



Short-eared Owl at Bogside (Angus Hogg)

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Editorial

Welcome to the 2018 Ayrshire Bird Report. The catch-up work continues, and we're pleased to have managed to produce 2 bird reports within this year. The online production, via the Ayrshire Birding website will continue, and our thanks are due to Kevin Waite for his work with that. Once again, the report has been supported by the Ayrshire Branch of the SOC, and both editors are grateful for the help, advice (and patience) received from the SOC local recorder for Ayrshire, Fraser Simpson, especially when pestered for extra details regarding some entries.

The layout of the report follows the same format as last year's, having adopted the systematic order currently used by both the British Ornithologists' Union and the SOC. Some important changes to scientific names have appeared and we've adopted these too, along with the commonly used vernacular names. This is a constantly changing scene and one which we hope we've managed to keep up with. Also in the process of change are the species status symbols. This is a work in progress, and we'd hope to have them all updated soon.

As always, we're really grateful for the continued efforts of the growing number of observers and their contributions via several different recording systems. We would urge all observers to maintain this effort - the more information that is available, the easier it is to supply information which now plays an ever more important part in the defence of wildlife areas. When submitting records, it's useful to glance at the contents of the report which will give a general indication of what kind of information is required. Some scarce or rare species may require additional written and/or photographic evidence, and your attention is drawn to a list of those species appearing at the end of the report. Such submissions can be completed on an online form, readily available from the local recorder at the following address:- recorder@ayrshire-birding.org.uk

Finally, our thanks are due to Tom Byars, Gordon Riddle, Jim Thomson and the late David Gray for going that extra mile by supplying information on their personal studies of species, namely Lesser Whitethroat, Kestrel and Barn Owl.

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The Lesser Whitethroat in Ayrshire 2018 by Tom Byars

Eleven Lesser Whitethroat territories were found in Ayrshire, four located in the study site at I.C.I. Ardeer in Stevenston, the other seven in coastal areas within North and South Ayrshire.

Arrival

Two singing males arrived at Ardeer boundary fence on 21st April, one of the males being ringed (BTO) on the right leg. Another male was located singing at Garnock West on 21st April, with another singing male noted at Ardeer Fen on 22nd April. Yet another singing male was noted at Garnock Floods SWT (NS 307 416) on 22nd April, followed by one at Fairways View (NS 312 404) on 28th April. Hillhouse Quarry West (NS 347 335) held a singing male on 30th April – this bird could have recently arrived as this male was still moving through the site. Another singing male was observed moving 200m along a Hawthorn hedge opposite Munnoch Reservoir (NS 250 474) on 1st May.

Territories

A male was holding territory at Mainholm small holdings (NS 372 215) on 3rd May. Two territorial males were at Bower Hill (NS 284 185 & NS 283 183) on 3rd May and another at Greenan shore (NS 309 192) on 3rd May. Two males held territories at Ardeer Fen on 4th May, with one male being ringed (BTO) on right leg. This ringed male was collecting nest material (dry grass stems) and moved 20m east to disappear in dense thorn scrub, approximately 30m away from last year's territory at Ardeer Pipe Embankment. Two more birds were located in a dense gorse bank on top of a munitions bunker at Garnock Lagoons on 4th May, while Fairways View (NS 312 404) had a territorial male on 6th May. A male, holding a large territory at Hillhouse Quarry West (NS 347 344) on 9th May, was singing in very dense gorse cover. Finally, another territorial male was at Bracken Bay (NS 280 182) on 7th June

Breeding

I.C.I. Ardeer - Due to the targeted burning of nest sites, all I.C.I. study site grid references have been withheld from the public domain.

Two pairs and an unmated male were at Ardeer Fen on 20th May. Searching for nests brought out one alarm-calling pair which in turn attracted the other pair to investigate. Both nests were very well hidden in a dense 1m matrix of gorse, bramble, broom and dogrose approximately 3m apart. Nests could not be seen due to habitat density and were not physically searched for, due to fears of nest tipping.

A family party of two adults and one well fledged young was located in dense 4m hawthorn canopy at Ardeer Fen on 9th June. There was a major commotion as the family party was quickly ambushed by a female Sparrowhawk which had managed to fly in low, then up, to grab one fledgling deep in the dense hawthorn foliage. One agitated adult proceeded to rapidly chase after the Sparrowhawk, constantly giving a Willow Tit like "tchay" alarm call as it flitted through the canopy until lost to view. This was the first time I had observed a predator kill a Lesser Whitethroat during 35 years field work!

The other family party located at Ardeer Fen on 30th June, had a pair feeding three well fledged young (10-14 days out of nest). The adults were watched taking invertebrate food items from goat willow canopy (6m high), with the male singing four song phrases during feeding forays.

Fairways View

A pair with four recently fledged young were seen at Fairways View in dense 1m cover of bramble, gorse, rosebay willow herb, broom and hawthorn on 1st July – did this mean that the first brood had failed, as this should have left the nest during the 1st-2nd week of June?

Ringling

No birds were ringed this season despite several attempts at various sites. However, a re-trapped male (BTO-ringed on right leg) caught at Ardeer Pipe Embankment in 2017, was seen singing at Ardeer Boundary Fence on 21st April before moving to Ardeer Fen on 4th May.

Key to Symbols and Abbreviations in the Systematic List

Each species entry has a header giving the species name, its scientific name, and an indication of its status. Species are now arranged in the currently accepted IOC order which has been adopted by the SOC. The following symbols are used:

♂ = male(s). ♀ = female(s). C/5 = clutch of 5. B/4 = brood of 4.

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)	R	Resident
W	Winter visitor (w if less regular)	E	Introduced or escaped
P	Passage migrant (p if less regular)	*	Record is subject to acceptance by the relevant records committee.

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Systematic List 2018

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: 14 Maidens 1-Jan, 20 on 4-Feb, 16 on 7-Mar, 19 on 8-11 Mar, 11 on 5 Apr, and an injured ad present on 10 May, 1 Prestwick Bay on 8 May.

Autumn-Winter: 5 Doonfoot on 12 Sep, 1 Bogside on 28 Sep, 7 Maidens on 12 Nov, 7 Maidens on 26 Dec.

A single Dark-bellied race *B.b.bernicla* bird was seen at Maidens on 16 Dec.

Canada Goose *Branta canadensis* U b P

Breeding pairs were present at Loch Macaterick (5-6 – B/3 noted), Garnock Floods (10 ads/8 juvs noted)), Blairquhan Approach Loch (6ads/12 juvs noted), Loch Finlas (2), Annbank (pr B/8), Loch Riecawr (pr B/5), Shewalton Wood (pr B/4), Outerwards (B/3).

Counts:

Site	Count
Fail	788 on 1 Sep
Martnaham Loch	301 on 4 Feb, 296 on 8 Aug
Capringstone	308 on 25 Oct

Barnacle Goose *Branta leucopsis* U w P

Winter-Spring: 1 Loans on 25 Jan, 46 Maidens on 4 Feb.

Autumn-Winter: 2 Hunterston Lagoons 4-Aug, 4 Barassie 28 Sep, 40 Hunterston Sands 10-Oct, 41 NW Troon 14-Oct, singles Kilmarnock-Dreghorn 26 Oct, Martnaham 26-Oct-4 Nov, Hunterston 12 Dec.

Greylag Goose *Anser anser* C b W

Breeding pairs were present at Loch Macaterick (4 – B/3 noted), Loch Dornal (89 birds but only pr B/2 noted), Ballantrae (53 birds – pr B/4 noted)

Winter-spring counts at main sites:

Site	Count
Blairbowie	159 on 7 Mar, 400 on 28 Mar
Raith Reservoir	2000 on 25 Feb
Tarbolton/Martnaham/Coylton	102 Martnaham on 1 Jan, 250 Dalmaca on 25 Jan, 650 Fail on 26 Jan

Autumn-winter counts at main sites:

Site	Count
Hunterston	274 on 4 Aug and 1000 on 4 Sep were undoubtedly feral
Kilmarnock-Dreghorn	187 on 26 Oct
Martnaham	250 on 26 Oct, 1600 on 28 Oct, 400 on 26 Dec

Pink-footed Goose *Anser brachyrhynchus* U w P

Autumn-winter-spring counts:

Site	Count
Loans/Troon	c500 on 6 Jan, c1200 on 2 Nov, c3000 on 26 Nov
Fail/Tarbolton/Mossblown	c2000 on 26 Oct, c1000 on 16 Nov
Girvan	c700 on 11 Jan
Martnaham Loch	c750 on 25 Jan, c1600 on 1 Mar, c1500 on 28 Oct, c1100 on 26 Dec
Blairbowie	c400 on 28 Mar
Elsewhere	428 Benston 15 Mar, last big departing spring flock was 256 off Saltcoats on 27 Apr. Main autumn arrival from 26 Sep when 170 at Fail.

Greater White-fronted Goose *Anser albifrons* R w P

In the spring: 2 Troon on 20 Jan, 42 Martnaham on 4 Jan

In autumn: 1 Fail on 26 Oct-10 Nov, 3 Martnaham on 26 Nov, 1 Blairbowie on 17 to 18 Nov

All birds belonged to the Greenland race *A. a. flavirostris*.

Mute Swan *Cygnus olor* C B

Breeding results:

Site	Result	Site	Result
Dundonald Camp	1 pair	Shewalton	1 pair B/2
Kirkbride Pond	1 pair	Irvine Magnum	1 pair B/7
Lands of Turnberry	1 pair B/6, later B/5	Ladyton Loch	1 pair B/8, later B/3
Loch Melemon	1 pair	Culzean	1 pair B/5
Mill Glen Res.	1 pair B/1	Rozelle	1 pair
Pinbraid	1 pair B/8	Trabboch	2 pairs – 1 pair B/6
Barnshean Loch	1 pair B/5		

Counts at main sites:

Site	Count
Hunterston	47 on 10-Oct, 35 on 14 Nov, 33 on 9-Dec
Saltcoats	33 on 5 Jan, 36 on 18 Apr
Irvine	48 on 19 Aug
Ayr/Doonfoot	70 on 5-May, 110 on 6-Jul, 38 on 22-Sep
Elsewhere	28 Dipple 7 Aug, 30 Fairlie 22 Sep, 30 Martnaham Loch 26 Oct



Whooper Swans at Fail - Angus Hogg

Whooper Swan *Cygnus cygnus* C W

Counts at main sites:

Site	Count
Fail/Tarbolton	50 on 24 Jan, 54 on 5 Feb, 89 on 19 Oct, 99 on 31 Oct, 74 on 16 Nov
Bogton Loch	31 on 25 Jan, 7 on 16 Nov
Maybole/Blairbowie area	19 on 5 Mar, 9 on 3 Oct, 8 on 23 Nov, 10 on 22 Dec
Coylton/Martnaham area	10 on 7 Oct, 40 on 26 Oct, 4 on 2 Nov

Elsewhere in spring: 14 Eglinton CP 5-Mar, 20 Broomhill 15-Mar, injured bird still Mochrum Loch on 6 Jun.

Autumn arrival from 15 Sep when 4 at Fail, 89 Kilmarnock-Dreghorn 26 Oct, 34 Munnoch Res 26 Oct, 96 Crossraguel 6-Nov, 174 Springside/Knockentiber 10-Nov, 100 Broadyards 15-Nov.

Common Shelduck *Tadorna tadorna* C B

Breeding results from N Ayrshire southwards: Hunterston (12 juvs noted), Woodlands Bay (B/5 noted), 2 pairs Goat's Green, single prs at Martnaham, Blairbowie, Dowhill, Balkenna.

Counts at main sites:

Site	Count
Hunterston Sands	20 on 25 Jul, 32 on 13 Aug, 50 on 14 Nov, 46 on 26 Dec
Ardrossan-Farland Head	11 on 30 June
Bogside	4 on 22 Apr, 3 on 21 Jul
Doonfoot/Greenan	2 on 23 Feb
Maidens	16 on 12 Jan, 21 on 1 Mar, 30 on 9 Mar
Elsewhere	12 Dipple on 12 Jan

Garganey *Spatula querquedula* R (B)

1 at Capringstone on 11 Sep (GMcA).



Female Northern Shoveler at Rozelle, Ayr - Angus Hogg

Northern Shoveler *Spatula clypeata* U b w P

In spring:

Site	Count
Garnock Floods	2 ♂♂ on 15-22 Apr, 1 on 24 Apr.
Elsewhere	2 Loans 27Jan, 1 Rozelle 14-28 Feb, 1 Stevenston Point 17 Apr, 1 Fail 22 Apr, 2 Doonfoot 5 Jun.

Autumn-Winter counts at main sites:

Site	Count
Garnock Floods	2 on 21 Oct, 2 on 24 Dec
Elsewhere	2 Trabboch 22 Jul, 1 Eglinton CP 15-28 Sep, 1 on 28 Oct, 1 Capringstone 18-20 Sep, 1 on 9 Nov, 2 on 2-12 Nov, 2 Ardeer 21 Oct, 1 Blairbowie 6 Nov, 3 on 10-Nov, 1 Fail 26 Nov, 2 on 9 Dec.

Gadwall *Anas strepera* U (B)

During the breeding season 4 were seen at Knocksinnoch lagoons, and a pair at Garnock Floods, but no breeding was recorded.

In the winter-spring period: 5 Culzean 1-2-Jan, 1 Rozelle 1 Jan-16 Feb, 4 Hunterston 13 Jan-2 Feb, 2 till 25 Mar, pr Bogton Loch 25 Jan, 4 Knocksinnoch 19 Apr.

In the autumn: 1 Doonfoot 4 Aug, pr Martnaham 27 Aug, 1 Capringstone 11 Sep, 1 Southannan Sands 17 Sep, 5 on 14 Nov-24 Dec, 1 Rozelle 15 Oct, 2 on 22 Oct, 4 on 5 Nov, 2 till end Dec, 7 Garnock lagoons/E ponds, 14 on 30 Dec 27 Oct, 3 Barnshean Loch 28 Oct.

Eurasian Wigeon *Mareca penelope* C (B) W

Counts at main sites:

Site	Count
Hunterston	c400 on 14 Jan, c700 on 10 Oct, 1200 on 9 Dec
Loans	213 on 1 Feb

Site	Count
Capringstone	120 on 5 Jan, 361 on 19 Dec
Bogside/Irvine	250 on 1 Jan, 267 on 11 Jan, 260 on 24 Mar, 211 on 19 Dec, 408 on 22 Dec
Martnaham Loch	41 on 29 Jan, 46 on 1 Mar, 60 on 23 Dec
Blairbowie	39 on 7 Mar, 40 on 12 Oct, 65 on 7 Dec
Elsewhere	66 Loans on 25 Jan, 50 Shewalton on 29 Jan, 70 Doonfoot on 28 Mar, 66 Pow Burn on 12 Dec

Amercian Wigeon *Anas americana* R

A ♂ was present between Dipple and Balkenna from 7 Jan to 19 Mar (RHH *et al.*)

Mallard *Anas platyrhynchos* C B W

In the breeding season 13 sites held 18 broods totalling 94 juvs.

Site	Count
BSC Hunterston	32 on 18 Mar, 16 on 15 Aug, 97 on 28 Aug
Capringstone	130 on 11 Sep, 160 on 18 Sep, 100 on 20 Sep
Trabboch	125 on 29 Jul, 110 on 7 Sep, 163 on 8 Sep
Doonfoot	163 on 12 Sep
Blairbowie	240 on 12 Oct
Girvan Mains-Balkenna	114 on 20 Jan

Northern Pintail *Anas acuta* U w P

In spring: 1 Doonfoot on 8 Jan, 4 Hunterston on 13 Jan, 2 Fail on 28 Jan, 1 Hunterston on 4 Mar, 1 Ayr on 25 Mar and possibly same at Doonfoot on 8 Apr.

In autumn: 3-5 Trabboch on 2 to 9 Sep, 3 Capringstone on 11 Sep, 1 Hunterston on 10 Oct, 4 Maidens on 11 Oct, 1 Ayr on 19 Nov, 2 Southannan Sands on 9 Dec.

Common Teal *Anas crecca* C B W

A pair with B/5 at Loch Slochy was the only breeding report.

Counts at the main sites:

Site	Count
Southannan Sands	100 on 13 Jan, 132 on 7 Sep, 149 on 24 Dec
Capringstone	85 on 5 Jan, 200 on 17 Oct
Broadwood	140 on 1 Jan
Doonfoot	155 on 21 Jan, 100 on 28 Mar, 86 on 16 Oct
Blairbowie	111 on 5 Jan, 110 on 5 Apr, 390 on 12 Oct, 250 on 15 Nov
Elsewhere	140 Fail on 26 Nov, 121 Turnberry Pond on 12 Dec

Common Pochard *Aythya ferina* C (B) W

In spring: 12 Darnconner 6-Jan, ♂ Martnaham 25-Jan, at Trabboch 29-Jan to 11-Mar, 1 Tarryholme 5-Apr.

In autumn: juv Trabboch 29-Jul, ♂ Hunterston 15-Aug, ♂ Martnaham 13-Dec.

Tufted Duck *Aythya fuligula* C B W

Counts at main sites:

Site	Count
Barnshean	34 on 7-Feb, 30 on 1-Mar
Cronberry/Common Loch	35 on 10-Dec
Martnaham Loch	38 on 1-Jan, 62 on 29-Jan, 54 on 7-Apr, 79 on 28-Oct, 134 on 23-Dec
Elsewhere	24 Trabboch Loch 25 Jan, 20 Magnum Pond 23 Aug, 20 Munnoch Res 29 Sep

Greater Scaup *Aythya marila* C W

Counts at main sites:

Site	Count
Auchenharvie GC	1 on 5 Jan, 6 on 24 Feb, 7 on 14 to 21 Apr
Elsewhere	8 Greenan on 1 Jan, 1 Stevenston on 16 Feb, 1 Martnaham on 1 Mar

Autumn-winter counts at main sites:

Site	Count
Auchenharvie GC	2 on 24 Dec, 3 on 28 Dec
Elsewhere	1 Martnaham on 29 Jul, 1 Eglinton on 28 Oct, 1 Garnock Floods on 9 Nov

Common Eider *Somateria mollissima* C B

Breeding: 5 sites held 10 broods totalling 34 juvs.

Counts at main sites:

Site	Count
Ardrossan-Farland Head	74 on 11 Aug
Troon-Gailes	263 on 24 Jan, 391 on 23 Feb, 206 on 7 Mar, 157 on 6 Apr, 303 on 12 Oct, 331 on 27 Nov, 327 on 22 Dec
Girvan-Balkenna	131 on 20 Jan, 120 on 27 May, 291 on 12 Jul

Velvet Scoter *Melanitta fusca* U W

In spring: 1 Troon on 14 Apr.

In autumn: 3 Irvine on 14 Aug, 2 Prestwick on 21 Nov, 3 between Saltcoats and Prestwick 21-25-Nov.

