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Cover photo: Male Stonechat at Pow Burn (*Angus Hogg*)

# Editorial

Welcome to the 2020 Ayrshire Bird Report. Another report completed, and it seems like we might even manage to get the report back on track by 2025. Naturally, we depend on a great many people to help, from observers to recorders, and even those such as the 10 Rare Men from the Rarities Committee. Once more we've relied on much appreciated advice from our own local recorder, Fraser Simpson, who has patiently answered the queries we've sent down to him in "The Big Smoke." Please remember to keep sending your records to him at [recorder@ayrshire-birding.org.uk](mailto:recorder@ayrshire-birding.org.uk) or on any of the alternative recording systems e.g. Bird Track.

This year's observations were interesting, largely due to responses to the Covid lockdown period. There was a marked increase in "local" sightings, and more information was gleaned from areas which often tend to be less well covered i.e. home patches. With a 5-mile limit placed on our movements for much of the year, many of you, no doubt, discovered that there was maybe a lot more happening near home than you'd thought. My first outing to a river valley near home resulted in a fantastic morning with singing Common Redstarts, Kingfisher, Dipper and Goosander, followed later in the month by sightings of Tree Pipit, Common Cuckoo and Osprey.

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 still a work in progress, and we're always looking for volunteers to help with bird report work. For those of you who have submitted records and are wondering why they do not appear in the report, please be assured that they still exist on the "master" spreadsheet held by the local recorder. This forms the base for the bird report. These records are important in offering a more complete picture of events in Ayrshire for any given year, while the bird report concentrates on features like trends and highlights. Either way, one important aspect of SOC recording remains – verification. All records which appear within the report have been checked, and while occasional errors will occur from time to time, every effort is made to provide a totally accurate publication. One additional plea this year – it's important to have a place name for your sightings, so while **you** may know where "your garden" is, it would be useful to indicate the village or town in which it is. The nearest place name, such as a farm name or a prominent physical feature such as a hill or water body, is also very helpful. In addition to this, you could add a grid-reference if you have access to a mapping resource.

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.

Finally, our thanks are due to Kevin Waite for his continuing help with the online provision of this report on the Ayrshire Birding website, Tom Byars for his annual Lesser Whitethroat report, Dougie Edmond for his photographic contribution, and to my co-editor, Dave Grant, for his unstinting compilation work.

**Angus Hogg**

# The Lesser Whitethroat in Ayrshire – 2020

Due to COVID-19 travel restrictions imposed by the UK/Scottish governments, I could only visit my local study site at I.C.I. Ardeer in North Ayrshire during the breeding season. So, the final number of breeding Lesser Whitethroat territories recorded by me in Ayrshire will be lower than normal.

9 Lesser Whitethroat territories were found at I.C.I. Ardeer in Stevenston, once again emphasising how important this core site is for breeding Lesser Whitethroats in Ayrshire.

## Arrival

An early arrival occurred this year, with a male back at Ardeer Fen on 18 April, the earliest arrival date in Ayrshire on record. Not only was he early, but he had been ringed in 2017 in the same territory, and was aged as a 5, making this our oldest returning male to date!

## Territories

At I.C.I. Ardeer a slow trickle of returning males appeared in late April, with one male holding territory in a Blackthorn bank at Ardeer Fen from 26 April until 7 May. Another two males were seen at Ardeer Pipe Embankment and Ardeer Boundary Fence on 28 April. The main arrival of territorial males occurred on 2 May, when 3 different males held territories in Garnock Lagoons. One male, a ringed bird, covered 300m in a linear territory which ranged from Ardeer Boundary Fence in the west to the Ardeer Pipe Embankment in the east, this mega territory measuring 2.68ha - one of the largest recorded at I.C.I. Ardeer. Another male held a territory in Garnock West on 12 May.

## Breeding Summary

A pair (including ringed male) was located at the Ardeer Pipe Embankment on 9 Jun. Two adjacent territories were established at Ardeer Pipe Embankment and Garnock North on 10 Jun. A family party, comprising a pair with a recently fledged brood of 3, was located at Garnock West on the 16 Jun. They were last seen on 20 Jun. Another family party, comprising a pair with 2 well fledged young, 7-10 days out of nest, was located at Ardeer Fen (east) on 12 July.

## Summary

<b>Ardeer Fen (West)</b>	1 territory
<b>Ardeer Fen (East)</b>	1 territory
<b>Ardeer Boundary Fence/Ardeer Pipe Embankment</b>	Pair with a brood of 2
<b>Ardeer Pipe Embankment</b>	1 territory
<b>Garnock North</b>	1 territory
<b>Garnock Lagoons</b>	3 territories
<b>Garnock West</b>	Pair with a brood of 3

Tom Byars

## 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 2020

### Brent Goose *Branta bernicla* U w P

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

Winter-Spring: 17 Maidens 4 – 8 Jan, 22 (13 juvs) on 27 Jan, 26 (15 juvs) on 16 Feb – 17 Mar, 31 on 23 Mar, 1 Irvine 5 Jun.

Autumn-Winter: 1 Balkenna 29 Aug, 1 Maidens 18 Sep, 8 Balkenna 25 Sep, 3 Pow Burn 27 Sep, 1 Hunterston 7 Oct, 12 Maidens 10 Oct, 3 on 14 – 24 Oct, 4 on 4 – 20 Nov, 5 on 23 – 26 Nov, 7 on 2 – 23 Dec, 12 on 28 – 29 Dec.

### Canada Goose *Branta canadensis* C B P

Breeding pairs were located at Bogton Loch (B/1 noted), Auchincross (B/3 noted), Martnaham (B/4 noted), Garnock 9 juvs noted.

Counts at main sites	
Martnaham Loch	100 on 30 Jun, 900 on 21 Sep, 226 on 12 Nov.
Bogside	325 on 12 Sep.
Fail	649 on 19 Aug, 750 on 20 Aug, 850 on 25 Aug, 337 13 Sep, 260 on 18 Oct.

### Barnacle Goose *Branta leucopsis* U w P

Winter-spring: 2 Auchincross 20 Feb – 16 Mar, 1 Fail 5 Mar, 2 on 21 Mar.

Autumn-winter: 72 flew S Skares 20 Sep, 10 Fail 5 Oct, 5 on 6 Oct, 3 on 14 Oct, singles on 12, 21 Nov, 3 Stevenston Point 7 Oct, 1 Hunterston 15 Nov, 1 Martnaham 6 – 7, 27 Nov, 29 Dec.

3 hybrid Barnacle x Canada Geese were present at Hunterston on 15 Nov.

### Greylag Goose *Anser anser* C b W

Breeding pairs included: Hunterston (B/3 noted), Pinbraid (B/1 noted), Auchincross (B/2 noted), Loch Dornal (B/2 noted).

Winter-spring	Counts at main sites
Munnoch	220 on 24 Mar
Tarbolton-Martnaham-Coylton	250 on 16 Feb, 500 on 16 Mar, 600 on 21 Mar
Blairbowie	340 on 8 Jan
Auchincross	250 on 18 Jan, 110 on 28 Feb

Autumn-winter	Counts at main sites
Hunterston	900 on 24 Aug, 150 on 3 Sep, 369 on 6 Sep.
Tarbolton-Martnaham	250 on 21 Sep, 200 on 29 Dec.
Nith Valley Meikle Westland	271 on 20 Nov.
Blairbowie	330 on 25 Nov, 280 on 17 Dec.

**Pink-footed Goose *Anser brachyrhynchus* C W P**

Winter-spring	Counts at main sites
Martnaham Loch	800 on 16 Mar.
Blairbowie	450 on 11 Mar, 900 on 12 Mar, 550 on 12 Dec, 350 on 17 Dec.
Fail	222 on 14 Feb, 325 on 16 Feb, 600 on 17 Feb, 1200 on 29 Feb, 1000 on 4 Mar, 4157 on 21 Mar.
Elsewhere	550 Perceton Row 1 Jan, 300 Saltcoats 22 Jan, 150 North Mains 16 Feb, 1000 on 23 Mar, 1000 Crofthead Farm 23 Mar.

Autumn-winter	Counts at main sites
Tarbolton-Mossblown	200 on 22 Sep, 1265 on 18 Oct, 1500 on 23 Oct, 1600 on 24 Oct, 650 on 11 Nov, 1385 on 14 Nov, 2100 on 21 Nov, 1000 on 30 Dec.
Martnaham Loch	100 on 5 Dec, 1000 on 21 Dec, 2000 on 29 Dec.
Elsewhere	Arrival from 13 Sep when 15 at Fail, 430 Cronberry 23 Sep, 200 Shieldhill Farm 24 Sep, 1500 Fullarton Wood 28 Oct.



Pink-footed at Martnaham (Dave Grant)

**Snow Goose *Anser caerulescens* R E**

A pale morph adult was in the New Cumnock/Auchincross area on 2 Jan – 16 Mar (M H *et al.*).



Snow Goose at Auchincross (*Dougie Edmond*)

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

<b>Greenland race <i>flavirostris</i> U w P</b>
25 Fail 10 Feb, 27 on 11 Feb, 6 Dalleagles 28 Feb, 10 Auchincross 6 Mar, 6 on 16 Mar, 1 Martnaham on 24 Oct.

**Mute Swan *Cygnus olor* C B**

Breeding results:

Site	Result	Site	Result
Auchenharvie	B/7	Rozelle	B/7
Kirkbride Pond	B/6	Trabboch Loch	B/2
Culzean Country Park	Pair - no young	Martnaham	B/4
Lands of Turnberry	B/4	Dipple	B/5
Kay Park	B/10	Common Loch	B/1

Counts at main sites	
Hunterston	30 on 18 Oct.
Bogside	40 on 13 Jul, 80 on 9 Aug, 40 on 19 Aug, 69 on 14 Sep.
Ayr-Doonfoot	35 on 31 Mar, 56 on 13 Apr, 140 on 30 May, 88 on 23 Jul, 69 on 4 Sep, 75 on 16 Nov, 75 on 13 Dec.
Elsewhere	54 Maidens 6 Aug, 46 on 20 Aug, 48 on 3 Sep, 41 Croy 17 Oct, 30 Saltcoats Harbour 24 Dec.



## Whooper Swan *Cygnus cygnus* C W

Winter-spring		Counts at main sites
Bogton Loch		20 on 12 Jan, 4 on 15 Jan, 16 on 4 Mar.
Martnaham-Loch Fergus -Fail		1 Fail 8 Jan, 16 on 23 Feb, 17 on 11 Mar, 2 Martnaham 3 May, 1 on 21 May.
Elsewhere		34 Dipple 10 Jan, 11 Greenan 13 Jan, 17 Auchincross 18 Jan, 19 on 4 Feb, 25 Chapeldonan 3 Feb, 15 Doonfoot 7 Feb, 23 Kerse Farm 7 Feb, 10 Crossraguel 12 Feb, 24 Chapeldonan 16 Feb, 35 North Mains 12 Mar, 15 Loch Doon 22 Mar, 107 flew N Beith 27 Mar.

Autumn-winter		Counts at main sites
Bogton Loch		6 on 20 Nov, 4 on 12 Dec, 12 on 22 Dec, 19 on 28 Dec.
Martnaham-Loch Fergus-Broomhill		1 on 21, 29 Sep, 4 on 8, 27 Nov, 18 on 5 Dec, 20 on 12 Dec, 4 on 19 Dec, 6 on 29 Dec.
Fail		1 on 29 Aug, 4 on 8 Sep, 7 on 1 Oct, 17 on 11 Oct, 33 on 18 Oct, 4 on 12 Nov, 10 on 21 Nov, 15 on 12 Dec.
Elsewhere		22 Blairbowie 10 Oct, 30 Kileekie 22 Oct, 100 Ladykirk 6 Nov, 60 Crossraguel 9 Nov, 21 Chapeldonan 6 Dec, 21 North Mains 17 Dec.

## Common Shelduck *Tadorna tadorna* C b

Breeding results from N Ayrshire southwards: Seamill (B/10 noted), Barassie (B/1 noted), pr Hallowshean.

Counts at main sites	
Hunterston Sands	40 on 1 Jan, 82 on 17 Feb, 93 on 28 Feb, 89 on 19 Mar, 20 on 16 Jun, 15 on 16 Oct, 85 on 22 Nov, 25 on 24 Dec.
Ardrossan-Farland Head	2 on 1 Jan, 10 on 21 Mar, 4 on 13 Apr, 10 on 8 Jun, 11 on 31 Jul.
Bogside	2 on 29 Jun.
Doonfoot-Greenan	1 on 28 May, 17 Sep.
Maidens	7 on 12 Jan, 16 on 25 Feb, 8 on 17 Mar, 11 on 31 May, 1 on 23 Nov.
Elsewhere	2 Bracken Bay 16 Jun, 3 Fail 9 Mar, 4 on 30 Jun, 1 on 14 Nov.

## Ruddy Shelduck *Tadorna ferruginea* E

A long staying ♀ was seen at Martnaham from 30 Jun – 23 Aug (D Gr *et al.*), and then, presumably, same ♀ moved between Fail and Martnaham 25 Aug – 29 Dec.

## Garganey *Spatula querquedula* R (B)

Two records during the year. A ♂ reported at Garnock Floods 29 Apr – 2 May (D Gi *et al.*). A ♀-type Capringstone 17 Sep (G McA).

## Northern Shoveler *Spatula clypeata* U b w P

Winter-spring		Counts at main sites
Capringstone		1 on 17 Jan.
Fail		♂ on 25 Feb, 2♂♂ on 2 - 6 Mar, ♂ on 10 – 12 Apr.
Martnaham		pr on 9 Apr.
Elsewhere		♂ Lands of Turnberry 4-8 Jan, ♂ Trabboch 17 Jan, 3 Auchincross 26 Jan, 1 on 16 Mar.

Autumn-winter		Counts at main sites
Fail		2 on 14 Aug, 3 on 16 Aug, 7 on 17 Aug, 4 on 19 – 21 Aug, 1 on 29 Aug, 2 on 29 Sep – 2 Oct, 1 on 6 – 12 Oct.
Elsewhere		2 Blairbowie on 22 Oct, 2 Auchincross 13 – 15 Nov, pr Kay Park 16 - 24 Nov, ♀ on 29 – 30 Dec, ♂ Martnaham 29 Dec.

## Gadwall *Mareca strepera* U (B)

		Counts at main sites
Hunterston		pr on 17 - 27 Feb, 4 on 19 Sep, 1 on 16 – 18 Oct, 2♂♂ on 5 – 15 Nov.
Irvine-Bogside-Garnock		2♂♂/ 2♀♀ on 25 Jan, 21 Mar, 2 on 9 Apr, 2♂♂/♀ on 18 Sep, 5♂♂/ 4♀♀ on 11 Oct, pr on 7 Dec.
Culzean		2 prs on 4 Mar, pr on 6 Nov, 2♂♂/♀ on 12 Nov, 3♂♂/♀ on 11 Dec, 2♂♂/♀ on 30 Dec.
Other sites		4 prs Shewalton 15 Jan, pr on 18 Feb, 6 on 7 Dec, pr Auchincross 26 Jan, 2 prs on 11 Oct, ♂ Fail 6 – 9 Mar, 1 on 3 Sep, pr Doonfoot 4 May, 6 on 20 Sep, ♂ on 27 Nov, pr Maidens 28 Sep.

## Eurasian Wigeon *Mareca penelope* C (B) W

		Counts at main sites
Hunterston		659 on 27 Feb, 500 on 22 Sep, 18 Oct, 1000 on 25 Oct, 200 on 14 Nov.
Ardrossan-Farland Head		50 on 1 Jan, 125 on 27 Feb, 138 on 5 Mar, 166 on 16 Oct, 73 on 30 Oct, 78 on 1 Dec, 66 on 29 Dec.
Capringstone		190 on 17 Jan, 2 on 25 Sep.
Bogside		200 on 2 Feb, 250 on 23 Mar, 300 on 19 Jul, 37 on 19 Nov.
Doonfoot		2 on 13 Apr, 13 on 17 Sep, 10 on 27 Nov, 32 on 3 Dec.
Blairbowie		20 on 10 Jan, 94 on 12 Mar, 100 on 18 Mar, 2 on 20 Mar, 65 on 10 Oct, 111 on 4 Nov, 220 on 25-26 Nov, 135 on 17 Dec.
Elsewhere		30 Lands of Turnberry 4 Jan, 90 Auchincross on 18 Jan, 105 on 20 Feb, 133 on 11 Oct, 71 on 13 Nov, 64 on 12 Dec, 39 Martnaham on 5 Dec, 60 on 21 Dec.

## Mallard *Anas platyrhynchos* C B W

In the breeding season 13 sites reported broods totalling 73 juvs. First brood out on 22 April.

Counts at main sites	
Hunterston	20 on 1 Jan, 10 on 27 Feb, 34 on 31 Jul, 61 on 15 Aug, 50 on 4 Oct, 67 on 18 Oct.
Ardrossan-Farland Head	20 on 26 Sep, 10 on 1 Dec.
Fail	50 on 26 Jul.
Lugar	61 on 10 Oct.
Dipple	122 on 26 Jul, 74 on 12 Aug, 70 on 26 Nov.
Blairbowie	140 on 5 Aug.
Trabboch-Martnaham	136 on 7 Jul, 184 on 2 Aug, 85 on 17 Sep, 60 on 24 Oct.

## Northern Pintail *Anas acuta* U w P

In spring: pr Hunterston 27 Feb, ♂ Raith Reservoir 15-16 Mar, 1 Fail on 25 Mar, pr on 12 Apr.

In autumn: 5 Maidens on 4 Sep, ♂ Fail on 1 Oct, ♀ Doonfoot 4 Oct, ♂ on 27 Nov, 1 Hunterston 7 Oct, 3 on 15 Nov, ♂ Blairbowie 14 Oct – 6 Nov, 2 Fail 21 Nov, 4 Martnaham 27 Nov, 2♂♂ Fail 12 – 17 Dec.

## Common Teal *Anas crecca* C b W

No breeding records.

Counts at main sites	
Hunterston	150 on 1 Jan, 214 on 4 Jan, 128 on 16 Oct, 150 on 24 Dec.
Capringstone	65 on 25 Sep.
Fail	99 on 23 Mar, 157 on 17 Aug, 161 on 20 Sep, 120 on 11 Oct, 187 on 14 Nov, 120 on 12 Dec.
Doonfoot	100 on 12 Jan.
Blairbowie	90 on 10 Jan, 140 on 10 Oct, 160 on 26 Nov, 140 on 17 Dec.
Elsewhere	149 Auchincross 27 Jan, 140 on 20 Feb, 110 Garnock Floods 5 Dec, 38 Martnaham 29 Dec.

## Green-winged Teal *Anas carolinensis* R w

A ♂ at Loans 9 Mar (AAM *et al.*) stayed for just one day.

