

SAMPHIRE HOE BIRD REPORT FOR 2018



Samphire Hoe is owned by Eurotunnel and managed together with the White Cliffs Countryside Partnership.

The recording of the birds of Samphire Hoe provides information about the site's ecological development, its use as a migratory stopping point and a wintering ground.

The birds of Samphire Hoe are recorded on a casual basis by general observations. The breeding birds are monitored by an annual Common Bird Census, this maps the bird territories. The recording area is the Hoe itself, the sea, the cliffs behind the Hoe and the east and west ends.

143 species were recorded during the year 2018, of which 23 species held territory in the recording area. The bird report includes a monthly summary and then a systematic list of species seen in 2018. The information given under the species name is the bird's status at Samphire Hoe.

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SUMMARY OF 2018

JANUARY

22 Rock Pipits were recorded on the 1st; 705 Guillemots flew past the Hoe on the 6th. A Red Breasted Merganser flew West on the same day. 350 Gannets were seen offshore plus 6 Great Skuas on the 8th also 44 Red Throated Divers flew past; the following day an estimated 850 Guillemots were seen feeding just off the Hoe and 9 Pintail flew West. On the 14th, 2,000 Cormorants were recorded offshore. A Glaucous Gull was noted off the Hoe on the 23rd and 3 Shags flew West on the 24th. Two Ravens seen on the 30th plus a Buzzard flew West on the same day. A Little Egret was recorded on four dates this month.

FEBRUARY

A Yellowhammer was recorded on the 1st a bit of a rarity for the Hoe. 2,400 Cormorants flew West on the 3rd. A Drake Eider was noted offshore on the 5th plus 350 Gannets, 275 Guillemots recorded on the 6th plus 6 Med Gulls. 2 Ravens were noted carrying nest material on the 7th. A Red Kite flew over the Hoe on the 15th and on the same day 10 Stonechats were recorded. A Rook flew West on the 18th and 3 Peregrines were logged. 3 Snipe observed on the 28th.

MARCH

The month started off with a Hoe rarity on the 1st by way of a Woodcock followed the next day with 23 Bar Tailed Godwits moving East plus a Little Gull. 230 Red Throated Divers flew East on the 4th, a Black Throated Diver was noted on the 6th. The first Firecrest of the spring turned up on the 11th and on the same day 670 Brent Geese flew East. Sandwich Terns were noted on the 12th, 4 Avocets flew East on the 14th. 3 Black Redstarts were recorded on the 21st. 10 Black Tailed Godwits seen flying East on the 24th. 9 Siskin flew East on the 26th and a Collared Dove was noted on the same day. The first Chiffchaffs off the year were noted on the 29th then 2 Wheatear on the 30th, also on the 30th 575 Common Scoter flew up channel and 32 Shoveler moved East.

APRIL

A Short Eared Owl was observed close to the security compound on the 1st. The first Common Sandpiper of the year was noted on the 5th also a Sparrowhawk was logged that day. 2 Black Throated Divers were seen on the 6th, 10 Whimbrel flew East on the 12th. The first Ring Ouzel of the year was recorded on the 14th. A female House Sparrow noted on the 15th also 5 Black Necked Grebes were seen offshore drifting East. Also a Great Northern Diver and 2 Long Tailed Duck followed by 300 Common Scoter. On the 16th a Long Eared Owl was logged on the Hoe. 4 Little Gulls flew East on the 18th. The first Common Whitethroat of the year was recorded on the 19th followed by a Lesser Whitethroat on the 20th. A Red Kite flew over on the 21st.

MAY

Passage of Seabirds and Waders was prominent this month with 70 Common Scoters moving East on the 2nd, 360 Sandwich Terns flew East on the 6th, 150 Bar Tailed Godwits moved up channel on the 8th, 41 Whimbrel flew past the Hoe also on the 8th. 2 Swifts in off the sea on the 9th and 6 Red Kites flew West over the Hoe. On the 11th 7 Manx Shearwaters flew East along with 18 Little Terns and 2 Black Throated Divers also recorded on that day were 527 *Commic Terns* moving East. 18 Red Breasted Mergansers flew East on the 12th also 6 Pomarine Skuas flew past on the 11th, 2 adult Black Redstarts seen feeding young on the 14th. 8 Sanderling on the 22nd, 3 Common Sandpipers on the 24th and 29 Ringed Plovers on the 25th. A Hobby and 4 Buzzards were recorded on the 3rd also logged that day were a Reed Warbler, Ring Ouzel and a Collared Dove plus 85 Swallows were seen to come in off the sea.

JUNE

One Common Sandpiper noted on the 3rd and a Red Kite was logged on the 5th. 2 Peregrine chicks recorded on the 10th and a Honey Buzzard was seen flying in an Easterly direction. 7 Barnacle Geese moving East on the 11th. 100+ Swifts noted on the 18th, also a Coal Tit. 10 Stonechats were present on the Hoe on the 26th plus 6 Ravens were logged.

JULY

Two fledged young Peregrines were noted on the 3rd, 1 Curlew flew East and a Red Kite flew over the Hoe on the 8th, a Shag was recorded offshore on the 9th. On the 10th a Hoe rarity by way of a Mistle Thrush was noted. A Rock Pipit and two young recorded on the 11th. 7 Common Scoter flew East on the 13th and a Honey Buzzard on the 14th. 12 Stonechats logged on the 15th. A Garden Warbler seen on the 16th and 5 Ravens on the 18th. 2 Blackcaps on the 23rd and 3 Common Sandpipers on the 24th plus a Willow Warbler. Two Buzzards flew over on the 25th. 2 Sedge Warblers recorded on the Hoe on the 27th. First of the returning Wheatears noted on the 28th along with 2 Reed Warblers. 5 Black Redstarts logged on the 28th.

AUGUST

Thirty four Swifts flew West on the 2nd and 3 juvenile Black Redstarts were also seen. A flock of 300 Starlings were recorded on the Hoe. 2 Lesser Black Backed Gulls with 2 young were noted on the security compound roof on the 3rd. A Hobby observed on the 6th. 35 Sand Martins flew over on the 9th, 7 Common Sandpipers recorded on the 12th. 14 Stonechats logged on the 16th. 2 returning Common Redstarts noted on the 19th, 30 Common Gulls flew West on the 21st and an Osprey was also seen flying West on the 23rd. First of the returning Whinchats were seen on the 24th and 6 Wheatears on the 27th. A Spotted Flycatcher was observed on the 30th.

SEPTEMBER

A Hen Harrier flew out to sea on the 2nd, 5 Whinchats along with the first Pied Flycatcher were recorded on the 6th. 5 Wheatears logged on the 13th and a Short Eared Owl was recorded coming in off the sea, 1,000 House Martins recorded on the 15th. 13 Kestrels were observed along the cliff tops on the 16th and a lone Firecrest was noted on the Hoe. Good numbers of Rock Pipits were recorded on the west beach on the 20th. A Spotted Flycatcher was recorded on the 27th along with a Great Spotted Woodpecker and a Kingfisher.

OCTOBER

The first Ring Ouzel of the autumn recorded on the 8th along with 2 Bramblings and a Yellow Browed Warbler. 20 Med Gulls noted on the 11th and a Tree Sparrow flew over the Hoe. The second Kingfisher of the year was logged on the 14th. Small movement of Goldcrests noted on the 20th. On the 28th a Merlin was observed coming in off the sea, 246 Brents flew East, 2 Red Throated Divers off the Hoe and a Grey Phalarope sighting was a probable, a Woodcock was observed on the Hoe also on the 8th.

NOVEMBER

A Firecrest and a Purple sandpiper were recorded on the 5th, 2 Greenfinches, a Samphire Hoe rarity, were noted on the 8th. 4 Little Egrets flew past on the 10th, a male the last Ring Ouzel of the year was recorded on the 15th, 4 Ravens were logged on the same day plus a Short Eared Owl. 10 Curlew flew East on the 19th and 144 Gannets were seen out at sea plus 2 Eiders seen flying East. Four Little Gulls flew past the Hoe on the 23rd.

