

Arran Bird Atlas 2007-2012

Mapping the breeding and
wintering birds of Arran

Press Release

This book describes the mapping of the birds of Arran for the first time.

Under the direction of Dr Jim Cassels, the bird recorder for the Arran Natural History Society, over thirty volunteers conducted fieldwork over five years covering the whole of the island. In addition almost seven hundred people contributed bird sightings during these five breeding seasons and five winters.

The data collected contains over thirty six thousand records on one hundred and seventy-seven species. It is an outstanding effort by residents and visitors, who share a passion for the birds of Arran. Adding to this community effort, at the publication stage over thirty photographers agreed to the use of their images.

The work involved in this project was recognised nationally when the Marsh Local Ornithology Award was presented to the Arran Natural History Society in October 2013 by the Marsh Trust and the British Trust for Ornithology.

The key features of the resulting full-colour publication are:

- 168 pages
- More than 400 maps
- More than 200 photographs
- On 177 birds.

With the support of funds from the Scottish Ornithologists' Club and the Arran Trust, the Arran Natural History Society has kept the cost to an affordable £8.00. The publication gives an insight into the distribution of Arran's birds and provides a source of information for future land management. It is a must for all with an interest in Arran.

The publication is available from shops and other outlets throughout the island or can be ordered directly from Alan and Jill Hollick of High Kildonan alanandjillhollick@gmail.com