



## SAMPHIRE HOE BIRD REPORT FOR 2010



**Wheatear**  
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Samphire Hoe is a new addition to the Kent coastline formed from 4.9 million cubic metres of chalk dug to create the channel tunnel. The Hoe is owned by Eurotunnel and managed together with the White Cliffs Countryside Partnership.

The recording area is all of Samphire Hoe, the cliffs behind it, the sea offshore and the cliffs adjacent at the east and west end. Observations were made on an almost daily basis and breeding territories were plotted using the Common Bird Census technique. 130 species were recorded during the course of the year. 24 species held territory within the recording area. The location of the Hoe on the coast, just across the channel from mainland Europe, means it can be an important area for migrant birds.

Monitoring the bird population of the Hoe indicates how the site is developing and can help inform management decisions.

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**View of Samphire Hoe from the top of the cliffs**

## SUMMARY OF THE YEAR

**January:** Little Owl on the 4<sup>th</sup>, Little Egret flew west on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Several Red Throated Divers flew west on the 12<sup>th</sup>, 8 on the 13<sup>th</sup>. 4 Common Scoters west on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 40 Brents flew east on the 19<sup>th</sup>. 2 Ravens flew past on the 17<sup>th</sup> and a Water Pipit was seen on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

**February:** A Little Owl was recorded on the 1<sup>st</sup>, a Water Rail on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. 14 Wigeon flew east on the 9<sup>th</sup>. A Water Pipit was present on the 13<sup>th</sup>. A single Tufted Duck was present throughout the month on the main pond.

**March:** First of the migrants were a Chiffchaff on the 17<sup>th</sup>, a Wheatear on the 19<sup>th</sup>, 2 Swallows on the 24<sup>th</sup> and a male Ring Ouzel on the 28<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. 30 Siskins flew east on the 13<sup>th</sup>. A Shag was seen offshore on the 20<sup>th</sup>. An unusual record for the Hoe was of a Mistle Thrush on the 21<sup>st</sup>, a Firecrest was also present on the same day. The Tufted Duck which was present throughout last month remained until the 24<sup>th</sup> of this month.

**April:** 4 Black Redstarts were present on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, the first Common Whitethroat of the spring was seen on the 18<sup>th</sup>, 3 Willow Warblers on the same day, a Lesser Whitethroat on the 20<sup>th</sup>, plus 3 Blackcaps and a Common Redstart. Highlight of the month was a Red Rumped Swallow on the 28<sup>th</sup> which remained in the area for about forty five minutes.

**May:** 6 House Martins were seen on the 1<sup>st</sup>. A Common Sandpiper and a Shag were present on the 5<sup>th</sup>, 20 Common Scoter flew east on the 8<sup>th</sup>. A Common Redstart was seen on the 17<sup>th</sup>, Reed Warbler on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> and 5 Swifts on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

**June:** Birds of the month were 2 European Bee-Eaters which appeared out of the fog on the 8<sup>th</sup>, circled the Hoe then flew off over the cliffs. 100 Swifts flew over on the 12<sup>th</sup>, A Knot was by the west pond on the 20<sup>th</sup> a Shag offshore on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. 3 singing Black Redstarts were recorded on the 22<sup>nd</sup> also that day a Samphire Hoe rarity, a House Sparrow, was seen.

**July:** 30 Common Scoter were offshore on the 21<sup>st</sup>, A Tufted Duck was on the main pond for six days. First of the returning migrants were 3 Willow Warblers and 1 Sedge Warbler on the 27<sup>th</sup> and a Wheatear on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

**August:** 21 Black Tailed Godwits flew east on the 10<sup>th</sup>. An Artic Skua, Little Egret and 2 Swifts on the 17<sup>th</sup>. 3 Whinchats were recorded on the 18<sup>th</sup>. A Whimbrel flew west along the cliff tops on the 25<sup>th</sup>, also on that day 7 Wheatears were on the Hoe. On the 28<sup>th</sup> a Pied Flycatcher, Sedge Warbler and a Reed Warbler were present, 2 Common Redstarts on the 28<sup>th</sup> and 4 Black Redstarts on the 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>.

**September:** A Marsh Harrier was seen to come in off the sea on the 1<sup>st</sup>, Single Greenshank flew west on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. A Wryneck was present throughout most of the day on the 5<sup>th</sup> but sadly mid afternoon it was thought to have been hit by a train. A Common Buzzard on the 7<sup>th</sup>. A Kingfisher was reported on the 21<sup>st</sup> plus 100 Swallows flew west. A Black Throated Diver flew west on the 26<sup>th</sup> as did 300+ House Martins. A Merlin was seen to fly in off the sea on the 29<sup>th</sup> and a continental Coal Tit was present on the 30<sup>th</sup>. Up to 2 Ravens reported on nine dates.

**October:** An Arctic Skua flew east passed the Hoe on the 6<sup>th</sup>, 10 Shelduck on the 9<sup>th</sup>. 11 Grey Partridge on the Hoe also on the 9<sup>th</sup>. Single Shag seen offshore on the 10<sup>th</sup> and a Common Buzzard flew over the same day. A new Species for the Hoe a Bearded Tit was seen on the 13<sup>th</sup>. A Red Kite was observed on the 26<sup>th</sup> and a Little Owl on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

**November:** A Lapland Bunting flew over on the 6<sup>th</sup>, 10 Rock Pipits were at the west end on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 30 Common Scoters were seen offshore. 3 Red Throated Divers were seen on the 19<sup>th</sup>. 215 Siskin and 105 Goldfinches flew east along the Hoe on the 21<sup>st</sup> and a Snow Bunting also flew east on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**December:** 10 Snipe on the Hoe on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 35 Shelduck flew east on the same day also a Goosander flew past. Red Breasted Merganser went west on the 4<sup>th</sup>, A Water Rail was seen on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 3 Dunlin on the seawall on the 7<sup>th</sup>. 2 Woodcock on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 2 Ravens flew west on the 9<sup>th</sup>.



Photo Groupe Eurotunnel  
**View of Samphire Hoe**

## SYSTEMATIC LIST FOR 2010

### **MUTE SWAN** *Cygnus olor*

One offshore on 21 January, 11 flew west on 18 April and a single past the Hoe on 10 October.

### **GREYLAG GOOSE** *Anser anser*

Fourteen flew east past the Hoe on 4 February.

### **BRENT GOOSE** *Branta bernicia*

Fourteen flew east on 12 January, 8 on 18 and 40 on 19 January. February was a quite month for sightings with just 2 going east on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 9 on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Recorded spring movements were 40 going east on 3 March, 50 on 14, 80 on 21 and 15 on 23. 6 just offshore on 24 March. The last spring record was of 63 moving east on 18 April. Autumn passage was noted on 29 September with 240 flying west past the Hoe. October records include; 10 on the 5<sup>th</sup>, then 36 going east on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 27 on the 9<sup>th</sup>. Two records in November and they were of 4 going up channel on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 3 on the 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **SHELDUCK** *Tadorna tadorna*

Four flew east past the Hoe on 2 March with a further 3 on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Other records were of 2 east on 19 April, 6 on 9 May and 35 going east on 2 December.

