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Systematic List

Key to symbols and abbreviations

Each species entry has a header giving the official name, its scientific name, and an indication of its status. Species are arranged in the latest BOU order. The following symbols are used:

Symbol	Meaning	Symbol	Meaning
A	Accidental (5 records or less)	B	Breeds (≥25 pairs/territories reported/year)
R	Rare (20 records or less)	b	Breeds (<25 pairs/territories reported/year)
U	Uncommon (20 records or less/year)	(B)	Casual or occasional breeder
C	Common (≥20 records/year)	FB	Former breeder
S	Summer visitor (s if less regular)	E	Introduced or escaped
W	Winter visitor (w if less regular)	*	Record is subject to acceptance by the relevant records committee
P	Passage migrant (p if less regular)	1st-w	First winter
juv	Juvenile	2nd-s	Second summer
imm	Immature	2nd-cy	Second calendar year
1st-cy	First calendar year	♀ /♀ ♀	Female/females
♂ /♂ ♂	Male/males	b/4	Brood of 4, etc.
c/7	Clutch of 7, etc.	1 N/ 2 S	1 north/2 south, etc.
pr	Pair	OC	Opencast
GC	Golf Course	asl	Above sea level

Breeding results			
Ardeer rec pond	b/4 on 14-Jul	Hunterston Sands	pr nest building 30-May
Auchenharvie pond	b/8 on 11-May	Hunterston lagoon	pr present
Ayr, River Ayr	pr - failed	Irvine, River Irvine	b/2 on 10-Aug
Ballantrae	no attempt at breeding	Irvine Beach Park	b/3 on 30-Jun
Bankend, Galston	b/5 on 30-Jun	Kay Park, Kilmarnock	b/1 on 3-Jun
Barnshean Loch	absent	Kilantringan Loch	b/4 on 25-Jun
Belston Loch	b/8 on 1-Jul	Kilbirnie Loch	2 prs failed or did not breed
Black Loch, New Cumnock	b/5 on 2-Jun, none seen 26-Jun	Kirkleegreen Reservoir	absent
Blairbowie	pr present	Knockshinnoch	2 prs - b/2, b/1 on 26-Jun
Bogside	b/5 on 21-Sep	Largs	pr failed or did not breed
Bogton Loch	b/4 on 30-Jul	Laigh Milton Mill	absent
Busbie Muir Reservoir	absent	Lands of Turnberry	absent
Capringstone	no breeding	Loch o' th' Lowes	b/6 on 20-Jul, reduced to b/2 on 17-Aug
Catrine Voe	absent	Lugar Reservoirs	b/4 on 3-Aug
Coldstream Mill Dam	absent	Martnaham Loch	2 prs - failed
Common Loch, Cronberry	b/4 on 26-Jun	Mochrum Loch	pr failed or did not breed
Coodham	b/9 on 29-Jun	Montgomery Park, Kilwinning	absent
Creoch Loch	pr - failed	Munnoch Reservoir	b/3 on 14-Jul
Culzean	b/4 on 12-Jul	Pinbraid	pr - failed

Doonfoot	pr - failed	Pow Burn	pr - failed
Dromore Loch	b/4 on 7-Jul	Raith Reservoir	pr failed or did not breed
Eglinton CP	absent	Shankston Loch	pr failed or did not breed
Fergus Loch	pr present	Shewalton	pr failed or did not breed
Garnock Floods	pr present - failed	Snipe Loch	pr failed or did not breed
Garnock Lagoons	b/2 on 19-Jun	Tarbolton Fishery	pr failed or did not breed
Girvan harbour	pr - failed	Tarryholme	absent
Glenbuck Loch	2 prs – b/6, b/3 on 26-Jun	Trabboch Loch	b/6 on 14-Jun, 2 nd pr failed

Counts at main sites	
Hunterston area	6 on 3-Apr, 20 on 20-Nov, 14 on 22-Dec
Bogside/Irvine	10 on 27-Jan, 10 on 29-Mar, 13 on 27-Apr, 26 on 5-May, 38 on 30-Jun, 60 on 20-Jul, 22 on 2-Aug, 24 on 27-Sep, 30 on 20-Oct, 20 on 30-Nov
Ayr Auld Brig	25 on 3-Jan, 49 on 15-Jul
Doonfoot	8 on 16-Jan, 10 on 10-Feb, 22 on 10-Mar, 93 on 30-Apr, 97 on 27-May, 45 on 3-Jun, 52 on 23-Aug, 43 on 22-Sep, 16 on 18-Oct, 27 on 11-Nov, 19 on 16-Dec
Martnaham Loch	17 on 5-Jan, 20 on 12-Jan, 29 on 1-Jul, 6 on 17-Nov
Loch o' th' Lowes	24 on 3-Feb, 31 on 28-Mar, 49 on 10-Oct, 19 on 26-Oct
Other sites	18 Barnshean Loch 17-Jan; 14 Auchenharvie pond 21-Feb; 30 Barassie-Irvine 13-Mar

Whooper Swan *Cygnus cygnus*

C w P

Counts at main sites	
Kilbirnie Loch	12 on 26-Jan, c30 on 22-Feb

Auchenharvie/ Ashgrove Loch	2 on 5-Jan, 2 on 2-Feb, 10 on 2-Mar, 7 on 24-May, 1 on 12-Oct, 3 on 3-Nov, 4 on 24-Nov, 4 on 1-Dec, 3 on 6-Dec
Ardeer Mains/Dubbs Road	33 on 17-Jan, 23 (1 juv) on 23-Nov, 28 (1 juv) on 30-Nov, 26 (2 juvs) on 6-Dec, 11 on 26-Dec
Eglinton CP	'large herd' on 20-Feb, 16 (2 juvs) on 10-Dec
Bogside/Garnock	14 on 5-Jan, 1 on 2-Feb, 10 on 19-Oct, 20 on 18-Nov
Shewalton	17 on 5-Mar, 11 (1 juv) on 15-Dec, 2 on 26-Dec
Craigie/West Doura Farm/Lochlea	32 on 13-Oct, 38 on 14-Oct
Ladykirk/ Raith Resr	70 on 1-Jan, 48 on 8-Jan, 60 on 12-Jan, 53 on 20-Jan
Tarbolton	12 (b/4, b/1) on 4-Jan, 50 on 17-Feb, 9 on 13-Oct, 50 on 17-Oct, 172 (5 juvs) on 24-Oct, 260 on 26-Oct, 329 on 28-Oct, 256 on 30-Oct, c120 (7 juvs) on 1-Nov, 80+ on 3-Nov, 59 on 10-Nov
Doonfoot/Greenan	2 on 19-Mar, 5 on 29-Mar, 8 ads on 3-Apr, 5 on 26-Sep, 10 on 24-Oct, 4 on 4-Nov, 14 on 10-Dec, 8 on 20-Dec
Martnaham/Fergus	18 on 1-Jan, 11 on 6-12 Feb, 2 on 29-Apr
Dalmaca	42 on 31-Mar, 33 on 3-Apr, 16 (1 juv) on 1-Dec
Loch o' th' Lowes	1 on 10-Aug, 17 on 10-Oct, 61 on 18-Oct, 20 on 24-Oct, 9 on 26-Oct, 7 on 2-Dec
Knockshinnoch/New Cumnock	32 on 21-Mar, 2 on 15-May, 6 on 4-Nov, 15 on 5-Nov, 22 on 1-Dec, 19 on 26-Dec
Mochrum Loch	injured ad present throughout the year , 4 (b/1) 5-Jan, 36 on 17-Jan, 7 on 12-Oct
Blairbowie	pr 13-27 May, 5 ads on 26-27 Oct, 3 (1 juv) on 1-Nov
Kileekie	13 on 31-Oct, 6 ads on 1-Nov, 47 (5 juvs) on 3-Nov
Bogton Loch	18 (1 juv) on 28-Feb, 8 on 5-Nov, 2 on 2-Dec, 11 (inc b/2) on 26-Dec
Other sites	16 Loans 6-Jan; 12 Ballochbroe 6-Jan; 21 Burnton Pool 2-Feb; 16 Broomhill fishery 2-Mar; 17 Shewalton 5-Mar; 31 Drongan 25-Mar; 13 Todhill 6-Nov; 10 Maidens 12-Nov

Autumn arrival: 5 Greenan 25-Sep; 4 N Dundonald Camp 5-Oct; 10 Bogside 9-Oct.

Movements: 12 S Maidens 5-Jan; 20 NW Masonhill 26-Mar; 2 N Pow Burn 20-Apr; 4 N Dundonald Camp 5-Oct; 10 S Troon 10-Oct; 11 over Crosshill, Kirklea 12-Oct, 14 over on 2-Nov; 22 S Troon 25-Oct; 3 E Muirhead, Troon 5-Nov, 9 E on 9-Nov; 4 ads S Maidens 6-Nov; 12 over Colmonell 10-Nov.

Bean Goose *Anser fabalis*

Taiga race *fabalis*

R w P

2 Martnaham Loch 4-Nov (RHH).

Tundra race *rossicus*

A

2 Fail 22-23-Dec (DC/RHH).

Pink-footed Goose *Anser brachyrhynchus*

C w P

Winter-spring counts

Portencross/Hunterston	9 on 13-Jan, 2 on 17-Feb
Loans	400 on 1-Jan, 217 on 2-Jan, 126 on 3-Feb, 2 on 15-Feb, 200 NW on 21-Mar
Tarbolton/Martnaham Coylton/Drongan	90 on 4-Jan, 1000 on 16-Feb, 1195 on 24-Feb, 1200 S on 3-Mar, 1985 on 19-Mar, 85 on 18-Apr, 2 on 29-Apr
Ochiltree	3822 on 17-Mar
Blairbowie	7 on 21-Feb, 70 on 23-Mar, 139 on 2-Apr, 46 on 10-13 Apr
Other sites	90 S Bracken Bay 17-Jan; 20 N Seamill 2-Feb; 28 N Monkton 11-Feb; 25 SW High Mooston 25-Feb; 17 Myremill 26-Feb; 320 Seamill 6-Apr; 22 N Turnberry Point 9-Apr; 48 Garnock Lagoons 27-Apr

Autumn-winter counts

Portencross/Hunterston	1 on 16-Oct
Loans	24 on 1-Dec, 127 on 15-Dec, 122 on 20-Dec
Tarbolton/Martnaham Coylton/Drongan	1 on 27-Sep, 7 on 29-Sep, 111 S on 18-Oct, 44 on 28-Oct, 110 on 3-Nov, 63 on 17-Nov, 2 on 20-Nov
Blairbowie	4 on 23-Oct
Other sites	13 Garnock Floods 17-Nov; 24 S Glen App 17-Nov

Others: 1 summered at Loch o' th' Lowes.

Greater White-fronted Goose *Anser albifrons*

Greenland race *flavirostris*

U w P

1 ad Fail Loch, Tarbolton 3-13 Mar (DGi); 6 ad Fail Loch, Tarbolton 24-Oct (RHH).

Greylag Goose *Anser anser*

C b W

Breeding: 3 prs with b/6, b/5, b/2 Ballantrae (S side) 20-Jun.

Winter-spring counts at main sites

Portencross/Hunterston	205 on 9-Jan, 300 on 13-Jan, 90 on 17-Feb, 1 on 27-Apr
Loans	200 on 1-Jan, 65 on 5-Jan, 600 on 28-Jan, 180 on 14-Feb
Tarbolton/Martnaham Coylton/Drongan	300 on 1-Jan, 700 on 20-Jan, 2000 on 17-Feb, 546 on 10-Mar, 1000 on 18-Mar, 350 on 9-Apr, 10 on 29-Apr
Blairbowie/Maybole area	c500 on 4-Jan, 250+ on 16-Feb, 460 on 26-Feb, 736 on 12-Mar, 395 on 2-Apr, 249 on 10-Apr, 27 on 16-Apr
Other sites	350 Mochrum Loch 5-Jan, c700 on 7-Feb; 45 Munnloch Reservoir 15-Feb; 200 Ardeer Mains 16-Feb, 217 on 21-Feb; 75 Dalry 17-Feb; 227 Munnloch Reservoir 23-Feb; c300 Ladykirk; 70 Seamill 3-Mar; 250 Blackstone 25-Mar; 87 in from the sea Troon 27-Mar

Autumn-winter counts at main sites

Portencross/Hunterston	130 on 28-Sep
Loans	165 on 25-Nov, 293 on 1-Dec, 243 on 15-Dec, 120 on 20-Dec
Tarbolton/Martnaham Coylton/Drongan	80 on 11-Oct, 143 on 12-Oct, 55 SE on 24-Oct, 250 on 24-Nov
Blairbowie/Maybole area	15 on 31-Oct, 53 on 3-Nov, 195 on 8-Dec, 200 on 9-Dec
Other sites	17 S Turnberry Point 30-Oct; 33 W Muirhead-Loans 24-Nov; 22 W Collennan Reservoir 24-Nov; 51 Dalmaca 1-Dec

Canada Goose *Branta canadensis*

C B P

Breeding: pr Garnock Floods 15-Apr, 2 prs on 3-May; pr Ashgrove Loch 4-May; 3 nests Blairquhan 17-May; pr b/3 failed Chapelton Loch 19-May; b/4 Outerwards Reservoir 21-May, b/4 + b/2 on 1-Jun; b/5 Ardeer Fen 24-May; pr Ballochling Loch 26-May; 2 prs (b/2) Loch Macaterick 3-Jun; b/9

Blairquhan Approach Loch 13-Jun, b/7 on 18-Jul; b/3 Derclach Loch 27-Jun; 15 juvs Loch Fergus 18-Jul; 2 juvs fledged Mochrum Loch in Jun/Jul.

Counts	
Capringstone	129 on 4-Aug, 203 on 31-Aug, 150 on 4-Sep, 38 on 30-Dec
Fail Loch/Tarbolton	400 on 24-Oct, 284 on 30-Oct
Trabboch Loch	30 on 25-Feb, 342 on 23-Aug, 50 on 1-Dec
Martnaham Loch	300 on 9-Jan, 378 on 21-Jan, 155 on 9-Jul, 600 on 22-Oct, 216 on 24-Nov
Loch o' th' Lowes	80 on 28-Mar, 134 on 7-Nov
Other sites	163 Barcraigs Reservoir 14-Jul; 76 Loch Fergus 18-Jul

Hybrids: 1 Canada x Greylag Goose Hunterston 28-Sep.

Barnacle Goose *Branta leucopsis*

U w P

Autumn-winter: 3 Portencross 28-Sep; 2 Tarbolton 6-Oct; 1 Loch o' th' Lowes 10-Oct; 1 N Turnberry Point 11-Oct; 3 S Mochrum Loch 12-Oct; 2 S Troon, Ballast Bank 13-Oct; 2 Fail Loch 14-Oct; 1 Blairbowie 16-Oct; 1 Loans 8-Dec; 9 Fail 15-Dec; 10 Loans 20-Dec.

Brent Goose *Branta bernicla*

U w P

Pale-bellied race *B. b. hrota*: the small, but increasing, wintering group was again present at Maidens in both winter periods.

Winter-spring: 17 Maidens 1-15 Jan, 15 on 17-Jan to 29-Mar, 18 on 30-Mar, 15 on 21-Mar to 8-Apr; 2 Irvine Bay 20-Feb; 2 Ballantrae 30-Mar; 1 Barassie 6-Apr; 3 Prestwick 21-Apr; 1 Doonfoot 2-May.

Autumn-winter: 6 (inc b/4) Maidens on 17-Sep to 22-Oct, 17 (inc B4 and 4T) on 24-Oct, 19 (inc B4 and 4T) on 28-Oct, 24 (inc B4 and 4T) on 30-Oct to 3-Nov, 14 on 6-7 Nov, 15 on 12-Nov to 6-Dec, 12 on 15-31 Dec; 2 Irvine harbour mouth 17-Sep; 2 Doonfoot 20-Sep, 4 on 24-Oct; 3 Balkenna 29-Sep; 1 Hunterston 16-Oct; 3 Barassie 21-Oct.



Brent Geese, Maidens (Angus Hogg)

Common Shelduck *Tadorna tadorna*

C B

Breeding: pr Balkenna; pr Bracken Bay; pr + 15 juvs Culzean-Croy 13-Jun; ♀ + juv Irvine harbour mouth 4-Sep.

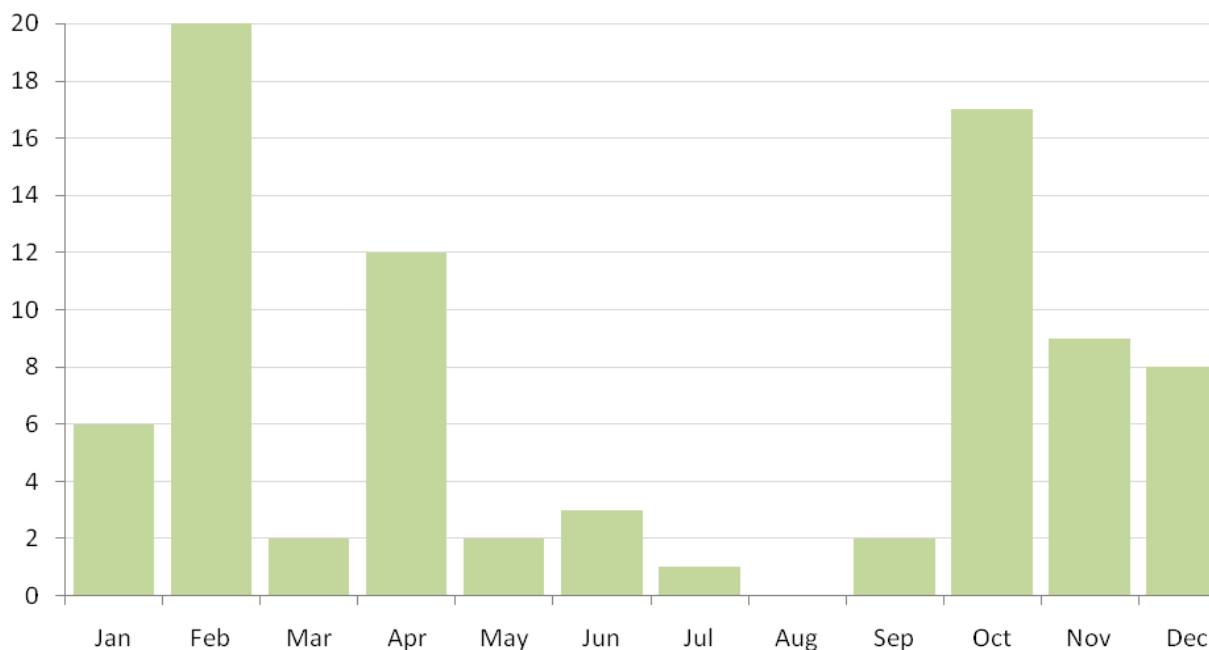
Counts at main sites	
Hunterston area	87 on 3-Jan, 40 on 13-Jan, 120 on 17-Feb, 80 on 23-Mar, 14 on 28-Sep, 61 on 13-Oct, 115 on 20-Nov
Bogside	18 on 29-Apr, 30 on 4-May, 7 on 5-May, 17 on 22-May
Croy-Culzean	20 on 17-Jan, 15 on 12-Feb, 5 on 10-May, 19 on 13-Jun, 30 (13 juvs) on 16-Jun
Other coastal sites	16 Ballantrae 24-Feb; 20 Bracken Bay 5-Mar, 12 on 30-Mar; 14 Maidens 15-Mar; 12 Doonfoot 7-Apr; 12 Seamill 8-May
Inland sites	♂ Blairbowie 1-Feb; 3 Burnfoot Reservoir 9-Feb; ♂ Martnaham Loch 12-Feb; pr Blairbowie 18-Apr; 5 on 5-May, ♂ on 20-May; 2 Loch o' th' Lowes 2-Dec

Breeding: birds in suitable habitat included a ♂ Loch o' th' Lowes 26-Jun.

Counts at main sites	
Hunterston area	900 on 13-Jan, 730 on 2-Feb, 580 on 17-Feb, 400 on 23-Mar, 10 on 1-Apr, 1 on 2-Jun, 8 on 10-Jul, 62 on 29-Aug, 300 on 28-Sep, 386 on 6-Oct, c350 on 8-Oct, 950 on 17-Oct
Ardrossan-Seamill	60 on 13-Jan, 70 on 14-Feb, 50 on 17-Feb, 10 on 16-23 Mar, 48 on 26-Oct, 79 on 30-Nov
Capringstone	150 on 11-Jan, 175 on 9-Mar, 62 on 8-Oct, 230 on 8-Dec, 118 on 30-Dec
Bogside/Irvine	40 on 5-Jan, 250 on 20-Feb, 300 on 13-16 Mar, 387 on 27-Mar, 1 on 22-Aug, 650 on 30-Sep, 150 on 21-Oct, 500 on 25-Nov, 130 on 29-Dec
Pow Burn	87 on 21-Feb
Doonfoot	28 on 29-Mar, 5 on 27-Aug, 10 on 17-Sep, 29 on 18-Oct, 2 on 11-Nov, 4 on 16-Dec
Martnaham Loch	18 on 1-Jan, 20 on 9-Jan, 1 on 24-Nov
Blairbowie	37 on 22-Oct, 90 on 3-Nov, 108 on 8-Dec, 120 on 19-Dec
Balkenna	29 on 15-Jan, 40 on 28-Feb, 24 on 12-Oct, 33 on 21-Oct, 38 on 24-Nov
Other sites	104 Raith Reservoir 20-Jan; 80 Prestwick-Pow Burn 20-Mar; 60 Largs 4-Apr; 46 Broadwood Flash 12-Feb, c65 on 1-Dec

Breeding: 4 prs Knockshinnoch Lagoons SWT 28-Mar, pr + b/2 on 15-Jul (MH).

Monthly Peak Totals of Gadwall in Ayrshire in 2013



Counts at main sites	
Irvine/Bogside	pr on 2-Feb, 3 on 7-Apr, 3 ♂ ♂ /2 ♀ ♀ on 13-Apr, pr on 28-Apr, ♀ on 8-Sep, pr on 30-Sep, 2 ♂ ♂ /♀ on 10-Oct
Martnaham Loch	pr on 23-May, 3 on 18-Jun, ♀ on 1-Jul
Culzean	5 on 1-Jan, 6 on 2-Jan to 12-Feb, 2 on 19-Mar to 13-Apr, 5 on 23-Nov, 1 on 26-Dec
Loch o' th' Lowes	10 on 18-Oct, 14 on 27-Oct, 4 on 30-Oct, 1 on 7-Nov
Knockshinnoch Lagoons SWT	13 on 3-Feb, 4 on 2-Dec
Other sites	pr Snipe Loch 3-Apr; 1 Doonfoot 20-Apr, 3 on 27-30 Apr; 2 ♂ ♂ /♀ Lands of Turnberry 20-Nov; ♀ Blairbowie 3-Dec; pr Capringstone 8-Dec

Breeding: pr + b/4 Loch Gower 24-Jun. Also: ♂ present Garpel Bridge 3-Jun; pr Ballochling Loch; pr Dalmaca; pr Loch Gower.