DECEMBER

Two Black Redstarts and 4 Ravens recorded on the 6th also 4 Redwings noted. 30 Med Gulls seen on the west beach the 8th. A Short Eared Owl was seen hunting over the Hoe on the 10th, 3 Song Thrushes on the same date. 10 Red Throated Divers recorded on the 10th, 35 Kittiwakes on the 11th plus a Shag offshore.

SYSTEMATIC LIST FOR 2018

BRENT GOOSE

Branta bernicla bernicla

Passage bird

The highest counts made in January were 56 on the 6th then 20 on the 7th. The only count made during February was of 5 on the 3rd. Spring passage was noted in March with easterly movements recorded with 228 on the 3rd, 670 on the 11th, 281 on the 14th, 580 on the 24th and 725 noted on the 30th. At the beginning of April, 440 were logged moving East and at the latter part of the month 55 flew up channel, 5 recorded on the 30th were the last records for the spring.

BARNACLE GOOSE

Branta leucopsis

Passage bird

Seven went east on the 11th of June.

GREYLAG GOOSE

Anser anser

Passage bird

1 flew East on the 26th of March. 2 flew past the Hoe on the 15th of April and 6 on the 30th.

MUTE SWAN

Cygnus olor

Passage bird

One on the 15th of April, 3 flew East on the 22nd. 4 flying East on the 28th. One flew up channel on the 5th and 8th of May.

SHELDUCK

Tadorna tadorna

Passage bird

Two on the 6th and 9th of January. 1 flew East on the 27th of February. 7 moved East on the 17th of March and 18 on the 24th. 8 flew East on the 2nd of April and 2 on the 29th. 4 on the 6th of May then 3 on the 19th. 6 flew East on the 6th of June. Not recorded again until a single was noted on the 30th of September. 25 flew past on the 28th of October and 9 On the 30th. The only other record was of 1 on the 16th and 18th of November.

SHOVELER

Anus clypeata

Passage bird

One on the 3rd of March, 2 East on the 14th and 32 on the 30th. 11 on the 6th of April and 3 on the 15th.

WIGEON

Anus penelope

Passage bird

Eight on the 8th of January then 1 on the 9th. 4 on the 1st of February, 2 flew East on the 21st and 26th. 7 up channel on March the 2nd and 1 on the 3rd.

MALLARD

Anus platyrhynchos

Resident

Peak Monthly Totals

J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
6	3	4	3	4	4	4	3	7	4	7	6

2 Adults and 15 ducklings on the 22nd May, 2 plus 12 ducklings on the 28th, 2 adults and 13 ducklings on the 3rd and 14th of June. Two broods this year.

PINTAIL

Anus acuta

Passage bird

Nine flew past on the 9th of January, 6 up Channel on the 23rd of February, 10 flew East on the 26th and 20 on the 27th. 5 went East on the 24th of March. 2 past the Hoe on the 28th of October.

TEAL

Anus strepera

Mainly a passage bird

Seven flew past on the 17th of March then 3 on the 30th. The next record was of 1 on the 23rd of August. One remained on the main pond throughout the first week in September, 5 seen on the west pond on the 6th of September, 3 on the 13th then 1 on the 25th and 27th. One on five dates in October, 2 on the 10th and 11th. 2 on the 6th of November.

EIDER

Somateria mellissima

Scarce Passage bird

One Drake off the Hoe on the 5th of February. 2 flew East on the 19th of November.

COMMON SCOTER

Melanitta nigra

Mainly a passage bird

Only two records during the first two months of the year both of which were in February 13 on the 3rd and 3 East on the 4th. Easterly passage was recorded in March with peak counts of 575 on the 30th and 140 on the 31st. Spring passage continued in April with counts of 640 on the 2nd, 355 on the 6th, 300 on the 15th, 99 on the 28th and 154 on the 29th. 245 moved East on the 8th of May, 20 on the 11th and 8 on the 22nd. 7 birds noted flying up Channel on the 13th of July. 21 flew West on the 21st of August and 68 on the 31st. During the last three months of the year numbers were scarce with only 4 seen on the 28th of October and 3 on the 29th.

LONG TAILED DUCK

Clangula hyemalis

Scarce Passage bird

Two flew East on the 15th of April.

GOOSANDER

Mergus merganser

Scarce Passage bird

Two flew West on the 29th of November.

RED BREASTED MERGANSER

Mergus serrator

Passage bird

One flew past the Hoe on the 6th and 7th of January. 1 went East on the 15th of February. 1 flew East on the 3rd of March and 3 on the 11th. Two noted on the 2nd and 6th of April. 1 flew East on the 8th of May and 3 on the 12th.

PHEASANT

Phasianus colchicus

Occasional visitor

One on the 14th and 15th of March. 1 on the 30 of September. Two on the 16th and 25th of October. Ten birds recorded on the 12th and 21st of November and again with 2 on the 13th of December and on the 26th.

RED THROATED DIVER

Garvia stellate

Winter visitor

The first recorded birds of the year were 27 flying past the Hoe on the 1st of January then 31 on the 4th, 44 on the 9th and 43 on the 14th. 22 were observed on the 3rd and 15th of February flying West then 122 were seen flying past the Hoe on the 28th. Numbers of birds moving mainly East past the Hoe increased in March with 170 on the 3rd, 250 on the 4th, 90 flew West on the 5th. 57 moved East on the 6th then 90 on the 26th. Highest count for April was 5 on the 17th. Last birds of the spring were 2 seen flying East on the 8th of May. First birds of the winter were 2 off the Hoe on the 28th of October. 3 off the Hoe on the 19th and 22nd of November, 4 flew East on the 24th. Counts made in December were singles on the 4th and 6th, and 2 on the 11th and 13th.

BLACK THROATED DIVER

Garvia arctica

Winter visitor

One off the Hoe on the 16th of March then again on the 6th and 9th of April, the last spring sighting was of 2 on the 11th of May.

GREAT NORTHERN DIVER

Garvia immer

Scarce winter visitor

One recorded off the Hoe on the 15th of April, the only other record was of 1 on the 6th of December.

FULMAR

Fulmarus glacialis

65 flew East on the 6th January, 29 on the 8th, 4-6 noted of Samphire Hoe on several dates in February. 40 flew East on the 2nd of March, a Blue Morph phase was reported on the 25th of March. 14 offshore on the 15th of April. Highest days total in May was of 8 on the 15th, 2-6 on ten other dates. Single sighting only on four dates in June and 1 in July. 6 recorded on the 23rd of August and 4 on the 30th. 4 on the 6th of September were the last birds of the summer. First of the returning birds were 6 recorded on the 29th of November. Two on the 10th and 12th of December and 3 on the 6th and 12th.

Pair held a territory but no proof of breeding obtained.

MANX SHEARWATER

Puffinus puffinus

Passage bird

One flew East on the 21st of April. 1 East on the 5th of May, 2 East on the 7th, 4 on the 8th, 6 on the 9th, 7 on the 11th, 5 on the 15th and 1 on the 22nd.

LITTLE GREBE

Tachybaptus ruficollis

One on the main pond on the 17th, 19th and 23rd of April, 1 on the 8th of May and on five other dates but not recorded again after the 17th.

There was no attempt at breeding this year and we believe this was due to lack of cover and very low water levels.

GREAT CRESTED GREBE

Podiceps cristatus

Mainly a winter visitor

Nine offshore on the 7th of January, 12 on the 8th. 46 flew West on the 15th of February, 2 offshore on the 23rd. 155 flew East on the 2nd of March, 67 on the 3rd and 38 on the 20th. Three offshore on the 1st of April 4 on the 3rd and 29th. First bird of the winter was recorded on the 19th and 22nd of November.

SLAVONIAN GREBE

Podiceps auritus

Passage bird

Three offshore on the 12th of April.

BLACK NECKED GREBE

Podiceps nigricollis

Scarce Passage bird

Five drifted East on the 15th of April.