## Common Pochard *Aythya ferina* C (B) W

Counts at main sites	
Eglinton	♀ on 1 Jan.
Trabboch Loch	♂ on 29 Feb – 25 Mar.
Martnaham	♂ on 12 - 14 Apr probably same as Trabboch bird.
Elsewhere	♂ Auchincross 6 Jul, 1 ♂ Loch o' th' Lowes 5 Nov.

## Ring-necked Duck *Aythya collaris* R w p

A ♂ moved between Piperhill and Belston Loch from 14 -19 Dec (MH *et al.*). What was presumably the same ♂ appeared at Martnaham from 22 – 29 Dec.

## Tufted Duck *Aythya fuligula* C b W

Counts at main sites	
Trabboch Loch	23 on 18 Jan, 36 on 16 Feb, 30 on 2 Mar, 11 on 18 Jul, 18 on 27 Nov, 19 on 20 Dec.
Martnaham Loch	50 on 1 Jan, 65 on 26 Mar, 69 on 19 Apr, 20 on 30 Apr, 16 on 30 Jun, 20 on 22 Aug, 16 on 24 Oct, 71 on 5 Dec, 69 on 21 Dec.
Culzean	20 on 4 Mar, 38 on 30 Dec.
Elsewhere	20 Munnoch Reservoir 5 Sep, 20 Lugar 10 – 16 Nov, 21 on 24 Nov.

## Greater Scaup *Aythya marila* U W

Counts at main sites	
Auchenharvie GC	♀ on 1 Jan, pr on 17 Jan – 29 Feb, 3 on 5 Mar, 5 on 15 – 19 Mar, 2 on 23 Mar, ♂ on 3 – 9 Apr
Ayr-Prestwick-Troon	pr on 29 Apr - 1 May, 1 on 17 Nov.
Stevenston	4 on 8 Jan.
Elsewhere	4 Bracken Bay 5 Jan, ♂ Raith Res 15 – 16 Mar, ♀ Martnaham 27 Jun, ♂ on 23 Aug, 5 Dec, ♂ Maidens 21 Oct, ♀ Bogton 6 Nov.



Greater Scaup at Auchenharvie (Dave Grant)

## Common Eider *Somateria mollissima* C B

In the breeding season, reported broods totalled 28 juvs at 8 sites. First brood out at Bracken Bay.

Counts at main sites	
Ardrossan-Farland Head	483 on 6 Mar, 122 on 29 Mar, 130 on 3 Sep.
Troon-Gailes	145 on 17 Jan, 203 on 14 Mar, 71 on 25 Jun, 94 on 29 Jul, 50 on 6 Aug, 58 on 28 Aug.
Ayr Bay	40 on 29 Sep.
Turnberry Point-Dipple	30 on 4 Jan, 64 on 26 Oct, 500 on 6 Dec.

## Velvet Scoter *Melanitta fusca* U W

No spring records but, in the autumn: 4 Maidens 3 Oct, singles Turnberry 6, 7 Nov, 2 Ballantrae 7 Nov.

## Common Scoter *Melanitta nigra* C W P

Counts at main sites	
Stevenston Point-Irvine Bay	35 on 8 Aug, 2 on 24 Oct, 8 on 6 Nov, 6 on 13 Dec, 14 on 28 Dec.
Troon	10 on 11 Sep, 2 on 24 Oct, 4 on 1 Nov.
Ayr-Prestwick	1 on 5 Feb, 25 on 6 Mar, 4 on 10 Nov.
Croy-Dipple	2 on 14 Jul, 4 on 22 Aug, 16 on 24 Sep, 22 on 3 Oct, 13 on 17 Oct, 8 on 22 Oct, 5 on 20 Nov, 23 on 26, 28 Nov, 14 on 7 Dec, 30 on 24 Dec, 36 on 28 Dec.
Elsewhere	♀ Martnaham 1 Jul.

## Long-tailed Duck *Clangula hyemalis* U W

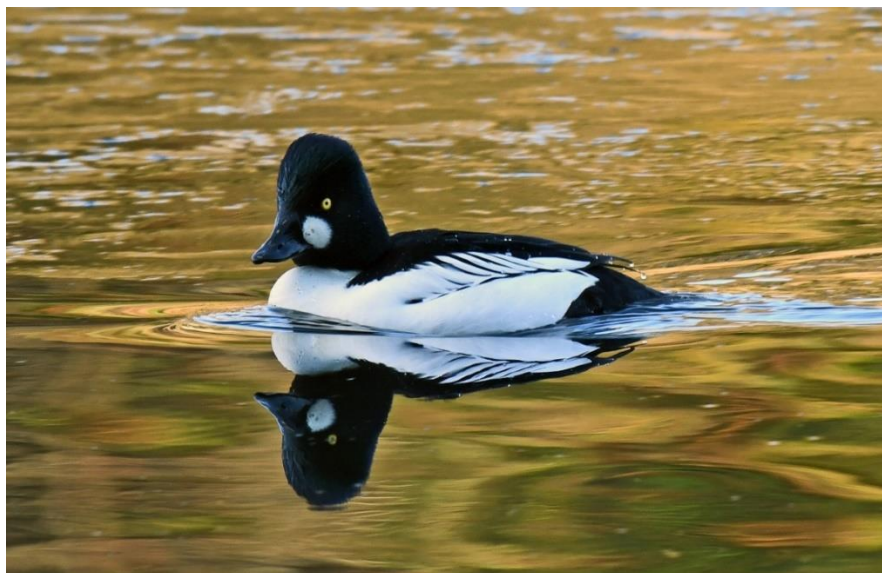
Counts at main sites	
Stevenston Point	6 on 20 Mar, 2 on 28 Dec.
Ayr-Prestwick	singles on 19 Aug, 27 Sep, 4 – 5 Oct, 2 on 7 Nov, 7 on 15 – 17 Nov, 5 on 15 Dec, 7 on 21 Dec, 8 on 27 Dec.
Elsewhere	1 Kay Park on 20 – 29 Nov, 1 Loch o' the Lowes 20 Nov, 1 Piperhill 25 Nov – 19 Dec, 1 Martnaham 5 Dec, 1 Belston Loch 18 Dec.

## Common Goldeneye *Bucephala clangula* C W

Winter-spring	Counts at main sites
Bogside	3 on 10 Jan, 17 on 25 Jan, 21 Mar.
Martnaham Loch	20 on 1 Jan, 25 on 9 Mar, 35 on 23 Mar, 31 on 7 Apr, 19 on 18 Apr.
Maidens-Girvan	6 on 10 Jan, 10 on 4 Mar.
Elsewhere	34 Doonfoot 12 Jan, 13 on 8 Mar.

There were no records of summering birds.

Autumn-winter	Counts at main sites
Martnaham Loch	12 on 5 Dec, 13 on 21 – 29 Dec.
Prestwick-Ayr	10 on 11 Nov.
Elsewhere	15 Maidens 7 Dec, 8 Bogton Loch 12 Dec, 8 Southannan Sands 24 Dec.



Drake Common Goldeneye at Culzean (Angus Hogg)

### Smew *Mergellus albellus* U W

A redhead (♀/juvenile) was at Auchincross from 14 Jul – 20 Sep (M Howes *et al.*).

### Goosander *Mergus merganser* C b w

Birds in suitable breeding locations included singles or prs at Alloway/Doonfoot (B/5 noted), Gadgirth (B/5 noted), Outerwards Res (B/1 noted), Drumgirnan, Doonside, Barr.

Counts at main sites	
Bogside	2 on 15 Jun, 3 on 28 Aug, 2 on 12 Sep, 3 on 19 Dec.
Martnaham Loch	1 on 9 Mar, 2 on 7 Apr, 2 on 6 Nov, 5 on 12 Nov, 5 on 29 Dec.
Doonfoot	6 on 5 Jun, 38 on 14 Jul, 55 on 23 Jul, 28 Aug, 17 on 4 Sep, 3 on 17 Sep.
Other sites	5 Kilbirnie Loch 10 Jan, 5 Annbank 16 Jun, 7 Loch Riecawr 20 Aug.

### Red-breasted Merganser *Mergus serrator* C b p

No reports were received from former breeding sites.

Counts at main sites	
Hunterston	4 on 1 Jan, 25 on 31 Jul, 34 on 6 Sep, 9 on 18 Oct.
Farland Head-Ardrossan	6 on 1 Jan, 3 on 27 Feb, 14 on 20 Mar, 15 on 3 Sep, 11 on 16 Oct.
Irvine	4 on 8 Feb, 3 on 19 Jul, 17 on 17 Oct.
Ayr-Prestwick-Troon	14 on 5 Mar, 13 on 21 Apr, 26 on 4 Sep, 9 on 2 Dec.
Maidens-Dipple	6 on 18 Jun, 11 on 5 Sep, 12 on 26 Oct, 15 on 16 Nov.

### **Red Grouse *Lagopus lagopus scoticus* U b**

Very few records, with most coming from breeding areas: 1 Black Hill 20 Mar, 2+ Misty Law 31 Jul, 5 Hill of Stake 16 Sep, 1 Stinchar Bridge 10 Nov, 1 Kaim Hill 26 Nov, 1 Loch Bradan 28 Nov, 3 Eldrick Hill 7 Dec, 3 Craigenfaulds Moss 29 Dec.

### **Black Grouse *Tetrao tetrix* U b**

Disturbance is becoming an issue at some sites, and observers are urged to watch from a safe distance.

6 ♂♂ present at one lek site on 26 Nov.

Counts and presence: 2 Airds Moss 23 Dec.



Male Black Grouse in South Ayrshire (*Angus Hogg*)

### **Grey Partridge *Perdix perdix* U b**

The only breeding record of this rapidly declining species was noted at Sandyford where a pair with 13 juvs was noted on 23 Jul.

Records from other areas included a pair at Mochrum Loch on 23 Mar, a pair at Greenan on 30 Apr, 1 at Ballast Bank Troon on 28 Aug, and 1 at Loans on 30 Oct.

### **Common Pheasant *Phasianus colchicus* C B**

Although breeding in the wild is widespread, the only breeding record came from Largs where a ♀ with 4 juvs was observed on 21 Jun.

Elsewhere reports were received from the following areas: Ardneil Farm, Kelburn, Black Hill Trail, Outerwards, Noddsdale Water, Green Hill Fairlie, Hunterston, Brisbane Glen, Southannan Sands, Campbelton Farm, Kirkleegreen, Bankhead Moss, Glengarnock, Barcraigs, Giffin, Ardeer Fen, Shewalton Wood, Dundonald Camp, Collennan, Gypsy Pool, Royal Troon GC, Monktonhill, Adamton Mains, Pow Burn, Fail, Mainholm, Auchincruive, Annbank, Martnaham, Alloway, Doonside, Trabboch Loch, Dumfries House, Airds Moss, Knockshinnoch lagoons, Dunure, Culzean, Maidens, Ballantrae.

### **Common Quail *Coturnix coturnix* R (B)**

After a two-year absence, the species was recorded at 2 locations: 2 Culroy 25 Jun, 1 Jelliston 26 Jun-at least 2 Jul (*DGr et al.*).

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

Noted again from Fail and Greenan - areas where shooting interests have introduced the species.

## Common Swift *Apus apus* C B S p

No estimates on breeding numbers, but breeding birds were seen at the following locations: Largs, Beith, Saltcoats, Troon, Crosshill.

Arrival was from 26 Apr when 1 was at Crosshill. Another 1 was at Ardeer on 27 Apr, 2 were at Saltcoats on 28 Apr, 1 at Martnaham Loch on 29 Apr, with 8 there on 2 May.

Feeding flocks or departing parties included 16 S/2 hrs Craigantezart 19 Jun, 36 Sharphill Road Saltcoats 25 Jun, 20 Garnock estuary 8 Jul, 12 Doonfoot 5 Aug, 21 Collennan 6 Aug, 18 Gypsy Pool 6 Aug.

Most had left by end Aug, the last departures involving 4 at Saltcoats on 20 Aug, with singles at Muirhead on 1 Sep, Loch Doon on 5 Sep, and 2 Troon 14 Sep.

## Common Cuckoo *Cuculus canorus* C B S p

During the breeding season territorial ♂♂ included birds at Clauchrie Hill-Deil's Elbow (3), Glen Afton (3), Routenburn GC (2), Ness Glen (2), Craigens Kirkoswald (2), Duoin (2), Brisbane Glen, Outerwards Res, Kelburn, Fairlie, The Glen, Hunterston House, Hunterston PS, Kirkleegreen, Munnoch Res, Cronberry, Martnaham, Farroch Brae, Loch Bradan, Craiglure, Garpel Bridge, Stinchar Falls, Ladyburn Glen, Glenshalloch Wood, Bennan Hill, Barr, Penwhapple Glen, Daldowie Hill, Pyet Glen, Reuchal, Penderry Hill.

Arrival was from 22 Apr when single ♂♂ were at Ladyburn Glen and Loch Bradan. This was followed by singles at Kelly Glen and Outerwards Res on 23 Apr, with a bigger arrival between 25 Apr and 5 May.

The last departure date was 8 Jul when 1 was at Ochiltree.



Common Cuckoo at Craigens Kirkoswald (Angus Hogg)

## Rock Dove/Feral Pigeon *Columba livia* C B

Counts included 53 Loans 1 Jan, 217 on 7 Sep, 35 Knockentiber-Springside cycle path 1 Jan, 79 Muirhead 2 Jan, 92 on 11 Sep, 30 Kilbirnie 11 Aug, 79 Troon South Woods 24 Aug, 147 Gypsy Pool 15 Sep, 25 Culzean CP 21 Sep 48 Newton on Ayr 16 Oct, 67 Prestwick 24 Oct.



### **Stock Dove *Columba oenas* C B w**

Breeding pairs or territorial ♂♂ were reported from Drumgirnan (2), Hawking Craig, Goldenberry, Hunterston House, Hunterston Castle, Ardeer Fen, Muirhead, Rozelle, Annbank, Auchincross, Martnaham Loch, Blairquhan Approach Loch, Glenauchie, Rowanston, Ladyburn Glen, Morston Dailly, Lovestone.

Counts included 14 Knockentiber-Springside cycle path 1 Jan, 14 Loans 1 Jan, 9 Fail 26 Feb,

### **Common Wood Pigeon *Columba palumbus* C B W**

Few large flocks recorded, but 66 Auchincruive 15 Jan, 52 Monktonhill 18 Jul, 74 Loans 27 Jul, 91 Collennan 3 Sep, 400+ Finnarts Bay 16 Oct, 1000+ Ladykirk 6 Nov, 50+ Hunterston 24 Dec.

### **Eurasian Collared Dove *Streptopelia decaocto* C B**

Breeding birds were recorded from most of lowland Ayrshire, mostly in or near urban areas.

Under-recorded, with no large counts being recorded, the highest being 12 Muirhead 12 Mar.

### **Water Rail *Rallus aquaticus* C b W**

Birds seen or heard in suitable breeding habitat included Trabboch Loch (2+), Doonfoot (ad with juv on 28-29 Aug, possibly bred at site), Ardeer Fen, Garnock lagoons, Garnock Floods, Bogton Loch.

Outside the breeding season: 1 Warwickdale 1 Jan, 2 Trabboch Loch, 10 Jan, 4 on 7 Dec, 1 Ardeer Fen 25 Jan, 1 Bogside 4 Feb, "several" on 7 Dec, 1 Doonfoot 18 Aug, 2+ on 19-29 Aug, 1 until at least 3 Dec, 1 Cronberry 23 Sep, 1 Bogton Loch 14 Oct, 3 Garnock Floods 19 Nov, 1 Culzean Swan Pond 30 Dec.

### **Spotted Crake *Porzana porzana* A**

A well-watched juvenile was present at Doonfoot from 17 Aug-4 Sep (F McC *et al.*)



Juvenile Spotted Crake at Doonfoot (Dougie Edmond)

### **Common Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus* C B**

Pairs in suitable breeding habitat included Kay Park (3-4), Kirkbride Pond (3 – B/3 noted), Oldhall Ponds (2), Dean Castle CP (2), Lands of Turnberry (2), Gypsy Pool (B/1 noted), Loans (B/1 noted), Balbeg (B/1 noted), Auchendarvie

Pond, Garnock Floods, Oldhall, Shewalton pit, Aird's Moss, Auchincross, Shewalton Wood, Martnaham Loch, Culzean Swan Pond.

Counts included 10 Trabboch Loch 3 Jan, 2 Aug, 20 Culzean Swan Pond 4 Mar, 26 on 11 Dec, 15 Kay Park 23 Nov.

### Common Coot *Fulica atra* C B

Pairs in suitable breeding habitat included Shewalton (2 – B/1 noted), Garnock Floods (2-3), Common Loch (2), Montgomerie Park (B/6 noted), Kay Park (B/3 noted 20 Apr), Oldhall Ponds (B/3 noted), Auchendarvie Pond (B/2 noted), Dundonald Camp, Shewalton pit.

Counts included 27 Loch o' the Lowes 4 Jan, 15+ Auchendarvie Pond 17-18 Jan, 19 Shewalton pit 17 Jan, 17 Trabboch Loch 16-17 Feb, 29 on 2 Aug, 21 Shewalton 18 Feb, 19 Kay Park 2 May, 20 on 23 Nov.

### Little Grebe *Tachybaptus ruficollis* C B

At least 22 pairs were present at 20 sites.

Site	Result	Site	Result
Auchendarvie Pond	pr	Glengarnock Pool	pr
Auchincross	pr – B/1 noted	Kirkbride Pond	2 prs – B/2, B/1 noted
Balbeg	pr	Kirkleegreen Res	pr
Barnshean Loch	pr	Ladyton Loch	pr
Blairquhan Approach L	pr	Lands of Turnberry	2-3 prs
Coldstream Mill Dam	pr	Martnaham Loch	pr
Common Loch	pr	Munnoch Res	pr
Culzean CP	pr	Pinbraid	pr
Garnock Floods	pr	Shewalton	pr
Garnock lagoons	pr	Trabboch Loch	pr

Counts at main sites	
Hunterston lagoon	12 on 27 Feb, 5 on 5 Sep, 15 on 18 Oct, 10 on 15 Nov.
Auchendarvie pond	2 on 18 Jan, 1 on 23 Mar.
Bogside	2 on 13 Jul, 8 on 9 Aug.
Pow Burn	1 on 9-22 Jan, 2 on 25 Jul, 3 on 11 Aug, 1 till 9 Dec.
Maidens	4 on 5 Jan, 1 on 17 Oct, 2 on 18 Oct, 4 on 9 Nov, 5 on 7-28 Dec.
Elsewhere	4 Eglinton CP 1 Jan, 8 Lands of Turnberry 15 Jan, 4 Doonfoot 6 Feb, 2 on 1 Dec, 17 Auchincross 15 Sep, 11 Martnaham Loch 29 Sep, 6 Common Loch 2 Oct, 1 Kay Park 20-24 Nov, 1 Rozelle 3 Dec.