Common Scoter *Melanitta nigra* C W P

Counts at main sites:

Site	Count
Stevenston	12 on 26 Jan, 60 on 14 Apr, 45 on 17 Apr, 2 on 15 Sep, 6 on 22 Nov, 3 on 24 Dec
Irvine	2 on 20 Jan, 2 on 26 Jan
Troon	2 on 6 Apr, 2 on 17 Apr, 10 on 14 Jun, 3 on 28 Aug, 1 on 19 Sep, 1 on 14 Nov
Turnberry-Maidens	3 on 9 Apr, 3 on 14 Jun, 32 on 10 Sep, 17 on 20 Sep, 2 on 12 Oct, 5 on 15 Nov
Dipple-Balkenna	2 on 7 Mar, 2 on 8 Apr, 2 on 20 Oct

Long-tailed Duck *Clangula hyemalis* U W

Counts at main sites:

Site	Count
Stevenston Point	2 on 10 Jan, 3 from 11-23-Jan, 1 on 26 Jan-4 Feb, 6 on 21 Feb, 2 on 5 Mar, 3 from 26 Mar-18-Apr, 2 on 19 Apr
Irvine	3 on 11 Jan, 1 on 26 Jan
Troon	1 on 8 Nov
Dipple	1 on 8 Jan, 2 on 7 Feb, 2 on 8 Apr

Common Goldeneye *Bucephala clangula* C W

Winter-spring counts at main sites:

Site	Count
Shewalton	11 on 13 Jan, 7 on 11 Apr
Troon	13 on 14 Apr
Trabboch	1 on 25 Jan
Martnaham Loch	4 on 1 Jan, 14 on 25 Jan, 5 on 1 Mar, 9 on 12 Mar
Doonfoot-Greenan	15 on 1 Jan, 23 on 21 Jan, 25 on 25 Feb
Turnberry-Girvan	5 on 5 Jan, 28 on 11 Jan,
Maidens-Culzean	28 on 11-Jan, 21 on 25 Feb, 12 on 30 Mar

Summering singles were noted at Martnaham and Galston.

Autumn-winter counts at main sites:

Site	Count
Kilbirnie Loch	28 on 8 Nov
Barnshean	5 on 28 Oct, 9 on 18 Nov, 2 on 16 Dec
Martnaham Loch	1 on 27 Aug, 5 on 28 Oct, 23 on 23 Dec
Turnberry-Girvan	2 on 20 Oct, 3 on 12 Dec, 11 on 23 Dec
Elsewhere	9 Bogton Loch 20 Oct, 14 Piperhill 4 Nov, 8 Doonfoot 20 Dec

Smew *Mergellus albellus* U W

A redhead was at Barnshean from 7 to 17 Feb.

Goosander *Mergus merganser* C b w

Birds in suitable breeding locations included Laigh Milton Mill (B/12), Templand (B/8), with singles or pairs at Loch Macaterick, Loch Riecawr, Craigencallie, Blairquhan, Failford, and Gadgirth, 12 birds Auchinleck estate.

Counts at main sites:

Site	Count
Bogside	45 on 4 Sep
Doonfoot	69 on 20 Jul, 101 on 29 Jul, 88 on 15 Aug, 93 on 19 Aug
Maidens	10 on 5 Sep, 8 on 2 Oct
Balkenna	10 on 5 Sep

Red-breasted Merganser *Mergus serrator* C b p

Breeding: fast declining on upland waters with a pair on Loch Riecawr and 4 birds on Loch Bradan being the only potential breeders noted.

Counts at main sites:

Site	Count
Hunterston	24 on 9 Mar, 35 on 20 Aug
Stevenston	20 on 8 Apr, 22 on 24 Dec
Troon	11 on 7 Mar, 20 on 1 Apr, 23 on 20-Aug, 26 on 4 Sep, 18 on 17 Dec
Doonfoot/Greenan	15 on 20 Apr, 18 on 19 Jun
Maidens	3 on 20 Sep, 4 on 12 Oct, 10 on 25 Oct, 7 Dec
Dipple-Balkenna	33 on 12 Jul

Red Grouse *Lagopus lagopus scoticus* U b

Very few records, with most coming from breeding areas: 2 Glentane Hill on 25 Mar & 29 Mar, 2 Airds Moss on 5 Apr, 2 Cairn Table on 16 May, present Starpet Rig on 31 May, 1 Milljoan on 6 Jun, 2 Stinchar Bridge on 23 Jun, 2 Kaim Hill on 23 Nov, 2 Whitelee on 3 Dec.

Black Grouse *Tetrao tetrix* U b

No comment received on breeding birds.

Counts and presence: 2-3 Cronberry in Feb, 8 Loch Bradan on 6 May, pr Tunskeen on 14 May, ♂ Ferret of Keith Moor on 15 May.

Grey Partridge *Perdix perdix* U b

Breeding pairs or calling birds of this rapidly declining species were noted at Dipple, Enoch Farm Girvan, Walston Farm Kilmarnock, and Sandyford where covey of 15 noted on 14 Sep.

Counts: 1 Gypsy Pool on 9 Jan, 1 High Park Farm Coylton on 17 Nov.

Common Pheasant *Phasianus colchicus* C B

Breeding records included ♀ B/4 Fail, ♀ B/1 Burnside. Displaying ♂♂ at Muirhouse, Barnweil, Broomhill, Ladyton Loch.

Widespread reports from the following areas:-Greenan, Woodroad Park Cumnock, Prestwick airport, Dumfries House, Pow Burn, Auchinleck estate, Bogside, Tarbolton, Fail, South Wood Troon, The Common, Shewalton Woods, Maidens, Martnaham, Doonside, Lugar, Templand, Hunterston, Shewalton Woods, Barnshean Loch, Milton, Annbank, Culzean, Turnberry, Auchincrevie, Barony, Trabboch, Barturk, Ayr Hospital, Craigengillan, Collennan, Loch Doon, Kirkmichael, Windyhill, Flashwood, Glen Afton, East Balig, Tranew, Brisbane Mains, Blairquhan, Rodentoft, Mochrum Hill and Loch, Noddsdale estate, Kilbirnie Loch, Dundonald Camp, Girvan, Doonfoot, Gypsy Pool, Loans, Irvine harbour, Cronberry.

6 Ayr harbour on 24 Sep was an unusual record.

Red-legged Partridge *Alectoris rufa* E (B)

Very few records of this increasingly widespread, introduced gamebird.



Juvenile Common Swift over Crosshill - Angus Hogg

Common Swift *Apus apus* C B S p

Breeding birds were seen at the following locations:- Castlevie Dundonald (30 prs), Salcoats town centre-Sharpill (16 prs), Largs (up to 8 prs), Crosshill (3+ prs), also at the following locations, although no breeding estimates given: Muirhead-Troon, Culzean, Patna, Dalmellington-Bellsbank, New Cumnock, Kilmarnock.

Arrival was from 23 Apr when 2 appeared over Troon. Another 2 followed at Capringstone on 29 Apr, with 3 at Saltcoats on 30 Apr.

Counts, feeding flocks or departing parties included 20 Bellsbank on 23 May, 50 Garnock lagoons on 6 Jun, 84 Bogside on 9 Jun, 40 New Farm Loch Kilmarnock on 27 Jul, 60+ on 4 Aug, 44 Ochiltree on 28 Jul.

In the autumn the last singles appeared over Crosshill on 14 Sep and Brisbane Glen on 16 Sep.



Common Cuckoo mobbed by Meadow Pipit at Loch Macaterick- Angus Hogg

Common Cuckoo *Cuculus canorus* C B S p

During the breeding season territorial ♂♂ included birds at Craigmalloch-Loch Riecawr (5), Loch Doon (3), Loch Bradan (3), Lagafater Lodge (2), Feoch Meadows (2), Barr (2), Ness Glen (2), Greystone Knowe, Loch Macaterick, Eriff, Mill Glen Res, Knock Hill, Shewalton Moss, Aughtshillin Wood, Outerwards, Loch Finlas, Craigasheenie, Airds Moss, Stinchar Falls, Cairn Table, Cairnfore Hill, Clachrie Hill, Kirrieroch, Nick o' the Balloch, Rowantree Toll, Tarfessock, Burnton, Tibbies Brig, Ballochling, Knowes Farm, Drumlamford, Loch Nahinie, Lochend, Loch Skelloch, Knockshinnoch lagoons.

Arrival was from 20 Apr when 2 ♂♂ were heard at Loch Doon. Following these were 3 at upper Glen App on 23 Apr and 1 at Windyhill on 24 Apr.

No departure date was noted.

Rock Dove/Feral Pigeon *Columba livia* C B

Counts included 63 Muirhead on 22 Jan, 83 on 20 Jul, 69 on 15 Nov, 56 Troon Ballast Bank on 2 Feb, 54 Ayr on 14 Feb, 60 Syke Farm Catrine on 9 Aug, 97 Gypsy Pool on 23 Aug, 74 Irvine on 9 Sep, 50 Braid Wood Auchinleck estate on 12 Sep, 80 Doonfoot on 6 Oct, 90 Irvine harbour on 17 Nov, 63 Bogside Flats on 12 Dec, 70 Almswall Park on 28 Dec.

Stock Dove *Columba oenas* C B w

Breeding pairs or territorial ♂♂ were reported from Knockentiber-Springside cycle track (3), Kilmarnock-Irvine cycle track (2), Goat's Green, Portencross, Kirkmichael House, Blairquhan, Failford, Noddsdale estate, Arrothill Kilmarnock, Caprington, Holmsford Bridge, Ardeer dunes, Loans.

No large counts, but 6 Rozelle during Feb-Apr, 8 on 29 Dec, 7 Kilmarnock-Dreghorn cycle track on 26 Oct.

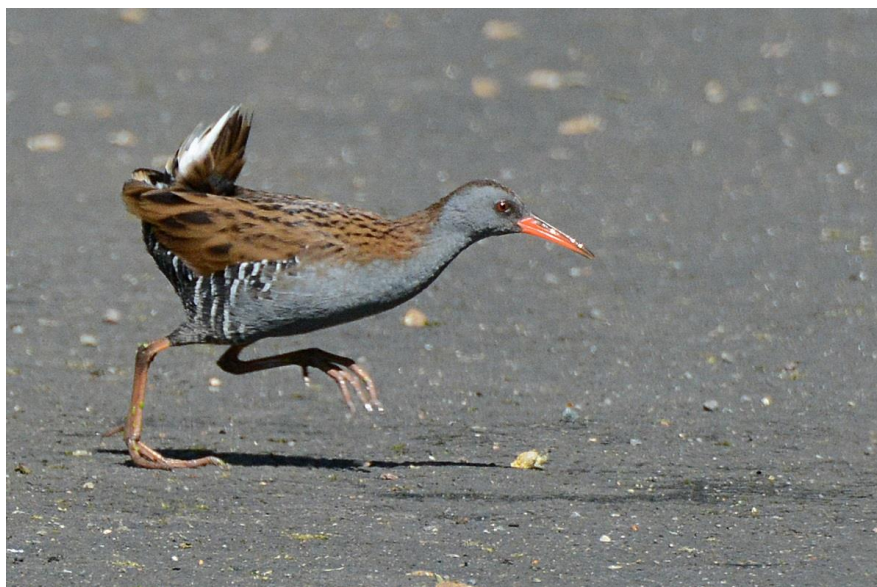
Common Wood Pigeon *Columba palumbus* C B W

Counts included 110 Ancumor Farm Kilwinning on 3 Mar, 50 Hunterston House on 2 May, 213 Collennan on 12 Jul, 167 Gypsy Pool on 13 Aug, 132 Kilmarnock-Dreghorn cycle track on 26 Oct, 1500 Hogston Farm on 13 Nov, 56 Muirhead on 5 Dec, 61 Loans on 13 Dec, 50 Dumfries House on 14 Dec.

Eurasian Collared Dove *Streptopelia decaocto* C B

Breeding pairs or birds in suitable breeding habitat were seen at Crosshill (4+), Troon (4+), Kilmarnock-Irvine cycle track (4), Kirkmichael (2+), Barassie, Loans, Collennan, Syke Farm, Noddsdale cottages, Maidens, Doonfoot, Ballantrae, Fairways View, Templand.

Very few double-figure counts, but 7 Muirhead on 10 Apr, 11 on 17 Aug, 10 on 6 Nov, 11 Barassie on 18 Nov.



Water Rail at Trabboch Loch - Angus Hogg

Water Rail *Rallus aquaticus* C b W

Birds seen or heard in suitable breeding habitat included Ardeer Fen (3), Trabboch (3), Ardeer boundary fence (2), Drumore Loch (2), Shewalton (2), Ladyton Loch (juv noted), Garnock lagoons, Gales Marsh, Pinbraid, Gypsy Pool.

Counts outside the breeding season included 1 Oldhall Ponds on 5 Jan, 1 Stevenston LNR on 23 Jan, 3 Trabboch Loch on 25 Jan, 6 on 11 Mar, 5 on 14 Oct, 1 Shewalton on 4 Mar, 2 Doonfoot on 7 Aug, 1 Fail Brig on 25 Nov, 1 Martnaham Loch on 23 Dec.

Common Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus* C B

Pairs in suitable breeding habitat included Kirkbride Pond (4), Ladyton Loch (2 – B/2, B/1 noted, 4 juvs noted later in season), Pinbraid (2), Capringstone (B/4 noted), Tarryholme (2 juvs noted), Gypsy Pool (juv noted).

Other single prs noted at Drunore Loch, Kirkmichael House, Blairbowie, Drumellan, Rozelle, Gales Marsh, Martnaham Loch, Eglinton CP, Blairquhan, Barnshean Loch, Knockshinnoch lagoons, Shewalton Wood.

Counts included 31 Culzean on 1 Jan, 25 on 9 Mar, 11 Trabboch Loch on 8 Jan, 13 on 3 Mar, 10 on 18 Nov.

Common Coot *Fulica atra* C B

Pairs in suitable breeding habitat included the following: Auchenharvie Pool (3), Trabboch Loch (2- B/4, B/1 noted), Gypsy Pool (2 – juv noted), Eglinton CP (2), Garnock Floods, Shewalton, Loch Fergus, Drumore Loch, Kirkmichael House, Ladyton Loch, Gales Marsh, Blairbowie, Oldhall Ponds, Glengarnock, Dundonald Camp, Kay Park.

Counts included 31 Shewalton on 10 Jan, 15 Auchenharvie Pool on 18 Feb, 25 on 16 Dec, 10 Martnaham Loch on 7 Apr, 10 Trabboch Loch on 14 Oct, 18 Auchenharvie GC on 24 Dec.

Little Grebe *Tachybaptus ruficollis* C B

At least 24 pairs were present at 15 sites.

Site	Result	Site	Result
Auchenharvie Pond	pr	Lands of Turnberry	5 prs – 3 juvs noted
Blairquhan Approach L	pr	Loch Lochton	pr
Colennan Res	2 prs	Loch Skelloch	pr – min B/1
Culzean	pr	Oldhall Ponds	pr – B/1
Garnock Floods	2 prs	Pinbraid	pr
Kirkbride Pond	2 prs – B/2, B/1	Trabboch Loch	2 prs
Kirkmichael House	pr	Troon Gypsy Pool	2 prs
Ladyton Loch	pr – 5 juvs noted		

Counts at main sites:

Counts at main sites	
Hunterston lagoon	10 on 12 Jan, 17 on 9 Dec.
Auchenharvie pond	6 on 4 Feb, 3 on 24 Dec.
Shewalton	10 on 10 Jan.
Pow Burn	3 on 12 Feb, 2 on 14 Dec.
Maidens	2 on 7 Mar, 3 on 25 Oct-12 Nov.
Elsewhere	6 Collennan Res on 25 Jan-2 Feb, 7 Culzean 3 Feb, 8 Collennan Res on 29 Aug, 10 Garnock estuary on 9 Sep, 6 Barnshean Loch on 6 Oct, 5 Martnaham Loch on 6 Oct.

Red-necked Grebe *Podiceps grisegena* U W

1 in Bracken Bay on 2 Dec (DGi) was the year's only record.

Great Crested Grebe *Podiceps cristatus* C b p

Results from breeding sites:

Site	Result
Barcraigs Res	pr on 4 May - no breeding reported
Shewalton	2 on 18 Feb – no breeding reported
Tarryholme	ad with juv on 7 Jul
Martnaham Loch	4 on 7 Apr, pr B/2 on 14 Aug, 2 juvs still on 9 Sep
Loch Fergus	2 on 10 Apr – no breeding reported

Winter-spring counts included 7 Irvine Bay on 11-26 Jan, 5 on 21 Feb, 1 returned Martnaham Loch on 4 Feb, 2 Shewalton on 18 Feb.

Autumn counts included juv Irvine harbour 4-28 Sep, juv Kilbirnie Loch on 8 Nov, 1 Barassie on 14 Nov-23 Dec

Black-necked Grebe *Podiceps nigricollis* R

1 at Stevenston Point on 7 Jan (TB) was the 13th Ayrshire record

Slavonian Grebe *Podiceps auritus* U W

Spring records involved 2 at Irvine harbour mouth on 14 Apr, 1 on 15-16 Apr (DGi/GMcA/BDK).

In the autumn 1 was in Prestwick Bay on 12 Nov (RHH).

Eurasian Oystercatcher *Haematopus ostralegus* C B W P

Breeding pairs included: pr B/1 Altonhill, birds were also noted in suitable breeding habitat at Hunterston, Lady Isle, Barony, Knockshinnoch lagoons

Early arrival back inland from 16 Feb when 3 at The Common, Lugar.

Winter-spring	Counts at main sites
Fairlie-Hunterston	87 on 12 Jan, 70 on 18 Mar
Bogside/Irvine hbr	193 on 4 Jan, 75 on 1 Apr
Barassie	58 on 1 Jan, 168 on 25 Jan, 75 on 19 Feb, 128 on 22 Mar
Doonfoot	73 on 21 Jan, 52 on 16 Feb, 100 on 11 Mar
Maidens	34 on 4 Feb, 50 on 9 Mar
Elsewhere	132 Girvan Mains-Balkenna on 12 Jan, 70 Stevenston Point on 12 Jan, 53 Prestwick-Troon on 23 Jan, 47 Portencross on 2 Feb, 73 Loans on 21 Feb, 54 on 14 Mar, 44 Turnberry Point on 6 Apr.

Autumn-winter	Counts at main sites
Hunterston	125 on 15 Aug, 70 on 31 Oct, 120 on 14 Nov, 88 on 24 Dec
Ardrossan	42 on 24 Oct,
Bogside/Irvine hbr	35 on 4 Aug, 100 on 4 Sep, 51 on 21 Oct, 38 on 17 Nov, 80 on 9 Dec
Barassie	96 on 14 Jul, 207 on 28 Jul, 202 on 13 Aug, 279 on 7 Sep, 176 on 6 Nov, 143 on 28 Dec
Doonfoot	40 on 3 Aug, 76 on 12 Sep, 44 on 16 Oct, 46 on 17 Nov, 70 on 23 Dec
Maidens	40 on 13 Sep, 70 on 25 Oct, 43 on 26 Dec
Elsewhere	50 Noddsdale Water on 21 Jul, 86 Stevenston Point on 6 Nov, 40 on 3 Dec, 43 Pow Burn on 27 Nov.