GREY HERON

Ardea cinerea

Passage bird

Between January and July there were eighteen single sightings of this species flying past the Hoe, most of the records came from January and February but the other five months all recorded at least one or two birds. Two seen flying past the Hoe on the 5th of August and singles on four other dates, September records were much the same as August. 1-2 records throughout October. One on the 12th of November and 2 flew East on December the 11th and one West on the 31st.

LITTLE EGRET

Egretta garzetta

Passage bird

One recorded on four dates in January and three dates in February. One flew West on the 7th of March. Single on the rocks at the east end on the 16th of April. Not recorded again until one was observed flying past the Hoe on the 20th of August. One recorded on six dates in September and 2 were logged flying West on the 11th and 17th. 1-3 recorded on ten dates in October and 7 flew past on the 14th. During November one was seen on the 5th and 12th, 2 on the 6th and 27th and 4 on the 10th. Single sightings on six dates in December and 4 noted on the 10th.

GANNET

Morus bassanus

Winter visitor/Passage bird

Good numbers recorded offshore during January with 90 observed offshore on the 1st, 100 on the 6th and 7th and 300 on the 8th. Numbers remained high in February, 350 noted offshore on the 3rd and 350 on the 5th. As in January, numbers dropped to double figures on several dates in February. Birds were recorded moving East throughout March with counts of 120 on the 2nd and 50 on the 3rd and 30th. 190 flew East on the 2nd of April, 54 on the 12th and 55 on the 21st, 100 flew West on the 29th. 32 were recorded offshore on the 5th of May and a further c100 on the 11th. 2 flew East on the 11th of June and 5 on the 12th, 5 on the 29th of August and 11 on the 31st. First birds of the autumn were a single on the 14th of October and 5 on the 28th. 144 offshore on the 19th of November. Highest counts in December were 10 on the 9th and 30th and 15 on the 31st.

SHAG

Phalacrocorax aristotelis

Mainly a winter visitor

Two on the 6th of January, 1 on the 7th then 6 on the 9th, last sighting for the month being 3 flying West on the 24th. One on the 21st and 28th of February and then on the 2nd, 20th and 29th of March. One recorded on the 18th, 19th and 22nd of May. One offshore on the 9th of July. During August one was recorded on the 21st of August and 3 on the 31st. Two on the 6th of September and 1 on the 11th, 17th and 18th. 2 on the 16th of December.

CORMORANT

Phalacrocorax corbo

Resident non breeder

J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
2,000	1,945	2,165	17	9	3	10	20	17	35	19	300

High numbers recorded moving past the Hoe on several dates during the first three months of the year. 600 noted fishing offshore on the 13th of March.

OSPREY

Pandion halibetus

Passage migrant

One flew West on the 21st of August.

HONEY BUZZARD

Pernis apivorus

Rare Passage migrant

One flew East on the 11th of June and 1 flew West on the 14th of July.



SPARROWHAWK

Accipiter nisus

Occasional visitor

One on the 29th of March and 15th of April. Not recorded again until August when 1 was noted on the 23rd, 27th and 30th. Pair recorded on the Hoe on the 6th of September and a single sighting on September the 26th. One juvenile logged on the 3rd of October and singles on the 13th and 18th. One recorded on the 12th of November.

MARSH HARRIER

Circus aeruginosus

Passage bird

One flew out to sea on the 2nd of September.

RED KITE

Milvus milvus

Passage bird

One flew over the Hoe on the 15th of February, 2 went West on the 19th of April and then 1 on the 21st. Six flew West over the Hoe on the 9th of May and 1 flew North. One on the 5th of June and the 8th of July.

COMMON BUZZARD

Buteo buteo

Passage bird

One flew West on the 30th of January, Single sightings on two dates in April plus 4 on the 18th. 4 possible migrants on the 3rd of May. Two over the Hoe on the 25th of July. One flew East on the 1st of September, and one on the 27th and 30th. 1 on the 21st of November.

MOORHEN

Gallinula chloropus

Resident

Peak Monthly Totals

J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
2	2	2	1	2	2	3	3	2	3	3	4

One seen on a nest on the 6th of May. Adult and 1 juvenile on the 28th of May, Two new fledged young seen on the 26th of June. 2/3 broods.

OYSTERCATCHER

Haematopus ostralegus

Passage bird

One flew East on the 6th and 27th of February, 2 on the 24th. 10 flew East past the Hoe on the 14th of March, 3 on the 17th. Five flew East on the 15th of April and 18 on the 21st. 1 East past the Hoe on the 5th, 6th and 12th of May 5 on the 22nd. 2 recorded on the 5th of June, 1 on the 4th and 31st of August. Last sighting of the year from the Hoe was of 1 on the 28th of October.

AVOCET

Recurvirostra avosetta

Scarce Passage bird

4 flew West on the 14th of March and 9 on the 24th. 1 recorded on the 21st of April.

LAPWING

Vanellus vanellus

Passage bird

One on the 28th of February, 1 flew East on the 12th of June also on the 26th.

GOLDEN PLOVER

Pluvialis apricaria

Passage bird

One flying West on March the 1st, 7th and 21st.

GREY PLOVER

Pluvialis squatarola

Passage bird

One flew past on the 10th of April.

RINGED PLOVER

Charadrius hiaticula

Passage bird

Two flew East on the 5th of May, 1 on the 23rd and 29 on the 25th. 1 flew over the Hoe on the 23rd of August. 6 went East on the 28th of October.

WHIMBREL

Numenius phaeopus

Passage bird

First of the spring passage was recorded from the Hoe on the 12th of April when 10 birds were seen flying up channel, 3 on the 21st and 22nd, 8 on the 27th and 11 on the 29th. Good numbers moving up Channel during May with 26th on the 5th, 47 on the 6th, 57 on the 7th and 20 on the 10th. Smaller numbers were recorded moving East on several other dates. Returning birds were recorded on the 8th and 24th of August with 1 on these two dates.

CURLEW

Numenius arquata

Passage bird

One flew West on the 30th of January. One East on the 3rd of March, 1 West on the 7th, 3 on the 24th. One on the 3rd of July and on the 4th of October. 10 flew past the Hoe on the 19th of November.

BAR TAILED GODWIT

Limosa lapponica

Passage bird

Spring passage up Channel was recorded from the Hoe on the 2nd of March when 28 were seen flying East, 55 flew East on the 29th of April and 215 on the 8th of May.

BLACK TAILED GODWIT

Limosa limosa

Passage bird

10 flew East on the 24th of March.

TURNSTONE

Arenaria interpres

Passage bird

Four flew East on the 23rd of May and 1 on the 25th.

SANDERLING

Calidris alba

Passage bird

Two flew East on the 8th of May and 8 on the 22nd.

DUNLIN

Calidris alpina

Passage bird

Four flew past the Hoe on the 8th of January. 7 flew East on the 14th of May and 5 on the 22nd. 2 flew East on the 19th of November.

PURPLE SANDPIPER

Calidris maritima

Rare winter visitor

One on the 5th of November a surprisingly rare occurrence at the Hoe.



WOODCOCK

Scolopax rusticola

Passage bird

One recorded on the Hoe on the 1st of March. First bird of the winter, probably an incoming migrant was noted on the 28th of October.

SNIPE

Gallinago gallinago

Passage bird

One on the 17th of January. One on the 7th then 3 on the 28th. Three recorded on the 1st of March singles on the 2nd, 3rd and 24th. Last bird of the spring was one on the 12th of April. The only other record for the year was of 1 on the 16th and 19th of November.

GREY PHALAROPE

Phalaropus fulicarius

Rare Passage bird

One possible sighting on the 28th of October.

COMMON SANDPIPER

Actitis hypoleucos

Passage bird

First bird of the year was recorded on the 5th of April the next record was of 3 on the 24th of May then a single on the 25th. 1 on the 3rd of June. 3 noted on the 24th of July, 7 on the 12th of August and 1 on the 28th. 2 logged on the 2nd of September. Last bird of the year was 1 on the 30th of October.