### Red-necked Grebe *Podiceps grisegena* U W

What is assumed to be a returning bird was in Bracken Bay from 5 Jan-6 Mar, and again on 28 Dec.

## Great Crested Grebe *Podiceps cristatus* C b p

Results from breeding sites:

Site	Result
Kilbirnie Loch	5 on 10 Jan, 2 on 14 Apr. No young seen.
Martnaham Loch	1 returned 1 Jan, 3 on 9 Mar, 2 prs on 26 Mar, 5 on 8 Apr. No young seen.

Winter-spring counts included 1 Irvine harbour 13 Feb, 1 Shewalton 18 Feb, 2 Stevenston Point 20 Mar.

Autumn counts included 1 Dunure 23 Aug, 1 flew S Maidens 3 Oct.

## Eurasian Oystercatcher *Haematopus ostralegus* C B W P

Breeding pairs included: Hallowchapel Bridge (B/1 noted), Little Brigurd, Hunterston Sands, Portencross, Seamill, Kilbirnie Loch, Kirkleegreen, Munnoch Res, Ardeer Fen, Trabboch, Auchincross, Woodland Bay.

Early arrival back inland from 29 Feb when 2 at Dean Castle CP.

Winter-spring	Counts at main sites
Hunterston	150 on 1 Jan, 125 on 27 Feb.
Ardrossan-Stevenston	70+ on 1 Jan, 100+ on 27 Feb.
Bogside-Irvine hbr	50 on 2 Feb, 20+ on 5 Mar, 49 on 9 Apr.
Barassie	192 on 17 Jan, 121 on 14 Feb, 56 on 10 Mar, 11 on 7 May.
Elsewhere	30 Fairlie 1 Jan, 27 Feb, 55 Pow Burn 9 Jan, 25 on 23 Mar.

Autumn-winter	Counts at main sites
Hunterston	20 on 16 Jun, 15 on 6 Jul, 125 on 31 Jul, 60 on 15 Aug, 204 on 3-13 Sep, 400+ on 4 Oct.
Ardrossan-Stevenston	25 on 30 Jul, 65 on 3 Sep, 120 on 7 Oct, 263 on 24 Oct, 175 on 15 Nov.
Bogside-Irvine hbr	50 on 19 Jul, 19 Aug, 20 on 11 Oct.
Barassie	6 on 17 Jun, 43 on 23 Jul, 138 on 2 Aug, 189 on 4 Sep. 212 on 7 Oct, 53 on 8 Nov, 56 on 30 Dec.
Doonfoot	32 on 26 Aug, 65 on 24 Sep.
Maidens	43 on 14 Jul, 30 on 24 Sep, 14 on 16 Nov.
Elsewhere	6 Cairn Table 4 Jul, 50 Croy Bay 17 Oct, 48 Pow Burn 19 Nov.

## Northern Lapwing *Vanellus vanellus* C B W P

Few breeding reports: Hallowshean (2 prs and 3 juvs on 9 Jun). Other birds seen in suitable breeding habitat included 10 Killoch 21 Mar, 3 Kilbirnie Loch 21 Mar, 17 Fail 19 Apr, 3 Bruntwood Farm 24 Apr, 6 Auchincross 30 May. Returned inland by 29 Feb when 16 at Killoch.

Winter-spring	Counts at main sites
Bogside-Irvine hbr	60+ on 4 Feb.
Auchincross	110 on 18 Jan, 160 on 20 Feb.
Fail	100 on 14 Feb, 83 on 9 Mar, 70 on 21 Mar.
Loans	57 on 20 Jan, 29 on 28 Feb, 93 on 5 Apr.
Blairbowie	180 on 24 Jan, 140 on 25 Feb.
Elsewhere	70 Martnaham Loch 10 Jan.

Autumn-winter	Counts at main sites
Hunterston	25 on 15 Aug, 50 on 25 Oct.
Bogside-Irvine hbr	50 on 12 Jul, 90 on 3 Aug, 140 on 28 Aug, 153 on 13 Sep, 33 on 11 Oct, 900 on 15 Nov, 280 on 27 Nov, 90 on 5 Dec.
Auchincross	80 on 15 Sep, 95 on 25 Nov. 125 on 12 Dec.
Dundonald Camp	14 on 15 Jun.
Fail	85 on 18 Jul, 100 on 26 Jul, 135 on 25 Aug, 200 on 29 Sep, 24 Oct, 75 on 27 Nov, 60 on 5, 30 Dec.
Loans	84 on 22 Nov, 92 on 29 Dec.
Doonfoot	10 on 24 Jul, 55 on 19 Aug. 20 on 20 Sep.
Blairbowie	75 on 22 Oct, 96 on 17 Nov, 140 on 26 Nov, 14 Dec.
Elsewhere	22 Garnock Floods 12 Jun, 6 Cairn Table 4 Jul, 37 Dalmaca 8 Sep, 49 on 29 Sep, 45 on 24 Oct, 70 on 19 Dec.

### European Golden Plover *Pluvialis apricaria* C B w P

The only breeding record involved a pair with juvenile on Cairn Table on 4 Jul.

	Counts at main sites
Bogside	1 on 13 Sep, 2 on 14 Sep.
Barassie-Troon	51 on 24 Feb, 52 Meikle Craigs 18 Aug, 22 on 13 Sep, 221 on 17 Oct, 183 on 8 Nov, 386 on 30 Dec.
Fail	42 on 23 Mar, 1 on 1 Sep, 7 on 24 Sep.
Martnaham Loch	250 on 14 Apr.
Elsewhere	30 Maidens 17 Mar, 20 Killoch 27 Apr, 60 flew S Auchincross 20 Jul, 1 Maidens 9 Sep, 12 Kaim Hill 26 Nov.

### Grey Plover *Pluvialis squatarola* C w P

	Counts at main sites
Bogside-Stevenston Pt	3 on 20 Sep, 6 on 10 Nov.
Troon-Prestwick	4 on 3 Jan, 5 on 24 Sep.
Maidens/Turnberry Bay	2 on 21-23 Sep, 1 until 26 Sep, another from 17-24 Oct
Dipple-Balkenna	16 on 5 Oct.
Elsewhere	1 Ballantrae 20 Sep, 2 Pow Burn 27 Sep. 1 Doonfoot 16 Nov.

### Ringed Plover *Charadrius hiaticula* C B W P

The only breeding records reported involved prs at Doonfoot (B/3 noted), Stevenston Pt (B/1 noted), Bracken Bay, and Woodland Bay.

Winter-spring	Counts at main sites
Stevenston	66 on 17 Jan.
Barassie-Troon	79 on 10 Jan, 131 on 7 May, 110 on 20 May, 28 on 3 Jun.
Doonfoot	40 on 18 May, 80+ on 22 May.
Elsewhere	12 Auchincross 20 Feb, 20 Ballantrae 10 Mar, 20 Portencross 30 Apr.

Autumn-winter	Counts at main sites
Hunterston	10 on 16 Oct.
Stevenston	48 on 8 Aug, 86 on 4 Sep, 118 on 8 Sep, 40+ on 5 Oct, 110 on 10 Nov.
Barassie-Troon	46 on 23 Jul, 120 on 19 Aug, 33 on 25 Sep, 61 on 17 Oct, 80 on 30 Dec.
Doonfoot	11 on 5 Aug, 30 on 24 Sep.
Maidens	25 on 20 Jul, c100 on 18 Aug, 60 on 27 Sep, 47 on 5 Oct, 33 on 16 Nov.
Balkenna-Dipple	130 on 22 Aug.
Elsewhere	12 Auchincross 13 Jul, 59 Ballantrae 23 Aug. 62 on 20 Sep, 7 Fail 21 Aug.

Partial leucistic individuals were seen at Troon on 1 Nov and Maidens on 12 Nov.

### Little Ringed Plover *Charadrius dubius* R P

At least 1 site was occupied with 2 prs present. One pr with 2 small young was noted on 6 Jul.  
Spring arrival was from 10 Apr when 1 was at Fail. This was followed by 1 at Martnaham Loch on 28 Apr.  
Autumn records involved ad Capringstone 6 Jul, juv Fail 14-17 Jul, another juv from 29 Aug-1 Sep.

### Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus* U P

The first spring records involved 12 flying N at Saltcoats on 9 Apr. then 3 Kilbirnie Loch and 2 Martnaham Loch on 18 Apr.

Spring passage counts at main sites	
Hunterston	2 on 30 Apr, 4 on 2 May.
Saltcoats-Stevenston	1 on 22 May.
Kilbirnie Loch	17 flew NE on 23 Apr, 32 on 28 Apr, 28 on 2 May.
Barassie-Troon	3 on 4 May, 6 on 7 May, 1 on 8 May, 21 May, 4 on 22 May.
Martnaham Loch	4 on 25 Apr, 11 on 26 Apr, 9 on 27 Apr, 12 on 29 Apr, 15 on 30 Apr-2 May.
Doonfoot-Bracken Bay	3 on 20 Apr, 1 on 27 Apr, 2 on 28 Apr, 15 on 29 Apr, 6 on 30 Apr, 5 on 1 May, 8 on 3 May, 12 on 6 May.
Culzean Bay	36+ on 27 Apr.
Elsewhere	2 Fail 21 Apr, 4 Garnock lagoons 30 Apr, 6 on 25 May, 5 Munnoch Res 17 May.

Autumn passage counts at main sites	
Bogside-Irvine hbr	1 on 28 Aug.
Barassie-Troon	1 on 22 Jul, 4 Aug, 4 on 6 Aug, 1 on 10, 18, 22 Aug, 11 Sep.
Maidens	2 flew S on 22 Aug, singles on 3, 4 Sep, 3, 26 Oct.
Elsewhere	1 Ballantrae 31 Jul, 1 Turnberry Point 16 Aug, 4 Fail 17 Aug, 1 Dundonald Camp 22 Aug.

### Eurasian Curlew *Numenius arquata* C B W P

Breeding pairs or territorial ♂♂ included: Airds Moss (3+), Outerwards Res, Craigdullyeart, Dalgig, Braehead New Cumnock, Duhorn Burn, Loch Derclach, Dalnean Hill, Penwhapple Res, Craigdow Hill, Threethorns, Craig Hill Pinbraid, Ford Hill, Cairn Hill.

Returned inland by 9 Mar when 18 were present at Martnaham Loch. 8 Dalgig 14 Mar.

Winter-spring	Counts at main sites
Hunterston	60+ on 1 Jan, 22 on 28 Feb, 65 on 31 Mar.
Stevenston-Auchenharvie	50 on 1 Jan, 20 on 27 Feb.
Bogside-Irvine hbr	15 on 5 Mar.
Loans	68 on 31 Jan, 159 on 5 Feb, 80 on 17 Mar, 22 on 20 Apr.
Maidens	34 on 4 Jan, 12 on 12 Feb..
Elsewhere	26 Eglinton CP 1 Jan, 31 Garnock Floods 10 Jan, 29 Croy 2 Feb, 43 Fail 9 Mar, 31 on 14 Mar. 31 Martnaham Loch 16 Mar, 18 on 14 Apr, 44 Mochrum Loch 23 Mar, 22 Newhouse of Threepwood 4 Apr.

Autumn-winter	Counts at main sites
Hunterston	5 on 6 Jul, 149 on 31 Jul, 40+ on 15, 31 Aug, 105 on 3 Sep, 189 on 16 Oct.
Stevenston-Auchenharvie	48 on 5 Sep, 92 on 24 Oct, 107 on 6 Nov.
Bogside-Irvine hbr	30 on 12 Jul, 64 on 28 Aug, 37 on 10 Sep.
Barassie/Loans	17 on 29 Jun, 100 on 28 Aug, 69 on 1 Sep, 113 on 28 Oct, 167 on 13 Nov, 95 on 15 Dec.
Maidens	32 on 6 Aug, 20 on 24 Sep, 105 on 4 Nov.
Balkenna	78 on 5 Oct.
Elsewhere	132 Auchincross 15 Jul. 70 Dundonald Camp 18 Jul, 49 on 22 Aug, 25 Doonfoot 24 Sep.

### Bar-tailed Godwit *Limosa lapponica* C W P

Winter-spring	Counts at main sites
Hunterston-Fairlie	48 on 6 Mar.
Barassie-Meikle Craigs	1 on 3-24 Jan, 2 on 27 Apr, 5 on 6 Jun, 1 on 4 Jul, 2-3 from 27 Jul-6 Oct, 1 on 11 Oct.
Elsewhere	2 Doonfoot 30 Apr, 1 on 26 May.

Autumn-winter	Counts at main sites
Hunterston-Fairlie	6 on 16 Jul, 2 on 24 Aug, 6 on 3 Sep, 1 on 13-16 Sep, 16 Oct, 4 on 25 Oct, 1 on 14 Nov.
Barassie-Meikle Craigs	1 on 16 Jul, 2 on 22-24 Jul, 6. 10 Aug, 1 on 28 Aug, 2 on 5 Sep, 1 on 12-13 Sep, 3 on 29 Sep, 4 on 7 Oct, 7 on 27 Oct, 3 on 7 Nov, 5 on 12 Nov, 2 on 25 Nov.
Doonfoot	1 on 28 Aug, 14 Sep.
Maidens	1 on 4, 13 Sep, 1, 18, 30 Oct, 4 Nov.
Elsewhere	2 Pow Burn 1 Aug, 1 Stevenston Pt 3 Sep, 24 Oct, 1 Bogside 12-14 Sep, 10 Nov, 4 Balkenna 5 Oct, 2 Dipple 26 Nov.

## Black-tailed Godwit *Limosa limosa* U w P

Winter-spring	Counts at main sites
Hunterston	3 on 1 Jan.
Bogside-Garnock Floods	3 on 28 Apr.
Fail	4 on 21 Mar, 2 on 8 Apr, 12 on 9 Apr, 13 on 10 Apr, 5 on 12 Apr, 7 on 13 Apr.
Elsewhere	1 Blairbowie 8 Apr, 1 Kilbirnie Loch 28 Apr.

Autumn-winter	Counts at main sites
Hunterston	2 on 16 Jul, 3 on 13 Sep. 3 on 18 Oct.
Auchenharvie pond	5 on 2 Jul, 7 on 5 Jul, 4 on 6 Jul, 3 on 11 Sep.
Bogside-Garnock Floods	1 on 13 Jul, 28 Aug, 1 on 12 Sep.
Barassie-Troon-Loans	1 on 10 Jul, 11 on 29 Aug, 1 on 20 Sep.
Fail	20 on 29 Jul, 7 on 14 Aug, 2 on 17-21 Aug, 5 on 22 Aug, 12 on 24 Aug, 1 on 28 Aug, 3 on 29-30 Aug, 2 on 6 Sep, 4 on 20 Sep, 2 on 24 Sep-1 Oct, 1 on 2-5 Oct.
Doonfoot/Martnaham	7 on 10 Jul, 2 on 20 Jul, 11 on 21 Jul, 6 on 9 Aug.
Auchincross	38 flew S on 2 Jul, 3 on 6 Jul, 15 on 15 Jul.
Blairbowie	1 on 5-6 Aug, 2 on 7 Aug.
Maidens	1 on 29 Jul, 16-17 Aug.
Elsewhere	6 Dalmaca 4 Jul, 1 on 25 Jul, 1 Capringstone 7 Aug, 5 on 17 Sep.



Black-tailed Godwits at Pow Burn (*Dougie Edmond*)

## Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres* C W s P

Counts at main sites	
Hunterston	6 on 31 Jul, 35 on 24 Aug, 45 on 3 Sep, 28 on 16 Oct.
Ardrossan-Stevenston	14 on 27 Feb, 10 on 22 Apr, 22 on 3 Aug, 20 on 5 Oct, 20+ on 19 Nov.
Bogside-Irvine hbr	30 on 19 Jan, 5 on 2 Feb, 30+ on 19 Aug, 20 on 14 Sep, 8 on 19 Dec.
Barassie-Troon	53 on 22 Jan, 19 on 14 Feb, 17 on 14 Mar, 7 on 7 May, 6 on 4 Jun, 3 on 22 Jul, 8 on 1 Aug, 61 on 1 Sep, 50 on 28 Oct, 10 on 7 Nov, 46 on 1 Dec.
Doonfoot	9 on 5 Aug, 17 on 30 Aug, 32 on 14 Sep, 40 on 24 Sep, 28 on 9 Nov, 20 on 1 Dec.
Turnberry-Maidens	53 on 10 Jan, 20 on 3 Mar, 24 Sep, 65 on 21 Nov.
Elsewhere	30 Irvine Bay 25 Sep, 30 Seamill 30 Oct.

## Red Knot *Calidris canutus* C W P

Counts at main sites	
Hunterston	6 on 24 Aug, 31 on 3 Sep, 20 on 16 Sep, 20 on 16 Oct.
Ardrossan-Stevenston	8 on 18 Jan, 1 on 22 Apr, 3 on 5 Oct, 15 on 19 Nov.
Bogside-Irvine hbr	1 on 13 Jul, 1 on 8 Sep.
Barassie-Troon	472 on 10 Jan, 368 on 24 Feb, 200+ on 14 Mar, 4 on 4 Jun, 27 on 21 Aug, 41 on 29 Sep, 300 on 30 Oct, 32 on 19 Nov, 16 on 15 Dec.
Doonfoot-Ayr	14 on 23 Aug, c160 on 23 Dec.
Turnberry-Maidens	1 on 31 May, 8 on 20 Aug, 28 on 22 Aug, 20 on 13 Sep, 2 on 21 Oct, 5 on 7 Nov.
Elsewhere	8 Meikle Craigs 6 Jun, 5 on 18 Jul, 3 on 1 Aug, 2 on 10 Aug, 48 Balkenna 22 Aug (inc a leucistic individual), 14 Fail 3 Sep, 35 Pow Burn 1 Nov.

## Ruff *Calidris pugnax* C P

No spring records.

In the autumn:

Counts at main sites	
Hunterston	1 on 29 Aug, 1 on 5 Sep.
Bogside-Irvine hbr	1 on 12 Aug, 2 on 21 Aug, 1 on 24-28 Aug.
Fail	1 on 13-16 Aug, 7 on 17 Aug, 4 on 19-21 Aug, 17 on 22 Aug, 11 on 23 Aug, 2 on 24-27 Aug, 1 on 25-29 Aug, 6 on 3 Sep, 1 on 17 Sep, 3 on 19 Sep, 9 on 20-28 Sep, 10 on 29 Sep, 2 on 2-6 Oct, 1 until 12 Oct.
Doonfoot	1 on 9-12 Aug, 1 on 28 Aug.
Blairbowie	2 on 22 Aug.
Elsewhere	2 Maidens 22 Aug, 1 Fairlie 24 Aug, 1 Bardarroch Drongan 10 Sep.

## Curlew Sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea* U P

Once more, a very scarce migrant, with 5 juvs at Maidens on 3 Sep, 1 staying until 6 Sep (RHH *et al.*).