Northern Lapwing *Vanellus vanellus* C B W P

Few breeding reports: min 3 prs Fail – juv noted, 2 prs Knockentiber-Springside cycle track, pr B/2 Capringstone, pr laid eggs Blairbowie – failed, pr Kilmarnock-Irvine cycle track.

11 back inland The Common, Lugar 8 Feb.

Winter-spring	Counts at main sites
Dundonald Camp	148 on 1 Jan, 122 on 15 Feb
Fail	64 on 6 Feb
Doonfoot	41 on 21 Jan
Blairbowie	170 on 22-24 Jan
Elsewhere	173 Pow Burn on 4 Jan, 92 Gypsy Pool on 20 Jan, 45 Martnaham Loch on 25 Jan, 100 Monktonhill on 30 Jan, 125 Girvan on 17 Feb.

Autumn-winter	Counts at main sites
Hunterston	41 on 7 Sep, 50 on 14 Nov, 100 on 9 Dec, 51 on 24 Dec
Bogside/Irvine hbr	70 on 5 Aug, 65 on 4 Sep, 200 on 29 Sep
Dundonald Camp	58 on 23 Sep
Fail	112 on 14 Oct, 125 on 16 Nov, 84 on 17 Dec
Doonfoot	31 Doonfoot 1 Aug
Blairbowie	42 on 22 Oct, 90 on 6 Nov, 180 on 29 Nov, 250 on 19 Dec
Elsewhere	67 Capringstone 29 Jul, 70 on 11 Sep, 110 on 11 Dec, 50 Kilbirnie Loch 10 Sep, 134 Gypsy Pool 27 Oct, 92 on 28 Dec, 181 Loans 12 Nov, 170 on 8 Dec, 75 Pow Burn 12 Nov, 160 Ardeer Mains 14 Nov, 90 Martnaham Loch 16 Dec.

European Golden Plover *Pluvialis apricaria* C B w P

No breeding records were reported.

	Counts at main sites
Barassie-Troon	118 on 7 Jan, 150 on 20 Jan, 46 on 5 Mar, 40 on 4 Sep, 111 on 28 Sep, 100 on 21 Oct, 150 on 24 Nov, 40 on 28 Dec
Newton shore	150 on 31 Oct, 564 on 21 Nov
Balkenna-Dipple	130 on 8 Jan
Elsewhere	500 Meikle Craigs on 9 Apr, 50 Hoodens Hill on 31 Aug, 40 Shalloch on Minnoch on 30 Dec.

Grey Plover *Pluvialis squatarola* C w P

	Counts at main sites
Stevenston Point	1 on 19 Feb, 2 on 20 Feb, 1 on 11 Mar
Troon-Prestwick	1 on 1 Mar, 1 on 6 Jul.

Ringed Plover *Charadrius hiaticula* C B W P

Breeding records included pr B/3 Doonfoot, 1-2 prs Girvan harbour.

Winter-spring	Counts at main sites
Stevenston	35 on 19 Apr
Bogside/Irvine hbr	160 on 5 Jan
Barassie-Troon	28 on 20 Jan, 41 on 4 Feb, 70 on 12 May, 20 on 15 Jun
Doonfoot	38 on 14 Jan, 37 on 8 Feb
Maidens	50 on 1 Jan, 60 on 18 Feb, 20 on 9 Mar, 30 on 28 Apr
Elsewhere	31 Girvan harbour on 20 Jan, 40 Prestwick-Troon on 13 Feb, 93 Balkenna on 25 Apr, 90 on 10 May.

Autumn-winter	Counts at main sites
Hunterston	50 on 15 Aug, 126+ on 28 Aug, 300 on 15-17 Sep
Stevenston	20 on 3 Aug, 100 on 11 Aug, 86 on 17 Sep, 150 on 6 Nov, 44 on 16 Dec

Autumn-winter	Counts at main sites
Barassie-Troon	30 on 26 Jul, 150 on 10 Aug, 44 on 28 Sep, 40 on 11 Dec
Doonfoot	20 on 1 Aug, 30 on 22 Aug, 33 on 18 Oct, 60 on 19 Dec
Maidens	32 on 14 Oct, 115 on 26 Dec
Balkenna-Dipple	113 on 7 Aug, 290 (Milton Burn) on 13 Aug, 210 on 28 Aug, 52 on 20 Nov, 61 on 19 Dec
Elsewhere	21 Meikle Craigs (inc a leucistic bird), 60 on 3 Aug, 90 on 30 Aug.



Little Ringed Plover in Central Ayrshire - Angus Hogg

Little Ringed Plover *Charadrius dubius* R P

A pair reared 2 juvs at an undisclosed locality.

In spring 1 was present at Fail on 28 Apr (DC *et al.*).

Autumn records involved a juv at Martnaham Loch from 12-14 Aug (MH), and possibly a different juv from 20-23 Aug (RHH/DG *et al.*)

Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus* U P

The first spring record was 1 at Pow Burn on 2 Apr.

	Spring passage counts at main sites
Hunterston	2 on 17 Apr, 1 on 18, 24 Apr, 2 on 5-6 May, 1 on 7 May
Saltcoats-Stevenston	6 on 20 Apr, 5 on 27 Apr, 28 on 29 Apr, 1 on 11 May
Bogside/Irvine hbr	1 on 22 Apr, 2 on 24 Apr, 1 on 27-28 Apr, 2 on 5 Jun, 1 on 12 Jun
Barassie-Troon	1 on 17, 20 Apr, 3 on 24 Apr, 1 on 27 Apr
Martnaham Loch	1 on 20 Apr, 6 on 22 Apr, 15 on 24 Apr, 27 on 25 Apr, 33 on 28 Apr, 15 on 4 May
Doonfoot-Bracken Bay	5 on 19 Apr, 2 on 20 Apr, 7 on 24 Apr, 18 on 1 May, 11 on 2-3 May, 4 on 4 May, 1 on 10 May
Culzean Bay	6 on 24 Apr
Turnberry Bay	7 on 20-25 Apr, 3 on 29 Apr, 1 on 30 Apr, 4 May, 3 on 10 May, 26 on 12 May, 7 on 13 May, 15 on 15 May, 4 on 17 May

Spring passage counts at main sites	
Elsewhere	1 Fail on 21-22 Apr, 5 on 26 Apr, 4 Munnoch Res on 25 Apr, 8 on 27 Apr, 1 Pow Burn on 29 Apr, 2 Hillhouse on 5 May, 3 on on 6 May, 1 Loch Doon on 7 May, 4 Prestwick Bay on 8 May.

Autumn passage counts at main sites	
Saltcoats-Stevenston	1 on 10 Jul
Barassie-Troon	6 on 24 Jul, 3 on 26 Jul, 1 on 27-31 Jul, 1 on 12-14 Aug
Doonfoot-Bracken Bay	1 on 6 Aug
Elsewhere	1 Pow Burn on 7 Jul, 3 Seamill on 31 Jul, 1 Maidens on 19 Aug.

Eurasian Curlew *Numenius arquata* C B W P

Breeding pairs or territorial ♂♂ included: 4 prs Loch Derclach-Loch Finlas, single prs Loudoun Hill, Clachanton Hill, Dalnean Hill, Cairn Table.

Winter-spring	Counts at main sites
Stevenston	72 on 10 Jan
Bogside/Irvine hbr	42 on 25 Jan
Loans-Muirhead	104 on 2 Jan, 200+ on 6 Jan, 108 on 1 Feb, 78 on 17 Feb, 116 on 14 Mar, 54 on 2 Apr
Doonfoot	32 on 8 Feb, 100 on 11 Mar, 30 on 12 Jul
Maidens	26 on 17 Feb, 35 on 13 Mar
Elsewhere	21 Capringstone on 5 Jan, 24 Dundonald Camp on 5 Jan, 50 on 10 Feb, 46 Black Neuk on 11 Jan, 50 High Greenan on 20 Jan, 26 Portencross on 2 Feb, 76 Collennan on 3 Feb, 70 Ardeer quarry on 18 Feb, 100 Ballantrae on 24 Feb, 399 Collennan Res on 1 Mar, 34 Martnaham Loch on 12 Mar, 41 on 14 Apr, 30 Eglinton CP on 29 Mar, 45 Mochrum Loch on 12 Apr.

Autumn-winter	Counts at main sites
Hunterston	34 on 25 Jul, 98 on 15 Aug, 60 on 14 Nov, 68 on 24 Dec
Bogside/Irvine hbr	46 on 21 Jul, 60 on 19 Aug, 175 on 7 Sep, 54 on 21 Oct
Loans	28 on 16 Jul, 34 on 11 Sep, 58 on 21 Oct, 183 on 12 Nov, 103 on 17 Dec
Doonfoot	30 on 12 Jul, 57 on 19 Aug, 22 on 28 Sep
Balkenna	70 on 12 Jul, 36 on 13 Sep
Elsewhere	36 Meigle Bay on 27 Aug, 82 Collennan on 27 Sep, 53 on 18 Nov, 59 on 4 Dec, 38 Pow Burn on 12 Dec, 56 Auchenhavie GC on 27 Dec.

Bar-tailed Godwit *Limosa lapponica* C W P

Winter-spring	Counts at main sites
Hunterston-Fairlie	1 on 8 Apr
Barassie-Troon	8 on 5 Mar, 3 on 21-23 Mar, 3 on 4 Apr
Doonfoot	2 on 2 May

Winter-spring	Counts at main sites
Maidens	1 from 2 Jan-1 Mar, 3 on 8 Mar, 4 on 9, 24 Mar, 1 on 26 Mar
Elsewhere	2 Meikle Craigs on 26 Mar, 2 Pow Burn on 9 Apr, 2 Fail on 21 Apr.

Autumn-winter	Counts at main sites
Hunterston-Fairlie	1 on 20 Aug, 2 on 15 Sep, 10 on 19 Sep, 2 on 23 Sep, 1 on 10 Oct, 9 Dec
Bogside/Irvine hbr	1 on 13 Aug, 13 Sep, 4 on 17, 20 Sep, 6 on 29 Sep, 3 on 11 Oct, 19 Dec
Barassie-Troon	1 on 4 Sep, 2 on 18 Sep, 1 on 20 Sep, 19 Oct, 11 Dec
Doonfoot	2 on 6 Oct
Maidens	7 S on 10 Sep, 1 S on 11 Sep, 2 on 13 Sep, 1 on 17 Sep, 2 on 12 Oct
Elsewhere	1 Girvan harbour on 3 Aug, 1 Capringstone on 13 Aug, 1 Ardeer on 28 Aug, 2 on 30 Aug, 2 Woodland Bay on 8 Sep, 2 Balkenna on 13 Sep, 1 Meikle Craigs on 20 Sep, 10 Kennedy's Pass on 3 Oct.

Black-tailed Godwit *Limosa limosa* U w P

Winter-spring	Counts at main sites
Hunterston	2 on 8 Apr
Fail	20 on 14 Apr, 16 on 15-17 Apr, 2 on 21 Apr, 1 on 22 Apr, 5 on 26-27 Apr, 17 on 28 Apr, 6 on 1-4 May, 1 on 6 May
Doonfoot	1 on 19 Apr
Maidens	3 on 25 Mar
Elsewhere	1 Pow Burn on 16-17 Apr

Autumn-winter	Counts at main sites
Hunterston	1 on 16 Aug, 2 on 26-28 Aug, 3 on 15 Sep, 2 on 18 Sep, 1 on 19, 23 Sep, 2 on 25 Sep, 1 on 10 Oct
Bogside/Garnock Flds	1 on 21 Jul, 9 on 22 Jul, 12 on 18 Aug, 3 on 3 Sep, 1 on 12 Sep
Capringstone	1 on 7 Jul, 2 on 29 Jul, 1 on 13 Aug, 11 Sep, 3 on 15 Sep, 7 on 18 Sep, 5 on 20 Sep, 3 on 24 Sep, 4 on 17 Oct
Barassie-Troon	4 on 20 Jul, 1 on 8 Aug, 32 on 22 Aug
Fail	7 on 1 Sep, 6 on 2 Sep
Pow Burn	11 on 29 Jul, 2 on 1 Aug
Doonfoot	3 on 6 Jul, 4 on 19 Jul, 8 on 20 Jul, 39 on 23 Jul, 6 on 26 Jul, 5 on 2 Aug, 2 on 3 Aug, 1 on 22, 31 Aug, 6 on 6 Oct, 1 on 18 Oct
Maidens	3 on 15 Aug, 2 on 12 Sep, 3 on 16 Sep, 21 on 20 Sep
Balkenna	33 on 13 Aug
Elsewhere	1 Lands of Turnberry on 7 Aug, 13 Kilbirnie Loch on 12 Aug, 2 Laighdykes on 15 Aug, 3 on 20 Aug, 3 Meikle Craigs on 4 Sep, 6 Kennedy's Pass on 3 Oct.

Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres* C W s P

Counts at main sites	
Hunterston	22 on 17 Apr, 12 on 28 Aug, 25 on 14 Nov
Saltcoats	18 on 28 Dec
Bogside/Irvine hbr	20 on 5 Jan, 12 on 14 Dec
Barassie-Troon	35 on 15 Apr, 5 on 23 Jul, 36 on 8 Nov, 28 on 26 Dec
Doonfoot	17 on 21 Jan, 23 on 8 Feb, 12 on 20, 26 Sep, 27 on 16 Oct, 25 on 23 Dec
Balkenna-Dipple	27 on 6,11 Jan, 22 on 20 Apr, 16 on 2 May
Girvan	15 on 20 Jan, 26 on 16 Mar
Elsewhere	3 Fail on 1 Feb, 11 Lady Isle on 18 May.

Red Knot *Calidris canutus* C W P

Counts at main sites	
Hunterston	2 on 4 Aug, 8 on 28 Aug, 16 on 15 Sep, 12 on 17 Sep, 8 on 12 Oct
Stevenston Point	78 (inc 60 N) on 18 Apr, 10 on 20 Sep, 2 on 22 Sep, 84 on 29 Sep
Bogside/Irvine hbr	4 on 24 Sep
Barassie-Troon	7 on 31 Jan, 23 Mar, 1 on 27 Jul, 36 on 28 Jul, 9 on 30-31 Jul, 38 on 2 Aug, 10 on 7 Aug, 10 on 26 Aug, 8 on 4-12 Sep, 12 on 16, 21 Sep, 9 on 11 Nov, 1 on 3-21 Dec
Doonfoot	1 on 19 Apr, 7 returned on 18 Jul, 2 on 23 Jul, 1 on 1-2 Aug, 7 on 23 Aug, 4 on 2 Nov
Maidens-Turnberry Pt	18 on 8 Mar, 1 on 8 Aug, 2 on 18 Aug, 3 on 21 Aug, 7 on 24 Aug, 4 on 28 Aug, 2 on 3 Sep, 1 on 5-6 Sep, 2 on 10-11 Sep, 1 on 18 Sep, 12 Oct, 2 on 19-20 Nov
Elsewhere	11 Lady Isle on 25 Jan, 7 Meikle Craigs on 29 Jul, 4 on 3 Aug, 2 on 7 Aug, 4 on 4 Sep.

Ruff *Calidris pugnax* C P

1 at Doonfoot on 23 Apr was the only spring record.

Low numbers in the autumn with 2 Fail 7 Aug, 1 Barassie on 8 Aug, 2 Upper Garnock estuary on 10 Aug, 2 Fail on 1 Sep, 1 on 2-3 Sep, 3 on 4 Sep, 2 on 7 Sep, 1 Upper Garnock estuary/Bogside on 15-17 Sep, 2 on 20 Sep, 1 Dalmaca on 14 Oct, 2 Blairbowie on 24 Oct.

Curlew Sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea* U P

Few autumn records involving 6 or 7 individuals: 2 Bogside on 10 Aug, 1 on 12 Sep, 1 on 23-24 Sep, 1 Stevenston on 16-17 Sep, 2 on 19-20 Sep.

Sanderling *Calidris alba* C w P

Counts at main sites	
Stevenston	56 on 20 Jan, 145 on 21 Feb, 110 on 1 Apr, 40 on 19 Apr, 15 on 11 Aug, 107 on 28 Sep, 110 on 17 Nov, 150 on 5 Dec
Irvine hbr mouth	60 on 5 Jan, 40 on 20 Jan, 11 on 5 Jun
Barassie-Troon	16 on 13 Jan, 20 on 12 May, 16 on 27 May, 5 on 15 Jun, 4 on 28 Jul, 10 on 30 Jul, 7 on 2 Aug, 3 on 22 Nov, 2 on 26 Dec
Meikle Craigs	37 on 3 Jun, 3 on 16 Jul, 8 on 29 Jul, 30 on 7-8 Aug, 35 on 30 Aug, 20 on 20 Sep
Pow Burn	6 on 9 Jan, 10 on 10 Feb, 8 on 3 Jun, 7 on 17 Jul
Doonfoot	5 on 6 Jan, 4 on 19-20 Jul, 60 on 3 Aug, 7 on 23 Aug
Maidens	3 on 15 Aug, 10 on 17 Nov
Balkenna	2 on 8 Jan, 7 on 28 Feb, 13 on 6 Apr, 2 on 4-10 May, 10 on 12 May, 3 on 27 May, 45 on 7 Aug, 12 on 13 Aug, 37 on 19 Aug, 4 on 19 Dec
Elsewhere	5 Dipple on 7 Aug, 2 Hunterston on 14-15 Sep, 74 Saltcoats hbr on 27 Oct.

Dunlin *Calidris alpina* C b W P

Winter-spring	Counts at main sites
Stevenston	63 on 21 Feb
Barassie-Troon	200 on 12 Jan, 30 on 12 May
Doonfoot	11 on 5 Jun
Maidens	140 on 1 Jan, 141 on 16 Feb, 190 on 7 Mar, 64 on 25 Mar, 32 on 2 Jun
Dipple-Balkenna	90 on 20 Jan, 40 on 17 Mar

Autumn-winter	Counts at main sites
Hunterston	100 on 15 Aug, 29 on 18 Sep, 40 on 31 Oct, 100 on 9 Dec, 50 on 25 Dec
Stevenston	25 on 11 Aug, 40 on 6 Nov, 102 on 17 Nov, 188 on 16 Dec
Bogside	36 on 13 Sep
Barassie-Troon	40 on 22 Jul, 56 on 27 Jul, 200 on 17 Aug, 110 on 20 Nov, 179 on 28 Dec
Meikle Craigs	85 on 17 Jul, 70 on 25 Jul, 100 on 3 Aug, 60 on 30 Aug
Doonfoot	100 on 18 Jul, 70 on 26 Jul
Maidens	18 on 7 Aug, 125 on 7 Aug, 107 on 20 Nov, 176 on 26 Dec
Dipple-Balkenna	240 (Milton Burn) on 13 Aug, 60 on 12 Dec
Elsewhere	12 Ballantrae on 30 Jun.