KITTIWAKE

Rissa tridactyla

Passage bird

Twenty six flew past the Hoe on the 1st of January, 304 on the 7th and 108 on the 14th. 100 flew past on the 5th, 112 on the 6th, 60 on the 22nd, 100 on the 23rd and 80 on the 24th. 10 noted offshore on the 3rd of March and 5 on the 25th. 32 flew East on the 27th of April. 5 recorded on the 6th of May and 12 on the 19th. 2 noted on the 31st of August. A count of 60 were noted flying past on the 22nd of November, 2 on the 28th. In December, counts of 40 on the 6th, 38 on the 11th and 30 on the 13th.

BLACK HEADED GULL

Chroicocephalus ridibundus

Passage bird winter visitor

Peak Monthly Totals

J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
100+	70	50	20	1	1	23	50	20	25	70	150

LITTLE GULL

Hydrocoloeus minutus

Passage bird

One flew past on the 22nd of March, 1 on the 6th and 16th of April then 4 on the 18th. 4 flew West on the 22nd of November.

MEDITERRANEAN GULL

Larus melanocephalus

Passage bird

One on the 4th of January, 1 on the 1st and 4th of February and 6 on the 6th. 13 flew past on the 1st of March and 10 on the 6th, 2 on the 13th. 2 on the 15th and 16th of April then 1 on the 23rd. Four weeks went by before the next sighting which was of 1 on the 18th of June. Two flew West on the 4th and 17th of July. 3 went West on the 3rd of August then 30 on the 5th and 13 on the 27th. Six flew West on the 30th of September and 15 West on the 2nd of October then 2 on the 16th and 23rd. 1 on the 1st of November. 30 noted on the West beach on the 8th of December, 10 flew East on the 9th and 12 on the 13th. 3 flew past on the 30th.

COMMON GULL

Larus canus

Passage bird winter visitor

Two on the 1st and 2nd of January, 6 on the 9th and 16th. 3 flew West on the 23rd and 27th. 65 flew past on the 6th of February, 7 on the 25th and 24 flew East on the 27th. 10 recorded on the 18th of March then 20 flew East on the 20th. One on the 17th of April. 30 flew West on the 27th of August. 2 flying West on the 23rd and 28th of October. One on three dates in November and 5 on the 20th. One on the 3rd and 2 on the 11th of December.

GREAT BLACK BACKED GULL

Larus marinus

Passage bird

Peak Monthly Totals

J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
50	10	12	5	7	2	3	10	2	15	72	5

72 recorded flying past the Hoe on the 19th of November, 50+ on the 20th.

GLAUCOUS GULL

Larus hyperboreus

Scarce winter visitor

One off shore the Hoe on the 23rd of January.

HERRING GULL

Larus argentatus

Resident

Peak Monthly Totals

J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
50	40	10	100	50	17	20	30	20	6	100	50

Obviously bred somewhere along the cliffs close to the Hoe.

LESSER BLACK BACKED GULL

Larus fuscus

Resident

Peak Monthly Totals

J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
	2	3	1	2	5	3	4	3	4	2	4

Pair seen with two young on the 5th of August, bred on the roof of a building in the security compound.

SANDWICH TERN

Sterna sandvicensis

Passage bird

First birds of the year were 3 flying East on the 12th of March, other easterly movements noted this month were 30 on the 20th, 136 on the 26th and 76 on the 31st. Easterly passage continued in April with 55 on the 6th and 21st, 80 on the 22nd, 713 on the 24th, 224 on the 27th and 375 on the 29th. 30 were noted offshore on the 2nd of May then 60 flew East on the 5th and 360 on the 6th. 293 were observed feeding offshore on the 9th. C.200 were logged on the 11th. 3 flew East on the 5th of June and 8 on the 12th. Two were recorded on the 30th of August and 10 on the 31st. During September 5 were noted on the 20th and 4 on the 27th. Last bird seen from the Hoe this autumn was a single flying West on the 23rd of October.

LITTLE TERN

Sterna albifrons

Passage bird

One flew East on the 29th and 30th of April. 5 on the 30th. A further 8 flew East on the 5th of May and 18 on the 11th and 6 on the 13th were the last observations of the spring.

COMMON TERN

Sterna hirundo

Passage bird

First birds of the year were 3 flying East on the 15th of April then 1 on the 25th. 10 offshore on the 5th of May, 3 flew past the Hoe on the 8th of May and 2 on the 22nd. Two on the 16th of July were the last sightings from the Hoe for the year.

ARCTIC TERN

Sterna paradisaeu

Passage bird

28 flew East on the 6th of May.

'COMMIC TERN'

Sterna hirundo/paradisaeu

Four flew East on the 15th of April. 83 flew East on the 8th of May and 527 on the 11th and 281 on the 15th.

GREAT SKUA

Stercorarius skua

Mainly a passage bird

Seven recorded on the 1st of January, 7 on the 6th then 3 on the 9th. 1-4 recorded throughout February. 2 on the 2nd of March. Easterly movement noted in April with 9 on the 17th, 8 on the 21st and 3 on the 24th. 8 flew East on the 2nd of May and 2 on the 11th. Last record of the year was of 1 flying East on the 15th of May.

POMARINE SKUA

Stercorarius pomarinus

Passage bird

Six flew East on the 11th of May then 3 on the 13th.

ARCTIC SKUA

Stercorarius parasiticus

Passage bird

Two flew East on the 6th and 17th of April, 1 recorded going East on the 19th, 22nd and 29th, 2 on the 27th. Six flew up channel on the 6th and 11th of May then 5 on the 7th and 4 on the 13th then 2 on the 15th.

RAZORBILL

Alca torda

Winter visitor Passage bird

25 flew past the Hoe on the 7th of January. An estimated number of 850 were seen offshore on the 9th. 450 flew East on the 14th. C.500 flew past on the 6th of February. 15 flew East on the 3rd of March and 2 on the 11th and 25th.

GUILLEMOT

Alca uria aalge

Winter visitor Passage bird

Thirty five flew past the Hoe on the 1st of January 30 on the 6th. 180 recorded on the 9th and a c.300 on the 24th, 45 noted on the 1st of February then 275 on the 6th. 1,550 flew East on the 3rd of March, smaller numbers recorded throughout the rest of the month. Single sighting on three dates in April plus 6 on the 10th. One on the 6th of May and 3 on the 22nd. First birds of the winter were 2 on the 22nd of November. One on the 13th and 22nd of December and 4 on the 31st.

STOCK DOVE

Columba oenas

Resident

Two recorded on the 21st of January, not noted again until June when 2 were seen on the 14th. 1 on the 9th of August.

Low numbers this year.

WOOD PIGEON

Columba palumbus

Resident

Peak Monthly Totals

J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
75	84	25	22	15	15	17	17	18	7	16	67

Breeding pairs, 5 min, 6 max.

FERAL PIGEON

Columba livia

Resident

5 recorded on the 11th of January. The population on the cliffs to the west of the Hoe is no longer there.

COLLARED DOVE

Streptopelia decaocto

Occasional visitor

One on the 26th of March. 1 on the 3rd of May and again on the 13th. One on the 10th of September.

LONG EARED OWL

Asio otus

Rare migrant

One recorded on the 10th of April.

SHORT EARED OWL

Asio flammeus

Winter visitor

One recorded on the 1st and 9th of April. 1 observed coming in off the sea on the 13th of September. 1 seen on the 15th of November. 1 recorded hunting along the seaward edge of the Hoe on the 10th of December.

SWIFT

Apus apus

Summer passage bird

First bird of the spring was a single on the 3rd of May, 2 in off the sea on the 9th and 3 on the 15th. 8 seen to come in off the sea on the 22nd and 3 on the 28th. 100+ over the Hoe on the 18th of June, 4 recorded on the 23rd. 1-4 recorded on six dates in July. 34 flew West on the 2nd of August and the 2 on the 24th proved to be the last sightings of the summer.

