



**TOUR REPORT**  
**ORKNEY & NORTH RONALDSAY**  
**6<sup>TH</sup> – 15<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2022**

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## **THURSDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER** – *Sunshine and fresh westerly winds, 15C*

After our rendezvous at our Lockerbie hotel the previous evening, we set off Northbound after breakfast making our way towards Aberdeen. A quick detour to Castle Loch at Lochmaben to start off with was pretty quiet – a couple of Goosander and a few overhead skeins of Pink-footed Geese being the highlight. Two hours on, and we stopped for a break at Dundee, before making the final push on up beyond Aberdeen to our main birding stop of the day at the Ythan Estuary. We arrived under blue skies and it actually felt quite warm as we grabbed our gear and started walking down to the Newburgh beach river mouth. As always at this lovely site, the calm water over high tide was full of hundreds of Common Eider, mainly snoozing either on the water or sat on the beach. We scanned them carefully as King Eider is regular here, but no cigar on this occasion. We could see lots of small waders roosting on the far side – Turnstone, Knot, Ringed Plover and Dunlin – but most were asleep and difficult to view. Walking up to the viewpoint, we could scan the rest of the estuary, noting a few Red-breasted Mergansers among the eider flock, but not much else.



**Barnacle Geese including 'YYU' ringed in Svalbard in 2008**

The tide began to ebb now though, and this meant groups of waders starting to wake up and fly over to our side of the channel. Small islands of mud and shingle soon appeared and were immediately populated by feeding birds, and we had superb close views of Dunlin, Sanderling, Ringed Plover, Curlew, Bar-tailed Godwit and Turnstone. Nine Golden Plovers dropped in – all beautiful fresh juveniles and looking stunning in the afternoon light. This was quickly followed by the barking calls of Barnacle Geese, with two small groups arriving 'in off', the second of which settled right in front of us and we were able to read a lime ring with black lettering 'YYU' – a bird ringed on the Solway, no doubt freshly arrived from Svalbard. Two Whooper Swans also dropped in bugling softly – all in all, a pretty nice selection of birds.

Just as we were about to leave for the ferry, we received news that the Baird's Sandpiper (last seen a week ago!) was in fact still present on Meikle Loch just four miles up the road! We considered a quick dash there on the off chance – and went for it! Sadly we didn't have time to do this nice site justice and it appeared that the bird had been on the far side, which we didn't have time to access. But, among the throng of Teal and Tufted Ducks were singles of both Red-necked Grebe and Black-

necked Grebe bobbing on the water together. Fairly distant but a nice duo for the trip list! We made it to Aberdeen in plenty of time for the ferry, which departed on time at 1700. Our late arrival into Kirkwall saw us eventually check in to our South Ronaldsay Hotel just before midnight.

**FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER** – *Showers and strong SW winds, 12C*

Today turned out to be a bit of a cracker despite an unpromising start with gales and rain lashing the windows of the hotel as we awoke. We had a fairly leisurely start given the late night last night, but were soon heading down to South Ronaldsay to seek some shelter in Olav's Wood, a small community woodland which is often a good place to find migrants hiding from the weather. A few **Redwings** were blown along a fenceline as we parked up, and we saw a handful more in the wood too. It was otherwise fairly quiet inside the trees, though we could hear Goldcrest and soon we also caught the distinctive 'tsoo-eet' of a **Yellow-browed Warbler** too. We never saw it, but we didn't hear it call once more somewhere among the windswept willows. A **Brambling** flying over was our only other bird of note, before moving on to the relative shelter of St Margaret's Hope.

In the bay, we counted an impressive 50 **Red-breasted Mergansers**, plus had nice side-by-side views of a Razorbill and Guillemot. Two **Black Guillemot** were also seen further out, now in their snow white winter plumage. We checked the sheltered line of sycamores, dreaming of an American passerine blown in on the winds, but it remained just that – a dream! A quick stop next at Echna Bay, where a stunning party of **Long-tailed Ducks** were close inshore and in beautiful light gave us some really nice views. Loch of Ayre a little bit further up the road was full of Wigeon and Tufted Duck but not a lot else, so we continued on with a view to heading out west to The Loons for lunch at the hide.



**Juv Pallid Harrier on Orkney Mainland – a nice surprise!**

Driving along the main road towards Kirkwall, we spotted a lovely male **Hen Harrier** quartering a boggy area left of the road and thankfully there was a handy gateway to stop. As we raised our bins we could see it was actually with a ringtail too, but then a third bird came up off the ground and

banked away from us, showing what appeared to be apricot underparts! At this point we quickly bailed out of the van and were soon watching a gorgeous juvenile **Pallid Harrier**! It took a while to piece views together in the strong winds, but the light was excellent and with a combination of scope views and photos we could see treacle dark upperparts, very narrow 'hand' with four visible primary tips, a strong collar and 'boa' combination, and dark under secondaries contrasting with very pale primaries. It was a gorgeous bird and a couple of times it bank in the sunshine for us showing all these salient features beautifully. It also had upperparts peppered with brighter orange covert tips than the accompanying young Hen Harrier, and the barring in the tail was more orange too. This made for an overall darker appearance than the Hen. While it was clearly a touch smaller, it wasn't a dinky, almost Kestrel-sized bird as some young males can be, so we assumed it was probably a juv female. A superb bird to get our trip going!



**Whooper Swan family**

We eventually reached the Loons as planned and lunched in the hide. A couple of Snipe and Reed Bunting were all we had to show for our efforts here, though a few roadside bits on the way included a lovely family party of **Whooper Swans**, a few Hooded Crows, **Ravens** and Rock Doves. There was just about time before heading to Kirkwall airport to check the plantation at Toab – again it was lovely and sunny and sheltered here and we could just imagine a 'REV' lolloping about in the canopy. There wasn't though, so we headed back to the airport for the 1730 flight to North Ronaldsay. Fifteen minutes later we were touching down on the island, to be met by Nick who'd arrived two days previously, and the obs van. There was just enough daylight to whip round to Gretchen Hide where a fantastic sight awaited us, as Nick had found a juv **Red-necked Phalarope** earlier in the day and it had now been joined by a **Grey Phalarope**! So a rare opportunity to see the two species side by side in the UK. Two **Purple Sands** on the rocks as we headed back to the obs for dinner, and a rough sea and dramatic sky were a great end to our day.

**SATURDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER** – *Light to moderate SW winds, rain showers. 12C*

A decent first day on the island saw us head down to the links pre-breakfast, partly in search of waders but also with yesterdays Buff-bellied Pipit in mind – the sort of place it might get relocated perhaps. We saw a good selection on the short turf here with lots of Dunlin, Ringed Plover and Sanderling hiding up to four **Curlew Sandpipers**, and a single juv **Grey Plover**. **Wheatear** and a handful of **Snow Buntings** were also seen, while offshore we noted a **Red-throated Diver** among a few other bits and pieces. Back to the obs for breakfast, and then afterwards our first main destination for the morning would be the north-west of the island, around the shooting gallery. As we parked up and scanned down the field edge we could see two white snowballs bouncing around in the thistles – the two **Hornemann's Arctic Redpolls**! Unfortunately they immediately flew, with a third darker bird in tow, and we watched them all the way across to Nether Linnay where they perched on the ridge tiles of the roof. They then appeared to drop down behind the croft, so we hot-footed it round there to look. The dark bird was still present – a big, **North-western Common Redpoll** – but sadly the Hornemann's had given us the slip and we didn't see them again all day. Searching the stubble field and environs we had about forty **Snow Buntings**, and a nice **Willow Warbler** flitting among the grass near the sheep dyke.



**'North-western' Common Redpoll at Nether Linnay**

We then drove back to the airport to collect our bags, which had come in on the first flight of the day (it was either bags or us coming over last night!) and then after returning to the stubble field and re-checking, we headed down to Westness. This lovely isolated spot produced a beach full of waders, including close views of **Bar-tailed Godwit**, **Grey Plover** and **Purple Sandpiper**. A few **Snipe** and a Reed Bunting were the only birds of note around the croft, but on the north side as we were peering over the sheep dyke onto the beach, the **Turtle Dove** which had been knocking around recently flew

past us and hammered off south! We had time to check one more spot before lunch so headed to Bewan Loch at the north-east end of the isle. A small wader flushed off the shoreline as we walked along, and we had brief, distant views of it in the grass – unfortunately even these poor views showed enough to make us sure it was a **Little Stint**, and not anything American! But we nipped back for a scope to check and eventually had the bird in good light and much closer – a very obvious but still lovely **Little Stint**! Lunch beckoned!



**Little Stint on Bewan Loch**

The afternoon saw us head up to Holland House first, to check the thick cover of fuchsia and sycamores for passerines. A lovely silvery **Siberian Chiffchaff** was flitting along the edge of the bushes as we walked into the garden – in such dull light and drizzle it looked especially pale, with a buff washed head and clean white underparts. A second bird joined it in the sycamores and we saw the two together a couple of times, before a **Yellow-browed Warbler** popped very briefly into view. Not easy amongst all the foliage! Two **Goldcrest** were also seen and then in the grass at the far end, another lemon yellow juv **Willow Warbler**. Not too bad considering the weather conditions which were now closing in rapidly. After a quick, unsuccessful loop around gravity area to check for the redpolls, we headed up to the seawatch hide. Just over an hours watch here produced double figures of **Sooty Shearwater** heading north, a few Kittiwakes, two smart **Great Northern Divers** including one still in plumage, and a pod of three **Risso's Dolphins**. A single **Manx Shearwater** was also seen, so all in all we'd had a pretty productive day. Back to the Obs then for dinner, and an early night!

**SUNDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER** – *Strong Southerly winds and heavy rain, 12C*

A pretty tough day today as a steaming great southerly wind came in overnight, being sucked into a deep low to the north of us and combined with a slow moving front bringing heavy rain across from the Atlantic. We did still go for a pre-breakfast watch, this time to the seawatch hide at the far north

end of the island. We did just over an hour and it was pretty good, with **Fulmars** passing at 240 per hour, and **Kittiwakes** around 300. We also notched 2 **Manx Shearwaters**, 12 **Sooty Shearwaters**, 8 **Black Guillemots** and a single **Great Skua**. Back for a hearty cooked breakfast, and then we drove up to Holland House in the worsening winds – unsurprisingly, we saw nothing at all! We could also feel the first rain spots of the approaching weather front and so decided we had best head round to the hide at Gretchen and get bedded in! We were surprised to see both the **Red-necked Phalarope** and **Grey Phalarope** together on the loch, as they weren't seen yesterday at all so must have been hiding somewhere! We had superb views of them as they moved around the loch, occasionally coming really close just outside the hide. We spent our time counting the wildfowl and waders present with Snipe seemingly arriving all the time. We got to 32, plus counts of 54 Teal, 27 Wigeon and 1 Pintail. We then battled our way back in the wind and rain to the Obs for lunch.



**Red-necked Phalarope on Gretchen**

The afternoon was pretty tricky as the rain and wind were even worse, so we took a break until 3pm when four of us went out and braved it for another couple of hours. Driving onto the links, we parked the van so we could stand on one side of it and scan the short turf for waders. Three **Curlew Sandpipers** were present, all feeding together in a tight group. A couple of Bar-tailed Godwits and a scattering of Dunlin and Ringed Plover were here too. We then drove on to the lighthouse and headed back to the seawatch hide for another session. It was really quiet this time though, with perhaps 30 Fulmar, a few Kittiwakes and a single **Sooty Shearwater** noted. Back to the obs then at the end of a challenging day.

**MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER** – *Strong Westerly winds and heavy rain showers, 10C*

Another tough days birding in gales and often heavy rain but we kept plugging away! Our pre-breakfast this morning took us up to the North end of the island to check Bewan and the short grass areas around the lighthouse. It was obvious from the get-go that a small arrival of **Redwing** had

taken place with birds flushing off the road as we drove along. We probably saw 30+, so a clear increase and a **Brambling** was seen on the road too. The Little Stint was present again on Bewan and we saw a good hand of Shoveler, a few **Snow Buntings** and Tufted Duck. There were more Redwings and a few common waders around the lighthouse, but it was extremely windy so we headed back to Holland House to check the gardens. This was predictably rather tough given the conditions, and we ended up glimpsing about three birds, none of which we could even identify to genus! Breakfast beckoned!