### **WIGEON** *Anas penelope*

Six offshore on 12 January, 14 flew east on 9 February. No other records until September when 6 were seen on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 15 flew east on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Sightings were a little sparse during late autumn with 5 on 2 December and 30 on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **COMMON TEAL** *Anas crecca*

There were a low number of records this year, 1 female seen offshore on 23 and 24 March, 2 at the western end of the Hoe on 29 September.

### **MALLARD** *Anas platyrhynchos*

Peak monthly counts

| J  | F  | M  | A  | M | J | J | A  | S  | O  | N  | D  |
|----|----|----|----|---|---|---|----|----|----|----|----|
| 17 | 17 | 12 | 15 | 8 | 5 | 5 | 11 | 14 | 12 | 12 | 22 |

*No proof of breeding this year.*

### **TUFTED DUCK** *Aythya fuligula*

Female on the main pond on 27 January. One took up residence on the main pond throughout February and March this could be the one that was seen in January. 1 on six dates in July and then one on 9 dates in October.

**COMMON SCOTER** *Melanitta nigra*

Four flew west past the Hoe on 16 January and 40 flew east on 8 May. 30 were seen offshore on 21 July. 50 flew west on 29 September and 30 seen offshore on 18 November. The only other record was of 1 on 2 December.

**RED BREASTED MERGANSER** *Mergus serrator*

One flew west on 4 December

**GOOSANDER** *Mergus merganser*

Three flew past the Hoe on 2 December.

**RED LEGGED PARTRIDGE** *Alectoris rufa*

One seen on the Hoe on 5 April, 2 on 3 May. Single on 28 June. One on three dates during July, 2 on 26 August and 2 September. One on five dates in October and on four dates in December.

**GREY PARTRIDGE** *Perdix perdix*

Two on 14 March and again on 17 and 19 April. A covey of 11 was recorded on the Hoe on 9 October.

**PHEASANT** *Phasianus colchicus*

One to two were recorded throughout the year except during August. Numbers worth mentioning are 6 on 12 March, 7 on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 6 on the 29<sup>th</sup>. 6 on 21 November.

**RED THROATED DIVER** *Gavia stellata*

One on 4 January, 2 on the 5<sup>th</sup>, several flew west past the Hoe on the 12<sup>th</sup>, 8 offshore on the 13<sup>th</sup>, 1 on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 3 on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Two sightings in February and they were of 2 on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 1 on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Last of the spring sightings was of 11 flying east on 17 March. First of the autumn sightings were 3 offshore on 19 November. 9 recorded on 2, 4 and 5 December.

**BLACK THROATED DIVER** *Gavia immer*

The only record of the year was of 1 which flew west past the Hoe on 26 September.

**LITTLE GREBE** *Tachybaptus ruficollis*

Rather surprisingly there was just the one record this year and that was of 2 on 29 March.

**GREAT CRESTED GREBE** *Podiceps cristatus*

Peak monthly counts

| J | F | M | A | M | J | J | A | S | O | N | D |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7 | 8 | 8 | 2 |   |   |   |   |   |   | 2 | 2 |

**FULMAR** *Fulmarus glacialis*

Peak monthly counts

| J | F | M | A | M | J | J | A | S | O | N | D |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |   | 1 |   |

Probably up to two breeding pairs between Samphire Hoe and Shakespeare cliff.

**GANNET** *Morus bassanus*

Sixteen offshore on 25 January, 40 flew east on the 26<sup>th</sup>. 2 offshore on 3 February, 6 on the 7<sup>th</sup>. Singles on 31 March, 20 and 25 April and 3 May. 3 on 10 August, 11 on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 30 on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Single on 25 September and 6 October. 2 flew east on 8 November and 45 offshore on 21 November. 3 on 21 December.

**CORMORANT** *Phalacrocorax carbo*

Peak monthly counts

| J | F  | M | A | M | J | J | A  | S | O  | N | D |
|---|----|---|---|---|---|---|----|---|----|---|---|
| 9 | 12 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 12 | 8 | 12 | 6 | 8 |

**SHAG** *Phalacrocorax aristotelis*

One on 5, 12 and 20 January, 2 on the 24<sup>th</sup>. 2 offshore on 20 March and 13 May. Single on 22 June, 10 October and 12 December.

**LITTLE EGRET** *Egretta garzetta*

One flew west past the Hoe on 12 and 25 January. Single on 7 February and 16 and 20 March. During August 1 was seen on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. October produced a single on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> and then 2 flying west on the 19<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. 1 on 14, 18 and 25 November, 2 on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Single sightings on 5, 14, 18 and 21 December.

**GREY HERON** *Ardea cinerea*

One on 5 and 24 January, 2 on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Single on two dates in February and 1 in March. 1 on 2, 20, 24 and 29 April. 2 flew east on 28 June. 2 going west on 18 July and 1 on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Singles on 3 dates in August and 4 in September, 2 on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. 2 going west on 7, 8 and 9 October plus singles on 4 dates. 2 on 16 and 17 November and 1 on 9 and 14 December. Most observations are of birds flying past the Hoe but on one or two occasions they have been recorded standing amongst the rock pools.

**RED KITE** *Milvus milvus*

One was seen to come in off the sea by Geoff Burton on 26 October.

**MARSH HARRIER** *Circus aeruginosus*

Three records all in September, 1 in off the sea on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 1 over the Hoe on the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.

**SPARROWHAWK** *Accipiter nisus*

Singles on 4, 22 and 26 January. Singles on 3, 13, 14 and 15 February. One on five dates throughout March, 1 on 19 and 28 April and 22 May. 2 were recorded on 3 July and also on 31 August. Singles on four dates in both September and October and on six dates in November. 1 on 15 December.

**COMMON BUZZARD** *Buteo buteo*

One flew over the Hoe on 7 September, 10 October and 22 December.

**KESTREL** *Falco tinnunculus*

Single on five dates in January, 3 dates in February and a further five dates in March also in March 2 were seen on the 16<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. 2-3 throughout April, May and June. Pair plus two chicks seen at the cliff face nest site on 3 and 8 July. 3 seen on 3 and 28 August. 4 on 21 September and on 9 and 21 October. 1-3 throughout November and December

**MERLIN** *Falco subbuteo*

One was seen to come in off the sea on 29 September.

**PEREGRINE FALCON** *Falco peregrinus*

One to two throughout January. 3 seen having a dog fight over the Hoe on 3 February, 4 seen on the 24<sup>th</sup> two of which were at the western end of the Hoe. 2 on 13, 16 and 25 March and 4 on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. 2 throughout April, May and June, 1 was seen at the west end on 19 June. 1 at the west end on 8 July. Up to 2 throughout August. 1 Juvenile on 1 September. 1-2 through most of September till the end of the year.

*Our resident pair at the east end appeared to be a failed breeder this year.*

**WATER RAIL** *Rallus aquaticus*

One in the area of the main pond on 17 and 19 January, 1 on 2 and 24 February, and on 1, 16 and 21 March. 1 on 7 and 29 September, 14 October, 6, 8, 9 and 23 November. Last sighting of the year was of 1 by the main pond on 5 December.

