



**TOUR REPORT
HEBRIDEAN CRUISE
1ST – 10TH MAY 2023**

www.oriolobirding.com

info@oriolobirding.com

MONDAY 1ST MAY – Sunny spells and light winds, 13C

It had been three years in the making, after Covid-cancellation back in 2020 and 2021, but finally around 1.30pm today we set foot on Seahorse II to embark on our inaugural Hebridean Cruise, a tour designed to mark the 20-year anniversary of Oriole Birding! We all had hassle-free journeys from various points of the UK and America to meet near Oban at Dunstaffnage pier where our skipper and crew saw us aboard. Ashley left the group here and headed down to the Calmac ferry, to run the van over to Mull ready for our first day of land-based birding over there tomorrow, and the group set sail under sunny skies enjoying a pod of **Bottle-nosed Dolphins** on the way out. Great Northern Diver and Black Guillemot were among the first birds on the list, and as the vessel moored in Loch Spelve an adult **White-tailed Eagle** circled overhead. Ashley was bought aboard by the tender and now we were set for an exciting 10 days cruising the Hebrides! **Raven, Red-breasted Merganser, Common Sandpiper** and a distant ringtail **Hen Harrier** were seen from deck before dinner.



Our ship, Seahorse II

TUESDAY 2ND MAY – Overcast with light winds, 15C

We awoke to a beautiful calm morning in Loch Spelve and after breakfast we headed ashore by tender to pick up the van and head out for a 6hr tour of the Isle of Mull. Taking the minor road down towards Loch Buie, we stopped first in an area of oak woodland where we could hear the shivering trill of **Wood Warbler** and the subtle ditty of a **Redstart**. Despite our best efforts both these species remained 'heard only' but we did have excellent views of parachuting **Tree Pipits** which were numerous in the area. A **Cuckoo** called monotonously from the far hillside but we didn't see one until we reached Loch Buie, and found one perched atop some distant trees. Roadside birds on the scenic drive down included **Wheatear, Stonechat** and **Common Sandpiper**, while the view out into the loch added both **Red-throated Diver** and **Great Northern Diver**, plus Gannets and Red-breasted Merganser. Winding our way back up through the woods we turned left onto the main road and

drove down through Glen Forsa and Glen More to Kinloch. Here the open boggy plain dominated by cotton grass offers a good place to scan around but we couldn't see any Hen Harriers or Short-eared Owls here today. Reed Bunting, Skylark and Raven were among the species noted though.



Great Northern Diver – a common sight throughout the trip

Around Loch Beg and up Glen Seilisdeir, we had to make a fairly whistle-stop route cherry-picking the best spots of a journey that would normally take a full day to cover. Nevertheless the weather was excellent and aided our quest for raptors, as we were soon watching a pair of **Golden Eagles** floating majestically along their nesting cliff. We spent some time scoping the female bird which was gathering nest material and returning to the eyrie to complete home improvements! At one point a pair of **White-tailed Eagles** appeared over the same cliffs – classic Mull! Loch na Keal offered us several good views of **Great Northern Divers** which were dotted liberally across the water in various plumages. A pair of **Twite** added more passerine interest too, landing on the road next to us and advertising themselves with their buzzy calls. Finally we reached Salen, and lunched by the old boats listening to another **Wood Warbler** (which also remained unseen!) before continuing on the last leg of the journey to Tobermory. Here Alan and Mike were waiting for us with the tender, and we were soon whisked out into the bay where Seahorse II was waiting for us to board.

The rest of the afternoon was taken with the steam up to the Isle of Rhum, which was absolutely fantastic in the flat calm sea. A distant **Peregrine** circled the crags of Mull as we gradually left the island behind and rounded Ardnamurchan Point. Here we saw our first cetaceans with a couple of **Harbour Porpoise** passing by, and then we spotted the fins of a small pod of **Bottle-nosed Dolphins**. These inquisitive animals immediately came to the bow of the boat and spent twenty minutes riding with us – standing on the bow ourselves we could lean over and see them swimming in the clear water beneath the boat and surfacing almost at touching distance. A really wonderful encounter and the undoubted highlight of the day! Seabirds began to really pick up though with our first **Manx Shearwaters**, and then an increase in auks as we neared Eigg with lots of **Common Guillemots**, a few **Razorbills** and the odd **Puffin**. Just off Rhum, two large rafts of **Manx Shearwaters** included one group which we were able to break off and circle around in the ship, getting some brilliant views.

Fulmars, Kittiwakes and **Common Terns** completed the scene as we rounded the east side of Rhum, and here a very pale **White-tailed Eagle** lumbered by and perched on the cliffs. A nice close **Red-throated Diver**, several **Great Northern Divers** and **Black Guillemots** greeted us in the harbour where we moored for the night, ready for a short walking tour tomorrow morning.