After breakfast we tried again at Holland, and this time managed to name most of what was in there – a Robin, two Brambling, and a ringed **Yellow-browed Warbler** which has been present a while. We then drove down to the links, thinking that we ought to keep checking for waders given the weather – but there was virtually none here at all. Instead we parked up by the post office and made a circular walk around the Barrenha area. Lots of waders included flocks of Golden Plover, Bar-tailed Godwit and a few Dunlin, but **Snipe** numbered at least sixty – all seen up in the air together when a Hen Harrier whizzed through and flushed them up from around Hooking Loch. We still hadn't managed to see a **Jack Snipe** yet on the trip, and so Ashley went into a likely looking field for a kick around while everyone watched from the road. Sure enough, boot went down, and **Jack Snipe** came up, giving good flight views as it peeled off towards the Links. The rest of the walk added lots more Redwings, a single Song Thrush and a lovely lemon yellow **Willow Warbler** before it was time to head back to the obs for lunch.



**Great Snipe at the shooting gallery, 10<sup>th</sup> October**

The afternoon saw us battling the wind and rain again down at Bride's Ness, hunkering down behind the sheep dyke to scan the southern end of Linklet Bay which was fairly sheltered. There were thirteen **Red-throated Divers** here loafing in two groups, plus two Great Northern Divers still in summer dress. We checked the ruined croft at Stennabreck with just a few more **Redwings** noted, but a cracking view of a Hen Harrier pepped things up a bit as we walked back to the van and 45 **Pink-footed Geese** flew south. As we got back into the van, Nick checked his phone to see that George had been trying to call us – a quick check of whatsapp and we were greeted with the words '**GREAT SNIPE SHOOTING GALLERY**'! Christ! We drove as fast as we could and were there within three minutes, to see every other birder on the island already gathered in a huddle at the bottom of the stubble field. We made haste to join them and got the 'gen' that the bird had flown into an area of thistles below a cattle feeders in the shooting gallery. Patient scanning to try and spot the bird on the deck clearly wasn't going to bear fruit so a couple of the wardens walked slowly up the stone wall to try and look back in and get a sight on the bird. With this the **Great Snipe** flushed up as it was actually closer to the wall than we thought, and did a long flight with the wind behind it before turning and dropping into long grass. The dumpy, 'mini woodcock' jizz with overall plain upperwings lacking rufous, and dusky underparts caused by the flank barring, were quite apparent. But so was the birds flight action which was direct and steady, almost sedate compared to the breakneck speed of Woodcock or Snipe. Checking our photos we could also see the prominent white tips to the

primary and greater coverts forming a distinct wing bar, an almost blackish greater covert block and white outer tail feathers. A superb bird and a lifer for everyone in the group! There was just time before dinner to pop round to Gretchen, where the juv **Red-necked Phalarope** was still in residence and some very impressive Atlantic rollers were making landfall on the rocks. A top day!



**A huge sea along North Ronaldsay's west coast**

**TUESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER** – *Light Westerly winds, rain showers, 10C*

Another great day on the island and with the winds finally dropping, it was great just to be able to birdwatch without our quarry being well hunkered down! Our usual pre-breakfast amble took us up to the lighthouse this morning, to check all the stone dykes around the point for any sheltering migrants. It was quickly evident though that it was really quiet and in fact most of the thrushes had left under the clear skies. We saw a couple of **Snow Bunting** but that was about it. On our way back, we stopped at Ancum willows, which held two **Brambling** and a Song Thrush, and a female **Long-tailed Duck** was on the loch – weirdly dabbling in the shallows as presumably it wasn't deep enough for it to dive! Overhead, a full summer **Great Northern Diver** flew high west, before we headed back to the obs for breakfast.

Our mornings route would take us through survey area 'D' for the first time. Parking at the airport, we headed out to West Beach via Verracott, noting a few more Redwings, lots of Golden Plovers and a **Hen Harrier** along the way. The clifftop was quiet for waders, and we didn't see much of note at all until we reached Nether Linnay. In the stubble here, the **Snow Bunting** flock had increased and there were at least 150 present, with a high proportion of fine males too. Reaching the far side of the field we met with some of the obs staff who said they'd just seen the **Great Snipe** again, and that they thought it might be viewable on the deck from the road. We all advanced slowly forward and carefully scanned among the tussocky grass – a head of a snipe was spotted and scope trained on the bird. It was the **Great Snipe**! A slightly different head pattern, somewhat paler and more akin to Jack Snipe, with a huge eye like a Woodcock, very broad fore supercilium but very narrow central

crown stripe could be seen, plus the shortish bill. The bird then flew, across the road in front of us, showing the flank barring clearly as well as the wing detail we'd seen yesterday, before splaying its white outer tail as it turned and dropped into a thistle patch. We spent another 1.5hrs scoping the field, and did see it once more briefly in the open but it didn't show for us again.



**Redshank posing in a brief sunny spell**

After a welcome break for lunch back at the obs, we headed out to The Links with a view of parking at the south end, walking north and through the sheep dyke and then on to check the area around Garso. Things didn't quite work out that way though! Having checked the south end, and worked our way up the beach to the north end with a decent hand of waders,, six **Whooper Swans** south, and a skein of Pinkfeet in over the bay, we were just scanning the sea when a casual check of the phone revealed a message from the wardens seawatching at the beacon – '2 **Orca** drifting slowly east'! Scopes were swung into action and after five minutes of patient scanning, Nick proclaimed 'I've got one'! We then had 5-6 more views of at least four **Orca**, cruising slowly off the end of Dennis Head – one big bull almost surfed a massive wave and gave a great view in the scope. A dream come true for many of us as this was a BIG lifer! They then disappeared from view and another update from the beacon told us they'd gone back North-west, so we took a chance and pegged it back to the van (which took a lot longer than we'd thought!) and drove as fast as possible to the lighthouse in the hope of closer views. Sadly, they weren't seen again but our hours seawatch that followed produced a juv **Little Gull**, **Arctic Skua**, c20 **Sooty Shearwaters**, c10 **Manx Shearwaters**, a few Kittiwakes and auks and a brief but good view of a **Minke Whale**. Just as we were about to pack up, we glimpsed a juv **Glaucous Gull** distantly to the north of us but it disappeared from view behind some rocks. So one last roll of the dice was to walk to the beach behind Trolla Vatn, where we found the 'Glauc' feeding on seal placenta on the rocks of the distant rocky islet. A top end to another great North Ron day!



