



TOUR REPORT
SHETLAND
23RD MAY – 1ST JUNE 2023

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TUESDAY 23RD MAY – *Light westerly winds and sunny spells, 14C*

The second day of travelling for all of us today with those of us having left Norfolk in the van the previous lunchtime staying overnight near Lockerbie, while those going up by train had broken their journey north in Edinburgh or Aberdeen itself. For the three of us travelling by road, we had a couple of hours birding in the early afternoon at Ythan Estuary, a little way north of Aberdeen. The regular returning drake **King Eider** had reappeared a few days ago – would today finally be the time we would see it after countless ‘dips’ of the bird spanning over a decade?! We parked up at Newburgh and walked down to the edge of the estuary, with the tide just on the turn to flood. Masses of terns could be seen over the breeding colony and channel, with large groups bathing in the water and some resting on the islands. **Sandwich Tern** and **Arctic Tern** were the two predominant species, but we also picked a single **Common Tern** out and saw a couple of **Little Terns** too. **Common Eiders** were of course everywhere here, with the males giving their ‘ooo-oooh’ calls as they displayed occasionally to the watching females. Large numbers were asleep on the sand above the tide mark, including one small group tucked just out of view around the corner – always the most likely place for the rarity to be! We walked on to check this small group and there sat at the front was the drake **King Eider**! No too inspiring while asleep, but at least we had it and it was close too. With the water rising fast we figured it would eventually have to move, and sure enough it woke up and moved a few feet up the sandbank before promptly going back to sleep again! A cracking bird!



King Eider at Ythan Estuary, 23rd May

Heading back around to the inner part of the estuary there were lots of small waders to be seen with flocks being pushed up to us by the incoming tide. These were predominantly **Dunlin** (rusty backed and long-billed birds of the *alpina* race, bound for the Arctic) and **Ringed Plover** (of the darker backed, smaller *tundrae* race). Amongst them were a couple of **Sanderling** too, looking very smart in their rusty red summer plumage. We enjoyed more views of the terns, and saw two drake **Goosanders**, before wandering back through the coconut-scented swathes of gorse where **Willow Warbler**, **Whitethroat** and **Sedge Warbler** could be heard singing. By now it was 2.30pm and time to make the half hour drive back to Aberdeen ferry terminal to meet the rest of the ‘crew’ and embark on the 1700 sailing to Lerwick on Shetland. There were plenty of seabirds to see on the way out – **Gannets**, **Kittiwakes** and **Guillemots** being most common, but also a few **Fulmar**, **Arctic Tern**,

Sandwich Tern, Razorbill and a **Great Skua** too. Two **Bottle-nosed Dolphins** and a **Harbour Porpoise** made for a fairly productive hours watch before we retired below deck for dinner and an early night.

WEDNESDAY 24TH MAY – *Dry day in strong SW winds, 12C*

We arrived into Lerwick at 0730 this morning and after a couple of pit stops for fuel and lunch provisions, we were on our way for our first taste of Shetland birding. Wester Quarff was our first stop, with **Curlews** bubbling all around the valley as we wandered down to check the well vegetated gardens. No passerines around, but the Shetland race of **Wren** was singing its heart out and there were a few Rock Doves about. At Channerwick it was more sheltered and the bay held two summer plumaged **Great Northern Divers**, with three **Whimbrel** flying over whinnying. One feature everywhere we stopped today was the **Arctic Tern** – so lovely to see them bouncing along in every bay we scanned, and to hear their calls every time we got out of the van. Loch Tingwall next and a productive stop here produced **Whooper Swan, Teal** and a couple of **Goldeneye** and the south end and a cracking pair of **Red-throated Divers** at the north end. A fine drake **Scaup** was present here too and gave us good views, and we also enjoyed displaying **Red-breasted Mergansers** and three summery **Black-tailed Godwits** were in the fields.

Moving west, we headed around Whiteness where the voe held three **Puffins** and a **Black Guillemot**, with Weisdale producing four **Goosander** and superb views of another brace of close **Red-throated Divers**. Then up to Sandgarth where we lunched in the relative shelter of the valley before taking a walk around the garden and plantation. Again no passerines to be seen, and a nesting **Sparrowhawk** was about the highlight. The voe beyond held another couple of **Wigeon** and a few other common bits. Mid-afternoon saw us take a drive up beyond Vidlin to Lunna, and here we found a pair of **Golden Plover** by the roadside which had at least one chick. It was very hard to see the chick as the adults wouldn't let it come out of the heather while we were there, but we had superb views of the parent birds which were right next to the road.