Manx Shearwaters on the approach to Rhum, 2nd May

WEDNESDAY 3RD MAY – *Overcast in light SE winds, 13C*

We woke to another calm morning and our mooring in the harbour at Kinloch on the Isle of Rhum was beautifully sheltered. **Great Northern Diver** and **Black Guillemot** were around the ship and a **White-tailed Eagle** flew low across the outer bay as we enjoyed our pre-breakfast brew. After a hearty full Scottish breakfast we jumped in the tender and headed ashore for a two hour walk on the island – the area around the village was well wooded and so there were several passerines on offer such as **Willow Warbler**, **Redpoll**, **Coal Tit**, **Goldcrest** and **Long-tailed Tit**. A **Greenshank** was feeding in one of the seaweed-filled bays and interestingly it took flight and towered to a great height before heading off north, so presumably a bird on passage rather than a local breeder. **Eider**, **Red-breasted Merganser** and **Common Sandpiper** were all seen well and a lovely bonus came in the form of a **Spotted Flycatcher** which we picked up calling near the manse and eventually had good scope views perched high above us. A fairly early date for one to already have arrived this far north. Another **Greenshank** was seen and did exactly as the first, towering off into the clouds! Back on board by 1030, we pulled anchor and set off for the long steam to Lochmaddy.

We were certainly lucky with the weather for our crossing of The Minch, as other than a slight swell from the south-east, which we were able to align up our stern, the sea was fairly benign. It seemed to take forever to pass the massive Isle of Skye, but this route was quite good for birds with little groups of auks, kittiwakes, **Manx Shearwaters** and a single **Great Skua** encountered along the way. A **Minke Whale** made one superb clear breach for two of us to see, but unfortunately deep-dived before the rest of the group could be assembled by the ringing of the ‘wildlife bell’ by the skipper. The Minch itself was quiet for birds but also calm enough for us to head below deck for lunch, returning to the deck for the last hour or so of the steam. Now several **Puffins** were seen on the water, another **Great Skua** was around a small fishing boat and a pod of **Bottle-nosed Dolphins** were clearly sending a bait-ball close to the surface as the Gannets were diving in and several **Manx Shearwaters** were arriving to join the party! Another **White-tailed Eagle** was seen as we headed into Lochmaddy harbour on North Uist, and the bird landed on a knoll so we were able to scope it from our mooring. **Common Tern**, **Great Northern Diver** and **Black Guillemot** were around the ship too.

We had a couple of hours before dinner and so some of us headed ashore in the tender and checked out the bar of the hotel!