**Orca by Dante Shepherd**

**WEDNESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER** – *Moderate Southerly then Westerly winds, periods of rain, 11C*

Our quietest day so far with threat of fairly heavy rain during the middle part of the day hampering things a bit. Our pre-breakfast excursion saw us head to Westness, where a thrash around the stone dykes and irises showed that there had been another clear arrival of **Redwing**, with about 25 around the croft and others along the road on the way down. Two Jack Snipe were flushed out of the marshy area and the beach held a few waders. Ancum willows yielded another 25 **Redwings** and a group of **Brambling**, but otherwise there wasn't a huge amount around – though the **Long-tailed Duck** was still on the loch. Two **Hen Harriers** around the Obs during breakfast were great to see, and a single **Whooper Swan** flew south.



**Redwing – another small arrival today**

After breakfast we weren't sure how quickly the rain band was going to hit us but it appeared we had a couple more hours, and so we headed North again to the area around Senness. We had another 100 **Redwing** around here, including a couple of flocks which were clearly heading straight through, plus a Song Thrush and our first **Siskin** of the trip in a thistle clump around one of the crofts. We had another **Hen Harrier** sighting up this end of the island too, and a check of Bewan revealed the **Little Stint** to be still present, some lovely close views of **Snow Buntings**, another Song Thrush and an increase in Wigeon to over one hundred. The rain just started to hit now, so we retreated to the Obs for a long lunch break.



**Snow Bunting posing on a wall at Bewan**

The afternoon session took us first through the relative shelter of the Holland House garden, where another 100 **Redwing** were present mostly in the adjacent fields, and then we carried on towards the watermill. Ten **Barnacle** and two **Pink-footed Geese** were in the fields with Greylag, and then at the mill we had a lovely family party of 7 **Whooper Swans** fly straight over us. Three Coot were a trip tick and then around Hooking, we enjoyed the incredible sight of at least 150 **Snipe** in the air together! They all flushed out of the fields around the loch and gathered in the sky in a single flock, presumably flushed by a harrier. More Redwing pushed our day total to almost 400 but after that it was very quiet all the way back to Holland House. Here we joined Alison for a couple of rounds at the nets, seeing Blackbird, Redwing and Linnet in the hand and noting a couple more **Brambling** and a Chiffchaff, presumably the lingering Sibe.

**THURSDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER** – *Light westerly winds, rain later, 11C*

It was a fine morning for our departure from North Ronaldsay, flying out at 8am back to Kirkwall. After loading the van we were straight out birding, to Orkney's East Mainland and Deerness peninsula. We arrived at the Sandside willows in beautiful calm conditions, and worked the burn

carefully getting a **Goldcrest**, two **Redwing** and our first Stonechat of the trip! There were one or two **Twite** about too, but otherwise a dearth of migrants. East Denwick plantation added two Reed Bunting and a Robin, with a nice **Hen Harrier** and four trumpeting **Whooper Swans** around the lochan towards Mull Head. Five more **Twite** around the farm as we left the area were our first perched views of them this trip! Working our way back west we checked the large bay at St Peter's Pool, seeing both Godwits and a nice flock of Golden Plover, and a scattering of common waders including a juv Knot. At Graemeshall we scanned the gulls but couldn't find anything Nearctic – Little Grebe and a few wildfowl were the best of it. Similar fayre at Loch of Ayre, where the light was superb for scanning the Wigeon and Tufted Duck, but again we couldn't find anything.



**Wheatear at Sandside**

West Mainland next and the large freshwater loch at Stenness, which provided some good birding. A large number of *Aythya* ducks were present and the highlight was around 100 **Greater Scaup**, which we managed to get some really nice views of mixed with Tufted Duck and Pochard. Careful scanning also revealed three **Slavonian Grebes**, and a **Great Skua** floated in and bathed before powering out mobbed by a Hooded Crow. We had time for a walk up to the standing stones at Ring of Brodgar, before continuing up to Birsay for lunch at the tea rooms overlooking the sea. In the afternoon, we collected the rest of our luggage (and Nick!) from the airport and had time to check Echna Bay before a front of rain arrived. Fantastic views of about fifty **Long-tailed Ducks** close inshore and in excellent light were the birds of the day, especially as they were calling too. From here it was only a hop and skip to the Sands where we would be staying for our last night on the islands.

**FRIDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER** – *Moderate SW winds and rain showers, 11C*

Our last day exploring Orkney Mainland before catching the late night ferry back to the Scottish Mainland saw us wake to a decent morning after a wet and windy night. We opted to kick off by re-checking a couple of sites from last week, starting at Olav's Wood in South Ronaldsay. There were a few **Redwing** about, plus a clear increase in **Goldcrests** and our first **Blackcap** of the trip. Nearby we

headed down to a bay on the west side of the island where there were lots of Wigeon and Red-breasted Mergansers, and plenty of Snipe squirreled away among the seaweed but nothing out of the ordinary. After a quick stop in St Margaret's Hope we headed on across Burray and back over the Churchill barriers to Mainland.



**Fieldfare newly arrived in South Ronaldsay**

Toab plantation was a bit too exposed and windy with the south-westerly raking down its sunny edge so we didn't hang around here too long. Likewise a large manse garden on the edge of Kirkwall didn't give us much inspiration – we felt there ought to be an American passerine somewhere in the islands, given the amount of good birds arriving across the western side of the UK. Rain was moving in and with a morale boost required we diverted into Kirkwall so folk could see the cathedral, and then we had coffee and cake while the weather passed through! Afterwards we took a wander down to the artificial small lake at the edge of town, known as the Peedie Sea. We could see a scattering of Tufted Ducks and a single **Common Goldeneye** on the water, but as we set up scopes and had a proper scan, we could see the unmistakable dome-headed silhouette of a **Ring-necked Duck** swimming quite close in front of us with a group of Tufted! The bird was a female, probably adult due to the pronounced pale band across the bill tip and quite striking eye ring and plumage tones. We got to see it in flight too, showing the classic dull grey wing bar (as opposed to the gleaming white of Tufted). A really smart bird and the American vagrant we had been hoping for! We walked round the far side to get some closer views, but the light was really poor and eventually it tucked up and went to sleep.