Golden Plover near Lunna, 24th May

Winding our way north-west via Voe and Brae, we crossed Mavis Grind onto Northmavine and headed on up to Esha Ness. It was exposed and windy out here but the sun was trying its best! Another **Red-throated Diver** was seen and at the lighthouse, a pale phase **Arctic Skua** flew by. **Fulmars** were nesting in the geo there and we marvelled at the swell thundering into the rocks with the sea a boiling mass of foam. Four **Ringed Plover** and two smart **Dunlin** were feeding on the clifftop by the lighthouse, and we also saw **Rock Pipit** there. Finally on the moorland nearby, we had superb close views of a **Whimbrel** right beside a minor road – a first for all of us to see this rare breeding UK breeding bird in nesting habitat. Onwards to Hillswick then where we would be based for the next three nights.



Whimbrel at Eshaness

THURSDAY 25TH MAY – *Strong westerly winds and showers, 10C*

We had a nearly breakfast today in preparation for our trip up to Fetlar, first taking the 0845 ferry onto Yell. We had a couple of hours birding here before our next ferry and so started with a slow drive along the south and then east side of the island. Roadside birds included a couple of brief **Twite**, **Red-breasted Mergansers** displaying, **Red-throated Diver** and both Common and **Arctic Terns**. A diversion to Gossabrough yielded a smart group of summery **Sanderling** on the white sand beach in the cove there, and then a load of rain bustling through on the freezing wind which saw us huddle back in the van for coffee and chocolate biscuits! Continuing north up the island, we had time to detour along the north coast a bit to Cullivoe where a nice highlight was a boggy field full of waders. A pair of **Golden Plover** were obviously nesting close by and were trying to escort a migrant flock of **Tundra Ringed Plovers** off the premises! The ringos weren't bothered though and continued scurrying around among the flowers, joined by a pair of 'local' birds which were clearly larger and much paler sandier brown above. A rare chance to compare these races side by side with the *tundrae* still on their northbound migration.



Common Tern at Toft

Catching the ferry to Fetlar we saw various common seabirds en route such as **Guillemot**, **Razorbill**, **Puffin**, **Kittiwake**, **Gannet** and **Black Guillemot**. Our quest for our time on this island would be to try and find **Red-necked Phalaropes**, with a healthy breeding population on the various mires and small lochans on the isle. Our first stop overlooking an area of marshy ground with small vegetated pools immediately yielded a result with a smart female **Red-necked Phalarope** swimming into view. Over the next half hour views were frequent but often tantalising, as they would pop out into view momentarily only to quickly swim into thick cover and disappear. We think we saw four birds, all female, though we never saw more than two at a time! In the end one bird swam into open water and sat still for long enough for everyone to enjoy some superb scope views. In the bag as they say!

Moving on we wanted to lunch by a small cove where we had been told phalaropes had been feeding in the surf close to the beach in recent days. There was no sign but it was a lovely spot to sit and eat our sandwiches in the now sunny weather! Towards the end of lunch though, two **Red-necked Phalaropes** flew in and gave us brilliant views as they picked frantically among the wavelets – we even saw them mating briefly before leaving them to it and driving on to Funzie. Here we walked to the RSPB hide, seeing **Snipe** up close, but little else. The loch though held five **Red-throated Divers** and what views – they were right by the parking area and close to the shore, meaning mega views and quite a marked difference visible between one massive male and what appeared to be all females.

There was time for a quick stop at Tresta on the way back, where we had good views of **Great Skuas** cruising about and **Arctic Terns** sitting on the beach. Our 1530 return ferry travelled via Unst and then back to Yell, with the highlight being a feeding group of Gannets plunging in next to the ferry but also **Razorbills**, **Guillemots**, **Black Guillemots** and **Kittiwakes** again. We crossed Yell and then ferried back over to mainland, reaching Hillswick at 1740.



Red-necked Phalaropes, Fetlar



Red-necked Phalaropes

FRIDAY 26TH MAY – *Fresh westerly winds and overcast, 12C*

We were back on the ferries again today for a day's birding on Unst, the most northerly isle in Britain. Catching the 0915 Toft-Ulsta ferry and tanking it across Yell to make the 1000 to Belmont, we then had the whole day to enjoy on the island at a relaxed pace. Our day had started though with great views of two **Otters** outside the hotel in Hillswick before breakfast, and in fact these were the first of four we would see today. The third was briefly by the Toft ferry terminal, where a pair of **Common Terns** were also seen. Once on Unst, we headed straight up towards Norwick at the north end but first made a slight detour for a calling **Quail** which had been reported in recent days. We heard the bird really well but of course didn't see it! Six **Greenland Wheatears** in the fields were at last a migrant passerine on the board, and an **Arctic Skua** cruised by too.