KINGFISHER

Alcedo atthis

Passage bird

One on the 27th of September followed by another on the 14th of October.

GREAT SPOTTED WOODPECKER

Dendrogopos major

Passage bird

One on the 27th of September.

GREENWOODPECKER

Pica viridis

One on the 9th of January. Once a common bird on the Hoe for at least ten months of the year but has now become scarce.

KESTREL

Falco tinnunculus

Resident

During the first four months of the year, counts of 1-2 were recorded on many dates, 3 were logged on the 22nd of April. 2 plus a juvenile were recorded on the 2nd of May. From May to August, counts were mainly between 1 and 2 with the odd sighting of juvenile birds. 13 were recorded along the cliff tops on the 16th of September, 11 on the 17th and 8 on the 27th. 8 were also recorded on the 14th of October. Mainly one to 2 birds were noted during the last three months of the year.

One breeding pair

MERLIN

Falco columbarius

Passage bird

One came in off the sea on the 28th of October.

HOBBY

Falco subbuteo

Summer visitor

Two recorded on the 3rd of May one of which came in off the sea. One reported on the 6th of August.

PEREGRINE FALCON

Falco peregrinus

Resident

Single sighting on nine dates in January, 2 on the 6th and 3 on the 28th with two at the East end of the Hoe and 1 at the west end. 1-3 On several dates throughout February and March. 4 which included 2 males and 1 female recorded at the western end of the Hoe on the 1st of April. 4 noted on the 29th of May then 2 recorded from the West end on the 30th. Pair seen with food on the 4th of June, 2 chicks recorded at the nest site on the 10th, 2 on the 26th and 28th. Pair with 2 fledged young on the 3rd of July. 1-2 on fourteen other dates this month. Two juveniles and 1 adult on the 5th of August. 1-2 throughout September, October and November, 3 on the 17th of October. 1-2 birds during December. *One pair bred at the East end of the Hoe and possibly one pair at the West end.*

MAGPIE*Pica pica**Resident*

Peak Monthly Totals

J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
18	11	14	12	10	12	14	16	15	14	23	14

*3 breeding territories***JACKDAW***Corvus monedula**Resident*

Peak Monthly Totals

J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
16	10	16	15	18	2		7	22	20	20	18

ROOK*Corvus frugilegus**Passage bird*One flew West on the 18th of February**CARRION CROW***Corvus corone**Resident Breeder*

J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
10	15	16	16	12	6	8	11	49	70	25	15

49 on the 30th of September, 70+ on the 15th of October

RAVEN

Corvus corax

Resident Breeder

Single on four dates in January plus 2 on the 11th and 30th. 1-2 recorded throughout February, 2 seen at the nest site on the 15th, 4 on the 28th. Four on the 1st, 4th, 13th and 22nd of March, 8 on the 15th, 2-3 on five other dates. Two seen on seven dates in April. 1 adult and 2 young on the 8th of May. 4 on June the 7th, 13th and 21st, 6 on the 26th. 5 on the 18th of July, 4 on the 19th, 22nd and 24th, 1-3 on several other dates. Two on seven dates in August, 4 on the 14th and 23rd. 4 on September the 13th, 20th and 27th. 1-3 throughout the month of October. 2-3 on several dates in November. 1-2 throughout December.

One pair bred to the East of the Hoe.

BLUE TIT

Cyanistis caeruleus

Resident Breeder

Peak Monthly Totals

J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
3	3	3	2	3	2	4	4	10	8	3	2

10 on the 6th of September, 8 on the 16th of October. 1 territory held.

GREAT TIT

Parus major

Resident breeder

Peak Monthly Totals

J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
8	1	3	4	2	2	3	5	3	4	2	2

1 territory held, nest site in Dog poo box. Seven ten day old chicks ringed on the 28th of June.

SKYLARK

Alauda arvensis

Resident breeder passage migrant

One on four dates in January, 3 on the 15th of February singles on three other dates. 1-2 throughout April. Present throughout May, 3 on the 3rd, 4 on the 6th. 1-3 present on the Hoe during June and July. Two on the 25th and 30th of September. 6 on October the 14th and 4 on the 25th. 2 on November the 15th. No records for December.

1 territory held.

SAND MARTIN

Riparia riparia

Passage migrant

One flew over the Hoe on May the 3rd and 19th. One noted on August the 3rd, 35 passed through on the 9th and 10+ on the 27th.

SWALLOW

Hirundo rustica

Summer visitor

First birds of the spring were 2 on April the 9th. 5 recorded coming in off the sea on the 15th, 4 over the Hoe on the 10th and 25th. 85 seen coming in off the sea on the 3rd of May and 27 on the 9th plus 6 on the 22nd. 27 noted on the 23rd, 24th and 28th. 5 on the 3rd of June. 6 including 4 juveniles on the 15th of July, 20 recorded on the 16th and 17th and a c30 on the 24th. 10 around the main pond on the 7th of August, 9 in off the sea on August the 31st. c.50 moved through the Hoe on September the 6th, 100 on the 15th, 3 flew West on the 26th. The last birds of the year were 6 over the Hoe on October the 25th.

HOUSE MARTIN

Delichon urbicum

Summer visitor breeder

First bird of the spring was on the 18th of April followed by one on the 20th then 2 on the 21st. Good numbers during May with 30 on the 3rd and 15th, c.60 on the 22nd, 27 on the 24th, most of these remained to nest on the cliff face. 66 noted on the 4th of June, 50+ on the 14th and 43 on the 25th. 30+ on July the 3rd and 10th, c30 recorded on the 24th. During August numbers recorded were 40 on the 14th and 50 on the 12th, a count of c.150 were logged on the 30th. Highest counts in September were 300+ on the 3rd, 500+ on the 12th and 1000+ on the 15th. 31 noted on October the 1st, 100+ on the 4th and the last 2 birds of the autumn were seen on the 25th of October.

25 occupied nests were logged on the 21st of July at the East end of the Hoe.

LONG TAILED TIT

Aegithalos caudatus

Occasional visitor

One in woody gully on the 12th of April.

WILLOW WARBLER

Phylloscopus trochilus

Summer visitor passage migrant

One on the 1st of May was the first bird of the year followed by 2 on the 13th plus 1 on the 14th. First of the returning birds were singles recorded on the 24th, 26th and 28th of July. 2 on the 2nd and 5th of August followed by 1 on the 7th, 17th, 18th, 23rd and 29th, 4 noted on the 28th. 1 on September the 13th and 14th and the last of the year was on the 27th of September.

CHIFFCHAFF

Phylloscopus collybita

Summer visitor

First birds of the spring were 2 on the 29th of March. 1-3 on ten dates in April, 1 on the 1st and 22nd of May plus 2 on the 17th. Singles on the 24th of June and the 14th and 26th of July. 4 on the 21st of August, 6 on the 23rd and 5 on the 30th. Autumn movement through the Hoe in September was recorded on the following dates, 10 on the 15th, c20 on the 25th, c34 on the 27th and 15 on the 30th. 10 noted on the 8th of October then numbers dropped away to 4 on the 14th and 20th then 1 on the 25th. Three late records of a single bird were recorded on the 10th, 25th and 30th of November.

YELLOW BROWED WARBLER

Phylloscopus inornatus

Rare vagrant

Only autumn records were of 1 on the 8th and 9th of October.

SEDGE WARBLER

Acrocephalus schoenobaenus

Passage migrant

Two on the 27th of July, 1 on the 26th and 28th.

REED WARBLER

Acrocephalus scirpaceus

Passage migrant

One on the 3rd, 13th and 5th of May. 1 on the 24th of July then 2 on the 28th. One on the 4th, 13th and 27th of September.

BLACKCAP

Sylvia atricapilla

Summer visitor passage migrant

First bird of the spring was recorded on the 6th of April followed by 2 on the 9th and 10th, 9 recorded on the 17th. One on the 9th of May and 2 on the 23rd of July. 4 noted on the 29th of August and 7 on the 30th.

