

SKOKHOLM ISLAND BIRD HIGHLIGHTS 2007

13-31 March 2007

One (domestic) SNOW GOOSE present with Canada Geese on 15th.
Between two and six SHELDUCK present each day. TEAL present on six days in month with max of 12 on 14th. Between two and four MALLARD seen most days.
One SPARROWHAWK on the 13th. One MERLIN on the 14th.
One COMMON SNIPE on the 16th.
One WHIMBREL on the 19th and 31st.
CURLEW on four dates.
LESSER BLACK-BACKED, HERRING and GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL numbers built up through month.
First GUILLEMOTS seen on the water on the 14th and on land on the 23rd. First RAZORBILLS seen on the water on the 19th and on land on the 23rd, first PUFFINS seen on the water on the 28th.
One FERAL PIGEON present on the 26th. One COLLARED-DOVE on the 26th.
Two SAND MARTIN on the 29th.
One DUNNOCK on the 16th.
One male STONECHAT on the 16th.
First WHEATERS on the 18th, first male singing on the 26th.
SONG THRUSH on the 21st and 26th.
Single CHIFFCHAFF on the 23rd, 24th and 31st, two on the 30th. Between one and ten WILLOW WARBLERS each day.
Ten GOLDCREST on the 15th, six on the 23rd, twelve on the 24th and three on the 26th.
One CHAFFINCH on the 23rd and 24th.
One male REED BUNTING on the 14th and a pair on the 26th.

One PEACOCK butterfly on the 14th and another on the 26th. One SMALL TORTOISESHELL butterfly on the 28th.

April 2007

First fresh SHEARWATER carcass found on 4th. SHEARWATERS present in large numbers on the 5th.
Two COMMON TEAL present on the 9th.
One SPARROWHAWK present on the 14th. One MERLIN present from the 5th to the 9th.
SPOTTED CRAKE heard on the evening of the 12th.
Single RINGED PLOVER seen on the 28th. One DUNLIN on the 20th. One COMMON SNIPE on the 15th.
WHIMBREL present on eleven dates in month, numbers between one and twelve. CURLEW present on twenty dates with numbers between one and seven.
One COMMON GULL seen close offshore on the 29th. One BLACK-HEADED GULL present on the 19th and two on the 21st. A dozen KITTIWAKE offshore on the 29th and four on the 30th.
One WRYNECK present around buildings from the 12th to the 16th.
Two SAND MARTINS on the 29th. SWALLOWS passing most days, resident SWALLOWS returned on the 22nd, large passages noted on the 19th (100) and 21st (200). HOUSE MARTIN on six dates, max of ten on the 19th.
One DUNNOCK present on the 11th. One ROBIN present from the 4th to 6th and another on the 12th.
Female RING OUZEL present on the 29th and 30th. One SONG THRUSH on the 12th and 27th.
One GRASSHOPPER-WARBLER on the 21st. First SEDGE WARBLER on the 26th. Female BLACKCAP on the 12th, male on the 19th and 20th. Between two and six present on six dates from 23rd to end of the month. One WOODWARBLER present on the 29th.
Single SPOTTED FLYCATCHER on 27th, 29th and 30th.
First RAVEN young fledged on the 29th.
Between one and five LINNETS present on nine dates in month.
Male REED BUNTING seen on the 28th and 29th and a pair on the 30th.

Butterflies and Moths

First SMALL COPPER on the 29th. First RED ADMIRAL on the 29th. SMALL TORTOISESHELL present on 12 dates. PEACOCK first seen on the 9th. First CINNEBAR moths on the 29th.

May 2007

Eleven SHELDUCK on the 2nd and 4th, thirteen adults on the 16th and seven ducklings, the last duckling survived until the 28th. Two TEAL on the 2nd. One male SHOVELER on the 29th and a pair on the 30th. Four COMMON SCOTER on the 4th.

One WATER RAIL on the 22nd.