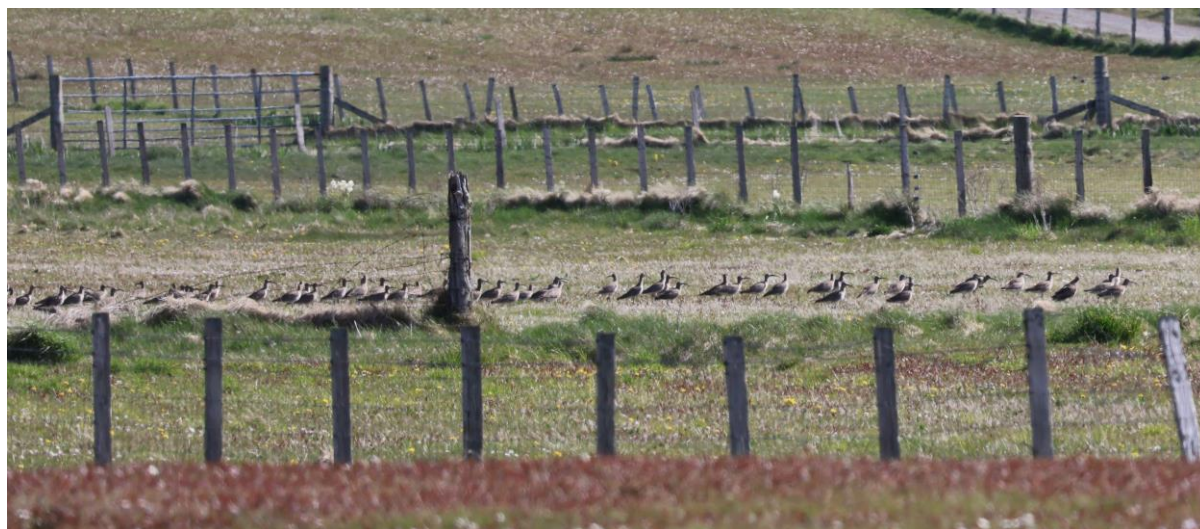
Manx Shearwater

THURSDAY 4TH MAY – *Calm day with sunny spells, 17C*

A stunning day of weather and birds awaited us on North Uist as we tendered into Lochmaddy at 0830 and met up with Steve Duffield and Martin Gillingham who were guiding us around their home island for the day. The great birds came thick and fast and started with a pair of **Short-eared Owls** by the roadside, with one floating over the road in front of the vehicles and the second bird displaying over the moorland beyond. This set the tone for the day and at Loch Paible on the west of the island, we enjoyed our first scenes of flowering machair brimming with Arctic-bound waders. Here there were hundreds of **Ringed Plovers** and **Dunlins** across a large area of machair, peppered with russet-backed **Ruddy Turnstones** and the odd **Sanderling**, Redshank and Lapwing. **Snipe** were drumming over our heads and our first **Corncrakes** were creaking in the vicinity. A short walk to the edge of the intertidal area produced more large flocks of **Dunlin** (including a yellow darvic ringed bird which turned out to be from Mid Wales, ringed at Ynslas in April 2021!), Shelduck and some superb **Greenland Wheatears**. Back at the parking spot, a **Corncrake** was spotted sneaking around in some tall grass and nettles, and then amazingly we saw two more along the roadside with one actually slinking across the road, pressing itself low and walking slowly as if it was moving through dense cover! A **Peregrine** flew over scattering the waders on the machair to the four winds – including four **Golden Plover** which came over us calling.

Next we took the Paible circular road and here we saw a massive flock of 80 **Whimbrel** which lifted from the fields before drifting back down again and standing in a long line to attention. From hereonin they were a feature of the rest of the day with a couple of hundred seen at least. In fact at our next stop at Loch Sandaray they were roosting on the islands in the loch, along the shore and on the boggy grassland at the west end, with more birds constantly arriving and replacing those heading off. A single **Black-tailed Godwit** was also here, plus a couple of displaying **Sedge warblers**,

Little Grebe and a lone **Pink-footed Goose**. Nearby at Balranald, we picked up singles of **Whooper Swan** and **Barnacle Goose** on the way into the reserve and heard another trio of **Corncrakes**, with one showing well walking around in the open in a field.



Incredible numbers of passage Whimbrel were seen in North Uist today

Aird an Runair is one of the most beautiful spots in the islands and today it was pleasantly warm with a turquoise sea and white sand beach to rival the Caribbean. The shoreline was thronged with small waders, with Sanderling more numerous along the tideline and Dunlin predominating on the banks of rotting seaweed at the top of the beach. **Eiders** 'ooooed' from the surf here and **White Wagtails** were feeding among the calidrids in the seaweed. We took a short walk onto the machair to see **Corn Bunting**, which we could hear jangling its keys around a cattle pen, and we picked up Shoveler and Gadwall on the small lochan. The walk down towards the point added **Arctic Terns** and a **Purple Sandpiper**, foraging among the rocks with the other waders. A brace of dark phase **Arctic Skuas** flying past us really put the tin lid on a fantastic stop here.



Corncrake at RSPB Balranald, 4th May

There was much more to come from the day though and after seconds at the obliging Corncrake, we looped round to Loch Hosta. A **White-tailed Eagle** was perched up on the hill behind, surveying the area around, and even better was a 2cy **Glaucous Gull** which floated in and joined the gull roost. This gorgeous 'white winger' gave us some really good views as it wandered about on the grass with the other large gulls. Driving a little up the road we had better views of the eagle, and also saw a ringtail **Hen Harrier** being mobbed by a **Merlin** and a field littered with summer-plumaged **Golden Plovers**. The raptor theme continued on committee road, where we saw three male and one female **Hen Harriers** – but what views! Two males were having a 'dance off' at the fringes of their territories, towering into the air and performing improbable backflips to impress the watching female and maintain their territorial boundaries.



2cy Glaucous Gull arriving at Loch Hosta

To end the day we headed back down to Baleshare, an island connected to North Uist by a short causeway. Low-lying and dominated by machair, it can be a good place for waders (and we were looking for Dotterel in particular). Not so many waders here today but in the bay off the west coast, at least 45 **Great Northern Divers** were seen – quite a sight! A pod of **Bottle-nosed Dolphins** were moving through here too, and we also picked up **Little Tern**. All in all a spectacular days birding and we headed back in to Lochmaddy just before 6pm not really knowing where the time had gone!