## Sanderling *Calidris alba* C w P

Counts at main sites	
Stevenston	80 on 8 Jan, 90 on 29 Feb, 80 on 15 Mar, 1 on 3 Apr, 23 on 8 Aug, 110 on 4 Sep, 85 on 24 Oct, 91 on 6 Nov, 116 on 20 Dec.
Bogside-Irvine hbr	37 on 9 Apr.
Barassie-Troon	22 on 13 Mar, 10 on 20 May, 2 on 1 Jun, 15 on 28 Jul, 6 on 29 Sep.
Meikle Craigs	176 on 6 Jun, 3 on 16 Jul, 55 on 23 Jul, 30 on 6 Aug, 11 on 5 Sep.
Pow Burn	30 on 11 Jun, 7 on 1 Aug, 10 on 29 Aug.
Doonfoot	14 on 22 May, 4 on 8 Jun, 7 on 20 Jul, 3 on 10 Aug.
Maidens	5 on 27 Jan, 1 on 17 Mar, 2 on 18 Jul, 12 on 23 Jul, 20 on 28 Jul.
Balkenna	30 on 22 Aug.
Elsewhere	12 Ardrossan hbr 5 Oct.

## Dunlin *Calidris alpina* C b W P

In former breeding area,

Winter-spring	Counts at main sites
Hunterston	120+ on 27 Feb.
Saltcoats-Stevenston	50+ on 17 Jan, 75 on 27 Feb, 6 on 12 May, 1 on 22 May.
Barassie-Troon	200 on 31 Jan, 77 on 7 May, 40 on 4 Jun.
Doonfoot	3 on 21 Jan, 10 on 19 Apr, 40 on 18 May.
Maidens	86 on 4 Jan, 63 on 5 Mar, 10 on 31 May.
Elsewhere	1 Martnaham Loch 7-9 May.

Autumn-winter	Counts at main sites
Hunterston	2 on 31 Jul, 6 on 31 Aug, 60 on 22 Sep, 30 on 16 Oct, 20 on 14 Nov.
Saltcoats-Stevenston	3 on 2 Jul, 35 on 30 Jul, 10 on 8 Aug, 4 Sep, 3 on 13 Sep, 82 on 19 Nov, 40 on 24 Dec.
Bogside	16 on 13 Jul, 23 on 28 Aug, 118 on 20 Sep.
Barassie-Troon	5 on 30 Jun, 62 on 28 Jul, 30 on 28 Aug, 89 on 25 Sep, 121 on 20 Oct, 39 on 17 Nov, 185 on 30 Dec.
Meikle Craigs	75 on 18 Jul, 40 on 1 Aug.
Fail	1 Fail 15 Jul, 2 on 18 Jul, 8 on 20 Jul, 6 on 21 Jul, 2 on 29 Aug, 9 on 1 Sep, 14 on 3 Sep, 2 on 6 Sep, 5 on 12 Sep, 2 on 13 Sep, 5 on 17 Sep, 20 on 19 Sep, 16 on 20 Sep, 15 on 21-22 Sep, 9 on 24 Sep, 1 on 28 Sep-8 Oct.
Doonfoot	1 returned on 2 Jul, 20+ on 20 Jul, 18 on 10 Aug, 29 on 17 Sep.
Maidens	7 on 5 Jul, 86 on 23 Jul, 130 on 28 Jul, 75 on 8 Sep, 80 on 12 Nov (inc Polish-ringed bird), 140 on 26 Nov.
Elsewhere	21 Auchincross 19 Jul, 40+ Balkenna 22 Aug, 21 Ballantrae 20 Sep.

## Purple Sandpiper *Calidris maritima* C W P

Counts at main sites	
Saltcoats	1 on 27 Feb, 22+ on 19 Nov, 12 on 24 Dec.
Stevenston	2 on 4 Jan, 2 on 3 Apr.
Barassie-Troon	19 on 17 Jan, 22 on 24 Feb, 6 on 14 Mar, 1 on 18 Sep, 24 on 7 Nov, 25 on 30 Dec.
Ayr harbour	7 on 3 Jan, 10 on 21 Dec..
Maidens-Turnberry	5 on 19 Jan, 25 Feb, 12 on 7 Nov
Elsewhere	2 Portencross 28 Feb, 4 Seamill 30 Oct, 14 on 29 Dec, 2 Dipple 28 Nov.

## Little Stint *Calidris minuta* U P

Another poor autumn with only 6 individuals reported: 1 Meikle Craigs 23 Jul (HF), 2 Doonfoot 12 Aug (BDK), 2 Turnberry Point 16 Aug (BDK), juv Fail 19-24 Sep (DGr *et al.*).

## Eurasian Woodcock *Scolopax rusticola* C B W

The only record from a potential breeding area came from Kirkleegreen Res on 29 Mar.

Counts and migrants – Spring: 1 Warwickdale 1 Jan, 1 over allotments Kilmarnock 12 Jan, 1-2 Drumbo Hill 12 Jan, 1 Garnock West 25 Jan, 1 Annbank 1 Feb, 1 Pennyburn rdbt 12 Feb, 2 Beith 13 Feb.

Counts and migrants – Autumn: 1 over Crosshill 7 Jul, 1 Ferguslea 7 Nov, 1 Fail 14 Nov, 1 Bogton Loch 28 Nov, 14 Dec, 3 Kirkleegreen Res 28 Nov, 1 Loch Bradan 28 Nov, 1 Garnock Floods 5 Dec, 1 Glenwells Wood 6, 20 Dec, 1 Kilcase Wood 6 Dec, 1 Stinchar Falls 7 Dec, 1+ Auchinleck estate 8 Dec, 1 Craigens Straiton 17 Dec, 1 Newhouse of Threepwood 18 Dec.

## Jack Snipe *Lymnocyptes minimus* C w P

In the winter-spring period: 1 Gypsy Pool 8 Jan, 7, 27, 30 Mar, 4, 14 Apr, 1 Trabboch 10 Jan, 1 Milton Burn 19 Jan, 8 Seamill 6 Feb, 1 on 5 Mar, 1 Loans 5 Mar, 1 Kirkleegreen Res 9 Mar, 1 Doonfoot 20 Apr, 2 on 21 Apr.

In the autumn: 3 Lugar 10 Oct, 1 Cronberry 22 Oct, 2 Gypsy Pool 26 Oct, 1 on 27 Oct-19 Nov, 2 on 26 Nov, 1 on 28 Nov, 3 Stevenston LNR 6 Nov, 8 on 20 Dec, 1 Bogside 15 Nov, 3 Doonfoot 21 Dec.

## Common Snipe *Gallinago gallinago* C B w P

Birds observed during the breeding season in known breeding areas included Ardeer Fen (3+), Airs Moss (2), Ashgrove Loch (2), Green Hill Fairlie (2), Bogton Loch (SW end) (2), Kilbirnie Loch, Kirkleegreen Res, Cairn Table (2), Auchincross, Dundonald Camp, Corrn Roy, Garpel Bridge.

Counts and migrants: 23 Gypsy Pool 8 Jan, 10 on 30 Mar, 8 Milton Burn 19 Jan, 11 Seamill 5 Mar, 4 Stevenston LNR 15 Mar, 9 Garnock Floods 22 Mar, 20 Fail 13 Aug, c45 on 23 Aug, 43 on 19 Sep, 20 Dalmaca 8 Sep, 51 upper Garnock estuary 28 Sep, 26 Gypsy Pool 16 Oct, 19 on 30 Nov, 41 Garnock Floods 23 Oct. 70 Stevenston LNR 6 Nov, 92 on 20 Dec, 24 Trabboch Loch 12 Nov, 11 on 5 Dec, 47 Bogside 15 Nov, 12 Doonfoot 21 Dec.

## Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos* C B S P

Territorial or breeding birds were recorded at Outerwards Res, Kelburn, Barcraigs Res, Kilbirnie Loch, Portencross, Munnoch Res, Dumfries House estate, Gass Water Lugar, Auchincross, Auchincruive, Gadgirth, Martnaham Loch, Loch Doon dam, Drumgirnan, Dipple, Woodland Bay.

First arrivals were singles at Maich Water on 9 Apr, Muirhead on 11 Apr, Martnaham Loch and Loch Moan on 14 Apr, and Doonfoot on 16 Apr. Present over much of the county from 18 Apr. Nine at Martnaham Loch on 27 Apr was notable.

Autumn counts/departure: 7 Greenan 2 Jul, 4 Doonfoot 7 Aug, with the last 1 there on 6 Oct.

### **Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularius* A**

A juvenile discovered at the Rancleugh Burn on 16 Oct (HF) remained in the area over the winter, most often observed between there and Segganwell. This is the first record of the species for Ayrshire.



Juvenile Spotted Sandpiper at Rancleugh Burn (*Dave Grant*)

**A full description of this discovery appears in *Scottish Birds* 41 (3): 264-266**

### **Green Sandpiper *Tringa ochropus* U w P**

3 spring individuals: 1 Gypsy Pool 28-31 Mar, 1 at Fail on 9 Apr, and 1 at Longbar on 19 Apr.

Autumn records involved an ad Capringstone 7 Aug, singles Auchincross 16, 19 Aug, singles Fail 4, 12 Aug, 2 on 29 Aug, 1 on 30 Aug, 1 Dalmaca 8-10 Sep.

### **Lesser Yellowlegs *Tringa flavipes* A**

A juv at Fail from 12-13 Sep (*J Rose et al.*) was initially misidentified as a Wood Sandpiper, but correctly identified by the observer above.



Lesser Yellowlegs at Fail (*Dougie Edmond*)

## Common Redshank *Tringa totanus* C b W P

No observations from potential breeding areas.

Winter-spring	Counts at main sites
Hunterston	75 on 27 Jan, 61 on 6 Mar.
Ardrossan-Saltcoats	23 on 5 Jan, 24 on 27 Feb.
Barassie-Troon	20+ on 14 Mar.
Doonfoot	79 on 12 Jan, 82 on 7 Feb, 90 on 8 Mar, 102 on 8 Apr, 11 on 24 Apr, 2 on 4 May.
Maidens	83 on 12 Jan, 90 on 3 Feb, 37 on 20 Mar.
Elsewhere	30+ Fairlie 1 Jan, 14 on 5 Mar, 34 Pow Burn 9 Jan, 10 Seamill 12 Jan.

Site	Count
Hunterston	104 on 31 Jul, 31+ on 15 Aug, 138 on 5 Sep, 160 on 18 Oct, 40 on 14 Nov.
Ardrossan-Saltcoats	22 on 3 Aug, 20 on 23 Oct, 30+ on 19 Nov.
Bogside-Irvine hbr	20 on 12 Jul, 260 on 13 Sep.
Barassie-Troon	30 on 19 Aug, 28 on 30 Dec.
Doonfoot	80 on 18 Jul, 52 on 19 Aug, 84 on 17 Sep, 102 on 4 Oct, 75 on 16 Nov, 94 on 3 Dec.
Maidens	30 on 24 Jul, 30+ on 13 Sep, 70 on 41 Oct, 80 on 12 Nov, 96 on 12 Dec.
Elsewhere	2 back at Greenan 2 Jul, 68 Fairlie 31 Aug, 80 on 16 Sep, 25 on Pow Burn 25 Nov.

## Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola* U P

A spring adult was present at Martnaham Loch from 27-29 Apr (DGr *et al.*).

In autumn, a juv was present at Fail on 12 Aug (DGi).

## Spotted Redshank *Tringa erythropus* U w P

Two individuals in the autumn involved 1 at Bogside on 11-12 Aug (FMcC), and 1 at Fail on 16-17 Aug (DGr *et al.*).

## Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia* C w P

Winter-spring	Counts at main sites
Hunterston-Fairlie	5 on 4 Jan, 16 on 27 Feb, 12 on 6 Mar.
Bogside-Capringstone	7 on 15 Jan, 2 on 21 Mar, 6 on 1 Apr.
Doonfoot-Heads of Ayr	2 on 12 Feb.
Pow Burn	1 on 9-22 Jan.
Elsewhere	2 Martnaham Loch 9 Apr, 1 Munnoch Res 13 May.

Autumn-winter	Counts at main sites
Hunterston-Fairlie	5 on 16 Jul, 13 on 28 Jul, c20 on 24 Aug, 28 on 5 Sep, 33 on 18 Oct, 31 on 15 Nov.
Bogside	2 on 30 Jun, 13 Jul, 3 Aug, 8 on 28 Aug, 10 on 18 Sep, 5 on 10 Nov.
Pow Burn	1 on 8 Oct-20 Dec.

<b>Fail</b>	2 on 14 Jul, 1 on 15-24 Jul, 1 on 12-22 Aug.
<b>Martnaham Loch</b>	2 on 2 Jul, 3 on 4 Jul, 2 on 17, 25 Jul, 1 on 23 Aug, 2 on 30 Aug, 21 Sep.
<b>Doonfoot-Heads of Ayr</b>	1 on 13 Jul, 2 on 14 Jul, 3 on 16 Jul, 5 Aug, 4 on 10 Aug, 2 on 24 Sep, 23 Oct.
<b>Elsewhere</b>	1 Auchincross 15 Jul, 1 Dalmaca 25 Jul, 1 Saltcoats harbour 3 Aug, 1 Meikle Craigs 6 Aug, 1 Dipple 12 Aug, 1 Turnberry Point 16 Aug, 1 Maidens 17-20 Aug, 3 on 22 Aug-1 Sep, 1 Barassie 27 Oct, 2 on 7 Nov.

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

No reports received from Ailsa Craig.

<b>Passage Counts</b>	
<b>Stevenston Point</b>	20 on 16 Feb, 23 on 8 Sep, 97 on 24 Oct, 98 on 31 Oct, 220 on 13 Dec.
<b>Troon</b>	17 on 9 Feb, 47 on 12 Feb, 30 on 28 Aug, 56 on 24 Oct, 201 on 1 Nov, 29 on 21 Nov, 15 on 17 Dec.
<b>Maidens</b>	41 on 12 Jan, 128 on 4 Sep, 69 on 9 Sep, 139 on 7 Oct, 159 on 30 Oct, 201 on 1 Nov, 151 on 18 Nov, 74 on 21 Nov, 129 on 17 Dec.

### **Black-headed Gull *Croicocephalus ridibundus* C B W**

The only breeding report came from Barcraigs/Rowbank Res where 75+ were observed on a nesting island.

Counts: 150 Stevenston Point 4 Jan, 354 on 18 Jan, 563 on 27 Nov, 360 Ardeer Beach 15 Mar, 106 Barcraigs/Rowbank Res 30 Jun, 152 on 26 Aug, 107 Pow Burn 6 Aug, 150 on 24 Sep, 345 Barassie 25 Sep.

### **Little Gull *Hydrocoloeus minutus* U P**

Up to 3 birds were seen during the year.

In winter-spring: 1<sup>st</sup> w Lendalfoot 2 – 12 Jan, probably the same one at Doonfoot 15 Jan, 1<sup>st</sup> w Fail Loch 8 Apr.

In autumn: ad Stevenston Point 10 Nov.

### **Mediterranean Gull *Ichthyaetus melanocephalus* R P**

In the winter-spring period: 1 Stevenston Point 17 Jan, 2 Fail on 28 Feb.

<b>Autumn-winter</b>	<b>Counts at main sites</b>
<b>Barassie-Troon (inc Meikle Craigs)</b>	5 on 29 Jun, 17 (9 ads, 8 x 1 <sup>st</sup> s) on 22-24 Jul, 8 on 1 Aug, 9 on 11 Aug, 29 on 5 Sep, 7 on 27 Sep, 2 on 14 Dec.
<b>Pow Burn-Prestwick</b>	1 on 20 Jul, 2 on 1 Aug, 3 on 8 Oct, 4 on 18 Oct, 2 on 30 Nov.
<b>Doonfoot</b>	1 on 15 Sep, 1 on 4, 23 Oct.
<b>Elsewhere</b>	1 Maidens 13 Sep-30 Oct, 2 on 13 Sep, 1 Ardeer Beach 31 Oct, 1 Seamill 4 Dec.

### **Common Gull *Larus canus* C B W**

There were no records of breeding birds reported.

Counts: 100 Stevenston Point 17 Jan, 300 Trabboch 8 Mar, 280 Martnaham Loch 19 Mar, 210 on 22 Aug, 450 Maidens 13 Sep, 300 on 21 Sep, 200 Doonfoot 24 Sep, 150 Fail on 11 Oct, 200 on 24 Oct.

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

Breeding: 100+ prs Lady Isle.

Counts: 20 Oldhall Ponds 12 Jan, 11 Doonfoot 21 Jan, 23 on 5 Aug, 42 on 10 Sep, 90 Lendalfoot 3 Feb, 10 Maidens 3 Aug, 10 Auchendarvie 28 Dec.

### **Iceland Gull *Larus glaucoides* U W P**

Up to 4 birds were seen during the year.

In winter-spring: ad Sandyford Toll 10 Mar, 1<sup>st</sup> w Fail 25 Mar, 10 Apr.

In autumn: juv Overcairn 8 Nov, juv Troon 21 Nov.

### **Glaucous Gull *Larus hyperboreus* U W P**

Up to 2 birds were seen during the year.

In winter-spring: 1<sup>st</sup> w Troon 7 Feb (D Gi)

In autumn: 1<sup>st</sup> w Troon 14 Dec (F McC)

### **Herring Gull *Larus argentatus* C B W**

Breeding: 800+ prs Lady Isle.

Counts: 3500 Lendalfoot 3 Feb, 800 on 29 Dec, 251 Troon 6 Aug, 400 Dunure 6 Sep, 600 Maidens 14 Sep, 900 Fail 1-11 Oct, 2500 on 24 Oct.

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

Breeding: 300+ prs Lady Isle.

Arrival was from 25 Feb when 19 were at Fail.

In the autumn: 300 Doonfoot 26 Aug, 112 Troon 28 Aug, 82 Martnaham 21 Sep, 130 Fail 29 Sep, 61 on 18 Oct, 55 on 24 Oct.

Wintering adults included: 1 Skares 12 Jan, 1 Doonfoot 18-21 Jan, 1 Stevenston Point 7 Nov, 2 Fail 11-12 Nov.

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

Arrival was from 6 Apr when 6 were at Doonfoot, followed by 2 at Bogside on 9 Apr, then 10 at Hunterston on 10 Apr.

Site	Count
Hunterston Sands	10 on 10 Apr, 2 on 25 Apr, 6 on 3 Sep.
Stevenston Point	40 on 29 Jun, 48 on 8 Aug, 100 on 4 Sep.
Irvine-Bogside	3 on 13 Jul, 15 on 19 Aug.
Barassie-Troon	16 on 22 Jun, 9 on 5 Jul, 21 on 28 Aug, 2 on 29 Sep.
Ayr-Doonfoot	6 on 6 Apr, 7 on 26 Aug, 3 on 14 Sep.
Maidens-Turnberry Point	10 on 25 Jun, 21 on 28 Jul, 25 on 9 Sep, 12 on 29 Sep.
Elsewhere	7 Fairlie 25 Apr, 11 on 29 Jul, 8 Croy 24 Jul.