**MOORHEN** *Gallinula chloropus*

Peak monthly counts

| J  | F  | M | A | M | J | J | A  | S  | O  | N  | D |
|----|----|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|----|---|
| 13 | 14 | 8 | 2 | 8 | 8 | 6 | 11 | 10 | 11 | 11 | 8 |

*2 plus 5 chicks on 28 April, 2 adults plus 8 chicks on the 29<sup>th</sup>. 2 adults and 8 juveniles on 8 May and then 2 adults and 2 juveniles on 23 May.*

**OYSTERCATCHER** *Haematopus ostralegas*

Four flew east passed the Hoe on 4 May, 2 west on 21 July and then 14 flew east on the 27<sup>th</sup>. 3 going west on 28 and 31 August. 2 on 26 September. 1 on the west beach on 5 November.



**GOLDEN PLOVER** *Pluvialis apricaria*

One flying east past the Hoe on 21 November.

**LAPWING** *Vanellus vanellus*

One on the Hoe on 22 June, 3 going east on the 28<sup>th</sup>. 85 flying west on 28 November. 1 on the Hoe on 2 and 3 December, 2 on the 9<sup>th</sup>, 3 on the 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 4 on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

**KNOT** *Calidris canutus*

One seen by the west pond on 20 June

**DUNLIN** *Calidris alpina*



Photo by Phil Smith

One by the west pond on 21 September. 2 on the seawall on 4 and 5 December and 3 on the 7<sup>th</sup>.

**COMMON SNIPE** *Gallinago gallinago*

The cold snap at the end of the year resulted in a good series of records. 1 seen on the Hoe on 18 and 25 October, 1 on 21 November. 10 were recorded on 2 December, 8 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5 on the 4<sup>th</sup>, There were singles on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.

**WOODCOCK** *Scolopax rusticola*

The only record this year was of 2 on 8 December which were flushed out from under a Seabuckthorn bush by a Fox.

**BLACK TAILED GODWIT** *Limosa lapponica*

Twenty one flew east past the Hoe on 10 August.

**WHIMBREL** *Numenius phaeopus*

Eight moving east on 18 April, 7 on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 1 on the 25<sup>th</sup>. 1 flying westward along the top of the cliffs on 25 August.

**CURLEW** *Numenius arquata*

One passed the Hoe on 2 December and 3 on the 12<sup>th</sup>. One individual remained on the Hoe from 14 December until the 29<sup>th</sup>, perhaps he was enjoying the company of the sheep....

**COMMON SANDPIPER** *Actitis hypoleucos*

One on 15 May then 1 at the west end on 20 May, 2 on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. First of the returning birds was of 1 on 28 August, The next sightings occurred in September with 1 on the 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. 1 on 3 October.

**SPOTTED REDSHANK** *Tringa erythropus*

One reported to have been seen on the western beach on 30 August.

**GREENSHANK** *Tringa nebularia*

One flew west on 2 September.

**COMMON REDSHANK** *Tringa totanus*

Three flew east on 2 December, 3 on the 6<sup>th</sup>, single by the main pond on the 7<sup>th</sup>.

**ARTIC SKUA** *Stercorarius parasiticus*

Three offshore on 17 August. 1 flew east on 6 October.

**KITTIWAKE** *Rissa tridactyla*

Two offshore on 23 February and 1 on 2 March. 2 past the Hoe on 17 and 28 August. 230 flew east on 8 November. 2 going west on 4 December.

**BLACK HEADED GULL** *Chroicocephalus ridibundus*

| J   | F  | M  | A | M | J | J  | A   | S  | O   | N   | D  |
|-----|----|----|---|---|---|----|-----|----|-----|-----|----|
| 100 | 80 | 35 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 30 | 200 | 24 | 120 | 100 | 60 |

**MEDITERRANEAN GULL** *Larus melannocephalus*

Two seen offshore on 5 January, 1 on 20 February and 2 on the 27<sup>th</sup>. No other records until 13 July when 3 were seen, 5 on the 17<sup>th</sup>, 4 on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 1 flying west on the 27<sup>th</sup>. 15 on 28th August and 38 on the 31<sup>st</sup>. 20 on the western beach on 6 September and 17 on the 11<sup>th</sup>. 15 on the 12<sup>th</sup>, 8 recorded on the 21<sup>st</sup>. 4 past the Hoe on 3 October and 6 on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 3 on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Just the one record for November and that was of 1 on the 26<sup>th</sup>. 2 on 4 December.

**COMMON GULL** *Larus canus*

Forty off the Hoe on 12 January, 12 on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 20+ on the 26<sup>th</sup>. 13 on February the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 14 going east on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. 1 on 13 April. 4 flying east past the Hoe on 5 May. 1 going west on 27 July, 1 juvenile on 8 August. 3 west past the Hoe on 9 September, 1 on 5 and 12 October. 25 offshore on 30 November. 4 on 2 and 4 December, 2 on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 15 on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.

**LESSER BLACK BACKED GULL** *Larus fuscus*

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

Most of the Gull species in this report are under-recorded, unfortunately time does not allow a dedicated seawatch.

**HERRING GULL** *Larus argentatus*

| J  | F  | M   | A   | M  | J  | J  | A  | S  | O  | N  | D   |
|----|----|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| 30 | 50 | 150 | 103 | 50 | 30 | 30 | 50 | 50 | 30 | 30 | 500 |

Count of c500 was recorded on 14 December.

**GREAT BLACK BACKED GULL** *Larus marinus*

| J | F | M | A | M | J | J | A | S  | O | N  | D |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|---|----|---|
| 9 | 3 | 2 |   | 1 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 11 | 3 | 20 | 4 |

**SANDWICH TERN** *Sterna sandvicensis*

First of the year was 1 offshore on 31 March. 2 flew east on 18 and 25 April. 6 on 3 May, 4 on 13 July. 6 flew west on 17 August. 3 offshore on 4 September and the last record of the year was of 1 on 6 October.

**COMMON TERN** *Sterna hirundo*

Three flew east on 29 April. First bird of the autumn was a single on 7 August, 5 flew west on the 16<sup>th</sup>. One other record of 1 on 12 September.

**GUILLEMOT** *Uria aalge*

Very few records of this species this year. 1 on 13 January and then nothing till 1 was recorded flying east on 8 November. 1 off the seawall on 10, 11 and 12 November.

**RAZORBILL** *Alca torda*

One on 12 January and 8 February. 1 on 20 October.

**FERAL PIGEON** *Columba livia*

Present throughout the year along the cliff-face especially off the western end of the Hoe. Included are some of the observations made, 22 on 27 March, 11 on 24 July, 20 on the 31<sup>st</sup>. 15 on 25 August, 10 on 11 September and 12 on 9 October.

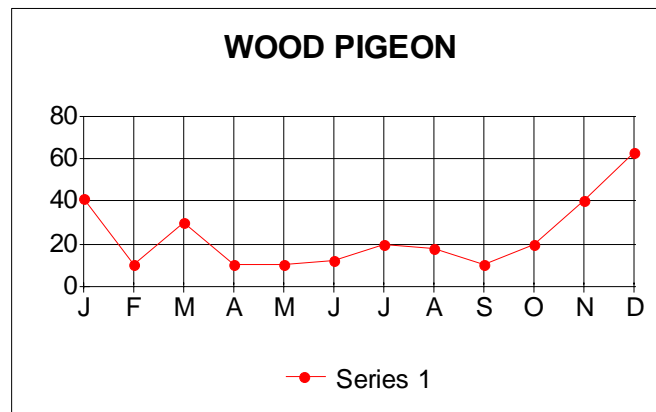
**STOCK DOVE** *Columba oenas*

Peak monthly numbers

| J | F | M | A | M | J | J | A | S | O | N | D |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 |

2 territories held.