FRIDAY 5TH MAY – *Overcast with some sunny spells and fresh East winds, 13C*

Despite very kind weather for our trip so far, our window to reach St Kilda some 50 miles west of the Outer Hebrides was now upon us but unfortunately, persistent east and south-east winds increasing over the next few days meant this would be impossible for us as we would need to be able to moor overnight. The wind and swell would be pushing right into the south-east facing harbour there (normally out of the wind of course) – just one of those things and despite our disappointment there was nothing we could do and instead had to swing a plan B into action. Well actually a plan C as our

preferred fall-back option of the Monach Isles was also off the menu, being too exposed in the wind direction. So, today was a sedate steam up to Harris of about three hours duration, and even here along the edge of The Minch we could feel the ship rolling and pitching for the first time. There was little to see on this crossing, so most of us took the chance to catch up on a bit of rest. Reaching East Loch Tarbert, we dropped anchor in time for lunch and then tendered ashore for a while. The village of Tarbert produced a few passerines including superb views of **Common Redpolls**, with some lovely raspberry red males. **Blackcap**, **Willow Warbler** and **Goldcrest** were also seen. Walking the short distance to West Loch Tarbert, we had excellent views of a **Red-throated Diver** in summer plumage, close into the shore, and a smart **Greenshank** was feeding along the edge too.



Male Common Redpoll, Isle of Harris 5th May

Back aboard (via the distillery and Harris Tweed shop!) we pulled anchor and steamed a couple of miles out to the island of Scalpay, where we would moor overnight in a lovely sheltered bay. **Razorbill**, **Black Guillemot** and **Common Eider** were around us here and two **Great Skuas** flew overhead. **Common Seals** were hauled out on the rocks too, and in the tender we were able to circumnavigate their preferred skerry and get some great views. Nipping ashore here, we did a short pre-dinner walk and noted a few bits – another superb **Greenshank** (which we heard singing!), several **Wheatear**, **Stonechat**, **Sedge Warbler**, **Willow Warbler** and a calling **Cuckoo**. Back aboard then for another superb meal and early night ready for our trip out to the uninhabited Shiant Islands tomorrow.

SATURDAY 6TH MAY – *Calm day with sunny spells and showers, 15C*

A very special day awaited us today as we pulled anchor at Scalpay after breakfast, and headed back out into The Minch to head North-east towards the Shiant Isles. The journey took around two hours and was pretty quiet for birds until we got close to the islands themselves – uninhabited and with steep basalt sea cliffs and scree slopes, the Shiants are a real seabird city! As we approached, the

water ahead of us was covered in birds with huge rafts of auks, kittiwakes and other seabirds. A feeding frenzy had clearly been taking place and the **Kittiwakes** in particular were buzzing around in a tight flock, with **Great Skuas** marauding around the edge of the flock. Two **Arctic Skuas** were also present, sat just away from the main group and watching on. **Razorbills** and **Puffins** were the most numerous auks and in fact the Shiant supports some 7% of the UK population of the former and 10% of the latter. This was to really hit home as we rounded the north side of the main island and into the bay where we would be anchoring – an incredible sight of thousands of auks, mostly **Razorbills**, covering the entire expanse of the bay! We moored up and spent some time watching the **Shags** flying past the ship carrying nesting material, and the general hubbub of the auks which were all around the vessel.



Great Skua on our approach to the Shiant, 6th May

After an early lunch we hopped in the zodiac and headed out across the bay, chugging slowly through the massive rafts of auks which really were quite something! Heading across to the northerly of the three main islands, we passed some rocky skerries where both Common and **Atlantic Grey Seals** were hauled out on the exposed rocks, with several bobbing up inquisitively around our boat. Out in the tidal race in the distance, we suddenly spotted fins approaching – dolphins! We turned and headed towards them to see if we could get ahead of their line so they would pass close. Assuming Bottle-nosed, we started taking photos as the group of 15 or more animals gradually approached closer. Suddenly a small group of them surfaced right in front of us, showing their large sickle shaped fins, blunt nose and blotchy white patterning to the head – they were **Risso's Dolphins**! A rare treat to see these scarce dolphins up close, though they soon were away in the distance and heading back into The Minch. Crossing back to our anchorage we ran along the base of the scree slope enjoying more views of the auks, which all suddenly flew out of the bay in a mass panic – we looked up to see not one but three **White-tailed Eagles** soaring over the cliffs! All young birds, they hung around for the next hour or so and we had several more excellent sightings of them.