### **Sooty Tern *Onychoprion fuscatus* A**

Totally unexpected was the appearance of an adult at Maidens on the afternoon of 23 Jul (RHH). This is the first Ayrshire record of the species.

**A full account of the observation appears on the Ayrshire Birding website**

## Common Tern *Sterna hirundo* C B S P

There were no spring records.

In the autumn: 2 Troon south beach 10 Jul, 4 Meikle Craigs 6 Aug, 5 on 10 Aug, 2 Largs 27 Aug, 1 Barassie 28 Aug, 2 Doonfoot 28 Aug.

## Arctic Tern *Sterna paradisaea* C B S P



Juv Arctic Tern in November at Maidens (*Dave Grant*)

Arrival was from 29 Apr when 1 was at Heads of Ayr, but spring passage was largely unobserved due to Covid restrictions.

In the autumn: 3 Stevenston Point 29 Jun, 1 Meikle Craigs 16 Jul, 2 on 20 Jul, 3 on 22 Jul, 2 on 24 Jul, 3 Doonfoot 12 Aug, 3 Maidens 24 Sep, a very late juv was at Maidens from 19-21 Nov.

## Great Skua *Stercorarius skua* U S w P

Spring passage: 1 Outer Nebock Rocks 23 May was the only reported passage bird.

Autumn passage counts	
Troon	singles on 28, 29 Jul, 30 Oct.
Maidens-Turnberry	singles on 14, 24 Sep, 30 Oct, 4 Nov.



Great Skua at Saltcoats (*Dougie Edmond*)

## Pomarine Skua *Stercorarius pomarinus* U P

Two autumn records: a juv was seen off Troon on 24 Nov (DGr/DC), and another juv was seen flying N at Troon on 2 Dec (DGr).

## Arctic Skua *Stercorarius parasiticus* U S P

In spring: 1 Outer Nebock Rocks 23 May.

Autumn passage counts	
Stevenston	1 on 4 Sep. Possibly the same bird seen at Loans later in day.
Dunure	2 on 20 Jun.

## Common Guillemot *Uria aalge* C B w p

No report from breeding site on Ailsa Craig.

Counts/passage:

Site	Count
Ardrossan-Saltcoats	70 on 12 May, 5 Jun, 10 on 15 Aug.
Troon	9 on 5 Jul, 9 on 11 Sep, 109 on 24 Oct.
Maidens	4 on 17 Mar, 12 on 5 Sep, 19 on 9 Sep, 16 on 14 Sep.
Elsewhere	4 Dunure on 18 Jun, 5 on 6 Sep.
Auk sp Guillemot/Razorbill	720 off Maidens 7 Oct, 375 on 20 Oct, 189 off Troon 1 Nov.

## Razorbill *Alca torda* C B w p

No reports from breeding sites.

Counts/passage:

Site	Count
Maidens	7 on 17 Mar, 8 on 22 Aug, 25 on 14 Sep, 115 on 22 Oct, 80 on 26 Oct.
Elsewhere	12 Troon 6 Sep, 50 on 24 Oct, 20 Stevenston Point 6 Nov.

## Black Guillemot *Cephus grylle* C B W p

At breeding sites (from N southwards): Fairlie-Hunterston (11 displaying), Saltcoats (up to 8 birds), Troon (10 birds), Ayr.

Counts: 61 Dipple-Balkenna 5 Oct, 25 Troon 24 Oct, 22 Ballantrae 7 Nov, 14 Bennane Head 7 Nov, 25 Dipple 26 Nov, 23 Troon 30 Dec.

## Atlantic Puffin *Fratercula arctica* U b S p

No reports received from Ailsa Craig.

Birds seen from mainland:

Site	Count
Portencross	2 on 6 Jul.
Outer Nebock Rocks	5 on 14 May, 1 on 17, 18 May, 5 on 22 May.



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

Monthly peaks	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Skelmorlie-Ardrossan	2		1								6	
Ardrossan-Troon	1	6	5	2					1	4	6	6
Troon-Turnberry Point	7	5	1	2	2		1	5	72	11	25	21
Turnberry Point-Finnarts Bay	3	1	11							15	22	10

Highest counts/movements: 64 flew S/2 hrs at Maidens on 14 Sep, 49 flew S/2 hrs there on 29 Sep, 22 Ballantrae-Lendalfoot 7 Nov, 25 Newton shore-Prestwick 10 Nov.

Inland, 1 was seen flying S at Garpel Bridge on 20 Jun.

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

Monthly peaks	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Skelmorlie-Ardrossan												
Ardrossan-Troon		1									2	
Troon-Turnberry Point			1						1	3	3	5
Turnberry Point-Finnarts Bay		10	14		2					3	36	8

### Great Northern Diver *Gavia immer* U W P

Monthly peaks	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Skelmorlie-Ardrossan												
Ardrossan-Troon					1	1					2	1
Troon-Turnberry Point	1	1	2	1	3	2				3	8	5
Turnberry Point-Finnarts Bay		5	4								57	11

Notable counts included 39 Ballantrae-Lendalfoot 7 Nov, 57 Ballantrae-Dipple 28 Nov.

## European Storm Petrel *Hydrobates pelagicus* C FB S p

An improved showing, with 2 Outer Nebock Rocks Saltcoats on 24 May (TB), 9 flew N Stevenston Point on 29 Jun (TB), and 4 off Troon on 29 Jun (DGr/DC).



European Storm Petrel Troon (Dave Grant)

## Leach's Storm Petrel *Hydrobates leucorhoa* U P

Only 1 autumn record involved a single bird off Troon on 24 Oct (DGr).

## Northern Fulmar *Fulmarus glacialis* C B P

Continued decline in breeding numbers: 9 AON Culzean 27 Apr was the only comment from breeding sites.

Passage and counts: 5 flew S/hr Maidens 3 Feb, 3 Stevenston Point 16 Feb, 1 Portencross 28 Feb, 10 Outer Nebock Rocks Saltcoats 23 May, 10 Stevenston Point 22 Jun, 5 Dunure 24 Jun, 6 Troon 28 Jun, 14 Maidens 4 Sep, 7 on 9 Sep, 1 on 20 Nov.

## Cory's Shearwater *Calonectris borealis* R P

1 seen off the Outer Nebock Rocks, Saltcoats on 10 Aug (TB) was the 12<sup>th</sup> Ayrshire record and the first since 1987.

## Manx Shearwater *Puffinus puffinus* C S P

The earliest noted spring birds were 4 at Meikle Craigs on 20 Apr, 4 in Culzean Bay on 27 Apr. This was followed by "large numbers" seen off Heads of Ayr on 6 May, and 50 at Outer Nebock Rocks Saltcoats on 12 May.

Counts at main sites.

Site	Count
Saltcoats-Stevenston	160 on 22 Jun, 346 on 10 Aug, 40 on 8 Sep.
Troon	85 on 23 Jul, 65 on 4 Sep, 6+ on 7 Oct.
Maidens	527 flew S/hr on 27 Jun, 770 S/r on 5 Jul, 1000+ offshore on 23 Jul, 250 on 22 Aug, 250 on 9 Sep, 70 on 14 Sep, last singles on 18, 20, 22 Oct.
Elsewhere	Also noted off Largs on 26 Aug.



Manx Shearwater off Stevenston Point (*Dougie Edmond*)

### Northern Gannet *Morus bassanus* C B p

Winter/spring arrival back in outer Clyde: singles off Troon 7 Jan, Maidens 8, 12 Jan, 10 Troon 9 Feb, 1 Fairlie 31 Mar.

Counts: 100 Outer Nebock Rocks Saltcoats 23 May, 5 Jun, 50 Troon 28 Jun, 40 Maidens 16 Jul, 45-50 on 13-14 Sep, 60 Turnberry Point 16 Aug, juv flew NW over Auchincross 26 Sep, 210 Maidens flew S/2hrs 7 Oct, 140 on 23 Oct, 26 Troon 24 Oct.

Departure from Clyde and winter records included 5 Maidens 19, 21 Nov, 2 Troon 21 Nov, 1 Culzean Bay 24 Dec.

### Great Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo* C B p

No breeding reports.

Counts	
Hunterston-Portencross	15 on 5 Aug, 14 on 16 Oct.
Stevenston Point	8 on 25 Jun, 50 on 3 Aug.
Irvine hbr mouth	5 on 2 Feb.
Troon-Barassie	12 on 6 Feb, 16 on 6 Mar, 16 on 29 Jun, 40 on 1 Aug, 12 on 20 Oct.
Elsewhere	10 Ballantrae 21 Mar, 11 Martnaham Loch 7, 20 Apr, 9 on 29 Nov, 19 Maidens 5 Jul, 15 on 22 Aug, 20 on 17 Sep, 12 on 9 Nov, 47 Lady Isle 23 Jul, 10 Ballantrae 20 Sep, 10 Croy 17 Oct.

A notable inland count involved 37+ Kilbirnie Loch 10 Jan.

## European Shag *Gulosus aristotelis* C B w

No breeding reports.

Counts	
Hunterston-Portencross	6 on 1 Jan, 11 on 15 Aug, 15 on 3 Sep, 27 on 16 Oct.
Stevenston Point	10 on 29 Jul, 50 on 11 Aug.
Irvine hbr mouth	23 on 13 Feb, 20+ on 5 Mar.
Troon-Barassie	12 on 5 Jan, 14 on 5 Mar, 38 on 15 May, 36 on 13 Jun, 37 on 14 Aug, 47 on 29 Sep, 28 on 7 Nov, 26 on 10 Dec.
Elsewhere	26 Seamill on 13 Feb, 10 Meigle Bay 6 Mar, 163 Lady Isle 23 Jul, 50 Dunure 6 Sep, 15 Maidens 14 Sep, 20 on 15 Oct, 17 Carleton Port 20 Sep.

## Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea* C B w

The only report from a breeding site concerned 2+ nests at Bogside, although casual records suggest that several traditional sites were occupied.

Counts and migrants: 7 Hunterston 27 Feb, 6 on 5 Sep, 5 on 7 Oct, 18 Dean Castle CP 13 Jun, 5 Milton Stair 28 Oct.

## Great Egret *Ardea alba* R P

This species has recently become a more regular visitor. 1 at Cronberry from 4-11 Apr (IS/DP).

## Little Egret *Egretta garzetta* U S p

Precise totals for this rapidly expanding species are difficult, but at least individuals were present during the year, involving the following:

Counts	
Fairlie-Seamill	1 on 1 Jan-20 May, 2 on 19 Mar-24 Aug, 6 on 29 Aug, 12 on 5 Sep, 7 on 6 Sep-4 Oct, 13 on 13 Sep, 8 on 25 Oct, 11 on 5 Nov, 6 on 22 Nov, 2 until end Dec
Bogside-Garnock Floods	1 on 10 Jan-13 Mar, 13-15 Jul, 6-28 Aug, 3 on 5 Dec
Pow Burn	1 on 9-10 Jan, 23 Mar, 14 Sep, 22 Oct-20 Dec
Doonfoot-Heads of Ayr	1 on 26 Jun, 13 Sep, 6 Oct
Elsewhere	1 Barassie 29 Aug, 20 Sep, 1 Segganwell 9 Sep, 1 Croy 17 Oct, 1 Loans 17, 30 Nov.

## **Osprey *Pandion haliaetus* R FB P**

Breeding: 4 sites were occupied and a total of 7 juveniles fledged.

In spring: as with many other migrants Covid restrictions obscured the true arrival dates. One at Kilbirnie Loch on 18 Apr had been reported during previous week, 1 Loch Bradan 22 Apr, 1 N Barcully 11 May. Other migrants or non-breeders were noted during late Apr-May at Kirkmichael and Outerwards

Autumn birds were noted at Kilbirnie Loch on 27 Jun, Jelliston on 1 Jul, with the last 2 over Ness Glen on 10 Sep.



Female Osprey in South Ayrshire (*Angus Hogg*)

## **Golden Eagle *Aquila chrysaetos* U (B)**

An immature bird was seen over Goldenberry Hill on 2 May (MMcG).

## **Eurasian Sparrowhawk *Accipiter nisus* C B**

Breeding: reported widely within the county with examples from suitable areas at Largs, Hunterston, Kilbirnie, Ardeer, Saltcoats, Annbank, Doonfoot, Alloway, Maidens and Ballantrae.

## **Northern Goshawk *Accipiter gentilis* U (B)**

Although becoming more widespread, breeding success remains very low. Six sites were occupied by pairs or singles, but Covid restrictions meant that further evidence was not obtained.

Outwith the breeding season, singles were seen at Fail on 12 Aug, and Finnarts Bay on 16 Oct.

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

Only 2 individuals were reported: a juv flew N at Bogton Loch on 29 Aug (RHH), and an ad ♀ at Bogside on 9 Sep (TB).

## **Hen Harrier *Circus cyaneus* U b p**

No reports were received from breeding areas.

Migrants and wintering birds were reported from Bogside, Auchincross, Bogton Loch, and Barrmill.

## Red Kite *Milvus milvus* FB A

The Dalmellington-Loch Doon area continued to be important for sightings with 1-2 birds in the area from 15 Jan -15 Oct. Elsewhere, other reports included singles at Craigdullyeart 10 Apr, Garnaburn Bridge 1 Jun, Shewalton Wood 18 Jun, Loch Duisk 9 Jul, S over Prestwick 31 Jul, Afton Res 8 Aug, Beith 14 Sep, and Newhouse of Threepwood 29 Dec.

## Common Buzzard *Buteo buteo* C B

A widespread and common breeding raptor.

Pairs or reported territories included the following: Portencross-Fairlie (7+ - B/1 noted at Hawking Craig), Loch Doon (5+), Culzean (B/1 noted), Barcraigs Res, Ardeer, Tarbert Hill, Todhill, Cuffhill Res, Brisbane Lodge, Knockencorsan Plantation, Outerwards Res, Kelburn Glen, Busbiemuir Res, Fail, Dean Castle CP, Oldhall, Shewalton Wood, Dundonald Hill, Fullarton Woods, Martnaham Loch, Target Wood, Lanemark, Craigdullyeart, Heads of Ayr, Loch Bradan.

Migration/counts: 16 Auchincross 10 Jan, 23 Auchincross-Dalgig 7 Feb, 8 on 13 Nov.



Common Buzzard at Drumlamford (*Angus Hogg*)

## Barn Owl *Tyto alba* C B

Few breeding results were received, including pr B/8 Barjarg, Auchmannoch (chicks heard), with others reported in suitable breeding habitat at Newhouse of Threepwood, Middleyard, Crosshill, Martnaham and South Craig.

Sightings were reported from the following areas: a rescued bird at North Hourat 10 Jun, 1 Oldhall 23 Feb, 1 Loch Bradan 28 Nov, 1 Whitletts rdbt 4 Dec, 1 Ochiltree 7 Dec.



Barn Owl at Pow Burn (*Dougie Edmond*)

### **Long-eared Owl *Asio otus* U b**

Two records from breeding sites of this elusive species. At least one bird was present at Craigens, Kirkoswald, alarm-calling heard during Feb. A juvenile was heard food-begging at Loch Riecawr on 31 Jul.

Elsewhere, 1 was observed at Newhouse of Threepwood on 27 May.

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

No breeding reports were received.

Counts/migrants: a poor year with only 1-2 birds present at Bogside from 5 Jan-7 Mar, 1 Common Loch 28 Aug, 1 Troon South Beach 30 Aug.

### **Tawny Owl *Strix aluco* C B**

Breeding pairs or territorial birds were noted at Largs, Hunterston House, Newhouse of Threepwood, Glenbuck, Auchincross, Fairfield Park Ayr, Doonside, Barclaugh Wood, Parkfairn Crosshill, Dyke Farm Straiton, Craigens Kirkoswald, Duoin.

In winter, singles were reported from Annbank, Newhouse of Threepwood and Dalrymple, with 3 heard at Dalleagles on 19 Feb.

### **Common Kingfisher *Alcedo atthis* U b**

During the breeding season, birds or pairs in suitable breeding habitat were seen at Kilbirnie, Ardeer, Galston, Dumfries House, Ochiltree, Annbank, Belleisle, Kilkerran.

In the autumn dispersing birds were seen at the following locations: 1 Doonfoot 12 Aug, 4, 23 Oct, 1 Martnaham Loch 29 Sep, 1 upper Garnock estuary 11 Oct, 1 Finnarts Bay 4 Nov, 1 Hunterston 15 Nov.

Winter records included singles at Eglinton CP 1 Jan, Dipple on 10 Jan, Doonfoot on 21 Jan-20 Apr, with 2 there on 5 Feb, Pow Burn on 22 Jan, 27 Sep, 6, 9 Dec, Stair on 1 Feb, Garnock Floods on 23 Mar. Garnock lagoons 27 Nov, Rozelle on 15 Dec.

## **Great Spotted Woodpecker *Dendrocopos major* C B**

During the breeding season, birds or pairs in suitable breeding habitat were seen at Hunterston (2+), Coylton (2 juvs noted), Trabboch Loch (juv noted), Largs NE (juv noted), Meigle Bay, Outerwards Res, Goldenberry Hill, Burn Gill, Tarbert Hill, Ardeer, Eglinton CP, Dean Castle CP, Oldhall, Fullarton Woods, Shewalton Wood, Annbank, Dumfries House, Martnaham Loch, Doonside, Craigengillan, Straiton, Balbeg, Burnton Wood, Clauchrie Hill, Barr, Ladyburn Glen, Drumgirnan, Glenshalloch Wood, Culzean CP, Goats Green, Lovestone, Stinchar Falls.

The first drumming birds were heard at Fullarton Woods on 2 Feb, Glenshalloch Wood on 24 Feb and Culzean Swan Pond on 4 Mar.

## **Common Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus* C B**

Annual breeding summary unavailable, but prs reared B/2 Bogside and min B/1 Craigens, Kirkoswald. Territorial birds were noted at Auchincross, Brisbane Cemetery, Dunure and Rankinston

Outside the breeding season, notable records included 5 Auchincross 10 Jan, 8 on 2 Feb, 2 Catrine 7 Feb, 1 Kirkleegreen 18 May, 1 Outerwards 30 May, 2 Fail 29 Aug, 1 Kaim Hill 26 Nov, 1 MIDDLEYARD 28 Dec.

## **Merlin *Falco columbarius* C b W**

No reports were received from breeding areas.