Counts at main sites	
Hunterston area	30 on 23-Mar, 12 on 28-Apr, 30 on 29-Aug, 80 on 26-Sep, 60 on 17-Oct, 52 on 25-Dec
Seamill	30 on 13-Jan, 60 on 17-Feb, 30 on 16-Mar, 20 on 23-Mar
Capringstone	126 on 23-Feb, 3 on 16-Aug, 259 on 8-Oct, 180 on 28-Oct, 345 on 3-Nov, 143 on 8-Dec, 108 on 29-Dec, 122 on 30-Dec
Irvine/Bogside	100 on 5-Jan, 117 on 11-Jan, 30 on 16-Mar, 2 on 7-May, 9 on 22-Aug, 20 on 22-Sep, 25 on 21-Oct, 70 on 29-Dec
Lochlea	33 on 17-Mar, 132 on 24-Oct, 137 on 30-Oct
Pow Burn	20 on 10-Apr, 12 on 21-Apr
Doonfoot	60 on 16-Jan, 101 on 12-Feb, 110 on 3-Mar, 97 on 9-Apr, 3 on 14-Aug, 5 on 16-Aug, 24 on 27-Aug, 40 on 17-Sep, 70 on 18-Oct, 67 on 11-Nov, 131 on 16-Dec, 100 on 29-Dec
Broadwood Flash	114 on 10-Dec, 133 on 29-Mar, 187 on 24-Nov, 160 on 1-Dec
Martnaham Loch	100 on 5-Jan, 115 on 27-Jan, 2 on 13-Apr, 70 on 24-Nov
Dalmaca	31 on 3-Apr, 22 on 6-Apr, 100 on 1-Dec
Blairbowie	96 on 9-Mar, 35 on 3-Sep, 287 on 22-Oct, 390 on 31-Oct, 410 on 3-Nov, 224 on 8-Dec, 230 on 19-Dec, 70 on 31-Dec
Lands of Turnberry	83 on 12-Mar, 80 on 20-Nov, 95 on 24-Nov
Other sites	50 Loans 2-Jan; 40 Gailles Marsh 19-Feb; 44 Munnoch Reservoir 23-Feb; 31 Blairquhan Approach Loch 26-Mar; 30 West Kilbride 30-Mar; 40 Knockshinnoch Lagoons 5-Nov; 7 N Turnberry Point 7-Nov

Mallard *Anas platyrhynchos*

C B W

Breeding: a minimum of 20 broods totalled at least 40 juveniles at 9 sites.

Site	Result	Site	Result
Approach Loch, Blairquhan	b/2, b/4 on 18-Jul	Hunterston Sands	b/1 on 12-Jul
Ardeer rec pond	b/1 on 2-Jun	Kirkbride	b/7 on 4-Jun
Blairbowie	b/1 on 21-May	Martnaham Loch	b/5 on 27-Jun & 18-Jul

Eglinton CP	b/2 on 1-Jun, b/5 on 6-Jul	River Irvine: harbour to Gatehead	10 broods noted on 20-Jul
Garnock Floods	b/1 on 15-Apr		

Counts at main sites	
Garnock Floods	25 on 5-Jan
Trabboch Loch	106 on 23-Aug
Doonfoot	39 on 16-Jan, 23 on 10-Feb, 27 on 10-Mar, 23 on 26-May, 35 on 3-Jun, 40 on 26-Aug, 98 on 22-Sep, 99 on 18-Oct, 63 on 11-Nov, 56 on 16-Dec
Martnaham Loch	44 on 2-Jan, 38 on 9-Jul, 15 on 1-Dec
Blairbowie	47 on 28-Oct
Culzean	50 on 5-Jul, 135 on 12-Jul, 100 on 12-Nov, 150 on 23-Nov, 100+ on 17-Dec
Girvan Mains-Dipple	128 on 12-Jan, 61 on 11-Feb, 1 leucistic 25-Aug, 74 on 4-Dec
Other sites	136 Lochlea 18-Aug; 60 Auchincruive 8-Oct; 165 Broadwood Flash 27-Oct

Northern Pintail *Anas acuta*

U w P

In the winter-spring period: ♂ Dundonald Camp 26-Jan; ♂ Dipple 24-Feb; ♂ Doonfoot 30-31 May.

In autumn: ♀ Martnaham Loch 1-Jul; imm Garnock Floods 8-Sep; 5 Hunterston 26-Sep, 4 on 17-Oct; juv Maidens 20-Oct; imm Broadwood Flash 27-Oct; juv Blairbowie 30-Oct.

Garganey *Anas querquedula*

U (B)

Pr Tarryholme, Irvine 7-May (BDK); ♂ Kay Park, Kilmarnock 24-25 May (AF).



Garganey, Kay Park, Kilmarnock (Gordon McCall)

Northern Shoveler *Anas clypeata*

C b w P

Breeding: no reports received.

In the winter-spring period: ♂ Loch o' th' Lowes 28-Mar; ♀ Broadwood Flash 29-Mar; 3 Garnock Floods 14-Apr; 4 ♂♂ Doonfoot 13-Jun.

Autumn-winter counts at main sites	
Hunterston area	♂ on 17-Oct
Irvine/Garnock Floods	♀ on 22-Aug, 3 on 10-Oct, 1 on 21-Oct, 2 on 28-Nov
Lochlea	juv on 24-Oct
Capringstone	2 on 27-Oct
Blairbowie	juv on 22-Oct, 2 on 28-Oct, imm ♂ , ♀ + juv on 30-31 Oct, imm ♂ on 1-Nov, juv on 3-Nov

Counts at the main sites	
Glenbuck Loch	no information received
Trabboch Loch	2 on 8-Feb, 3 on 12-Mar, 5 on 15-Feb, 8 on 25-28 Feb, 9 on 7-Mar, 10 on 9-Mar
Martnaham Loch	2 on 2-Feb
Lugar Reservoirs	8 on 1-Feb
Loch o' th' Lowes	♂ on 19-Apr
Other sites	♀ Auchenharvie 2-Feb; 2 Eglinton Loch 14-Feb; 2 ♂ ♂ Garnock Floods 20-Feb; 2 Irvine Beach Park 10-30 Mar

Ad ♂ Loch o' th' Lowes 24-Oct to 8-Nov (MH).



Ring-necked Duck, Loch o' th' Lowes (Angus Hogg)

Tufted Duck *Aythya fuligula*

C B W p

Breeding results or birds in suitable habitat: ♀ + b/5 ICI ponds 9-Jul; 2 x b/4 Ardeer Fen 15-Aug; ♀ + b/4 Galston Loch 18-Aug; pr Loch Melemon 8-Jul.

Counts at the main sites	
Munnoch Reservoir	10 on 17-Feb, 27 on 8-Mar, 6 on 22-Apr, 21 on 14-28 Sep
Auchenharvie	2 on 2-Feb, 8 on 23-Mar, 8 on 8-May
Irvine harbour	10 on 7-May, 3 on 22-Jun, 20 on 26-Nov
Trabboch Loch	15 on 4-Jan, 35 on 12-Feb, 45 on 7-Mar, 57 on 9-Mar, 9 on 3-Apr, 21 on 7-Apr, 20 on 13-18 Nov, 14 on 3-Nov
Martnaham Loch	12 on 1-Jan, 40 on 9-Jan, 76 on 2-Feb, 16 on 23-May, 37 on 9-Jul, 62 on 29-Sep, 30 on 17-Nov, 30 on 1-Dec
Loch o' th' Lowes	47 on 28-Mar, 13 on 26-Oct
Other sites	14 Culzean 1-Jan; 15 Raith Reservoir 20-Jan; 30 Galston Loch 20-Jan; 24 Belston Loch 12-Feb; 22 Busbie Muir Reservoir 15-Feb; 13 Ardeer Quarry 16-Apr; 12 Lands of Turnberry 15-Dec

Greater Scaup *Aythya marila*

C W p

Winter-spring counts at main sites	
Auchenharvie GC	5 on 5-Jan, 23 on 2-Feb, 44 on 21-Feb, 41 on 16-31 Mar, 16 on 20-Apr, 2 on 8-10 May
Stevenston Point	no notable numbers reported
Prestwick	8 on 18-Apr
Turnberry Point	no notable numbers reported
Other sites	50 Pow Burn 10-Apr; 1 Irvine Beach Park 4-May

Autumn-winter counts at main sites	
Auchenharvie GC	3 on 15-Dec
Stevenston Point	no notable numbers reported
Prestwick	no notable numbers reported

Turnberry Point	no notable numbers reported
Other sites	1 Troon harbour 16-Sep; 2 Irvine harbour mouth 22-Sep; juv Hunterston 26-28 Sep; 2 Doonfoot 7-8 Oct; 1 Bogside 8-Oct; pr Martnaham Loch 12-Oct; 1 Garnock Floods 21-23 Oct; 2 Loch o' th' Lowes 24-30 Oct; 2 Ballantrae 27-Oct

Common Eider *Somateria mollissima*

C B

Breeding: ♀ + b/2 Lendalfoot 20-May and 25-Jun, 2 x b/2 on 12-Jul; 3 ducklings Meikle Craigs 25-May; 2 ♀ ♀ + 4 ducklings Southannan Sands 1-Jun, 2 ♀ ♀ + 8 ducklings on 2-Jun, b/2 + 2 x b/1 on 12-Jun, crèche of 6 on 15-Jun, 4 on 21-Jun; 4 ♀ ♀ + 6 ducklings Troon 13-Jun; b/2 Noddsdale Water mouth 16-Jun; b/6 Troon, Ballast Bank 20-Jun; b/3, 2 x b/2, b/1 Bogside 30-Jun; b/4, 2 x b/2 Turnberry 3-Jul.

Counts at main sites	
Stevenston Point	42 on 2-Feb, 49 on 3-Mar, 91 on 16-Mar, 35 on 7-Apr
Troon	45 on 16-Sep, 380 on 26-Oct, 250 on 29-Nov
Turnberry Pt-Girvan	112 on 12-Jan, 9 on 11-Feb, 71 on 26-Jun, 110 on 4-Dec
Other sites	57 Ardrossan North Shore 24-Feb; 82 Doonfoot 7-Apr; 200 Irvine harbour mouth 29-Jul

Long-tailed Duck *Clangula hyemalis*

U W p

Counts at main sites	
Seamill	1 on 2-Feb, 2 ♀ ♀ on 3-Mar
Saltcoats	♀ /imm N on 22-May
Irvine harbour mouth	♂ + ♀ on 5-Mar, 3 ♂ ♂ + 2 ♀ ♀ on 16-Mar, 3 on 20-Mar, 2 on 23-Mar, 5 on 24-Mar, 3 on 27-Mar, 2 on 30-Mar, juv on 31-Oct
Balkenna-Dipple	3 imm ♂ ♂ on 18-Mar, 3 ♂ ♂ on 13-Apr
Other sites	imm ♂ Martnaham Loch 6-Jan; ♀ Broadwood Flash 27-Jan; 1 Busbie Muir Reservoir 11-Feb; juv ♂ Loch o' th' Lowes 4-15 Nov

Common Scoter *Melanitta nigra*

C W P

Counts at main sites	
Saltcoats/Ardrossan	15 N on 2-Feb, 19 on 21-Apr, 7 N on 25-Apr, 50 on 12-May, 2 on 20-May
Stevenston Point/Irvine Bay	50 on 1-Jan, 82 on 12-18 Feb, 114 on 16-Mar, 49 on 30-Mar, 85 on 7-May, 15 on 17-Sep, 20 on 19-Oct, 22 S on 21-Oct, 2 on 17-Dec
Barassie/Troon	4 on 22-Sep, 13 S on 27-Dec
Prestwick Bay	27 on 22-Feb, 18 on 24-Feb, 48 on 9-Apr, 35 on 11-Apr, 37 on 21-Apr, 23 on 23-Apr
Doonfoot/Greenan	12 on 10-Jan, 15 on 17-Mar, 25 on 17-Nov, 6 S on 6-Dec, 12 on 11-Dec
Maidens/Turnberry Point	1 on 15-Jan, 7 on 2-Apr, 15 on 19-May, 3 S on 8-Aug, 3 S on 18-Aug, 2 on 17-Sep, 5 on 20-Oct, 2 on 3-Nov, 8 S on 12-Nov, 2 S on 14-Nov, 43 on 24-Nov, 2 on 17-Dec
Culzean Bay	3 on 1-Jan, 53 on 15-Jan, 15 on 3-Mar, 14 on 18-Mar, 13 on 31-Mar, 24 on 16-Nov
Dipple-Balkenna	1 ♀ on 21-Aug, 3 on 23-Sep, 43 on 24-Nov
Other sites	6 Games Loup 30-Mar; 19 Lady Isle 8-Jun; 38 S Bracken Bay 10-Jun; ♀ Martnaham Loch 22-Jul; 8 Portencross 22-Sep; 4 Ballantrae 27-Oct; 2 Kennedy's Pass 3-Nov; 30 N Horse Island 16-Dec

Velvet Scoter *Melanitta fusca*

U W p

3 (♂ /imm, 2 ♀ ♀ /imm) Prestwick 16-21 Mar (DGi), Prestwick Bay 11-Apr (RHH) & Pow Burn 19-Apr (BDK); 1 S Irvine harbour mouth 30-Mar (GMcA).

Common Goldeneye *Bucephala clangula*

C W

Winter-spring counts at main sites	
Hunterston area	2 on 4-Jan, 6 on 13-Jan, 10 on 24-Feb, 5 on 16-Mar, 1 on 28-Apr
Bogside-Garnock	15 on 2-Feb

Doonfoot	30 on 9-Jan, 20 on 29-Jan, 29 on 10-Feb, 23 on 8-Mar, 13 on 11-Apr
Martnaham Loch	30 on 1-5 Jan, 36 on 9-Jan, 72 on 3-Mar, 8 on 13-Apr
Bogton Loch	20 on 11-Jan, 24 on 28-Feb
Loch o' th' Lowes	21 on 3-Feb, 29 on 28-Mar
Culzean	22 on 1-Jan, 10 on 12-Feb
Girvan-Dipple	10 on 11-Feb
Other sites	18 Turnberry Point 1-Feb; 15 Burnfoot Reservoir 9-Feb; 12 Belston Loch 12-Feb; 10 Kilbirnie Loch 23-Feb; 15 Maidens 10-Mar, 11 on 31-Mar; 10 Shewalton 16-Mar

Autumn-winter counts at main sites	
Hunterston area	1 on 18-Nov
Bogside-Garnock	♀ / imm on 30-Jul, 11 on 14-Oct, 1 on 21-23 Oct, 1 on 28-Nov
Doonfoot	1 on 18-Oct, 4 on 11-Nov, 6 on 6-16 Dec
Martnaham Loch	2 on 12-Oct, 12 on 17-Nov, 20 on 24-Nov, 16 on 1-Dec
Kerse Loch	30 on 17-Nov
Bogton Loch	21 on 2-Dec, 25 on 26-Dec
Loch o' th' Lowes	12 on 18-Oct
Culzean	7 on 12-Nov, 26 on 26-Dec

The redhead from 2012 continued at Martnaham Loch 4-Jan to 10-Feb (RHH); redhead Belston Loch 2-Jan to 20-Feb (DGi).



Smew, Martnaham Loch (Angus Hogg)

Red-breasted Merganser *Mergus serrator*

C b p

Breeding: b/7 + b/6 Hunterston 10-Jul, b/9, b/5, b/3 on 15-Aug; b/9 + 2 x b/3 Fairlie 14-Jul; pr Loch Doon 26-May.

Counts at main sites	
Hunterston area	147 on 3-Jan, 15 on 2-Feb, 6 on 16-Mar, 56 on 3-Aug, 74 on 15-Aug, 58 on 29-Aug, 10 on 26-Sep, 18 on 17-Oct
Stevenston Point	11 on 19-Jun, 11 on 16-Mar, 30 on 12-Oct, 15 on 17-Nov
Bogside	15 on 2-Feb, 6 on 7-May, 12 on 30-Nov
Doonfoot	1 on 10-Feb, 20 on 14-Aug, 35 on 23-Aug, 11 on 17-Sep, 13 on 22-Sep, 4 on 18-Oct
Maidens	5 on 12-Feb, 11 on 6-Dec
Dipple-Balkenna	33 on 21-Jul, 73 on 7-Aug, 67 on 21-Aug, 22 on 29-Sep
Other sites	15 Troon 5-Jan; 18 Seamill 16-Mar; 28 Prestwick 9-Apr; 17 Pow Burn

10-Apr; 9 Ballast Bank 12-Apr; ♀ Martnaham Loch 12-Oct



Red-breasted Merganser, Maidens (Angus Hogg)

Goosander *Mergus merganser*

C b w

Breeding: ♀ + b/3 Garnock Lagoons 7-May; b/5 River Lugar 29-Jun; b/1 Kilbirnie Loch 6-Jul; 7 ads + 14 juvs Garnock Floods 9-Jul; b/8 Doonfoot 18-Jul.

Counts at main sites	
Kilbirnie Loch	16 on 8-Mar, 3 on 30-Mar, 1 on 11-Aug
River Garnock/Bogside	3 on 5-Jan, 22 on 20-Jul, 39 on 30-Jul, 71 on 15-Aug, 38 on 8-Sep, 26 on 30-Sep, 8 on 21-Oct
Doonfoot	1 on 8-Mar, 1 on 21-May, 6 on 14-Jun, 353 on 27-Jul to 8-Aug, 20 on 23-Sep, 5 on 18-Oct, 2 on 11-Nov, 1 on 28-Nov
Trabboch Loch	4 on 13-Apr
Martnaham Loch	12 on 1-Jan, 14 on 9-Jan, 20 on 12-Jan, 27 on 19-Jan, 24 on 10-Feb, 18 on 4-Nov, 11 on 17-Nov, 1 on 24-Nov

Other sites

6 Noddsdale Burn, Largs 7-Jan; 8 Broomfield to Kissing Gate 5-Jul; 13 Barassie 6-Sep; 7 River Ayr, Ayr 12-Nov; 6 Ayr, Auld Brig 30-Dec

Willow Ptarmigan *Lagopus lagopus scoticus*

C B

Breeding: 2 prs Blackcraig Hill ; present Muirkirk uplands 2-Jun; 6 Cairn Table 30-Jun; 2-3 heard Eldrick Hill 9-Jul.

Counts: no significant numbers.

Black Grouse *Tetrao tetrix*

C B

Breeding or birds noted in suitable habitat: 4 birds at one site with single ♂ ♂ at two further sites.

Winter: ♀ Keirs Hill 14-Jan; ♂ Turgeny Hill, Dalmellington 7-Nov.

Red-legged Partridge *Alectoris rufa*

C E b

Breeding: no reports received.

Counts: 1 Bracken Bay 5-Mar; 2 Alloway 2-May, 1 on 3-May; 2 Laigh Kylestone Farm 12-May; 1 Shallochwreck Burn 29-May; 2 Crosshands 31-May; 1 Glendrisaig 17-Jun; 1 Currarie Farm 25-Jun; several Heads of Ayr 16-Jul; 2 Lochlea 18-Aug, 5 on 3-Nov; 1 Rozelle 29-Sep.

Grey Partridge *Perdix perdix*

C b

Breeding: pr Dipple 10-Mar.

Counts: 9+ Girvan Mains 7-Feb; 11 landed on Maidens Bowling Green 24-Oct; 7 Turnberry GC 20-Nov.

Common Pheasant *Phasianus colchicus*

C E B

Breeding: b/2 Lamdoughty 28-Aug.

Counts: 50 Culzean 23-Sep.

Red-throated Diver *Gavia stellata*

C F B W P

Monthly peaks	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Skelmorlie-Ardrossan	1	11	7	4					1		1	3
Ardrossan-Troon	1	9	21	3	7			2	6	3	3	3
Troon-Turnberry Point	15		24	18	3			1	20	8	22	19
Turnberry Point-Finnarts Bay	11	10	4			4	3	3	20	14	54	

Highest counts/movements: 11 Dipple-Girvan Mains 12-Jan; 11 Stevenston Point 16-Mar; 10 Prestwick 16-Mar; 14 Ballantrae-Turnberry Point 30-Mar; 13 Turnberry Point 17-Sep; 19 Dipple-Balkenna 23-Sep; 10 Balkenna 12-Oct; 10 flew S in 2 hrs Turnberry Point 14-Nov; 13 Prestwick 17-Nov; 34 Dipple-Balkenna 24-Nov; 12 Maidens 6-Dec; 12 Turnberry Point 10-Dec.

Black-throated Diver *Gavia arctica*

C (B) W P

Monthly peaks	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Skelmorlie-Ardrossan					2							
Ardrossan-Troon					1						1	
Troon-Turnberry Point	1	1	4	5		1				1		
Turnberry Point-Finnarts Bay	15	33	42	14	2				1	5	32	

Highest counts/movements: 10 Dipple-Girvan Mains 12-Jan; 15 Girvan-Lendalfoot 12-Jan; 16 Girvan Mains-Dipple 11-Feb; 13 Ballantrae 24-Feb; 42 Ballantrae-Turnberry Point 30-Mar; 14 Dipple-Turnberry Point 13-Apr; 31 Dipple-Balkenna 24-Nov.

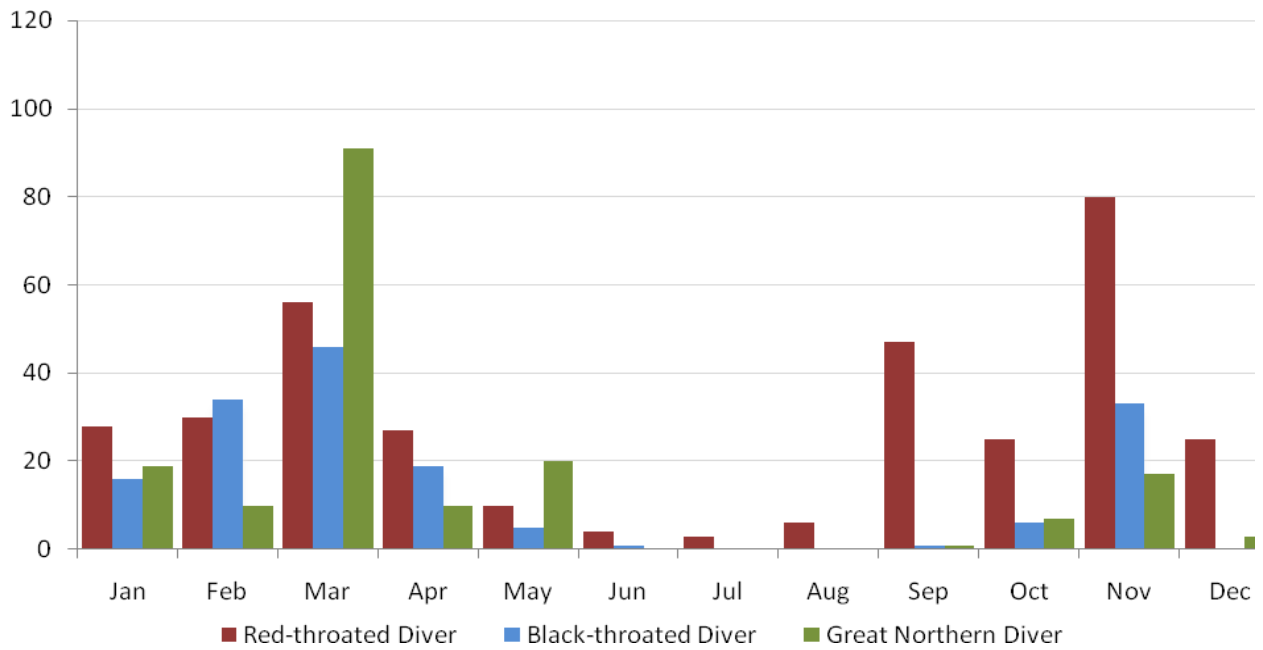
Great Northern Diver *Gavia immer*

C W P

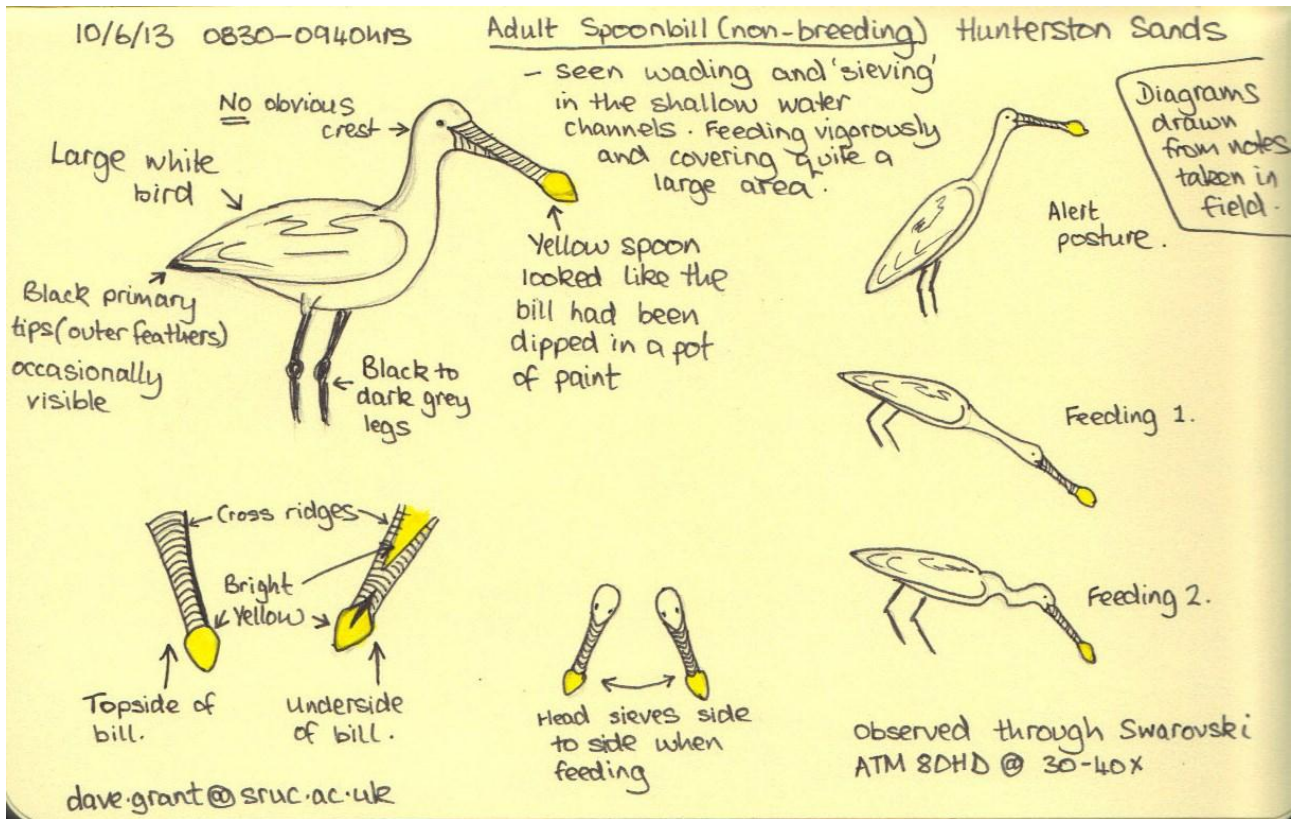
Monthly peaks	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Skelmorlie-Ardrossan	1	1										
Ardrossan-Troon		2	4	1	3							
Troon-Turnberry Point			5	7	1						1	3
Turnberry Point-Finnarts Bay	18	7	82	2	16				1	7	16	

Highest counts/movements: 18 Girvan-Lendalfoot 12-Jan; 82 Ballantrae-Turnberry Point 30-Mar; 15 Dipple-Turnberry Point 19-May; 9 Dipple-Balkenna 24-Nov.