Four RINGED PLOVER on the 30th. One LAPWING on the 4th. DUNLIN present on seven dates through the month, with the highest number being fifteen on the 14th. One COMMON SNIFE on the 1st. Between three and twelve WHIMBREL present every day until the 18th, then on four dates thereafter. Between one and ten CURLEW seen on thirteen dates in month. One COMMON SANDPIPER present between the 1st and the 4th. Two TURNSTONE on the 2nd and fifteen on the 14th. Three COMMON GULL seen from the lighthouse on the 2nd.

One CUCKOO on the 1st.

One male BLACK RESTART and one male COMMON REDSTART on the 2nd and 3rd. A pair of WHINCHAT on the 2nd.

One RING OUZEL on the 3rd.

One GRASSHOPPER WARBLER on the 2nd and 3rd. BLACKCAPS on six dates at the start of the month. One GARDEN WARBLER on the 2nd and 3rd. One LESSER WHITETHROAT on the 4th. One COMMON WHITETHROAT on the 1st, three on the second and one on the 4th. One WOOD WARBLER from the 2nd to the 4th. CHIFFCHAFF on six dates at the start of the month and two on the 15th. WILLOW WARBLER on eight dates at the start of the month and a single on the 18th.

One SPOTTED FLYCATCHER on the 1st, two on the 2nd and one on the 3rd, singles also on the 15th, 17th, 18th and 30th and two on the 26th. A pair of PIED FLYCATCHER on the 2nd and a single male on the 4th.

Two MAGPIE on the 23rd and 24th, these birds have not been seen on the island for over ten years.

Between two and eight CHOUGH seen every day. Two pairs of RAVENS nested and fledged six young between them.

Six records of GOLDFINCH in the first half of the month. Three LINNET present on the 3rd and 4th.

One BASKING SHARK seen from the island on the 7th.

June 2007

GREY HERON on the 1st, 10th and 24th.

Two BLACK-TAILED GODWIT on the 24th.

Two COMMON TEREN on the 27th.

Two REED WARBLER on the 14th.

One COMMON WHITETHROAT on the 1st.

Two WILLOW WARBLERS on the 2nd.

One SPOTTED FLYCATCHER from the 1st to 3rd, three on the 4th and two on the 5th.

One MAGPIE on the 10th, 12th, 13th and 24th.

Two GOLDFINCH on the 1st.

Male REED BUNTING present through the month.

July 2007

One LITTLE EGRET on the 23rd.

Seven GREY HERONS in flight over North Pond on the 31st.

One NORTHERN SHOVELER present from the 3rd to the 7th, another on the 15th and one female on the 23rd. Fourteen COMMON SCOTER seen heading south on the 16th.

One PEREGRINE FALCON fledged from the nest on the South Coast. Two KESTRELS on the 29th and 30th, one remained on the 31st.

One LAPWING on the 12th. One DUNLIN in Northern Gully on the 16th. One COMMON SNIFE on the 10th. Two WHIMBREL on the 2nd, three on the 3rd, one on the 9th, 16th, 18th and 25th, two on the 26th and 27th and a single on the 28th. CURLEW on nineteen dates in month with twelve being the most seen together. Single COMMON REDSHANK on the 11th, 17th, 23rd and 31st.

Two GREAT SKUA passing the Lighthouse on the 16th.

Two COMMON TERN on the 17th.

Only six RAZORBILL remained on land on the 16th and after the 20th no more were seen ashore. Guillemots also were not seen ashore after the 20th. PUFFIN numbers declined swiftly after the 27th, two with fish were seen ashore with fish on the 29th and three on the 31st. One SHORT-EARED OWL was seen over North Pond on the 11th and another on the 15th. Six COMMON SWIFT passed over on the 14th. Six SAND MARTINS were seen on the 11th. Two HOUSE MARTINS were present on the 16th. First WILLOW WARBLER was seen on the 21st, since when between one and twelve were present each day. One MAGPIE was present on the 1st, 4th, 7th, 11th and 24th. Two LINNETS on the 24th and 26th.

