



**TOUR REPORT  
WESTERN ISLES  
9<sup>TH</sup> – 16<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2022**

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**MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY** – *Strong southerly winds and rain, sunshine later, 13C*

After heading north from Norfolk yesterday and making it as far as Glasgow, we set off early this morning for the second leg of the trip out to Oban on Scotland's west coast. The day started dry but we soon drove into heavy rain as we headed west from Callander, and with strong winds picking up we were in for a rough crossing over The Minch! We had made time for a birding stop en route, at a favourite location for our groups heading to the Outer Hebrides. We soon heard our first singing **Willow Warblers** and **Redpolls** here, and overlooking a loch we picked up **Greenshank**, **Common Sandpiper** and Dunlin. One of our main reasons for stopping though was to check for **Wood Sandpiper**, which we found breeding at the site four years ago (the first time in Argyll for a couple of decades). Thankfully, we soon picked one up perched on a grassy knoll with a second bird joining it, and we then notched a third bird which started singing right down in front of us! Great scope views of this elegant spangly waders and a real treat to see them in breeding condition. Heading back out of the valley, we spotted some **Crossbills** in larches by the side of the road and stopped for a view – at least twenty and some super red males too – excellent! From here we continued on to Oban, where we arrived in time for a quick fuel stop before reaching the terminal. It was really busy, as the Lochboisdale ferry had been diverted due to the weather and the Mull ferry was just leaving too. We still left on schedule though, and were soon admiring our first **Black Guillemots** as we left port.



**Wood Sandpiper – a rare British breeding bird to kick off our trip north**

The crossing started with the rather smooth ride along the Sound of Mull, noting our first Common Guillemots, **Arctic Terns**, **Kittiwakes**, Gannets and a very smart pale phase adult **Arctic Skua**. It was pretty wet and miserable out on deck though, so we headed back in for a while until we reached Ardnamurchan Point. The next hour was really good for seabirds with hundreds of **Manx Shearwaters** close to the ferry, large numbers of auks – including **Razorbill** and several **Puffins** – and

another **Arctic Skua**. We retreated inside for something to eat as we crossed The Minch, but it was tough going below deck as it was now pretty rough indeed! We survived though, and had another spell on deck as we neared the islands and the weather started to clear. Lots more **Arctic Terns**, a superb close **Great Skua**, and about half a dozen cracking summer plumaged **Great Northern Divers** were seen as we entered Castlebay. **Shags** and **Black Guillemots** were dotted around in this sheltered harbour too, and the sun was even shining as we reached dry land!

It was only five minutes drive to our hotel for the night, in a spectacular setting overlooking the Atlantic Ocean on Barra's west coast. With the weather now on our side, we opted to have a quick turnaround then straight out for an hour or so of evening birding. Several **Wheatears** were hopping around the short turf of the machair, including several obvious Greenland race males. In the bay just along from the hotel, fifty **Long-tailed Ducks** flew around and settled on the water, mostly in summer plumage – one for tomorrow morning, when the light would be better! Continuing in a clockwise direction around the island, we saw three **Cuckoos** including a female which settled right beside the van, another **Great Northern Diver**, and a pair of **Redpolls** including a raspberry pink male. Stopping at Brevig, we saw a couple of Willow Warblers and heard Goldcrest & Blackcap, plus one or two roadside Stonechats as we completed our route back round to the hotel. A stunning sunset awaited us as we completed our checklist in the bar overlooking the ocean – a great first day.

#### **TUESDAY 10TH MAY** – *Sunny spells and heavy showers, strong SW winds, 12C*

A full days exploration of Barra and Vatersay started with a **Wheatear** hopping around outside our bedroom windows, a **Whimbrel** on the grass outside the restaurant and **Long-tailed Ducks** visible from the breakfast table! It was a typically tumultuous day of Hebridean weather but we dodged the showers and saw some great birds along the way, starting with scope views of the **Long-tailed Ducks** in Allasdale which we had seen from the van last night. Only a handful in the bay this morning, but stunning scope views of them in full summer plumage, riding the breakers in the surf! Four Little Terns came into the bay to fish too, and there were numerous **Arctic Terns**, Gannets, Kittiwakes and a couple of **Great Northern Divers** further out. While we were scanning, we picked up a white-winged gull coming in from the north – it initially disappeared but a few minutes later we relocated it sitting on the water with a load of Herring Gulls. Clearly a second calendar year 'Iceland type', it was an all creamy white gull about Herring size and with beautiful long white primaries. We assumed though, that it must be the **Kumlien's Gull** which has spent most of the winter here – its sloping head, dumpy, almost pot-bellied look and all black bill all looked a good fit for Kumlien's of this age class, even if we couldn't see the primaries well enough to see any darker shading on the outermost. Eventually it went out of view so we drove a bit closer to another parking spot, and eventually had the bird fly right past us at point blank range. Even at this range the primaries still looked all-white, but comparing the birds other features with photos of the bird online it was clearly one and the same individual. Presumably during the course of the winter, it has become somewhat more bleached and harder to identify!

Moving on, we soon reached Northbay and spent a while checking the plantation by the roadside. A few Willow Warblers were about, plus a singing Blackcap, three **Redpolls**, Song Thrush and a nice perched **Cuckoo**. Another small plantation on the way up to Ardmhor had Goldcrest and a pair of Sparrowhawk. Working our way up to Eoligaray, we parked by the small pier and scanned the sea – **Great Northern Diver** and **Red-breasted Merganser** being the best of it before a deluge saw us heading swiftly back to the van! Driving back along the road, we paused for two Twite feeding in a muddy field entrance, and then heard a **Corncrake** creaking beyond a house nearby. We drove slowly along, and could see there was a bit of a junk yard with old buses and various other rotting vehicles. This was surrounded by fairly lush early season vegetation growth and looked a good spot

for the crane, which was now silent. We scanned anyway, and were surprised to easily find the **Corncrake**, standing in the grass preening by a fenceline! We watched it from the van for five minutes or so, then another rain storm steamed through – the **Corncrake** turned to face it and pointed its beak upward into the rain! After this passed, we parked, got out and set up scopes and it was still sat there! Brilliant views, and especially as it then began to wander around, crossing through the fence into a short cropped grass field where it was easy to see. A great bird to end the morning!