Common Eiders at Norwick Beach

Up at Norwick, we parked by the beach where **Eiders** were having a wash and brush up close inshore and a small gathering of gulls included a young **Kittiwake**. Valyie and surrounds was really quiet – there were just no migrants of any description around and our wait for a warbler of any sort continued! Lunching at Hermaness car park, where there were already plenty of **Great Skuas** floating by and bathing in the loch below, we then embarked on a 2.5hr hike up to the west cliffs. Most of the trail over the moorland is serviced by an excellent boardwalk but it's still a fair old drag of around 4 miles in total to get to the cliffs and back – though what a fantastic place it is! **Great Skuas**, though much reduced in number by the ongoing HPAI outbreak, were seen at very close quarters and the wonderful blanket bog habitat was also home to lots of **Skylarks** and singing **Dunlin**. Four **Whimbrel** flew over whinnying, maybe destined for yet more northerly climes. Reaching the cliffs the views north to Muckle Flugga were spectacular and thousands of **Gannets** and **Fulmars** were hanging on the wind and riding the updrafts. Smaller numbers of auks including a few **Puffins** were also seen, but it was the eye level views of the **Gannets** that really stole the show.

Back at the car park around 3.30pm we had time to have a drive around Baltasound, noting a few common waders and ducks, and then Uyeasound. Finally Westing was our last port of call, and here a couple of superb **Turnstones** and an **Otter** fishing in the bay rounded off the day nicely. The ferry

journeys back across Yell yielded yet more seabirds and we were eventually back in Hillswick at 7.15pm at the end of a long day.



Red-throated Divers

SATURDAY 27TH MAY – *Rain and strong SW winds clearing to sunshine later, 10C*

A tough mornings weather today with strong winds, low cloud and persistent drizzly rain making life a bit of a challenge – but it wouldn't be Shetland without some weather! We departed Hillswick and headed south, stopping at a few locations as we went such as East Burra, where we had a summery **Great Northern Diver** and frequented one of Shetlands now famous 'Cake Fridge's' – this one dubbed Marinas Kitchen Cabinet. A little shed full of treats and an honesty box which had everyone's eyes out on stalks! After clearing the fridge we headed further south to Levenwick, where it rained really hard but we had nice views of three **Twite** and there were the usual **Black Guillemots** and a **Razorbill** in the bay. Scatness next and to try for a drake **American Wigeon** that had been around for the last few days on and off. Horrible weather driving in our faces here had us waiting in the van, eating lunch and hoping for it to clear, which it suddenly did and within minutes it was blue sky and sunshine! The **American Wigeon** showed well, seemingly paired up to a Eurasian Wigeon female, and there was a drake **Garganey** almost in the same scope view. A few other bits here included **Gadwall** and **Kittiwake**, with **Great Skuas** making frequent passes through to the headland.

News then came through that five Orca had passed the west side of Sumburgh Head about an hour or so previously – we decided to take a punt and drive to Grutness pier, and walk out onto the head to view the mouth of the voe in case they had gone round the head and back up the east side. There was no sign, but we enjoyed watching the **Arctic Terns**, **Ringed Plovers** with tiny fluffy chicks and a few **Sanderling** on the voe beach. With the sun now fully out we headed up to Hilwell, where a **Wood Sandpiper** had been seen. We picked the bird up working its way unobtrusively along the shoreline – distant views but clear enough. Moorhen, Shelduck and 15 **Whooper Swans** were also seen here. Back to Virkie then, for the rising tide and a plethora of small waders. Rusty **Sanderling** in

summer plumage, masses of **Tundra Ringed Plovers** (at least 100) and a few **Dunlin**, with some more good views of **Great Skua** cruising about too.



Twite – a common bird in Shetland

After dinner we had a real treat in store as we headed down to Leebotten for just after 10pm, in order to join the Mousa Boat to head across to the island of Mousa for the **Storm Petrel** trip. After the ten minute boat ride we had about a 20 minute walk across the island to the 2500 year old iron age broch which stands on the shore at the east side of the island, and whose walls are home to some of the 12,000 pairs of **European Storm Petrels** that breed on Mousa – the UK's biggest colony. The first birds started arriving to the broch around 11.15pm and over the next hour we watched them whizzing round the outside of the broch at breakneck speed, but pausing and hanging on the wind as they searched for their holes and allowing good binocular views. Inside the broch, their mechanical calls could be heard emanating from the stonework and there were even one or two whizzing around inside. It was soon half past midnight and time to hike back to the boat, which had us ashore by 1.15am and back to the hotel by half past. A late night but fantastic experience!

SUNDAY 28TH MAY – *Light westerly winds and sunny spells, 14C*

Our fairest day of weather on the trip so far and so after a late breakfast (following last night's excursions) we set off about 10am to check some sites for passerines. Geosetter was first up and didn't instill much confidence that we would see a warbler at last today – zero migrants there but we did disturb a young **Otter** off the wooden footbridge! At Maywick we fared better, with a female **Blackcap** and **Chiffchaff** in two of the wooded gardens along the valley and a brief **Redwing** which two of us saw flying off. The wick was sheltered and offshore there was a feeding frenzy going on with diving **Gannets**, **Arctic Terns** and **Kittiwakes** plus both **Bonxies** and **Arctic Skuas** chasing birds around. A **Golden Plover** was displaying high overhead, with its amazing slow-motion wingbeats.