Purple Sandpiper on Ayr Pier - Angus Hogg

Purple Sandpiper *Calidris maritima* C W P

Counts at main sites	
Saltcoats	2 on 5 Feb, 18 on 23 Nov
Stevenston	3 on 20 Jan, 17 on 18 Feb, 10 on 14 Mar, 6 on 19 Apr, 6 on 22 Nov
Barassie-Troon	40 on 7 Jan, 31 on 5 Mar, 19 on 4 Apr, 28 on 16 Apr, 10 on 8 Nov, 14 on 26 Nov, 38 on 25-26 Dec
Ayr harbour	10 on 25 Jan, 5 on 7 Feb, 5 on 14 Apr, 12 on 28 Apr, 11 on 24 Dec
Maidens-Girvan	3 on 11 Jan, 2 on 18 Feb, 5 on 16 Mar, 20 on 5 Apr, 5 on 12 May

Little Stint *Calidris minuta* U P

2 ads on Lady Isle on 18 May was a welcome spring record.

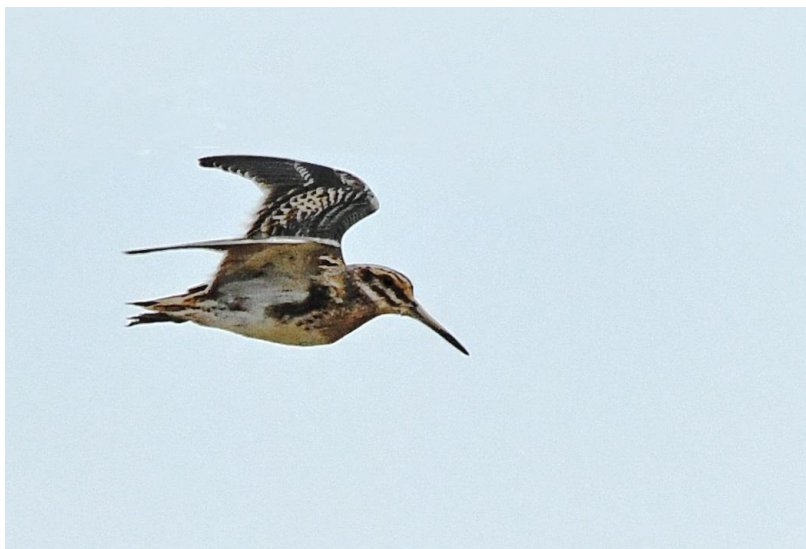
Another poor autumn with only 4 individuals observed: 1 Meikle Craigs on 7 Aug, 1 Barassie on 31 Aug, 1 Meikle Craigs on 2 Sep, 1 Hunterston on 15 Sep.

Eurasian Woodcock *Scolopax rusticola* C B W

Records from potential breeding areas came from Auchinleck estate, Hunterston and Drumlamford.

Counts and migrants – Spring: 1 Knockentiber-Springside cycle track 2 Jan, 1 Ashgrove Loch 6 Jan, 2 Ayr Gorge 7 Jan, 1 Fullarton Woods 7 Jan, 1 Rodentoft 12 Jan, 1 Fail 13 Jan, 1 Dumfries estate 16 Jan, 1 Auchinleck estate 22 Jan, 1 Garnock Floods 26 Jan, 1 Stair 28 Jan, 2 Arnshean 30 Jan, 1 Auchincruive 5 Feb, 3 Lugar 7 Feb, 2 Craigs Kirkoswald 25 Feb, 1 Collennan 1 Mar, 3 Auchinleck estate 2 Mar, 1 Spier's School Beith 2 Mar, 1 Irvine beach park 4 Mar, 2 Hunterston 6 Mar, 1 North Hourat 6 Mar, 1 Drumlamford 24 Mar, 2 Outerwards 25 Mar.

Counts and migrants – Autumn: 2 Auchinleck 15 Oct, 1 Eglinton CP 28 Oct, 2 Haugh 30 Oct, 3 Broad Wood Coyton 12 Nov, 1 Dumfries estate 23, 24 Nov, Fairlie Castle Path 23 Nov, 1 Largs Hill 24 Nov, 1 Broomberry 2 Dec, 3 Brownmuir plantation 2 Dec, 1 Auchinleck 3 Dec, 1 Windyhill 19 Dec, 1 Alloway disused railway 27 Dec, 4 Braid Wood, Auchinleck estate 30 Dec.



Jack Snipe at Greenan - Angus Hogg

Jack Snipe *Lymnocyptes minimus* C w P

In the winter-spring period: 1-2 Gypsy Pool 1 Jan-27 Feb, 1 Martnaham Loch 1 Jan, 1 Mar, 3 Stevenston LNR 6, 14 Jan, 4 on 20 Jan, 1 on 4 Feb, 1 Maidens 10 Jan, 1 Seamill 10 Jan, 2 Feb, 3 on 15 Feb, 1 Shewalton 20 Jan, 19 Feb, 1 Garnock Floods 26 Feb, 2 Trabboch 1 Mar, 5 Greenan 3 Mar, 1 Ochiltree 3 Mar, 1 Dundonald Camp 9 Apr.

In the autumn: 1 Doonfoot 13, 20-21, 30-31 Oct, 1 Maidens 2-4, 20 Nov, 2 Trabboch 8 Nov, 3 Gypsy Pool 15 Nov, 1 on 1 Dec, 1 Sauchrie Burn 11 Dec, 1 Garnock Floods 14 Dec, 1 Stevenston LNR 28 Dec.

Common Snipe *Gallinago gallinago* C B w P

Birds observed during the breeding season in suitable breeding habitat included min 2 Bogton Loch, singles Garnock East, Airds Moss, Dundonald Camp, Ballochbeatties, Loch Macaterick, Mochrum Loch, Ballochling, Lands of Meikleyard, Garnock Floods, Dalmellington Moss.

Counts and migrants: 16 Stevenston LNR 6 Jan, 21 on 4 Feb, 79 Gypsy Pool 20 Jan, 2 back Doonfoot 1 Aug, 87 Fail 1 Sep, 30 on 28 Oct, 12 Dundonald Camp 8 Sep, 11 Trabboch 8 Sep, 50+ on 8 Nov, 9 Capringstone 24 Sep, 10 Blairbowie 25 Oct, 45 Gypsy Pool 15 Nov, 49 on 1 Dec, 26 on 9 Dec, 40+ Doonfoot 20 Nov.

Grey Phalarope *Phalaropus fulicarius* U w P

1 flew S Maidens on 16 Sep (RHH)

Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos* C B S P

Territorial or breeding birds were recorded at Loch Doon (min 3 prs), Loch Riecawr (2 prs), Laigh Milton Mill (B/3 noted), Dipple (B/3 noted), Gadgirth, Dumfries House, Martnaham Loch, Glen Afton, Haugh, Ness Glen, Loch Macaterick, Upper Garnock estuary, Capringstone, Kilbirnie Loch, Outerwards, Barturk, Loch Bradan, Loch Finlas, R Irvine Galston, Pinbain Burn, Old Howford Bridge, Craigmalloch, Ballantrae, Failford, Lendalfoot, Loch Dornal, Loch Maberry, Pinwherry.

First arrivals were 2 on the Lugar Water, Dumfries House on 8 Apr, 1 Loans 12 Apr, singles Martnaham Loch and Upper Garnock estuary 14 Apr.

Autumn counts/departure: 6 Doonfoot 19 Jul, last singles were 1 Martnaham Loch 8 Sep and 1 Ayr harbour 18 Oct.

Green Sandpiper *Tringa ochropus* U w P

An overwintering bird was present at Gypsy Pool on 26 Jan.

In the autumn-winter period 1 was at Capringstone from 1-4 Aug, with perhaps a second individual on 13-14 Aug, 1 Garnock Floods 5-8 Aug, 1 Martnaham Loch 20 Aug, 2 on 22 Aug, an overwintering bird was on the Garnock estuary 30 Dec.

Common Redshank *Tringa totanus* C b W P

Winter-spring counts at main sites:

Winter-spring	Counts at main sites
Ardrossan-Saltcoats	16 on 4 Feb, 20 on 18 Feb, 20 on 1 Apr
Bogside/Irvine hbr	36 on 11 Jan, 70 on 18 Feb, 35 on 14 Apr
Barassie-Troon	98 on 12 Jan, 47 on 19 Feb, 62 on 22 Mar, 36 on 6 Apr
Pow Burn	76 on 2 Jan
Doonfoot	27 on 21 Jan, 61 on 8 Feb, 60 on 11 Mar, 30 on 19 Apr
Maidens	96 on 3 Jan, 90 on 1 Jan, 70 on 24 Mar, 30 on 3 Apr
Girvan	22 on 20 Jan, 78 on 17 Feb

Site	Count
Hunterston	100 on 15 Aug, 18 Sep, 60 on 31 Oct, 60 on 24 Dec
Ardrossan-Saltcoats	50 on 28 Dec
Bogside/Irvine hbr	10 on 4 Aug, 26 on 19 Aug, 87 on 9 Sep, 50 on 28 Dec
Barassie-Troon	15 on 17 Jul, 31 on 22 Jul, 89 on 11 Nov, 38 on 2 Dec
Pow Burn	89 on 22 Nov
Doonfoot	10 on 6 Jul, 70 on 19 Jul, 110 on 25 Jul, 53 on 28 Sep, 51 on 24 Oct, 69 on 23 Dec
Maidens	36 on 13 Sep, 60 on 25 Oct, 81 on 7 Dec
Girvan	15 on 3 Aug, 71 on 19 Dec
Elsewhere	20 Seamill on 14 Oct.

Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola* U P

A very poor year with only one autumn record: a juv at Doonfoot from 28 Jul-3 Aug.

Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia* C w P

Winter-spring	Counts at main sites
Hunterston	1 on 10 Jan-16 Mar, 2 on 20 Feb, 24 Mar, 5 on 4 Mar, 6 on 9 Mar
Pow Burn	2 on 7 Jan, 1 on 11 Jan-28 Feb
Doonfoot-Heads of Ayr	1 on 7 Jan-9 Apr, 2 on 10 Jan-25 Feb, 3 on 20 Feb, 23 Mar
Elsewhere	1 Capringstone on 4 Mar, 2 Fail on 14 Apr, 1 on 15 Apr.

Autumn-winter	Counts at main sites
Hunterston	4 on 4 Aug, 12 on 15-19 Aug, 9 on 28 Aug, 11 on 15 Sep, 6 on 10 Oct, 7 on 10 Nov. 18 on 9-24 Dec
Bogside	11 on 10 Aug, 7 on 18 Aug, 8 on 3 Sep, 10 on 17 Sep, 4 on 29 Sep, 3 on 12 Nov-28 Dec
Pow Burn	1 on 12 Dec
Doonfoot-Heads of Ayr	2 on 4-19 Jul, 3-7 Aug, 3 on 20-29 Jul, 19 Aug, 4 on 30 Jul-1, 4 Aug, 5 on 14-27 Aug, 4 on 3 Sep, 3 on 14 Sep-10 Dec
Elsewhere	1 Barassie on 22 Jul, 2 Maidens on 9 Aug, 4 Capringstone on 9 Nov.

Black-legged Kittiwake *Rissa tridactyla* C B w P

	Passage Counts
Troon	73 on 17 Apr
Maidens	40 on 14 Jun, 11 on 16 Aug, 40 on 20 Sep, 122 on 25 Oct, 70 on 4 Nov, 20 on 22 Dec
Other	Lendalfoot 30 on 16 Dec

Sabine's Gull *Larus sabini* R P

A 1st summer bird at Maidens on 30 Sep (DAG)

Black-headed Gull *Chroicocephalus ridibundus* C B W

Breeding: 36 chicks were ringed at Hunterston.

Counts: 95 Pow Burn on 2 Jan, 190 Ardeer on 6 Jan, 111 Pow Burn on 7 Jan, 103 Fairlie on 12 Jan, 300 Martnaham on 14 Apr, 120 Largs on 16 Apr, 150 Barassie on 28 Aug, 100 Irvine on 4 Sep, 100 Southannan on 23 Sep, 100 Barassie on 21 Oct, 370 Stevenston on 16 Dec, 100 Stevenston on 28 Dec.



Adult Little Gull at Doonfoot – Dave Grant

Little Gull *Hydrocoloeus minutus* U P

Up to 13 birds were seen during the year.

In winter: 1 Saltcoats on 23 Jan, 1 2nd W Barassie on 26 Jan, 1 Largs on 6 Feb, 1 Martnaham on 8-12 Apr, 2 adults Martnaham on 13-14 Apr, 1 adult Doonfoot on 18-19 Apr, 1 Stevenston on 26 Apr, 2 Turnberry on 12 May.

In autumn: 1 adult Stevenston on 12-21 Sep, 2 Prestwick on 24 Nov.

Mediterranean Gull *Ichthyaetus melanocephalus* R P

Winter-spring	Counts at main sites
Largs-Fairlie	ad on 22 Jan, 2 ads on 6 Feb, 1 on 16 Feb
Saltcoats/Stevenston	1 on 22 Jan, 18 Feb
Barassie/Troon harbour	ad on 2 Jan-4 Mar, 1 st w on 16-26 Feb, 2 ads on 22-23 Feb
Shewalton	ad on 2-Feb
Pow Burn	ad on 9-11 Jan, 3 on 28 Feb
Other	ad and 1 st w Doonfoot 16 Feb, 1 st w on 9 Apr, 2 Martnaham 13-14 Apr

Autumn-winter	Counts at main sites
Largs-Fairlie	ad on 15-17 Aug
Stevenston	ad on 18-19 Sep
Barassie/Troon harbour/ Meikle Craigs	3 on 6-Jul, 14 on 16 Jul, 21 on 17 Jul, 12 on 3 Aug, 4 on 20 Aug, 12 on 22 Aug, 18 on 29 Aug, 26 on 4 Sep, 38 on 15 Sep included 19 ads/4 x 2 nd w/8 x 1 st w, 2 on 5 Nov, 1 on 20 Dec
Pow Burn	1 st s and 2 nd s 1 Jul, 4 on 12 Aug, 11 on 7 Oct, 5 on 1 Nov
Maidens	ad and 1 st s on 22 Jul, 2 x 1 st w on 28 Aug- 5 Sep, 1 till 19 Nov, 2 nd w on 4 Oct, 3 on 25 Oct, ad on 24 Nov
Other	2 ads Doonfoot 26 Jul, 3 on 20 Oct. ad on 13 Dec, ad Kay Park 27 Jul, 1 Collennan 4 Sep, 1 Muirhead 24 Sep, ad Dean Park 7 Oct, 11S Prestwick 7 Oct

Common Gull *Larus canus* C B W

Breeding pairs or nests were located at Loch Doon (9), Loch Macaterick (2-3), Loch Derclach (2), Loch Riecawr (2). 7 chicks were ringed at Hunterston.

Counts: 224 Pow Burn 6 Jan, 127 Balkenna 12 Jan, 637 Barassie 26 Jan, 562 on 27 Feb, 394 on 5 Mar, 50 Barassie 3 Aug, 55 Dipple 13 Sep, 200 Doonfoot 6 Oct, 200 Blairbowie 12 Oct, 600 Trabboch 26 Oct, 1625 Barassie 27 Dec.

Great Black-backed Gull *Larus marinus* C B W P

Breeding: Approx 90 prs Lady Isle

Counts: 70 Shewalton 30 Jan, 20 Doonfoot 11 Mar, 11 Maidens 25 Mar, 20 Doonfoot 3 Aug, 26 Troon harbour 7 Sep, 27 on 13 Nov, 44 Barassie 19 Oct.



1st Winter Glaucous Gull at Troon – Dave Grant

Glaucous Gull *Larus hyperboreus* C W s P

Winter-spring	
Saltcoats/Stevenston Point	1 st w on 2-28 Feb, 2 x 1 st w on 20-23 Feb
Irvine/Shewalton	1 on 17 Feb
Troon	2 x 1 st w on 19-Jan-23 Feb, 1 till 6 Apr
Elsewhere	1 st w Maidens-Dipple 7-27 Mar, 2 x 1 st w on 9-13 Mar, 1 st w Doonfoot 27-Feb-7-Mar



Adult Iceland Gull in troon Harbour – Dave Grant

Iceland Gull *Larus glaucooides* U W P

Irvine/Shewalton	1 st w on 3-5 Jan, ad on 6 Jan-11 Feb, 1 st w on 30 Jan-18 Mar
Troon	ad on 20 Jan, 1 st w on 24 Jan, ad on 12-16 Mar
Pow Burn	1 st w on 1-3 Jan

Elsewhere	1 st w Ochiltree 19 Jan, 1 st w Girvan Mains 23 Feb, 1 st w Auchenairney-Drumellan 24 Feb to 11 Apr, ad Skares 9 Apr, ad Drumellan 11 Apr, 1 st w/s Doonfoot 18 Apr, 1 st w/s Springside 15 May, 1 st s Lady Isle 18 May
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Autumn-winter	
Troon	adN on 6 Nov

Kumlien's Gull *Larus glaucoides kumlieni* A

A 2ndw *kumlieni* at Shewalton on 12 Feb (RHH) was the first Ayrshire record of this sub-species.



Adult Herring Gull on Lady Isle – Dave Grant

Herring Gull *Larus argentatus* C B W

Breeding: approx. 800 prs Lady Isle, 50-60 prs Currarie Port, 8-10 prs Craigantezart, 12 prs Garry Point, 3-4 prs March Burn. Very low productivity at south Ayrshire sites – only 1 juv seen at Garry Point.

Counts: 404 Shewalton 6 Jan, 700 Lendalfoot 11-Jan, 800 Troon 19 Jan, 634 on 23 Feb, 674 Barassie 27 Jul, 741 on 5 Sep, 400 Doonfoot 3-Aug, 330 Dipple 13 Sep, 765 Munnoch Res 29 Sep, 560 Fail 10 Oct, 437 Dreghorn 26 Oct, c1200 Trabboch 26 Oct, 550 Lendalfoot 31 Dec.



Lesser Black-backed Gull about to kick an Oystercatcher – Dave Grant

Lesser Black-backed Gull *Larus fuscus* C B S p

Breeding: approx. 400 prs Lady Isle, 3 birds Currarie Port.

Arrival: 6 Barassie 22 Feb, 20 on 27 Feb, 10 Auchenhavie 3 Mar, 19 Doonfoot 5 Mar, 137 North Hourat 9 Mar, 400 Bombo Burn Dalry 23 Mar.