Monthly Peak Counts/Passage of Divers in Ayrshire in 2013



1 Hunterston Sands 2-11 Jun (RvdS).



Eurasian Spoonbill, notebook extract (David Grant)

Little Grebe *Tachybaptus ruficollis*

Breeding results: at least 14 pairs or occupied territories at 12 sites.

Site	Result	Site	Result
Ardeer LNR	no information	Eglinton Country Park	pr present
Auchenharvie	pr present	Galston Loch	no information
Barnshean Loch	no information	Garnock Floods	pr present
Blacktop Hill Loch	no information	Kirkbride	single on 4-Jun
Blairquhan App L	no information	Kirkmichael	2 prs
Busbie Muir Reservoir	no information	Loch Lochton	no information
Camphill Reservoir	no information	Loch Melemon	single on 8-Jul
Capringstone	no information	Mochrum Loch	8 juvs fledged Jun/Jul

Common Loch	no information	Montgomerie Park	single on 9-Jun
Coodham	no information	Old Monkcastle	single on 14-May
Corsehouse Reservoir	no information	Shewalton	2 x b/1 on 30-Jun
Craigdow Loch	no information	St Helen's Well	no information
Cronberry	no information	Tarryholme pond	no information
Culzean Swan Pond	pr present	Trabboch Loch	no information
Dundonald Camp	pr + juv on 7-Aug		

Counts at main sites	
Hunterston area	7 on 13-Jan, 9 on 17-Feb, 3 on 16-Mar, 9 on 28-Sep, 1 on 22-Nov
Bogside/Garnock	6 on 2-Feb, 3 on 16-Mar, 4 on 22-Sep, 3 on 21-Oct
Shewalton	5 on 24-Jan, 4 on 16-Mar, 6 on 2-Apr, 6 on 11-Oct, 5 on 10-Nov, 7 on 19-Dec, 6 on 20-Dec
Pow Burn	1 on 27-Mar, 2 on 25-Nov
Doonfoot	4 on 3-Jan, 4 on 10-Feb, 3 on 11-Nov, 2 on 6-Dec, 1 on 16-Dec
Bogton Loch	4 on 28-Feb
Maidens	1 on 2-26 Jan, 1 on 18-Nov to 17 Dec
Other sites	3 New Cumnock 1-Dec; 3 Lands of Turnberry 15-Dec; 3 Culzean 26-Dec

Great Crested Grebe *Podiceps cristatus*

C b p

Breeding results: at least four broods reared young at two sites.

Site	Result
Galston Loch	no information
Shewalton	ad + b/3 on 3-Jul, another b/2 small young on 23-Aug
Martnaham Loch	well-grown juv 7-Aug, pr with small juv 19-Aug, pr + b/2 on 2-Sep
Loch o' th' Lowes	pr present - no breeding

Winter-spring counts: 6 Irvine harbour mouth 5-Mar; 8 Saltcoats-Irvine harbour 16-Mar; 11 Irvine-Barassie 16-Mar; 7 Kilbirnie Loch 30-Mar.

Autumn-winter counts: 3 Dipple 12-Jul; 1 Ballantrae 12-Oct; 1 Barassie 10-Nov.

Slavonian Grebe *Podiceps auritus*

U W

1 Troon harbour-Barassie 1-4 Jan (DGi/BDK) continued from 2012; 1 Doonfoot 10-Jan (RHH); 2 Kennedy's Pass 3-Nov (MH); 2 Maidens 3-Nov (MH).

Northern Fulmar *Fulmarus glacialis*

C B P

Breeding: 8 AON Bennane Head 10-Apr; 29-30 AON Culzean 21-Apr; 5 AON Balcreuchan Port 20-May; 1 AON Drumshang 21-May; 8 AON Portandea 29-May, 7 AON on 17-Jun; 4 AON Currarie Port 25-Jun.

Counts/others: 7 Culzean 1-Jan; 16 Maidens 5-Feb; 60 Stevenston Point 28-Apr, 22 on 8-May, 51 on 22-May; 17 S Turnberry Point 14-Nov; 8 Culzean 26-Dec.

Sooty Shearwater *Puffinus griseus*

U P

1 swimming on sea Ailsa Craig 14-Sep (BZ).

Manx Shearwater *Puffinus puffinus*

C S P

Arrival: 2 N Maidens 29-Mar; 34 Turnberry Point 2-Apr; 100 Saltcoats 8-Apr; 80 Maidens 8-Apr; 110 Turnberry Point 9-Apr; 40+ Prestwick 10-Apr.

Counts at main sites	
Portencross	4 on 28-Apr, 67 N in 15 mins on 30-Jun, 350 S/2060 N on 3-Aug, 3500 S on 17-Aug, 600 S/2200 N on 18-Aug, 27 on 22-Sep, 29 on 28-Sep
Saltcoats	10 on 3-Apr, 100 on 8-Apr, 12 on 8-May, 15 on 15-May, 4 on 20-May, 751 on 11-Aug, 1384 on 18-Aug, 30 on 9-Oct
Stevenston Point	5 on 8-May, 300 on 27-Jul, ' hundreds' on 6-Aug, 1500 on 11-Sep
Troon	30 on 16-Apr, 12 on 22-Apr, 500 on 23-Jun, 300 on 25-Jul, 2000 on 14-Aug, 500 on 18-Aug, 200 on 16-Sep, 250 on 17-Sep, 726 on 18-Sep, 1 on 19-Sep, 4 on 9-Oct
Turnberry Point	34 on 2-Apr, 110 on 9-Apr, 234 on 9-Jun, 700 on 4-Aug, 900 on 5-Aug, 3300 on 8-Aug, 2000 on 19-Aug, 2500 on 23-Sep, 2000 on 24-Sep, 8 on 15-Oct, 1 on 7-Nov
Other sites	300 Irvine harbour mouth 29-Jul; 500 Culzean 8-Aug; 400+ Ayr Bay 16-Aug; 800 Ardrossan 18-Aug; 700+ Maidens 1-Sep, 500 on 13-Sep, 1 on 3-Nov; 1 Kennedy's Pass 3-Nov



Manx Shearwater, off Ailsa Craig (Angus Hogg)

Balearic Shearwater *Puffinus puffinus*

U S P

1 Turnberry Point 4-Aug (DG); 1 Troon 14-15 Aug (BDK); 2 Portencross 17-18 Aug (RvdS); 1 offshore Turnberry Point 19-Aug (RHH).

European Storm-petrel *Hydrobates pelagicus*

C F B S p

Counts/passage at main sites

Stevenston Point	2 N on 14-May (BDK)
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Leach's Storm-petrel *Oceanodroma leucorhoa*

U P

Spring passage

Saltcoats	1 on 15-May (JMCM)
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Autumn-winter passage

Turnberry Point 1 S on 17-Sep (DGr), another or same N on 18-Sep (DGi)

Northern Gannet *Morus bassanus*

C B p

Breeding: no breeding data received from the colony on Ailsa Craig.

Winter adults: 1 Largs 30-Jan; juv Doonfoot 11-Dec; 3 S Troon harbour 24-Dec.

Counts: 30 Saltcoats 8-May; 90 Portencross 3-Aug, 60 on 18-Aug, 55 on 22-Sep; 50 Maidens 18-Aug; c100 Turnberry Point 17-Sep; 208 Outer Nebock Rocks 26-Sep.

Great Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo*

C B p

Breeding: 3 AON Brest Rocks 19-May, 4 AON 3-Jul, 3 x b/2 on 20-Jul; 26 AON (mostly b/2 or b/3) Craigantezart 17-Jun.

Counts: 12 Troon harbour 3-Jan; 8 Doonfoot 22-Sep.

Inland: 15 Kilbirnie Loch 8-Mar; 11 Martnaham Loch 3-Apr.

European Shag *Phalacrocorax aristotelis*

C B w

Breeding: no information received.

Counts

Hunterston/Portencross 25 on 15-Aug, 85 on 26-Sep

Seamill 6 on 13-Jan, 24 on 2-Feb

Troon 'lots' fishing offshore 16-Apr and 22-Apr, 40 on 25-Nov

Ayr Pier 66 on 17-Nov

Girvan Mains-Dipple 56 on 12-Jan

Little Egret *Egretta garzetta*

U S p

One individual reported from various locations including Montgreenan on 8-Nov (HW), Heatherstane, Irvine 21-Nov (MS), Capringstone 29-Dec (BDK); another or the same River Irvine, Galston 29-Dec (DMcl).

Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea*

C B W

Breeding: 4 AON Culzean 19-Apr.

Counts/migrants: 10 Loans 8-Jan; 20 Hunterston 13-Jan, 34 on 29-Aug; 19 Dundonald Camp 29-Jul; 16 Gales 30-Jul; 23 Fairlie 3-Aug; 15 Bogside 10-Aug, 27 on 28-Sep, 14 on 23-Nov; 14 Pow Burn Prestwick 23-Nov.

Red Kite *Milvus milvus*

U FB

1 near Crosshill 31-Mar (MJA); 1 Bennane Head 6-Apr (RM); 1 Glen Afton 25-May (DGi); 1 Airds Moss 2-Jun (JMcP); 3 Dumfries House 4-Jun; 1 S Ardrossan 30-Sep (TB); 1 N Mochrum Hill 12-Oct (RHH).

European Honey Buzzard *Pernis apivorus*

R P

An adult ♀ flew S Kirriereoch 26-May (RHH).

Eurasian Marsh Harrier *Circus aeruginosus*

U P (B)

♂ N Lendalfoot 20-May (RHH); ad ♀ Ardeer 22-24 May (GMcD/RHH); imm Bogside-Ardeer Fen 30-Jun (DGi); juv Bogside 22-Sep (TB).



Marsh Harrier, Ardeer (Angus Hogg)

Hen Harrier *Circus cyaneus*

U b p

Breeding: no information on breeding birds received.

Wintering birds/migrants: ♂ Shewalton Moss 4-Jan; ♀ NE Plymuir Moss 18-Jan; ♂ Belston Loch 27-Jan; ♂ Catrine 4-Feb; 1 Glengennet Farm 2-Mar; ♀ Millstonford Bridge, Hunterston 19-Apr; ad ♀ N over sea Balkenna 12-Oct; ♂ Ferret of Keith, Brisbane Glen 14-Oct; ♀ Bogton Loch/Moss 22-Oct to 21-Nov, 2 ♂ ♂ on 9-Dec; ♂ Hunterston Sands 22-Nov.

Northern Goshawk *Accipiter gentilis*

U b

Breeding: Birds were noted in two areas during the breeding season (RHH).

Others: 1 over Barclaugh Wood 20-Jan.

Eurasian Sparrowhawk *Accipiter nisus*

C B p

Breeding: 3 displaying High Moorston 25-Feb; 1 displaying Burn Gill, Hunterston 1-Apr. Also reported from Culroy, Dalgarven, Dalquharan, Heads of Ayr, Kilwinning, Kirkmichael, Kirkoswald, Largs, Loch Riecawr, Loudoun Castle, Parkthorn Farm, Shawfarm Industrial Estate, The Roundel Largs.

Others/migrants: reported in winter from Bogside, Fullarton Woods, Garnock East, Garnock Floods, Hillhouse, Hunterston House, Martnaham Loch, Rozelle, Saltcoats, Trabboch Loch.

Common Buzzard *Buteo buteo*

C B p

Breeding: widespread - pr at nest Hawking Craig 10-Apr; 2 prs Burnfoot Reservoir 4-May; b/1 Eglinton Country Park 4-Aug.

Migration/counts: 5 Pinmore 30-Mar; 8 Auchendarvie 7-May; 8 Garnock Lagoons 7-May; 5 Middlefield 3-Sep; 7 Flashwood-Broadlie 30-Sep.

Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*

U P

Breeding: pr present at Loch Doon from May to August; pr at second site did not breed; a single male occupied a third site.

Spring: 1 N Drumlamford 30-Mar; 1 Hunterston 1-Apr; 1 N Turnberry Point 9-Apr; 1 Dalry 9-Apr; 1 Afton Reservoir 25-May.

Autumn: 1 S Troon 24-Aug; 1 Bogside/Garnock Estuary 6-Sep.

Common Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus*

C B p

Breeding summary (GR)			
Number of territories checked	48	Average young per breeding pair	1.9
% occupation	45	Average young per successful pair	3.5
Number of clutches known	6	No. of breeding attempts failed	9
Average clutch size	4.8	% failed	40
% of eggs which hatched	96	% brood survival	100
Number of results known	22	Number of young ringed	25

Merlin *Falco columbarius*

C b W p

Wintering birds or migrants noted in lowland areas: 1 Springside 9-Jan; 1 Ardeer 2-Feb; ♀ Hunterston 23-Mar; ♂ W Crossraguel 2-Apr; ♀ Prestwick Airport 5-Apr; ♀ Hunterston House 5-Oct; ♀ Girvan 6-Oct; 1 Bardarroch 10-Oct; 1 Troon 15-Oct; ad ♂ in off sea Turnberry Point 28-Oct; 1 Doonfoot 14-Nov.

Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus*

C b w p

Breeding summary: of 46 sites checked 27 were occupied, 4 by single birds; 17 successful pairs produced 31+ young, 4 pairs were known to fail. (RHH).

Winter records reported from: Ardrossan harbour, Blairbowie, Bogside, Collennan Reservoir, Coylton, Culzean, Doonfoot, Greenan, Horse Island, Largs GC, Loans, Martnaham Loch, Mochrum Loch, Troon Muirhead, Turnberry Point



Peregrine, Doonfoot (Angus Hogg)

Water Rail *Rallus aquaticus*

C b W

Breeding: 1 heard Trabboch Loch 26-Apr; 3 heard Ardeer 24-May; 1 heard Bogside 16-Jun.

Counts outside the breeding season: 5 Garnock Lagoons 7-Apr; 3-4 Knockshinnoch lagoons 10-Aug; 4 Trabboch Loch 1-Dec. Singles also reported from Castlehill, Loch o' th' Lowes, Martnaham Loch.

Common Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus*

C B

Breeding pairs noted at: Ardeer Quarry, Auchenharvie pond, Barnshean Loch, Burnfoot Reservoir, Culzean, Eglinton Country Park, Garnock East, Garnock Floods, Kay Park Kilmarnock, Loch o' th' Lowes (2 x b/1 on 10-Aug), Lochlea, Lugar Reservoirs, Mochrum Loch, Oldhall Ponds, Rozelle, Shewalton sandpit, Trabboch Loch (b/1 on 7-Aug).

Counts: no significant counts received.

Common Coot *Fulica atra*

C B p

Breeding pairs included: Shewalton (6 prs), Montgomerie Park Pond (2 x b/2 on 9-Jun), Auchenharvie pond (b/5 on 21-Jun), Shewalton (b/2, b/1 on 30-Jun), Lands of Turnberry (b/1 on 12-Jul), Loch o' th' Lowes (b/1 on 10-Aug).

Counts: 42 Shewalton 4-Jan, 25 on 11-Feb, 35 on 15-Mar; 21 Auchenharvie 18-Jan, 10 on 6-Dec; 24 Loch o' th' Lowes 7-Nov.



Common Coot, Kay Park, Kilmarnock (Angus Hogg)

Eurasian Oystercatcher *Haematopus ostralegus*

C B W P

Breeding pairs were noted at: Hunterston Lagoon (3 prs – b/1 on 14-Jul); Martnaham Loch (3 prs – b/1 on 18-Jun); Galston Loch (b/1 on 31-May); Hawking Craig (b/2 on 16-Jun); Turnberry Point (b/2 on 3-Jul); Drakemyre (2), Loch Doon (2), Blairbowie, Finnarts Bay, Girvan (N) A77 roundabout, Loch Bradan Treatment Works, Mochrum Loch.

Spring arrival inland: 2 Martnaham Loch 12-Feb; 2 Bogton Loch 28-Feb; 44 Loch o' th' Lowes 28-Mar.

Winter-spring counts at main sites	
Doonfoot	26 on 16-Jan, 64 on 10-Feb, 47 on 13-May, 103 on 30-May
Other sites	73 Girvan harbour 10-Mar
Autumn-winter counts at main sites	
Hunterston area	680 on 29-Aug, 500 on 3-Sep

Stevenston Point	74 on 21-Sep, 90 on 13-Oct
Bogside	70 on 3-Jul, 94 on 22-Sep, 134 on 18-Oct
Barassie	167 on 28-Jul, 441 on 3-Aug, 242 on 5-Aug, 260 on 16-Aug, 441 on 23-Aug, 334 on 27-Aug, 250 on 5-Sep, 38 on 26-Nov
Doonfoot	140 on 29-Jul, 72 on 18-Oct, 83 on 11-Nov, 46 on 16-Dec
Other sites	141 Laignydykes playing fields 19-Oct; 60 Maidens 3-Nov; 1 caught by female Peregrine at Ardrossan harbour 27-Nov

Ringed Plover *Charadrius hiaticula*

C B W P

Breeding pairs included: pr at nest Hunterston Sands 1-May; min 2 prs Loch Doon 26-May; alarm calling Finnarts Bay 17-Jun; pr Currarie Port 25-Jun, 1 Kilbirnie Loch 1-Jun to 11-Aug.

Winter-spring counts at main sites	
Hunterston area	16 on 17-Feb, 50 on 28-Apr, 25 on 19-May
Saltcoats	65 on 27-Jan
Stevenston	40 on 2-Feb, 55 on 8-May, 4 on 15-May, 1 on 23-May
Barassie/Troon	100 on 4-Jan, 84 on 7-Jun
Prestwick	67 on 15-Apr
Doonfoot	14 on 14-Apr, 75 on 21-May, 50 on 26-May
Maidens	50 on 12-Feb, 33 on 9-Jun
Dipple/Balkenna/ Milton Burn	57 on 19-May
Girvan	76 on 11-Jan
Other sites	40 Thirdpart Holdings, West Kilbride 13-Jan; 2 Martnaham Loch 26-Apr; 24 Pow Burn 6-May; 35 Pow Burn 7-May

Autumn-winter counts at main sites	
Hunterston area	31 on 3-Sep, 13 on 26-Sep
Saltcoats	30 on 14-Aug
Stevenston	50 on 17-Aug, 110 on 22-Aug, 90 on 21-Oct, 74 on 1-Dec

Barassie/Troon	1 on 26-28 Jul, 58 on 15-Aug, 103 on 16-Aug, 138 on 19-Aug, 160 on 22-Aug, 317 on 23-Aug, 150 on 25-Aug, 58 on 27-Aug, 97 on 4-Oct, 40 on 5-Nov, 45 on 22-Dec
Prestwick	75 on 28-Aug
Doonfoot	65 on 17-Aug, 10 on 26-Aug, 6 on 11-Nov
Maidens	95 on 4-Aug, 121 on 21-Aug, 14 on 28-Sep
Dipple/Balkenna/ Milton Burn	60 on 4-Aug, 180 on 21-Aug, 235 on 26-Aug, 90 on 21-Sep, 81 on 29-Sep, 92 on 21-Oct
Girvan	74 on 4-Dec
Other sites	20 Largs 31-Jul; 185 Turnberry 21-Aug; 40 Culzean 23-Sep; 35 Largs 28-Sep; 35 West Kilbride 30-Nov



Ringed Plover, Ardeer (Angus Hogg)

European Golden Plover *Pluvialis apricaria*

C B w P

Breeding: 2 prs Blackraig Hill 28-Apr.

Winter-spring counts at main sites

Barassie/Troon	1 on 4-Jan, 15 on 22-Jan, 8 on 14-Apr
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Maidens	90 on 15-Jan, 30 on 12-Feb
Other sites	158 Newton Bellrock 7-Feb; 40 Hunterston 17-Feb; 50 Dipple/Dowhill 19-Mar, 30 on 29-Mar

Autumn-winter counts at main sites	
Barassie/Troon	7 on 26-Jul, 10 on 13-Aug, 54 on 16-Sep, 70 on 15-Oct
Prestwick	160 on 21-Nov
Maidens	65 on 28-29 Sep, 39 on 12-Oct, 15 on 12-Nov
Other sites	23 Bogside 16-Nov; 80 Greenan 10-Dec; 140 Sandyford 24-Dec

Grey Plover *Pluvialis squatarola*

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In winter-spring: 1 Seamill 17-Feb; 1 Ardneil 24-Mar; 1 S Troon 27-May; 1 Dipple 9-Jun.

In autumn-winter: 1 Barassie 21-Sep, 2 on 28-Sep, 3 on 30-Sep, 2 on 4-7 Oct, 1 till 22-Nov; 1 Bogside 28-Sep; 1 Hunterston Sands 25-Dec.

Northern Lapwing *Vanellus vanellus*

C B W P

Breeding results included: 4-5 prs sitting Blairbowie 25-Apr – failed by 29-Apr; 3 prs Glendrisaig 29-May; pr failed Currarie 29-May; 2 prs (b/2) Fail 13-Jun; pr (probably with young) Portandea 17-Jun.