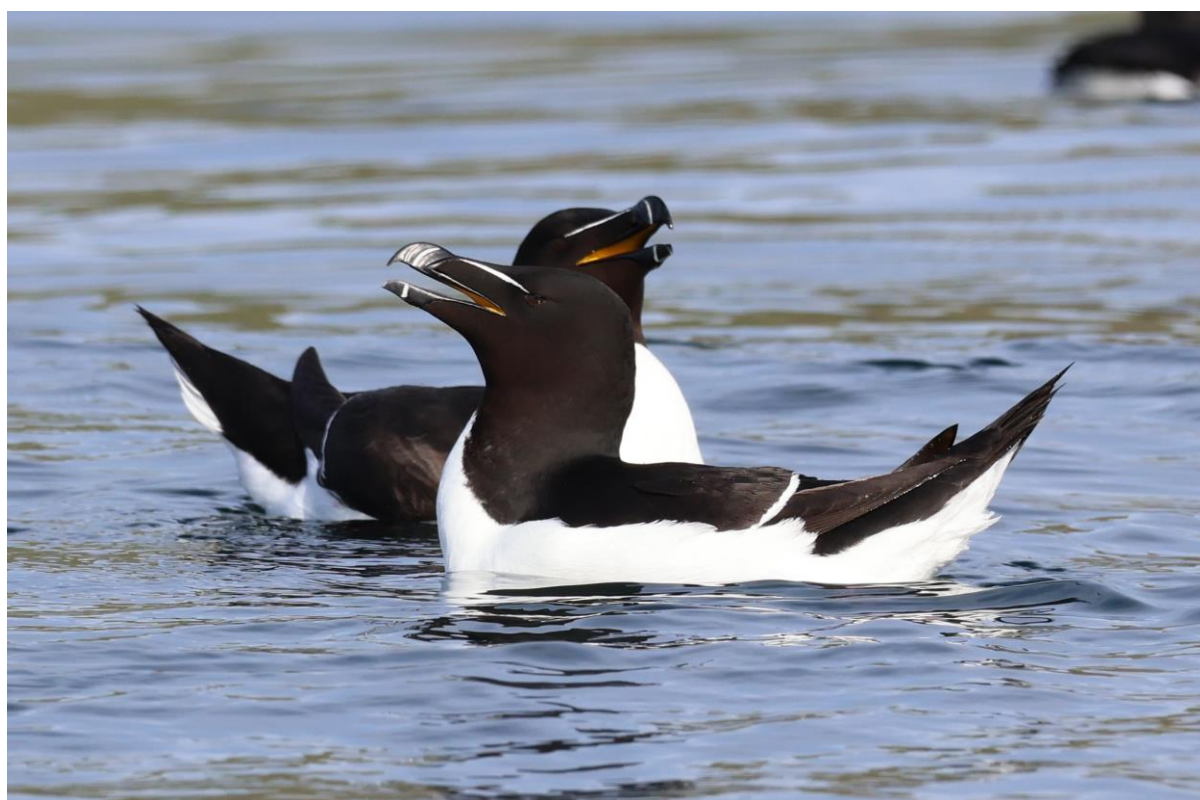
Young White-tailed Eagle, Shiant's 6th May

Putting ashore on the pebble beach which joins the two westerly islands of the group, we spotted Rock Pipits, Common Sandpipers and **Whimbrel** as we clambered up and walked along to the bothy. Up beyond here, we walked up to the first ridge where we could enjoy the views and amazingly a small clump of bushes held two **Willow Warblers** and a **Blackcap**! Snipe were calling and displaying around, and there were several **Wheatears** and **Twite** about too. Above us on the higher ridge, three **Great Skuas** kept a watchful eye over proceedings. Back down to the beach, we headed back in the tender to Seahorse and after a brew, some of us took to the kayaks and headed back around the bay which was beautifully sheltered and calm. Paddling through the auks was quite something!



Risso's Dolphin, Shiant's 6th May

Late afternoon, we made another trip out in the zodiac this time heading to the northern side of the islands to see what was nesting on the cliffs there. Way ahead, we could see another massive group of birds feeding, mainly **Kittiwakes**, and assumed there must be a bait ball there. As we approached the arched back and small sickle fin of a **Minke Whale** punctured the water and we soon realised what all the activity was about! Edging closer and cutting the engine, we had a fantastic half hour watching this superb cetacean often breaching really close to our boat – we could easily hear its blow! We ran back in along the cliffs, enjoying the nesting Kittiwakes and few Guillemots, but noting the empty white-washed ledges which had no doubt been occupied by bird flu victims the year before. A sea cave enticed us in on the way back, with two **Purple Sandpipers** perched on a low ledge in it's entrance - we were so lucky to be sat in such a lovely pocket of calm weather here so that we could get in close and explore the islands fully. Interestingly the bay which had been full of Razorbills earlier was now full of **Puffins**!



Razorbills – 7% of the UK population breed here!