In the autumn: 562 Barassie 2 Jul, 542 on 4 Sep, 190 Doonfoot 22 Sep.

Wintering adults included 3 Troon- Barassie 7-26 Jan, 3 Barassie 21 Dec.

Sandwich Tern *Thalasseus sandvicensis* C (B) S P

15 chicks were ringed at Hunterston

A wintering individual was seen off Saltcoats on 18 Jan.

Arrival was from 25 Mar when 1 at Stevenston Point. Following this, 5 were at Barassie on 28 Mar and 4 at Irvine on 4 Apr, steadily increasing in numbers during early Apr.

Site	Count
Hunterston Sands	21 on 13 Aug, 25 on 15 Aug, 44 on 25 Aug, 62 on 22 Sep
Saltcoats	17 on 18 Apr, 4 on 18 Jun
Stevenston Point	6 on 8 Apr, 59 on 17 Sep
Irvine/Bogside	53 on 17 Jul, 60 on 10 Aug, 33 on 4 Sep
Troon	236 on 12 Jul, 70 on 22 Aug, 223 on 19 Sep
Ayr/Doonfoot	3 on 23 Apr, 20 on 29 Jul, 14 on 23 Aug
Maidens/Turnberry Point	15 on 8 Apr, 19 on 2 May, 18 on 24 Jul, 84 on 19 Aug, 110 on 20 Sep

In the autumn, the last 2 departing birds were seen at Barassie on 12 Oct.

2 birds ringed at Hunterston were recovered at Gansbaai, W Cape, RSA on 13 Nov and 8 Dec.



Common Tern at Finnarts Bay - Angus Hogg

Common Tern *Sterna hirundo* C B S P

Arrival was from 24 Apr when 1 at Bogside. Other spring records included 3 Prestwick 8 May, 2 Finnarts Bay 12 May.

In the summer-autumn period: 2 Ballantrae 30 Jun; 2 Barassie 25 Jul, 1 Irvine 26 Jul, 20 Meikle Craigs 12 Aug, 1 Irvine 13 Aug, 1 Largs 20 Aug.

Arctic Tern *Sterna paradisaea* C B S P

Arrival was from 15 Apr when 6 at Irvine. Other spring records included 1 Saltcoats 18 Apr, 6 on 18 Apr, 2 Ardrossan-Seamill 19 Apr, 2 Turnberry Point 12 May, 2 Ballantrae 28 May.

In the summer-autumn period: 3 Ballantrae 30 Jun, 2 Meikle Craigs 16 Jul, 40 Meikle Craigs 12 Aug, juvS Maidens 21 Sep, 2 Troon 26 Sep.

Great Skua *Stercorarius skua* U S w P

1 off Saltcoats on 5 Apr was the first spring record. 2 Stevenston 26 Apr, 1 Troon 20 Apr, 1 on 4 May, 1 on 4-May, 2 Maidens 14 Jun.

Autumn passage counts	
Irvine	1 on 13 Aug
Troon	1 on 17 Aug
Maidens/Turnberry	1 on 13 Aug, 1 on 11 Sep, 1 on 21 Sep

Pomarine Skua *Stercorarius pomarinus* U P

Passage was extremely poor, with spring producing 1S at Irvine 10 May.

In the autumn 3 Maidens on 27 Aug.

Arctic Skua *Stercorarius parasiticus* U S P

In spring: 1 Irvine 17 Apr, 2N Troon 20 Apr, 1 Turnberry Point 2 May, 3N Balkenna 4-May, 1N Deil's Dyke 4 May, 1N Nebock Rocks 4 May, 1S Maidens 14 Jun.

In the autumn 1 Irvine 18 Sep was the only record.

Little Auk *Alle alle* U W

At least 9 individuals including: 1 Maidens 6 Jan, 1 Saltcoats 23 Jan, 1 Troon 24 Jan, 3N Troon 24 Nov, 1 Stevenston 25 Nov, 2S Maidens 25 Nov.



Common Guillemot in Ayr Harbour – Dave Grant

Common Guillemot *Uria aalge* C B w p

No report from breeding area on Ailsa Craig.

Counts/passage:

Site	Count
Troon	30 on 24 Jan, 10 on 17 Apr, 12 on 14 Jun
Maidens	30 on 14 Jun, 64 on 30 Sep, 27 on 12 Oct
Elsewhere	100 Ardrossan on 18 Aug, 69 Ardrossan on 25 Aug

Razorbill *Alca torda* C B w p

In South Ayrshire 28-30 birds were in attendance at the March Burn breeding site on 30 Jun.

Counts/passage:

Site	Count
Maidens	40 on 8 Apr, 36 on 14 Jun, 84 on 20 Sep, 111 on 30 Sep, 160 on 2 Oct
Elsewhere	86 Stevenston on 5 Jan, 188 Troon on 26 Sep, 62 on 19 Oct

Black Guillemot *Cepphus grylle* C B W p

At breeding sites: 33 birds at Ayr harbour, 18 birds at Troon harbour, 7-10 birds at March Burn, 8 birds at Dove Cove, possibly 2 prs Dipple where 2 × B/2 noted.

Counts: 34 Ayr 7 Feb, 17 (inc 4 juvs) Dipple 5 Sep. 29 Maidens 20 Sep, 22 Ayr harbour 18 Oct.

Atlantic Puffin *Fratercula arctica* U b S p

No reports received from Ailsa Craig.

Birds seen from mainland:

Site	Count
Saltcoats	1 on 21 Feb, 3 on 10 Jun
Troon	1 on 16 Apr, 1 on 4 May, 1 on 19 Oct
Elsewhere	1 Portencross on 21 Apr, 4 Lady Isle 18 May, 1 on 26 Jun

Red-throated Diver *Gavia stellata* C FB W P

A pair was seen on an upland loch on 6 May, 1 was nearby on 13 Jun, but no evidence of breeding.

Monthly peaks	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Skelmorlie-Ardrossan	5									7		15
Ardrossan-Troon	12	6	5	7	3				3		4	5
Troon-Turnberry Point	6	8	15	2	2	2		3	18	17	2	6
Turnberry Point-Finnarts Bay	27	7		8	1	1	1		12	13	6	10

No notable counts or movements were recorded.

Black-throated Diver *Gavia arctica* C (B) W

Monthly peaks	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Skelmorlie-Ardrossan	3			3								
Ardrossan-Troon	1		1	2	2							1
Troon-Turnberry Point	1	6	8	4					1			4
Turnberry Point-Finnarts Bay	31	9			2					21	10	9

No notable movements were recorded, and the highest count was 31 between Kennedy's Pass and Dipple on 11 Jan.

Great Northern Diver *Gavia immer* U W P

Monthly peaks	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Skelmorlie-Ardrossan	1											
Ardrossan-Troon	2				1				1			
Troon-Turnberry Point	2	1	1	2	3				2	1	2	4
Turnberry Point-Finnarts Bay	19	5	6	3	4					3	4	11

No notable counts or movements were recorded.

European Storm Petrel *Hydrobates pelagicus* C FB S p

One record, of a bird, seen from the Arran ferry on 8 Jul, was the year's only record.

Leach's Storm Petrel *Hydrobates leucorhoa* U P

One record of a bird flying S on 14 Jun (DG) was the year's only record.

Northern Fulmar *Fulmarus glacialis* C B P

The decline in breeding numbers continues with 9 AON Culzean, 4 AON Drumshang, 1 AON Bennane Head, 1 AON Pinbain, 1 AON Brackness Hole.

Passage and counts: 73S Maidens 14 Jun was the only notable passage count.

Manx Shearwater *Puffinus puffinus* C S P

Arrival: the first, returning bird was seen at Troon on 23 Mar, with a further 3 between Troon and Stevenston Pont on 26 Mar. 132 gathered off Stevenston Point on 29 Apr.

Summer-autumn counts at main sites were lower than usual.

Site	Count
Portencross	17 on 4, 11 Aug
Saltcoats	200 on 18 Aug
Stevenston Point	500 on 20 Jul
Troon	63 on 28 Jul, 184 on 24 Aug, 86 on 10 Sep
Maidens	550 on 14 Jun, 600 on 13, 18 Aug, 500 S/hr on 16 Aug. 1000 S on 24 Aug, 200 on 16 Sep. Last birds were 20 S/hr on 2 Oct

Northern Gannet *Morus bassanus* C B p

Winter/Spring arrival back in outer Clyde: 2 Greenan and 1 Troon 1 Jan, 1-2 Troon-Doonfoot 2 Jan-13 Feb, Arrival started with 6 off Maidens on 16 Feb, 6 Irvine on 9 Mar, 1 Hunterston on 16 Mar, 150 Barassie-Lady Isle on 23 Mar.

Counts: 112 Turnberry Point on 20 Apr, 150 Maidens on 14 Jun, 95 on 16 Sep, 100 on 2 Oct, 40 on 25 Oct, 169 Troon on 14 Sep, 311S on 19 Sep, 103 Doonfoot 22 Sep, 115 Stevenston Point 22 Sep, 300+ Dipple-Balkenna 25 Sep.

Departure from Clyde and winter records included 1 Doonfoot 7 Nov, 1 Maidens 7 Dec, 2 on 31 Dec.



Great Cormorant drying its wings – Dave Grant

Great Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo* C B p

Breeding: 16 AON Garry Point – 8 nests held 15 large young and 5 small young – 6 still incubating and 2 failed, 3 AON Brest Rocks – 2 x B/2 noted.

Counts: 27 Troon on 7 Jan, 18 on 16 Apr, 22 on 19 Sep, 10 on 23 Oct, 19 Irvine harbour on 11 Jan, 10 Glenfoot on 12 Jan, 12 Martnaham Loch on 29 Jan, 13 on 3 Mar, 15 New Cumnock on 16 Feb, 30 Ayr 23 Feb, 21 on 28 Apr, 33 on 18 Oct, 17 Lady Isle on 24 Apr, 23 on 17 Jul, 19 Turnberry on 24 Jul, 20 Ardrossan harbour on 5 Aug, 18 Dipple on 25 Sep, 18 Kennedy's Pass on 3 Oct, 10 Stevenston Point on 24 Nov.

Inland: 24 Martnaham Loch on 14 Apr.

European Shag *Gulosus aristotelis* C B w

Counts	
Hunterston-Portencross	17 on 28 Aug, 14 on 9 Dec
Stevenston Point	10 on 24 Nov
Irvine hbr mouth	12 on 10 Aug, 32 on 4 Sep
Troon-Barassie	21 on 7 Jan, 22 on 2 Apr, 22 on 19 Jun, 36 on 31 Jul, 46 on 16 Aug, 64 on 28 Sep, 46 on 14 Oct, 41 on 20 Nov, 25 on 2 Dec
Ayr	16 on 30 Mar, 23 on 26 Apr, 57 on 18 Oct, 40 on 22 Nov, 42 on 11 Dec
Turnberry Bay	113 on 20 Jan, 19 on 8 Apr

Spoonbill *Platalea leucorodia* R P

1 flew E over Beith 11 April (DL)



Grey Heron at Ayr harbour - Angus Hogg

Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea* C B w

There were no nesting reports from breeding sites, although a count of 12 at Ardeer on 24 Mar suggested the site was still active – and an ad with 3 juvs was noted nearby on 12 Jun, 2ads and juv Trabboch 3 Jun possibly bred nearby.

Counts and migrants: 27 Hunterston lagoon on 12 Jan, 19 on 25 Jul, 23 on 15 Aug 30 on 15 Sep, 17 on 10 Oct, 27 on 9 Dec, 16 on 24 Dec, 6 Stair 28 Jan, 9 Goat's Green on 9 Jun, 13 Bogside on 21 Jul, 8 Barassie on 13 Aug, 11 on 6 Sep, 9 on 23 Sep, 14 on 16 Nov, 19 Irvine harbour on 4 Sep, 9 Dumfries estate on 31 Dec.

Little Egret *Egretta garzetta* U S p

Precise totals for this rapidly expanding species are difficult, but up to 15 individuals were present during year involving the following: 1 Hunterston on 2 Jan-13 Aug, 2 on 15-28 Aug, 3 on 29 Aug, 2 on 5-11 Oct, 3 on 26 Oct-9 Dec, 1 on 25 Dec, 1 Dipple on 18 Feb, 1 Pow Burn on 5-11 Jan, 20 Mar-17 May, 1 Barassie-Loans on 7 Jan-4 Apr, 1 Culzean on 15 Jan, 24 Mar, 1 Ashgrove Loch on 23 Jan, 1 Ayr harbour-Heads of Ayr on 25 Jan-7 Mar, 1 Ballantrae on 10 Feb, 2 Garnock Floods-estuary on 18 Feb-22 Mar, 1 on 30 Mar-9 Apr, 1 on 24-29 Dec, 1 Minishant-Blairbowie-Maybole on 6-17 Mar, 1 Seamill on 7 May, 1 Maidens on 10, 30 Sep, 1 Kilbirnie Loch on 27 Dec.

Osprey *Pandion haliaetus* R FB P

Breeding: 3 sites were occupied: 2 pairs failed, with 2 young being reared at the Loch Doon site.

In spring: first of year was the returning female at Loch Doon on 6 Apr, another was seen at Turnberry Point on 11 Apr.

In autumn: singles were seen at Meikle Craigs on 3 Aug, Rozelle on 4 Aug, Bogside on 13 Aug, Hunterston from 15-22 Aug, Belston Loch on 20 Aug, Glen App on 25 Aug, with the last being an ad male flying S at Bogside on 12 Sep.

Golden Eagle *Aquila chrysaetos* U (B)

No records were received



Eurasian Sparrowhawk at Crosshill - Angus Hogg

Eurasian Sparrowhawk *Accipiter nisus* C B

Birds were noted in suitable breeding habitat at Rozelle, Tranew, Craigengillan, Shewalton Wood, Dumfries House, Glenshalloch Wood, Oldhall, Ardeer.

Northern Goshawk *Accipiter gentilis* U (B)

Breeding: 10 sites were checked, 8 were occupied by pairs, with 2 pairs producing 3 juvs. One pair failed due to predation, probably by Common Buzzard.

Away from breeding areas: ad m at Martnaham on 25 Jan, juv at Castlehill, Ayr on 29 Aug.

Western Marsh Harrier *Circus aeruginosus* R P (B)

Seven records involving five individuals: ad ♂ Blairbowie/Nether Culzean on 13 Apr (DG *et al.*), ♂ at Garnock lagoons on 4 to 24 May (DGi/TB), imm Garnock lagoons on 1 Sep (TB), juv Bogton Loch on 3 Sep (JB), same flew S Beoch, Loch Doon on 4 Sep (RHH), 1 Garnock Floods on 20 Sep (BDK/CT).

Hen Harrier *Circus cyaneus* U b p

No reports were received from breeding areas.

Migrants and wintering birds were reported from Ashgrove Loch, Bogton Moss, Stevenston, Garnock Floods, Glen App, Bogside, Cronberry.



Red Kite at Loch Doon - Angus Hogg

Red Kite *Milvus milvus* FB A

Records of this species continue to increase with 1 Carnell on 22 Feb, 1 Straiton 13 Mar & on 10 Oct, 1-2 Waterside/Craigengillan/Loch Doon on 18 Mar – 6 Oct, 1 Afton Res on 25 Apr, 2 Knockshinnoch, Rankinston on 3 May, 1 N Balkissock on 4 May, 1 Mauchline on 23 May, 1 New Cumnock on 2 Ju & on 15 Oct, 1 Hollybush on 14 Aug, 1 Kirkoswald on 6 Nov, 1 Martnaham Loch on 21 Nov, 1 Bogside on 26 Nov, 1 Annbank on 29 Dec.

Common Buzzard *Buteo buteo* C B

Breeding: 5+prs Kilkerran, 4 prs Hunterston peninsula, 2 prs Shewalton Wood, single prs Chapelcroft B/2 noted, Holmsford Bridge B/1 noted, Coodham (nest with young found), Barnshean Loch, Ardeer, High Bogside Farm, Hunterston estate, Outerwards, Ayr Gorge, Noddsdale estate, Mochrum Hill, Eglinton CP, Auchinleck estate, Barony, Dumfries House, Barskimming, Aught Wood, Loudoun Hill, Martnaham, Haugh, Barturk, Fail, Trabboch, Portencross, Kirkmichael House, Feoch Meadows, Auchengarth, Catcraig Plantation, Montfode.

Migration/counts: 5 Kilmarnock-Knockentiber cycle track on 1 Jan, 12 Pinwherry on 24 Mar, 11 Fail on 4 Sep - 10 flew S, 7 Dundonald Camp on 4 Sep.

Barn Owl *Tyto alba* C B

A very poor breeding season. 34 sites were checked, 14 successful pairs producing 30 young. 9 sites were unoccupied, 10 pairs did not breed and the brood of 4 in the table below was assessed as unlikely to survive (DG/JT).

Brood size	1	2	3	4
No of broods	1	11	1	1*

In addition, a pair reared B/5 at Fenwick, a pair laid C/8 at Windyhill, and a pair probably bred at Auchencloigh.

Other records: 1 South Wood on 1 Jan & on 11 Feb, 1 Martnaham on 7 Jan, 1 Craigs Wood on 8 Jan, 1 Low Holehouse on 11 Jan, 1 Annbank on 25 Jan, 1 Shieldhill on 4 Feb & on 10 Sep & on 13 Oct, 1 Hunterston on 4 & 6 Mar, 1 Symington on 8 Mar, 1 North Hourat on 13 Mar, 1 Dumfries House on 4 Apr, 1 Martnaham Loch on 7 Apr, 1 Corton on 10 Apr, 1 Crosshands on 10 Apr, 1 Castlehill on 29 Jul, 1 Feoch Meadows on 14 Aug, 1 Craigs of Kyle on 8 Sep, 1 Bogside on 14 Sep, 1 Kirkmichael on 24 Oct.

Long-eared Owl *Asio otus* U b

No records of this elusive owl were received.

Short-eared Owl *Asio flammeus* C B W p

No reports on breeding were received.

Counts/migrants: 1 Bogside on 20 Mar, 1 Prestwick airport on 24 Mar. In the autumn/winter period 2 Bogside on 12 Sep & 3 on 20-27 Sep & 4 on 15 Oct & between 1 and 3 until 24 Dec when possibly 4, 1 Cronberry on 19 Nov, 1 Pow Burn on 4-5 Dec.

Tawny Owl *Strix aluco* C B

Breeding pairs or territorial birds were noted at Cumnock Burn Dalmellington (juv heard), Hunterston, Barnshean Loch, Garnock conifer belt, Greeto Falls, Oaknowe, Castlehill Ayr, Hawking Craig, Tranew coup, Ardneil Bank Wood, Corsehill Mount, Martnaham.

In winter singles were reported from Fenwick, Greeto Falls, Loans, Castlehill, Eglinton CP.