**Corncrake on Barra – excellent views!**

Lunch was taken at the excellent 'Ardmhor Food Truck' which serves up some sumptuous seafood sandwiches. A **White-tailed Eagle** was seen distantly here too, perched on a rock. We then headed off back towards Castlebay, and on to the island of Vatersay for a bit of an explore. Along the shoreline at Caolas, we found a sheltered spot and in the sunshine enjoyed great views of several small waders – Turnstone, Dunlin, Ringed Plover and a fine **Purple Sandpiper**. Four more **Great Northern Divers** were offshore, including some ridiculous close views of a full summer adult catching crabs, and there were several **Black Guillemot** about too. Riding further on to the Vatersay machair, we checked the bays either side of the dune system. More 'GNDs', some seriously great views of fishing **Gannets** close in, a brace of **Razorbill** and another 25 or so **Long-tailed Ducks** riding the Atlantic rollers coming in on the west side of the dunes. We enjoyed a brief view of a **Golden Eagle** too, steaming past with the wind behind it – it was gone in a flash!

Our final act of the day was to explore some of the gardens around Gleann on the edge of Castlebay, but we didn't note anything other than another calling **Corncrake**. The ferry over to Eriskay departed at 1730, and the crossing was as always very good for seeing **Great Northern Divers** and auks, with lots of **Black Guillemots** in particular. There was nothing out of the ordinary to be seen, but we at least dodged the showers – another absolute deluge came in just as we reached South Uist! We arrived in Lochboisdale, our base for the next three nights, around 7pm.



**Purple Sandpiper** – we enjoyed some excellent views throughout the tour

**WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> MAY** – *Sunshine and the odd shower, mod WNW wind, 12C*

With a brisk WNW wind on the cards for this morning, forecast to abate and turn more due west later on, we knew we had to make our way straight to North Uist this morning and the seawatching headland at Aird an Runair. The mid-May skua migration off the west coast of the uists is one of Britain's most exciting avian events and while the conditions looked marginal at best, it appeared to be our only chance of the trip to try. We drive more or less straight there, but there were one or two quick roadside stops along the way! First a skydancing male **Hen Harrier** just outside Lochboisdale, and then four different **Short-eared Owls** including fantastic close views of one perched right beside the van. A **Golden Eagle** soaring over the hillside near Druidibeg was in a tricky spot to stop but we had high hopes of seeing more of them later in the trip. Reaching Balranald, we made a quick pit stop at the VC, then headed straight down to the headland. It was predictably busy with vehicles here but we managed to get a space, and were soon down on the point getting bedded in for what would be a two hour seawatch. Initially it was very quiet, with just local seabirds moving about such as Arctic Terns, Eider, Great Northern Diver and one or two **Arctic Skuas**. A pair of these stunning birds came in and flew low right over our heads! Carefully scanning and about forty minutes into our watch, we picked up the distinctive shape of fur large, powerful skuas approaching from the south. Right away they had that presence about them, and directness of flight so often shown by migrating **Pomarine Skuas**. And that's exactly what they were! The four birds were all pale phase adults, and the powered through at mid-range in great light, allowing everyone good scope views and no problem seeing their tail 'spoons'. A great moment! Later in the watch, we saw two more **Pomarine Skuas** (one pale, one dark phase) and then a single dark bird without spoons making a total of seven birds seen. **Arctic Skuas** ended on six, but sadly no Long-tails in these conditions.



**Ringed Plover at Aird an Runair**

Heading back up towards the van, we stopped to scan the beach which was writhing with small waders feeding on the banks of rotting kelp. Dunlin, Turnstone and Sanderling were the most common, but there were at least ten **Purple Sandpipers** seen too. Other highlights were the fantastic close views of Ringed Plovers, two **Otters** fishing in the small lochan behind the beach, and of course the **Arctic Terns** which were nesting on the headland. Heading back up to the VC, we had lunch in the company of a singing **Corn Bunting**, and there was a **Corncrake** slinking about in the garden but not calling. A funeral was taking place at the Balranald cemetery, and we stood slightly stunned as the police had to close the road to allow well over one hundred cars to come down the narrow lane to the derelict church. Once the procession had passed, we were able to continue and try for our next target – a Snowy Owl which had been present for the last two days on Beinn Scolpaig at the north-west tip of North Uist. We had heard that the bird was still present early morning so the omens were good, but sadly arriving at the site, we were told it hadn't been seen since and may have been flushed. We couldn't really decide what to do – it was a 1.5 mile walk over boggy and difficult terrain. In the end, we decided to go for it. It was a beautiful afternoon and the walk took us along some spectacular coastal scenery. There were Wheatears everywhere, and we saw **Whimbrel**, **Golden Plover**, three more **Short-eared Owls**, **Great Northern Diver** and flocks of Dunlin on the machair. Sadly though, the owl had clearly gone and there was no sign of it anywhere.

Returning to the van, we decided to widen the search and check the south side of Beinn Scolpaig. A pair of adult **White-tailed Eagles** were perched here and we had superb scope views – perhaps they were responsible for the owl going awol. Heading east to Solas, we scanned the machair there which has in the past been a favoured spot for Snowy Owls. A **Merin** dashed by, and a **Golden Eagle** circled

in the distance, but there was no sign of Snowy. Checking Grenitote picnic site, we added two **Bar-tailed Godwit** and four **Knot** among about sixty Dunlin feeding on the rising tide, plus some good views of **Twite** along the adjacent fencelines. It was now getting late, but it was such a stunning afternoon we wanted to head home via the committee road. We saw no less than five different **Hen Harriers** here, including two skydancing males, and a female which was concentrating on hunting by the road and flew right up to the windscreen of our van while we sat and watched – just fantastic! Higher up at the top, we had more harrier views, saw a **Merlin** perched on a rock, plus singles of Kestrel, Sparrowhawk and Buzzard. We then completed an amazing half hour for raptors with a young **White-tailed Eagle** which appeared over the ridge in front of us and flew past before dropping out of view into some pines. We had an hour's drive back from here – noting another one each of **Hen Harrier** and **Short-eared Owl** (taking the day's tally to nine!) along the way.