Wintering birds/ or migrants were noted as follows: singles Auchincross 10, 12, 15 Jan, 1 Ochiltree 12 Jan, ♀ Muirhead 1, 7 Feb, 2CY ♂ Chapeldonan 3 Feb, 1 Fail 4 Feb, ♂ Gypsy Pool 12 Feb, ♂ Barrmill 23 Feb, 1 Glen Afton 28 Aug, ♂ Auchincross 13 Oct, 1 Troon 20 Oct, 1 Lugar 23 Oct, juv Maidens 23 Oct, 1 Collennan 26 Oct, 1 Loans 1, 8 Nov, 28 Dec, 1 Girvan Mains 5 Nov, 1 Ballantrae 7 Nov, 1 Cronberry 16 Nov, 1 Watsonburn 27 Nov, 1 Ochiltree 28 Nov, ♀ Minnybae 2 Dec, 1 Newhouse of Threepwood 14 Dec, ♀ Craigens, Kirkoswald 20 Dec.

## **Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus* C b w**

Of the 35 sites which were checked, 16 were occupied by pairs, 3 by single birds. Eleven pairs reared 31 young to fledging stage. Five pairs failed, partly due to poor weather. (SSRSG).

Winter sightings were widespread with many from coastal locations.

## **Ring-necked Parakeet *Psittacula krameri* E**

This introduced species continues to spread, with 6 birds present in Kay Park on 12 Sep, 8 on 24 Dec. In addition, 3 were seen in Kilmaurs on 29 Nov.

## **Eurasian Jay *Garrulus glandarius* C B**

Birds seen in suitable areas during the breeding season included the following: Outerwards Res, Ardeer, Garnock E, Cairnhill Galston, Lugar, Killoch, Dumfries House, Shewalton Wood, Martnaham Loch, Doonside, Dyke Straiton, Ladywell Wood, Craigdow Hill, Palmullan Bridge, Kilwinnet, Clauchrie Hill, Linfern Loch, Culzean CP.

Outside breeding season 1-2 birds were noted at Kirkleegreen Res, Outerwards, Beith, Airds Moss W, Dumfries House, Auchinleck House, Fullarton Woods, Annbank, Martnaham Loch, Garpel Bridge, with 5 at Glenshalloch Wood 24 Feb, 5 at Newhouse of Threepwood 23 Sep, 4 Garnock lagoon 11 Oct and 6 Coylton 22 Nov.

## **Black-billed Magpie *Pica pica* C B**

Now a widespread breeding bird in Ayrshire.

Peak counts included 15 Muirhead 26 Feb, 13 on 18 Oct, 9 Milgarholm Park Irvine 6 Sep, 14 Dean Castle CP 18 Sep, 12 Collennan 6 Nov, 23 Loans 6 Nov.



### **Eurasian Jackdaw *Corvus monedula* C B w**

No significant breeding records were received.

High counts, frequently in association with Rooks: 200 Eglinton CP 1 Jan, 253 Loans 21 Jan, 16 Oct, 322 on 12 Nov, 298 on 18 Dec, 110 Stevenston Point 27 Feb, 300 Saltcoats 7 Jul, 360 on 1 Dec, 150 Lugar 12 Nov, 1000 Stevenston 12 Dec.

### **Rook *Corvus frugilegus* C B**

Counts of nests at established Rookeries included 124 at Doonside, 68 at Bellisle, 30 at Rozelle.

No large winter flock counts noted, but 100+ Dean Castle CP 2 Feb, 14 Mar, 200+ on 7 Nov.

### **Carrion Crow *Corvus corone* C B**

No significant breeding reports were received.

No high counts reported, the highest being 34 Barassie 6 Feb, 56 on 26 Jun, 37 on 18 Sep, 36 Oldhall 23 Feb, 58 on 18 May, 39 on 23 Dec, 148 Tarbolton landfill site 12 Sep, 42 Troon South Beach 10 Dec.

Hybrid Carrion x Hooded Crow: 1-2 Fairlie-Hunterston 1 Jan-15 Nov, 3 on 6 Sep, 1 Stevenston 8 Jan, 10 Nov, 1 Troon 21 Jan, 20 May, 1 upper Garnock estuary 12 Jul, 1 Kilbirnie Loch 6 Sep,

### **Hooded Crow *Corvus cornix* U (b) p**

Pure Hooded Crows are scarce in Ayrshire and care should be taken with their identification.

Singles were noted at Drumshang 10 Jan, Hunterston 17 Feb-18 Oct, 1 Stevenston 20 Jul-11 Aug.

### **Common Raven *Corvus corax* U b**

41 sites were checked, 27+ of which were occupied. 18 pairs laid eggs and 18 pairs reared 47+ young where the outcome was known. (SSRSG).

Counts: 19+ Craigdullyear 20 Feb, 14 Craigdow Hill 28 Mar, 32 Culdoon Hill 7 Apr.

### **Bohemian Waxwing *Bombycilla garrulus* R w P**

A poor year, with a few birds early in the year.

Site	Peak counts
Saltcoats	2 on 5 Jan.
Irvine-Gailes	2 on 6 Jan, 21-24 on 27-29 Feb, 2 on 2 Mar.
Cumnock	5 on 2 Mar, 11 on 9 Mar

### **Coal Tit *Periparus ater* C B**

Counts and post-breeding groups included 8 Shewalton Wood 13 Sep, 20 on 4 Sep, 17 on 22 Oct, 8 Martnaham Loch 22 Sep, 10 Gadgirth Mains 24 Nov.



Coal Tit leaving feeder at Crosshill (*Angus Hogg*)

### **Willow Tit *Poecile montanus* U b**

Single birds seen at 2 locations at Bogton Loch during Jan-Feb, and Jul. Another individual was seen at a traditional site at Knockshinnoch lagoons on 15 Sep.

### **Blue Tit *Cyanistes caeruleus* C B**

Counts and post-breeding groups included 22 Auchincruive 15 Jan, 21 Fullarton Woods 2 Feb, 15 Barclaugh Wood 16 Feb, 21 Craigengillan 5 Mar, 26 (inc 18 juvs) Shewalton Wood 10 Jun, 23 on 25 Sep, 26 Oldhall Ponds 11 Jun, 12 Gadgirth Mains 24 Nov.

### **Great Tit *Parus major* C B**

Counts included 16 Auchincruive 15 Jan, 10 Dean Castle CP 26 Jan, 18 Barclaugh Wood 16 Feb, 14 Annbank 29 Dec.

### **Sky Lark *Alauda arvensis* C B W P**

Breeding or territorial ♂♂ noted at Bogside (16), Royal Troon GC (min 15), Dundonald Camp (8), Green Hill Fairlie (7), Pow Burn (5), Whitelee windfarm (5), Quad Rocks Largs (3), Collennan (3), Loch Bradan (3), Ward Hill (2), Whiteside Hill, Knockendon Bridge, Seamill, Kirkleegreen Res, Garnock Heath, Garnock Floods, Craigdullyeart, Airds Moss, Fail, Shewalton Wood, Loans

Autumn passage: 70 flew south Maidens 10 Oct, 37 on 30 Oct.

Winter and autumn counts included 72 Loans 1 Jan, 26 Eglinton CP 1 Jan, 40 Fail 29 Sep, 55 on 5 Dec, 44 Bracken Bay 10 Oct, 93 Gypsy Pool/Loans 14 Oct, 64 on 27 Oct, 126 on 30 Dec, 40 Martnaham Loch 24 Oct.

### **Sand Martin *Riparia riparia* C B S p**

Breeding was reported from upper Gass Water Lugar (84 AON), Auchincross/Dalgig (c10 AON), Stevenston Point (10 AON), Garnock estuary (min 6 AON), Laggan Bridge (5), Gadgirth, Gailles Marsh.

Arrival was from 22 Mar when 1 was at Garnock Floods. This was followed by 2 at Mochrum Loch on 23 Mar, with a much larger arrival on 27-28 Mar when 41 at Martnaham Loch.

Spring counts included 25 Kilbirnie Loch 9 Apr, 45 upper Garnock estuary 28 Apr, 145 on 7 May, 70 Martnaham Loch 29 Apr, 100 on 10 May.

Counts and autumn departure: 160 Auchincross/Dalgig 6 Jul, 1 Kilbirnie Loch 6 Sep, last 2 Fail 13 Sep.

## **Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica* C B S p**

The only breeding report involved 4 occupied nests at Hunterston Castle.

Arrival was from 23 Mar when 1 was at Troon. Following this were 5 at Bogside on 1 Apr, 2 at Crosshill on 7 Apr, when singles were also at Saltcoats, Garnock Floods, Annbank, Martnaham Loch and Killoch. This was followed by 53 at Garnock Floods on 8 Apr, with a steady arrival from 20 Apr when 100 at Garnock Floods.

Spring counts: 30 Hunterston Castle 30 Apr, 20 Martnaham Loch 24 May.

Counts and autumn departure: 30 Gull's Walk 16 Jul, 30+ Loch Doon 30 Jul, 50 Glen Afton 28 Aug, 25 Maidens 4 Sep, 24 Loans 7 Sep, 45 Fail 12 Sep, last birds included singles at Muirhead on 17 and Gypsy Pool on 26 Oct.



Swallow collecting nest material at Ballantrae (*Angus Hogg*)

## **House Martin *Delichon urbica* C B S p**

Breeding was reported from Loch Derclach pump station (6 AON), Bracken Bay Bar, Largs, Craigfad Straiton.

Arrival was from 5 Apr when 1 was at Crosshill. 2 more arrived there on 7 Apr, followed by 2 at Barr on 16 Apr and 2 at Doonfoot on 17 Apr.

Spring counts: no large counts, but 10 Munnock Res 13 May, 10 Muirhead 29 May, 10 Collennan 30 May, and 15 Troon South Beach on 1 Jun.

Counts and autumn departure: 90 Auchincross/Dalgig 6 Jul, 20 Gull's Walk 16 Jul, 20+ New Farm Loch 25 Jul, 20 Doonfoot 13 Aug, 20 Glen Afton 28 Aug, c50 Hunterston cliffs 30 Aug, 23 Collennan 15 Sep, last birds included 2 Maidens 24 Sep, 7+ Cumnock 26 Sep, and 5 Doonfoot 28 Sep.

## **Long-tailed Tit *Aegithalos caudatus* C B**

Counts included 16 Eglinton CP 1 Jan, 12 Collennan 21 Jan, 10 Auchincruive 30 May, 50 Glen Afton 28 Aug, 12 Fairlie Sands 29 Aug, 11 Barnshean Loch 1 Sep, 20 Martnaham Loch 21 Sep, 10 Cronberry 23 Sep, 30 Martnaham Loch 11 Oct, 10 Hawking Craig 15 Nov, 15 Gadgirth Mains 24 Nov, 10 Lugar 3 Dec, 12 Newhouse of Threepwood 16 Dec.

## **Willow Warbler *Phylloscopus trochilus* C B S P**

Breeding birds or singing ♂♂ were recorded at Garnock N, W and E (52), Garnock lagoons (42), Shewalton Wood (30), Loch Bradan (25), Ardeer Fen (21), Barclaugh Wood (20), Coal Hill (14), Shewalton (14), Outerwards (13), Martnaham Loch (13), Kirkleegreen (12), Oldhall Ponds (10), Fullarton/Lochgreen (8), Heads of Ayr (c7), Brisbane Glen (6), Hunterston (6), Todhill (6), Glen Afton (min 5), Ardeer boundary fence (5), Ardeer pipe embankment (5), East Grassyards (5), Tarbert Hill (5), Trabboch Loch (5), Shewalton Wood (5), Collennan (5), Dunure (5), Garnock

Floods (4), Fairy Glen/Routenburn (4), Barassie (4), Gypsy Pool (4), Muirhead (4), Bourtrees Dark Plantation (4), Craigdullyeart Hill (4), Bartonholm (3), Fairways View (3), Cuffhill Res (3), Darley GC (3), Troon south beach (3), Largs (2), Fairlie (2), Poteath (2), Bankhead (2), Auchmannoch (2), Dundonald Camp (2), Troon Cemetery (2), Royal Troon GC (2), Loans (2), Craigs of Kyle (2), Goldenberry Hill, Campbelton Hill, Hillhouse, Kirkland Bridge, Munnoch Res, North Kilruskin, Whitelee windfarm, Southannan rdbt, Auchenharvie, Hawkhill retail park, Montfode Dr Ardrossan, Green Hill Fairlie, Allan Wood, Glenside Wood, Hessilhead, Barcraigs Res, Meadowhead, Marr College, Pow Burn.

Arrival was from 26 Mar when singles were at Coylton and Muirhead. Following this came 1 at Bogside on 1 Apr, and 3 at Barclaugh Wood Coylton on 6 Apr. Numbers increased from 14 Apr when 34 at Garnock lagoons. Widespread in S Ayrshire by 16 Apr.

In the autumn, the last departing singles were seen at Gypsy Pool on 1 Oct and Loans on 2 Oct.

### **Common Chiffchaff *Phylloscopus collybita* C B S w p**

At least 202 territories or singing ♂♂ were recorded including Shewalton Wood (12), Kerelaw (11), Barclaugh Wood (c10), Fullarton Woods (9), Glenshalloch Wood (8), Ladyburn Glen (8), Ardeer Black Powder Wood (7), Garnock N, and W (7), Oldhall Ponds (7), Brisbane Glen (6), Shewalton (6), Martnaham Loch (5), Garnock lagoons (4), Hunterston (4), Todhill (4), Barassie (4), Darley GC (4), Fullarton/Lochgreen (4), Ardeer pipe embankment (3), Drumgirnan (3), Ardeer boundary fence (3), Kilkerran Stn-Black Glen (3), Garnaburn-Pinbraid (3), Knockdolian (3), Ardeer Fen (2), Fencefoot (2), Fairways View (2), Drumyork Hill (2), Stair (2), Craigs of Kyle (2), Collennan (2), Gypsy pool (2), Kirkbride (2), Segganwell-Goats Green (2), Dyke-Bennan Farm (2), Finnarts Bay (2), Dunure (2), Noddsdale Water, Rockland Park Largs, Blackhouse Burn, Routenburn GC, Kirkleegreen, Fairlie, Hawking Craig, Campbelton Hill, Gull's Walk, Drummilling Hill, Highthorn Wood, Whittlieburn Cottage, Poteath, Hillhouse, Dundonald Camp, Symington, Loans, Troon Cemetery, Marr College, Muirhead, Dalvennan, Drumfad, Cloyntie, Auchalton, Tranew, Rowanston, Hamilton Bridge, Maitland Kilkerran, Glenwells Wood, Wallacetown Dailly, Craighead quarry, Penwhapple Bridge, Croyburnfoot, Drumlamford, Pinmore viaduct, Bush Bridge Colmonell, Craigneil, Dupin.

Arrival was from 19 Mar when 1 was in Coylton. This was soon followed by 6 in the Ardeer/Garnock lagoons area on 21 Mar, with singles at Gypsy Pool and Muirhead on 22 Apr.

Departure: the last birds included 4 between Croyburnfoot and Goats Green on 17 Oct, and singles at Oldhall Ponds and at Middleyard on 18 Oct.

In winter, 1 was seen at Shewalton on 5 Dec. with another at Garnock Floods on 15 Dec.

### **Sedge Warbler *Acrocephalus schoenobaenus* C B S p**

At least 225 territories or singing ♂♂ were recorded at Garnock lagoons (51), Ashgrove Loch (20), Garnock N and E (16), Ardeer Fen (13), Todhill (8), Dundonald Camp (7), Gypsy Pool (6), Martnaham Loch (6), Trabboch Loch (6), Munnoch Res (min 3), Garnock Floods (3), Greenan (3), Ardeer pipe embankment (3), Stevenston Point (3), Loans (3), Royal Troon GC (3), Hawking Craig (2), Mains Burn Beith (2), Auchenharvie Pond (2), Bartonholm (2), Western Gales (2), Auchincross (2), Braehead New Cumnock (2), Broomhill fishery (2), Shewalton Wood (2), Collennan (2), Muirhead (2), Troon south beach (2), Pow Burn (2), Heads of Ayr (2), Doonfoot (2), Croy Bay (2), Dipple (2), Barbae Wood (2), Hunterston Sands, Gull's Walk, Campbelton Farm, St Fillan's Bridge, Kerelaw, Fairways View, Whitelee windfarm, Towns Moor Irvine, Middleyard, March Bridge New Cumnock, Barassie, Fullarton/Lochgreen, Fail, Cunning Park, Dalvennan, Ladyburn Glen, Craigens Kirkoswald, Minnybae, Pirleyhill, Drummuck, Barwinnock, Pinbraid, Laggan Bridge, Chapelcroft, Liggetcheek, Finnarts Bay.

Arrival was from 14 Apr when 2 were discovered at Garnock lagoons. Another followed at Garnock E on 18 Apr, and 2 further singles were at Gypsy Pool, Doonfoot and Martnaham Loch on 19 Apr. No fewer than 25 singing birds were present at Garnock lagoons by 26 Apr.

The last autumn birds included 2 at Munnoch Res on 5 Sep, and a single at Dunure on 6 Sep.



Sedge Warbler at Pow Burn (*Dougie Edmond*)

### **Common Grasshopper Warbler *Locustella naevia* C B S**

At least 35 territories or singing ♂♂ were recorded including Ardeer Fen (4), Doonfoot-Greenan (4), Ardeer pipe embankment (2), Garnock N and E (2), Garnock lagoons (2), Dundonald Camp (2), Dunure (2), Outerwards Res, Mains Burn Beith, Kirkleegreen, Giffin, Ardeer factory, Garnock Floods, Shewalton Wood, Gypsy Pool, Royal Troon GC, Pow Burn, Common Loch, Martnaham Loch, Trabboch Loch, Gass Water Lugar, Auchincross, Craigens Kirkoswald, Loch Doon.

Arrival was from 14 Apr when 3 were reeling between Doonfoot and Greenan. They were followed by another at Doonfoot on 17 Apr, and singles at Ardeer on 18 Apr.

The last autumn bird was seen at Auchincross on 10 Aug.