Down at St Ninian's Bay, it was really beautiful with the sun out and a cracking full summer **Great Northern Diver** was close in off the south side of the tombolo beach. Walking down for closer views we also found a drake **Common Scoter**, and then a female **Long-tailed Duck**! Well worth the walk! As we drove out of the valley to Scousbrough, a message pinged up that a **White-tailed Eagle** was over Bakkasetter and heading north – right on our trajectory! Within thirty seconds we were at the first available high point on the road and scanned from the van, instantly picking the bird up circling distantly and mobbed by **Ravens**. We bailed out and scoped the eagle as it soared slowly around before it drifted off north to the east side of Mossy Hill. A real bonus!

Next we headed around to the north end of Spiggie Loch, to look for a Spotted Redshank. There was no sign of the bird but we decided to have lunch there anyway as it was such a beautiful spot. Lots of **Great Skuas** were bathing in the loch and we noted a couple of **Whooper Swans** and five **Black-tailed Godwits**. We gave up on the 'shank, and headed to the north end of Spiggie only for the bird to immediately be reported as present again, so we went back – still no sign! Maybe one for another day! Two more **Long-tailed Ducks** were from the Spiggie hide, and we had our first **Sand Martins** of the trip buzzing around that area too. Heading north via Ringasta we called next at Quendale, one of the premier birding spots on Shetland. We only had a short loop walk up the valley and round behind the mill but had great views of **Twite** and saw another warbler – a **Chiffchaff**!



Red-necked Phalarope – a nice surprise at Virkie in the evening

Passing Pool of Virkie on the way home the draw was too great not to stop and check and boy we were glad we did as it was on top form. Two **Knot** were sleeping as we parked up – one grey bird and one lovely red one. Sadly by the time we set the scopes up, we looked up and they were the only two waders to have completely gone and we never saw them again! Ample compensation though came in the form of a gorgeous summer adult **Little Stint** that was whizzing about on the mud from the first lay-by, giving superb direct comparisons with the rather similarly coloured **Sanderlings**.

Further along the road, we scoped the swathes of **Ringed Plover**, **Dunlin** and Sanderling noting several small flocks taking off and heading high north calling, clearly on migration. Having swept through the flocks several times, one last scan revealed a cracking female **Red-necked Phalarope** which none of us had seen arrive! It stayed for about two minutes, but was clearly nervous flying around a few times calling before finally it too went off high, this time to the west. A brilliant end to the day though.



Little Stint at Pool of Virkie

MONDAY 29TH MAY – *Fresh Westerly winds and drizzly showers, 10C*

A bit of a mad day today started with a fairly sedate pre-breakfast trip back to Virkie. We felt there could easily be a decent wader there after the passage last night but actually there were fewer birds about, presumably with most having moved north overnight. We popped down to Scatness instead and here we had much better views of the **American Wigeon**, which was out grazing on the sheep field in the north-east corner of the loch with the female Eurasian Wigeon in tow. After a quick check of Grutness, we headed back for a welcome breakfast.

The plan for a wet and miserable morning was to take a drive north, as a pod of Orca had been seen off the Yell ferry early doors and we thought that maybe they could resurface and we would be a bit closer to any necessary mad dash required! One stop added us another **Red-necked Phalarope** sighting, which was distant but enjoyed through the scopes for a good while. A pair of **Red-throated Divers** and a few other common birds such as Shelducks with a brood, Snipe, Dunlin and **Great Skua** were seen along the way. We reached Weisdale Voe and were just watching the **Goosander** there when the news of **Orcas** came in – but not what we were expecting/hoping, as they were at Sumburgh! We turned tail and dashed back south but by the time we were south of Lerwick again they had been lost out to sea. As they may have gone west, we opted to go to St Ninian's where we

had a great vista overlooking both bays, in case they came in that way. Two hours later and no sign, so we reluctantly gave up and headed back to Hoswick.

A wander down the Swinister Burn yielded our first **Sedge Warbler** of the trip, and we had another new trip bird at the aptly named Orca Inn garden – a Chaffinch! We were just strolling back when more **Orca** news came up – they were back at Sumburgh and now apparently showing well below the foghorn. Another mad dash and a frustrating final leg up to the head, as we followed a skip lorry that was going 10mph all the way up to the lighthouse! We pulled in to the lower car park and thankfully within a few minutes were watching a pod of five **Orca** cruising slowly north towards us. They came really close to the rocks and passed just below us giving mega views before slowly continuing on their way. This was a new experience for everyone in the group, to get such amazing views, and it was a mix of relief and excitement as we headed back to base at the end of a challenging but ultimately rewarding day.