Winter-spring counts at main sites	
Hunterston area	6 on 1-Apr
Bogside/Garnock	c500 on 5-Jan, 300 on 11-Jan
Doonfoot	18 on 16-Jan, 1 on 10-Feb
Blairbowie	73 on 4-Jan, 108 on 5-Jan, 29 on 7-Feb
Other sites	80 Thirdpart Holdings, West Kilbride 13-Jan; 51 Darnhay Farm 27-Jan; 110 Girvan Mains 11-Feb; 200 over Eglinton Country Park 14-Feb; 100 Girvan 26-Feb; 153 Lochlea 28-Feb; 40 over Lugar 14-Mar

Autumn-winter counts at main sites	
Hunterston area	20 on 10-Jul, 26 on 3-Aug, 22 on 15-Aug, c30 on 10-Sep

Bogside/Garnock	20 on 20-Jul, 140 on 15-Aug, 300 on 30-Sep, 400 on 20-Oct, 800 on 28-Oct, 600 on 16-Nov, 300 on 15-Dec
Loans	180 on 25-Oct, 461 on 25-Nov, 290 on 31-Dec
Doonfoot	60 on 29-Jul, 52 on 17-Aug, 5 on 22-Sep, 69 on 18-Oct, 166 on 11-Nov, 150 on 10-Dec, 103 on 16-Dec
Blairbowie	120 on 30-Oct, 200 on 31-Dec
Other sites	116 Cronberry 27-Sep, 100 on 1-Oct; 140 Fail 24-Oct; 86 Ardeer Mains 23-Nov; 40 Dalmaca 1-Dec; 150 Loch o' th' Lowes 2-Dec

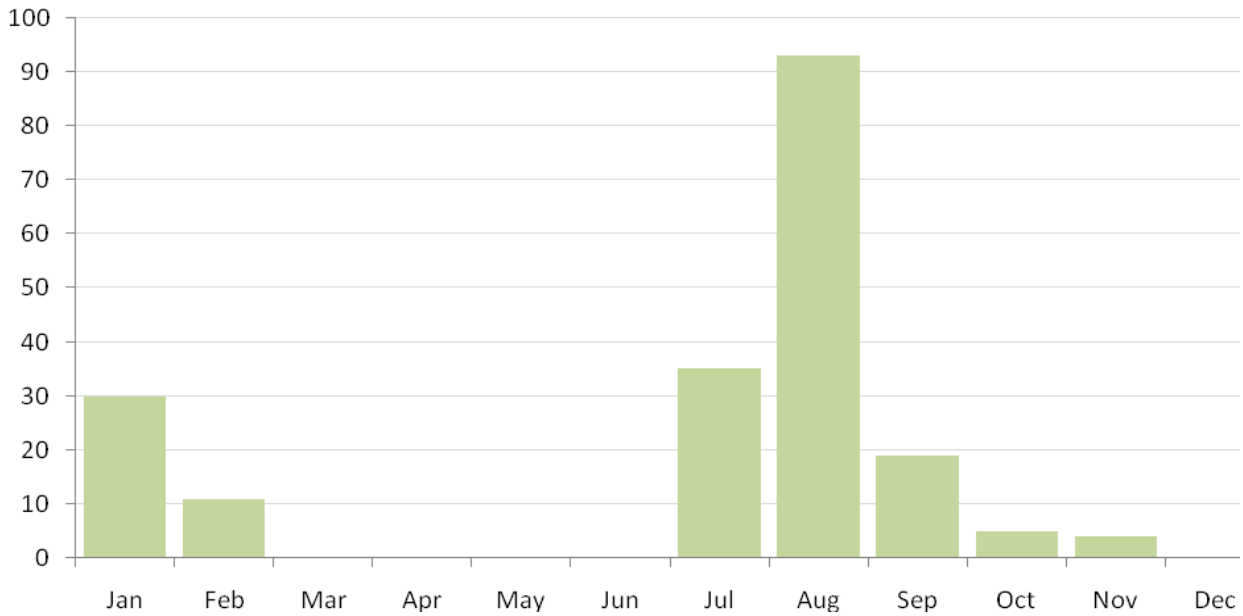
Red Knot *Calidris canutus*

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Winter-spring counts at main sites	
Hunterston area	15 on 13-Jan
Stevenston Point	4 on 2-Feb
Bogside/Garnock	4 on 2-Feb
Troon harbour/ Barassie	10 on 1-Jan, 5 on 22-Jan
Maidens	1 on 12-Feb
Other sites	5 Loans 28-Jan; 2 Newton Bellrock 1-Feb

Autumn-winter counts at main sites	
Hunterston area	11 on 3-Aug, 7 on 3-Sep, 9 on 28-Sep, 1 on 9-10 Oct, 2 on 17-Oct
Bogside/Garnock	19 on 22-Aug, 3 on 4-5 Sep, 1 on 6-Sep, 6 on 22-Sep, 1 on 16-Nov
Troon harbour/ Barassie	15 on 25-Jul, 11 on 28-Jul, 12 on 3-Aug, 1 on 13-16 Aug, 2 on 18-Aug, 2 on 27-Aug, 1 on 4-Sep, 2 on 5-Sep, 3 on 5-10 Oct, 1 on 21-Oct, 3 on 5-Nov
Doonfoot	20 on 27-Jul, 22 on 2-Aug, 1 on 8-Aug, 1 on 22-Sep
Maidens	29 on 4-Aug, 2 on 21-Aug, 1 on 21-Sep, 1 on 28-Sep

Total Monthly Numbers of Knot in Ayrshire in 2013



Sanderling *Calidris alba*

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Winter-spring counts at main sites

Saltcoats	48 on 27-Jan
Stevenston	69 on 3-Jan, 55 on 31-Jan, 69 on 15-Feb, 53 on 17-Mar, 35 on 7-Apr, 44 on 8-May
Irvine harbour mouth	4 on 22-Feb
Barassie	3 on 22-Jan, 16 on 1-Jun, 41 on 7-Jun
Doonfoot	2 on 3-Feb, 4 on 30-Apr, 9 on 27-May
Maidens	3 on 11-Feb, 4 on 17-Feb, 5 on 14-May
Turnberry	6 on 7-Apr, 2 on 11-May, 3 on 16-May
Balkenna-Milton Burn	6 on 28-Feb, 6 on 12-Mar, 59 on 19-May
Girvan harbour	5 on 4-Dec

Autumn-winter counts at main sites

Stevenston	36 on 17-Aug, 40 on 22-Aug, 36 on 2-Sep, 42 on 19-Oct, 54 on 3-Nov, 51 on 10-Dec
Bogside/ Irvine harbour mouth	4 on 24-Jul, 15 on 15-Sep, 53 on 21-Sep, 52 on 22-Sep

Barassie	13 on 27-Jul, 1 on 10-13 Aug, 5 on 15-Aug, 2 on 18-22 Aug, 3 on 27-Aug, 1 on 22-Sep
Prestwick	2 on 22-Aug, 3 on 28-Aug
Doonfoot	4 on 2-Aug, 3 on 8-Aug, 2 on 19-Aug
Maidens	3 on 4-Aug
Turnberry	14 on 21-Aug
Balkenna-Milton Burn	70+ on 4-Aug, 14 on 21-Aug, 4 on 26-Aug
Other sites	17 Meikle Craigs 19-Jun

Little Stint *Calidris minuta*

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1 Lochlea 18-Aug (AS).

Curlew Sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea*

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Autumn passage	
Hunterston Sands	3 on 14-Sep (MMcG), juv on 17-Oct (RvdS)
Bogside	ad on 4-5 Sep (GMcA/DG)
Barassie	1 on 15-Sep (BDK), juv on 5-7 Oct (BDK)

Purple Sandpiper *Calidris maritima*

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Winter-spring counts at main sites	
Seamill	5 on 13-Jan, 12 on 17-Feb, 1 on 23-Mar, 3 on 28-Apr, 3 on 8-May
Saltcoats	4 on 2-Feb, 24 on 9-Feb, 40 on 24-Feb, 16 on 17-Mar, 3 on 23-Mar, 6 on 8-May
Stevenston Point	4 on 2-Feb, 3 on 23-Mar, 3 on 28-Apr, 6 on 8-May
Troon	5 on 4-Jan, 6 on 5-Jan, 7 on 22-Jan, 9 on 9-Feb, 7 on 19-Feb
Ayr harbour	8 on 22-Jan, 14 on 1-Apr
Turnberry Point	59 on 26-Jan, 30 on 29-Mar, 28 on 7-Apr, 35 on 9-Apr

Other sites	25 N Brest Rocks 15-Jan; 33 N Balkenna 29-Mar
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Autumn-winter counts at main sites

Stevenston Point	3 on 17-Nov, 2 on 6-Dec
Troon	24 on 24-Dec
Turnberry Point	3 on 12-Nov, 14 on 20-Nov
Other sites	1 Hunterston Sands 27-Dec, 1 Newton-on-Ayr 29-Dec

Dunlin *Calidris alpina*

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Breeding: no reports received.

Winter-spring counts at main sites

Hunterston area	100 on 13-Jan, c40 on 26-Feb, 5 on 5-Mar, 9 on 28-Apr, 11 on 19-May
Saltcoats	201 on 27-Jan, 10 on 8-May
Stevenston	400 on 3-Jan, 200 on 31-Jan, 90 on 2-Feb, 50 on 8-May
Bogside/Garnock	30 on 2-Feb, 40 on 22-Feb
Barassie	60 on 7-Jun
Prestwick	259 on 1-Feb, 230 on 17-Feb, 120 on 18-Mar
Doonfoot	54 on 16-Jan, 130 on 10-Feb, 4 on 10-Mar, 50 on 13-May, 34 on 21-May, 8 on 3-Jun
Maidens	100 on 12-Feb
Dipple-Balkenna	90 on 12-Jan, 75 on 12-Mar, 45 on 19-May inc 1 <i>alpina</i> race
Girvan	75 on 11-Jan, 59 on 7-Feb
Other sites	60 Thirdpart Holdings, West Kilbride 13-Jan; 1 <i>alpina</i> race Turnberry Bay 19-May; 1 Blairbowie 19-20 May; 1 Loch Doon 26-May; 2 Garpel Bridge 7-Jun

Autumn-winter counts at main sites

Hunterston area	17 on 3-Aug, 10 on 3-Sep, 21 on 26-Sep, 39 on 28-Sep, 17 on 20-Nov, c90 on 25-Dec, c100 on 27-Dec
Stevenston	45 on 17-Aug, 25 on 22-Aug, 24 on 11-Sep, 6 on 21-Oct

Bogside/Garnock	12 on 24-Jul, 18 on 22-Aug, 60 on 4-Sep, 36 on 30-Sep, 31 on 21-Oct
Barassie	14 on 21-Jul, 181 on 27-Jul, 333 28-Jul, 146 on 15-Aug, 238 on 23-Aug, 150 on 25-Aug, 60 on 4-Oct, 40 on 7-Oct
Doonfoot	1 on 29-Jul, 7 on 14-Aug, 28 on 16-Aug, 11 on 17-Sep
Maidens	236 on 4-Aug, 15 S on 18-Aug, 26 on 6-Dec
Dipple-Balkenna	67 on 21-Jul, 70+ on 21-Aug, 30 on 26-Aug, 36 on 21-Oct
Girvan harbour	69 on 4-Dec
Other sites	15 Meikle Craigs 19-Jun; 1 Kilbirnie Loch 6-Jul; 50 Troon-Pow Burn 27-28 Jul

Ruff *Philomachus pugnax*

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In autumn: 1 Ardrossan to Farland Head 18-Aug; juv Irvine harbour mouth 22-Aug; 1 Martnaham Loch 22-Aug; 4 Bogside 7-Sep; 4 Lochlea 8-Sep; 1 Lochgreen Golf Course, Troon 11-13 Sep; 1 Bogside 21-22 Sep.

Jack Snipe *Lymnocyptes minimus*

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In winter-spring: 1 Auchmannoch 1-Jan; 4 Dundonald Camp 4-5 Jan; 2 Seamill 6-Jan, 3 on 13-Jan, 9 on 17-Feb; 8 on 8-Mar, 11 on 16-Mar; 3 Stevenston LNR 21-Feb, 5 on 9-Mar; 1 Blairbowie 12-Mar; 1 St Fillan's Bridge, near Largs 26-Mar.

In autumn-winter: 1 Stevenston LNR 3-Nov, 5 on 1-10 Dec; 1 Hunterston Sands 22-Nov.

Common Snipe *Gallinago gallinago*

C B w P

Breeding: displaying ♂ ♂ at Ardeer Fen (1-2). Also 3 "chipping" birds Ardeer 22-May; 1 "chipping" Ballochling 3-Jun.

Counts/migrants	
Stevenston LNR	22 on 21-Feb, 14 on 19-Oct, 45 on 3-Nov, 53 on 1-Dec, 44 on 10-Dec, 6 on 26-Dec
Martnaham Loch	30 on 23-Aug, 8 on 24-Nov, 1 on 28-Nov
Blairbowie	20+ on 28-Oct, 35+ on 30-Oct
Other sites	14 Northcraig Reservoir 4-Feb; 25 Auchenharvie 21-Oct; 11 Hunterston

Sands 22-Nov

Eurasian Woodcock *Scolopax rusticola*

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Breeding: no details were received of birds in suitable breeding habitat.

Counts/migrants: 1 House of Water 1-Feb; 1 Glenapp Castle 27-Feb; 1 Blacktop Plantation 8-Mar; 1 Muirhead Bridge 9-Mar; 1 Kaim Hill 10-Mar; 1 Birkheadsteel Bridge, Fairlie Moor 13-Mar; 1 Carrick Hills 30-Mar; 1 Mill Farm Roundabout, Ardrossan 2-Apr; 1 Bogside 17-Aug; 1 Riccarton Moss 17-Nov; 2 Dean Castle Country Park 23-Nov; 1 Changue 3-Dec; 3 Stevenston Point 26-Dec; 1 Garnock Estuary 28-Dec.

Black-tailed Godwit *Limosa limosa*

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Winter-spring counts at main sites

Hunterston area	1 on 2-Feb, 3 on 17-Feb, 4 on 30-May to 3-Jun,
Doonfoot	1 on 29-Mar, 1 on 30-Apr, 1 on 10-Jun
Loch o' th' Lowes	14 on 1-May, 4 on 5-May
Blairbowie	12 on 26-Apr
Other sites	6 Eglinton Country Park 29-Apr; 1 on 3-May

Autumn-winter counts at main sites

Hunterston area	juv on 29-Aug, 1 on 3-Sep, 1 on 10-Sep, 1 on 8-Oct
Bogside/Irvine	4 on 29-30 Jul, 10 on 2-Aug, 14 on 22-Aug, 2 on 4-Sep, 4 on 5-Sep, 1 on 6-Sep, 2 on 8-9 Sep, 2 on 22-Sep
Barassie	6 on 18-Aug, 1 on 24-Aug, 10 on 1-Sep
Doonfoot	1 on 2-Aug, 1 on 23-Aug, 1 on 28-Nov
Martnaham Loch	3 on 31-Jul, 1 on 23-24 Aug
Other sites	4 S Turnberry Point 4-Aug; 1 Dundonald Camp 4-Aug; 5 Lands of Turnberry 4-Aug, 1 on 21-Aug; 1 Auchenharvie pond 25-Aug; 6 Ayr Racecourse 1-Sep, 5 on 2-Sep; 1 Loans 5-Sep; 1 Dalmaca 10-Oct; 1 Blairbowie 3-Nov

Winter-spring counts at main sites	
Hunterston area	120 on 3-Jan, 60 on 26-Feb, 11 on 16-Mar, 8 on 28-Apr, 9 on 19-May, 5 on 3-Jun
Barassie	1 on 4-Jan
Doonfoot	4 on 23-Jan, 1 on 1-Feb to 14-Jun
Maidens	3 on 26-Jan, 1 on 1-Feb, 1 on 11-Feb, 2 on 12-Feb, 1 on 15-Mar, 1 on 31-Mar, 1 on 14-Apr
Balkenna-Dipple	2 on 28-Feb, 3 on 18-Mar, 1 on 29-Mar, 7 on 19-May
Other sites	1 Stevenston Point 27-Jan; 1 Prestwick-Pow Burn 20-Mar; 2 imm Turnberry Bay 19-May

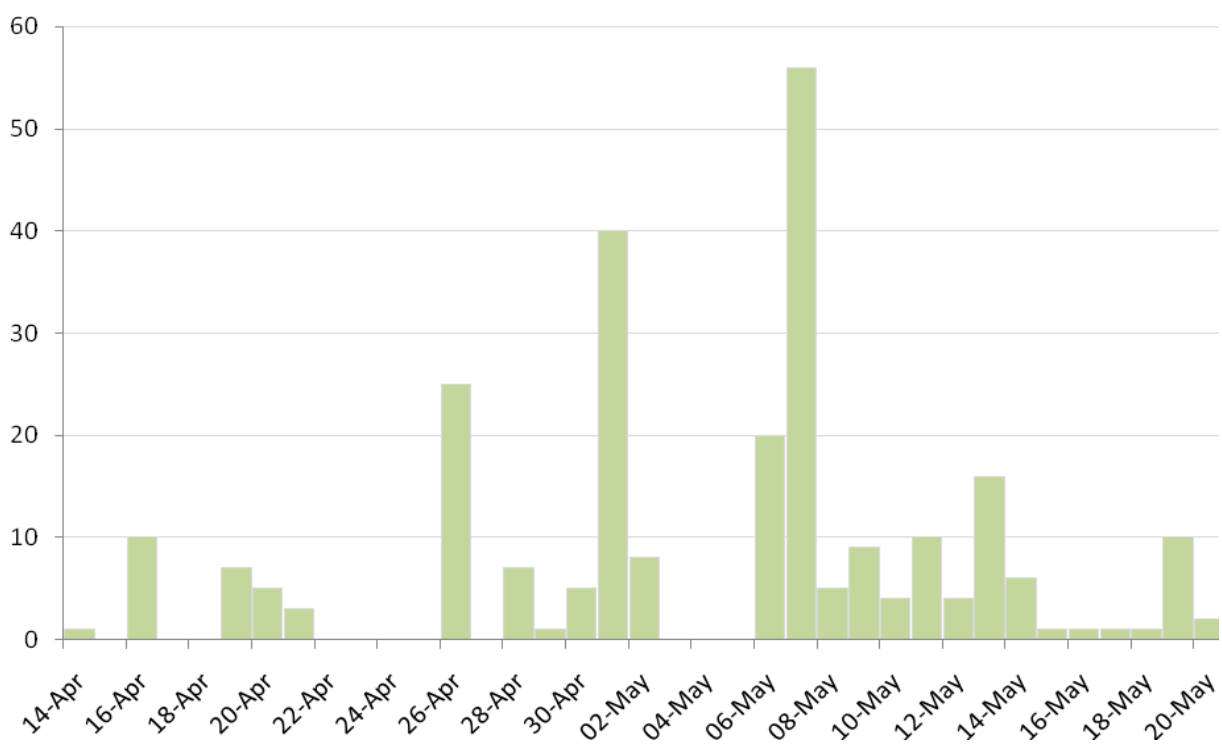
Autumn-winter counts at main sites	
Hunterston area	5 on 28-Jul, 4 on 3-Aug, 9 on 3-Sep, 3 on 26-Sep
Bogside/Garnock	5 on 5-Sep, 1 on 6-Sep, 3 on 22-Sep, 2 on 28-Sep, 1 on 30-Sep, 1 on 21-Oct
Barassie	1 on 3-Jul, 1 on 18-19 Aug, 9 on 27-Aug, 1 on 22-Sep, 2 on 5-13 Oct, 1 on 1-Nov
Doonfoot	ad on 16-Aug, 1 on 25-Aug, 5 on 17-Sep, 3 on 22-Sep to 29-Oct
Maidens	2 on 13-Sep, 1 on 31-Dec
Balkenna-Dipple	2 on 23-Sep, 2 on 12-Oct
Other sites	1 Turnberry Point 20-Nov

The first spring records were: 1 Irvine Bay 30-Mar; 1 Loans 14-Apr; 10 Martnaham Loch 16-Apr.

Spring passage counts at main sites	
Hunterston area	1 on 27-Apr, 6 on 28-Apr, 1 on 19-May, 1 on 10-Jul
Munnoch Reservoir	40 on 1-May, 50 on 7-May
Saltcoats/Ardrossan	1 on 28-Apr; 6 on 11-May, 1 on 13-May, 2 on 20-May

Bogside/Irvine	1 on 30-Mar, 3 on 21-Apr, 1 on 29-Apr, 2 on 7-May
Martnaham Loch	10 on 16-Apr, 3 on 19-Apr, 25 on 26-Apr, 20 on 6-May
Doonfoot	3 on 19-Apr, 4 on 30-Apr, 2 on 13-May
Croy/Culzean	9 on 9-May, 4 on 10-12 May
Turnberry Point	2 on 23-Apr, 1 on 14-19 May
Balkenna-Dipple	1 on 19-Apr, 4 on 2-May, 2 on 19-May
Other sites	5 Prestwick 20-Apr; 4 St Phillans, Largs 7-May; 5 Seamill 8-May, 6 on 19-May; 13 Crofthead 13-May; 5 Pow Burn 14-May

Daily Spring Passage Totals of Whimbrel in Ayrshire in 2013



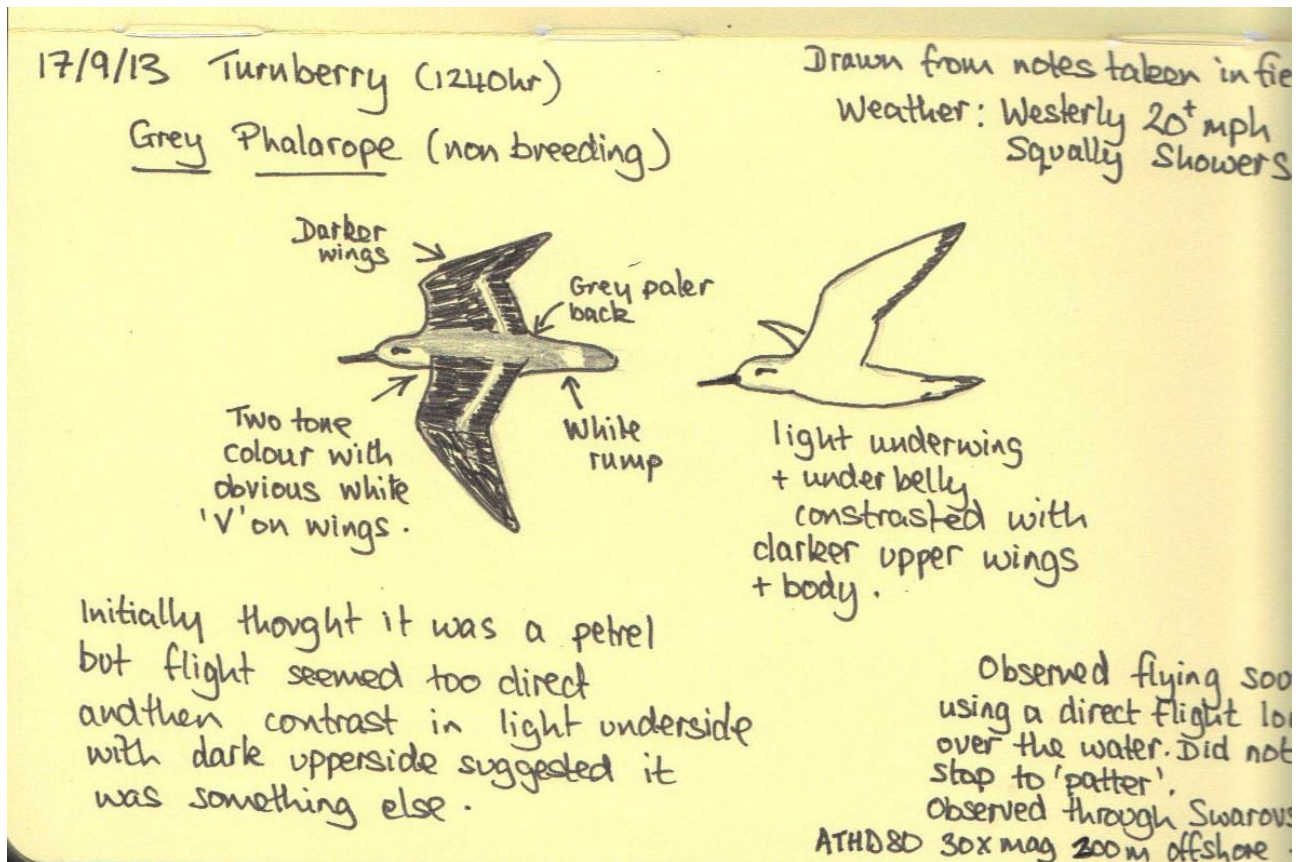
Autumn passage counts at main sites	
Hunterston area	3 on 3-Aug, 1 on 29-Aug, 1 on 3-Sep
Bogside/Irvine	1 on 29-30 Jul, 2 S on 22-Aug, 1 on 4-Sep
Doonfoot	7 on 17-Aug, 1 on 19-Aug, 5 on 26-Aug
Balkenna-Dipple	4 on 25-Aug
Other sites	13 in off sea Pow Burn 27-Jul; 1 Maidens 1-2 Sep

Breeding pairs or territorial ♂ ♂ noted at: Bogton Loch (N end), Carlock Hill, Craigdow Hill, Cronberry, High Altercannoch, Loch Crongart, Pinbraid, Shallochwreck Hill.