Moving on, buoyed by our Nearctic duck success, we checked a really nice area of open woodland on the edge of Kirkwall for passerines. It was really quiet, which was quite frustrating because the habitat just oozed rarity! A few **Redwing** and another **Blackcap** were the only real migrants we had to show for our efforts here, so we decided to continue out to West Mainland. As we approached Aikerness beach on the north side of the island we could see large numbers of Icelandic Greylags

feeding in stubble, and among them were a **Pink-footed Goose** and two smart **Barnacle Geese**, no doubt having tagged along with them on their journey. A couple of Reed Bunting and a **Twite** were around the car park while a real surprise on the beach came in the form of a splendid adult **Arctic Tern**. Two **Great Northern Divers** and a scattering of common waders were other items of note here. After touring round a couple of lochs in the north-west of the island we finally settled back at Loch of Stenness where we had seen the **Greater Scaup** flock last week. The birds were closer to the road today and in the now inclement weather we managed to shelter behind the van and get some really good scope views. There were five **Slavonian Grebes** with them too, plus a tricky looking Aythya showing some Lesser Scaup traits, but closer views revealed it to be too big in the body, and a little dark backed so we figured it was most likely a Scaup x Tufted hybrid. Our birding time in the islands was now up and we trundled back to South Ronaldsay for a final meal at the Sands before heading up to Kirkwall for the ferry.



Ring-necked Duck in Kirkwall



## **SATURDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

After arrival into Aberdeen on time at 7am we were soon off the ferry and on our way back south. An excellent journey saw us back in Lockerbie by 1130 and on to Norfolk by 1730.

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**Glaucous Gull by Sean O'Hara**



**Redwing in the hand at Holland House**

| #  | Common Name                                        | Scientific name             |  | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |  | Comments |
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|    | <b>Anatidae (Ducks, Geese, and Waterfowl)</b>      |                             |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 1  | Greylag Goose                                      | <i>Anser anser</i>          |  | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  |    |  |          |
| 2  | Pink-footed Goose                                  | <i>Anser brachyrhynchus</i> |  | ■ |   |   |   | ■  | ■  | ■  |    | ■  |    |  |          |
| 3  | Barnacle Goose                                     | <i>Branta leucopsis</i>     |  | ■ | ■ | ■ |   | ■  |    | ■  |    | ■  |    |  |          |
| 4  | Canada Goose                                       | <i>Branta canadensis</i>    |  | ■ |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 5  | Mute Swan                                          | <i>Cygnus olor</i>          |  | ■ | ■ |   |   |    |    |    | ■  | ■  |    |  |          |
| 6  | Whooper Swan                                       | <i>Cygnus cygnus</i>        |  | ■ | ■ |   |   | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  |    |  |          |
| 7  | Common Shelduck                                    | <i>Tadorna tadorna</i>      |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 8  | Northern Shoveler                                  | <i>Spatula clypeata</i>     |  |   |   |   | ■ | ■  | ■  | ■  |    | ■  |    |  |          |
| 9  | Gadwall                                            | <i>Mareca strepera</i>      |  |   | ■ |   |   |    |    |    | ■  | ■  |    |  |          |
| 10 | Eurasian Wigeon                                    | <i>Mareca penelope</i>      |  | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  |    |  |          |
| 11 | Mallard                                            | <i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>   |  | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  |    |  |          |
| 12 | Northern Pintail                                   | <i>Anas acuta</i>           |  |   |   |   | ■ | ■  |    | ■  |    |    |    |  |          |
| 13 | Eurasian Teal                                      | <i>Anas crecca</i>          |  | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  |    |  |          |
| 14 | Common Pochard                                     | <i>Aythya ferina</i>        |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    | ■  | ■  |    |  |          |
| 15 | Tufted Duck                                        | <i>Aythya fuligula</i>      |  | ■ | ■ |   | ■ | ■  |    | ■  | ■  | ■  |    |  |          |
| 16 | Greater Scaup                                      | <i>Aythya marila</i>        |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    | ■  | ■  |    |  |          |
| 17 | Common Eider                                       | <i>Somateria mollissima</i> |  | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  |    |  |          |
| 18 | Common Scoter                                      | <i>Melanitta nigra</i>      |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 19 | Long-tailed Duck                                   | <i>Clangula hyemalis</i>    |  |   | ■ |   |   |    | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  |    |  |          |
| 20 | Common Goldeneye                                   | <i>Bucephala clangula</i>   |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    | ■  |    |  |          |
| 21 | Red-breasted Merganser                             | <i>Mergus serrator</i>      |  | ■ | ■ |   |   |    | ■  |    | ■  | ■  |    |  |          |
|    | <b>Phasianidae (Pheasants, Grouse, and Allies)</b> |                             |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 22 | Red-legged Partridge                               | <i>Alectoris rufa</i>       |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 23 | Common Pheasant                                    | <i>Phasianus colchicus</i>  |  |   | ■ | ■ |   |    |    |    | ■  | ■  |    |  |          |
|    | <b>Gaviidae and Podicipedidae (Grebes)</b>         |                             |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 24 | Red-throated Diver                                 | <i>Gavia stellata</i>       |  |   | ■ | ■ |   | ■  | ■  |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 25 | Great Northern Diver                               | <i>Gavia immer</i>          |  |   |   | ■ |   | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  |    |  |          |