Orcas off Sumburgh Head, 29th May

TUESDAY 30TH MAY – *Moderate westerly winds, overcast, 12C*

We had a big treat instore today with a trip on the Noss Boat with Shetland Seabird Tours, which was scheduled for 1245. This meant we had time beforehand to motor up to Dale of Walls and Melby area to do a bit of birding in areas we had not yet visited. The wind had finally dropped after days of strong westerlies, and in Shetland that can sometimes be enough to drop a few birds. Dale of Walls was quiet though (a singing male Rustic Bunting on Fair Isle at least proved the above prophecy to be partly correct!) and checking the last farm house and beach just produced a flock of **Turnstones** on the sheep-grazed sward by the farm. Mid Dale was equally quiet, so we continued up to Melby where the beautifully sheltered cove and beach held a few **Sanderling** and **Ringed Plover**. On the rocks below the toilet block though, a young **Otter** was feeding, rummaging among the seaweed and rocks and seemingly oblivious to a small gathered crowd (of four people!). An absolutely stonking summer plumaged **Great Northern Diver** was in the bay too and came right in by the little pier, giving us our best views yet of this species.

Heading back to Lerwick, we lunched on the Victoria Pier and then met up with Phil Harris for the two hour Noss trip. The boat is perfect for a premier wildlife viewing experience and we cruised out past close up **Eiders** and **Black Guillemots**, and even spotted Phil's first **Harbour Porpoise** of the season on the way out of Lerwick and past Bressay. There was no such difficulty spotting **Atlantic Grey Seal**, as a massive bull actually jumped on board the boat to take a fish from our skipper!! Reaching Noss, we cruised slowly under the impressive cliffs thronged with nesting seabirds, in the flat calm sea conditions. **Guillemots** were packed on the ledges and we saw the odd **Razorbill**, **Puffin** and **Kittiwake** too. It is the **Gannets** though that make the Noss trip, and after passing under the nesting birds and enjoying point blank views of them resting on the lower rocks, we stood off the cliffs and Phil started the real show. Lowering a purpose built metal chute over the side of the boat, Phil jettisons Herring down the tube which fires them down under the water – and my god what a show unfolds. **Gannets** begin to mass around the boat, diving in at breakneck speed and at touching distance, so that you can see them fire themselves underwater to try and grab a free meal. **Gannets** appear from all directions and shoot like arrows into the sea around you leaving everyone on board open-mouthed! As if that wasn't enough, we then steamed off with hundreds of Gannets in tow, plunging in behind the boat everytime Phil tossed a fish over but in the meantime hanging alongside so close you could stroke them. The whole thing was over rather quickly and we had almost ignored the fact that a couple of **Great Skuas** had also joined the party and were flying around ridiculously close harrying the **Gannets**. An amazing experience and surely one of the UKs best wildlife boat trips.



Gannets from the Noss boat, 30th May

In the latter part of the afternoon, after another quick 'cake fridge' stop at Dunrossness, we headed up to Sumburgh Head. It was finally calm enough for us to walk up to the foghorn without being blown inside out and from the top we enjoyed great views of all the nesting seabirds, which included a few **Puffins**, **Rock Pipit** and **Twite** among the Sea Thrift, clifftop **Ravens** and a fantastic view all round made it well worth the effort. Virkie 'on the way home' was checked for any interesting passage waders but it was just the usuals from recent days – lots of **Tundra Ringed Plover**, **Sanderling** and **Dunlin**. A pretty good day all round!



Otter at Melby



Stonking Great Northern Diver at Melby

WEDNESDAY 31ST MAY – *Moderate westerly winds and overcast, 11C*

Our final day in Shetland saw us wend our way gradually north from Sumburgh, checking spots along the way mainly that we had visited previously during the trip. Virkie, Hillwell and Quendale didn't produce much collectively other than common birds, and at Spiggie we watched Bathing **Great Skuas** and saw **Black-tailed Godwit**. Driving around the loch, we saw a **Bonxie** on a dead rabbit right beside the van, which was feeding away happily and allowed a very close approach in the vehicle. From here we headed further north and crossed to Trondra and onto West Burra. A short diversion to Marinas Kitchen Cabinet (fruit cake!) then saw us arrive at the car park for Minn Beach. From the top we could see **Great Northern Diver** and **Red-throated Diver** in the bay, plus the usual **Black Guillemots**. Walking down the track to the beach, another **Great Northern Diver** was on the north side close in and then we spotted another diver in the south bay. Expecting another 'GND' we were chuffed to see a non-breeding plumaged **Black-throated Diver**. We watched the bird for half an hour or so, often close by a Great Northern for direct comparison – a really smart bird!