**WOOD PIGEON** *Columba palumbus*



Highest concentration of Wood Pigeons in Woody Gully this year was of 63 in December.

4 territories held.

**LITTLE OWL** *Athene noctua*

One on 4 January in the hole in the cliff-face which he occupied for a good part of last year in which he failed to attract a mate (or did he and then went elsewhere). Other sightings this year in the same spot was of 1 on 1 February and 29 October.

**SHORT EARED OWL** *Asio flammeus*

Just the one record of 1 on 24 April.

**COMMON SWIFT** *Apus apus*

First birds of the year over the Hoe were 2 on 22 May then 5 on the 25<sup>th</sup>. 100 flying along the cliff top on 12 June, 30 over the Hoe on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 60 on the 20<sup>th</sup>. 2 on 17 and 30 August. Last bird of the year was a single on 22 September.

**KINGFISHER** *Alcedo atthis*

One on 21 August was the only record for the year.

**EUROPEAN BEE EATER** *Merops apiaster*

Two over the Hoe on 8 June, visibility at the time was poor due to Sea mist which was drifting on to the Hoe, the birds circled the Hoe for a time then headed off in a West to North West direction. (P Holt, D Smith).

**WRYNECK** *Jynx torquilla*



Photo by D Campbell

One at the Hoe for most of the day on 5 September but sadly it was reported to have been struck by a passing train.

**GREEN WOODPECKER** *Pica viridis*

Three on 2 January, 2 on the 16<sup>th</sup> and singles on 13<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. 3 on 14 and 15 February. 1 on 12 March. Absent during the breeding season but the first of the autumn was of 1 on 3 August, 1 on 28 and 29 September. One on four dates during October and November. Two on 3, 8, 22 and 28 December.

**SKYLARK** *Alauda arvensis*

One seen to come in of the sea on 7 January, singles were seen on the Hoe on 20 and 27 February. 1 on 2 March and 2 on the 16<sup>th</sup>. One on 14 and 28 April and 2 on 19<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Singles on 18 and 23 May, 7 June and six dates in July. 3 flying west over the Hoe on 21 and 29 August. 2 on 9 October and 1 on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. 3 seen to come in off the sea on 6 November. 2 on the Hoe on 18 December.

*1 territory held.*

**SAND MARTIN** *Riparia riparia*

One flew east over the Hoe on 29 April. First of the autumn migration was of 2 on 22 August and 5 on the 30<sup>th</sup>. 6 flew west on 7 September and the last sighting was of 4 going west on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

**SWALLOW** *Hirundo rustica*

First of the spring at the Hoe were 2 going east on 24 March. 2 flew east on 19 and 20 April. No great numbers in May mainly up to 4 on several dates, 8 seen to come in off the sea on the 17<sup>th</sup>. 4 on 8 and 12 June, 2 on 31 July. 30 on 22 and 28 August. 100 flew past the Hoe on 21 September, 60 on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 50 on the 25<sup>th</sup>. 58 flew out to sea on 5 October, 70 flew east on 14 October and 15 on the 15<sup>th</sup>, 30 on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Twelve along the cliff face on 1 November and 8 moving west on the 6<sup>th</sup>.

**HOUSE MARTIN** *Delichon urbicum*

Two seen on 20 April were the first birds of the year, 8 appeared on the 29<sup>th</sup>. 12 on the 22 and 25 May and 50 on the 26<sup>th</sup>. 20 were seen around the main pond on 1 June, 40 on the 13<sup>th</sup>, 30 on the 20<sup>th</sup>. 30 were seen flying east on 13 July. 15 noted on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 10 on the 31<sup>st</sup>. During August there were counts of 40 on the 9<sup>th</sup>, 60 on the 17<sup>th</sup>, 30 on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 150 on the 30<sup>th</sup> and 500 on the 31<sup>st</sup>. September saw 250 on the 7<sup>th</sup>, 100+ on the 12<sup>th</sup>, 200 on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 800 on the 26<sup>th</sup> and 150 on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Highest count during October was of 90 on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Last sighting of the year was of 3 on 1 November.

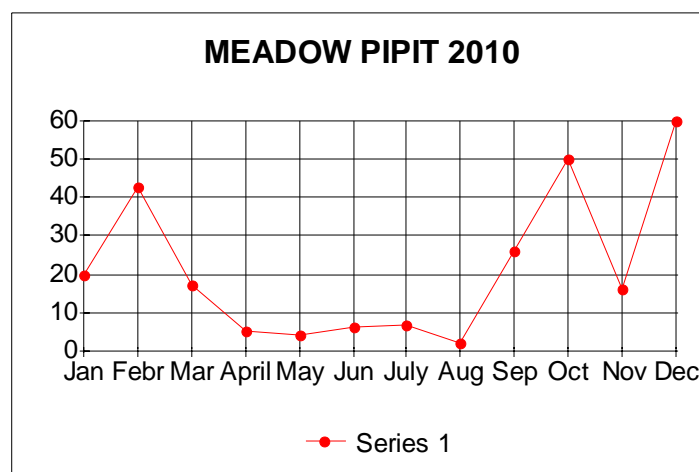
Cliff nesting colony just to the east of the Hoe numbered 16 nests, down on last year.

**RED RUMPED SWALLOW** *Cecropis daurica*

One seen hawking insects over the Hoe along with House Martins on 28 April (P. Holt *et al.*)

**TREE PIPIT** 1 flew west over the *Hoe* on 12 September and another was recorded on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

**MEADOW PIPIT** *anthus pratensis*

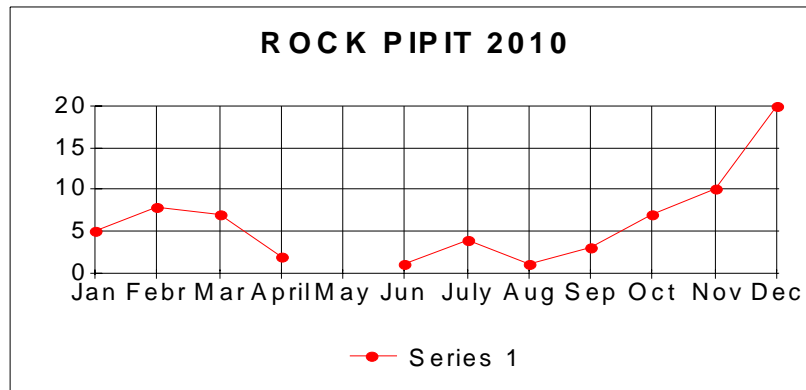


Peak monthly counts

8 territories held.