### **Blackcap *Sylvia atricapilla* C B S w p**

At least 285 territories or singing ♂♂ were recorded including Kerelaw (13), Fullarton Woods (13), Shewalton Wood (1), Knockdolian (10), Ladyburn Glen (8+), Garnock lagoons (8), Ardeer N, E and W (7), Brisbane Glen (6), Segganwell-Goats Green (6), Drumgirnan (6), Noddsdale Water (5), Martnaham Loch (5), Gadgirth (5), Dyke-Bennan Farm (5), Kilkerran Stn-Black Glen (5), Kirkbride (5), Hunterston House/Castle (4), Ardeer Fen (4), Todhill (4), Barclaugh Wood (4), Dupin (4), Trabboch Loch (3), Oldhall Ponds (3), Marr College (3), Fullarton/Lochgreen (3), Dalvennan (3), Croyburnfoot (3), Auchalton (3), Lovestone (3), Craigneil (3), Finnarts Bay (3), Southannan Sands (2), Tarbert Hill (2), Middleyard (2), Auchmannoch (2), Collennan (2), Gypsy Pool (2), Annbank (2), Doonfoot (2), Ness Glen (2), Balbeg (2), Rowanston (2), Hamilton Bridge (2), Poundland Wood Kilkerran (2), Captain's Bridge (2), Kilcase Wood (2), Drummuck (2), Genoch (2), Townhead (2), Dalquhairn Bridge (2), Balnowlart (2), Routenburn GC, Largs Ave Largs, Kilburn Water, Fairlie, Poteath, Highburn Wood, Goldenberry Hill, Gull's Walk, Hillhouse, Hunterston rdbt, Kilruskin Wood, Ardeer boundary fence, Ardeer pipe embankment, Fairways View, Montfode Drive Ardrossan, Sharpill Road Saltcoats, Ashgrove Loch, Kirkleegreen Res, Barcraigs Res, Mains Burn Beith, Giffin, Hessilhead, Little Sorn, Bourtrees Dark Plantation, Aught Wood, Loans, Muirhead, Darley GC, Troon Cemetery, Pow Burn, Common Loch, Auchincross, Whitehill New Cumnock, Lindsayston, Stair, Craigs of Kyle, Bogton Loch (SW end), Sillyhole Moss, Well Hill, Garpel Bridge, Farroch Brae, Blairquhan Approach Loch, Blairquhan Lodge, Lambdoughty Burn Straiton, Rowantree Hill, Tairlaw, Tairlaw Bridge, Kirrieroch, Stinchar Bridge, Stinchar Falls, Merkland, Craighfad, Threave, Balsaggart, Deil's Elbow, Clauchrie Hill, Roan of Craigoch, Cosy Glen, Dalquharran, Kirk Hill, Craigens Kirkoswald, Hallowshean Lodge, Barr, Maberry Lodge, Ligh Altercannoch, Killochan, Penwhapple Bridge, Penwhapple Glen, Penkill, Barbae Wood, Tormitchell, Asselfoot, Hallowchapel Bridge, Daljarrock, Garnaburn, Laggansarroch, Macherquhat, Pyet Glen, Gallowhill Plantation, Dunure, Ballantrae Riverside Walk.

Arrival was from 23 Mar when 1 was at Ardeer. Following this came 1 at Forehill Ayr on 4 Apr, 2 in Rozelle on 6 Apr, and singles at Ayrshire Central Hospital and Oldhall Ponds on 7 Apr. Widespread in Ayrshire by mid-month.

The autumn departure period saw most birds gone by 19 Sep when 1 was at Gypsy Pools.

Wintering birds in Jan-Mar included a ♂ at Troon on 1 Jan and a ♂ at Culzean CP on 16 Jan (present since Nov 2019).

Wintering birds in Oct-Dec included singles at Annbank on 24 Oct, and Coylton on 7-24 Dec.

### **Garden Warbler *Sylvia borin* C B S p**

At least 70 territories or singing ♂♂ were recorded including Ladyburn Glen (7+), Garnock N, W and E (5), Glen Afton (5), Kilkerran Stn-Black Glen (3), Ardeer boundary fence (2), Ardeer pipe embankment (2), Oldhall Ponds (2), Shewalton Wood (2), Fullarton Woods (2), Auchincross/Dalgig (2), Whitehill New Cumnock (2), Martnaham Loch (2), Auchalton SWT (2), Deil's Elbow (2), Balbeg (2), Craigencallie (2), Brisbane Mains, Fairways View, Ardeer Fen, Garnock Floods, Collennan, Loans, Muirhead, Gypsy pool, Troon cemetery, Darley GC, Middleyard, Gadgirth, Bogton Loch (SW end), Sillyhole Moss, Greenan, Tranew, Lambdoughty Burn Straiton, Tairlaw, Hamilton Bridge, Newlands, Dalquhairn Bridge, Townhead, Hallowshean Lodge, Tormitchell, Knockdolian, Dupin, Finnarts Bay.

Arrival was from 20 Apr when 1 was at Greenan. This was followed by singles at Cunning Park and Doonfoot on 24 Apr, Gypsy Pool on 25 Apr, Garnock Floods on 26 Apr, Loans on 27 Apr, and Blairquhan Approach Loch on 30 Apr.

No departure dates were reported.



Garden Warbler Martnaham (*Dave Grant*)

### **Lesser Whitethroat *Curruca curruca* U b**

9 territories were recorded at the core Ayrshire study site in Ardeer/Garnock lagoons. Successful prs reared B/3 and B/2 (TB). **See annual breeding report above,**

Away from the above study areas, further singing ♂♂ were reported from Collennan (2), Glengarnock, Beith industrial estate, Beith Mains Road, Bankhead Largs, Barassie, Royal Troon GC, Heads of Ayr, Greenan. Woodland Bay, Finnarts Bay.

Arrival was from 18 Apr when 1 was at the Ardeer study site. This was followed by another at Ardeer on 26 Apr, and 1 at Croyburnfoot on 27 Apr.

The last departing birds were seen at the Ardeer study site (3), and Trabboch Loch on 12 Jul.



Lesser Whitethroat Trabboch Loch (Dave Grant)

### **Common Whitethroat *Curruca communis* C B S p**

At least 172 territories or singing ♂♂ were recorded including Garnock N, E and W (15), Garnock lagoons (6), Heads of Ayr (6), Ardeer pipe embankment (5), Dundonald Camp (4), Craigens Kirkoswald (4), Hunterston Sands (3), Hawking Craig (3), Kirkleegreen (3), Kerelaw (3), Collennan (3), Gypsy Pool (3), Croyburnfoot (3), Ladyburn Glen (3), Drummuck (3), Clauchrie Hill-Deil's Elbow (3), Craigens (3), Portencross (2), Goldenberry Hill (2), Ardeer Fen (2), Irvine Towns Moor (2), Oldhall Ponds (2), Barassie (2), Troon South Wood (2), Royal Troon GC (2), Dyke-Bennan Farm (2), Craigencallie (2), Hallowshean (2), Dunure (2), Bennane Head (2), Lendalfoot (2), Pinbraid (2), Dupin (2), Far Bowen Craigs, Burn Gill, Little Brigurd, Gull's Walk, Poteath, Campbelton Hill, Place of Kilbirnie, Hesselhead, Ardeer boundary fence, Fairways View, Bartonholm, Bogside, Auchengate, Loans, Muirhead, Troon south beach, Middleyard, Auchans, Craigs of Kyle, Whitehill New Cumnock, Auchincross, Trabboch Loch, Barclaugh Wood, Pow Burn, Doonfoot, Farroch Brae, Knocktair, Tairlaw, Auchalton, Balbeg, Balgreggan, Threethorns, Barcully, Rowanston, Cloyntie, Hamilton Bridge, Kilkerran Stn, Tradunnoch, Knockeen, Moorston, Maxwellston, Pynannot, Craigdow Hill, Chapelton Holm Bridge, Laggan Bridge, Barbae Wood, Hallowchapel Bridge, Kilwinnet, Pinmore viaduct, Culdoch, Maidens, Ardmillan shore, Carleton Castle, Glendrissaig, Loch Dornal, Loch Nahinie, Maberry Cottage.

Arrival was from 17 Apr when 2 appeared at Doonfoot. Close after that came singles at Garnock E and Garnock lagoons on 18 Apr, Kilbirnie Loch on 21 Apr, and Fencefoot on 22 Apr.

In the autumn, the last birds were singles at Muirhead on 24 Sep, and Gypsy Pool on 26 Sep.

### **Goldcrest *Regulus regulus* C B p**

During the breeding season singing ♂♂ were recorded at Fullarton Woods (9), Craigengillan (7), Largs (pr B/2 noted), Fairlie, Hunterston, Kirkleegreen, Dean Castle CP, Stair, Auchincruive, Loch Bradan.

Counts included 12 Craigengillan 5 Mar, 10+ Finnarts Bay 4 Nov.

### **Wren *Troglodytes troglodytes* C B**

Territorial, singing ♂♂ were heard at Fullarton Woods (15), Shewalton Wood (14), Oldhall Ponds (11), and Fullarton/Lochgreen (7).

No significant counts reported.

### **Nuthatch *Sitta europaea* C B**

Singing ♂♂ or birds in suitable habitat during the breeding season were reported from Hunterston (3), Fullarton Woods (2 – B/2 noted), Kilbirnie (2), Stair (2), Symington (2), Martnaham (2), Cloyntie (2), Ardmillan (pr B/4 in nestbox inc 2 albinos which died), Hawking Craig, Brownmuir Hill, Spier's School Beith, Giffin, Dean Castle CP, Kay Park, Annanhill Prk Kilmarnock, Sorn, Glen Afton, Whitehill New Cumnock, Auchinleck House, Auchincross, Annbank, Barclaugh Wood, Rozelle, Alloway, Doonside, Dumfries House, Bogton Loch, Craigengillan, Gaw Glen, Straiton, Kirkbride, Shawsknowe, Dalquhairn Bridge, Drumgirnan, Goats Green, Culzean, Knockdolian.

### **Eurasian Treecreeper *Certhia familiaris* C B**

Birds in suitable habitat during the breeding season were reported from Largs, Hunterston (2), Hawking Craig, Goldenberry Hill, Dean Castle CP, Auchmannoch, Shewalton Wood, Fullarton Woods, Annbank, Stair, Dumfries House, Martnaham, Rozelle, Straid.

### **Common Starling *Sturnus vulgaris* C B W**

Post-breeding flocks included the following: 130 Troon south beach 6 Jun, 145 Largs 12 Jun, 300 Irvine harbour 29 Jun, 1200 Maidens 24 Jul, 100 Dumfries House 28 Aug, 100+ Dean Castle CP 5 Sep, 462 Gypsy Pool 13 Sep.

First fledged juvs noted on 20 May at Coylton and Kilmaurs, 71 juvs Gypsy Pool 22 May.

Winter flocks/migrants included 120 Barassie 1 Jan, 220 Troon 5 Jan, 250 on 5 Feb, 503 on 4 Mar, 120 Ardrossan 5 Jan, 120 North Cronberry 13 Feb, 200 Hunterston 22 Sep, 100+ Stevenston Point 7 Nov, 120 North Cronberry 13 Feb, 696 Muirhead 30 Dec.

### **Song Thrush *Turdus philomelos* C B w P**

No significant breeding reports, and typically small numbers (1-3 birds) at coastal locations in winter months.

### **Mistle Thrush *Turdus viscivorus* C B W**

Birds in suitable habitat during the breeding season were noted at Hunterston (3), Largs (2-3), Gypsy Pool (2), Drumboy Hill, Whitelee windfarm, Outerwards Res, Brisbane Mains, Kilburn, Goldenberry Hill, Garnock N, Eglinton CP, Symington, Fullarton/Lochgreen GC, Annbank, Stair, Belleisle, Culzean CP.

Counts and post-breeding groups: 14 Dipple 4 Jan, 15 Royal Troon GC 10 Jan, 27 Hunterston 13 Sep, 28 Collennan-Gypsy Pool 13 Oct, 22 Prestwick Airport 16 Oct.

### **Redwing *Turdus iliacus* C W P**

In the winter-spring period: 200+ Hunterston 4 Jan, 150 Burn Gill 26 Jan, 110 Martnaham Loch 14 Feb, the last departing birds were 12 at Ardeer on 23 Mar and 4+ at Hunterston on 26 Mar.

Autumn arrival was from 27 Sep when 1 was seen at Monkton. This was followed by 9 at Barony colliery on 11 Oct and 5 at Crosshill on 13 Oct. No large passage numbers were noted, but overnight passage was noted at Ochiltree on 20 Oct. Typical of the small numbers observed were 48 Gypsy Pool 3 Nov, 30 Wallacetown 30 Nov, 40 Martnaham Loch 29 Nov, 40 Gass 30 Nov, and 40 Hunterston 24 Dec.

### **Common Blackbird *Turdus merula* C B W p**

No significant breeding reports.

Counts and migrants: 14 Doonfoot 21 Jan, 10 Dean Castle CP 26 Jan, 17 May, 11 Brisbane Glen 5 May, 10 Barclaugh Wood 6 May, 12 Annbank 29 Dec.

A leucistic bird was seen at Dalvennan fishery on 16 Jun.



### **Fieldfare *Turdus pilaris* C W P**

In the winter-spring period: 60+ Southannan Sands 1 Jan, 100 Fail 3 Jan, 150 on 16 Feb, 60 on 21 Mar, 150 Mochrum Loch 12 Jan, 173 Collennan 21 Jan, 80 Auchincross 26 Jan, 200 Attiquin 5 Feb, 100+ Loans 5 Feb, 160 Martnaham Loch 14 Feb, 67 Gypsy Pool 22 Feb, 61 Stair 3 Apr, the last departing birds were 1 at Hunterston on 14 Apr, and 12 at Ladyburn Glen on 21 Apr.

A summering bird was seen at Barjarg on 8 Jun.

Autumn arrival was from 12 Oct when 1 was at Collennan. 5 were at Blairbowie and 2 at Collennan on 14 Oct, and 2 flew over Crosshill on 15 Oct. More followed from mid Oct with 50 Blairbowie on 17 Oct, 60 Craigs of Kyle, 50 Dalmaca and 60 Fail on 24 Oct, 58 Gypsy Pool 28 Oct, 182 Lugar on 4 Nov, and 100 Kennox on 6 Nov.

### **Spotted Flycatcher *Muscicapa striata* C B S p**

At least 17 territories or singing ♂♂ were recorded at Hollybush House (2), Hawking Craig, Ashgrove Loch, Giffin, Dean Castle CP, Auchmannoch, Middleyard, Auchincruive, Gadgirth, Failford, Glen Afton, Ness Glen, Ladyburn Glen, Barr, Tormitchell, Straid.

Arrival was from 5 May when 2 were at the Fairy Glen, Routenburn. These were followed by singles at Martnaham Loch on 13 May and Dalquhairn Bridge on 14 May.

In the autumn, the last bird was seen at Auchincross on 30 Aug.



Spotted Flycatcher at Loch Doon (*Dougie Edmond*)

### **European Robin *Erithacus rubecula* C B W p**

No significant breeding records were received.

Counts and migrants included 19 Sharphill Road Saltcoats 22 Jan, 10 Dean Castle CP 10 May, 17 Milgarholm Park Irvine 6 Sep, 14 Hunterston 19 Sep, 12 Doonfoot 20 Sep, 10 Oldhall Ponds 20 Sep, 15 Fullarton Woods 2 Oct.

### **Pied Flycatcher *Ficedula hypoleuca* U b P**

No confirmed breeding was reported, but territorial ♂♂ were present at Ardmillan on 21 May, Bellsbank on 25 May, and upper Glen App on 3 Jun.

Arrival was from 8 May when a ♂ was at Craigengillan.

### **Black Redstart *Phoenicurus ochruros* R W p**

A ♀/1<sup>st</sup> w was present at Portencross on 4 Dec (TB).

### **Common Redstart *Phoenicurus phoenicurus* C B S p**

Under-recorded, with at least 10 territories or singing ♂♂ recorded at Glenauchie (2), Drumgirnan (2). Gass Water Lugar, Glen Afton, Ness Glen, Craigens Straiton, Knockdon Bridge, Dalquhairn Bridge  
Arrival was from 28 Apr when 3 ♂♂ were at Drumgirnan.

### **Whinchat *Saxicola rubetra* C B S p**

Under-recorded, with at least 14 territories or singing ♂♂ reported at Beoch Farm (2), Doughty Hill (2), Large Knowe (2), Loch Duisk (2 – pr B/2 noted), Outerwards Res, Auchincross, Bogton Loch, Laggan Bridge, Dalfask, Craigs of Dalwine.

Arrival was from 13 May when 1 was at Outerwards Res, followed by another single at Doughty Farm on 14 May. Departing autumn birds were seen at Newhouse of Threepwood on 21 Aug, and Fail on 17 Sep.

### **Stonechat *Saxicola torquata* C B**

At least 43 territories or singing ♂♂ were recorded at Greenan-Doonfoot (3), Craigens Kirkoswald (2 – 2 x B/4 noted), Fairlie Moor (2), Royal Troon GC (2), Beoch Farm-Loch Doon dam (2), Pinbraid (B/4 noted), Turf Hill (B/4 noted), Currarie Farm (B/4 noted), Maberry Cottage (B/3 noted), Quad Rocks Largs (B/2 noted), Hawking Craig (B/2 noted), Bogside (B/2 noted), Loch Duisk (B/2 noted), High Ballochdowan (B/2 noted), Glendrissaig (B/2 noted), Outerwards Res (B/1 noted), Kilburn, Knockencorsan, Highfield Farm, Stevenston Point, Ardeer Fen, Munnoch Res, Garnock E, Western Gailes, Dundonald Camp, Shewalton Wood, Troon south beach, Pow Burn, Whitelee windfarm, Craigdullyeart Hill, Maidens, Turnberry, Loch Skelloch, Loch Bradan, Farroch Brae, Black Burn, Barwinnock.

Wintering birds (Jan-Mar) were reported from Doonfoot (4), Hawking Craig (2), Auchincross (2), Troon south beach (2), Turnberry (2), North Cronberry (2), Ardrossan, Stevenston, Drumboy Hill, Bankhead Moss Barrmill, Auchenlongford, Sorn, Airds Moss S, Craigdullyeart Hill, Garnock Floods, Meikle Hill, Barassie, Gypsy Pool, Royal Troon GC, Dalmellington Moss, Greenan, Keekafar, Pinbain.

Migrants noted at Barnshean Loch (9 on 1 Sep), Carleton Port (8 on 20 Sep) m Doonfoot (6 on 28 Sep).



Stonechat male, post breeding (*Dave Grant*)

## **Northern Wheatear *Oenanthe oenanthe* C B S P**

Territories or singing ♂♂ were recorded at Beoch Farm-Garpel Bridge (5 – B/3 and B/1 noted), Doon of Waterhead-Loch Bradan (3), Nick o' the Ballach-Witches Bridge (3), Quad Rocks Largs (B/2 noted), Penwhapple Res (B/1 noted), Gass (B/1 noted), Loch Doon dam (B/1 noted), Craigdullyear Hill, Macnabstone, Knockgardner.

Arrival was from 17 Mar when 1 was at Greenan. This was followed by 2 at Ballantrae on 21 Mar, and 1 at Loch Doon on 22 Mar.

In autumn, higher numbers than usual involving northerly migrants, probably *O o leucorrhoea* in many cases.

4 Auchincross, 6 Carleton Port and 2 Ballantrae 20 Sep, 4 Cronberry 23 Sep, 2 at Auchincross on 4 Oct, and singles at Barassie, Troon and Doonfoot on 6 Oct. The last was a very late individual on Troon south beach from 28 Nov-1 Dec.