Male Common Kingfisher on the Slaphouse Burn - Angus Hogg

Common Kingfisher *Alcedo atthis* U b

During the breeding season, birds or pairs in suitable breeding habitat were seen at Annick Water: Capringstone to Milgarholm Park (3 prs), Dumfries House, Garnock Floods, Pow Burn, Gadgirth, Ladyton Loch, Tarryholme, Holmsford Bridge.

In the autumn dispersing birds were seen at the following locations: 1 Fairlie Sands on 15 Aug, 2 Upper Garnock estuary on 18 Aug, 1 Bogside on 9 Sep, 1 Kilbirnie Loch on 22 Sep, 1 Heads of Ayr on 10 Dec, 1 Dipple on 26 Dec.

Winter records included 1 Knockentiber 1 & 5 Jan, 1 Ballast Bank Troon 2 & 19-21 Jan & 8 Mar, 1 Cumnock on 2 Jan, 1 Slaphouse Burn on 3-15 Jan & 2 on 18 Jan & 1 on 3 Mar, 1 Pow Burn on 6-11 Jan, 1 Dipple on 9 Jan, 1 Stevenston Point on 12 Jan, 1 Knockshinnoch lagoons on 20 Feb, 1 Auchincruive on 28 Feb.

Great Spotted Woodpecker *Dendrocopos major* C B

During the breeding season, birds or pairs in suitable breeding habitat were seen at Shewalton Wood, Eglinton CP, Barnshean Loch, Auchinleck estate, Auchincruive, Ballochmyle, Oldhall Ponds, Aught Wood, Blair, Glenmard Wood, Kilgrammie, Rozelle, Culzean, Dumfries House, Kemp Law, Collennan, Haugh, Craigengillan, Noddsdale estate, Templand, Kilmaurs, Beith E, Hunterston House, Ayr Gorge, Garnock Floods, Tarryholme, Dalreoch, Barony, Loch Fergus, Martnaham, Barturk, Braehead, Kirkmichael, Windyhill, Glen Afton, Portencross, Ness Glen, Outerwards, Waterhead, Failford, Blairquhan, Ballochling, Tranew coup, Knowes Farm, Drumlamford, Knockshinnoch lagoons, Coodham, Craigie.

The first 2 drumming birds were heard at Fullarton Woods on the early date of 7 Jan.

Green Woodpecker *Picus viridis* U (B)

The male from the 2017 breeding site at Craigencallie remained until 16 Feb.

Common Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus* C B

Breeding summary (GSR)			
Number of territories checked	41	Average young per breeding pair	2
% Occupation	56	Average young per successful pair	2.6
No of clutches known	7	No. of breeding attempts failed	5
Average clutch size	4.7	% Failed	26
% Of eggs which hatched	76	% Brood survival	84
Number of results known	19	Number of young ringed	18

Merlin *Falco columbarius* C b W

No reports were received from breeding areas.

Wintering birds/ or migrants were noted as follows: 1 Ashgrove Loch on 4 & 29 Jan, 1 Dipple on 10 Jan, ♂ Gypsy Pool on 26 Jan, 1 Shieldhill on 24 Feb & 18 & 25 Nov, 1 Drongan on 1 Mar, 1 Garnock Floods on 24 Mar, 1 Pinwherry on 24 Mar, 1 Hunterston on 28 Mar, 1 Bogton Loch on 14 Apr, 1 Maidens on 25 Oct, juv Crossraguel on 6 Nov, 1 Barnshean on 18 Nov, 1 Cronberry on 18 Nov, ♀ Hogston on 19 Nov, 1 Airds Moss on 20 Nov, ♂ Prestwick on 24 Nov, 1 Pow Burn on 12 Dec, 1 Craigs of Kyle on 14 Dec, 1 Lilylaw on 18 Nov.



Adult female Peregrine Falcon in South Ayrshire - Angus Hogg

Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus* C b w

Of the 45 sites which were checked, 23 were occupied by pairs, 4 by single birds. 13 pairs reared 28 young to fledging stage, and the outcome was unknown at a further 4 sites, 2 of which had hatched young (SSRSG).

Winter sightings were widespread and mostly from coastal locations.

Ring-necked Parakeet *Psittacula krameria* E b

A pair with juv at Kay Park on 20 Jul would suggest breeding of this non-native species occurred nearby.

3 Kay Park 5 Jul, 4 Piersland Park Kilmarnock on 20 Jul & 16 Nov.

Eurasian Jay *Garrulus glandarius* C B

Birds seen in suitable breeding areas during the breeding season included the following: Martnaham, Glen Afton, Rozelle, Dumfries House, Kirkmichael House, Ballochling, Kilkerran, Ness Glen, Eglinton CP, Loch Riecawr, Mochrum Hill, Whitelee Forest, Glen App, Morriston Farm, Dean Castle CP, Craigengillan.

In winter, mostly singles, but up to 6 birds were noted at Bogside flats, Changue, Auchinleck estate, Fail, Sorn, Annbank, Doonside, Galston, Dumfries House, Dailly, Tairlaw, North Hourat, Barnshean Loch, Beoch Farm, Middleyard, Glenmard, Carnell, Barclaugh Wood, Woodroad Park, Ferguslea.

Black-billed Magpie *Pica pica* C B

Breeding prs included 3 prs Muirhead (juv noted), 3 prs Irvine beach park, 3 prs Shewalton Wood, 2 prs Troon Deveron Road, pr Collennan (juv noted), pr Loans (juv noted).

Counts included 36 Kilmarnock-Knockentiber cycle track on 1 Jan, 13 Capringstone on 5 Jan, 6 Annbank on 8 Jan, 7 Irvine beach park on 11 Jan, 10 Collennan on 24 Feb, 8 Muirhead on 4 Mar & 8 on 14 Sep & 8 Hunterston on 18 Mar, 14 Garnock Floods on 15 Apr, 6 Irvine Bourtreehill on 20 Sep, 6 Ayr Northfield on 22 Sep, 8 Barassie on 25 Sep, 6 Ayr harbour on 29 Sep, 8 Bogside flats on 15 Oct, 9 Gypsy Pool on 17 Oct, 14 Saltcoats harbpour on 24 Oct, 20 Kilmarnock-Dreghorn cycle track on 26 Oct, 8 Irvine harbour on 17 Nov, 14 Troon Darley GC on 23 Dec.

Eurasian Jackdaw *Corvus monedula* C B w

No significant breeding records were received.

High counts, frequently in association with Rooks: 100 Coylton on 1 Jan, 462 Kilmarnock-Knockentiber cycle track on 1 Jan, 900 Hunterston on 5 Jan, 146 Dipple on 12 Jan, 913 Muirhead on 30 Mar, 147 Springside-Dreghorn on 6 Jul, 203 Loans on 12 Jul, 363 Collennan on 18 Jul, 160 Gypsy Pool on 12 Aug, 101 Doonfoot on 20 Sep, 200 Ayr harbour on 24 Sep, 187 Kilmarnock-Dreghorn cycle track on 26 Oct, 137 Crosshouse on 7 Dec, 110 Laighdykes on 29 Dec.

Rook *Corvus frugilegus* C B

Only one rookery count recorded: 146 AON Maybole study area.

No large winter flock counts noted, but 378 Kilmarnock-Knockentiber cycle track on 1 Jan, 173 Loans on 1 Jan, 124 Milton on 2 Jan, 300 Hunterston on 5 Jan, 168 Martnaham Mains on 29 Jan, 110 Southhook Bridge on 7 Jul, 160 Raws on 9 Jul, 107 Gypsy Pool on 13 Aug.

Carrion Crow *Corvus corone* C B

No significant breeding reports were received.

Counts: 100 Coylton on 1 Jan, 56 Milton on 7 Jan, 63 Dipple on 12 Jan, 60 Broomfield Cumnock on 1 Mar, 72 Martnaham Mains on 7 Apr, 100 Langholm Lugar on 27 May, 76 Barassie on 10 Jul, 100 High Clewson 11 Aug, 120 Ayr harbour on 24 Sep, 150 Doonfoot on 9 Oct.

Hybrid Carrion x Hooded Crows were noted at the following locations: 1 Pow Burn on 10 Feb, up to 5 in the Hunterston peninsula area on 9 Mar-25 Dec, ad and juv Newton shore on 27 Jul, 1 Ayr harbour on 17 Dec.

Hooded Crow *Corvus cornix* U (b) p

Singles were noted at Heads of Ayr on 20 Jan, Stevenston on 20 Jan, Doonfoot on 23 Mar, Hunterston on 14 Apr to 10 Oct, Upper Garnock estuary on 14 Apr, Kilmarnock-Dreghorn cycle track on 26 Oct, Carbellow on 1 Dec.

Common Raven *Corvus corax* U b

47 sites were checked, 36 of which were occupied. 30 pairs laid eggs and 28 pairs reared 78+ young where the outcome was known. (SSRSG)

Pre-roost counts: 16 Outerwards on 7 Aug, 22 Mochrum Hill on 6 Nov.

Bohemian Waxwing *Bombycilla garrulus* R w P

Low numbers in late autumn-winter.

Site	Peak counts
Stevenston	10 on 23 Nov
Irvine	20 on 10 Dec
Troon	1 on 18 Nov
St Quivox	12 on 23 Dec
Dalmellington	1 on 26 Nov
Girvan	2 on 11 Nov

Coal Tit *Periparus ater* C B

Breeding or territorial records included 6 singing ♂♂ Shewalton Wood – 6 juvs noted, 6 singing ♂♂ Fullarton Woods, 3 singing ♂♂ Kemp Wood, 2 singing ♂♂ Collennan, fledged brood also noted Capringstone.

Counts and post-breeding groups included 20 Rozelle on 13 Jan, 33 Shewalton Wood on 12 Feb, 15 Aught Wood on 23 Feb, 19 Fullarton Woods on 22 Mar & 30 Jul, 20 Windyhill on 22 Dec.

Willow Tit *Poecile montanus* U b

The only records received for this declining species would perhaps indicate the presence of 2 territories still being maintained. Two at north-west end of Bogton Loch on 13 Jan and 2 Craigengillan estate on 29 Jan.

Blue Tit *Cyanistes caeruleus* C B

Breeding was noted at Kilmarnock-Irvine cycle track where 14 singing ♂♂, also noted at Kemp Law, Collennan, Gypsy Pool, Garnock Floods, Troon Cemetery, Muirhead, Fullarton Woods, Shewalton Wood, Rashill House.

Counts and post-breeding groups included 14 Aught Wood on 9 Jan, 16 Annbank on 17 Jan, 27 Fullarton Woods on 30 Jul, 29 Shewalton on 4 Aug, 17 Irvine Bourtreehill on 20 Sep, 20 Kilmarnock-Dreghorn on 26 Oct.

Great Tit *Parus major* C B

Breeding or territorial birds noted at Kilmarnock-Irvine cycle track where 25 singing ♂♂, also noted at Aught Wood, Collennan, Fullarton Woods, Garnock Floods, Gypsy Pool, Kemp Law, Muirhead, Rashill House, Shewalton Wood.

Counts included 18 Kilmarnock-Knockentiber cycle track on 1 Jan, 11 Dumfries House on 4 Aug, 10 Collennan on 24 Oct, 17 Annbank on 3 Dec, 11 Milton on 6 Dec.

Sky Lark *Alauda arvensis* C B W P

Breeding or territorial ♂♂ noted at Prestwick-Troon (12), Turnberry GC (min 9), Dundonald Camp (7), Airds Moss (7), Feoch Meadows (6), Noddsdale estate track (4), Garnock Floods (4), Knockentiber-Springside (3), Pow Burn (min 6), Earlstoun (2), Collennan, Crosshouse (2), Loans (2), Muirhead, Gypsy Pool, Kemp Law, Shewalton Wood, Carmel Bank, Fortacres, Muirhouse, Busbie Cottage, Townend of Caprington, Shaw Bridge, West Moorfield Cottage, Laigh Langside, Burnbank, Gales Marsh.

Autumn passage: 26 Fail on 10 Oct & 36 on 8 Nov, 72 Kilmarnock-Knockentiber cycle track on 22 Oct, 185 Kilmarnock-Dreghorn cycle track on 26 Oct.

Winter and autumn counts included 66 Kilmarnock-Knockentiber cycle track on 1 Jan, 200 High Greenan on 20 Jan, 129 Loans on 3 Mar, 150 Hogston Farm on 19 Nov, 68 Loans on 24 Dec.

Sand Martin *Riparia riparia* C B S p

Breeding was reported from Rashill House Annick Water (40+ birds on site), Gales Marsh (12 AON), Holmsford Bridge (6 AON), Dalnaw (6 AON). The Ballantrae site held no birds.

Arrival was from 4 Apr when 1 arrived at Trabboch. This was followed by 1 at Garnock Floods on 5 Apr, 3 there on 6 Apr, with 1 also at Irvine beach park on 6 Apr. Spring counts included 40 Martnaham Loch 11 Apr.

Counts and autumn departure: 20 Barony on 1 Sep, 2 Garnock Floods on 13 Sep, last 1 Hunterston Sands on 15 Sep.

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica* C B S p

20 prs Kirriereoch on 15 Jun was a notable breeding season record.

Arrival was from 5 Apr when 2 were at Annbank and 1 at Culzean. These were followed by 3 at Garnock Floods plus singles at Irvine beach park and Trabboch on 6 Apr. Spring counts included 23 Shewalton on 11 Apr, 21 Hunterston and 28 Kilmarnock-Irvine cycle track on 29 Apr, 80 Munnoch on 1 May, 50+ Hunterston on 2 May.

Counts and autumn departure: 34 Craigie on 4 Jul, 30 Trabboch on 22 Jul, 30 Irvine harbour on 26 Jul, 50 Mains Farm Skelmorlie on 22 Aug, 200+ Hunterston on 26 Aug & 100 on 14 Sep, 120 Martnaham Loch on 29 Aug & 295 on 8 Sep, 130 Collennan on 4 Sep, 24 Hunterston on 10 Oct, 1 Seamill on 29 Oct, last records involved 1 at Prestwick on 30 Oct and 4 at Doonfoot on 31 Oct.

House Martin *Delichon urbica* CB S p

Breeding was reported from New Farm Loch Kilmarnock where 25 AON and Castleview Dundonald where 7 AON. 25 birds still collecting mud at Doonfoot 26 Jul.

Arrival was from 9 Apr when 4 were at Dumfries House. These were followed by 2 at Trabboch Loch on 14 Apr, 2 at Barony and 1 at Beith on 18 Apr. Spring counts included 30 Goat's Green on 1 Jun, 20 Feoch Meadows on 9 Jun, 22 Templand Cumnock on 17 Jun.

Counts and autumn departure: 30 Dumfries House on 2 Aug, 30 Marine Hotel Troon on 7 Aug, 30 Feoch Meadows on 14 Aug, 500+ Hunterston on 26 Aug, 100 Fairlie Bay on 28 Aug, 30 Martnaham Loch on 29 Aug, 70 Collennan on 4 Sep, last records for the year were 6 at Kirkmichael on 12 Oct and 1 flying south at the Low Green Ayr on 9 Nov.

Long-tailed Tit *Aegithalos caudatus* C B

Birds were noted in suitable breeding habitat at Knockentiber-Springside, Holmsford Bridge, and the Annick/Irvine confluence - fledged broods were noted at all locations.

Counts included 17 Annbank on 1 Jan, 12 Shewalton Wood on 12 Feb & 6 Jul, 10 New Cumnock on 26 Feb, 12 Bogside on 9 Jun, 16 Kirkmichael on 9 Jun, 22 Dreghorn roundabout on 7 Jul, 10 Fairlie on 20 Aug, 10 Garnock lagoons on 29 Sep, 18 Hunterston on 10 Oct, 13 Collennan on 15 Oct, 20 Kilmarnock-Dreghorn cycle track on 26 Oct, 22 Stevenson Court Largs on 20 Nov, 11 Hurlford Bridge on 23 Nov.

Wood Warbler *Phylloscopus sibilatrix* U B S p

The year's only record was 2 at Ness Glen on 28 May.

Willow Warbler *Phylloscopus trochilus* C B S P

Breeding birds or singing ♂♂ were reported from Garnock E, W, N, and Floods (89), Kilmarnock-Irvine cycle track (44), Knockentiber-Springside cycle track (31), Ardeer boundary fence (22), Stinchar Falls (16), Todhill Community Woodland (12), Garpel Bridge (12), Outerwards (11), Kemp Law (11), Ardeer Fen (11), Craigengillan (11), Knockshinnoch lagoons (10), Ness Glen (10), Tranew coup (10), Martnaham Loch (9), Turnberry GC (8), Ardeer Quarry (7), Collennan Res/Aught Wood (7), Tarbert Hill (6), Trabboch Loch (6), Kirkmichael (6), Hillhouse (5+), Rozelle (5), Munnoch Res (5), Irvine Moor (5), Ladyton Loch (4), Heads of Ayr (4), Ayr Gorge (4), Oldhall Ponds (4), Collennan (4), Hunterston (3), Coal Hill (3), Auchecloigh Wood (3), Drumore Loch (3), Gypsy Pool (3), Whitelee Forest (3), Gales Marsh (3), Mainholm (2), Hawking Craig (2), Greenan (2), Darley GC (2), Bracken Bay (2), Failford (2), Airds Moss (2), Catcraig Plantation (2), Boydston Braes, Barr, Bower Hill, Fail, Barony, East Balig, Capringstone, Ayr Hospital, South Whittlieburn, Whittlieburn House, Windyhill, Brisbane Mains, Largs Waste Water Treatment Works, Noddsdale cottages, Gulls Walk, Poteath, Dalrymple, Goat's Green, Eglinton CP, Ardneil, Tourgill Bridge, Northbank, Marr College, Busbiehill, Fardalehill. Warwickdale, Fergushill, Corsehill Mount, Haugh, Barony.

Arrival was from 29 Mar when 1 was at Shewalton Wood. This was followed by 1 at Templand Cumnock on 5 Apr, 2 at Garnock lagoons on 7 Apr, 9 at Shewalton Wood, 3 at Turnberry GC, 2 at Dunure and singles at Trabboch and Pinbraid on 8 Apr. A big arrival was noted from 20 Apr – very high numbers noted Glen App 23 Apr.

In the autumn the last singles were seen at Gypsy Pool on 11 Sep and Muirhead on 22 Sep.