## ROCK PIPIT *Anthus petrosus*

Peak monthly counts



Highest yearly counts were of 10 on 18 November and 20 on 5 December, both counts made on the west beach. 1 at the west end on 3 March was identified as of the Scandinavian race *Littoralis*,  
*1 territory held*

## WATER PIPIT *Anthus spinoletta*

One Seen at the western end of the Hoe on 17 January and 13 February, possibly the same bird was seen again on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

## YELLOW WAGTAIL *Motacilla flava*

Only the one spring record and that was of 2 seen to fly in off the sea on 28 April. Two autumn sightings and they were of 1 on 5 September and then 1 was seen flying west on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

## GREY WAGTAIL *Motacilla cinerea*

One on January and February the 8<sup>th</sup>. 3 flew east over the Hoe on 21 March. One on 24 June, 1 July, 16, 27 and 28 September. Single on four dates in October and on two dates in November.

## PIED WAGTAIL *Motacilla alba yarellii*

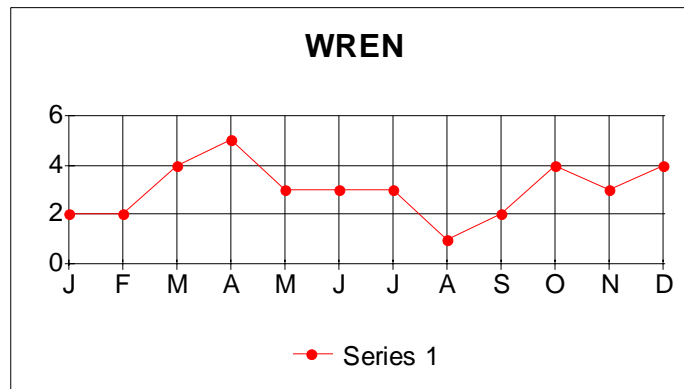
One on 4, 6 and 26 January, Singles on five dates in February and March, 2 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. Singles on five dates during April and May. 1 on 4 June and a juvenile bird was seen on 6 July. 2 on 17 and 21 September. 13 flew east on 9 October and 6 on the 19<sup>th</sup>. 3 on the Hoe on 6 November and a single on 7 and 29 December

## *Motacilla Alba spp*

Two were recorded on 14 October then 35 were seen to fly east past the Hoe on 8 October, 17 going east on the 9<sup>th</sup>.

**WREN** *Troglodytes troglodytes*

Peak monthly counts



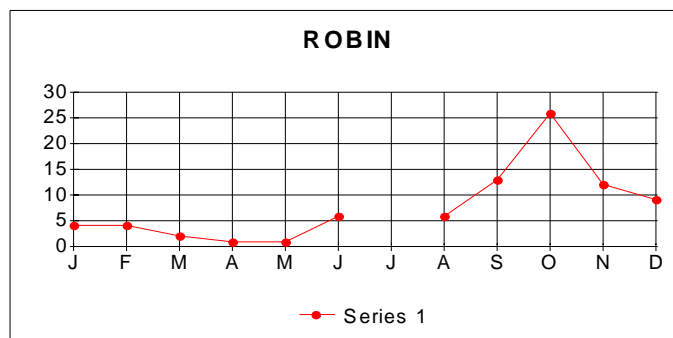
Present in small numbers throughout the year, 5 on 12 April and 4 on 13 October and 4 on 7 and 18 December.  
*4 territories held.*

**DUNNOCK** *Prunella modularis*

Single on five dates during January, 2 on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. 1 on 13 and 27 February, 3 on 16 March and singles on the 20<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. 3 on 2 April. One on 8 and 28 May, 6 June and 8 August. 3 on 21 and 29 September and 5 on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. 8 were recorded on 13 October. 2-4 throughout November and December.  
*1 territory held.*

**ROBIN** *Erithacus rubecula*

Peak monthly totals



Autumn passage was distinct with 13 on 29 September, 18 on 8 October, 25 on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 26 on the 15<sup>th</sup>, the high numbers in October would have included in coming migrants.  
*No territories held*

**BLACK REDSTART** *Phoenicurus ochruros*

No records during January and February. Pair noted at the eastern end of the Hoe on 16, 17 and 31 March, 4 on the 27<sup>th</sup>. 4 on 3 April, 3 on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 5 on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Then on an almost daily basis. A juvenile bird was seen at the west end of the Hoe on 19 June. On 13 July, 2 males and 3 young on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Up to 6 birds were seen in a day from August to October. Singles on seven dates during November, 2 on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. 1 on 2 and 5 December.  
*2 territories held*



### **COMMON REDSTART** *Phoenicurus phoenicurus*

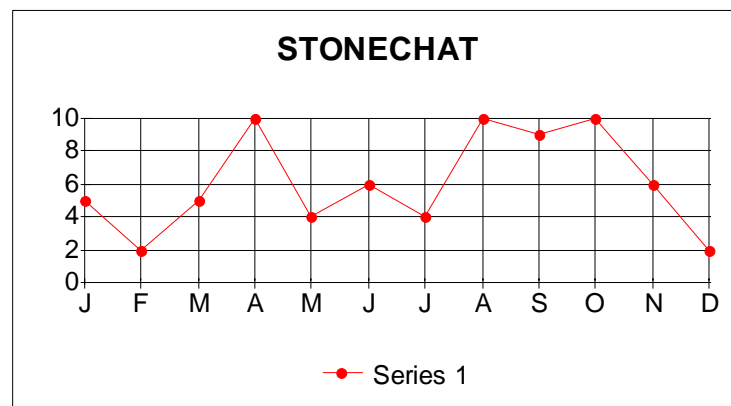
First sighting of the year was of 1 on 20 April followed by 1 on 17 May. First birds of the autumn migration were 2 on 28 August and then 1 on the 29<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. During September singles were recorded on the 8<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup>, the last record of the year was of 1 on 29 September.

### **WHINCHAT** *Saxicola rubetra*

Autumn passage through the Hoe began on 15 August when a single bird was noted followed by 2 on the 17<sup>th</sup>, 3 on the 18<sup>th</sup> then 4 on the 28<sup>th</sup> and 3 on the 31<sup>st</sup>. Singles were recorded on five dates during September, 2 on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. 4 were recorded on 5 September. Last record of the year was of 1 on 8 October.

### **STONECHAT** *Saxicola torquatus*

Peak monthly numbers



10 were recorded on 10 April, juvenile on 22 May, Pair with young on 18 August. 10 on 28 August and 9 October.  
5 territories held.