August 2007

Five GREY HERONS flew over the island on the 26th. Seven records of TEAL between the 16th and 26th with a high of fifteen birds on the 22nd. Forty five COMMON SCOTER seen on the 1st from the Lighthouse heading west. One KESTREL on the 1st, another single on the 13th and 27th. One WATER RAIL at South pond on the 25th. One COOT remained on North pond from the 12th to the 17th. One RINGED PLOVER on the 30th. One KNOT was present on Winter pond on the 20th and 21st. Between one and five DUNLIN recorded on six dates through the month. Between one and three WHIMBREL recorded on eighteen dates through the month. CURLEW were present each day with a high of seventeen recorded on the 2nd. Five COMMON REDSHANK on the 21st. Two GREENSHANK on the 20th and three on the 21st. The last PUFFIN on land with fish was seen on the 5th at North Haven. One COLLARED DOVE on the 24th. SAND MARTINS were seen passing through on the 24th and 25th. Two WHITE WAGTAILS were present on the 27th. One ROBIN on the 13th and from the 25th onwards between three and five were recorded each day. One WHINCHAT on the 25th and 28th. Two STONECHAT on the 26th. Between one and six WHEATEARS recorded on fifteen dates in the month, mostly females. BLACKBIRD numbers peaked on the 28th with twelve present. One REED WARBLER recorded on the 1st. One COMMON WHITETHROAT recorded on the 1st. Two CHIFFCHAFF were present on the 1st. WILLOW WARBLERS were recorded every day with numbers being between two and twenty five. Four SPOTTED FLYCATCHERS present on the 31st. One MAGPIE was recorded on the 1st, 8th, 15th and 18th. JACKDAW flocks were present most days with highs of sixty counted on the 5th, 25th and 27th. Between five and twenty five STARLINGS were present each day. Between one and four REED BUNTINGS were seen nearly every day.

September 2007

One GREAT SHEARWATER seen from the Lighthouse on the 5th. Two GREY HERONS on the 7th. One SPARROWHAWK on the 8th. A Kestrel was seen on ten dates in month and two present on the 11th. One WATER RAIL present at the Well throughout the month. One LAPWING on the 30th. Between one and six DUNLIN present on eight dates in the first half of the month. One RUFF on the 2nd. Three COMMON SNIPES on the 6th, one on the 9th and one between the 27th and 29th. One BAR-TAILED GODWIT between the 4th and 7th, again on 9th, 10th, 12th and between 23rd and 25th. One WHIMBREL present throughout the month. One COMMON REDSHANK on the 28th. Two COMMON SANDPIPER on the 1st. Between one and six TURNSTONE present for the first half of the month. One GREAT SKUA seen from the Lighthouse on the 10th. One COMMON TERN on the 14th and three on the 30th. Two SHORT-EARED OWLS on the 27th. Big passages of SWALLOWS on the 3rd, 4th, 6th, 7th, 11th, 28th, 29th and 30th. Two YELLOW WAGTAIL on the 23rd.

One DUNNOCK on the 28th.

One COMMON REDSTART on the 9th.

One WHINCHAT on the 5th, 6th and 9th. One or two STONECHAT on nine dates in month.

One SONG THRUSH on the 4th and 28th. One REDWING on the 28th and 30th.

One GRASSHOPPER WARBLER on the 11th. One GARDEN WARBLER on the 7th. One COMMON WHITETHROAT on the 3rd, 6th, 7th, 9th, 10th, 23rd and 24th with two on the 22nd. Between two and twenty four WILLOW WARBLERS present throughout the whole month. Between two and twelve GOLDCRESTS present throughout the month.

One SPOTTED FLYCATCHER present on the 2nd, 3rd, 10th, 11th, 12, two present on the 4th, 8th and 9th and three on the 7th.

One MAGPIE present between the 1st and 4th.

Two GOLDFINCHES on the 3rd, one on the 25th, five on the 28th and one on the 30th. One LINNET on the 5th, eleven on the 25th and a flock of forty on the 28th.