Common Chiffchaff *Phylloscopus collybita* C B S w p

At least 162 territories or singing ♂♂ were recorded including Garnock W, N, lagoons and Floods (15), Stinchar Falls (11), Kilmarnock-Irvine cycle track (6), Todhill Community Centre (5), Kirkmichael (5), Ladyton Loch (5), Gadgirth (4), Fullarton Woods (4), Kemp Law (4), Kilkerran (min 4), Ardeer boundary fence (3), Hillhouse (3), Bogside (3), Capringstone (3), Gypsy Pool (3), Mochrum Hill (3), Ayr Gorge (3), Hunterston House (2), Collennan (2), Kirkbride (2), Bracken Bay (2), Croy Bay (2), Finnarts Bay (2), Collennan Res/Aught Wood (2), Irvine Bourtreehill (2), Ayr Riverside Campus (2), Barr (2), Dumfries House (2), Craigengillan (2), Noddsdale estate track (2), Drumlamford (2), Rozelle, Goat's Green, Ashcraig, Culzean, Greenan, Brisbane Mains, Trabboch Loch, Glen Afton, Gables Marsh, Spier's School Beith, Poteath, Boydston Braes, Tarbert Hill, Laigh Kyleston quarry, Mainholm, Lands of Turnberry, Loch Bradan treatment works, Saltcoats, Largs, East Balig, Failford, Kilruskin Wood, Martnaham, Cairn Hill, Milton, Noddsdale cottages, Irvine Warrix, Dalrymple, Skeldon, Craighead Plantation, Daljarrock, Hallowchapel, Ardneil, Loudoun Hill, Ardeer Fen, Auchinleck estate, New Cumnock, Capringstone, Longbar, Loans, Caprington Mains, Greenhill Knockentiber, Catcraig Plantation, Barnweil, Coodham, Craigie quarry, Whitelee Forest, Fairways View, Middleyard.

Arrival was from 24 Mar when 1 was at Fullarton Woods. This was followed by singles at Bogside on 28 Mar and Oldhall Ponds on 29 Mar. Larger numbers and more widespread by 7-8 Apr.

Departure: 1 was at Muirhead on 28 Sep, and the year's final record involved 2 at Crosshill on 5 Oct.

Wintering birds were noted at Gypsy Pool on 4 Feb & 27 Nov, 1 Craig Tara on 2 Dec.

Sedge Warbler *Acrocephalus schoenobaenus* C B S p

Up to 216 territories or singing ♂♂ were recorded including Garnock E, W, S, lagoons and Floods (68), Pow Burn (16), Ardeer Fen (14), Turnberry GC (8), Pinbraid (8), Ardeer pipe embankment (8), Martnaham Loch (7), Shewalton Wood (7), Trabboch Loch (6), Knockentiber-Springside cycle track (5), Bogton Loch S (4), Hawking Craig (4), Munnoch Res (4), Bogside (4), Nether Culzean (4), Bower Hill (3), Kilmarnock-Irvine cycle track (3), Maidens (2), Isle-Port-Katie Gray's Rocks (2), Ladyton Loch (2), Chapeldonan (2), Shawfarm ind. estate (2), Dalmellington Moss (min 2), Oldhall Ponds (2), Mochrum Loch (2), Moorfield ind. estate (2), Farland Head, Campbelton Farm. Dowhill, Middleyard, Eglinton CP, Greenock Mains, Shewalton sandpit, Coal Hill, Craigmalloch, Little Brigurd, Dundonald Camp, Springwater fishery Dalrymple, Hunterston, Fairways View, Carrick Lane mouth, Kilbirnie Loch, Jenny's Dyke, Gypsy Pool, Loans, Boag Road, Ballantrae, Holmsford Bridge, Irvine/Annick confluence, Gables, Springside.

Arrival was from 19 Apr when 1 was seen at Doomfoot. This was followed by 3 at Drumore Loch and singles at Ardeer Fen, Gypsy Pool, Greenan and Trabboch Loch on 21 Apr.

The last 2 autumn birds were singles seen at Shewalton Wood on 4 Aug and Garnock Floods on 5 Aug.



Common Grasshopper Warbler at Bogton Loch - Angus Hogg

Common Grasshopper Warbler *Locustella naevia* C B S

At least 36 territories or singing ♂♂ were recorded including Ardeer pipe embankment (8), Garnock E, N and lagoons (5), Shewalton Wood (3), Ardeer boundary fence (2), Garnock lagoons (2), Loch Doon (2), Bogton Loch S (2), Hawking Craig (2), Eggnock Dunure (2), Munnoch Res, Greenan, Fairways View, Coal Hill, Ardeer Fen, Bracken Bay, Dupin, Whitelee Forest.

Arrival was from 18 Apr when 1 arrived at Pow Burn. This was followed by 1 at Gypsy Pool on 19 Apr, 3 at Todhill Community Centre and 2 at Ardeer on 21 Apr.

The last 2 autumn birds were singles seen at Outerwards on 31 Jul, and Eglinton CP on 1 Aug.

Blackcap *Sylvia atricapilla* C B S w p

At least 242 territories or singing ♂♂ were recorded including Kilmarnock-Irvine cycle track (17), Shewalton Wood (13), Mainholm (9), Knockentiber-Springside cycle track (8), Kirkmichael (5), Failford (5), Ness Glen (5), Dreghorn-Irvine cycle track (5), Ardeer Fen (5), Garnock N (5), Blairquhan (min 4), Garnock W (4), Todhill Community Centre (4), Finnarts Bay (4), Fullarton Woods (4), Ardeer pipe embankment (4), Heads of Ayr (3), Rozelle (3), Collennan (3), Hillhouse (3), Fairways View (3), Oldhall Ponds (3), Ladyton Loch (3), Garnock Floods (3), Annick/Irvine confluence (3), Mark Glen App (3), Kemp Law (2), Ardeer boundary fence (2), Ayr Riverside Campus (2), Tranew coup (2), Hunterston House (2), Portencross (2), Kilbirnie Loch (2), Greenan (2), Craigengillan (2), Bower Hill (2), Dupin (2), Knockdolian (2), Hunterston roundabout (2), Isle Port-Katie Gray's Rocks (2), Corsehill Mount (2), South Wood (2), Kirkbride (2), Gadgirth (2), Dumfries House (2), Bracken Bay (2), East Balig (2), Tarryholm (2), Woodside Beith (2), Noddsdale estate track (2), Tairlaw (2), Liggetcheek (2), Aught Wood, Gypsy Pool, Loans, Middleyard, Muirhead, Drumellan, Goat's Green, Baltersan, Trabboch Loch, Craigneil, Barclaugh Wood, Crosshill Church, Beith showground, Craigfionn, Balkenna, Shallochwreck cottage, Spier's School Beith, Poteath, Boydston Braes, Tarbert Hill, Hunterston castle, Ayr Gorge, Garnaburn Bridge, Saltcoats, Craigencallie, Aughtshillin Wood, Croy Bay, Croyburnfoot, Joppa, Laigh Woodston, Martnaham Loch, Barassie station, Troon Fullarton Drive, Cloyntie, Milton, Brisbane Mains, Largs waste water treatment works, Outerwards, Purclewan, Carcluie Loch, Skeldon, Loch Riecawr, Threave Farm, Captain's Bridge, Mochrum Hill, Shawfarm ind. estate, Knockdon, Hessilhead, Crosshill Kirklea, Drumlamford, Lovestone, Penwhapple Bridge, Waukmill, Tairlaw Toll, Bougang Farm, Darley GC, Knockshinnoch lagoons, Crosshouse, Barnweil, Coodham, Holmsford Bridge, Meadowhead, Milgarholm Park, Loudoun Kirk, Kilmarnock Townholm, Whitelee Forest, Dean Castle CP, Barbae Wood.

Arrival was from 24 Mar when 1 was at Collennan. Following this came singles at Coylton on 8 Apr, Kemp Law on 9 Apr, Eglinton CP and 2 at Loch Doon on 14 Apr.

Autumn departure saw single birds at Eglinton CP on 6 Sep and on 30 Oct.

Wintering birds in Jan-Mar included singles at Kilmarnock on 1 Jan, Ayr on 4 Jan, another Ayr on 7 Jan, Loans on 20 Jan & 2 on 26 Jan & 1 on 28 Feb, Annbank on 25 Jan-4 Feb, Muirhead on 2 Feb, Auchincruive on 5 Feb

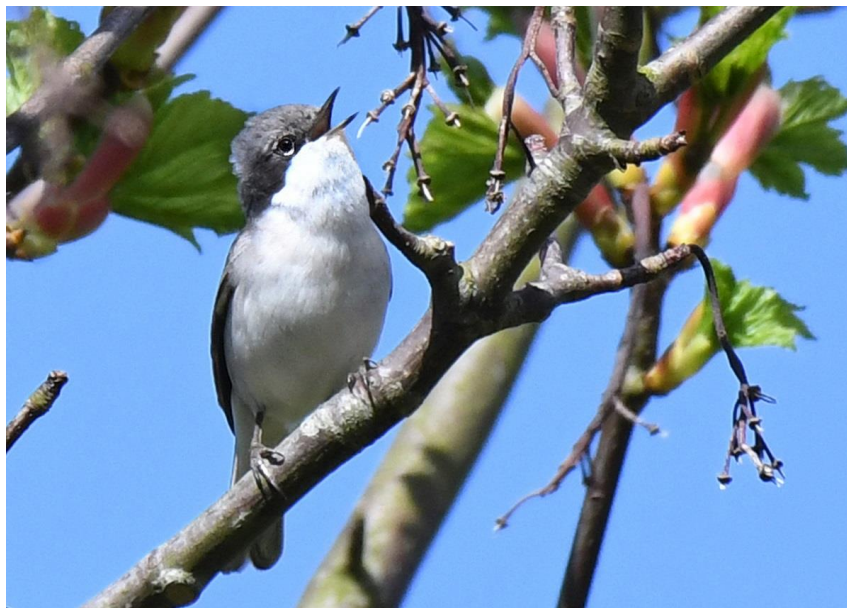
Wintering birds in Oct-Dec included 1 at Auchincruive on 19 Nov.

Garden Warbler *Sylvia borin* C B S p

At least 36 territories or singing ♂♂ were recorded including Ardeer study site (3), Craigencallie (2), Dalcairney (2), Kirkmichael (2), Kirriereoch (2), Garnock W (2), Ayr Gorge (2), Annbank (2), Kilmarnock W, Gadgirth, Finnarts Bay, Barr, Saltcoats, Garnock lagoons, Garnock Floods, Brisbane Mains, Shewalton Wood, Carluie Loch, Loch Riecawr, Ness Glen, Tairlaw, High Altercannoch, Collennan, Aught Wood, Dupin, Knockshinnoch lagoons, Aughtshillin Wood.

Arrival was from 19 Apr when singles were at Kemp Law and Dundonald Wood. These were followed by singles at Garnock Floods on 22 Apr and Greenan on 24 Apr.

No departure date was recorded.



Lesser Whitethroat at Finnarts Bay - Angus Hogg

Lesser Whitethroat *Curruca curruca* U b

11 Lesser Whitethroat territories were found in Ayrshire, 4 located in the study site at I.C.I. Ardeer in Stevenston, the other 7 in coastal areas within North and South Ayrshire (TB).

A full account may be read on page 4 of the report.

Outside the above areas, a further 5 territories or singing ♂♂ were located at Croyburnfoot, Katie Gray's Rocks, Balkenna, Finnarts Bay, Bogside.

Arrival was from 19 Apr when 1 was at Todhill Community Park. The following few days witnessed a large-scale arrival, with 1 at Greenan on 20 Apr, 3 there on 21 Apr, as well as 2 Ardeer boundary fence and 1 at Garnock lagoons, also on 21 Apr.

Common Whitethroat *Curruca communis* C B S p

At least 129 territories or singing ♂♂ were recorded including Turnberry GC (10), Pow Burn (6), Altigabert Burn catchment (5), Knockentiber-Springside cycle track (4), Bower Hill (4), Kilmarnock-Irvine cycle track (3), Finnarts Bay (3), Shewalton Wood (3), Mochrum Hill (3), Bogside (3), Whitelees (2), Garnock Floods (2), Garnock N (3), Garnock lagoons (3), Hunterston Sands (3), Fairways View (2), Maidens (2), Boydston Braes (2), Annbank (2), Ardeer Fen (2), Isle Port-Katie Gray's Rocks (2), Bracken Bay (2), Eggnock Dunure (2), Kirkmichael (2), Dalrymple (2), Barbae Wood (2), Seamill (B/4 noted), Ardeer boundary fence, Garnock W, Hawking Craig, Pow Burn, Laigh Kyleston quarry, Mark Glen App, Nether Culzean, Craigmalloch, Garpel Bridge, Kirriereoch, Pinvalley. Bogton Loch S, Dalmellington N, Gulls Walk, Blairbowie, Fail, Kilkerran, Ardeer pipe embankment, Gales marsh, Loans, Kilruskin Bridge, Barnford, Carcluie Loch, Muirhead, Gypsy Pool, Springwater fishery Dalrymple, Eglinton CP, Carrick Lane mouth, Craigfionn, Loch Riecawr, Tranew coup, Barnshean Loch, Barbellie Wood Straiton, Farroch Brae, Loch Bradan treatment works, Arnshean, Balligmore, Drumlamford, Loch Maberry, Darley GC, Shawfarm ind. estate, Boag Road, Townend of Caprington, West Moorfield cottage, Garry Point, Warwickdale, Langlands Farm, Rashill House, Brownlee, Barnweil, Broadyards Farm, Fairwells, Haughmill, Little Brigurd, Tallaminnoch, Kennedy's Pass, Ballantrae S, Whitelee Forest, New Cumnock.

Arrival was from 20 April when the first bird appeared at Middleyard. This was followed by 1 at Greenan on 21 Apr, and singles at Gypsy Pool, Collennan and Aught Wood on 22 Apr.

In the autumn, the last bird noted was 1 at Gypsy Pool on 30 Aug.

Goldcrest *Regulus regulus* C B p

During the breeding season up to 14 singing ♂♂ were recorded at Fullarton Woods, 5 on the Kilmarnock-Irvine cycle track, 3 at Corsehill Mount (fledged brood noted), 2 at Collennan (where 5 juvs noted), 2 at Shewalton Wood (fledged brood noted). 2 at Todrigs Bridge, 1 at Dreghorn (fledged brood noted), and 1 at Loudoun Kirk (fledged brood noted), Paddocklaw and Earlston.

Counts included 12 Shewalton Wood 27 Mar, 14 Fullarton Woods 15 Jun.



Wren at Girvan Mains - Angus Hogg

Wren *Troglodytes troglodytes* C B

Territorial, singing ♂♂ were heard on the Kilmarnock-Irvine cycle track where 36 on 29 Apr, at Failford (33 on 9 Jun), at Shewalton Wood (23 on 24 Jun), and Kirkmichael (20 on 24 May).

Counts included 15 Kilmarnock-Knockentiber cycle track on 1 Jan, 19 Shewalton Wood on 4 Aug, 18 Kilmarnock-Dreghorn cycle track on 26 Oct.

Nuthatch *Sitta europaea* C B

Pairs in suitable breeding habitat during the breeding season were reported from Ayr Gorge (2+), Rozelle (min 2), Dean Castle CP, Fullarton Woods, Dumfries House, Haugh, Hunterston House, Spier's School Beith, Annbank, Milton, Martnaham, Dalreoch, Knockdolian, Aughtshillin Wood, Craigencallie, Braehead, Ayrshire Central Hospital, Eglinton CP, Craigengillan, Peden's Cave, Kirkmichael, Gadgirth, Glen Afton, Largs, Barony, Dundonald Woods, Howford Bridge, Failford, Kirkbride, Ness Glem, Bank Wood Galston, Templand, Barnweil, Hallowchapel, Braid Wood, Kilmarnock Townholm.



Treecreeper at Dumfries House – Dave Grant

Eurasian Treecreeper *Certhia familiaris* C B

Breeding was recorded at Shewalton Woods (B/3) and also, at Dreghorn, Gales Marsh, Kilmarnock Townholm and Milton Grougar Row where fledged broods were noted.

Birds in suitable breeding habitat during the breeding season were reported from Fullarton Woods, Hoddsdale estate, Ayr Gorge, Milton, Dumfries House, Garnock Floods, Auchincruive, Oldhall Ponds, Collennan, Craigengillan, Trabboch, Irvine Bourtreehill, Rozelle, Kirkmichael, Templand, Ness Glen, Knowes Farm.

Common Starling *Sturnus vulgaris* C B W

Breeding and post-breeding flocks included the following: 43 Collennan inc 23 juvs on 25 May, 160 juvs Haysmuir on 1 Jul, 60 juvs Southhook Bridge on 6 Jul, 80 juvs Hillhouse on 9 Jul, 224 Troon hatbour on 27 Jul, 400 Huntteston on 16 Aug, 300 Ayr harbour on 18 Sep, 400 Stevenston on 20 Sep.

Winter flocks/migrants included 327 Muirhead on 10 Jan & 907 on 27 Feb, 2100 Troon on 6 Nov, 1000 Maryborough Road Prestwick on 14 Nov & 20,000 on 24 Nov, 200 Loans on 17 Dec.

Song Thrush *Turdus philomelos* C B w P

No significant breeding reports.

Counts and migrants included 6 Kilmarnock-Knockentiber cycle track 1 Jan, 10 Ballast Bank Troon on 2 Mar, 9 Fullarton Woods on 5 Mar, 9 Barjarg on 18 Mar, 11 Broomfield Cumnock on 28 Mar, 11 Turnberry GC on 12 May, 6 Kilmarnock-Dreghorn cycle track on 26 Oct.

Mistle Thrush *Turdus viscivorus* C B W

Birds in suitable nesting habitat during the breeding season were noted at Rowantree Toll (B/3 noted), Dumfries House (B/2 noted), Collennan, Loans, Templand, Fullarton Woods, Hunterston, North Hourat, Shieldhill, Shewalton Wood, Eglinton CP, Garnock Floods, Haugh, Aught Wood, Craigengillan, Outerwards, Darley GC, Noddsdale estate, Milton, Auchincruive, Loudoun Hill, Oldhall Ponds, Auchinleck estate, Garpel Bridge, Flashwood, Glen Afton, Gales, Annbank, Ness Glen, Fardalehill, Fairlie, Hunterston roundabout, Brisbane Mains, Knowes Farm, Feoch Meadows, Holmsford Bridge, Meadowhead.

Counts and post-breeding groups: 10 Martnaham on 16 Feb, 11 Fullarton Woods on 22 Jul, 10 Flashwood on 12 Sep, 15 Little Brigurd on 24 Sep.

Redwing *Turdus iliacus* C W P

In the winter-spring period: 43 Milton on 2 Jan, 119 Knockentiber-Springside cycle track on 5 Jan, 43 Stevenston beach on 23 Jan, 50 Eglinton CP on 6 Feb, 68 Dipple on 17 Feb, 55 Garnock lagoons on 3 Mar, 54 Collennan on 4 Mar, 30 Guiltreehill Farm on 5 Mar, 40 Dumfries House on 23 Mar, the last 2 departing birds were at Loudoun Hill on 12 Apr.

Autumn arrival was from 10 Oct when 1 was at Saltcoats. 35 Ashgrove Loch on 17 Oct was followed by a large-scale arrival between 22 and 26 Oct when 100 Crosshill and 503 Knockentiber-Kilmarnock cycle track on 22 Oct, 119 Irvine Bourtreehill on 25 Oct, 100 Fail, 255 Kilmarnock-Dreghorn cycle track and 70 Trabboch 26 Oct.