### **NORTHERN WHEATEAR** *Oenanthe oenanthe*

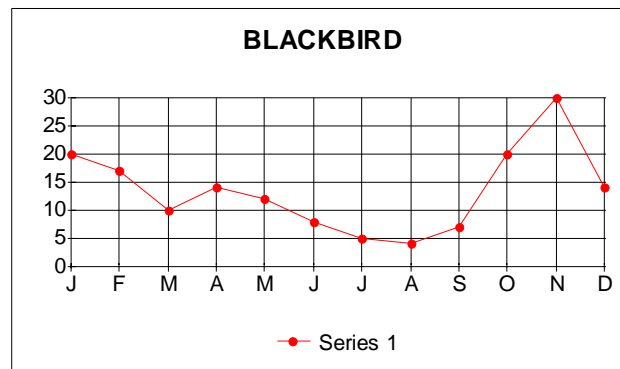
First sightings of the year were of 2 on 19 and 20 March, 3 on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 2 on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. 2 were noted on 6 April, 5 on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 6 on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 2 on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Single on 3, 11 and 15 May, 2 on the 13<sup>th</sup>. First of the returning birds was of 1 on 29 July. During the month of August 4 were recorded on the 11<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. 5 on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 7 on the 25<sup>th</sup>, 8 on the 28<sup>th</sup> and 12 on the 31<sup>st</sup>. 1-3 on many dates throughout September, 8 were seen on the 7<sup>th</sup>, 11 on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 12 on the 15<sup>th</sup>. 2 on 2, 3 and 10 October, 4 on the 6<sup>th</sup> and the last sighting was of 1 on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **RING OUZEL** *Turdus torquatus*

First bird of the spring was a fine male seen in Woody Gulley on 28 March, 1 was also recorded on the 31<sup>st</sup>. The only other spring records were of a single on 11 April and then 3 on the 18<sup>th</sup>. First birds of the autumn migration were 1 on 28 September, 5 on the 29<sup>th</sup> and 2 on the 30<sup>th</sup>. Singles were recorded on seven dates during October, 3 on the 14<sup>th</sup> and the last sighting of the year was of 2 on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

## **BLACKBIRD** *Turdus merula*

Peak Monthly Totals



30+ recorded on 1 November were probably incoming migrants.  
9 territories held.

## **FIELDFARE** *Turdus pilaris*

One on 2 February, 3 on the 13<sup>th</sup>. 2 on 19 March and 3 on the 21<sup>st</sup> were the last sightings of outgoing birds. First birds of the autumn were 1 on 14 October and 1 on 18 November.

## **SONG THRUSH** *Turdus philomelos*

Four on 2 and 5 January increasing to 30 on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 12 on the 19<sup>th</sup>. In February numbers still remained high for the Hoe with 16 on the 13<sup>th</sup>, 17 on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 11 on the 17<sup>th</sup>. No records for March and April. 1 on 22 May and 20 July. 2 were recorded on 23, 25, 27 and 29 September and 6 on the 26<sup>th</sup>. 7 on 9 and 14 October, 8 on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 6 on the 18<sup>th</sup>. In November 2 were noted on 6, 9 and 16 November. Numbers increased in the latter part of December on the onset of the cold weather with 15 on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 11 on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

## **REDWING** *Turdus iliacus*

One on 12 January, 6 on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 3 on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Singles on 2, 13 and 15 February, 2 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Last sighting of the spring was of 1 on 21 March. 6 on 26 September were the first birds of the autumn, 3 on the 27<sup>th</sup> and 1 on the 28<sup>th</sup>. 3 on 9 October, single on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 4 on the 13<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. 2 on 1 November, 1 on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>th</sup>. In December 8 were noted on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6 on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 5 on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

## **MISTLE THRUSH** *Turdus viscivorus*

One on 21 January, This species is seldom recorded on the Hoe.

## **GRASSHOPPER WARBLER** *Locustella naevia*

Two autumn records, singles on 11 and 22 September.

## **SEDGE WARBLER** *Acrocephalus schoenobaenus*

A scarce bird at the Hoe, first of the returning birds was of 1 on the 27<sup>th</sup> of July, the only other record was of 1 on the 28<sup>th</sup> of August

**REED WARBLER** *Acrocephalus scirpaceus*

Singles on 22 and 24 May. First of the autumn migration was of 1 on 28 August and then 2 on 12 September and the last sighting was of 1 on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

**BLACKCAP** *Sylvia atricapilla*

First sighting of the spring was of 3 on 20 April then a single on the 29<sup>th</sup>. One on 4 June and July. Single on 12 August and 3 on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Numbers increased slightly in September with 6 on the 8<sup>th</sup>, 7 on the 21<sup>st</sup>, 6 on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Single on three dates in October, 5 on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. 3 on 16 November and the last of the autumn was of 1 on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.

**LESSER WHITETHROAT** *Sylvia curruca*

First bird of the spring was of 1 on 20 April followed by a single on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Single recorded on several dates during May, 2 noted on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Only the one record for June and that was of a single on the 20<sup>th</sup>. 1 on 24 August and 2 on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Records for September consisted of 1 on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 2 on the 12<sup>th</sup>. The last of the autumn was a single on the 21<sup>st</sup> of the same month.

**COMMON WHITETHROAT** *Sylvia communis*

First sighting of the year was of 1 on 18 April and then 4 on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> increasing to 7 on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. 3 on 1, 3 and 5 May, 4 on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 6 on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 5 on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Up to 4 throughout June with 5 on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Seven on 3 July, 4 on the 19<sup>th</sup>. 5 on 7 and 25 August, 10 on the 28<sup>th</sup>. 3 on 2 and 6 September, 4 on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. Six single sightings the last being on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.  
*6 territories held.*

**YELLOW BROWED WARBLER** *Phylloscopus inornatus*

One on 14 October was good Hoe record. (I A Roberts)

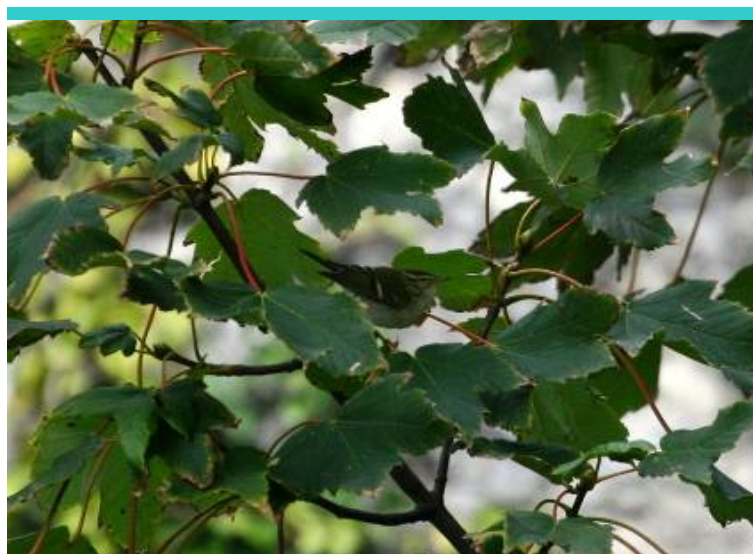


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**CHIFFCHAFF** *Phylloscopus collybita*

First sighting of the spring was of 1 on 17 March followed by singles on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 3 on the 21<sup>st</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. Singles on three dates in April plus 3 on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. 1 on 8 May and 7 June. During August there were singles on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> and 2 on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Autumn migration through the Hoe got underway in September with 20 on the 8<sup>th</sup>, 16 on the 13<sup>th</sup>, 29 on the 21<sup>st</sup>, 11 on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, 13 on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 12 on the 29<sup>th</sup>. 9 on 9 October, 3 on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. 5 single sightings in November with the last being on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

**WILLOW WARBLER** *Phylloscopus trochilus*

First birds of the spring were 3 on 18 April increasing to 8 on the 20<sup>th</sup>. 2 on the 24<sup>th</sup>. First of the returning birds were 3 on 27 and 28 July, 2 on the 29<sup>th</sup> and 1 on the 31<sup>st</sup>. Single on five dates during August plus 2 on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup>. 3 on the 24<sup>th</sup>. 1 on 3 September, 2 on the 8<sup>th</sup>, 3 on the 9<sup>th</sup> and the last bird of the year was a single on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

**GOLDCREST** *Regulus regulus*

No spring records. Single sighting on 7, 8 and 21 September, autumn passage was more noticeable in October with 16 on the 12<sup>th</sup>, 13 on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 7 on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 6 on the 18<sup>th</sup>. One on 1, 8 and 9 November and 2 on the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**FIRECREST** *Regulus ignicapilla* The only spring record was of 2 on 21 March. The only other record was of 1 in the autumn on 21 of September.

