Abundant resident breeder. Breeding: pr feeding 4 juvs Auchenhew 13 Jun. Widespread all yr, with many coming to bird feeders in winter. Max 250+ High Kildonan 6 Nov.

Brambling

Irregular winter visitor. Inc in sightings with 1 High Kildonan 25 Mar; 3m 1f with chaffinches Clauchlands 16 Oct; 1 Shiskine Valley 20 Oct; 3 Cleat 23 Oct; 2 Pirmill 28 Oct; 1 Machrie 28 Nov; 2 Strathwillan 13 Dec. Max 6+ with chaffinches Brodick

3 Nov.

Greenfinch

Common resident breeder. Breeding: pr + 2 yng BCP 22 Jun; pr + 4 yng Pirmill 20 Jun; juv Sannox 15 Jul. Widespread all yr, again many coming to bird feeders in winter. Max 8-10 Corrie 23 Oct.

Goldfinch

Common resident breeder. Breeding: pr with 2 yng BCP 22 Jun; pr with 2 juvs Clauchlands 24 Jul; 4 juvs Imachar 31 Jul; ad with 5 juvs Auchencar 19 Aug; ad feeding yng BCP 23 Aug. Widespread all yr, with some coming to bird feeders in winter. Max 75-100 Machrie 24 Sep.

Siskin

Common resident breeder. Breeding: yng at feeders Kilpatrick 21 May; juv Lamlash 13 Jul; 3 ads + 1 juv Lamlash 14 Jul. Widespread all yr, with some coming to feeders in winter. Larger nos incl 40-50 Corrie 3 Jan; 2 flocks totalling c50 BCP 23 Aug; 40 Pirmill 21 Sep; c50 Kildonan 22 Sep. Max c100 Dougarie 23 Sep.

Linnet

Common resident breeder. Breeding: ad feeding 3 juvs Clauchlands 25 Jun; pr with 2 juvs Cleat 4 Aug; ads feeding juvs Craigdhu 19 Aug. Up to 20 seen at Blackwaterfoot, Shiskine, Clauchlands, Lamlash, Kilpatrick, Sliderrywaterfoot, and Machrie. Max 40+ Shiskine Golf course 18 Sep.

Twite

Uncommon resident breeder. Breeding: pr feeding 1 juv Torbeg 16 Aug. 7 Sannox 2 Apr; c40 Clauchlands 11 Sep; 4 Torrylinn 16 Oct; 15 Kilpatrick 6 Nov; 5 Machrie 18 Nov. Max c75 Cleat 22 Oct.

Redpoll

Uncommon resident breeder. No breeding records. 2 Brodick 21 Apr; 2 Glenashdale 1 May; 1 Machrie Moor 9 Jun; m Ardlui 25 Jun; 2 Ross rd 26 Jun; 1 Holy Isle 20 Jul; 1 Machrie 31 Jul; 1 Cleat 23 Oct. Max 6 Machrie Moor rd 3 Apr.

Crossbill

Fairly common resident breeder. No breeding records. 1 Brodick Golf Course 13 May; 1 calling Blackwaterfoot 25 Jun; 8 Machrie Moor Wood 10 Jul; 1 High Kildonan 27 Dec.

Bullfinch

Common resident breeder. Breeding: pr carrying food King's Cave 17 Jun. Singles and prs seen Jan/Aug at Glenshant, Brodick, Monamore, Whiting Bay, Merkland Wood, Kilpatrick, King's Cross, Ardlui, King's Cave, Fallen Rocks, Kildonan and Torbeg. Larger nos incl 5 Arranton 19 Jan, and max 3 prs Margnaheglis 3 Feb;

Snow Bunting

Scarce winter visitor. Imm Kildonan 2 Jan; 20-30 Bowman's Pass 26 Feb; c12 The Castles 13 Nov; 1 Glen Rosa 13 Dec.

Yellowhammer

Scarce resident breeder, no recent breeding records. 1 Arranton 12 Feb; pr W Kildonan 4 Dec; 1 Shiskine 28 Dec.

Reed Bunting

Fairly common resident breeder. Breeding: pr feeding 1 juv Ardlui 30 Jun. m Blackwaterfoot 15 Feb; pr Machrie pond 3 Apr; m Glen Iorsa 10 May; 1 Clachan Glen 11 May; 1 Shiskine Golf Course 18 Jun; m nr King's Cave 13 Jul; 1 N Sannox car park 16 Aug; 2 Cleat 23 Oct; pr S Feorline shore 5 Nov; 1 Machrie 20 Nov

KEY TO CHECKLIST

R = resident (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

I = introduced

C = common

U = uncommon

B* = formerly bred

O = occasional

V = vagrant

X = pre 1956 record

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1. Red-throated Diver RC
2. Black-throated Diver R*/PC
3. Great Northern Diver R**/PC
4. Little Grebe WU
5. Great Crested Grebe O
6. Red-necked Grebe WO
7. Slavonian Grebe WO
8. Black-necked Grebe WO
9. Fulmar SC/WU
10. Cory's Shearwater V
11. Sooty Shearwater V
12. Manx Shearwater SPC
13. Mediterranean Shearwater V
14. Storm Petrel PU
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16. Gannet S**C/WU
17. Cormorant R**C
18. Shag RC
19. Bittern V
20. Snowy Egret V
21. Grey Heron RC
22. Spoonbill V
23. Chilean Flamingo VE
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25. Bewick's Swan V
26. Whooper Swan WU/PC
27. Pink-footed Goose WO
28. White-fronted Goose WO
29. Greylag Goose WC/PC
30. Canada Goose PO
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32. Brent Goose WO
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34. Wigeon WC
35. Teal S*U/WC
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