Winter-spring counts at main sites	
Barassie	180 on 16-Feb
Loans	128 on 3-Feb
Doonfoot	69 on 16-Jan, 10 on 10-Feb, 27 on 10-Mar
Other sites	c80 Skelmorlie Castle 22-Jan; 115 Auchenharvie pond 11-Feb; 72 Ardeer Mains 2-Mar; 59 Martnaham Loch 13-Apr; 55 Munnoch Reservoir 4-May

Autumn-winter counts at main sites	
Hunterston area	90 on 10-Jul, 220 on 29-Aug, 200 on 3-Sep
Bogside/Garnock	c250 on 5-Aug, c300 on 22-Aug, 121 on 22-Sep
Barassie	38 on 5-Aug
Loans	9 on 5-Sep, 220+ on 25-Oct to 1-Nov, 140 on 3-Nov, 178 on 31-Dec
Doonfoot	25 on 18-Jul, 44 on 27-Aug, 32 on 18-Oct, 17 on 11-Nov, 16 on 16-Dec
Other sites	56 Dundonald Camp 16-Aug; 100 Ballantrae 13-Sep; 71 Ardeer Mains 23-Nov; 45 Lands of Turnberry 24-Nov, 63 Auchenharvie Golf Course 15-Dec; 50 Bracken Bay 17-Dec

1st-w S Turnberry Point 17-Sep (DGr); another or the same lingering off Turnberry Point 18-Sep (DGi).



Grey Phalarope, notebook extract (David Grant)

Territorial birds or birds in potential breeding habitat included: Galston (3 prs), Afton Reservoir, Allanton, Balkenna, Ballantrae, Barnshean Loch, Broomfield to Kissing Gate, Craigfionn, Craigmalloch, Drumlanford, Dyrock Burn, Eglinton Country Park, Finnarts Bay, Garpel Bridge, Glengennet Farm, Hunterston, Kilbirnie Loch, Kirkmichael, Lendalfoot, Loch Derclach, Loch Doon, Loch Maberry, Loch Macaterick, Loch Muck, Loch Riecawr, Ness Glen, Pow Burn, River Lugar, Sorn, Southannan Sands, Tarholm, Waterhead, Whitelee Forest.

Arrival: 1 Bogside 23-Apr; 1 Hunterston 13-Apr; 2 Doonfoot 14-Apr; 1 Capringstone 17-Apr, 4 Galston Loch 21-Apr; 7 Bogside/Garnock Estuary 30-Apr.

Autumn counts/departure: 6 Stevenston Point 27-Jul; 6 Doonfoot 29-Jul; 8 Irvine Beach Park 2-Aug; 4 Bogside 7-Aug; 1 Irvine harbour 2-Sep, 4-Sep.



Common Sandpiper, Loch Riecawr (Angus Hogg)

Green Sandpiper *Tringa ochropus*

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In the autumn-winter period: 1 Largs 29-Jul (RvdS); 1 Martnaham Loch 31-Jul (DC).

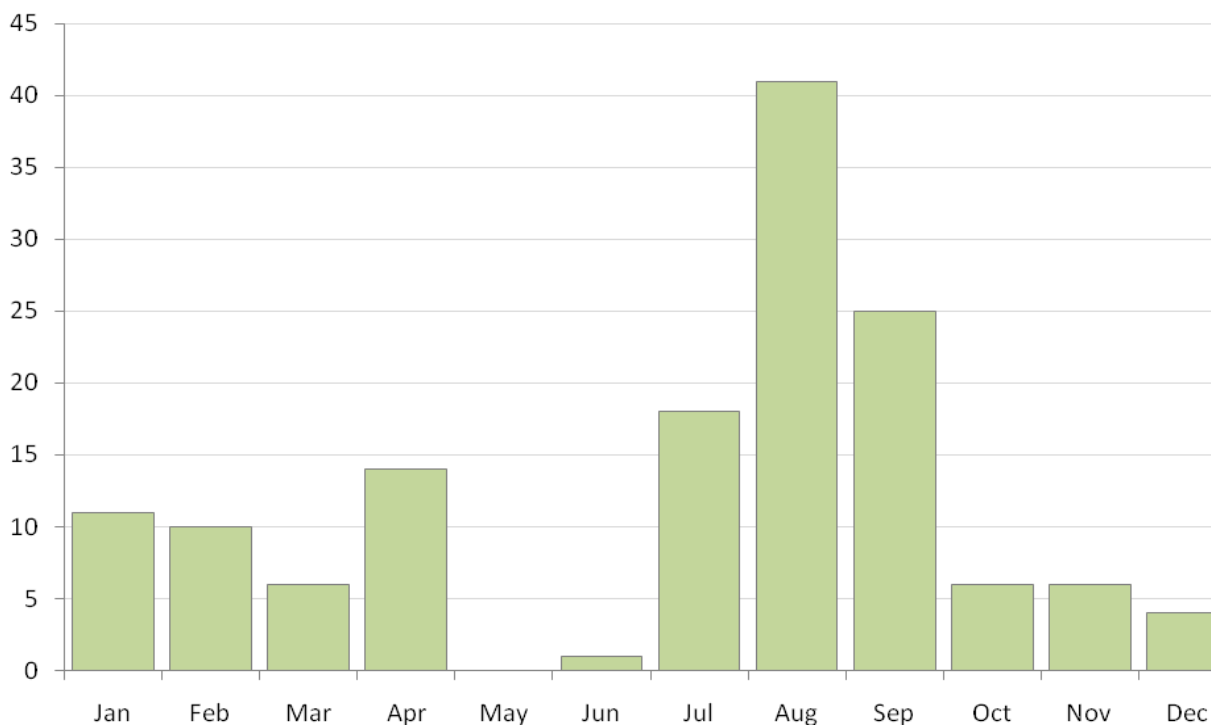
Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia*

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Winter-spring counts at main sites	
Seamill	1 on 13-Jan to 6-Apr
Hunterston-Fairlie area	5 on 9-Jan, 6 on 17-Feb, 2 on 16-Mar, 1 on 21-Mar to 28-Apr
Bogside-Garnock area	4 on 13-Apr, 1 on 30-Apr, 1 on 16-Jun
Doonfoot	2 on 4-Jan, 5 on 9-17 Jan, 3 on 10-17 Feb, 3 on 10-Mar, 4 on 9-Apr, 2 on 11-Apr
Other sites	4 Barassie 14-Apr

Autumn-winter counts at main sites	
Hunterston-Fairlie area	1 on 3-Aug, 6 on 7-Aug, 9 on 15-Aug, 15 on 29-Aug, 6 on 3-Sep, 4 on 26-28 Sep, 1 on 17-Oct, 1 on 22-Nov
Bogside-Garnock area	10 on 30-Jul, 13 on 15-Aug, 19 on 22-Aug, 15 on 8-Sep, 11 on 30-Sep, 1 on 21-Oct, 1 on 16-Nov
Doonfoot	5 on 18-Jul, 4 on 7-Aug to 17-Dec
Other sites	1 Ballantrae 12-Jul; 2 Troon 27-Jul; 1 Martnaham Loch 11-19 Aug; 2 Kilbirnie Loch 11-Aug

Total Monthly Numbers of Greenshank in Ayrshire in 2013



Common Redshank *Tringa totanus*

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Breeding: pr Blairbowie; young seen at Lochside 15-Jul.

Winter-spring counts at main sites	
Hunterston area	60 on 28-Apr
Bogside/Garnock	20 on 16-Mar, 34 on 27-Apr
Doonfoot	26 on 16-Jan, 48 on 10-Feb, 53 on 10-Mar, 41 on 26-Mar, 1 on 14-Apr
Maidens	52 on 11-Feb, 25 on 8-Apr

Other sites	32 Girvan 11-Jan; 27 Girvan harbour 10-Mar
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Autumn-winter counts at main sites	
Hunterston area	40 on 7-Aug, 75 on 29 on 29-Aug, 50 on 3-Sep, 50 on 17-Oct, 63 on 20-Nov
Bogside/Garnock	40 on 22-Aug, 70 on 5-Sep, 110 on 7-Sep, 200 on 30-Sep, 70 on 21-Oct
Doonfoot	1 leucistic 27-Jul, 60 on 29-Jul, 18 on 26-Aug, 14 on 22-Sep, 29 on 18-Oct, 23 on 11-Nov, 39 on 16-Dec, 50 on 29-Dec
Maidens	18 on 18-Aug, 50 on 3-Nov
Other sites	16 Barassie 22-Aug; 60 Girvan harbour 4-Dec

Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres*

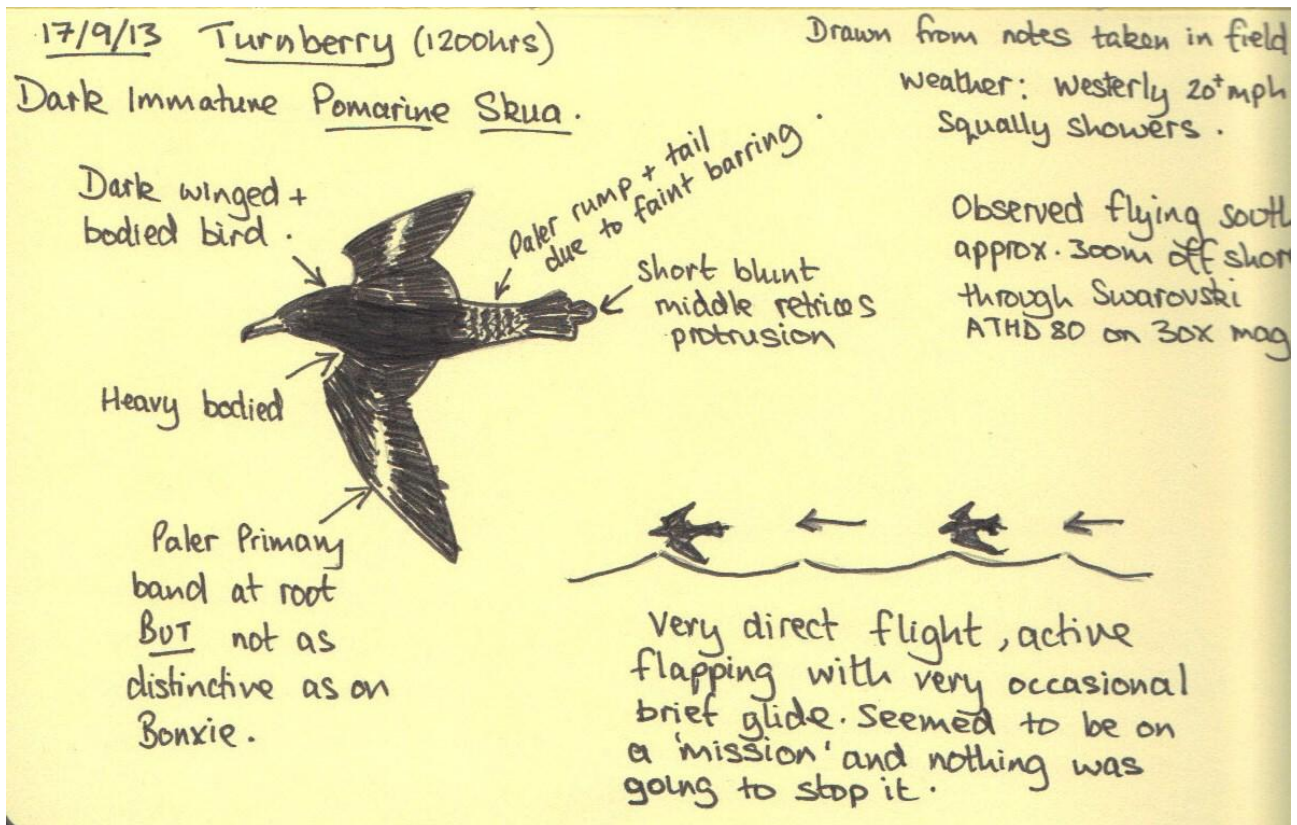
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Winter-spring counts at main sites	
Meigle	18 on 30-Jan, 10 on 7-May
Hunterston area	16 on 13-Jan
Seamill	25 on 13-Jan, 12 on 17-Feb, 8 on 23-Mar
Bogside	25 on 2-Feb, 30 on 14-Apr, 30 on 5-May, 8 on 7-May
Troon	7 on 12-Apr
Prestwick	35 on 15-Apr
Doonfoot	31 on 16-Jan, 45 on 10-Feb, 43 on 26-Mar
Other sites	8 Stevenston Point 2-Feb; 8 Saltcoats 2-Feb; 21 Girvan 7-Feb

Autumn-winter counts at main sites	
Meigle	25 on 28-Sep
Hunterston area	11 on 28-Sep, 23 on 6-Dec
Bogside	4 on 23-29 Jul, 44 on 22-Sep, 36 on 21-Oct, 30 on 30-Nov
Prestwick	16 on 28-Aug
Doonfoot	1 on 14-Aug, 12 on 17-Aug, 23 on 18-Oct, 43 on 3-Nov, 35 on 16-Dec, 50 on 29-Dec
Other sites	10 Balkenna 21-Jul; 10 Stevenston Pt 21-Oct; 29 Girvan harbour 4-Dec

Spring passage	
Ardrossan/Saltcoats/ Stevenston Point	1 on 5-Apr, 15 on 10-Apr, 7 (2 dark phase/5 pale phase) on 11-May, 3 (1 dark/2 pale) on 12-May, 2 on 13-May, 10 on 14-May, 37 on 15-May, 1 on 20-May, 3 N on 23-May
Troon	1 NW Troon 22-Apr

Autumn passage	
Ardrossan/Saltcoats/ Stevenston Point	1 on 12-Aug
Troon	ad S on 16-Sep, 1 on 18-Sep
Turnberry Point	intermediate/dark imm S on 17-Sep, ad offshore on 23-Sep, 1 on 24-Sep
Other sites	juv Portencross 17-Aug; 1 N Ballantrae 27-Oct; 1 Kennedy's Pass 3-Nov; 1 Maidens 3-Nov



Pomarine Skua, notebook extract (David Grant)

Spring passage	
Ardrossan/Saltcoats/ Stevenston Point	3 on 12-Apr, 1 on 18-Apr, 4 dark phase on 11-May, 3 dark phase on 12-May, 4 on 13-May, 1 N on 14-May, 44 on 15-May, 2 on 15-May, 1 on 22-May, 6 N on 23-May
Troon	2 N on 16-Apr, 1 N on 23-May, 1 N on 27-May
Pow Burn	1 pale phase S on 20-Apr
Prestwick	1 S on 18-Apr
Turnberry Point	2 N on 9-Jun

Autumn passage	
Troon	1 N on 15-Sep, 1 N on 16-Sep, 2 N on 16-Sep
Doonfoot	1 on 22-Sep
Bracken Bay	1 dark phase adult on 5-Aug
Maidens	juv S on 3-Nov
Turnberry Point	2 on 23-Sep, 2 on 24-Sep, 1 offshore on 15-Oct

Spring passage at Saltcoats: 23 on 13-May, 26 on 14-May, 22 on 15-May, 2 on 18-May, 27 on 20-May, 21 on 21-May, 55 on 22-May, 34 on 23-May, 24 on 24-May.



Long-tailed Skuas, Saltcoats (Angus Hogg)

Great Skua *Stercorarius skua*

C S w P

Spring passage	
Saltcoats	1 on 8-Apr, 1 on 11-Apr, 7 on 12-Apr, 1 on 14-Apr, 1 on 17-Apr, 2 on 11-May, 3 on 12-May, 1 on 13-May, 38 on 15-May
Troon harbour	2 S on 16-Apr, 1 N on 18-Apr
Autumn passage	
Portencross	ad + 3 juvs S on 17-Aug
Saltcoats	1 on 18-Aug
Troon harbour	1 S on 3-Aug, 2 on 2-Sep, 3 N on 16-Sep
Maidens	1 S on 18-Aug
Turnberry Point	1 offshore 2-Sep, 1 on 17-Sep

Black-legged Kittiwake *Rissa tridactyla*

C B W P

Breeding: very few noted on Ailsa Craig on 17-Jul.

Counts/passage: 50 N Barassie 27-Mar; 200+ Prestwick 15-Apr, 150 on 19-Apr; 172 N Troon in 2 hrs 16-Apr, 80 on 22-Apr; 120+ Gales 16-Apr; 80 Turnberry 17-Sep; 100 Saltcoats 9-Oct; 79 S Turnberry Point in 2 hrs 28-Oct, 67 S Turnberry Point in 1 hr on 1-Nov, 70+ offshore on 17-Dec; 50+ offshore Culzean Bay 17-Dec.

Black-headed Gull *Chroicocephalus ridibundus*

C B W

Breeding: 15-20 prs Barcraigs Reservoir 14-Jul.

Counts: 600 Seamill 13-Jan, 600 on 27-Jan; 2000 Barassie 3-Feb, 1500 on 16-Feb, 1100 on 26-Nov, 1288 on 13-Dec, 600+ on 22-Dec; 450 Dipple 4-Dec.

Little Gull *Hydrocoloeus minutus*

U P

In the winter-spring period: 1st-w Stevenston Point 31-Jan (DGi); 2 Doonfoot 31-Jan (DC); 1 Stevenston Point 16-May (KH); 1st-s N Hunterston 19-May (RvdS).

Sabine's Gull *Larus sabini*

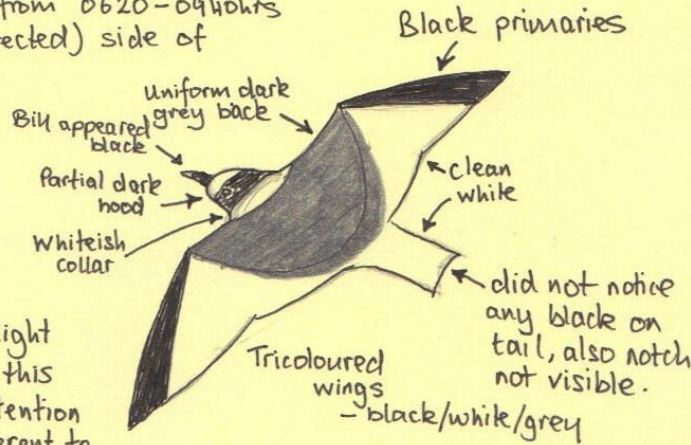
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Autumn-winter period: 1 S Maidens 18-Aug (DGr).

18/8/13 Maidens (0920 hrs)

Drawn from notes taken in the field.

Sea watching from 0620-0940hrs on north (protected) side of 'mound'.



It was observed flying approximately 250m off shore on a southward direction (as all other birds seemed to be).

Weather: WSW 20mph/force 5/lumpy seastate
Observed through Swarovski ATHD 80 on 30x magnification.

It was the flight that brought this bird to my attention as it was different to previous Kittiwakes - flight was bouncy, light but focussed. It landed on the sea and vanished amongst waves.

1st summer/adult moving into winter plumage - former most probable.

Sabine's Gull.

Behaviour in flight and partial hood along with uniform dark grey back (lacking black 'V' along with ~~no~~ no noticeable black on tail would suggest it was not Kittiwake.

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Sabine's Gull, notebook extract (David Grant)

Mediterranean Gull *Larus melanocephalus*

C W P

Winter-spring period

Noddsdale Burn, Largs	3 ads on 7-Jan, 3 ads on 20-Feb
Barassie/Troon	ad on 1-Jan, 2 ads on 3-Jan, 1 ad till 16-Feb
Doonfoot	1 on 9-Jan, 2 (1 st -2 + 2 nd -w) on 10-Jan, 2 nd -w on 16-Feb, 1 st -w on 17-Feb
Other sites	1 st -w Ladykirk 19-20 Jan; 1 st -w Stevenston Point 17-Feb; ad Pow Burn 1-Mar; ad + 2 nd -w Thirdpart, West Kilbride 16-Mar

Autumn-winter period

Noddsdale Burn, Largs	1 on 5-Nov
Bogside/Irvine	1 on 18-Aug, 1 on 18-Sep, 1 on 17-Oct
Barassie/Troon	1 on 27-Jul, ad on 21-Aug, 2 nd -w on 23-Aug, 2 on 27-Aug to 19-Sep, ad on 25-Oct, 5 (3 ads, 2 nd -w, 1 st -w) on 26-27 Oct, 1 on 29-Oct, 1 st -w on 22-Nov, 2 on 22-Dec
Pow Burn	2 nd -w on 25-Aug, 2 on 22-Sep

Doonfoot	3 (ad, 2 nd -w, 1 st -w) mid-Oct, 1 st -w on 24-Oct, 2 ads on 9-Dec, 1 on 16-Dec
Maidens	1 st -s on 4-Aug, 2 nd -w on 5-Dec
Other sites	2 nd -w Lands of Turnberry 5-Aug; juv Hunterston 29-Aug; 1 Capringstone 12-Oct, 1 on 28-Oct; 1 Tarryholme 17-Oct; ad Goat's Green 17-Dec; ad Culzean Bay 17-Dec; 2 nd -w Stevenston 22-Dec; 1 Tarryholme 24-Dec; 2 nd -w Ardeer 31-Dec

Mew Gull *Larus canus*

C B W

Breeding: 2 prs Loch Riecawr; pr Loch Macaterick

Counts: c1000 Ladykirk 20-Jan, 800 Seamill-Ardrossan 27-Jan; c1400 Barassie 3-Feb, 800 on 16-Feb; 500+ Heads of Ayr 5-Feb; 700+ Ladykirk 16-Nov; 526 Barassie 22-Nov, 456 on 13-Dec.

Others: leucistic adult at Doonfoot 14-Jan.

Lesser Black-backed Gull *Larus fuscus*

C B S p

Breeding: 700 Lady Isle 7-May; pr Currarie Port 25-Jun.

Arrival & counts: 11 Doonfoot 16-Feb, 63 on 6-Mar; 31 flew N Dipple in 15 mins 6-Mar; 300+ Blairbowie 23-Mar; 200+ Trabboch Loch 29-Mar; 200 Doonfoot 20-Jun; 300 Monkton 24-Jun, 400 on 25-Jul; 231 Barassie 19-Aug, 360 on 23-Aug, 450 on 6-Sep; 220 on 22-Sep.

In the autumn: 137 Barassie 6-Sep, 88 on 10-Sep, 2 on 26-Nov; 230 Doonfoot 17-Sep; 4 Coylton 3-Nov; 1 Auchenharvie GC 3-Nov.

Wintering adults: 1 Barassie 1-Jan, 1 Doonfoot 9-10 Jan, 16-Feb; 2 Prestwick 19-Jan; 1 Auchenharvie 2-Feb.

Herring Gull *Larus argentatus*

C B W

Breeding: 3 x b/2, 5 x b/1 Finnarts Bay lookout 17-Jun, 8 prs - 14 juvs on 26-Jun; 100 prs b/1-2 in c50% nests Currarie Port 25-Jun.

Counts: 600 Seamill 27-Jan; 539 Shewalton 11-Feb, 700 on 16-Mar, 2000+ on 19-Dec; 600 Thirdpart 16-Mar, 900 on 18-Aug; 510 Fail Loch 30-Mar; c900 Lady Isle 7-May; 1000+ Trabboch Loch 23-Aug; 500+ Troon harbour 6-Sep; 568 Barassie 6-Sep; c500 Doonfoot 17-Sep.

Yellow-legged Gull *Larus michahellis*

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2 ads Shewalton 24-Jan*, 1 ad on 26-Jan* (BDK/DGi); 1 Largs-Noddsdale 28-Mar* (RvdS); 1 Shewalton 3-Apr* (DGi); 1 Shewalton 19-Dec* (DGi).