Male Northern Wheatear a Pow Burn (*Dougie Edmond*)

## **White-throated Dipper *Cinclus cinclus* C B**

Birds or pairs in suitable habitat during the breeding season were noted at Kilbirnie (2), Fairlie (B/1 noted), Gadgirth (B/1 noted), Noddsdale Water, Kilburn Water, Outerwards, Kilbride Burn, Galston, Annbank, Stair, Glen Afton, Dumfries House, Doonfoot, Doonside, Hamilton Bridge, Ness Glen.

## **Eurasian Tree Sparrow *Passer montanus* C B**

Although the core breeding population appears to remain within the Tarbolton/Kilmarnock/Stewarton area, smaller outlying populations are possibly being missed e.g. singles or pairs noted at Trabboch, Mainholm, Barcully, Crosshill during the breeding season.

Counts included: 12 Knockentiber-Springside cycle track 1 Jan, 2 Gypsy Pool 21 Jan, 6 Mainholm 11 Mar, 2 Auchincruive kennels 4 Apr, 6 Auchincruive holdings 2 May, 25+ Fail 24 Jul, 32 on 25 Sep, 42 on 24 Oct, 1, with House Sparrow flock, Loans-Muirhead 26 Jun-20 Sep, 2 on 14 Nov, 5 Martnaham Loch 24 Oct.

## **House Sparrow *Passer domesticus* C B**

A widespread breeding species.

Counts included 36 Muirhead 9 Mar, 5 May, 78 Loans 30 May, 117 on 10 Aug, 40 Doonfoot 26 Aug, 20 Sep, 76 Kerr Avenue Saltcoats 3 Nov, 60 Killoch 22 Dec.

### **Dunnock *Prunella modularis* C B**

No significant breeding reports or counts of this widespread species.

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

A ♂ Blue-headed Wagtail *M. f. flava* was seen at Fail on 30 Apr. (DC/DGi).

### **Grey Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea* C B S w P**

Territories or singing ♂♂ were recorded at Gadgirth (B/2 noted), Outerwards Res, Kerelaw, Dean Castle CP, Stair, March Bridge, Auchincruive, Doonside, Ladyburn, Penwhapple Glen, Barr, Craigencallie, Tairlaw Bridge, Straid, Dupin, Finnarts Bay.

Counts and migrants included 4 Garnock Floods 23 Mar, 3 Croy 17 Oct, 2 Newton shore 21 Oct, 1 Seamill 31 Oct, 29 Dec, 1 Largs Main Street 4 Nov.

### **Pied Wagtail *Motacilla alba yarrellii* C B**

No significant information received on breeding birds. First juvs noted at Hunterston 30 May

Counts and migrants included 33 Auchendarvie pond 15 Mar, 50 on 23 Mar, 20+ Burn Gill, 5 Apr, 23 Kilbirnie 11 Aug, 20 Ardrossan harbour 5 Oct, 23 Stevenston 3 Nov, 12 Dec, 21 Troon south beach 1 Dec.

**White Wagtail *M. a. alba*** Peak spring count.

Date	Count	Location	Date	Count	Location
3 Apr	8	Auchendarvie pond	21 Apr	26	Fail
7 Apr	28	Auchendarvie pond	22 Apr	22	Auchendarvie/Stev'ston
8 Apr	20+	Fail	23 Apr	19	Fail
10 Apr	43	Fail	25 Apr	3	Hunterston
19 Apr	4+	Longbar	28 Apr	11+	Beith cemetery
20 Apr	41	Royal Troon GC	30 Apr	22	Hunterston
20 Apr	17	Troon Ballast Bank	2-3 May	4	Martnaham Loch

In the autumn: 9 Fail 3 Sep, 1 Bogside 12 Sep, 4 Fail 12 Sep.

### **Meadow Pipit *Anthus pratensis* C B P**

Breeding was widespread, and noted at Outerwards Res, Green Hill Fairlie, Fairlie Moor, Kilburn, Busbiemuir Res, Knockendon Bridge, Whiteside Hill, Auchendarvie GC, Ardeer Fen, Bogside, Garnock E, Garnock Floods, Whitelee windfarm, Airds Moss, Auchincross, Craigdullyeart, Shewalton Wood, Dundonald Camp, Loans, Royal Troon GC, Loch Bradan.

Winter: inland records are scarce, but 2 Auchincross 18 Jan, 2 Kaim Hill 26 Nov.

Spring passage counts included 30 Loans 17 Mar, 40 Bruntwood Farm 21 Mar, 100 flew W Fail 23 Mar.

Autumn migrants/post-breeding flocks included 20 Highfield Farm 27 Jul, 25 Auchincross 30 Aug, 60 flew S/hr Loch Doon dam 17 Sep, 43 Royal Troon GC 29 Sep, 28 Lugar 12 Nov, 36 Bogside 15 Nov.

### **Tree Pipit *Anthus trivialis* C B S p**

Territories or singing ♂♂ were recorded Clachrie Hill/Deil's Elbow (2), Glenshalloch Wood (2), Craigdullyeart, Ness Glen, Loch Skelloch, Stinchar Falls, Rowantree Toll. Ladyburn Glen, Dalquhairn Bridge, Grimmet Hill, Rowantree Hill, Shiel Bridge,

Arrival was from 10 Apr when 1 was at Dalleagles. This was followed by singles at Deil's Elbow on 16 Apr and Ladyburn Glen on 21 Apr.

### **Water Pipit *Anthus spinoletta* R w P**

At least 2 individuals were recorded: 1 Seamill from 2019-at least 16 Feb (TB *et al.*), 1 Rancleugh Burn Croy 23-28 Nov (DGr *et al.*), returning bird Seamill 1-at least 15 Dec (TB *et al.*).

### **Rock Pipit *Anthus petrosus* C B p**

Territories or singing ♂♂ reported at Heads of Ayr (2+), Portencross, Fairlie, Seamill, Saltcoats harbour, Stevenston Point, Troon harbour, Maidens, Woodland Bay.

Counts: 20+ Croy 17 Oct, 9 Troon south beach 10 Dec.

**Scandinavian Rock Pipit *A. p. littoralis***: an individual of this race was present at Rancleugh Burn mouth on 28 Nov (RHH).

### **Chaffinch *Fringilla coelebs* C B W**

No significant breeding records were received.

Lower counts than usual with 42 Bogton Loch 5 Mar, 20 Fullarton Woods 22 May, 40 Auchmannoch 4 Jul, 20+ Highfield Farm 27 Jul, 30+ flew S/hr Loch Doon dam 17 Sep, 21 Lugar 21 Oct, 29 Newhouse of Threepwood 3 Nov, c100 Fail 11 Nov, 69 on 12 Dec, 28 Annbank 24 Dec.

### **Brambling *Fringilla montifringilla* U W p**

A poor showing with the following winter-spring records: ♀ Bogton Loch 4 Jan-4 Mar, 1 Craig Straiton 26 Feb.

In the autumn: 1 Alloway 10 Oct, 2 Fail 11 Nov, 1-3 from 13 Nov-12 Dec.

### **Common Bullfinch *Pyrrhula pyrrhula* C B**

Breeding birds or territorial prs were seen at Ardeer pipe embankment (B/2 noted), Garnock N (B/2 noted), Oldhall Ponds (juv noted), Fairlie, Hunterston, Garnock W, Ardeer Fen, Garnock Floods, Kilmaurs, Dean Castle CP, Monk Road Belt, Stair, Auchincruive holdings, Martnaham, Alloway.

Counts: 5 Barclaugh Wood 11 Apr, 5 Martnaham Loch 2 May, 11 Stinchar Falls 11 Dec.



Male Bullfinch in Coylton (Dave Grant)

## European Greenfinch *Chloris chloris* C B W

Breeding birds or territorial prs were seen over a wide area, at Routenburn GC, Portencross, Ardeer Fen, Ardeer boundary fence, Garnock E, Auchenhavie Pond, Dean Castle CP, NE Kilmarnock, Fullarton and Lochgreen, Gypsy Pool, Girvan new cemetery, Ardmillan.

Counts: 32 Hunterston 1 Jan, 30 on 28 Feb, 20 on 18 Mar, 22 Heads of Ayr 9 Jan, 20 Turnberry Bay 19 Jan, 36 Doonfoot 21 Jan, 15 Portencross 31 Mar, 10 NW Maybole 28 Oct, 21 Greenan 11 Nov, 25 Stevenston Point 19 Nov, 30 Dipple 26 Nov, 10 Barassie 15 Dec, 25 Hunterston 24 Dec.

## Twite *Linaria flavirostris* C (B) W

Only one report from a possible breeding location: 1 Misty Law 31 Jul.

Winter-spring	Counts
Hunterston-Portencross	2 on 30 Apr, 2 May.
Turnberry-Girvan Mains	10 on 19 Jan.

Autumn-winter	Counts
Hunterston-Portencross	4 on 15 Nov.
Dipple-Girvan Mains	30 on 9 Nov, 55+ on 12 Nov, 30 on 6 Dec.
Elsewhere	4 Fail 20 Oct.



Twite at Dipple (*Dave Grant*)

### **Common Linnet *Linaria cannabina* C B**

Territorial or singing ♂♂ were noted at Hunterston, Seamill, Stevenston Point, Ashgrove Loch, Airds Moss, Middleyard, Dundonald Camp, Collennan, Gypsy Pool, Royal Troon GC, Pow Burn, Heads of Ayr, Dipple, Ardmillan.

Counts: 160 Barcally 6 Feb, 30 Stevenston Point 27 Feb, 30 Turnberry 5 Mar, 60 High Ballochdowan 11 Jul, 20 Turf Hill 11 Jul, 21 Gypsy Pool/Collennan 28 Aug, 19 Nov, 30 Bogside 12 Sep, 25 Prestwick 13 Sep, 40 Fail 20 Sep, 26 Maidens 15 Oct, 40+ Hunterston 24 Dec.

### **Common Redpoll *Acanthis flammea* R p**

Two records of this recently "split" species. A ♂ at Keekafar on 2 Jun (RHH), and 1 at Lugar on 21 Oct (BB).

### **Lesser Redpoll *Acanthis cabaret* C B S p**

At least 41 territories or singing ♂♂ included Stinchar Falls (5), Clauchrie Hill (4), Garnock N, E and W (4), Shewalton Wood (4), Glenshalloch Wood (3), Whitelee windfarm (2), Craigdow Hill (2), Keekafar (2), Fairlie Moor, Outerwards Res, Ardeer pipe embankment, Garnock lagoons, Gypsy Pool, Airds Moss, Giffin, Auchincross, Whitehill New Cumnock, Dyke Farm Straiton, Craigen Kirkoswald, Ladyburn Glen. Laggan Bridge, Loch Duisk, Reuchal.

Few large flocks were reported. 15+ Knockshinnoch lagoons 20 Feb, 65 Trabboch Loch 12 Sep, 80+ Bogton Moss 5 Oct.



Lesser Redpoll at Barnshean (*Dave Grant*)

### **Common Crossbill *Loxia curvirostra* U B w**

Numbers appeared low once more and scattered over a wide area in S Ayrshire.

Birds in suitable breeding habitat were noted at Stinchar Bridge, Loch Doon, and Loch Bradan.

Counts and post-breeding groups: 2 Corsencon 18 Jan, 5 Loch Doon 19 Jan, 6 on 6 Mar, 1 Dumfries House 24 Jan, 1 Troon cemetery 20 Mar, 8 Auchmannoch 4 Jul, 3 Fail 27 Aug, 4 Shewalton Wood 25 Sep, 3 on 22 Oct, 2 Doonside 27 Sep, 1 Ardeer Fen 11 Oct, 6 Bogside 30 Dec.

## European Goldfinch *Carduelis carduelis* C B

Now a widespread breeding species.

Counts: 17 West Plann 1 Jan, 21 Auchincross 4 Jan, 18+ Beith 5 Jan, 28 Collennan 12 Feb, 30 Dean Castle CP 14 Mar, 37 Gypsy Pool 23 Jul, 67 Loans 3 Aug, 27 Loch Doon 10 Aug, 33 Shewalton Wood 13 Aug, 30+ Fairlie Moor 15 Aug, 25 Glen Afton 28 Aug, 38 Muirhead 1 Sep, 68 Collennan/Gypsy Pool 10 Sep, 42 on 14 Oct, 73 Bogside 14 Sep, 18 Doonfoot 20 Sep, 70 Cronberry 23 Sep, 22 Garnock Floods 23 Oct, 36 Lugar 24 Nov, 20 NE Kilmarnock 27 Dec.

## Eurasian Siskin *Spinus spinus* C B W p

No significant breeding information was received.

Counts: 19 Eglinton CP 1 Jan, 40+ Crosshill Kirklea 2 Feb, 40 Shalloch Place Ayr 13 Feb, 70+ Auchincross 15 Jul, 100 Knockshinnoch lagoons 14 Sep, 40 flew S/hr Loch Doon dam.



Eurasian Siskin at Kay Park (*Dougie Edmond*)

## Snow Bunting *Plectrophenax nivalis* U W p

Winter-spring records included 2 Doonfoot 16 Feb, 1 Oldhall 23 Feb, 6 Glen Afton 2 Mar, 2 on 8 Mar.

In the autumn: 4 flew S Maidens 30 Oct, 1 Troon south beach 27 Nov, 1 Ardeer 11 Dec.

## Yellowhammer *Emberiza citrinella* C B

Territorial or singing ♂♂ were noted at Greenan-Heads of Ayr (4), Bruntwood Farm (2), Middleyard, Stair, Martnaham Loch, Auchincruive holdings, Bracken Bay, Dalduff Crosshill, Chapelton Kirkoswald.

Counts: 9 Croy 24 Jul, 7 Martnaham Loch 24 Oct.

## Reed Bunting *Emberiza schoeniclus* C B

At least 85 territories or singing ♂♂ were noted at Ashgrove Loch (20), Garnock lagoons (8), Dundonald Camp (5), Munnoch Res (3), Ardeer Fen (3), Bogton Loch SW end (3), Gypsy Pool (2 – B/2 noted), Garnock E (2), Auchincross (2), Shewalton Wood (2), Cunning Park (2), Outerwards Res, Fairlie, Little Brigurd, Hunterston Sands, Hunterston PS, Mains Burn Beith, Loanhead Farm, Garnock Floods, Todhill, Bourtrees Dark Plantation, Airds Moss, Braehead New Cumnock, Trabboch Loch, Shewalton, Barassie, Collennan, Royal Troon GC, Barclaugh Wood, Martnaham Loch, Broomhill fishery, Dalvennan fishery, Doonfoot, Greenan, Craigens Kirkoswald, High Troweir, Penwhapple Res, Laggan Bridge, Ford Hill, South Ballaird, Chapelcroft, Liggetcheek, White Hill, Beoch Farm.

Counts: 12 Doonfoot 2 Oct, 32 Martnaham Loch 24 Oct, 20 Auchincross 25 Nov.



## **Ayrshire Birding - Rarities and Descriptions.**

Species which may require a written description are listed below, and an abbreviation indicates the relevant records committee:

**A** = Ayrshire Birds Records Committee.

**S** = Scottish Birds Records Committee.

**B** = British Birds Rarities Committee.

**Photographic evidence is always welcome.**

Report to	Common Name
A	Brent Goose (Dark-bellied race)
A	Snow Goose
A	Taiga Bean Goose
A	Tundra Bean Goose
A	White-fronted Goose (Eurasian race)
A	Bewick's Swan
A	Garganey
A	American Wigeon
A	Green-winged Teal
A	Red-crested Pochard
A	Ferruginous Duck
A	Ring-necked Duck
A	Lesser Scaup
B	King Eider
B	Harlequin Duck
B	Surf Scoter
A	Velvet Scoter
B	Barrow's Goldeneye
A	Smew
B	Hooded Merganser
A	Ptarmigan
A	Capercaillie
A	Common Quail
A	European Nightjar
S	Alpine Swift
B	Great Bustard
B	Pallas's Sandgrouse

A	Turtle Dove
A	Corncrake
A	Spotted Crake
B	Little Crake
A	Common Crane
A	Red-necked Grebe
A	Slavonian Grebe
A	Black-necked Grebe
A	Avocet
A	American Golden Plover
A	Little Ringed Plover
B	Killdeer
A	Eurasian Dotterel
A	Temminck's Stint
S	White-rumped Sandpiper
A	Buff-breasted Sandpiper
A	Pectoral Sandpiper
B	Long-billed Dowitcher
B	Great Snipe
B	Wilson's Phalarope
A	Red-Necked Phalarope
A	Grey Phalarope
B	Spotted Sandpiper
A	Green Sandpiper
A	Lesser Yellowlegs
B	Marsh Sandpiper
A	Wood Sandpiper
A	Spotted Redshank
B	Ivory Gull
A	Sabine's Gull
A	Little Gull
B	Ross's Gull
B	Laughing Gull
B	Franklin's Gull
A	Ring-billed Gull
A	Iceland Gull (Kumlien's)
S	Yellow-legged Gull
B	Caspian Tern
B	Sooty Tern
A	Roseate tern
A	Black Tern
A	Pomarine Skua (immatures only)

A	Long-tailed Skua
A	Little Auk
A	White-billed Diver
A	Leach's Storm Petrel
S	Cory's Shearwater
A	Sooty Shearwater
S	Great Shearwater
A	Balearic Shearwater
A	White Stork
A	Glossy Ibis
A	Eurasian Spoonbill
A	Eurasian Bittern
B	Little Bittern
S	Black-crowned Night Heron
S	Purple heron
A	Great Egret
B	Snowy Egret
A	Osprey
A	European Honey Buzzard
A	Golden Eagle
A	Northern Goshawk
A	Western Marsh Harrier
B	Pallid Harrier
S	Montagu's Harrier
A	Red Kite
S	Black Kite
A	White-tailed Eagle
A	Rough-legged Buzzard
A	Little Owl
B	Snowy Owl
A	European Hoopoe
B	European Roller
A	European Bee-eater
A	Eurasian Wryneck
S	Red-footed Falcon
A	Eurasian Hobby
B	Gyr Falcon
A	Red-backed Shrike
B	Lesser Grey Shrike
A	Great Grey Shrike
S	Woodchat Shrike
A	Golden Oriole

A	Red-billed Chough
A	Waxwing
A	Marsh Tit
A	Willow Tit
A	Shore Lark
S	Cetti's Warbler
A	Yellow-browed Warbler
S	Pallas's Warbler
A	Common (Siberian) Chiffchaff
A	Eurasian Reed Warbler
A	Firecrest
A	Rosy Starling
A	Ring Ouzel
A	Bluethroat
A	Black Redstart
B	Eastern Black Redstart
B	Siberian Stonechat
A	Yellow Wagtail (British race)
A	Yellow Wagtail (Blue-headed race)
A	Yellow Wagtail (Grey-headed race)
A	Richard's Pipit
A	Water Pipit
A	(Scandinavian) Rock Pipit
A	Hawfinch
A	Common Rosefinch
A	Common Redpoll
A	Lapland Bunting
A	Corn Bunting
S	Cirl Bunting
A	Little Bunting
B	Black-headed Bunting