**SPOTTED FLYCATCHER** *Muscicapa striata*

Just the one record this year and that was of 1 on 8 September

**PIED FLYCATCHER** *Ficedula hypoleuca*

First of the autumn migration was of 1 on 28 August, followed by a single on 12 September and the last of the year was of 1 seen on the seawall on 10 October.



**Pied Flycatcher with a Meadow Pipit in the background**  
Photo by J. Lees.

**BEARDED TIT** *Panurus biarmicus*

One on 13 October, this is a new species for Samphire Hoe, the bird was first heard by Paul Holt whilst sitting in the office with the door open!

**BLUE TIT** *Cyanistes caeruleus*

Two on 16 and 19 January then 5 on the 19<sup>th</sup>. No records for February. 2 on 17 March and a single on three other dates. 2 on 17 May, 1 on 7 June. 2 were recorded on 3 July, 4 on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 3 on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Up to three throughout August. Numbers increased in September with 6 on the 5<sup>th</sup>, 9 on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> and 11 on the 27<sup>th</sup>. 5 on 2, 4, 9, 13 and 18 October and 10 on the 12<sup>th</sup>. In November there were 5 on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 7 on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 6 on the 7<sup>th</sup>. 2-3 throughout December  
*1 territory held.*

**GREAT TIT** *Parus major*

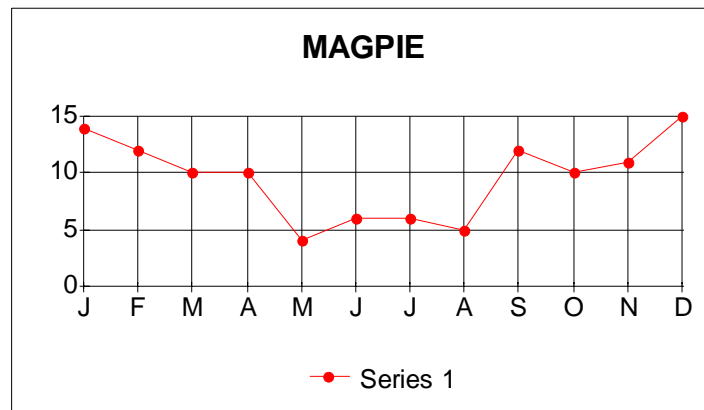
Recorded throughout the year except February, May and June. Numbers never reached above two except when 3 were recorded on 17, 18 and 19 October.

**COAL TIT** *Periparus ater ater*

1 seen on the 30<sup>th</sup> of September and again on 3 October, both birds were of the nominate race *ater*.

**MAGPIE** *Pica pica*

Peak Monthly Numbers

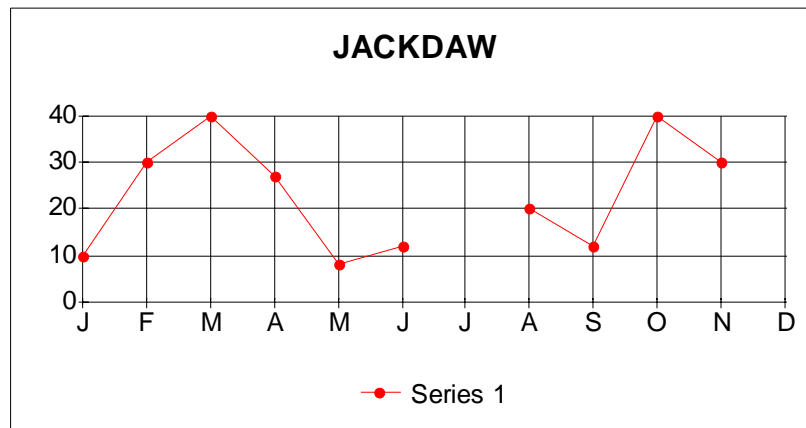


Numbers of this species increase during the autumn and winter months the probable reason for this is that they are attracted to the food put out for the sheep.

*2 territories held.*

**JACKDAW** *Corvus monedula*

Peak Monthly Counts



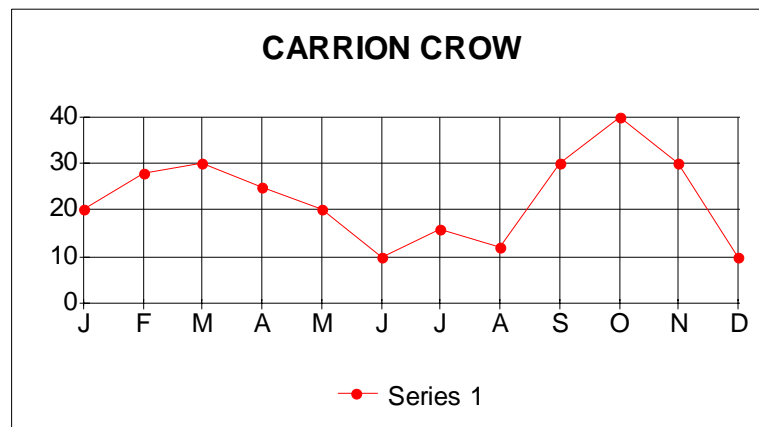
This species does not appear to breed within the Samphire Hoe area but is seen regularly along the cliff face which borders the Hoe.

**ROOK** *Corvus fragilegus*

Not a regularly recorded species on or over the Hoe. 6 were seen flying west on 13 September, 8 on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 2 on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**CARRION CROW** *Corvus corone*

Peak Monthly Counts



**RAVEN** *Corvus corax*

Single bird flying along the cliffs on 6 and 24 January, 2 on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Single on 6, 14 and 15 February, 2 on the 13<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. 1 flying east along the cliff top on 28 March, 29 April and on 8 and 16 May.

A break of about three months before the next sightings when a single bird was recorded on three dates in September and 2 on eight dates. Single on three dates in October and 2 on six dates. In November 2 were recorded on the 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1 on the 26<sup>th</sup>. 2 flew east on 9 December.

**STARLING** *Sturnus vulgaris*

No records for the first three months of the year. There was a single bird noted on 19 April and 8 May. Numbers increased in June with 40 on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, 100+ on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 60 on the 24<sup>th</sup>. These small flocks consisted of mainly juvenile birds. Numbers continued to increase in July and August with 70 on 1 July, 100+ on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 200 on the 13<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 50 on the 31<sup>st</sup>.