2-5 logged on several dates in September plus a small movement at the latter part of the month with 12 on the 25th and 27th and 27 on the 30th. 14 logged on the 1st of October then 2-4 up until the 17th, 3 on the 20th. One late male on the 14th of November.

GARDEN WARBLER

Sylvia borin

Scarce passage migrant

Singles logged on July the 16th, 18th and 24th.

LESSER WHITETHROAT

Sylvia curruca

Summer visitor

One on the 9th of April was the first sighting of the year followed ten days later by 1 on the 20th and 21st then the 29th 2 seen on the 26th. 2 on the 5th, 27th and 28th of May. One on five dates in June and in July, 8 logged on the 26th and 28th. One on three dates in August plus 3 on the 5th, 29th and 30th, 4 on the 23rd. 4 on the 6th of September, 3 on 13th and 2 on the 27th. Last bird of the autumn was logged on the 17th of September.

Possible breeding pair

COMMON WHITETHROAT

Sylvia communus

Summer visitor breeder

One on the 19th of April was the first bird of the year followed by 1 on the 21st and 29th. 5 recorded on the 3rd of May also on the 24th and 28th, 1-3 logged during the rest of the month. 1-3 noted on eight dates in June but 5 recorded on the 28th. Present throughout the month of July with 6 on the 5th, 5 on the 11th and 26th and 7 on the 30th. 7 on the 5th of August, 6 on the 20th followed by 12 on the 30th. 7 recorded on the 6th of September and the last sighting of the year was of 1 on the 17th.

6 territories held

FIRECREST

Regulus ignicapilla

Passage bird

One on six dates in March plus 3 on the 22nd and 29th. One on the 1st and 2nd of April. One on September the 2nd and 16th of September. One on November the 5th.

GOLDCREST

Regulus regulus

Passage migrant

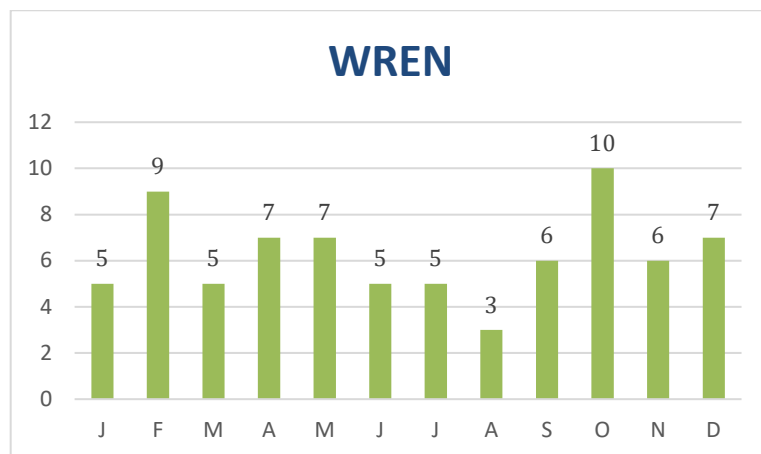
One on the 1st and 20th of January, 2 on the 28th of February, 1 on the 1st and 10th of April. No more records until the autumn when 2 were noted on October the 4th, 13th and 31st, 3 on the 18th and a small fall of 12 on the 20th. 8 recorded on the 5th of November, 5 on the 19th, 4 on the 18th and 1 on the 21st and 22nd. One on the 8th of December.



WREN

Troglodytes troglodytes

Resident breeder

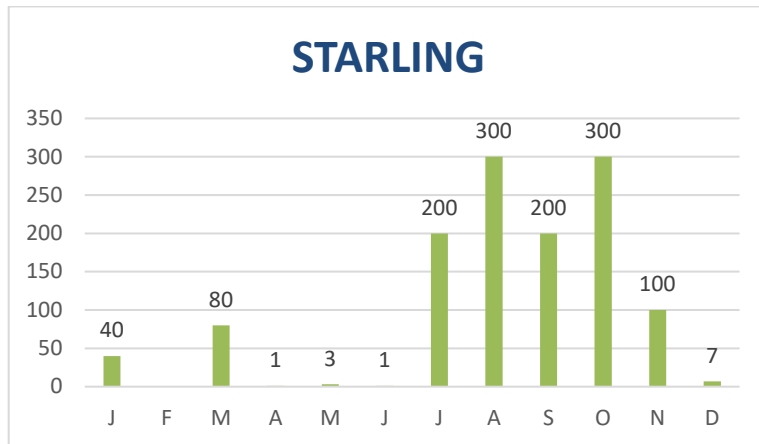


8 territories held

STARLING

Sternus vulgaris

Resident/winter visitor



One on the 19th of April, 3 on the 24th of May and 1 on the 25th of June. During July and November flocks on the Hoe ranged between 200 and 300.



RING OUZEL

Turdus torquatus

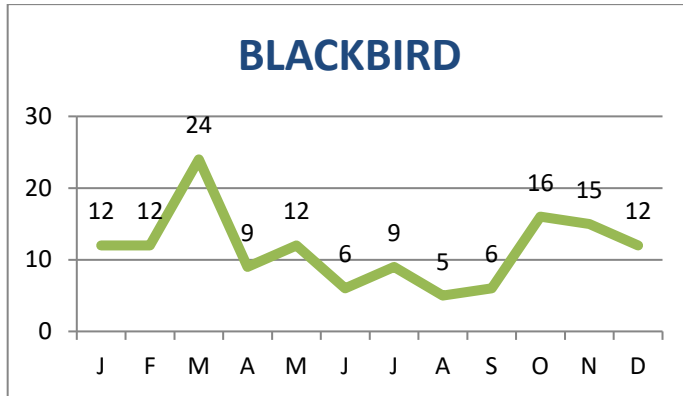
Passage migrant

One on the 14th, 19th, 20th and 25th of April, 1 on the 3rd of May. First of the returning birds were 2 on the 8th and 9th of October. 1 on the 17th, 25th and 31st. Single sightings in November on the 6th, 8th, 10th and 15th.

BLACKBIRD

Turdus morula

Resident breeder passage migrant



Seven breeding territories

FIELDFARE

Turdus Polaris

Winter visitor

One seen to come in off the sea on the 6th of January, 1 on the 9th. One on February the 7th, 15th, 27th and 28th. 4 on March the 1st and 4th and 2 on the 6th and 13th. First sighting of the winter were 2 on the 25th of October followed by 1 on the 31st. 1 on the 14th of November.

REDWING

Turdus iliacus

Winter visitor

Four on the 13th of March and 5 on the 26th. Last of the returning birds were 2 on the 1st of April, 5 on the 9th and 2 on the 12th. First birds of the autumn were 4 on the 8th and 9th of October, 7 on the 11th and 3 on the 31st. 2 on the 21st and 26th of November. Single sighting on three dates in December, 4 on the 6th.

SONG THRUSH

Turdus philomelos

Resident

Four on the 1st and 11th of January, 5 on the 16th. 1-3 on several other dates. One on six dates in February, 2 on the 12th and 19th plus 3 on the 18th. 5 recorded on the 1st of March, 6 on the 3rd and 2 on three other dates. For the next 5 months sightings ranged from 1-3 birds. 2 recorded on the 20th of September. 4 noted on the 8th of October and 5 on the 25th. 1-2 on four dates in November plus 3 on the 21st. 3 on the 10th and 30th of December.

MISTLE THRUSH

Turdus viscivorus

Scarce visitor

One on the 10th of July.