After dinner, we had one more excursion left in what had already been a fantastic day. The islands had been cleared of rats as recently as 2017 and the following year, European Storm-Petrel bred here for the first time since. Having identified a suitable scree slope in daylight, we now headed there under the cover of darkness to listen for their calls – a long shot as we had no idea what the population here was and whether we were even looking in the right spot! Sadly we didn't hear anything, but amazingly two of the **White-tailed Eagles** were still circling around the cliffs in the semi-dark and Venus was shining brightly above.

SUNDAY 7TH MAY – *Overcast clearing to sunshine and light SE winds, 16C*

Our second long steam of the trip was in order this morning and in fact we pulled anchor just after 0530 and departed the Shiant, which were bathed in a gorgeous sunrise and the bay was thronged with auks which had no doubt gathered as the day broke, ready to head up to their cliffs. The run out across The Minch was otherwise fairly quiet other than for a few **Harbour Porpoise**, and most of

us took the opportunity to catch up on some kip after a late night and early morning. Skirting along the northern edge of sky, the usual assortment of seabirds was on offer with **Manx Shearwaters** picking up in number as we rounded Neist Point and the distinctive outline of Rhum loomed into view. We made good time, reaching the Isle of Canna in time for lunch, taken on our anchorage in the sheltered bay in lea of the island of Sanday.



Puffins – thousands were seen over the last few days

After lunch we jumped in the tender and made the short trip ashore onto Canna, which was now bathed in beautiful sunshine and blue sky. The walk around to the bridge joining the island to Sanday was just beautiful and as well as the usual shoreline birds such as **Eider**, **Red-breasted Merganser** and **Black Guillemot**, we picked up **Whimbrel** heard a **Cuckoo** calling and saw a few passerines. **Willow Warbler**, the only warbler which had been present everywhere we've been, was signing away in a few spots and we had great views of **Sedge Warbler** too. A female **Whinchat** perched along a fenceline was a super bonus and then we had the chance to compare the two races of Wheatear with the local breeders singing and clearly paired up, and the larger and darker, more saturated **Greenland Wheatear** passing through on the last leg of its mammoth migration. **Twite** was seen on the walk back – a colour-ringed bird feeding along the path. Back on board, some of us took to the kayaks around the bay which was lovely and sheltered, though a force seven was forecast to move in overnight so it might be a different day tomorrow!

MONDAY 8TH MAY – *Overcast with rain and low cloud, SE winds, 15C*

It was a pretty windy night overnight and with proper rain for the first time on the tour as we set off from Canna, we were in for our bumpiest ride so far. We were running pretty much into the southeasterly wind and swell, and so it was really quite rough for a couple of hours and in poor visibility too, it made birding from the deck difficult. We hoped for a Storm Petrel given the conditions, but the reality was that we only saw the usual selection of auks, **Gannet**, **Fulmar**, **Kittiwake** and **Manx Shearwater**. Once we eventually rounded Ardnamurchan Point, we were in the lea of Mull and the

sea state quickly lessened and became much more comfortable. Lunch was served as we entered the shelter of Tobermory Harbour, which was like a mill pond!



Wood Warbler near Salen by tour participant Karen Bolton

Our afternoon was spent touring the North of Mull, starting along the Sound of Mull at Salen where we tried again for the **Wood Warbler** which we had heard a week ago but not seen. This time we had superb views, with a pair close to the road and the male singing right above our heads with quivering wings. Such a stunning warbler and with a great song too, we remarked to our American friends in the group that this was our only real warbler candidate to rival the gaudiness of the Nearctic warblers. Pressing on round to Loch na Keal we stopped at Killiechronan just as an adult **White-tailed Eagle** flew across the road and off into the forestry beyond. Several **Great Northern Divers** were in the loch including some real stunners in full plumage, and we saw a single **Red-throated Diver** too. Continuing along past Ulva Ferry we stopped next at Eas Fors to admire the waterfall plunging over the cliff edge into the loch. **Grey Wagtail** and a **Spotted Flycatcher** were also seen here.

As we ascended the Torloisk road we ventured deeper into the low cloud, so that we didn't see anything more until we descended back into the sunshine on the north side of the island at Dervaig. Here the bay produced a selection of waders, with sixteen **Dunlin** poking among the seaweed and several **Common Sandpiper** and Redshank also seen. Three **Goosander** were out in the bay too, and were our first ones of the trip. Taking the road east back towards Tobermory, we had time for one more stop along the track to Loch Frisa where we had good views of **Redpolls**, a **Common Whitethroat** and perched up **Cuckoo**. A productive afternoon, leaving us only a couple of targets for our final full day on Mull tomorrow!