3/400 on 17 August, 200 on the 24<sup>th</sup>, 60 on the 25<sup>th</sup> then 12 on the 31<sup>st</sup>.

1 on 19 October. 60 seen to come in off the sea on 1 November and 12 on the 6<sup>th</sup>.

2 on the Hoe on the 30<sup>th</sup>. 8 on 5 December.

1 territory held.

**HOUSE SPARROW** *Passer domesticus*

Somewhat of a Hoe rarity this one. Single sightings on 5 May, 22 June and 7 October.

**CHAFFINCH** *Fringilla coelebs*

No records for the first two months of the year then eight single sightings in March and 2 on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>st</sup>. 1-2 throughout April and May. 1 on 1 June and 2 on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. No records in July and August. 1 on 22 and 25 September and 3 on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

6 on 9 and 17 October and 4 on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. 3 on 1 November and 2 on the 16<sup>th</sup> plus a single on four dates. 1 on four dates in December.

1 territory held.

**BRAMBLING** *Fringilla montifringilla*



Photo Phil Smith

Three records this year and they were of 1 on 9, 10 and 13 October.

**GREENFINCH** *Carduelis chloris*

1 flew west on 16 March. 1 in the back track scrub on 4 and 13 October, 2 on the 9<sup>th</sup>.

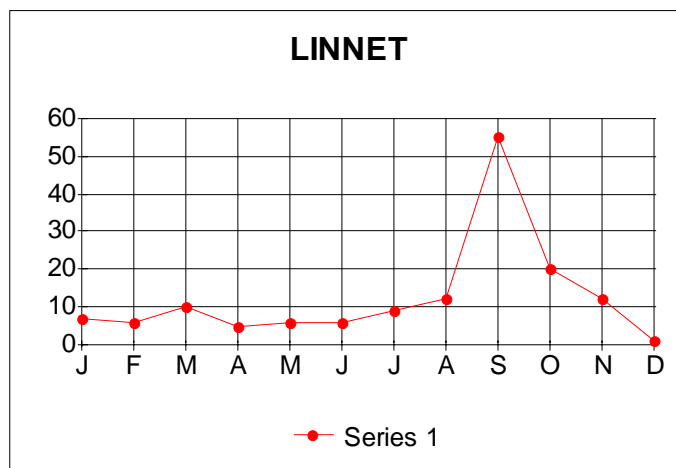
**GOLDFINCH** *Carduelis carduelis*

No records for the first two months of the year. 1 was recorded on 23 March. 5 flew east on 19 April, 2 on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Single sighting on 1 and 3 May then 2 on the 4<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. 3 on 1 June, 2 on the 7<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. A gap of two and a half months before the next sighting which was on 21 and 25 September when 2 were noted. Numbers increased in October and November with 28 flying east on 4 October, 30 going east on the 7<sup>th</sup>, 102 on the 9<sup>th</sup>. 100 on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 650 also going east on the 14<sup>th</sup>. 20 flew west on 3 November. 30 on the 14<sup>th</sup> and then 105 flying east on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

**SISKIN** *Carduelis spinus*

The only record for the spring period was of 30 flying east on 13 March. First birds of the autumn passage were 20 going east on 27 September and 3 on the 28<sup>th</sup>. 16 flying east on 4 October, 20 on the 7<sup>th</sup>, 93 on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 2 on the 10<sup>th</sup>. 12 going east on 18 November and 215 on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

**LINNET** *Carduelis cannabina*



Present in small numbers throughout the year, 55 on 8 September and 40 on the 27<sup>th</sup> were the largest flocks recorded.

*4 territories held.*

**REDPOLL** *Spp*

1 flew east on 7 and 15 October and 2 on 21 November.

**LAPLAND BUNTING** *Calcarius lapponicus*

1 (heard calling) as it flew over the Hoe on 16 November.

**SNOW BUNTING** *Plectrophenax nivalis*

1 flew east on 22 November.



**YELLOWHAMMER** *Emberiza citrinella*

The only record of the year was of 2 on 28 April.

**REED BUNTING** *Emberiza schoeniclus*

The only spring record was of 1 in song on 17 May. Singles on the 11, 14, 16, 25 and 29 September. 1 on 3, 14 and 16 October, 3 on the 9<sup>th</sup>.

## Appendix 1 - Category E species

**SAKER** *Falco cherrug*

1 reported from the Hoe on 18 May.

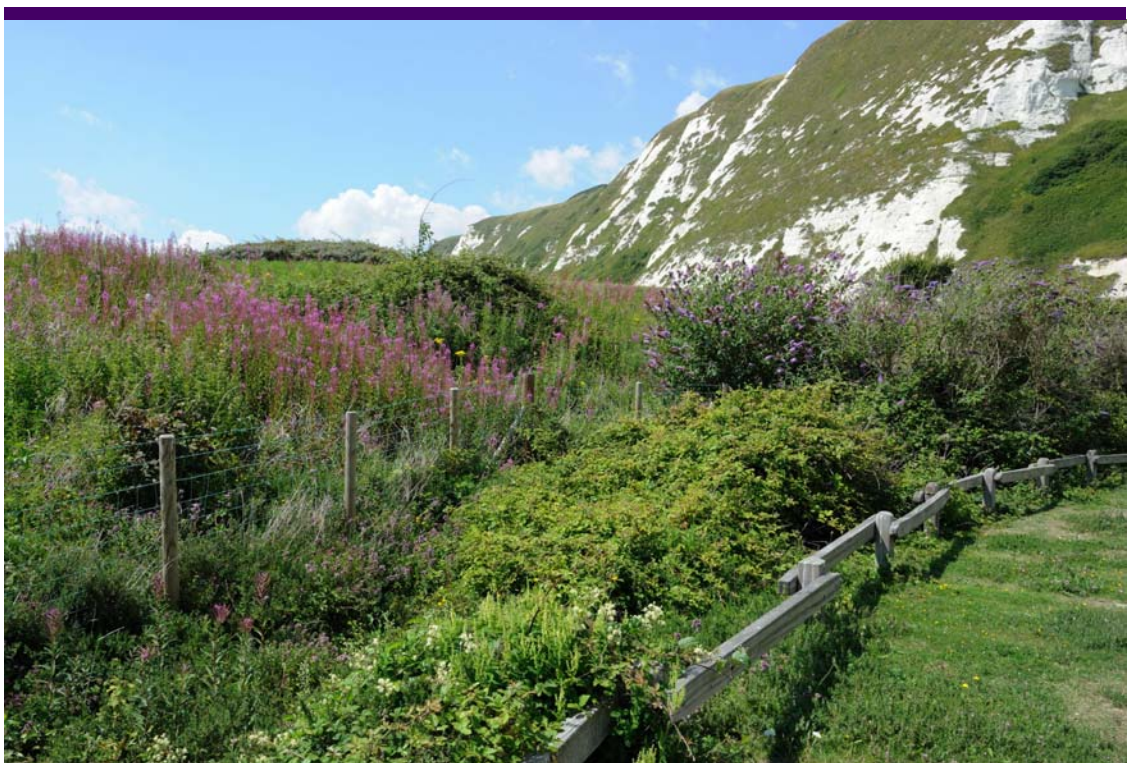


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**View of Samphire Hoe**