Great Skua and snack, Spiggie 31st May

Leaving here and heading a bit north of Lerwick, we wanted to continue checking the bays around Catfirth and South Nesting. Another handful of **Great Northern Divers** were seen, a few **Red-breasted Mergansers**, seven **Common Scoters**, two summer plumaged **Long-tailed Ducks** and a cracking **Arctic Skua** which flew up the voe and across the road – actually our best views of the trip! From here it was on down to Lerwick for check-in, ready for the overnight ferry back to Aberdeen and the end of the tour.

ORIOLE BIRDING

SHETLAND - SEABIRDS AND SIMMER DIM

23RD MAY TO 1ST JUNE 2023

Species order, names and taxonomy follows - Clements, J. F., T. S. Schulenberg, M. J. Iliff, D. Roberson, T. A. Fredericks, B. L. Sullivan, and C. L. Wood. 2018. The eBird/Clements checklist of birds of the world: v2018. Downloaded from <http://www.birds.cornell.edu/clementschecklist/download/>

#	Common Name	Scientific name		23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Anatidae (Ducks, Geese, and Waterfowl)												
1	Greylag Goose	Anser anser		◊	▪	▪	▪	▪	▪	▪	▪	▪
2	Pink-footed Goose	Anser brachyrhynchus										
3	Canada Goose	Branta canadensis										
4	Mute Swan	Cygnus olor			▪	▪	▪	▪	▪	▪	▪	▪
5	Whooper Swan	Cygnus cygnus			▪		▪	▪	▪			▪
6	Common Shelduck	Tadorna tadorna						▪	▪	▪	▪	▪
7	Northern Shoveler	Spatula clypeata							▪			
8	Gadwall	Mareca strepera						▪				
9	Eurasian Wigeon	Mareca penelope			▪			▪	▪	▪		
10	Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos		◊	▪	▪	▪	▪	▪	▪	▪	▪
11	Northern Pintail	Anas acuta										
12	Eurasian Teal	Anas crecca			▪		▪		▪			▪
13	Common Pochard	Aythya ferina										
14	Tufted Duck	Aythya fuligula			▪	▪		▪	▪	▪	▪	▪
15	Common Eider	Somateria mollissima		◊	▪	▪	▪	▪	▪	▪	▪	▪
16	Common Scoter	Melanitta nigra					▪		▪	▪		▪
17	Long-tailed Duck	Clangula hyemalis							▪			▪
18	Red-breasted Merganser	Mergus serrator		◊	▪	▪	▪	▪		▪		▪
Phasianidae (Pheasants, Grouse, and Allies)												
19	Red Grouse	Lagopus lagopus										
Podicipedidae (Grebes)												
20	Little Grebe	Tachybaptus ruficollis										
Columbidae (Pigeons and Doves)												
21	Rock Dove	Columba livia			▪	▪	▪	▪	▪	▪	▪	▪
22	Common Woodpigeon	Columba palumbus		◊	▪		▪			▪		
23	Collared Dove	Streptopelia decaocto			▪		▪		▪	▪		
Cuculidae and Apodidae (Cuckoos and Swifts)												
24	Common Cuckoo	Cuculus canorus										
25	Common Swift	Apus apus										
Rallidae (Rails and Coots)												
26	Common Moorhen	Gallinula chloropus							▪			▪
27	Eurasian Coot	Fulica atra										
Charadriidae (Plovers and allies)												
28	Oystercatcher	Haematopus ostralegus		◊	▪	▪	▪	▪	▪	▪	▪	▪

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29	Grey Plover	Pluvialis squatarola											
30	European Golden Plover	Pluvialis apricaria			■	■	■		■				
31	Northern Lapwing	Vanellus vanellus			■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
32	Common Ringed Plover	Charadrius hiaticula		◊	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Scolopacidae (Sandpipers and Allies)													
33	Whimbrel	Numenius phaeopus			■	■	■						
34	Eurasian Curlew	Numenius arquata		◊	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
35	Bar-tailed Godwit	Limosa lapponica						■	■	■	■		
36	Ruddy Turnstone	Arenaria interpres				■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
37	Red Knot	Calidris canutus							■				
38	Ruff	Calidris pugnax											
39	Sanderling	Calidris alba		◊		■		■	■	■	■	■	
40	Dunlin	Calidris alpina		◊	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
41	Purple Sandpiper	Calidris maritima											
42	Little Stint	Calidris minuta							■				
43	Common Snipe	Gallinago gallinago			H	■	■	■		■		■	
44	Common Sandpiper	Actitis hypoleucos						■					
45	Common Greenshank	Tringa nebularia											
46	Common Redshank	Tringa totanus		◊	■	■	■	■	■	■		■	
Stercorariidae (Skuas)													
47	Great Skua	Stercorarius skua			■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
48	Arctic Skua	Stercorarius parasiticus				■	■	■		■		■	
Alcidae (Auks)													
49	Common Guillemot	Uria aalge			■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
50	Razorbill	Alca torda			■		■		■	■	■	■	
51	Black Guillemot	Cepphus grylle				■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
52	Atlantic Puffin	Fratercula arctica				■	■	■	■			■	
Laridae (Gulls and Terns)													
53	Black-legged Kittiwake	Rissa tridactyla			■		■	■	■	■	■	■	
54	Black-headed Gull	Chroicocephalus ridibundus			■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
55	Common Gull	Larus canus			■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
56	Herring Gull	Larus argentatus			■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
57	Lesser Black-backed Gull	Larus fuscus				■	■	■	■	■		■	
58	Great Black-backed Gull	Larus marinus			■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
59	Common Tern	Sterna hirundo		◊		■	■	■	■		■		
60	Arctic Tern	Sterna paradisaea			■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Gaviidae (Divers)													
61	Red-throated Diver	Gavia stellata				■	■	■		■	■	■	