TUESDAY 9TH MAY – *Overcast day with some light showers, 15C*

A great days birding around the Isle of Mull today saw us tender ashore about 0830 in Tobermory harbour and set off south down the Sound of Mull. We drove through a fair bit of rain but by the time we arrived at Grasspoint, it had cleared up and the sun was trying to shine. The walk down towards the point took us through boggy moorland and birch woodland and there were **Willow Warblers** and **Common Whitethroats** singing everywhere. We had great views of a family of Stonechats and also saw two **Tree Pipits** walking in the road, with another seen in song flight. Mid-way down, a small passerine with a 'stringy' structure and spindly tail flushed from the ditch and dived into a small bush. We had a pretty good idea what it was going to be and to confirm, out popped a **Grasshopper Warbler**. We had scope views of the bird perched partly obscured in the bushes. Near the parking area, we saw another, climbing around in an alder tree by the side of the road and occasionally reeling. Really superb views of this one and a highlight of the day.



Grasshopper Warbler at Grasspoint, 9th May

We now drove down the Glen to Kinloch and then took the road around by Loch Beg and the North shore of Loch Scridain with a view to trying to find an **Otter**. Amazingly, given the places we had been on this trip, we still hadn't seen one. Driving slowly and looking for any disturbance on the water or movement among the rocks is always the tactic most likely to yield results, and eventually around by the stone pier towards Tioran, we spotted something in the water. It was an **Otter**, and distant enough for us to get out and view with a scope without spooking it. It caught a crab which it brought ashore, and then we realised we were actually watching two different animals with the second one obliging for much longer before that disappeared into the rocks.

Driving around via Glen Seilisdeir we lunched by a Golden eagle eyrie (no-one at home today) and then continued all the way to Knock. The walk down alongside Loch Ba from here was beautiful in the sunshine and out of the wind. **Red-breasted Mergansers** and **Common Sandpipers** gave really close views, while over the hills opposite we saw at least three **Golden Eagles**, with some good scope views and one which went into a long glide and came right across to our side of the valley. No sign of

any Redstarts today though, which was a shame. Back at Knock we headed round to another **Golden Eagle** eyrie to see if we could finish the day with some closer views. We picked a bird up distantly gliding in and it flew right across the moorland in front of us and circled up before being joined by a second bird. Our best views yet with yellow feet and golden nape clearly visible! From here it was a short run back to Tobermory, where we enjoyed a quick beer to end the day before hopping in the tender to ride back to Seahorse which was moored out in the flat-calm bay.



Golden Eagle, 9th May

WEDNESDAY 10TH MAY

A travelling day for us all today, lifting anchor around 0730 and travelling back down the Sound of Mull to Dunstaffnage where we said our goodbyes around 1100 for the long trips homewards.

Species Checklist

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		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Anatidae (Ducks, Geese, and Waterfowl)												
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>										
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>									■	
Phasianidae (Pheasants, Grouse, and Allies)												

23	Red Grouse	<i>Lagopus lagopus</i>										
Podicipedidae (Grebes)												
24	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>					■					
Columbidae (Pigeons and Doves)												
25	Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>					■	■		■	■	■
26	Common Woodpigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>			■	■						
27	Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>			■	■	■	■		H	■	■
Cuculidae and Apodidae (Cuckoos and Swifts)												
28	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>			■	H	H	H		H	■	H
29	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>										
Rallidae (Rails and Coots)												
30	Corncrake	<i>Crex crex</i>					■					
31	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>					■					
32	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>										
Charadriidae (Plovers and allies)												
33	Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>										
#	Common Name	Scientific name		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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>										
Scolopacidae (Sandpipers and Allies)												
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>		■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
50	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>					■				■	
51	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>				■	■	■				
52	Red-necked Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>										
Stercorariidae (Skuas)												
53	Great Skua	<i>Stercorarius skua</i>				■		■	■			
54	Arctic Skua	<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>					■		■			
55	Pomarine Skua	<i>Stercorarius pomarinus</i>										
56	Long-tailed Skua	<i>Stercorarius longicaudus</i>										
Alcidae (Auks)												
57	Common Guillemot	<i>Uria aalge</i>			■	■		■	■	■	■	
58	Razorbill	<i>Alca torda</i>			■	■		■	■	■	■	
59	Black Guillemot	<i>Cepphus grylle</i>		■	■	■		■	■	■	■	■
60	Atlantic Puffin	<i>Fratercula arctica</i>			■	■		■	■	■	■	
Laridae (Gulls and Terns)												
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 glaucoideus</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>										
Gaviidae (Divers)												
73	Red-throated Diver	<i>Gavia stellata</i>			■			■			■	
74	Black-throated Diver	<i>Gavia arctica</i>										
75	Great Northern Diver	<i>Gavia immer</i>		■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Procelariidae (Shearwaters)												
76	Northern Fulmar	<i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>			■	■			■	■	■	
77	Manx Shearwater	<i>Puffinus puffinus</i>			■	■		■		■	■	