Iceland Gull *Larus glaucooides*

C W P

At least five individuals reported: ad Fail 12-Jan (BDK); 1st-w Dipple 12-Jan (RHH); 1 Ayr, River Ayr 6-Jan to 4-Apr (DGi); 2nd-w Shewalton 20-Feb (GMcA), 1 on 10-27 Mar (DGi); 1 Loans 14-Apr (DGi).

Glaucous Gull *Larus hyperboreus*

U W P

1st-s flew W Balkenna 12-Apr (RHH) was the only record of the year.

Great Black-backed Gull *Larus marinus*

C B W P

Breeding: 120 Lady Isle 17-May; pr Craigantezart 17-Jun.

Counts: 250+ Lendalfoot 12-Jan, 100 on 21-Sep; 66 Shewalton 3-Apr, 93 on 15-Dec; 127 Shewalton 3-Nov, 230+ on 19-Dec.

Black Tern *Chidonias niger*

R P

1 S Troon harbour 18-Sep (BDK).

Sandwich Tern *Sterna sandvicensis*

C (B) S P

Breeding: 3 juvs Hunterston 10-Jul, 4 juvs on 14-Jul.

Arrival: 2 Girvan 18-Mar; 1 Skelmorlie 22-Mar; 1 Far Bowen Craigs, Largs 26-Mar.

Spring counts: 15 Turnberry Point 23-Apr, 26 on 22-May; 34 Doonfoot 30-Apr; 37 Balkenna 20-May.

Departure: 3 Barassie 5-Oct, 1 on 6-Oct; 30 Saltcoats 9-Oct; 1 ad Doonfoot 23-Oct.

Autumn counts and migration	
Ardrossan	c30 juvs on 18-Aug
Stevenston	29 on 29-Jul, 54 on 17-Aug, 42 on 22-Aug, 24 on 8-Sep, 80+ on 17-Sep
Irvine/Bogside	50 on 29-Jul, 73 on 22-Aug, 27 on 5-Sep, 56 on 22-Sep

Barassie/Troon	147 on 28-Jul, 154 on 2-Aug, 138 plus 132 S on 17-Sep, 157 S on 19-Sep, 220+ on 22-Sep
Ayr/Doonfoot	50 on 8-Aug, 40 on 17-Aug, 23 on 22-Sep, 3 on 28-Sep
Maidens/Turnberry Point	35 on 4-Aug, 72 S on 18-Aug, 50 on 2-Sep, 9 on 17-Sep, 3 on 28-Sep
Other sites	120 Balkenna-Maidens 4-Aug; 44 Portencross 18-Aug

Common Tern *Sterna hirundo*

C (B) S P

Arrival: 3 Pow Burn 20-Apr; 3 Troon, South Beach 5-May; 6 Stevenston Point 11-May.

In the autumn: 3 Bogside 28-Jul; 4 Barassie 28-Jul; 1 Hunterston 3-Aug; ad + juv S Turnberry Point 8-Aug; 1 Stevenston Point 17-Aug and 22-Aug.

Arctic Tern *Sterna paradisaea*

C B S P

Breeding: no reports.

Arrival: 20 on 15-Apr; 2 N Troon 16-Apr, 2 N on 22-Apr; 1 N Turnberry Point 18-Apr; 1 Loch o' th' Lowes 19-Apr; 2 Prestwick 27-Apr; 32 Saltcoats 14-May, 9 N on 22-May, 1 N on 23-May; 92 Portencross 14-May; 5 N Stevenston Point 14-May, 2 N on 22-May.

In the autumn: 4 Dunure 17-Jul; 1 Barassie 2-Aug, 2 on 22-Sep; 5 S Troon 16-Sep, 2 on 17-Sep; 7 Turnberry Point 17-Sep; 1 Maidens 18-Sep; 4 Irvine harbour mouth 22-Sep; 1 Stevenston Point 22-Sep.

Common Guillemot *Uria aalge*

C B w p

Counts/passage: ad with juv Dunure 18-Jul; 28 Turnberry Point 17-Sep; 54 Troon 18-Sep, 97 S on 19-Sep; 52 S Turnberry 14-Nov.

Auk sp. counts: 200-300 N/hr Hunterston 2-Feb; 60 Stevenston Point-Saltcoats 8-May; 90 Largs 28-Sep; hundreds Saltcoats 9-Oct.

Razorbill *Alca torda*

C B w p

Breeding: 24 birds, inc min 2 incubating March Burn 18-Jun.

Counts/passage	
Stevenston Point	16 on 3-Mar, 3 on 23-Mar

Irvine	8 on 7-May
Troon	18 S on 18-Apr, 40 on 22-Apr
Turnberry Point	8 on 17-Sep, 400 S in 2 hrs on 28-Oct, 192 S in 1 hr on 1-Nov, 78 S on 14-Nov, 140 S in 1 hr on 17-Dec

Auk sp. counts: 'lots - mostly razorbills' Turnberry 15-Oct; 200 'S - mostly Razorbills' 28-Oct.



Razorbill, Ayrshire coast (Angus Hogg)

Black Guillemot *Cephus grylle*

C B w p

At, or near breeding sites: 2 Bennane Head 11-Jun; 22 Hunterston 10-Jul; 23 March Burn 15-Jul; 10 juvs offshore Dipple 7-Aug.

Winter-spring counts: 17 Dipple-Girvan Mains 12-Jan; 28 Ayr harbour 1-Apr; 14 Troon harbour 18-Apr; 14 Fairlie 19-May.

Autumn-winter counts: 13 Ballantrae 27-Oct; 15 Ayr harbour 17-Nov; 24 Troon 25-Nov.

Little Auk *Alle alle*

U W

1 N Troon harbour 24-Dec (BDK) was the only record.

Atlantic Puffin *Fratercula arctica*

C B S p

Breeding on Ailsa Craig: c80 offshore on 16-Jul.

Counts/passage	
Saltcoats/Stevenston	16 on 11-May, 4 on 12-May, 5 on 13-May, 8 on 20-May, 1 on 22-May, 20 N on 23-May
Troon	34 S/3 N in 3 hrs on 27-May
Turnberry Point	4 S on 9-Jun
Other sites	1 Pow Burn 20-Mar; 3 Lady Isle 19-Jun, 3 on 26-Jun; 1 dead on tideline Goat's Green 1-Jul; 1 Portencross 3-Aug; 3 Kennedy's Pass 3-Nov

Rock Pigeon *Columba livia*

C B

Counts: 100 Girvan 26-Feb; 50 Ayr harbour 15-Jul; 80 Craigie Estate, Ayr 26-Sep, 60 on 26-Dec; 80 Greenan 6-Oct; 80 Ayr harbour 19-Nov.

Stock Pigeon *Columba oenas*

C B W

Breeding pairs or territories included: Belleisle Park (3), Blackstone (2), Girvan Lodge (2), Rozelle (2), Doonside, Dundonald Wood, Failford, Heads of Ayr, High Garphar, Hunterston Power Station, Loch Doon, Loudoun Castle, Ness Glen, Parkfairn, Thirdpart.

Counts: 8 Thirdpart 17-Feb.

Common Wood Pigeon *Columba palumbus*

C B W

Counts: 1200 Failford 5-Jan; 300 Northcraig Reservoir 11-Jan, 4-Feb; 400 Hunterston 27-Jan; 250 Ladykirk 18-Apr; 240 Tarbolton 21-Apr; 700+ Ladykirk 11-Nov.

Migrants: 350+ S in 30 mins Prestwick 17-Nov.

Eurasian Collared Dove *Streptopelia decaocto*

C B

Breeding: no reports received.

Counts: 12 Ellishill Garden, Kilmaurs 26-Jan, 15 on 10-Dec.

Common Cuckoo *Cuculus canorus*

C B S p

Territorial ♂ ♂ included birds at Monument Wood (3), Craigdow Hill (2), Craigenrae (2), Dunnack Burn/Eldridge Hill (2), East Grassyards, Brisbane Glen (2), Loch Gower (2), Ness Glen (2), Aqueduct Road, Artnoch, Barr, Blackstone, Blair, Blairbowie, Craigens, Craighionn, Craigmalloch, Dornal Fm, Fardin, Flashwood-Broadlie, Hunterston, Laigh Drumlamford, Laigh Woodston, Lands of Turnberry, Loch Bradan, Loch Doon, Meigle, Mochrum Loch, Outerwards, Portencross, Skelmorlie, Strabracken, Tandlemuir, Tarbolton Moss, Turnberry GC, Upper Glen App, Wemyss Bay.

Arrival: ♂ Coylton 20-Apr; 2 Greenan 27-Apr; 5 singing ♂ ♂ Drumlanford 7-May.



Cuckoo, Dornal (Angus Hogg)

Barn Owl *Tyto alba*

C B

Breeding: no reports received.

Winter counts included: singles reported from Alton Albany, Auchengarth, Bankfield Roundabout, Beith, Blairbowie, Bowmanston, Braco Farm, Coalheugh Glen, Coylton, Culzean, Dalmellington, Dalrympleston Burn, Holmston Roundabout, South Newmoor, Martnaham Loch, Myremill, Raithhill, Sandyford Toll.

Road casualties: 1 A77 at Sandyford Toll 10-Aug.

Tawny Owl *Strix aluco*

C B

Breeding pairs or territorial birds were reported from: Craigie Estate, Doura Cottage, Eglinton Country Park, Fullarton Woods, Gogo Water, Kirkmichael, Largs, Monument Wood, Portencross.

Others: road casualty A71 near Moorfield Roundabout 5-Aug.

Long-eared Owl *Asio otus*

U b w

Breeding: a pair at one site in Ayrshire, with male displaying in March (DGi).

Short-eared Owl *Asio flammeus*

C b W P

Breeding: no reports received but present in Muirkirk and Largs area.

Counts and migrants: 1 Bogside 19-Feb; 1 Craigdow Loch 4-Mar; 1 Royal Golf Course, Troon 20-Mar; 1 Maidens 30-Mar; 1 Pow Burn 19-27 Apr; 1 dead Eglinton Country Park 23-Apr; 1 Turnberry GC 30-Apr.

Common Swift *Apus apus*

C B S p

Breeding: 1 entering nest at The Roundel, Largs 23-Jun.

Arrival & counts: 1 Cumnock 21-Apr; 2 Irvine 24-Apr; 1 Martnaham Loch 26-Apr; 10 Dalgarnen 16-May; 10 Brisbane Glen 21-May; 30 Brisbane Glen 7-Jun; 60 Garnock Lagoons 16-Jun; 50 New Farm Loch 7-Jul; 50 Hurlford 6-Aug; 45+ Knockshinnoch lagoons 10-Aug.

Departure: 21 Barcully 14-Aug; 16 Belleisle Park 20-Aug; 40+ S Crosshill, Kirklea 22-Aug; 1 Lanfine 31-Aug.

Common Kingfisher *Alcedo atthis*

U b p

Breeding: records of birds in suitable breeding areas came from three areas in central Ayrshire.

During the winter periods: 1 Garrier Burn Knockentiber-Springside disused railway line 8-Jan; 1 River Irvine, Galston 20-Jan; 1 Kilbirnie Loch 26-Jan; 4 Craigie Estate, Ayr 24-Oct; 1 Garnock Floods 17-18 Nov; 1 Pow Burn 25-Nov; 1 Monkton 28-Nov; 1 Shewalton Moss 1-Dec; 1 Monkton 5-Dec.

Dispersing autumn birds: 1 Troon harbour 26-Oct.

Hoopoe *Upupa epops*

R P

1 Greenan 25-Apr (JT/TC).

Great Spotted Woodpecker *Dendrocopos major*

C B

Breeding: single or pairs noted in suitable breeding habitat at Ardeer (juv on 21-Jul), Auchans, Auchans Marsh, Barbae Wood, Barr, Belleisle, Belston Loch, Bennan Hill, Blackstone, Brisbane Glen, Burns' Cairn, Coylton, Craigfionn, Cumnock, Dalquharan, Dalreoch House, Doonside, Drakemyre, Dundonald Wood, Eglinton Country Park (♂ food gathering 1-Jun), Failford, Fardin, Garnock conifer belt, Kilkerran (N), Kirkmichael, Knockdolian, Knockshinnoch, Ladycross Wood, Loch Gower, Loudoun Castle, Ness Glen, Pinmore, Portencross Road, Poundland Wood Kilkerran, Segganwell, Stair Wood, Tarfessock, The Three Sisters, Trabboch Loch.

Other sites/in urban/suburban gardens: juv in Ayr garden 27-Jul; ♀ at Coylton garden feeder 25-Aug, ♂ on 2-7-Sep.

Sky Lark *Alauda arvensis*

C B W P

Territorial birds or singing males were noted at Shawfarm Industrial Estate, Prestwick (4), Pow Burn (2), Prestwick Airport (2), Lady Isle.

Autumn passage: 100+ Sandyford 24-Sep.

Winter counts: 80 Girvan Mains 26-Jan; 40+ Ladykirk 22-Nov.

Sand Martin *Riparia riparia*

C B S p

Breeding: 50 AON Ballantrae (S side); 28 AON Ardeer, River Garnock; colony at Clachanton deserted 12-Jul.

Arrival & counts: 2 Ayr 26-Mar; 1 Maidens 30-Mar; 2 Lands of Turnberry 7-Apr; 14 Capringstone 14-Apr; 100 Kilbirnie Loch 17-Apr; 50+ Garnock Floods 20-Apr; 70+ Irvine Beach Park 20-Apr; 60+ Shewalton 28-Apr; 80 Garnock Lagoons 7-May.

Departure: 1 Doonfoot 8-Sep.



Sand Martin, Ballantrae (Angus Hogg)

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*

C B S p

Breeding: pr nesting under Pow Burn tunnel at Prestwick Airport 16-May; pr nested Turnberry Point.

Arrival: 1 Maidens 30-Mar; 2 Dunure 9-Apr; 1 Trabboch Loch 13-Apr; 1 Martnaham Loch 13-Apr; 1 Portencross 13-Apr; 1 Hunterston Sands 13-Apr; 10 Old Monkcastle 15-Apr; 30 Beith 16-Apr; 40 Stair 20-Apr.

Autumn departure/counts: 300 Fail 13-Aug; c300 Southannan Sands 21-Sep; 50 Southannan Sands 22-Sep; 30 Torranyard 8-Oct; 2 Middleyard 24-Oct.

Breeding: 3 AON Derclach Loch Water Board bldg 4-Jun, 6 AON on 27-Jun; several AON Tairlaw 22-Jun; several AON Knockshinnoch 20-Jul; 1 AON Castlepark Gardens, Fairlie 25-Jul.

Arrival: 1 Capringstone 17-Apr; 2 Shewalton 17-Apr; 20 Ayr 17-Apr; 8 Lands of Turnberry 18-Apr; 40 Kilbirnie Loch 18-Apr; 50 Culzean 9-May.

Autumn departure/counts: 120 Raith Reservoir 26-Aug; 60+ Ladykirk 5-Sep; 50 Doonfoot 11-Sep; c20 Southannan Roundabout 17-Sep; 8 Portencross 22-Sep; 1 Kirkmichael 1-Oct; 8 The Roundel, Largs 4-Oct.

Breeding: singing ♂ ♂ reported from Ness Glen (5), Clauchrie Hill (3), Ballochling (2), Mount Shellie (2), Aqueduct Road, Ardeer Fen, Ballochbeatties, Barnshean Loch (juv on 24-Jun), Carrick Lane, Craigenrae, Craighionn, Feoch Burn, Garpel Bridge, Loch Doon (juv on 7-Jun), Loch Gower, Loch Nevan, Monument Wood, Stinchar Bridge-Falls, Tairlaw Toll, Tarfessock, The Tappins, Waterhead, Whitelee Forest.

Arrival: 1 singing ♂ Craigenrae 20-Apr; 1 singing ♂ Loch Gower 20-Apr; 1 Loch Riecawr 26-Apr; 1 Beith Old Mill 26-Apr; 2 N Greenan 27-Apr.



Tree Pipit, Clauchrie Hill (Angus Hogg)

Meadow Pipit *Anthus pratensis*

C B P w

Breeding: b/3 Carrick Way 13-Jun; 2 singing ♂ ♂ Little Brigurd, Hunterston 21-Jun, carrying food on 17-Jul; lots carrying food Straiton Hill Road 26-Jun; pr feeding young Turnberry 10-Jul.

Spring migrants: c140 Kirkoswald 4-Mar; 20 Seamill 23-Mar; 30 Blairquhan 26-Mar; 30 Tranew Farm 26-Mar; 40 Meikil Ettinton Farm 26-Mar; 30+ Loudoun Hill 11-Apr; 50+ Hurlford 12-Apr; light movement N Dipple-Turnberry Point 13-Apr; 35 Blairbowie 2-May.

Autumn migrants/post-breeding flocks: 35 Stevenston 23-Sep; lots migrating Turnberry 24-Sep; 24 Ballantrae 12-Oct; 20 Greenan-Doonfoot 4-Nov.

Rock Pipit *Anthus petrosus*

C B p

Breeding: Currarie Port (prs - min B/2, B/1), Pinbain (2 prs), Kennedy's Pass (pr), 1 singing ♂ Stevenston Point, s (pr), 1 singing ♂ Blue Stones, Hunterston.

Counts: 10 Troon harbour 3-Jan; 10 Seamill 2-Mar; 20 Bracken Bay 11-Mar; 16+ Heads of Ayr 30-Mar; 15 Greenan 6-Oct; 12 Maidens 30-Oct, 12 on 6-Dec; 15 Hunterston Sands 16-Nov; 10 Bracken Bay 17-Dec.

Scandinavian race *A. p. littoralis*: 1 Maidens 7-Apr (RHH).



Rock Pipit, Doonfoot (Angus Hogg)

Water Pipit *Anthus spinoletta*

U W p

In the winter-spring period: ad in breeding plumage at Tranew Farm, Blairquhan 26-Mar (RHH).

Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla flava*

U FB s p

1 heard Hunterston 28-Apr (RvdS).

Blue-headed race *M. f. flava*. 2 Auchenharvie pond 8-May, 1 on 9-May (RL)

Grey Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea*

C B S w P

Breeding: at least 23 territories were recorded at 23 sites: Ballochling Loch, Broomfield to Kissing Gate, Catrine (feeding juv on 30-May), Craigie Estate, Croy, Culzean (2 juvs on 16-Jun), Failford, Garnock Floods (nest building on 13-Apr), Garryloop, Glengennet Farm, Goat's Green, Heads of Ayr, Kilbride Burn, Lynn Glen, Muirkirk, Ness Glen, Outerwards Bridge, River Irvine at GSK, River Lugar, Rowantree Toll, Segganwell, Shalloch on Minnoch Fm, Stinchar Bridge-Falls.

Counts/Movements: 11 River Irvine harbour to Gatehead 20-Jul; lots migrating Turnberry 24-Sep.

Coastal records: 1 Fairlie 3-Jan; 1 Chapeldonan 12-Jan; 1 Seamill 13-Jan; 1 Girvan Mains 26-Jan; 2 Stevenston Point 2-Feb; 1 Turnberry Point 9-Apr; 1 Maidens 20-Oct, 3-Nov, 17-Dec; 1 Meigle Bay 22-Nov; 1 Girvan harbour 4-Dec.

Pied Wagtail *Motacilla alba yarrellii*

C B W

Breeding: b/4, b/2 Culzean 16-Jun; juv High Ballochdowan 16-Jun; b/1 Little Brigurd, Hunterston 21-Jun; b/2 Turnberry Lighthouse 26-Jun; b/2 Troon-Prestwick 30-Jun; 6 juvs Goat's Green; juv Shawfarm Industrial Estate, Prestwick 12-Jul; 6 juvs Hunterston Sands 12-Jul.

Counts/migrants: 24 Seamill 17-Feb, 33 on 25-Mar; 20 Prestwick-Pow Burn 26-Feb; 20 Blackstone 10-Apr; 25 Doonfoot 29-Jul, 30 on 26-Aug; 20 Lighthdykes playing fields 18-Aug, 44 on 1-Sep, 20 on 8-Sep; 20+ Balkenna 21-Sep; 23 Broomfield to Kissing Gate 25-Sep; c25 Doonfoot 6-Dec, 50+ pre-roost on 10-Dec.

White Wagtail *M. a. alba*

C s P

Spring passage: arrival on 10-Mar; numbers peaked in the last week of April.

Details of numbers in Ayrshire from north to south	
Skelmorlie	3 on 14-Apr
Kilbirnie Loch	8 on 21-Apr

Hunterston area	5 on 13-Apr, 4 on 27-Apr, 15 on 28-Apr, 26 on 1-May, 3 on 26-28
Seamill	15 on 20-Apr, 13 on 28-Apr, 12 on 28-Apr, 2 on 8-May, 3 on 22-Sep
Auchenharvie	16 on 14-Apr, 5 on 13-Apr, 12 on 20-Apr, 37 on 21-Apr, 31 on 28-Apr, 6 on 8-May, 1 on 22-Sep
Saltcoats	2 on 8-Sep
Stevenston Point	2 on 21-Oct
Irvine/Bogside	5 on 20-Apr, 7 on 29-Apr, 21 on 29-Apr, 16 on 4-7 May, 1 on 22-Sep
Hurlford	2 on 11-Apr
Gailes	10 on 24-Apr
Dundonald Camp	3 on 15-Apr, 3 on 29-Apr, 6 on 4-May
Troon	1 on 22-Sep
Powburn	11 on 4-May
Loch Fergus	15 on 26-Apr
Doonfoot	6 on 14-Apr, 6 on 14-Apr, 11 on 27-Apr, 4 on 21-May, 2 on 14-Aug, 1 on 16-Aug, few on 22-Sep
Martnaham Loch	2 on 18-Apr, 31 on 26-Apr,
Dalmaca	39 on 26-Apr
Blairbowie	3 on 10-Apr, 3 on 25-Apr, 8 on 26-Apr, 4 on 29-Apr, 11 on 2-May
Culzean	2 on 19-Apr
Maidens	4 on 14-Apr, 2 on 20-Oct
Turnberry Point	lots migrating on 24-Sep
Balkenna	6 on 21-Sep
Goat's Green	6 on 21-Apr

Bohemian Waxwing *Bombycilla garrulus*

U W P

Details of numbers in Ayrshire

Saltcoats	2 on 18-Jan, 5 on 28-Mar
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Kilwinning	14 on 28-Apr
Irvine	50 on 8-Mar, 20 on 25-Feb, 28 on 17-Mar, 30 on 21-Mar, 16 on 25-Mar, 5 on 4-Apr, 15 on 23-Apr
Shewalton Moss	12 on 1-Jan
Troon/Barassie/Loans	30 on 12-Jan, 1 on 14-Jan, 7 on 28-Mar, 6 on 6-7 Apr, 1 on 11-Apr
Monkton	2 on 8-Mar
Prestwick	26 on 9-Jan, 25 on 8-Feb
Ayr	20 on 9-Jan, 6 on 23-Jan, 1 on 26-Nov

White-throated Dipper *Cinclus cinclus*

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Breeding: territories or birds in suitable habitat were located at: Auchmannoch (2), Ayr Gorge, Blackstone, Brisbane Glen, Broomfield to Kissing Gate, Dalblair, Dalquharan, Darvel, Doonside, Dyrock Burn, Failford, Fairlie Burn, Glen Afton, Glen App, Glengennet Farm, Gogo Water, River Irvine at GSK, Hamilton Bridge, House of Water, Kilbride Burn, Kirkmichael, Knokdoilian-Balnowlart, Lynn Glen, Muirkirk/River Ayr, Ness Glen, Noddsdale Water, Outerward Bridge, Pinmore, Greenockmains/River Ayr, Hollybush/River Doon, River Lugar, Shalloch Burn, Stinchar Bridge-Falls, Whitehaugh Water/River Ayr, Yonderton.

Others: 1 Kilbirnie Loch 26-Jan; 1 Finnarts Bay 26-Jun.