**Short-eared Owl – some fantastic views as ever of this beautiful bird**

**THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY** – *Overcast with rain on and off all day, strong SW winds, 10C*

A tough day of weather today, which made it difficult to bird in the windy and often wet conditions. We started on South Uist down at Ardvule, where we managed to hunker down behind the van and scan the bay and loch. There were a few hundred small waders, mostly Sanderling, on the beaches but with the tide down most of them were fairly distant. Three Wigeon, a few Tufted Ducks, Great Northern Diver and Eiders were also noted. Best was a **Peregrine**, which flashed across the machair just as we were leaving, and a confiding **Whimbrel** seen from the van. Heading back out to the road, we skirted around Peninerine and checked a few lochans and the shoreline there, but it was tough going. Loch Bee was much better as we could park the van as windbreak and scope the loch. An **Otter** was fishing, and was porpoising about like a mad thing virtually the whole time we were here! A scattering of Dunlin and a couple of Red-breasted Merganser were the only other birds of note here. Crossing the range, we saw some super flocks of full breeding plumaged Turnstones, before we eventually reached Ardivachair Point at the north-west tip of South Uist. The bay here was absolutely thronged with waders – we reckoned at least 8000 birds of mainly Dunlin, Sanderling and Turnstone. Strangely despite the numbers, we couldn't even pick out a Purple Sand among them!

On the shoreline was a large white-winged gull which came in to feed on the rotting seaweed with lots of Herring Gulls. We knew a **Viking Gull** had been about (a Herring x Glaucous hybrid), and were

pretty sure from the off that this would be it. Essentially it resembled a 2cy Glaucous Gull, being pale-winged and generally café au lait coloured all over with a heavy, black-tipped, pink bill. But, it was too small for a start – the same size and structure as neighbouring Herring Gulls, and with long primary projection closer to Iceland Gull (or in this case, Herring!). It had some grey blotchy feathering in the body and mantle and the scapulars were well marked with one or two even showing dark centres. It had a well mottled tail band and in flight, brown washed outer webs to the primaries and secondaries. All in all, a fairly classic Viking and smart bird to see at close range.



**Viking Gull at Ardivachar Point**

Receiving news that a few Pomarine and Long-tailed Skuas had been observed passing Aird an Runair, we decided to go and give seawatching another crack and headed to North Uist, lunching by the Balranald VC. Arriving at the parking spot, it was clear we were going to get very wet even with the best will in the world – heavy downpours were coming in off the sea with regularity! We were up for it though, and so headed down for a session. A **Great Skua**, and two close **Arctic Skuas**, buoyed our enthusiasm but this was soon dampened in style by a very heavy shower coming in off, and eventually when it failed to abate we had to return to the van. We learnt that we had ‘just missed’ 7 more Long-tails though – very annoying! After a warm up and a coffee, we went back down for round two. A slightly longer break in the weather this time brought us seven **Pomarine Skuas**, shearing with the wind behind them today, rather than powering through low and direct. Great views again with the tail ‘spoons’ and striking breast band of the pale birds easily visible. Sadly though, no Long-tails for us and we had to pack in when another deluge came in off the sea. Six **Purple Sandpipers** next to us while we were seawatching though, and a fantastic close view of an **Otter** climbing over the rocks in front of us, were great highlights.



**Pomarine Skua migrating – what a beast!**

**FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MAY** – *Strong SW winds, frequent rain showers, 10C*

Another interesting day's weather! We were moving north today, leaving the Uists for the islands of Lewis and Harris, so we had the morning to do a bit more birding on Benbecula and North Uist. Heading first an area where **Red-necked Phalarope** breeds each year, we spent an hour or so searching and checking the lochans without any success (the first returning bird had appeared last night so we knew there was at least one here!). Eventually, Ashley saw a single **Red-necked Phalarope** briefly, but it immediately flew and was taken on the wind – we didn't know which way it had gone and despite searching, we couldn't find it again. Quite frustrating! After checking a couple of nearby spots for waders, we pushed onto Lochmaddy and on to Berneray, where we wanted to check the machair and Loch Brusda before catching the 1330 ferry to Harris. **Short-eared Owl** and a brace of **Arctic Skuas** beside the van, were good roadside birds en route. The machair was full of waders, with flocks of Dunlin hundreds strong scurrying about the short turf. A single Golden Plover showed well – a species which had been weirdly scarce on the trip so far. We also noted plenty of Arctic and **Little Terns**, but not a great deal else. Loch Brusda was windswept and it was difficult to hold the scope still here, so we headed back down towards the ferry which was a few minutes away. Turning a corner though, we were confronted with a lorry, stabilisers out, blocking the entire road and just starting the process of unloading a portacabin onto a building site next to the road!! We sat here for twenty minutes, which was all of our allotted spare time gone, and when the lorry was eventually ready to move, we had another five minutes of negotiating incompetent camper van drivers! We arrived at the ferry five minutes late, and our space had already been reallocated to the unbooked queue. With the ferry full, we were left exasperated and with a four hour wait for the next one!!