#	Common Name	Scientific name		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Sulidae and Phalacrocoracidae (Gannets and Cormorants)												
78	Northern Gannet	<i>Morus bassanus</i>			■	■		■	■	■	■	■
79	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>					■	■	■			■
80	European Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i>		■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■

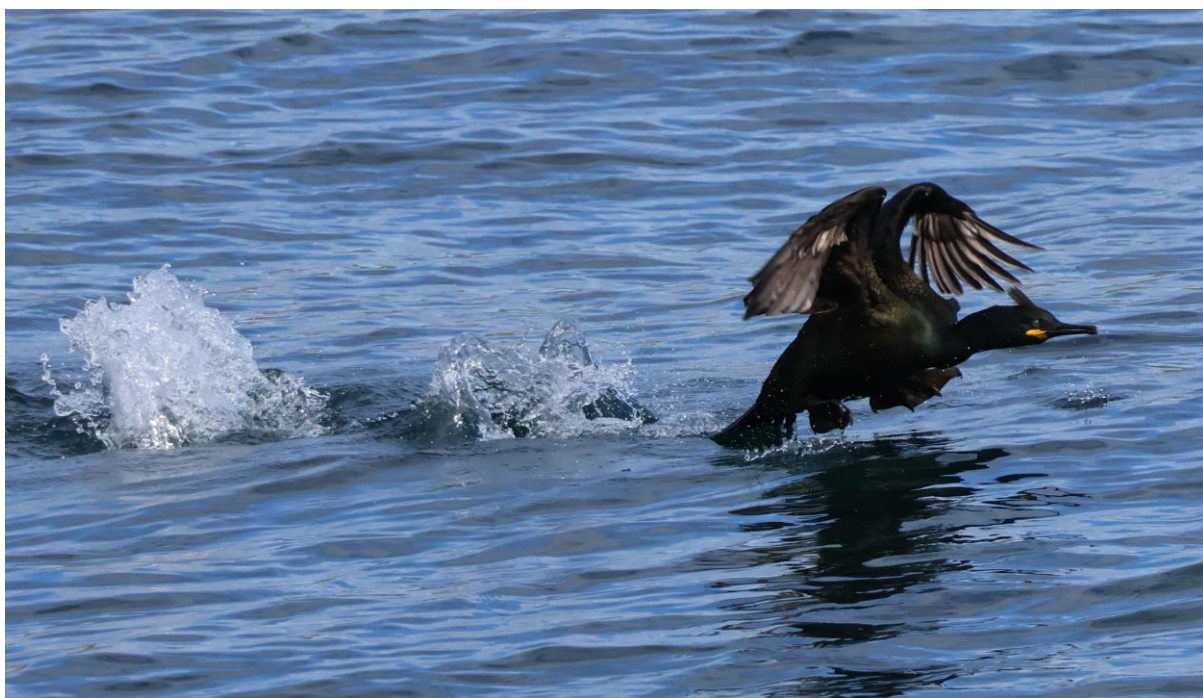
108	Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>						■	■			H
109	Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>										
110	Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>									■	■
	Muscicapidae (Old World Flycatchers)											
111	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>				■					■	
112	European Robin	<i>Erithacus 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>			■		■	■	■	■		■
#	Common Name	Scientific name		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
117	Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>										
	Turdidae and Sturnidae (Thrushes and Starlings)											
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>		■	■	■	■	■			■	■
	Prunellidae (Accentors)											
123	Dunnock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>			■			■			■	■
	Motacillidae (Wagtails and Pipits)											
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>			■				■	■	■	■
	Fringillidae (Finches)											
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>				H						
	Emberizidae and Passeridae (Old World Buntings and Sparrows)											
135	Common Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>			■		■					
136	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>			■	■	■	■		■	■	■
137	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>					■					
	ADDITIONAL SPECIES											
138	Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostraelegus</i>		■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
139	Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>			■		■				■	
140	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>			■							■



Twite



Purple Sandpiper



Shag



Common Seal



Bridled Guillemot



Common Eiders



Razorbills



Kittiwakes and Minke Whale



Minke and Razorbills



Kittiwakes



Minke and seabirds



Manx Shearwaters



Grey Seal



Kittiwake



Wheatear



Razorbills and Seahorse II



At anchor on The Shiant



Sunrise over The Minch