Winter Wren *Troglodytes troglodytes*

C B

Breeding: 14 singing ♂ ♂ Garnock Lagoons 4-May; 15 singing ♂ ♂ Ardeer Fen 4-May; 7 singing ♂ ♂ Stinchar Bridge-Falls 5-May, 4 on 9-Jun; 43 singing ♂ ♂ Failford 4-May and 8-Jun; 5 fledged Middleyard 31-Jul.

Counts: 20 Auchincruive 8-Oct; 13 Shewalton Woods 1-Dec.

Hedge Accentor *Prunella modularis*

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Breeding: pr nesting Ayr, Hilltop Place 2-May; fledged young Shawfarm Industrial Estate, Prestwick 12-Jul.

Counts: no significant counts received.

European Robin *Erithacus rubecula*

C B W p

Breeding: 18 singing ♂ ♂ Failford 4-May, 20 on 8-Jun; 3 juvs at Culzean 16-Jun; juv Kilkerran quarry 16-Jun; 2 juvs Kirkmichael 18-Jun; 3 juvs Barnshean Loch 24-Jun.

Counts: 20 Alloway-Doonfoot 2-Feb; 25 Bracken Bay 5-Mar; 50 Culzean 23-Sep; 30 Auchincruive 8-Oct; 20 Fullarton Wood 15-Oct.

Common Redstart *Phoenicurus phoenicurus*

C B S p

Breeding: a minimum of 22 territories or singing males at 14 sites: Ness Glen (5), Craigenallie (2), Kirkmichael (2), Loch Doon (2), Mainholm Camp (2 - feeding young at treehole 19-Jun), Beoch, Brisbane Glen (juv on 15-Jul), Dalmaca, Garpel Bridge, Glen Afton, Grimmet (Dalmellington), Kilkerran quarry, Sorn (family on 28-Jun), Tairlaw.

Arrival: 3 ♂ ♂ Glen Afton 19-Apr; 15 Glen Afton 2-May; 1 Feoch Burn 5-May; 1 Kilbirnie Loch 5-May.

Departure: 1 Rottenburn Bridge 8-Aug.

Whinchat *Saxicola rubetra*

C B S p

Breeding: a minimum of 28 territories or singing males were recorded at 19 sites: Drumlanford (5), Loch Doon west side (5), Outerwards Reservoir (3), Airds Moss (2), Ness Glen (2), Barwinnock, Beoch, Darnaconnar, Deil's Elbow, Garpel Bridge, Greenan, Knockshin, Laggan Bridge, Loch Dornal, Loch Duisk, Loch Muck, Muirkirk, Old Largs Road, Shalloch on Minnoch Fm.

Arrival: ♀ Hunterston Sands 27-Apr; pr Dundonald Camp 29-Apr; 1 Glen Afton 2-May; 2 Tibbies Brig 7-May.

Stonechat *Saxicola torquata*

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Breeding: a minimum of 24 territories or singing males were recorded at 22 sites: Dyke Foot-Finnarts lookout (2 – b/3 on 2-Jun), Portandea (2), Airds Moss, Ardeer (b/2 on 21-Jul), Ballantrae, Barwinnock, Currarie (b/2 on 29-May), Deil's Elbow (b/1 on 9-Jun), Dove Cove (pr on 2nd clutch 8-Jul), Drumlanford, Dunure, Garpel Bridge (b/2 on 3-Jun), Heads of Ayr, Loch Bradan, Milton Burn, Mount Shellie, Muirkirk uplands, Nelson's Cove (b/3 on 2-Jun, on 2nd clutch 26-Jun), Pinbraid, Pow Burn (pr carrying food 16-Jul, 2 juvs on 11-Aug), Straiton Hill Road (b/2 on 26-Jun), Waterhead.

Counts: 4 Prestwick-Pow Burn 26-Feb; 8 Meikil Ettinton Farm 26-Mar. Singles or pairs in winter at Balkenna, Barassie, Bennane Lea, Bracken Bay, Dundonald Camp, Gales Marsh, Greenan, House of Water, Hunterston Sands, Irvine Beach Park, Knockencorsan, Lendalfoot, Pow Burn, Prestwick, Girvan, Shawfarm Industrial Estate, Shewalton Moss, Stevenston Beach, Stevenston Point, Troon South Beach, Turnberry Golf Course, Turnberry Point.

Breeding: territories or singing males were recorded at Loch Derclach (2), Muirkirk (2), Beoch, Clauchrie Hill, Derclach Loch Water Board bldg (b/2-3 pm 27-Jun), Garpel Bridge, Grimmet, Lendalfoot (juv on 27-Jun), Ness Glen, Nick o' the Balloch (juv on 9-Jul), Pinbain Hill, Shallochwreck Burn, Straiton Hill Road, Tibbies Brig, Witches Bridge

Arrival: 2 ♂ ♂ Seamill 23-Mar; 1 Maidens 24-Mar; 1 Blacktop Plantation 25-Mar; 6 Hunterston 13-Apr; 7 Heathfield 21-Apr; 18 Gailes 24-Apr; 15 Hunterston Sands 1-May.

In the autumn: 7 Dundonald Camp 8-Sep; 4 Outer Nebock Rocks 26-Sep; 10 Barassie 6-Oct; 1st-w Maidens 11-22 Oct, 2 on 14-Oct; 1 Turnberry Point 10-Dec.

Greenland race *O. o. leucorroha*: 2 mm Bracken Bay 21-Apr; 2 Carston Farm, Drongan 6-May.



Northern Wheatear, Maidens (Angus Hogg)

♂ Loudoun Hill 7-Apr (BDK), ♀ on 12-Apr (DGi), pr on 13-Apr (NOD).

Common Blackbird *Turdus merula*

C B W p

Breeding: 11 singing ♂ ♂ Failford 4-May, 12 on 8-Jun; 3 juvs Dyrock Burn 20-Jun.

Counts: 20 Bracken Bay 5-Mar; 30 Culzean 23-Sep; 21 Muirhead-Loans.

Leucistic birds: 1 Thirdpart 19-May.

Fieldfare *Turdus pilaris*

C W P

In the winter-spring period: 100 Plewlands 4-Jan; 60 Martnaham Loch 5-Jan; c100 Loans 10-Jan; 90 Greenock Mains 15-Jan; c40 Barclaugh Wood 23-Jan; 70 Knockshinnoch Farm 12-Feb; 50 Blackstone 21-Mar; 45 Craigs of Kyle 3-Apr; c50 High Grange 3-Apr; 23 Ladyburn Glen 23-Apr; 25 New Cumnock 19-Apr.

In the autumn the main arrivals occurred in mid-October and early November: 100 Ayr, Shawfield Avenue 11-Oct; 40+ E Monkton 11-Oct; 50 E Benslie 11-Oct; 60 N Ayr 11-Oct; 774 NE Collennan 11-Oct; 120 Kirk Hill 11-Oct; 140 Mount Pigsaw 14-Oct; 200 Belleisle Park 14-Oct; 170 NE Masonhill 14-Oct; 1500 S Blairbowie 30-Oct; 300 Stevenston 1-Nov; 200 Tarbolton 1-Nov; 300 Burnfoot Reservoir 2-Nov; 200+ Tarbolton-Craigie 3-Nov; 300+ Martnaham Loch 4-Nov; 250 Knockentiber-Springside disused railway line 17-Nov; 210 Garnock Lagoons 23-Nov; 250 Broadwood Flash 24-Nov; 573 Knockentiber-Springside disused railway line 9-Dec.



Fieldfare, Bogton Loch (Angus Hogg)

Song Thrush *Turdus philomelos*

C B W P

Breeding: 7 singing ♂ ♂ Failford 4-May; b/2 Kirkmichael 18-Jun.

Counts/others: 12 Alloway-Doonfoot 23-Jan; 7 Tranew farm, Blairquhan 26-Mar; 10 (cold weather flock) Aldinna 1-Apr.

Redwing *Turdus iliacus*

C W P

In the winter-spring period: 50 Martnaham Loch 5-Jan, 60 on 6-Jan, 40 on 12-Jan; 50 Barclaugh Wood 20-Jan; 50+ Dalrymple 2-Feb; 40 Loans 19-Feb; c50 Burn Gill, Hunterston 5-Mar, 60 on 1-Apr; 60+ Kilkerran 12-Mar; 2 Dundonald Camp 15-Apr.

Arrival: 60 N 11-Oct; 147 E Collennan Reservoir 11-Oct; 250+ Kirk Hill 11-Oct; thereafter small flocks <30.

Autumn-winter counts: 90 Barclaugh Wood 14-Nov; 410 Knockentiber-Springside disused railway line 9-Dec; 50 Hessilhead 27-Dec; 120 Underwood 28-Dec.

Mistle Thrush *Turdus viscivorus*

C B W p

Breeding: no significant reports received.

Counts: 18 Hunterston House 3-Jan, 10 Hunterston on 3-Aug; 12 Keirs Hill 13-Aug; 15 Gailles Marsh 9-Oct.

Common Grasshopper Warbler *Locustella naevia*

C B S p

Breeding: 43 territories or singing males were recorded at 22 sites: Garnock Lagoons (6), Garnock East (5), Ardeer Fen (3), Bogside (3), Loch Nevan (3), Muirkirk-River Ayr (3), Munnoch Reservoir (2), Northcraig Reservoir (2), Pow Burn (2), Shewalton Wood (2), Stinchar Bridge-Falls (2), Ashgrove Loch, Bogton Loch (S end), Bracken Bay, Clauchrie Hill, Culzean, Kirk Hill, Knockshinnoch SWT, Lugar Reservoirs, Meigle, Parkthorn Farm, Shawfarm Industrial Estate Prestwick.

Arrival: 4 singing ♂ ♂ Pow Burn 19-Apr; 1 Greenan 25-Apr; 1 Irvine 26-Apr; 1 Garnock Lagoons 27-Apr, 6 on 4-May; 1 Hunterston Sands 27-Apr; 6 Bogside 5-May.

Sedge Warbler *Acrocephalus schoenobaenus*

C B S p

Breeding: 220 territories or singing males were recorded at 50 sites: Garnock Lagoons (61), Garnock East (40), Ardeer Fen (17), Blackstone (7), Muirkirk River Ayr (7), Greenan (6), Lendalfoot (6), Bogton Loch (5 - S end), Hunterston (5), Trabboch Loch (5), Turnberry Lighthouse (5), Bower Hill (4), Dalgarnen (4), Milton Burn (4), Pow Burn (4), Ashgrove Loch (3), Culzean (3), Gatehead (3), Bracken Bay (2 - N half), Dalnaw (2), Heads of Ayr (2), Hunterston Sands (2), Irvine Beach Park (2), Pinbraid (2), Seamill (2), Shawfarm Industrial Estate (2), Barclaugh Wood, Bentfaulds, Blairbowie, Croy, Doonfoot, Dundonald Camp, oat's Green, GSK River Irvine, Hawking Craig, Kennedy's Pass, Kirkoswald ford, Laggan Bridge, Laigh Kylestone Farm, Little Brigurd Hunterston, Loch Melemon, Martnaham Loch (2 juvs on 9-Jul), Middleyard, Mutton Hall, Northcraig Reservoir, Portencross, Poteath, Hunterston, Prestwick Shaw Road, Shewalton, Waukmill.

Arrival: 1 singing male Garnock Lagoons 20-Apr, 3 on 21-Apr, 47 on 4-May; 1 singing male Greenan 23-Apr, 6 on 26-Apr; 1 Martnaham Loch 24-Apr.

Departure: 2 Hunterston 3-Sep; 1 Hunterston Sands 6-Sep.



Sedge Warbler, Laigh Kyleston (Angus Hogg)

Eurasian Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus scirpaceus*

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1 singing ♂ Laigh Kylestone Farm, Heads of Ayr 6-18 Jul (TB). This is the 3rd Ayrshire record.

Blackcap *Sylvia atricapilla*

C B S w p

Breeding: 141 territories or singing males were recorded at 64 sites: Heads of Ayr (9), Auchenharvie (6), Garnock Lagoons (6), Belleisle Park (5), Darvel (5), Failford (5), Finnarts Bay (5), Glengee/Poundland Woods (5), Auchans (4), Barnshean Loch (4), Hawking Craig (4), Hunterston Cliffs (4), Kirkmichael (4), Knockdolian (4), Mainholm small holdings (4), Dalgarven (3), Dalquharan (3), Dundonald Wood (3), Galston Loch (3), Loudoun Castle (3), Oaknowe (3), Burnfoot Reservoir (2), Currarie Port (2), Drakemyre (2), Drumlamford (2), Kilmaurs (2), Lanfine (2), Parkfairn (2), Wallacetown (2), Ardeer Fen, Ardneil Hill, Ardstinchar, Ayr Shawfield Avenue, Balbeg, Bank Wood, Blackcap, Blackstone, Blackwater Loch, Blairquhan Lodge, Boydston Braes, Catrine, Cloyntie, Corton, Craig Farm Straiton, Craigneil, Dyrock Burn, Fardin, Kilantringan Pottery, Killochan, Kirkbride, Ladycross Wood, Laigh Drumlamford, Loans, Mark Glen App, Martnaham Loch, Middleyard, Minnybae, Oldhall Ponds, Poteath, River Lugar walk, Tairlaw, Tormitchell, Tranew, Waukmill.

Arrival: ♂ Ardrossan 10-Apr; ♀ Skelmorlie 15-Apr; 1 Alloway 18-Apr; ♂ Kilmaurs 18-Apr; singing ♂ Liggetcheek 19-Apr; 1 Garnock Lagoons 20-Apr, 2 on 21-Apr.

Wintering birds in Jan-Mar: 1 West Kilbride 3-Jan; 1 Cronberry railway cutting 17-Jan.

Wintering birds in Nov-Dec: 2 ♀ ♀ Collennan 4-Nov; 1 ♂ Brisbane Glen 19-Nov.

Garden Warbler *Sylvia borin*

C B S p

Breeding: 40 territories or singing males were recorded at 32 sites: Glengee/Poundland Woods (6), Dalmellington (3), Parkthorn (3), Ardeer boundary fence (2), Barclaugh Wood (2), Hunterston House (2), Kirkbride (2), Parkfairn (2), Ardstinchar, Aught Wood, Bogton Loch (N end), Bogton Loch (S end), Clachanton, Clachrie Hill, Craigmalloch, Crosshill, Drumlamford, Eglinton Country Park, Fencefoot, Finnarts Bay, Hillhouse quarry, Hunterston, Knockdolian, Knockycoid, Loch Duisk, Low Laggan Cottage, Martnaham Loch, Mochrum Loch, Oaknowe, Pow Burn, Prestwick Airport, The Three Sisters.

Arrival: 1 singing ♂ Ardeer 7-May; 1 Bracken Bay 12-May; 1 Hillhouse quarry south 16-May; 1 Prestwick Airport 16-May; 2 Parkthorn Farm 16-May.

Arrival: juv Barclaugh Wood 14-Sep.

Lesser Whitethroat *Sylvia curruca*

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Up to 17 territories or singing ♂ ♂ were recorded at 11 sites.

Breeding	
Ardeer area	1 singing ♂ on 7-May, ♂ giving prolonged sub warble song (twitter) but no full song (trill) at boundary fence 25-May, pr approach road to quarry 17-Jun
Garnock North	ringed bird on 27-Apr, singing ♂ on 8-May, pr at nest site 17-May, transient singing ♂ on 16-Jun, b/4 on 24-Jun, second brood on 26-Jun
Garnock Lagoons (bund site)	2 singing ♂ ♂ Garnock on 27-Apr, 2 singing ♂ ♂ on 7-May,
Garnock Lagoons East	1 singing ♂ on 8-May, b/2 on 11-Jun
Garnock Floods	2 singing ♂ on 7-May, a third singing ♂ on 16-May, ad feeding 2 fledglings 25-May, second fledged brood on 30-May, third fledged brood on 11-Jun, transient singing ♂ on 1-Jul
Parkthorn	territorial pr and second singing ♂ on 10-May, transient singing ♂ on 2-Jun, another transient singing ♂ on 6-Jul
Dundonald quarry	1 singing ♂ on 10-May

Mainholm small holdings	1 singing ♂ on 10-May, still present 17-May
Heads of Ayr	territorial pr and second singing ♂ on 12-May, transient singing ♂ on 13-Jun,
Laigh Kylestone	transient singing ♂ on 17-May
Bracken Bay	1 singing ♂ on 13-May, 2 singing ♂ on 21-May and 20-Jun, b/6 on 13-Jun
Other sites	1 Shewalton Woods 2-May, 1 Ayr Asda 6-May to 8-Jun, 1 Stevenston Broom Farm 8-May, 1 Gailes 16-Jun

Arrival: 2 singing ♂ ♂ Garnock Lagoons 27-Apr; 1 Shewalton 28-Apr.

Departure: 1 Heads of Ayr 6-Jul.

Winter: 1 Garnock Floods 15-18 Nov.

Common Whitethroat *Sylvia communis*

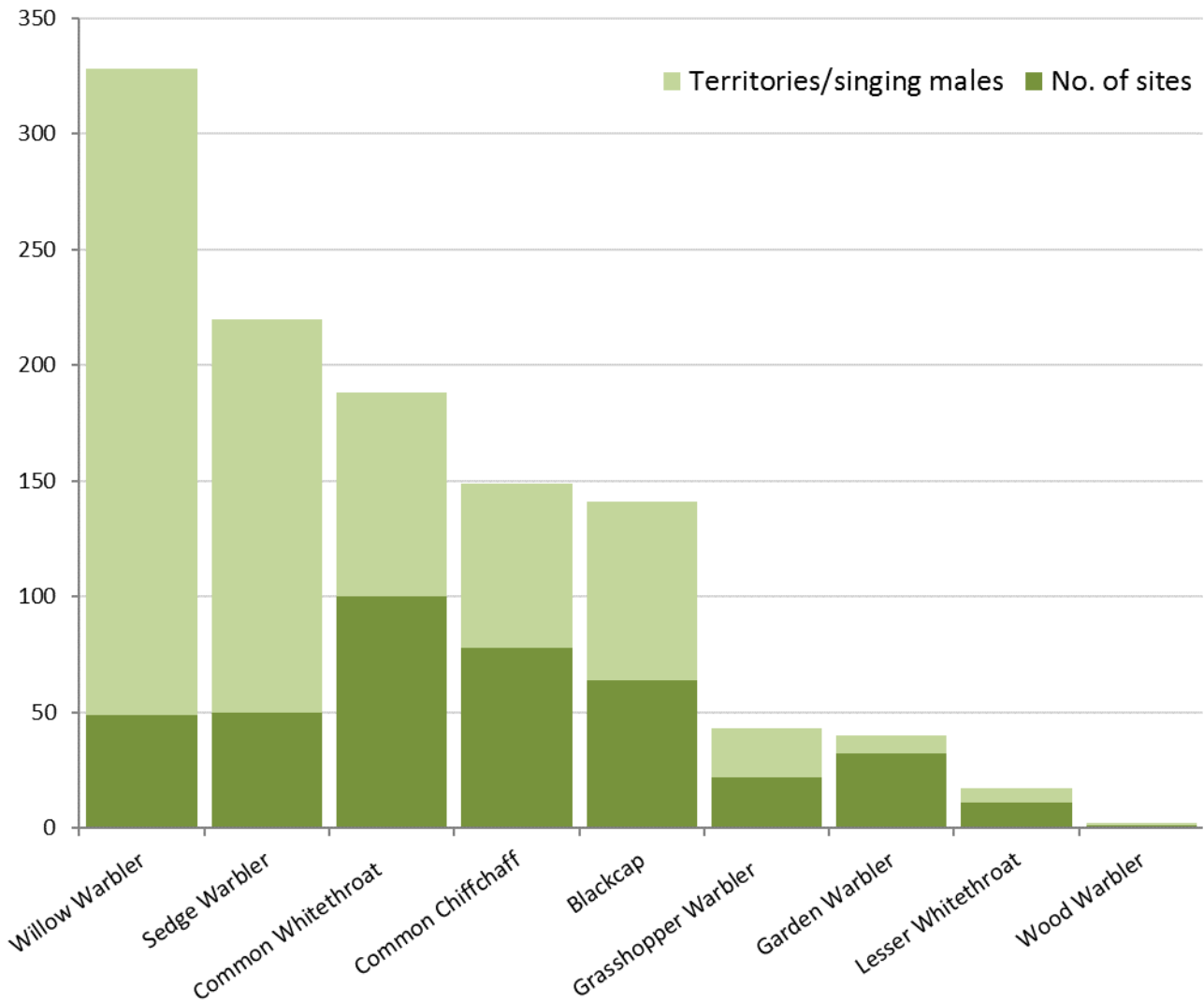
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Breeding: 188 territories or singing males were recorded at 100 sites: Garnock East-Lagoons (30 – b/3 on 16-Jun), Ardeer Fen (10), Bower Hill (6), Clauchrie Hill (5), Dalgarven (5), Dunure (5), Finnarts Bay-Craigantezart (5), Portandea (5), Drakemyre (4), Garnock North (4), Glendrisaig (4), Lendalfoot (4), Aqueduct Road (3), Currarie (3), Seamill (3), Turnberry Lighthouse (3), Auchenblane (2), Barnshean Loch (2), Bennane Lea (2), Bogside (2), Bracken Bay (2 - N half), Craigens (2), Culzean (2), Currarie Port (2), Darvel (2), GSK River Irvine (2), Maidens (2 – carrying food 17-Jun), Milton Burn (2), Parkthorn (2), Pow Burn (2), Southannan Sands (2), Stevenston Point (2), Tranew Coup (2), Auchans Marsh, Ballantrae (S side), Balsalloch, Bankhead, Barbae Wood, Barclaugh Wood, Blair, Blair Fm, Bogton Loch (S end), Bracken Bay CP, Bruntwood Fm, Bruntwoodhill Fm, Carrick Lane, Chapelcroft, Craighionn, Craigmalloch, Croy, Croy Brae, Dalhowan, Darnaconnar, Drumshang, Fail, Fencefoot, Garpel Bridge, Glenauchie, Graze, Gull's Walk Hunterston, Hawking Craig, High Ballochdowan, Hillhouse Hunterston, Hunterston cliffs, Killochan, Kilruskin Wood, Kirkoswald sawmill, Knocklaugh, Ladycross Wood, Laggan Bridge, Little Brigurd, Loch Maberry, Loch Nahinie, Low Ballochdowan, Low Laggan Cottage, Maberry Cottage, Maitland, Mark Glen App, Meigle, Middlefield, Mochrum Loch, Mount Shellie, Ness Glen, Pinbain, Portencross, Rockhaven, Seafield, Shallochwreck Burn, Shawfarm Industrial Estate, Shiel Bridge, St Fillan's Bridge, Stinchar Bridge, Tallaminnoch, The Three Sisters, Thirdpart, Tormitchell, Turnberry Point, Wallacetown, Wee Hill of Craigmulloch, Witches Bridge.

Arrival: 1 Greenan 25-Apr; 1 Garnock Lagoons 27-Apr; 1 Garnock North 27-Apr; 3 Pow Burn 27-Apr.

Departure: ♂ Collennan 5-Sep.

Breeding Warbler Totals in Ayrshire in 2013



Wood Warbler *Phylloscopus sibilatrix*

U b S p

Breeding: territorial or singing males were recorded at Knockdolian and Ness Glen.

Arrival: 1 Glen Afton 2-May.

Common Chiffchaff *Phylloscopus collybita*

C B S w p

Breeding: 149 territories or singing males were recorded at 78 sites: Barclaugh Wood (8), Culzean (8), Lanfine (8), Failford (7), Kirkmichael (6), Dalquharan (5), Darvel (5), Garnock Lagoons (5), Knockdolian (5), Loudoun Castle (5), West Kilbride Glen (5), Glengee/Poundland Woods (4), Rozelle (4), Auchans (3), Beith GC (3), Dalgarnen (3), Galston Loch (3), Garnock East (3), Heads of Ayr (3), Ardeer (2), Ardeer Fen (2), Beith Old Mill (2), Belleisle (2), Caprington Estate (2), Craigie Estate (2), Dundonald Wood (2), Fairlie

(2), Glenbryde (2), Hunterston House (2), Oaknowe (2), Straiton (2), Alloway, Ardrossan, Ardstinchar, Auchincruive, Ayr Riverside Campus, Barnshean Loch, Barsloan Wood, Bennane Head, Blair, Brisbane Glen, Brisbane Lodge, Coylton, Craig Hill, Craigneil, Cundry Mains, Drakemyre, Dyke Farm, Dyrock Burn, Eglinton Country Park, Fencefoot, Finnarts Bay, Glengarnock, Hawking Craig, Hillhouse, Jameston Wood, Kilkerran Station, Kirkbride, Ladycross Wood, Largs, Lynn Glen, Marine Drive Irvine, Mark Glen App, Martnaham Loch, Netherhall, Newlands, Pinmore viaduct, Pinwherry, Poteath, Poteathbank Cottage, Prestwick Shaw Road, Shewalton sandpit, Sorn, St Murray's, Straid, The Three Sisters, Tranew Coup, Wallacetown.