Not to miss an opportunity for more birding, we knew what we had to do now – head straight to Aird an Runair to have one last try for **Long-tailed Skuas**, which we knew were passing in the strong winds. Reaching the parking area, birders were high-fiving a flock of 56 Long-tails which we'd 'just

missed' – it felt like it wasn't going to be our day! Unperturbed, we yomped down to the point, and almost right away enjoyed six powerful **Pomarine Skuas** cruising through at mid range. Game on! However, a rather frustrating hour followed with virtually nothing other than two close **Great Skuas**, until a very distant flock of tern-like birds shearing in front of the distant dunes of the Monach Isles, loomed into view. **Long-tailed Skuas**! This flock though were too distant for most of the group to get on, and eventually they powered up high into the sky and away. Ten minutes later though, another, much bigger flock of **Long-tailed Skuas** appeared from the south. Much closer this time, we all had fabulous scope views of this mega sight. Sixty birds in total, and each time they sheared up above the sea their streamers could be easily seen. What a moment, and these too gained height suddenly and flew off north into the cloud base. We were an elated bunch as we walked back up to the van!



**Long-tailed Skuas – part of a spectacular migrating flock of 60!**

The crossing from Berneray to Leverburgh this time went without a hitch, and we saw at least fifty **Great Northern Divers** on the way, plus loads of **Black Guillemots**, four pairs of **Red-throated Diver** and an adult **White-tailed Eagle**. We then had just over an hours drive up to Stornoway, where we would be staying for the next three nights.

**SATURDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY** – *Moderate SW wind, sunny spells, 15C*

A fairly slow days birding today despite a change in the weather with much lighter winds and no rain for the first day on the trip. **Red-throated Divers** were our first birds of the day, with three resting on a small lochan by the side of the road as we crossed the moors. We headed up to the north-west coast of Lewis, and started at the RSPB reserve at Loch na Muilne to look for Red-necked Phalarope. We didn't have any joy (perhaps they hadn't quite arrived at the site yet) but we did enjoy fantastic views of breeding **Black Guillemots** down on the cliffs below, with **Fulmars** whizzing past us at eye level too. Loch Ordais next, a lovely site that always has a 'rare feel' to it especially for waders which congregate along the shoreline of the bay and on the loch itself. The tide was down so most of the waders were on the beach – Dunlin, Sanderling, Ringed Plover and Turnstone being the most common. The loch itself held a nice pair of **Goldeneye**, Common Sandpiper and a few Teal, while a small flock of Golden Plover were flushed off the hillside by a Buzzard. In the bay, seven **Great Northern Divers** were floating together on the water, all in pristine summer plumage – this is such a

great trip for seeing numbers of this impressive bird! Checking the Arnol side up behind the cemetery, we had good views of **Greenland Wheatears**, several **White Wagtails** and Rock Pipit at the top of the beach. A Corncrake was creaking from somewhere up behind the cemetery, but it was too distant for a chance to see it. As we walked back down to the bay, a **Merlin** flashed through and perched on a rock on the hill behind, allowing for a distant scope view.

The morning had ticked by quickly and the group wanted to pop into the standing stones at Callanish next, so we headed there for lunch. On the way, a large raptor was spotted over a ridge and a handy pull-in allowed us to stop and check. It was a **Golden Eagle**, and so we jumped out and popped a scope on it as it circled slowly up and then began displaying – diving down with wings closed then catapulting upward and almost going right over backwards as the wind caught it at the top of its upstroke! Quite spectacular,, but then it went into a glide and headed straight towards us, passing low right over our heads twice before being mobbed over our van by a Buzzard! Just superb and the great views of this species which we had been missing so far.

Lunch at Callanish added 11 late **Pink-footed Geese**, before we headed further round the coast and crossed to Great Berneray for a bit of exploration. We were hoping for one or two divers on the various bodies of water, but couldn't find any at all. In fact it was pretty quiet all round here, so we decided to head back to Stornoway, and then up to North Tolsta to check the bay there for a reported Surf Scoter from yesterday. It was beautifully sheltered here, and we found a comfy spot in the sand dunes to scan the bay. Loads of Arctic Terns and Guillemots were seen, but there were some **Common Terns** too and a pair of **Arctic Skuas** which kept coming in to harass them. Two or three **Great Skuas** were also seen, and the usual plethora of **Great Northern Divers**. There was no sign of the scoter though, despite a good search. The day had flown by, so we headed back to Stornoway around 6.45pm.

#### **SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY** – *Sunshine and light easterly winds, 14C*

With a beautiful calm morning forecast, we had planned a pre-breakfast excursion along to The Braighe, just east of Stornoway. It was flat calm and the light was superb, as we pulled in by the small lochan on the causeway. Fifteen **Long-tailed Ducks** were here, mainly all asleep – it was obviously still a bit early for them! On the south side of the road, two divers were floating together not far out. Training the scope on them they were exactly as we had hoped – two gorgeous full summer plumage **Black-throated Divers**! We had some superb views of them as they drifted west into better light, and in one sweep we could see Great Northern and **Red-throated Divers** too. On the north side, the sea was so flat that we were able to scan a long way out, and count a whopping 220 **Great Northern Divers**! It was quite a scene to see flocks of them peppered across the bay here, no doubt only hanging on for another couple of weeks at most before making their northward migration. Another check of the south side before heading back for breakfast yielded really close views of a pair of breeding-plumaged **Red-throated Divers** – such stunning birds!

After breakfast, we headed up towards Port Nis and the Butt of Lewis. On the way, we had the standard roadside stop for a large raptor – another **Golden Eagle** circling over the moorland close to the road. A handy pull-off allowed us to get out and set up scopes, and once more we had absolutely terrific views as the bird circled right over our heads. An adult **White-tailed Eagle** then appeared and began circling with the goldie, before a second white-tail came in and we had all three together over our heads with the sea eagles both calling! We eventually continued on our way to the Butt, where we set off on about a mile's walk west of the lighthouse to check the clifftop areas for something like a Dotterel. We didn't find anything, but the views were superb and on the way back, we stopped to view the nesting seabirds. Scanning offshore, we noticed a pod of dolphins not too far out – they were quite large and dark grey, with a fairly short dorsal fin and blunt nose, so readily identified as

**Bottle-nosed Dolphins.** However, we could also see two larger, and very pale animals with a longer, more sickle-shaped fin. These were in fact **Risso's Dolphins**, and we were able to watch the whole group through the scope for about half an hour as they followed a pattern of diving for a period, before resurfacing all together and feeding. The very blunt front end of the Risso's was evident, as well as their pale colouration. There was at least one calf among the **Bottle-nosed Dolphins** too, which was great to see behind shepherded by the adults. A great sighting!