SPOTTED FLYCATCHER

Muscica striata

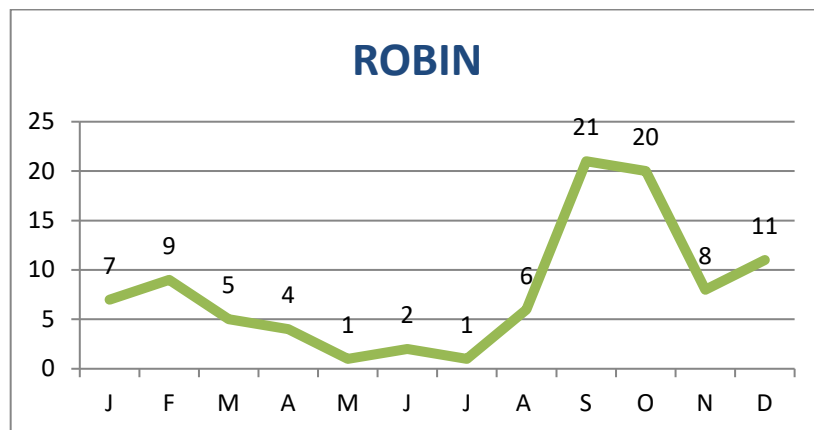
Passage migrant

Two recorded on the 30th of August. One on September the 2nd and 6th and the last sighting of the autumn was of 1 on the 27th of September.

ROBIN

Erithacus rubecula

Passage migrant winter visitor breeder



2 territories held

Seen feeding young on the 10th of June. Numbers started to build up after the second week of September with the arrival of continental migrants. 30 recorded on the 16th of October.

Min 2 pairs, Max 3.

PIED FLYCATCHER

Ficedula hypoleuca

Scarce migrant

One on the 6th of September was the only autumn record.

BLACK REDSTART

Phoenicurus ochruros

Passage migrant summer visitor breeder



One on four dates in January but only the one sighting in February. Two on the 13th and 19th of March, 4 on the 20th plus 3 on the 21st. Single sightings on seven dates during April but 3 noted on the 5th and 2 on the 10th. 1 logged at the western end of the Hoe on May the 3rd. One recorded carrying food on the 15th then 2 were seen feeding young on the 24th and 25th. Pair with 2/3 juveniles on the 3rd of June, pair plus 1 juvenile on the 7th. 3 on the 12th, 2 feeding young on the 14th. 3 on the 20th and 26th. Present throughout July with 7 on the 3rd, 1 plus 1 fledged young on the 21st, 5 on the 26th and 28th. 3 juveniles on the 2nd of August. 7 on the 8th and 20th, 8 on the 21st, 6 on the 25th. 9 logged on the 15th of September, 7 on the 16th. 5 on the 25th and 6 on the 27th. 5 on the 4th and 11th of October, 4 recorded at the western end of the Hoe and 3 at the eastern end on the 9th, 5 on the 16th and 4 on the 18th. Singles on four dates in November plus 3 on the 12th. Pair on the 6th of December plus 2 on the 17th.

1 pair bred, 2 broods.

WHINCHAT

Saxicola rubetra

Passage migrant



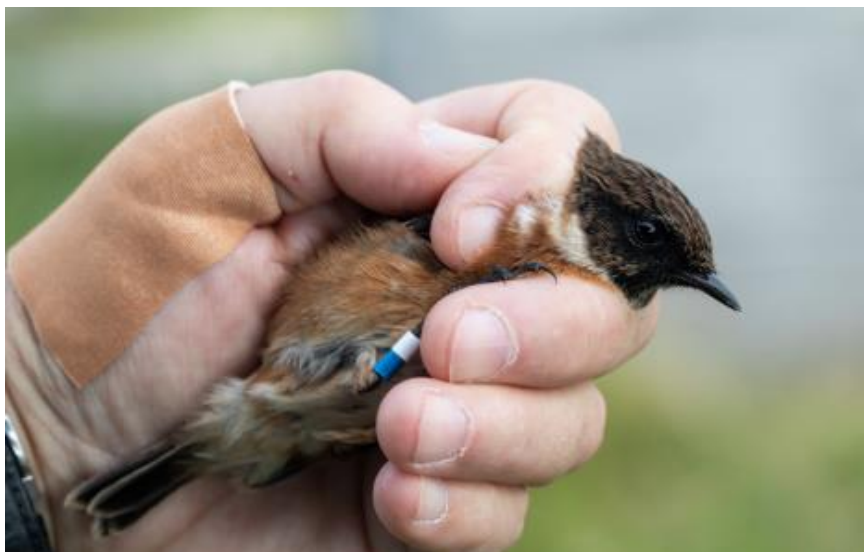
First birds of the autumn migration were 5 recorded on the 26th of August, 3 on the 28th and 1 on the 30th. 3 noted on the 2nd and 11th of September, 5 on the 6th, 13th and 14th and 1 on eight other dates, last bird of the autumn proved to be the one on the 20th of September; a good autumn for numbers of this species on the Hoe this year.

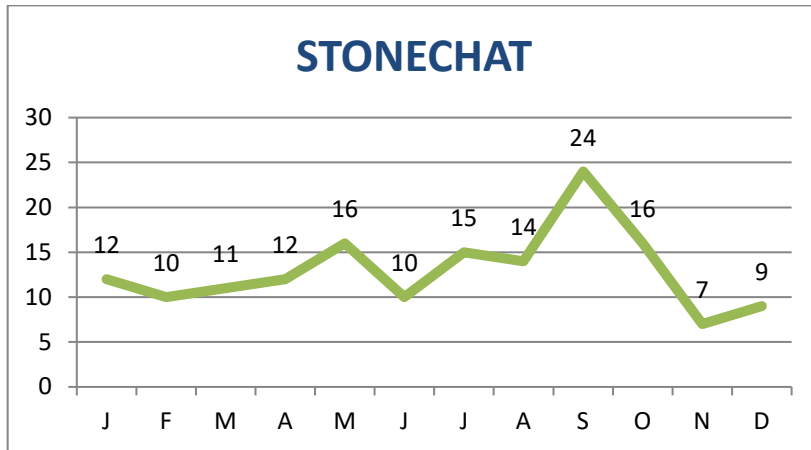
STONECHAT

Saxicola torquata

Resident/breeder

8 pairs were recorded on the Hoe on the 13th of May. A colour ringing project with the East Kent Wildlife Group is investigating changes from summer to winter populations.





Seven territories held.

WHEATEAR

Oenanthe oenanthe

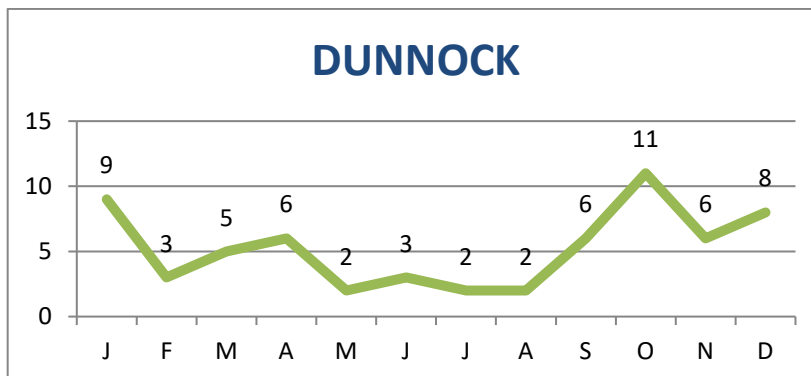
Passage migrant

Birds were late arriving this year with the first two being logged on the 30th of March. 1-2 on twelve dates in April plus 5 on the 16th and 4 on the 28th. 13 recorded on the 1st of May, 4 on the 2nd then 1-2 until the 15th. First of the returning birds was noted on the 28th of July. 3-4 on three dates in August plus 5 on the 14th and 30th and 6 on the 27th. 1-3 on eleven dates in September, 5 on the 13th. The last bird of the autumn was recorded on the 14th and 18th of October.

DUNNOCK

Prunella modularis

Resident breeder autumn migrant



11 on the 16th of October, 9 on the 23rd.

Six territories held.

HOUSE SPARROW

Passer domesticus

Occasional visitor

One female on the 15th of April. One on 9th of May, 5th and 24th of July then on 25th and 27th of September.

TREE SPARROW

Passer montanus

Scarce

One flew West on the 11th of October.