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| 26                                                                                    | Little Grebe           | <i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>    |  |   | ▪ |   |   |    |    |    | ▪  |    |    |  |          |
| 27                                                                                    | Great Crested Grebe    | <i>Podiceps cristatus</i>        |  | ▪ |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 28                                                                                    | Slavonian Grebe        | <i>Podiceps auritus</i>          |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    | ▪  | ▪  |    |  |          |
| <b><i>Procellariidae and Sulidae (Shearwaters, Petrels and Gannets)</i></b>           |                        |                                  |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 29                                                                                    | Northern Fulmar        | <i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>        |  |   |   |   | ▪ |    | ▪  | ▪  |    |    |    |  |          |
| 30                                                                                    | Sooty Shearwater       | <i>Ardenna grisea</i>            |  |   |   | ▪ | ▪ |    | ▪  |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 31                                                                                    | Manx Shearwater        | <i>Puffinus puffinus</i>         |  | ▪ |   | ▪ | ▪ |    | ▪  |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 32                                                                                    | European Storm-Petrel  | <i>Hydrobates pelagicus</i>      |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 33                                                                                    | Northern Gannet        | <i>Morus bassanus</i>            |  | ▪ | ▪ | ▪ | ▪ | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  |    |  |          |
| <b><i>Phalacrocoracidae (Cormorants and Shags)</i></b>                                |                        |                                  |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 34                                                                                    | Great Cormorant        | <i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>       |  | ▪ | ▪ | ▪ | ▪ | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  |    |  |          |
| 35                                                                                    | European Shag          | <i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i> |  | ▪ | ▪ | ▪ | ▪ | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  |    |  |          |
| <b><i>Ardeidae (Heron, Egrets, and Bitterns)</i></b>                                  |                        |                                  |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 36                                                                                    | Grey Heron             | <i>Ardea cinerea</i>             |  | ▪ |   | ▪ |   | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  |    |  |          |
|                                                                                       |                        |                                  |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 37                                                                                    | Hen Harrier            | <i>Circus cyaneus</i>            |  |   | ▪ | ▪ | ▪ | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  |    |  |          |
| 38                                                                                    | Eurasian Sparrowhawk   | <i>Accipiter nisus</i>           |  | ▪ | ▪ |   |   |    |    |    |    | ▪  |    |  |          |
| 39                                                                                    | Common Buzzard         | <i>Buteo buteo</i>               |  | ▪ |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| <b><i>Rallidae (Rails, Coots)</i></b>                                                 |                        |                                  |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 40                                                                                    | Water Rail             | <i>Rallus aquaticus</i>          |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 41                                                                                    | Common Moorhen         | <i>Gallinula chloropus</i>       |  |   |   | ▪ |   | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  |    |  |          |
| 42                                                                                    | Eurasian Coot          | <i>Fulica atra</i>               |  | ▪ |   |   |   |    |    | ▪  |    |    |    |  |          |
| <b><i>Recurvirostridae and Charadriidae (Stilts, Avocets, Plovers and allies)</i></b> |                        |                                  |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 43                                                                                    | Eurasian Oystercatcher | <i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>     |  | ▪ | ▪ | ▪ | ▪ | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  |    |  |          |
| 44                                                                                    | Grey Plover            | <i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>      |  |   |   | ▪ |   |    | ▪  |    | ▪  |    |    |  |          |
| 45                                                                                    | European Golden Plover | <i>Pluvialis apricaria</i>       |  |   | ▪ | ▪ | ▪ | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  |    |  |          |
| 46                                                                                    | Northern Lapwing       | <i>Vanellus vanellus</i>         |  | ▪ | ▪ | ▪ | ▪ | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  |    |  |          |
| 47                                                                                    | Common Ringed Plover   | <i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>      |  | ▪ |   | ▪ | ▪ | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  |    |  |          |

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|    | <b><i>Scolopacidae (Sandpipers and Allies)</i></b> |                                   |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 48 | Whimbrel                                           | <i>Numenius phaeopus</i>          |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 49 | Eurasian Curlew                                    | <i>Numenius arquata</i>           |  | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  |    |  |          |
| 50 | Bar-tailed Godwit                                  | <i>Limosa lapponica</i>           |  | ■ |   | ■ | ■ | ■  | ■  |    | ■  |    |    |  |          |
| 51 | Black-tailed Godwit                                | <i>Limosa limosa</i>              |  |   | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  |    |  |          |
| 52 | Ruddy Turnstone                                    | <i>Arenaria interpres</i>         |  | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  |    |  |          |
| 53 | Red Knot                                           | <i>Calidris canutus</i>           |  | ■ |   |   |   |    |    |    | ■  |    |    |  |          |
| 54 | Ruff                                               | <i>Calidris pugnax</i>            |  |   | ■ |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 55 | Sanderling                                         | <i>Calidris alba</i>              |  | ■ |   | ■ | ■ | ■  | ■  | ■  |    | ■  |    |  |          |
| 56 | Dunlin                                             | <i>Calidris alpina</i>            |  | ■ |   | ■ | ■ | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  |    |  |          |
| 57 | Purple Sandpiper                                   | <i>Calidris maritima</i>          |  |   | ■ | ■ |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 58 | Little Stint                                       | <i>Calidris minuta</i>            |  |   |   | ■ |   | ■  |    | ■  |    |    |    |  |          |
| 59 | Jack Snipe                                         | <i>Lymnocyptes minimus</i>        |  |   |   |   |   | ■  |    | ■  |    |    |    |  |          |
| 60 | Eurasian Woodcock                                  | <i>Scolopax rusticola</i>         |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 61 | Common Snipe                                       | <i>Gallinago gallinago</i>        |  |   | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  |    |  |          |
| 62 | Common Greenshank                                  | <i>Tringa nebularia</i>           |  | H |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 63 | Common Redshank                                    | <i>Tringa totanus</i>             |  | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  |    |  |          |
|    | <b><i>Laridae (Skuas, Gulls and Terns)</i></b>     |                                   |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 64 | Great Skua                                         | <i>Stercorarius skua</i>          |  |   |   |   | ■ |    |    |    | ■  |    |    |  |          |
| 65 | Arctic Skua                                        | <i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>   |  |   |   |   |   |    | ■  |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 66 | Common Guillemot                                   | <i>Uria aalge</i>                 |  | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■  |    | ■  | ■  | ■  |    |  |          |
| 67 | Razorbill                                          | <i>Alca torda</i>                 |  | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  |    |  |          |
| 68 | Black Guillemot                                    | <i>Cephus grylle</i>              |  |   | ■ |   | ■ | ■  | ■  |    | ■  | ■  |    |  |          |
| 69 | Atlantic Puffin                                    | <i>Fratercula arctica</i>         |  | ■ |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 70 | Black-legged Kittiwake                             | <i>Rissa tridactyla</i>           |  | ■ |   | ■ | ■ |    | ■  | ■  |    | ■  |    |  |          |
| 71 | Black-headed Gull                                  | <i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i> |  | ■ | ■ |   | ■ | ■  | ■  |    | ■  | ■  |    |  |          |
| 72 | Glaucous Gull                                      | <i>Larus hyperboreus</i>          |  |   |   |   |   |    | ■  |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 73 | Iceland Gull                                       | <i>Larus glaucoides</i>           |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |

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| 74                                         | Common Gull              | <i>Larus canus</i>           |  | ▪ | ▪ | ▪ | ▪ | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  |    |  |          |
| 75                                         | Herring Gull             | <i>Larus argentatus</i>      |  | ▪ | ▪ | ▪ | ▪ | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  |    |  |          |
| 76                                         | Lesser Black-backed Gull | <i>Larus fuscus</i>          |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 77                                         | Great Black-backed Gull  | <i>Larus marinus</i>         |  | ▪ | ▪ | ▪ | ▪ | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  |    |  |          |
| 78                                         | Arctic Tern              | <i>Sterna paradisaea</i>     |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    | ▪  |    |  |          |
| <b>Columbidae (Pigeons and Doves)</b>      |                          |                              |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 79                                         | Rock Dove                | <i>Columba livia</i>         |  |   | ▪ |   | ▪ | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  |    |  |          |
| 80                                         | Common Woodpigeon        | <i>Columba palumbus</i>      |  | ▪ | ▪ |   |   |    |    |    |    | ▪  |    |  |          |
| 81                                         | Collared Dove            | <i>Streptopelia decaocto</i> |  | ▪ | ▪ |   |   |    |    |    |    | ▪  |    |  |          |
| <b>Tytonidae and Strigidae (Owls)</b>      |                          |                              |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 82                                         | Long-eared Owl           | <i>Asio otus</i>             |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 83                                         | Short-eared Owl          | <i>Asio flammeus</i>         |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| <b>Picidae (Woodpeckers)</b>               |                          |                              |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 84                                         | Eurasian Wryneck         | <i>Jynx torquilla</i>        |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| <b>Falconidae (Falcons and Caracaras)</b>  |                          |                              |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 85                                         | Common Kestrel           | <i>Falco tinnunculus</i>     |  | ▪ | ▪ |   |   |    |    |    |    | ▪  |    |  |          |
| 86                                         | Merlin                   | <i>Falco columbarius</i>     |  |   |   |   | ▪ |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 87                                         | Peregrine Falcon         | <i>Falco peregrinus</i>      |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| <b>Corvidae (Crows, Jays, and Magpies)</b> |                          |                              |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 88                                         | Eurasian Jackdaw         | <i>Corvus monedula</i>       |  | ▪ | ▪ |   |   |    |    |    | ▪  | ▪  |    |  |          |
| 89                                         | Rook                     | <i>Corvus frugilegus</i>     |  | ▪ | ▪ |   |   |    |    |    | ▪  | ▪  |    |  |          |
| 90                                         | Carrion Crow             | <i>Corvus corone</i>         |  | ▪ | ▪ |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 91                                         | Hooded Crow              | <i>Corvus cornix</i>         |  |   | ▪ | ▪ | ▪ | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  |    |  |          |
| 92                                         | Common Raven             | <i>Corvus corax</i>          |  |   | ▪ | ▪ | ▪ | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  |    |  |          |
| <b>Alaudidae (Larks)</b>                   |                          |                              |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 93                                         | Eurasian Skylark         | <i>Alauda arvensis</i>       |  |   | ▪ | ▪ | ▪ | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  |    |  |          |
| <b>Hirundinidae (Swallows)</b>             |                          |                              |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 94                                         | Barn Swallow             | <i>Hirundo rustica</i>       |  |   | ▪ |   |   | ▪  |    | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  |    |  |          |

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|     | <b>Troglodytidae and Regulidae (Wrens and Kinglets)</b> |                                   |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 95  | Eurasian Wren                                           | <i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>    |  |   |   | ▪ |   | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  |    |  |          |
| 96  | Goldcrest                                               | <i>Regulus regulus</i>            |  |   | ▪ | ▪ |   |    |    |    | ▪  | ▪  |    |  |          |
|     | <b>Phylloscopidae (Leaf Warblers)</b>                   |                                   |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 97  | Willow Warbler                                          | <i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>     |  |   |   | ▪ |   | ▪  |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 98  | Common Chiffchaff                                       | <i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>     |  |   |   | ▪ |   |    |    | ▪  |    |    |    |  |          |
| 99  | Yellow-browed Warbler                                   | <i>Phylloscopus inornatus</i>     |  |   | H | ▪ |   | ▪  |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
|     | <b>Sylviidae (Sylviid Warblers)</b>                     |                                   |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 100 | Sedge Warbler                                           | <i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i> |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 101 | Eurasian Reed Warbler                                   | <i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>    |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 102 | Eurasian Blackcap                                       | <i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>         |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    | ▪  |    |  |          |
| 103 | Garden Warbler                                          | <i>Sylvia borin</i>               |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 104 | Barred Warbler                                          | <i>Sylvia nisoria</i>             |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 105 | Lesser Whitethroat                                      | <i>Sylvia curruca</i>             |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 106 | Common Whitethroat                                      | <i>Sylvia communis</i>            |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
|     | <b>Muscicapidae (Old World Flycatchers)</b>             |                                   |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 107 | Spotted Flycatcher                                      | <i>Muscicapa striata</i>          |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 108 | European Robin                                          | <i>Erithacus rubecula</i>         |  |   |   | ▪ |   | ▪  |    | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  |    |  |          |
| 109 | Red-breasted Flycatcher                                 | <i>Ficedula parva</i>             |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 110 | European Pied Flycatcher                                | <i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>         |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 111 | Common Redstart                                         | <i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>    |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 112 | Black Redstart                                          | <i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>       |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 113 | Whinchat                                                | <i>Saxicola rubetra</i>           |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 114 | European Stonechat                                      | <i>Saxicola rubicola</i>          |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    | ▪  |    |    |  |          |
| 115 | Northern Wheatear                                       | <i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>          |  |   |   | ▪ |   | ▪  | ▪  |    | ▪  |    |    |  |          |
|     | <b>Turdidae and Sturnidae (Thrushes and Starlings)</b>  |                                   |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 116 | Ring Ouzel                                              | <i>Turdus torquatus</i>           |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 117 | Eurasian Blackbird                                      | <i>Turdus merula</i>              |  | ▪ | ▪ | ▪ | ▪ | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  |    |  |          |