Common Blackbird *Turdus merula* C B W p

34 singing ♂♂ Kilmarnock-Irvine cycle track was a notable count of birds on breeding territories.

Counts and migrants: 79 Kilmarnock-Knockentiber cycle track on 1 Jan, 25 Annbank on 8 Jan, 29 Kirkmichael on 4 May.

Fieldfare *Turdus pilaris* C W P

In the winter-spring period: 141 Kilmarnock-Knockentiber cycle track on 1 Jan, 131 Knockentiber-Springside cycle track on 5 Jan, 140 Craigens Wood on 5 Jan-25 Feb, 100 Dubbs Road Stevenston on 6 Jan, 100 Hunterston on 13 Jan, 280 Tormitchell-Dalfask on 4 Feb, 100 Barnshean Loch on 7 Feb, 160 Broom Farm on 18 Feb, 102 Fullarton Woods on 5 Mar, 120 Martnaham Loch on 11 Apr, departure on 12 Apr when 214 at Netherwood.

Autumn arrival was from 17 Oct when 200 at Ashgrove Loch. A large arrival occurred between 22 and 26 Oct – 150 Crosshill and 236 Kilmarnock-Knockentiber cycle track on 22 Oct, 200 Fail and 163 Kilmarnock-Dreghorn cycle track on 26 Oct, 150 Hunterston on 10 Nov.

Ring Ouzel *Turdus torquatus* U b S p

The only spring record was a ♂ at Loudoun Hill on 12 Apr.

In the autumn a 1st w ♂ was at Hunterston on 14 Oct.

Spotted Flycatcher *Muscicapa striata* C B S p

Probably under-recorded, with only 12 territories or singing ♂♂ recorded at Ness Glen (2), Gaw Glen (B/2 noted), Kirkmichael, Gadgirth, Hillhouse, Ayrshire Central Hospital, Knowes Farm, Shewalton Wood, Knockshinnoch lagoons, Dalmellington Moss, Aught Wood.

Arrival was from 7 May when singles were discovered in Glen App and Ness Glen.

European Robin *Erithacus rubecula* C B W p

Breeding birds and territorial ♂♂ were reported from Kilmarnock-Irvine cycle track (23), Fullarton Woods (9), Collennan (8),

Counts and migrants included 25 Kilmarnock-Knockentiber cycle track on 1 Jan, 19 Kirkmichael on 7 Jun, 17 Failford on 9 Jun, 17 Fullarton Woods on 16 Sep, 37 Kilmarnock-Dreghorn cycle track on 26 Oct.

Pied Flycatcher *Ficedula hypoleuca* U b s P

Two single ♂♂ at Dalhanna Glen Afton and Knockdolian on 26 Apr were the first arrivals of the year. Another ♂ was at Dalcairney from 5-6 May while 1 was at Troon on 7 May.



1st winter Black Redstart at Girvan Mains - Angus Hogg

Black Redstart *Phoenicurus ochruros* R W p

A 1st w was at Girvan Mains from 10-20 Jan (DG *et al.*), a juv appeared at Largs on 28 Sep (MP), and another 1st w was at Ayr harbour from 1-18 Nov (NG *et al.*).

Eastern Black Redstart *Phoenicurus ochruros phoenicuroides*

A putative 1^{stw} ♂ was at Hogston Farm, Maidens from 13-16 Nov (RHH/DG). - see description on Ayrshire Birding website.

Common Redstart *Phoenicurus phoenicurus* C B S p

Under-recorded, with at least 14 territories or singing ♂♂ at Ness Glen (4), Craigengillan (2), Glenauchie (2), Glen Afton, Craigencallie, Loch Macaterick, Loch Riecawr, Atigabert Burn, Knockshinnoch lagoons.

Arrival was from 15 Apr when 1 was at Lanfine estate. The next arrival involved 2 ♂♂ at Ness Glen on 21 Apr.

Whinchat *Saxicola rubetra* C B S p

At least 19 territories or singing ♂♂ were reported from Outerwards (3), Garpel Water Muirkirk (2), Aligabert Burn catchment (2), Glessel Hill (2), Ferret of Keith Moor, Garpel Bridge, Beoch Farm, Ballochbeatties, Barwinnock, Dalnaw, Laggan Bridge, Loch Duisk, Derclach Loch, Noddsdale estate.

Arrival was from 21 Apr when 2 at Loans and 1 at Monkton. This was followed by 1 at Munnoch Res on 25 Apr.

Stonechat *Saxicola torquata* C B

At least 44 territories or singing ♂♂ were recorded at Pow Burn (4 prs – B/2, B/1 noted), Western Gales (3), Royal Troon GC (2), Nether Culzean (2), Gypsy Pool (B/2 noted), Gales Marsh (B/1 noted), Dipple, Seamill, Balkenna, Maidens, Doonfoot, Hunterston Sands, Gulls Walk, Doonfoot, South Inch, Irvine beach park, Barnshean Loch, Garnock Floods, Upper Garnock estuary, Ardeer dunes, Ardrossan, Craigmalloch, Turnberry GC, Grey Hill, Pinbain, Loudoun Hill, Croy Bay, Ferret of Keith Moor, Lendalfoot, Shewalton Moss, Feoch Meadows, Loch Doon, Outerwards, Nelson's Cove, Kennedy's Pass, Ailsa Craig.

Wintering birds were reported from Troon South Beach (6), Heads of Ayr (3), Bogside (3), Pow Burn (2), Maidens (2), Balkenna (2), Dipple (2), Girvan Mains (2), Girvan (2), Lendalfoot (2), Greenan (2), Sauchrie Burn (2), Hunterston (2), Ardrossan (2), Heathfield (2), Barnshean Loch (2), Stevenston LNR, Whitelee wind farm (2), Black Neuk, Barassie Stinking Rocks, Irvine beach park, Hawking Craig, Garnock Floods, Gypsy Pool, Doonfoot, Shewalton, Seamill, Kilbirnie Loch, Cronberry.

Northern Wheatear *Oenanthe oenanthe* C B S P

Territories or singing ♂♂ were recorded at Loch Finlas-Derclach Loch (5), Glessel Hill-Garpel Bridge (3), Outerwards, Loudoun Hill, Barr, Bennane Head, Catburn, Garpel Bridge, Chirmorrie, Knock Hill, Cairn Table.

Arrival was from 15 Mar when 1 was at Maidens. This was followed by singles at Prestwick and Seamill on 18 Mar and Hunterston Sands on 25 Mar.

Spring passage of Greenland *O. o. leucorrhoa*: 4 Dundonald Camp on 22 Apr, 11 Maidens on 5 May, 3 on 10 May, 6 Hunterston on 5 May. In the autumn: 2 Meikle Craigs on 4 Sep, 1 Fail on 4 Sep, 1 Blairbowie on 18 Sep, 1 Maidens on 18 Sep.

In the autumn the last birds were 5 at Seamill and 1 at Fail on 15 Oct, 1 at Garnock Floods on 17 Oct.

White-throated Dipper *Cinclus cinclus* C B

Birds in suitable habitat during the breeding season were noted at Knockentiber, Broomfield Cumnock, Dumfries House, Ayr Gorge, Gadgirth, Capringstone, Haugh, Templand, Fairlie, Auchincruive, Ochiltree, Dalgarn, Eglinton CP, Milton, Barturk, Craigengillan, Glen Afton, Howford Bridge, Kirkmichael, Greenock Mains, Failford, Blairquhan, Tibbie's Brig, Dalry, Dean Castle CP.

Eurasian Tree Sparrow *Passer montanus* C B

An estimated 40 prs were recorded in the Kilmarnock area (FS).

Counts included: 35 Fail 15 Sep, 92 Kilmarnock-Knockentiber 22 Oct, 60 Busbiehill 26 Oct, 47 Kilmarnock-Dreghorn 26 Oct, 30 Maidens 2 Nov.

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus* C B

A widespread breeding species.

Counts included: 92 Loans 25 Jul, 130 Raithhill 6 Aug, 130 Barcullly 19 Aug, 107 Gypsy Pool 23 Aug.

Dunnock *Prunella modularis* C B

A widespread species with territories or singing ♂♂ recorded at Gypsy Pool on 20 Feb, Garnock Floods on 16 Mar, Shewalton Wood on 22 Mar and Collennan on 24 Mar.

Counts included: 13 Kilmarnock-Knockentiber 1 Jan, 14 Kilmarnock-Irvine 29 Apr, 14 Kilmarnock-Dreghorn 26 Oct and 15 Windyhill 27 Dec.

Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla flava* U (b) S p

1 ♂ Fail on 21 Apr (DC), and a ♂ Grey-headed *thunbergi* ssp Doonfoot on 8 Jun (NG).



Grey Wagtail at Hogston Farm – Dave Grant

Grey Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea* C B S w P

Territories or singing ♂♂ were recorded at Tairlaw on 5 May, Barnford on 3 Jun, Ness Glen on 5 Jun and Knockdon on 9 Jun.

Counts included: 6 Collennan 1 Mar, 6 Failford 9 Jun and 5 Garrier Burn 30 Jun.

Pied Wagtail *Motacilla alba yarrellii* C B

No significant information received on breeding birds.

Counts and migrants included: 50 Turnberry 20 Apr, 100 Crosshouse Hospital 18 Jul, 50 Hunterston Sands 26 Aug and 90 Dipple-Milton Burn 28 Aug.

White Wagtail *M. a. alba* migration and counts: arrival appeared to be from end of Mar/beginning of April.

Significant counts appear below.

Date	Count	Location	Date	Count	Location
16 Apr	23	Loans	28 Apr	42	Fail
16 Apr	24	Tarbolton fishery	4 May	25	Fail
17 Apr	37	Fail	28 Aug	40	Dipple-Milton Burn

Meadow Pipit *Anthus pratensis* C B P

Breeding was widespread but displaying birds were noted at Garnock Floods, Loudoun Hill, Loch Doon and Loans.

Spring passage counts included 21 Irvine 29 Mar, 25 Flashwood 25 Apr and 20 Knock Hill 7 May.

Autumn migrants/post-breeding flocks included 40 Glen App 25 Aug and 40 Blairbowie 7 Sept.

Tree Pipit *Anthus trivialis* C B S p

Territories or singing ♂♂ were recorded at Ness Glen (4-5), Arnshean (2), Craigfionn, Carrick Lane, Loch Rieawr, Aqueduct Road, Snabb, and Feoch Meadows.

Arrival was from 8 Apr when 1 was at Muirkirk. This was followed by 1 at Loch Doon on 11 Apr and 1 at Craigengillan on 20 Apr.

Water Pipit *Anthus spinoletta* R w P

At least five individuals were recorded at Troon on 4 Nov to 30 Dec, Hunterston on 22 Nov, Doonfoot on 2 Dec, Heads of Ayr on 9 to 10 Dec and Lendalfoot on 16 Dec.

Rock Pipit *Anthus petrosus* C B p

Breeding territories were recorded at Heads of Ayr-Bracken Bay (4), Doonfoot-Greenan (2), and Troon harbour.

Counts: 22 Waterside 18 Mar, 21 Troon 6 Nov and 18 Troon 8 Nov.

Chaffinch *Fringilla coelebs* C B W

Breeding records or territorial ♂♂ included 9 Collennan, 8 Shewalton Wood and 5 Kemp Hall.

Counts: 76 Fail Loch 7 Jan, 300 Fullarton Wood 20 Jan, 57 Fullarton Wood 5 Mar, 61 Kilmarnock-Dreghorn 26 Oct.

Brambling *Fringilla montifringilla* U W p

In the winter-spring period: 2 Crosshill 1-30 Jan 1 till 7 Feb, 1 Fail 1-7 Jan, 10 on 19-Jan, 9 on 6-Feb, 1 till 9 Feb, 2 Knockentiber 2 Jan, 1 Hunterston 17 Jan, 1 Fullarton Woods 20 Jan, 1 Annbank 7 Feb, 3 Ardrossan 31 Mar.

In the autumn: 1 Coylton 12 Oct, 2 Dalcairney 20 Oct, 2 Kilmarnock-Knockentiber 22 Oct, 2 Fail 26 Oct, 1 Littlemill 29 Oct, 1 Maidens 2-4 Nov, 1N on 25 Nov, 3 Brackenhill Farm 16 Nov, 15 Rottenyard 2 Dec.

Common Bullfinch *Pyrrhula pyrrhula* C B

Breeding birds or territorial prs were seen at Shewalton Wood (2), Whitelee Forest (B/4 noted), Holmsford Bridge (B/3 noted), Springside (2 juvs noted), Drybridge (fledged brood), Knockentiber, Corsehill Mount, Shewalton Wood and Collennan.

Counts: 7 Shewalton Wood 4 Aug, 12 Kilmarnock-Dreghorn 26 Oct, 11 Barclaugh Wood 7 Dec, and 7 Fullarton Wood 17 Dec.

European Greenfinch *Chloris chloris* C B W

Breeding birds or territorial prs were seen at Barassie (3), Kilmarnock-Irvine cycle track (3), Craigie (2), Gypsy Pool (2), Barassie (2), Earlston, Knockentiber, Muirhouse, Old Middleton, Harperland, Annick/Irvine confluence, Shewalton, Springside.

Counts: 40 Hunterston 13 Jan, 60 Maidens 17 Feb, 40 Doonfoot 6 Oct, 30 Hunterston 24 Dec and 35 Maidens 31 Dec.

Twite *Linaria flavirostris* C (B) W

A small breeding population persists in South Ayrshire where 1 at Craigantezart on 30 Jun

Winter-spring	Counts
North Ayrshire	20 Portencross 2 Feb, 16 Stevenston Beach 11 Feb, 30 Seamill 17 Feb, 11 Hunterston 13 May
Pow Burn–Doonfoot	1 on 9 Mar, 2 on 9 Apr
Girvan Mains	40 on 6 Jan, 61 on 20 Jan, 120 on 3 Feb
Elsewhere	37 Dipple 11 Mar.

Autumn-winter	Counts
North Ayrshire	2 Hunterston 26 Aug
Troon-Ayr	10 Troon 17 Aug, 2 on 14 Oct, 5 Prestwick 24 Nov, 17 Ayr pier 24 Dec
Balkenna-Dipple	24 on 21 Nov, 33 on 12 Dec, 42 on 26 Dec

Common Linnet *Linaria cannabina* C B

Breeding: territories or singing ♂♂ were noted at Craigie (2), Holmsford Bridge (2), Fail, Hunterston, Carmel Bank, Earlston, Fardalehill, Harperland, Low Wexford, Broadyards Farm, Kilmarnock-Irvine cycle track, Busbiehill, Magnum pond and Gypsy Pool.

Counts: 55 Girvan Mains 6 Jan, 56 Gypsy Pool 20 Apr, 42 Loans 23 Apr, 54 Gypsy Pool 2 Sep, 67 Loans 6 Dec.

Lesser Redpoll *Acanthis cabaret* C B S p

At least 24 territories or singing ♂♂ included Kirriereoch (2), Linfern Loch (2), Dupin (2), 2 Bogton (2), Pinbraid (2), Aqueduct Road (2), Carrick Lane mouth (2), upper Glen App, Barclaugh Wood, Garpel Bridge, Ballochling, Craigmalloch, Loch Riecawr, Barwinnock, Loch Duisk, Loch Macaterick, and Shewalton Wood.

Counts/migrants: 23 Fullarton Woods 12 Feb, 46 Loch Doon 11 Apr, 14 Shewalton Wood 24 Jun, 30 Martnaham 7 Aug.

Common Crossbill *Loxia curvirostra* U B w

At least 7 singing ♂♂ were noted, in S Ayrs, at Stinchar Falls (2), Carrick Lane, Glen App, Loch Macaterick, Craigfionn, and Drumlamford.

Counts and post-breeding groups: 22 Mochrum Hill 30 Jan, 12 Ballochling 28 Apr, 13 Loch Doon 29 Apr, 12 Ness Glen 17 May, 30+ Mochrum Hill 5 Jun.



Goldfinch at Crosshill - Angus Hogg

European Goldfinch *Carduelis carduelis* C B

Now a widespread breeding species.

Counts: 53 Stevenston 11 Aug, 40 Pennylands 25 Aug, 50 Knockroon 28 Aug, 40 Upper Garnock 20 Sep, 35 Coynton 12 Dec.

Eurasian Siskin *Spinus spinus* C B W p

Breeding reports came from Shewalton Woods and Whitelee Forest.

Counts: 60 Irvine Beach Park 5 Jan, 20 Crosshill 15 Jan, 24 Loch Doon 11 Apr, 50 Kirkmichael 4 May, 30 Heads of Ayr 10 Dec.

Yellowhammer *Emberiza citrinella* C B

Breeding: territories or singing ♂♂ were noted at Knockentiber-Springside (14), Greenan-Doonfoot (3), Heads of Ayr-Bracken Bay (3), Turnberry GC (3), Fullarton Wood, Doonfoot, Bracken Bay, East Balig, Coal Hill, Mochrum Loch, Syke Farm, Collennan.

Counts: 62 Kilmarnock-Knockentiber 1 Jan, 17 Kilmarnock-Dreghorn 26 Oct, 14 Hogston Farm 16 Nov.

Reed Bunting *Emberiza schoeniclus* C B

Breeding: territories or singing ♂♂ were noted at Kilmarnock area (40), Nether Culzean (9), Pinbraid (8), Pow Burn (4), Ardeer (3), Munnoch Res (min 2), Garnock Floods (2), Gypsy Pool (2), Shewalton Wood (2), Todhill Community Woodland (2), Loch Finlas NW (2), Bogton Loch S (2), Bogton Loch N, Bogton Loch, Lands of Turnberry, Trabboch Loch, Drumlamford, Loch Maberry, Carrick Lane mouth, Loch Melemon, Currarie Farm Ballantrae, Liggetcheek, Hunterston.

Counts: 70 Fail 26 Jan, 20 Dumfries House 17 Mar, 28 Fail 14 Oct.

Escaped or Presumed Feral Birds

Northern Bald Ibis *Geronticus eremita*

An unringed, adult bird, presumably the same one, was first reported in Stewarton on 18 May, then Belston Loch on 21 May, Barnford Farm, Dalrymple between 30 May and 3 June and, finally, at Sornhill on 4 to 7 June.



Northern Bald Ibis at Barnford Farm – Dave Grant

Additional note on Eastern Black Redstart *Phoenicurus ochruros phoenicuroides*

A bird seen at Hogston Farm, Maidens from 13-16 Nov (RHH/DG), and thought to be of this eastern subspecies, was photographed in detail, and a description was submitted to BBRC. The bird was recorded as **not proven** by the committee, though this was primarily due to a lack of DNA evidence. The description, with photographs of this bird can be found on the Ayrshire Birding website:

<https://www.ayrshire-birding.org.uk/images/documents/Eastern%20Black%20Redstart.pdf>