Arrival: 1 Hunterston 23-Mar; 1 Seamill 24-Mar; 1 Maidens 30-Mar; 1 Irvine 2-Apr.

Departure: 1 Collennan 11-Oct; 1 Mochrum Hill 12-Oct; 1 Greenan 14-Oct; Crosshill, Kirklea 19-Oct, 24-Oct; 1 Bogside 21-Oct.

Wintering birds in Jan-Feb: 1 Doonfoot 8-Jan; 1 West Kilbride 14-Jan; 1 Prestwick 27-Feb.

Wintering birds in Nov-Dec: 1 Witchbrae Wood 18-Dec.

Willow Warbler *Phylloscopus trochilus*

C B S P

Breeding: 328 territories or singing males were recorded at 49 sites: Stinchar Bridge-Falls (43), Garnock Lagoons (41), Garnock East (35), Loch Nevan (22), Galston Loch (15), Straiton (15), Mochrum Loch (13), Ness Glen (13), Aqueduct Road (12), Ardeer Fen (11), Drakemyre (11), Blackstone (10), Brisbane Glen (10), Failford (10), Dalgarn (9), Kirkmichael (9), Bracken Bay (8), Glenalmond (8), Parkthorn Farm (7), Barnshean Loch (6), Northbank-Hawking Craig (6), Kilbirnie Loch (5), Bogton Loch (3), Poteath Hunterston (3), Belleisle Park (2), Collennan Reservoir (2), Hessilhead (2), Knockencorsan Plantation (2), Outerwards Bridge (2), Barclaugh Wood, Brisbane Mains Largs, Coalhill Reservoir, Coylton, Craig Hill, East Grassyards, Gull's Walk Hunterston, Hillhouse Hunterston, Hunterston House, Hunterston Largs Avenue, Kerse Bridge, Knock Castle, Knockshinnoch, Little Brigurd Hunterston, Meigle, Prestwick, Routenburn Golf Course, Saltcoats Sharphill Road, Shawfarm Industrial Estate, Monkton Station Road.

Arrival: 3 Garnock Lagoons 13-Apr; 1 singing ♂ Shewalton 15-Apr; 1 Pow Burn 15-Apr; 6 Barony 18-Apr; 7 Ardeer Fen 19-Apr; 25 Garnock Lagoons 10-Apr, 34 on 27-Apr.

Departure: 1 Garnock Floods 22-Sep; 1 Cumnock 30-Sep; 1 Dundonald Camp 5-Oct.



Willow Warbler, Bogton Loch (Angus Hogg)

Goldcrest *Regulus regulus*

C B p

Breeding: 4 singing ♂ ♂ Failford 4-May.

Counts: 15 Bogside, 21-Oct; 20 Lanfine 3-Nov.

Spotted Flycatcher *Muscicapa striata*

C B S p

Breeding: 30 territories or singing males were recorded at 25 sites: Lanfine (3), Ness Glen (3), Finnarts Bay (2), Kirkmichael (2), Auchalton Meadow, Aught Wood, Darvel, Dumfries Estate, Eglinton Country Park (nest building 22-May, juv on 26-Aug), Failford, GSK River Irvine, Holmhead, Hunterston House, ICI ponds, Knockshinnoch, Loch Riecawr, Middleyard (prospected usual site but no nest built), Pinmore viaduct, Poundland Wood Kilkerran, River Lugar walk (b/2 on 18-Aug), Rozelle, Shalloch on Minnoch Fm, Sorn, Tormitchell.

Arrival: 3 Muirkirk 7-May; 1 Heads of Ayr 17-May; 1 Meigle 18-May.

Departure: pr + b/2 Crosshill, Kirklea 2-Sep.



Spotted Flycatcher, Crosshill (Angus Hogg)

Pied Flycatcher *Ficedula hypoleuca*

U FB s P

Breeding: a single singing male was noted at Ness Glen 8-29 May.



Pied Flycatcher, Ness Glen (Angus Hogg)

Long-tailed Tit *Aegithalos caudatus*

C B

Breeding: noted at Hunterston House (pr with food 27-Apr), Ardeer, Kirkmichael (3 juvs on 25-May), Dyrock Burn (brood on 19-Jun), Garnock Lagoons (4 juvs on 21-Jun).

Counts: 12 Loans 3-Jan; 11 Hawking Craig 4-Jan; 30 Ayr Gorge 6-Feb; 20 Changue 26-Aug; 50 Auchincruive 8-Oct; 20 Craigie Estate 9-Oct; 14 Middleyard 24-Oct; 20 Garnock conifer belt 9-Nov; 10 Martnaham Loch 17-Nov; 11 Trabboch Loch 1-Dec; 16 Broadwood Flash 1-Dec.

Willow Tit *Poecile montana*

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Breeding: 1 in breeding habitat Craigengillan 1-Apr.

Others: 1 Bogton Moss 3-Feb.

Coal Tit *Periparus ater*

C B

Breeding: 4 juvs Kirkmichael 19-Jun; 3 juvs Dyrock Burn 20-Jun; ad + b/3 Belleisle 25-Jun.

Counts: 17 Failford 4-May; 40 Changue 26-Aug; 40 Auchincruive 8-Oct.

Blue Tit *Cyanistes caeruleus*

C B

Breeding: pr nesting Muirhead, Troon 27-Apr; pr nesting Hilltop Place, Ayr 2-May; 12 singing ♂ ♂ Failford 4-May; several carrying food at Maidens 17-Jun.

Counts: 15 Ayr Gorge 6-Feb; 24 Dean Castle Country Park 23-Nov; 10 Broadwood Flash 1-Dec.

Great Tit *Parus major*

C B

Breeding: 11 singing ♂ ♂ Failford 4-May; carrying food Maidens 17-Jun; 4 juvs Kirkmichael 19-Jun; 5 juvs Dyrock Burn 20-Jun; juv Turnberry Lighthouse 26-Jun.

Counts: 15 Alloway-Doonfoot 29-Jan, 20 on 2-Feb; 20 Ayr Gorge 6-Feb; 40 Changue 26-Aug; 50 Auchincruive 8-Oct.

Wood Nuthatch *Sitta europaea*

C b

Breeding: singing ♂ Knockdolian 4-Mar; probably 2 territories Kilkerran (N) 12-Mar; territorial bird Falfarrocher Glen 13-Mar; pr feeding young Belleisle Park 31-May; Culzean (no estimation of territories); 2 territories Glen Afton.

Other sites with birds in suitable breeding habitat: Auchincruive, Blair Farm Barrhill, Changue, Daljarrock, Dalreoch House, Dundonald Wood, Failford, Glen Afton, Grange Mains, Kilkerran Walled Garden, Kirkmichael, Lanfine, River Lugar walk, Rozelle, Sorn, Stair Wood.

Winter reports: 1 Culzean Walled Garden 1-Jan, 2 on 13 Jan; 2 Rozelle 1-Jan; 2 Belleisle 12-Jan; 4 Alloway-Doonfoot 2-Feb; 2 Burns' Cairn 2-Feb; 1 Springs 12-Feb; 1 Southwood, Troon 18-Feb; 1 Hollybush House 19-Feb; 1 Castlehill Woods, Ayr 28-Feb; 1 Auchincruive 8-Oct; 2 Sorn Lodge 24-Oct; 1 Castlehill, New Cumnock 4-Nov; 2 Auchincruive Loop 5-Nov; 4 Craigie Park, Ayr 25-Dec.



Nuthatch, Knockdolian (Angus Hogg)

Eurasian Treecreeper *Certhia familiaris*

C B

Breeding: no information received.

Counts/others: 9 Craigie Estate, Ayr 8-Oct.

Eurasian Jay *Garrulus glandarius*

C B

Breeding: pairs noted at Kilkerran (N), Knockdolian, Eglinton Country Park, Wallacetown, The Tappins.

Counts: 8 Stinchar Bridge 16-Aug; 4 Dean Castle Country Park 13-Oct; 4 Barclaugh Wood 13-Nov; 4 Martnaham Loch 24-Nov.

Winter: 2 Auchmannoch 1-Jan; 1 Mount Ferguson 1-Jan; 1 Culzean 13-Jan; 2 Culzean 13-Jan; 2 Underwood 20-Jan, 13-Feb 1 Skelmorlie 22-Jan; 1 Tairlaw Toll 18-Feb; 2 arden Wood, Hollybush 19-Feb; 3 Southside Farm 13-Oct; 2 Dalmellington 14-Oct; 1 Milton, Blairquhan 8-Nov; 1 Craighead Plantation 17-Nov; 1 Martnaham Loch 17-Nov; 2 Failford 28-Nov; 1 Rozelle 16-Dec; 1 Barclaugh Wood 31-Dec.

Black-billed Magpie *Pica pica*

C B

Breeding included: 2 juvs Hillhouse, Hunterston 14-Jun; b/2 The Roundel, Largs 28-Jun.

Counts: 10 Loans 2-Jan; 10 Flashwood-Broadlie 8-Jan.

Eurasian Jackdaw *Corvus monedula*

C B w

Breeding: no significant reported received.

Counts: 100 Greenan 15-Jan; 1435 Auchenharvie Golf Course 18-Jan; 100 Troon 24-Aug; c300 Coylton 13-Nov; c300 Sandyford 4-Dec; 246 Knockentiber-Springside disused railway line 9-Dec; 200 Laighdykes playing fields 14-Dec.

Others: 1 showing characteristic of Scandinavian Jackdaw *C m monedula* at Maidens 16-Nov.

Rook *Corvus frugilegus*

C B

Breeding: 228 AON were recorded at 3 rookeries: Douglas Park, Largs (9), Routenburn, Largs (34), Belleisle Park (185).

Counts: 150 Blackstone 8-Jan, 500 on 14-Sep; 157 Brisbane Glen 10-Jan; 200 Greenan 14-Jan; 100 Auchincruive 5-Nov; 373 Knockentiber-Springside disused railway line 9-Dec.

Carrion Crow *Corvus corone*

C B

Breeding: no significant information received.

Counts: 90 Northcraig Reservoir 4-Feb; 120 Doonfoot 25-Feb, 140 on 8-Mar.

Hybrid Carrion x Hooded Crows: 1 Auchenharvie 3-Jan, 1 on 9-May; 1 Ardeer Quarry 5-Jan; 3 Hunterston area 2-Feb, 2 on 23-Mar, 2 on 11-Jun, 2 on 21-Jun, 5 on 10-Jul, 3 on 15-Aug, 3 on 26-Sep, 3 on 17-Oct; 1 Ardrossan North Shore 22-Feb to 6-Dec; 1 Doonfoot 3-Mar; 1 Blackstone 5-Mar, 7-May, 29-Oct; 1 Stevenston Point 8-Mar to 23-Sep; 1 West Kilbride 16-Mar; 1 Bogside 22-Sep; 1 Craigie Estate, Ayr 4-Oct, 26-Nov.

Hooded Crow *Corvus cornix*

U (B) w P

Counts: 1 Flashwood-Broadlie 8-Jan; 1 Prestwick 19-Jan, 1 on 19-May; 1-2 Hunterston area throughout the year with a peak of 6 on 26-Sep; 1 Thirdpart 17-Feb, 16-Mar; 1 Ardwell 24-Feb; 3 Stevenston Point 8-Mar, 1 on 23-Sep to 10-Dec; 1 Auchenharvie 23-Mar; 1 Outerwards Reservoir 4-Apr; 1 E Stinchar Falls 6-Apr; 1 Skelmorlie 18-May; 1 Bogside 21-Oct, 1 on 29-Dec.

Common Raven *Corvus corax*

C B

Breeding: of 43 nests surveyed, 33 were occupied; 28 successful pairs reared 69+ juveniles; 5 other pairs were successful but the outcomes were unknown. (RHH).

Counts/migrants: 4 Changue 28-Feb; 5 Pinmore 30-Mar; 7 Horse Island 16-Dec.

Common Starling *Sturnus vulgaris*

C B W p

Breeding: at nest Hunterston House 20-May; 2 fledged juvs The Roundel, Largs 22-May.

Post-breeding flocks: 490 juvs Dundonald Hill 30-May; 150 Blackstone 5-Aug; 900 Ardeer 25-Aug.

Winter counts/migrants: 2000 Plewlands 4-Jan; 300 Blackstone 8-Jan; 200 Burn Gill, Hunterston 26-Feb and 5-Mar; 300 Caaf Reservoir 31-Mar; 1100 Ardrossan harbour 4-Sep; 581 Bogside 7-Sep; 350 Irvine Railway Station 11-Oct; c4000 Ardrossan harbour 1-Nov; 187 Knockentiber-Springside disused railway line 9-Dec; 1000+ Ayr town centre 12-Nov.

Rosy Starling *Pastor roseus*

R P

An adult at Maidens on 18-Jul (MHa)

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus*

C B

Breeding: pr copulating The Roundel, Largs 6-Apr; pr nesting Ayr, Hilltop Place 2-May.

Counts: 97 Saltcoats, Kerr Avenue 9-Feb, 72 on 24-Nov; 40 Southcraig, Kilmarnock 11-Apr; 40 Kirkmichael 19-Jun; c120 Ladykirk 10-Aug, c150 on 30-Aug; c150 Stevenston LNR 20-Aug; 50 Culzean 23-Sep.

Eurasian Tree Sparrow *Passer montanus*

C B

Breeding: 3 AON Milton Farm, Gaslton; 1 with insects at nest-hole Fail Loch 31-Aug; 2 broods Middleyard (at nest box 4-Apr - outcomes unknown).

Counts: 2 Aulton Farm 1-Jan; 1 Greenan 4-Jan, 6 on 8-11 Jan, 5+ on 13-Jan, 1 on 14-Jan, 3 on 17-Jan, 2 on 1-Feb, 1 on 16-Feb, 5 on 9-Apr, 5 on 4-Nov; 1 Fail Loch/Redwrae 11-Jan, 30+ on 28-Feb, 8 on 17-Mar, 18 on 7-Apr, 20+ 6-Oct to 10-Nov; 25+ Lochlea 10-Feb; 1 at nyjer seeds Middleyard 2-Mar; 2 Ochiltree 1-May; 4 Kilmaurs 23-Dec.

Chaffinch *Fringilla coelebs*

C B W

Breeding: pairs or territories were noted at Failford (19); Stinchar Bridge-Falls (18-23); 1 nesting Ayr 25-Apr.

Counts: 300 Greenan 8-13 Jan, 200 on 14-Jan, 100 on 17-29 Jan, 50 on 29-Mar; 50 Collennan Reservoir 10-Jan; 100 Friarland Farm 12-Jan; c200 Sandyford 18-Jan; c180 Monkton 29-Jan; 150 Monkton 30-Jan; 200 Culzean 12-Feb; 150 Ladykirk 21-Mar. No significant counts in the autumn-winter period.

Others: leucistic female at Crosshill, Kirklea 15-Feb.

Brambling *Fringilla montifringilla*

U W p

In winter-spring: 1 Greenan 4-Jan, 4 on 8-12 Jan, 3 on 13-14 Jan, 11+ on 2-Feb, 1 on 19-Apr; 4 Friarland Farm 12-Jan; ♀ Crosshill, Kirklea 26-Jan to 31-Mar, ♂ on 28-Jan and 23-Mar; 1 Monkton 29-Jan.

In autumn-winter: 1 over Kirk Hill 11-Oct; 1 Ladywell Wood 11-Oct; 1 over Kilcase Wood 12-Oct; 2 Greenan 14-Oct; 1 Todhill 6-Nov; 1 Bogton Moss 7-Nov; 4 Garleffan 7-Nov.

European Greenfinch *Carduelis chloris*

C B W

Breeding: fledged young farm Industrial Estate, Prestwick 12-Jul.

Counts: 30 Doonfoot 4-Jan, 40 on 29-Jan, 40 on 26-Mar; 65+ Maidens 15-26 Jan; c40 Monkton 14-Aug; c30 Doonfoot 8-Sep, 50 on 29-Dec; 50 Rozelle 6-Oct; 100 Seafield 15-Oct; 40 Auchincrevie Loop 18-Oct; 50 Ayr 21-Nov; 50+ Maidens 10-Dec.

European Goldfinch *Carduelis carduelis*

C B

Breeding: pr with food Shawfarm Industrial Estate, Prestwick 17-May, fledged young on 12-Jul.

Counts: 50 Bogside 16-Mar; 30 Culzean 19-Mar; c40 Shawfarm Industrial Estate, Prestwick 22-Aug; c70 Pow Burn 22-Sep; 30 Boghead Lane 12-Oct; 30 Cronberry 12-Oct; 50+ Dalmellington 14-Oct; 50 Garnock Floods 21-Oct; 40 Knockshinnoch Lagoons 5-Nov; 40 Pennyvenie 8-Nov; 50 Greenan 10-Dec; 50 Bracken Bay 17-Dec.

Eurasian Siskin *Carduelis spinus*

C B W p

Breeding: no reports received.

Counts: 16 Darvel 27-Apr; 20 Pennyvenie 8-Nov; c30 Shewalton Wood 1-Dec; 10 Knockentiber-Springside disused railway line 9-Dec.

In gardens: 15 Hilltop Place, Ayr 7-May.

Common Linnet *Carduelis cannabina*

C B W

Breeding: 1 singing ♂ Shawfarm Industrial Estate, Prestwick 28-Jun, fledged young on 12-Jul.

Counts: c130 Martnaham Loch 12-Jan; c160 Girvan Mains 12-Jan, 70+ on 11-Feb; 40 Ardeer 21-Jul; 50+ Trabboch 23-Aug; 30 Stevenston Point 21-Oct; 100 Greenan-Doonfoot 11-Dec.

Twite *Carduelis flavirostris*

C b W

Breeding: singing ♂ March Burn 17-Jun; singing ♂ Craigantezart 26-Jun; singing ♂ Nelson's Cove 26-Jun; 3 singing mm Craigantezart-Dyke Foot 8-Jul.

Counts at main sites	
Hunterston area	13 on 13-Jan, 65 on 27-Jan, 2 on 19-May, 1 on 3-Jun, 11 on 15-Aug, 34 on 2-Sep, 36 on 4-Sep, c30 on 22-Nov
Doonfoot-Greenan	8 on 15-Jan, 6 on 17-Jan, 25 on 25-Feb, 30 on 29-Mar, 50 on 19-Apr, 5 on 4-Nov
Dipple-Balkenna	200 on 24-Feb, 30+ on 24-Nov
Girvan Mains	c300 on 12-Jan, 70+ on 26-Jan, 300 on 11-Feb, 80 on 26-Feb
Other sites	34 Ayr harbour 22-Jan; 50 Maidens 12-Feb; c20 Irvine Bay 28-Mar; 2 Boghead Lane 12-Oct; 30 Turnberry 24-Nov; 7 Stevenston 7-Dec

Lesser Redpoll *Carduelis cabaret*

C B S p

Breeding: at least 25 territories or singing males were recorded at 11 sites: Upper Glen App (4+), Ardeer (3), Clauchrie Hill (3), Laggan Bridge (3), Loch Maberry (3), Mount Shellie (3), Deil's Elbow (2), Barclaugh Wood (on nest 24-May), Craigmalloch, Darnaconnar, Shalloch on Minnoch Fm.

Counts: 30 Greenan 15-Jan, 25 on 22-Feb, 20 on 29-Mar, 20 on 19-Apr; 10 Barclaugh Wood 20-Jan, 30 on 2-Feb; 13 Ardeer Fen 4-May, 10 on 7-May; 18 Largs 8-May; 20 Meigle 18-May; 10 Garnock Lagoons 7-Jul.

In gardens: 1 in Kilmaurs garden 19-Apr, 6-May; 1 Ayr, Hilltop Place 2-May, 7-May; seen daily in Brisbane Glen garden from end of April until late July.

Common Crossbill *Loxia curvirostra*

C B p

Breeding: no evidence of breeding received.

Spring-summer counts: 9 Southwood, Troon 20-Mar; 25 Ardeer Fen 8-May; 8 Stinchar Bridge-Falls 9-Jun; 8 over Crosshill, Kirklea 3-Jul; 10 Loch Bradan 13-Jul.

Autumn-winter counts: 14 W Springs 22-Oct; 8 Gala Lane 10-Nov; 12 Changue 3-Dec.

Common Rosefinch *Carpodacus erythrinus*

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1st-S ♂ Crosshill, Kirklea 11-12 Jun (RHH).



Common Rosefinch, Crosshill (Angus Hogg)

Common Bullfinch *Pyrrhula pyrrhula*

C B

Breeding: pairs were noted at Culzean (3), Greenan Castle (2), Mainholm small holdings (2 juvs on 13-Jun), Barnshean Loch (juv on 24-Jun), Ness Glen.

Counts: 6 Heads of Ayr 12-May; 6 Old Hall Ponds 22-Sep; 6 Failford 28-Nov; 6 Barclaugh Wood 26-Dec; 7 Capringstone 29-Dec.

Breeding: territories or singing males were reported from Bracken Bay (8), Bracken Bay (4), Bower Hill (3), Maidens (3), Culzean (2), Cumnock (2), Greenan (2), Heads of Ayr (2), Portencross (2), Croy, Eglinton Country Park, Hillhouse Quarry east, Ochiltree, Parkthorn Farm, Pow Burn, Shawfarm Industrial Estate, Tarbert Hill, Turnberry Lighthouse (juv on 26-Jun), West Kilbride.

Counts: 20 Loans 10-Jan; 45+ Sandyford 11-Feb; 11 Crosshill, Kirklea 15-Feb; 20 Doonfoot 22-Feb, 35 on 3-Mar, 40 on 4-Nov, 10 on 10-Dec; 15 Bracken Bay 5-Mar; 35+ Ladykirk 18-Nov; 9 Muirhead-Loans 24-Nov; 76 Knockentiber-Springside disused railway line 9-Dec.



Yellowhammer, Crosshill (Angus Hogg)

Breeding: 51 territories or singing males were recorded at 31 sites: Garnock East (8), Garnock Lagoons (8), Loch Bradan (4), Trabboch Loch (4), Hunterston Sands (2), Loch Fergus (2), Mochrum Loch (2 – 6 juvs on 12-Jun), River Lugar walk (2), Ardrossan North Shore, Barnshean Loch (2 juvs on 24-Jun), Barr, Blackstone, Burnfoot Reservoir, Dundonald Camp (fledged brood on 13-Aug), Fenwick, Garpel Bridge, High Altercannoch, Kilmaurs, Knockormal, Laggan Bridge, Lendalfoot, Little Brigurd Hunterston, Loch Doon, Martnaham Loch (E end), Meigle, Munnoch Reservoir, Pinbraid, Shalloch on Minnoch Fm, Shallochwreck Burn, Shawfarm Industrial Estate (juv on 12-Jul), Slaethornrig.

Counts: 20 Barclaugh Wood 2-Feb; 20 Doonfoot 22-Feb; 14 Garnock Lagoons 15-May, 16 on 21-Jun; 15 Greenan-Doonfoot 4-Nov.

Escaped or presumed feral birds

Bar-headed Goose *Anser indicus*

E

1 Fail 1-Jan; 1 Northcraig Reservoir 19-Jun.

Mandarin Duck *Aix galericulata*

E

1 eclipse ♂ Capringstone 14-Aug, ♀ on 16-Aug, ♂ + ♀ on 18-Aug.

Silver Pheasant *Lophura nycthemera*

E

1 Laigh Kylestone Farm 13-Jun.

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