YELLOW WAGTAIL

Motacilla flava

Passage migrant

First birds of the spring were 2 seen flying East on the 15th of April then 1 on the 16th. One seen to come in off the sea on 6th, 18th and 25th of May, plus singles over the Hoe on the 5th, 17th and 22nd.

GREY WAGTAIL

Motacilla cinerea

Passage bird

One flew East on the 9th of May. One moving West on the 15th and 30th of September plus 1 flying East on the 25th. One flew West on 9th and 10th of October.

WHITE WAGTAIL

Motacilla alba

Passage bird

Just the one record this year and that was of 1 on the 12th of April.

PIED WAGTAIL

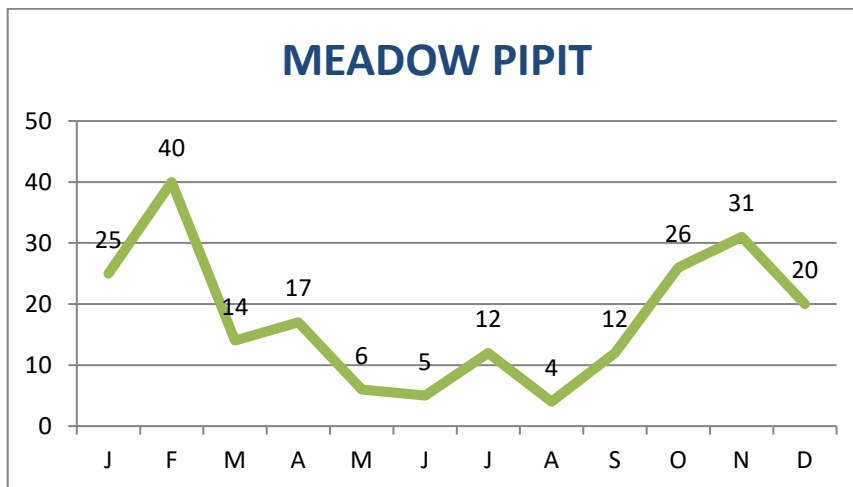
Motacilla yarrellii

Two on the 1st and 4th of January and again on the 16th and 19th. Single on five dates in February plus 2 on the 8th and 18th. One on the 8th and 23rd of March, 2 on the 20th. Single on 9th of April and 14th of June. One on three dates in July. One on 25th of September. 3 on 14th October and 1 on 6th of November.

MEADOW PIPIT

Anthus pratensis

Resident/Passage bird

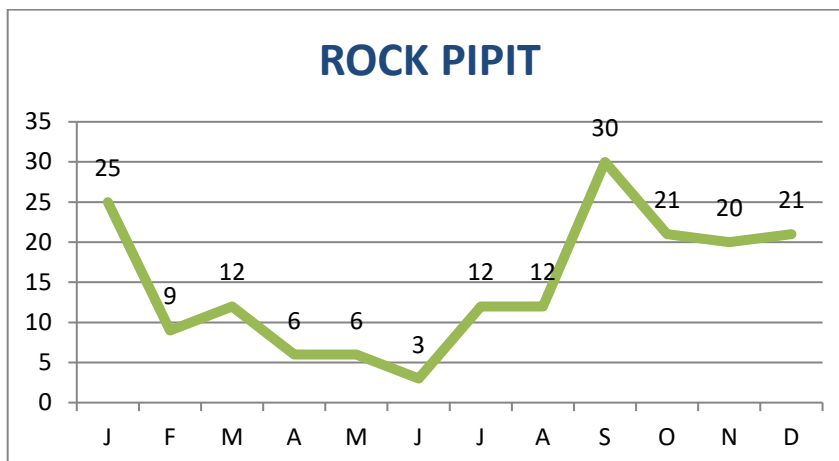


c.40 on the 28th of February, 4 double figure counts in March 7 in October. 12 territories held

ROCK PIPIT

Anthus petros

Resident breeder/Winter visitor



22 on the 1st and 11th of January, 21 on the 31st of September. 20 on November the 27th. Adult bird with 2 young on the 11th of July.
Two territories held.

CHAFFINCH

Fringilla coelebs

Resident/winter visitor/passage migrant

One on six dates in January, 2 on the 19th and 25th of February. 1-3 throughout March, 480 flew East on the 26th. 1-2 throughout April and May, 4 on the 24th of May. 3 on 20th and 28th of September. Five on 14th of October. 1 on three dates in November, 2 on the 13th of December.

1 territory held.

BRAMBLING

Fringilla montifringilla

Winter visitor

First birds of the winter were 2 recorded on 8th of October, 1 on the 17th.



GREENFINCH

Chloris chloris

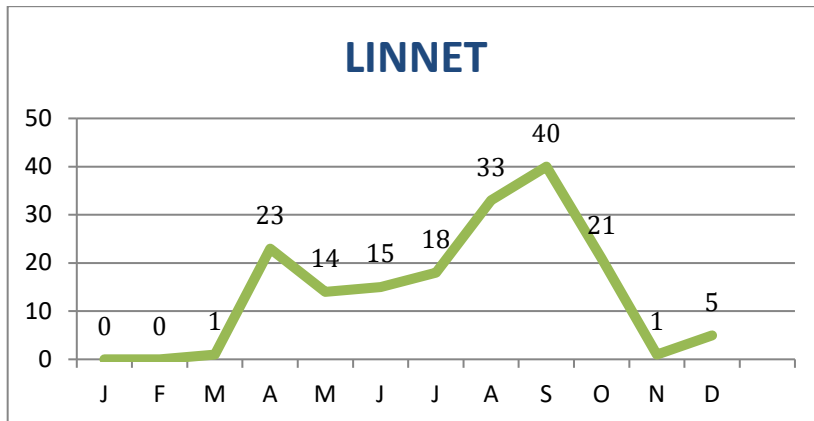
Scarce

The only sighting of the year was of 2 on 8th of November.

LINNET

Carduelis cannabina

Resident/passage bird



5 territories held.

REDPOLLS

Carduelis cabaret

One on the 26th of April plus 1 on the 6th of May.

COMMON CROSSBILL

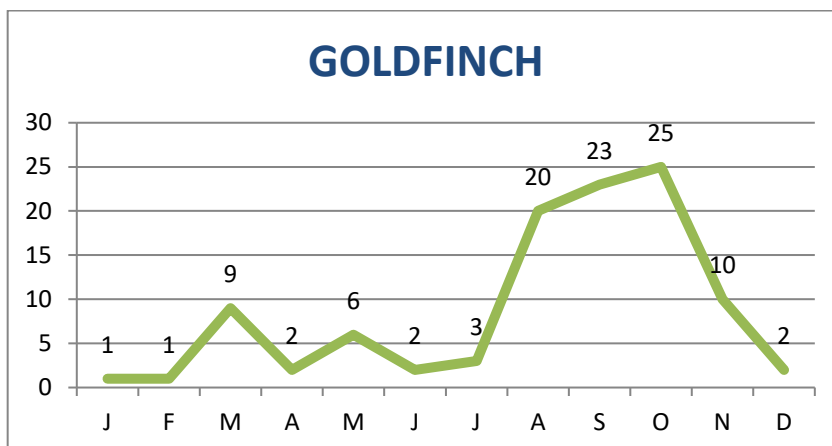
Laxia curvirostra

Six flew over the Hoe on the 17th of May.

GOLDFINCH

Carduelis carduelis

Resident/Passage bird



1 territory held.

SISKIN

Carduelis spinus

Passage bird

Easterly movements were noted on the following dates, 9 on 26th of March, 8 on the 1st of April, 13 on the 6th, 5 on the 10th and 114 on the 14th, 1 on the 5th of May proved to be the last sighting of the spring. First birds of the autumn were 3 flying West on 8th of October, 25 going E on the 10th plus 8 on the 31st.

YELLOWHAMMER

Emberiza citronella

One on the 15th of February.

REED BUNTING

Emberiza schoeniclus

Passage bird

One on March the 21st, also 1 on the 15th of April and 25th of September.