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| 118 | Fieldfare                                                   | <i>Turdus pilaris</i>           |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    | ▪  |    |  |          |
| 119 | Redwing                                                     | <i>Turdus iliacus</i>           |  |   | ▪ | ▪ | ▪ | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  |    |  |          |
| 120 | Song Thrush                                                 | <i>Turdus philomelos</i>        |  |   |   | ▪ |   | ▪  |    | ▪  |    | ▪  |    |  |          |
| 121 | Common Starling                                             | <i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>         |  | ▪ | ▪ | ▪ | ▪ | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  |    |  |          |
|     | <b><i>Prunellidae (Accentors)</i></b>                       |                                 |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 122 | Dunnock                                                     | <i>Prunella modularis</i>       |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    | ▪  | ▪  |    |  |          |
|     | <b><i>Motacillidae (Wagtails and Pipits)</i></b>            |                                 |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 123 | Grey Wagtail                                                | <i>Motacilla cinerea</i>        |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 124 | Pied Wagtail                                                | <i>Motacilla alba</i>           |  | ▪ | ▪ | ▪ | ▪ | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  |    |  |          |
| 125 | Meadow Pipit                                                | <i>Anthus pratensis</i>         |  | ▪ | ▪ | ▪ | ▪ | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  |    |  |          |
| 126 | Tree Pipit                                                  | <i>Anthus trivialis</i>         |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 127 | Rock Pipit                                                  | <i>Anthus petrosus</i>          |  |   | ▪ | ▪ | ▪ | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  |    |  |          |
|     | <b><i>Emberizidae (Old World Buntings)</i></b>              |                                 |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 128 | Lapland Bunting                                             | <i>Calcarius lapponicus</i>     |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 129 | Snow Bunting                                                | <i>Plectrophenax nivalis</i>    |  |   |   | ▪ | ▪ | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  |    |    |    |  |          |
| 130 | Common Reed Bunting                                         | <i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>     |  |   | ▪ | ▪ |   | ▪  |    |    | ▪  | ▪  |    |  |          |
|     | <b><i>Fringillidae (Finches, Euphonias, and Allies)</i></b> |                                 |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 131 | Common Chaffinch                                            | <i>Fringilla coelebs</i>        |  |   | ▪ |   |   |    |    |    |    | ▪  |    |  |          |
| 132 | Brambling                                                   | <i>Fringilla montifringilla</i> |  |   | ▪ |   |   | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  |    | ▪  |    |  |          |
| 133 | Common Rosefinch                                            | <i>Carpodacus erythrinus</i>    |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 134 | European Greenfinch                                         | <i>Chloris chloris</i>          |  |   | ▪ |   |   |    |    |    | ▪  |    |    |  |          |
| 135 | Twite                                                       | <i>Linaria flavirostris</i>     |  |   |   | ▪ |   |    |    | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  |    |  |          |
| 136 | Common Linnet                                               | <i>Linaria cannabina</i>        |  |   | ▪ | ▪ | ▪ | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  |    |  |          |
| 137 | Common Redpoll                                              | <i>Acanthis flammea</i>         |  |   |   | ▪ |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 138 | Lesser Redpoll                                              | <i>Acanthis cabaret</i>         |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 139 | Common Crossbill                                            | <i>Loxia curvirostra</i>        |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 140 | European Goldfinch                                          | <i>Carduelis carduelis</i>      |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 141 | Eurasian Siskin                                             | <i>Spinus spinus</i>            |  |   |   |   |   |    |    | ▪  |    | ▪  |    |  |          |

| #   | Common Name                            | Scientific name          |  | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |  | Comments |
|-----|----------------------------------------|--------------------------|--|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|--|----------|
|     | <b>Passeridae (Old World Sparrows)</b> |                          |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 142 | House Sparrow                          | <i>Passer domesticus</i> |  | ▪ | ▪ | ▪ | ▪ | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  | ▪  |    |  |          |
|     | <b>ADDITIONAL SPECIES</b>              |                          |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 143 | Red-necked Grebe                       |                          |  | ▪ |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 144 | Black-necked Grebe                     |                          |  | ▪ |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 145 | Pallid Harrier                         |                          |  |   | ▪ |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 146 | Hornemann's Arctic Redpoll             |                          |  |   |   | ▪ |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 147 | Turtle Dove                            |                          |  |   |   | ▪ |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 148 | Red-necked Phalarope                   |                          |  |   | ▪ |   | ▪ | ▪  |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 149 | Grey Phalarope                         |                          |  |   | ▪ |   | ▪ |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 150 | Curlew Sandpiper                       |                          |  |   |   | ▪ | ▪ |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 151 | Great Snipe                            |                          |  |   |   |   |   | ▪  | ▪  |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 182 | Ring-necked Duck                       |                          |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    | ▪  |    |  |          |
| 183 |                                        |                          |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 184 |                                        |                          |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 185 |                                        |                          |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
|     |                                        |                          |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| #   | Other wildlife                         |                          |  | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |  | Comments |
| 1   | Risso's Dolphin                        |                          |  |   |   | ▪ |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 2   | Minke Whale                            |                          |  |   |   |   |   |    | ▪  |    |    |    |    |  |          |
| 3   | Orca                                   |                          |  |   |   |   |   |    | ▪  |    |    |    |    |  |          |