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62	Great Northern Diver	<i>Gavia immer</i>			■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
<i>Procelariidae (Shearwaters)</i>													
63	European Storm-Petrel	<i>Hydrobates pelagicus</i>						■	■				
64	Northern Fulmar	<i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>		■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
65	Manx Shearwater	<i>Puffinus puffinus</i>											
<i>Sulidae and Phalacrocoracidae (Gannets and Cormorants)</i>													
66	Northern Gannet	<i>Morus bassanus</i>		■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
67	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>		■	■	■		■	■	■			
68	European Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i>		■		■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
<i>Ardeidae (Herons, Egrets, and Bitterns)</i>													
69	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>					■						
<i>Accipitridae (Hawks, Eagles, and Kites)</i>													
70	Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>											
71	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>			■								
72	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>											
<i>Tytonidae and Strigidae (Owls)</i>													
73	Short-eared Owl	<i>Asio flammeus</i>											
<i>Picidae (Woodpeckers)</i>													
74	Eurasian Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>											
<i>Falconidae (Falcons)</i>													
75	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>							■				
76	Merlin	<i>Falco columbarius</i>											
77	Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>											
78	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>											
<i>Laniidae (Shrikes)</i>													
79	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>											
<i>Corvidae (Crows, Jays, and Magpies)</i>													
80	Eurasian Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>											
81	Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>			■								
82	Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>			■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
83	Common Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>			■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
<i>Alaudidae (Larks)</i>													
84	Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>			■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
<i>Hirundinidae (Swallows)</i>													
85	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>							■				
86	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>		◊		■		■	■	■	■	■	
87	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>					■						
<i>Troglodytidae (Wrens)</i>													
88	Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>			■		■		■		■		
<i>Regulidae and Phylloscopidae (Kinglets and Leaf Warblers)</i>													
89	Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>											

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90	Willow Warbler	Phylloscopus trochilus		◊									
91	Common Chiffchaff	Phylloscopus collybita		H					▪				
<i>Sylviidae (Sylviid Warblers)</i>													
92	Icterine Warbler	Hippolais icterina											
93	Sedge Warbler	Acrocephalus schoenobaenus		H						▪			
94	Marsh Warbler	Acrocephalus palustris											
95	Eurasian Reed Warbler	Acrocephalus scirpaceus											
96	Eurasian Blackcap	Sylvia atricapilla							▪				
97	Garden Warbler	Sylvia borin											
98	Lesser Whitethroat	Sylvia curruca											
99	Common Whitethroat	Sylvia communis		H									
<i>Muscicapidae (Old World Flycatchers)</i>													
100	Spotted Flycatcher	Muscicapa striata											
101	European Robin	Erithacus rubecula			▪								
102	Bluethroat	Luscinia svecica											
103	European Pied Flycatcher	Ficedula hypoleuca											
104	Common Redstart	Phoenicurus phoenicurus											
105	Whinchat	Saxicola rubetra											
106	European Stonechat	Saxicola rubicola											
107	Northern Wheatear	Oenanthe oenanthe			▪	▪	▪	▪	▪	▪	▪	▪	
<i>Turdidae and Sturnidae (Thrushes and Starlings)</i>													
108	Song Thrush	Turdus philomelos											
109	Eurasian Blackbird	Turdus merula		◊	▪	▪	▪	▪	▪	▪	▪	▪	
110	Common Starling	Sturnus vulgaris		◊	▪	▪	▪	▪	▪	▪	▪	▪	
<i>Prunellidae (Accentors)</i>													
111	Dunnock	Prunella modularis											
<i>Motacillidae (Wagtails and Pipits)</i>													
112	Grey Wagtail	Motacilla cinerea											
113	Western Yellow Wagtail	Motacilla flava											
114	Pied Wagtail	Motacilla alba			▪	▪		▪	▪	▪		▪	
115	Meadow Pipit	Anthus pratensis			▪	▪	▪	▪	▪	▪	▪	▪	
116	Tree Pipit	Anthus trivialis											
117	Rock Pipit	Anthus petrosus			▪				▪		▪		
<i>Fringillidae (Finches)</i>													
118	Common Chaffinch	Fringilla coelebs											
119	Common Rosefinch	Carpodacus erythrinus											
120	European Greenfinch	Chloris chloris											
121	Twite	Linaria flavirostris						▪	▪	▪	▪	▪	
122	Common Linnet	Linaria cannabina							▪				
123	Common Redpoll	Acanthis flammea			▪								
124	Lesser Redpoll	Acanthis flammea											