**Golden Eagle circling over our heads!**

Next we headed down to Loch Stiapabhat, with a few Golden Plover and lots of Dunlin noted on the machair around that area on the way. There wasn't much on the loch, other than Little Grebe, but there were four **Pink-footed Geese** in the fields. After a quick pitstop in Port Nis, we made our way down to Skigersta where we wanted to spend some time checking the bay for White-billed Diver, which is regularly seen here in April and May. As we arrived, two other birders had just seen one but it had probably disappeared around the headland, having previously been right in the cove! This was frustrating as over the next ninety minutes, it didn't reappear and we had to make do with some excellent close views of **Red-throated Divers** and one moulting Great Northern. With the afternoon wearing on, we opted to have another crack at the phalaropes at Loch na Muilne on the way home, but once again we drew a blank in increasingly breezy conditions.

**MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> MAY** – *Strong easterly winds, 12C*

Our final morning was spent fairly locally to Stornoway, ready for the ferry just after lunchtime. We headed out to Tiumpán Head as we had not ventured up onto this peninsula thus far. It was really too windy to stand up here though, never mind see any birds! **Great Skua** was about the best of it with a couple seen cruising about, before we dropped down to the west side of the headland to find some shelter. The harbour down at Portnaguran was indeed beautifully sheltered, though we didn't

see a huge amount other than a lovely close pair of **Red-throated Divers** here. A quick check of The Braighe revealed a few **Long-tailed Ducks** still on the lochan, but in contrast to our visit a few mornings ago, the sea was too rough to see much else! We rounded off with a walk around the edge of Stornoway castle grounds and added a few common species including **Siskin** and **Treecreeper**, but there was no sign of any Dippers today. The ferry departed on time at 1400, and the crossing produced a handful of seabirds – especially auks with **Puffin** weighing in as the most common. An **Arctic Skua** was particularly good, keeping pace with the ferry for a while and flying really close to us. Once in Ullapool, we had around four hours drive south to Glasgow for our overnight, with a stop for dinner en route.



**Pomarine Skua**



**Long-tailed Skuas**



**Long-tailed Skuas departing high**



**Bottle-nosed Dolphins with calf**



Rissos's Dolphin at the Butt of Lewis

### Species Checklist

| #  | Common Name                                   | Scientific name             |  | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |  |
|----|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|--|
|    | <b>Anatidae (Ducks, Geese, and Waterfowl)</b> |                             |  |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |
| 1  | Greylag Goose                                 | <i>Anser anser</i>          |  | ■ | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  |  |
| 2  | Pink-footed Goose                             | <i>Anser brachyrhynchus</i> |  |   |    |    |    |    | ■  | ■  |    |  |
| 3  | Brent Goose                                   | <i>Branta bernicla</i>      |  |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |
| 4  | Barnacle Goose                                | <i>Branta leucopsis</i>     |  |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |
| 5  | Canada Goose                                  | <i>Branta canadensis</i>    |  | ■ |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |
| 6  | Mute Swan                                     | <i>Cygnus olor</i>          |  | ■ | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  |    |    |    |  |
| 7  | Whooper Swan                                  | <i>Cygnus cygnus</i>        |  |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |
| 8  | Common Shelduck                               | <i>Tadorna tadorna</i>      |  |   | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  |    |    |  |
| 9  | Garganey                                      | <i>Spatula querquedula</i>  |  |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |
| 10 | Northern Shoveler                             | <i>Spatula clypeata</i>     |  |   |    |    | ■  | ■  |    |    |    |  |
| 11 | Gadwall                                       | <i>Mareca strepera</i>      |  |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |
| 12 | Eurasian Wigeon                               | <i>Mareca penelope</i>      |  | ■ |    |    | ■  | ■  |    |    |    |  |
| 13 | Mallard                                       | <i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>   |  | ■ | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  |  |
| 14 | Eurasian Teal                                 | <i>Anas crecca</i>          |  | ■ |    | ■  |    | ■  | ■  |    |    |  |
| 15 | Tufted Duck                                   | <i>Aythya fuligula</i>      |  |   | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  |  |
| 16 | Common Scoter                                 | <i>Melanitta nigra</i>      |  |   |    |    |    |    |    | ■  |    |  |
| 17 | Greater Scaup                                 | <i>Aythya marila</i>        |  |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |

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| 18                                                 | Common Eider           | <i>Somateria mollissima</i>     |  | ■        | ■         | ■         | ■         | ■         |           | ■         |           |  |
| 19                                                 | Long-tailed Duck       | <i>Clangula hyemalis</i>        |  | ■        | ■         |           |           |           |           | ■         | ■         |  |
| 20                                                 | Common Goldeneye       | <i>Bucephala clangula</i>       |  |          |           |           |           |           | ■         |           |           |  |
| 21                                                 | Red-breasted Merganser | <i>Mergus serrator</i>          |  |          | ■         | ■         | ■         | ■         | ■         | ■         | ■         |  |
| 22                                                 | Goosander              | <i>Mergus merganser</i>         |  | ■        |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |  |
| <b>Phasianidae (Pheasants, Grouse, and Allies)</b> |                        |                                 |  |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |  |
| 23                                                 | Red Grouse             | <i>Lagopus lagopus</i>          |  |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |  |
| <b>Podicipedidae (Grebes)</b>                      |                        |                                 |  |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |  |
| 24                                                 | Little Grebe           | <i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>   |  |          |           |           |           | ■         |           | ■         |           |  |
| <b>Columbidae (Pigeons and Doves)</b>              |                        |                                 |  |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |  |
| 25                                                 | Rock Dove              | <i>Columba livia</i>            |  | ■        | ■         | ■         | ■         | ■         | ■         | ■         | ■         |  |
| 26                                                 | Common Woodpigeon      | <i>Columba palumbus</i>         |  | ■        |           |           |           |           |           |           | ■         |  |
| 27                                                 | Collared Dove          | <i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>    |  | ■        | ■         | ■         | ■         | ■         | ■         | ■         | ■         |  |
| <b>Cuculidae and Apodidae (Cuckoos and Swifts)</b> |                        |                                 |  |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |  |
| 28                                                 | Common Cuckoo          | <i>Cuculus canorus</i>          |  | ■        | ■         |           |           |           |           | ■         |           |  |
| 29                                                 | Common Swift           | <i>Apus apus</i>                |  |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |  |
| <b>Rallidae (Rails and Coots)</b>                  |                        |                                 |  |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |  |
| 30                                                 | Corncrake              | <i>Crex crex</i>                |  | H        | ■         | ■         |           |           |           | H         |           |  |
| 31                                                 | Common Moorhen         | <i>Gallinula chloropus</i>      |  |          |           |           |           | ■         |           |           |           |  |
| 32                                                 | Eurasian Coot          | <i>Fulica atra</i>              |  |          |           |           |           | ■         |           |           |           |  |
| <b>Charadriidae (Plovers and allies)</b>           |                        |                                 |  |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |  |
| 33                                                 | Grey Plover            | <i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>     |  |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |  |
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| 34                                                 | European Golden Plover | <i>Pluvialis apricaria</i>      |  |          |           | ■         |           | ■         | ■         | ■         |           |  |
| 35                                                 | Northern Lapwing       | <i>Vanellus vanellus</i>        |  | ■        | ■         | ■         | ■         | ■         | ■         | ■         |           |  |
| 36                                                 | Common Ringed Plover   | <i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>     |  |          | ■         | ■         | ■         | ■         | ■         | ■         |           |  |
| 37                                                 | Eurasian Dotterel      | <i>Charadrius morinellus</i>    |  |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |  |
| <b>Scolopacidae (Sandpipers and Allies)</b>        |                        |                                 |  |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |  |
| 38                                                 | Whimbrel               | <i>Numenius phaeopus</i>        |  |          | ■         | ■         | ■         | ■         | ■         | ■         |           |  |
| 39                                                 | Eurasian Curlew        | <i>Numenius arquata</i>         |  |          |           | ■         | ■         | ■         | ■         |           |           |  |
| 40                                                 | Bar-tailed Godwit      | <i>Limosa lapponica</i>         |  |          |           | ■         | ■         |           |           |           |           |  |
| 41                                                 | Black-tailed Godwit    | <i>Limosa limosa</i>            |  |          |           |           |           | ■         |           |           |           |  |
| 42                                                 | Ruddy Turnstone        | <i>Arenaria interpres</i>       |  |          | ■         | ■         | ■         | ■         | ■         | ■         |           |  |
| 43                                                 | Red Knot               | <i>Calidris canutus</i>         |  |          |           | ■         |           |           |           |           |           |  |
| 44                                                 | Curlew Sandpiper       | <i>Calidris ferruginea</i>      |  |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |  |
| 45                                                 | Sanderling             | <i>Calidris alba</i>            |  |          |           | ■         | ■         | ■         | ■         |           |           |  |
| 46                                                 | Dunlin                 | <i>Calidris alpina</i>          |  | ■        | ■         | ■         | ■         | ■         | ■         | ■         |           |  |
| 47                                                 | Purple Sandpiper       | <i>Calidris maritima</i>        |  |          | ■         | ■         | ■         | ■         |           |           |           |  |
| 48                                                 | Common Snipe           | <i>Gallinago gallinago</i>      |  | ■        |           | ■         |           | ■         |           | H         |           |  |
| 49                                                 | Common Sandpiper       | <i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>       |  | ■        | ■         | ■         |           | ■         | ■         | H         | ■         |  |
| 50                                                 | Common Redshank        | <i>Tringa totanus</i>           |  |          | ■         | ■         | ■         | ■         | ■         | ■         |           |  |
| 51                                                 | Common Greenshank      | <i>Tringa nebularia</i>         |  | ■        |           |           |           | ■         |           |           |           |  |
| 52                                                 | Red-necked Phalarope   | <i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>       |  |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |  |
| <b>Stercorariidae (Skuas)</b>                      |                        |                                 |  |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |  |
| 53                                                 | Great Skua             | <i>Stercorarius skua</i>        |  | ■        |           |           | ■         | ■         | ■         | ■         | ■         |  |
| 54                                                 | Arctic Skua            | <i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i> |  | ■        |           | ■         | ■         | ■         | ■         | ■         | ■         |  |

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| 55                                 | Pomarine Skua            | <i>Stercorarius pomarinus</i>     |  |   |   | ■ | ■ | ■ |   |   |   |   |  |  |
| 56                                 | Long-tailed Skua         | <i>Stercorarius longicaudus</i>   |  |   |   |   |   | ■ |   |   |   |   |  |  |
| <b>Alcidae (Auks)</b>              |                          |                                   |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |
| 57                                 | Common Guillemot         | <i>Uria aalge</i>                 |  | ■ | ■ | ■ |   | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ |   |  |  |
| 58                                 | Razorbill                | <i>Alca torda</i>                 |  | ■ | ■ | ■ |   |   | ■ | ■ | ■ |   |  |  |
| 59                                 | Black Guillemot          | <i>Cephus grylle</i>              |  | ■ | ■ | ■ |   | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ |   |  |  |
| 60                                 | Atlantic Puffin          | <i>Fratercula arctica</i>         |  | ■ |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | ■ |  |  |
| <b>Laridae (Gulls and Terns)</b>   |                          |                                   |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |
| 61                                 | Black-legged Kittiwake   | <i>Rissa tridactyla</i>           |  | ■ | ■ | ■ |   | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ |   |  |  |
| 62                                 | Black-headed Gull        | <i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i> |  | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ |   |   |  |  |
| 63                                 | Common Gull              | <i>Larus canus</i>                |  | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ |   |  |  |
| 64                                 | Herring Gull             | <i>Larus argentatus</i>           |  | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ |   |  |  |
| 65                                 | Lesser Black-backed Gull | <i>Larus fuscus</i>               |  | ■ | ■ | ■ |   |   | ■ | ■ | ■ |   |  |  |
| 66                                 | Great Black-backed Gull  | <i>Larus marinus</i>              |  | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ |   |  |  |
| 67                                 | Iceland Gull             | <i>Larus glaucoides</i>           |  |   | ■ |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |
| 68                                 | Glaucous Gull            | <i>Larus hyperboreus</i>          |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |
| 69                                 | Common Tern              | <i>Sterna hirundo</i>             |  |   |   |   |   |   | ■ |   |   |   |  |  |
| 70                                 | Arctic Tern              | <i>Sterna paradisaea</i>          |  | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ |   |  |  |
| 71                                 | Little Tern              | <i>Sternula albifrons</i>         |  |   | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ |   |   |   |  |  |
| 72                                 | Sandwich Tern            | <i>Sterna sandvicensis</i>        |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |
| <b>Gaviidae (Divers)</b>           |                          |                                   |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |
| 73                                 | Red-throated Diver       | <i>Gavia stellata</i>             |  |   |   |   | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ |   |  |  |
| 74                                 | Black-throated Diver     | <i>Gavia arctica</i>              |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | ■ |   |  |  |
| 75                                 | Great Northern Diver     | <i>Gavia immer</i>                |  | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ |   |  |  |
| <b>Procelariidae (Shearwaters)</b> |                          |                                   |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |
| 76                                 | Northern Fulmar          | <i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>         |  | ■ | ■ |   | ■ |   | ■ | ■ | ■ |   |  |  |
| 77                                 | Manx Shearwater          | <i>Puffinus puffinus</i>          |  | ■ |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |

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|    | <b><i>Sulidae and Phalacrocoracidae (Gannets and Cormorants)</i></b> |                                  |  |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |
| 78 | Northern Gannet                                                      | <i>Morus bassanus</i>            |  | ■ | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  |  |  |
| 79 | Great Cormorant                                                      | <i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>       |  | ■ | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  |    |  |  |
| 80 | European Shag                                                        | <i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i> |  | ■ | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  |    |  |  |
|    | <b><i>Ardeidae (Herons, Egrets, and Bitterns)</i></b>                |                                  |  |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |
| 81 | Grey Heron                                                           | <i>Ardea cinerea</i>             |  | ■ | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  | ■  |    | ■  |  |  |
|    | <b><i>Accipitridae (Hawks, Eagles, and Kites)</i></b>                |                                  |  |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |
| 82 | Hen Harrier                                                          | <i>Circus cyaneus</i>            |  |   |    | ■  |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |
| 83 | Eurasian Sparrowhawk                                                 | <i>Accipiter nisus</i>           |  |   | ■  | ■  |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |
| 84 | White-tailed Eagle                                                   | <i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>      |  |   | ■  | ■  |    | ■  |    | ■  |    |  |  |
| 85 | Golden Eagle                                                         | <i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>         |  |   | ■  | ■  |    |    | ■  | ■  |    |  |  |
| 86 | Common Buzzard                                                       | <i>Buteo buteo</i>               |  | ■ |    | ■  | ■  |    | ■  | ■  | ■  |  |  |
|    | <b><i>Tytonidae and Strigidae</i></b>                                |                                  |  |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |