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125	European Goldfinch	Carduelis carduelis											
126	Eurasian Siskin	Spinus spinus				▪							
Emberizidae and Passeridae (Old World Buntings and Sparrows)													
127	Common Reed Bunting	Emberiza schoeniclus											
128	House Sparrow	Passer domesticus		◊	▪	▪	▪	▪	▪	▪	▪	▪	
129	ADDITIONAL SPECIES												
130	Goosander			▪	▪					▪			
131	King Eider			◊									
132	Goldeneye				▪								
133	Black-tailed Godwit				▪				▪			▪	
134	Red-necked Phalarope					▪			▪	▪			
135	Carrion Crow						▪						
136	White-tailed Eagle								▪				
137	Garganey							▪					
138	American Wigeon							▪		▪			
139	Wood Sandpiper							▪					
140	Black-throated Diver											▪	

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1	Common Seal												
2	Grey Seal												
3	Stoat												
4	Rabbit												
5	Harbour Porpoise												
6	Bottle-nosed Dolphin												
7	Orca												



Tundra Ringed Plover (right) and Common Ringed Plover on Yell



Fulmar, Hermaness



Gannet, Hermaness



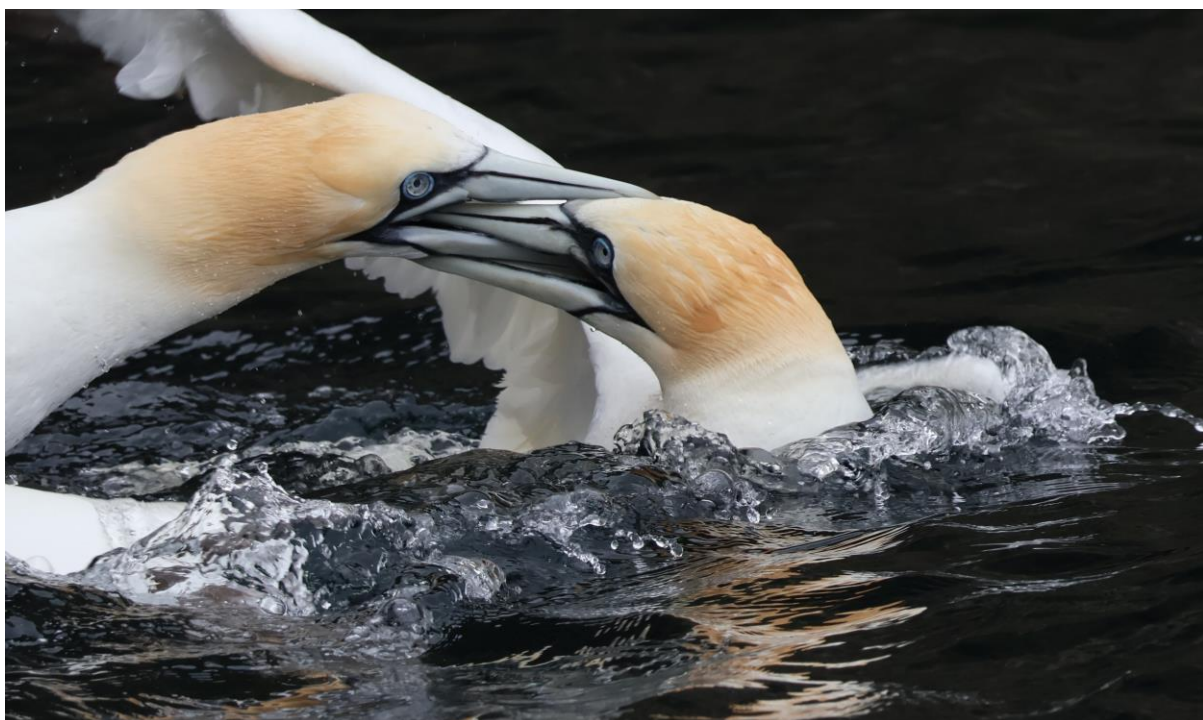
Orca, Sumburgh Head



Otter, Melby



Gannets, Noss



Gannet fight off the Isle of Noss



Great Skua, Noss