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|     | <b>(Owls)</b>                                                     |                                   |  |  |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| 87  | Short-eared Owl                                                   | <i>Asio flammeus</i>              |  |  |          |           |           | ▪         | ▪         | ▪         |           |           |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
|     | <b>Falconidae (Falcons)</b>                                       |                                   |  |  |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| 88  | Common Kestrel                                                    | <i>Falco tinnunculus</i>          |  |  |          |           |           | ▪         |           |           |           |           |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| 89  | Merlin                                                            | <i>Falco columbarius</i>          |  |  |          |           |           | ▪         |           |           |           |           | ▪ |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| 90  | Peregrine Falcon                                                  | <i>Falco peregrinus</i>           |  |  |          |           |           |           | ▪         |           |           |           |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
|     | <b>Oriolidae and Corvidae (Orioles, Crows, Jays, and Magpies)</b> |                                   |  |  |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| 91  | Common Magpie                                                     | <i>Pica pica</i>                  |  |  |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| 92  | Eurasian Jackdaw                                                  | <i>Corvus monedula</i>            |  |  | ▪        |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| 93  | Rook                                                              | <i>Corvus frugilegus</i>          |  |  | ▪        |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |   |   |   |   |   | ▪ |  |
| 94  | Carrion Crow                                                      | <i>Corvus corone</i>              |  |  | ▪        |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| 95  | Hooded Crow                                                       | <i>Corvus cornix</i>              |  |  | ▪        | ▪         | ▪         | ▪         | ▪         | ▪         | ▪         | ▪         | ▪ | ▪ | ▪ | ▪ | ▪ | ▪ |  |
| 96  | Common Raven                                                      | <i>Corvus corax</i>               |  |  | ▪        | ▪         | ▪         | ▪         | ▪         | ▪         | ▪         | ▪         | ▪ | ▪ | ▪ | ▪ | ▪ | ▪ |  |
|     | <b>Alaudidae (Larks)</b>                                          |                                   |  |  |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| 97  | Eurasian Skylark                                                  | <i>Alauda arvensis</i>            |  |  | H        |           | ▪         | ▪         | ▪         | ▪         | ▪         | ▪         | ▪ | ▪ | ▪ | ▪ | ▪ | ▪ |  |
|     | <b>Hirundinidae (Swallows)</b>                                    |                                   |  |  |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| 98  | Sand Martin                                                       | <i>Riparia riparia</i>            |  |  | ▪        | ▪         | ▪         | ▪         | ▪         | ▪         |           |           |   | ▪ |   |   |   |   |  |
| 99  | Barn Swallow                                                      | <i>Hirundo rustica</i>            |  |  | ▪        |           | ▪         | ▪         | ▪         | ▪         | ▪         | ▪         | ▪ | ▪ | ▪ | ▪ | ▪ | ▪ |  |
| 100 | Common House Martin                                               | <i>Delichon urbicum</i>           |  |  |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
|     | <b>Troglodytidae (Wrens)</b>                                      |                                   |  |  |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| 101 | Eurasian Wren                                                     | <i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>    |  |  | ▪        | H         |           |           |           |           |           |           |   | H | H | ▪ |   |   |  |
|     | <b>Regulidae and Phylloscopidae (Kinglets and Leaf Warblers)</b>  |                                   |  |  |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| 102 | Goldcrest                                                         | <i>Regulus regulus</i>            |  |  | H        | ▪         |           |           |           |           |           |           |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| 103 | Willow Warbler                                                    | <i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>     |  |  | ▪        | ▪         |           |           |           |           |           |           | H |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| 104 | Common Chiffchaff                                                 | <i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>     |  |  |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| 105 | Wood Warbler                                                      | <i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>    |  |  |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
|     | <b>Sylviidae (Sylvia Warblers)</b>                                |                                   |  |  |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| 106 | Sedge Warbler                                                     | <i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i> |  |  |          |           |           | H         |           |           |           |           |   |   |   | ▪ |   |   |  |
| 107 | Grasshopper Warbler                                               | <i>Locustella naevia</i>          |  |  |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| 108 | Eurasian Blackcap                                                 | <i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>         |  |  | H        | H         |           |           |           |           |           |           |   |   |   |   |   | H |  |
| 109 | Garden Warbler                                                    | <i>Sylvia borin</i>               |  |  |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| 110 | Common Whitethroat                                                | <i>Sylvia communis</i>            |  |  |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
|     | <b>Muscicapidae (Old World Flycatchers)</b>                       |                                   |  |  |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| 111 | Spotted Flycatcher                                                | <i>Muscicapa striata</i>          |  |  |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| 112 | European Robin                                                    | <i>Erithacus rubecula</i>         |  |  | ▪        | ▪         |           |           |           |           |           |           |   |   |   |   |   | ▪ |  |
| 113 | Common Redstart                                                   | <i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>    |  |  | H        |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| 114 | Whinchat                                                          | <i>Saxicola rubetra</i>           |  |  |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| 115 | European Stonechat                                                | <i>Saxicola rubicola</i>          |  |  | ▪        | ▪         | ▪         | ▪         | ▪         | ▪         | ▪         | ▪         | ▪ | ▪ | ▪ | ▪ | ▪ | ▪ |  |
| 116 | Northern Wheatear                                                 | <i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>          |  |  | ▪        | ▪         | ▪         | ▪         | ▪         | ▪         | ▪         | ▪         | ▪ | ▪ | ▪ | ▪ | ▪ | ▪ |  |
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| 117 | Pied Flycatcher                                                   | <i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>         |  |  |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
|     | <b>Turdidae and Sturnidae</b>                                     |                                   |  |  |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |

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|     | <b>(Thrushes and Starlings)</b>                                     |                             |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| 118 | Song Thrush                                                         | <i>Turdus philomelos</i>    |  |   | ■ |   |   |   |   |   | ■ |  |
| 119 | Eurasian Blackbird                                                  | <i>Turdus merula</i>        |  | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ |  |
| 120 | Redwing                                                             | <i>Turdus iliacus</i>       |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| 121 | Fieldfare                                                           | <i>Turdus pilaris</i>       |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| 122 | Common Starling                                                     | <i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>     |  | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ |  |
|     | <b>Prunellidae (Accentors)</b>                                      |                             |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| 123 | Dunnock                                                             | <i>Prunella modularis</i>   |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
|     | <b>Motacillidae (Wagtails and Pipits)</b>                           |                             |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| 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>Fringillidae (Finches)</b>                                       |                             |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| 128 | Common Chaffinch                                                    | <i>Fringilla coelebs</i>    |  | ■ | ■ |   |   |   | ■ |   | ■ |  |
| 129 | European Greenfinch                                                 | <i>Chloris chloris</i>      |  |   | ■ |   |   | ■ |   |   | ■ |  |
| 130 | Twite                                                               | <i>Linaria flavirostris</i> |  |   | ■ | ■ |   | ■ | ■ | ■ |   |  |
| 131 | Common Linnet                                                       | <i>Linaria cannabina</i>    |  | ■ | ■ |   | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ |   |  |
| 132 | Common Redpoll                                                      | <i>Acanthis flammea</i>     |  | ■ | ■ |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| 133 | European Goldfinch                                                  | <i>Carduelis carduelis</i>  |  | ■ | ■ |   |   | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ |  |
| 134 | Eurasian Siskin                                                     | <i>Spinus spinus</i>        |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | ■ |  |
|     | <b>Emberizidae and Passeridae (Old World Buntings and Sparrows)</b> |                             |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| 135 | Common Reed Bunting                                                 | <i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i> |  |   | ■ |   |   |   | H |   |   |  |
| 136 | House Sparrow                                                       | <i>Passer domesticus</i>    |  | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ |  |
| 137 | Corn Bunting                                                        | <i>Emberiza calandra</i>    |  |   |   | ■ |   |   |   |   |   |  |
|     | <b>ADDITIONAL SPECIES</b>                                           |                             |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| 138 | Wood Sandpiper                                                      |                             |  | ■ |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| 139 | Common Crossbill                                                    |                             |  | ■ |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| 140 | Blue Tit                                                            |                             |  | ■ |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| 141 | Viking Gull (Herring x Glaucous)                                    |                             |  |   |   |   | ■ |   |   |   |   |  |
| 142 | Common Treecreeper                                                  |                             |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | ■ |  |
| 143 | Grey Wagtail                                                        |                             |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | H |  |