

The Islay Natural History Trust's Checklist of the Birds of Islay

All the breeding bird species on Islay, regular winter visitors and migrants, plus all vagrants seen here more than five times are listed below, together with a guide to their status. To help us obtain as full a picture as possible of the occurrence of birds on the island, we would be grateful for all your records, even of common birds and of any vagrants not on the list. For the latter, and for species marked with an asterisk, please include a detailed description as records of these rare species are submitted to the Argyll or the Scottish Bird Records Committee. We are particularly interested in breeding records of all birds, but especially those with under 100 pairs, as shown by '1' or '2' in the second column.

A recording form is attached for your use. Please include locality, together with numbers seen and any comments.

LETTER CODE = time of year when most likely to be seen

NUMBER CODE = breeding status

B = Breeds, but not resident all year

0 = has bred, not regularly

R = Resident all year

1 = 1-10 pairs

W = Winters

2 = 11-100 pairs

P = mainly seen on passage

3 = 101-1000 pairs

S = non-breeding summer visitor

4 = over 1000 pairs

V = vagrant, recorded less than annually

RWP	1	Red-throated Diver	W	Goldeneye	
WP	0	Black-throated Diver	V	Smew	
WP		Great Northern Diver	R	2	Red-breasted Merganser
R	1	Little Grebe	V	Goosander	
W	0	Great Crested Grebe	PW	Red Kite	
V		Red-necked Grebe	V	White-tailed Eagle	
W		Slavonian Grebe	V	Marsh Harrier	
RP	3	Fulmar	R	2	Hen Harrier
P		Sooty Shearwater	V	*Goshawk	
SP		Manx Shearwater	R	1/2	Sparrowhawk
P		Balearic Shearwater	R	2	Buzzard
P		Storm Petrel	V	*Rough-legged Buzzard	
P		Leach's Petrel	R	1	Golden Eagle
SP		Gannet	P	Osprey	
R	?1/2	Cormorant	R	2	Kestrel
R	3	Shag	RW	1	Merlin
R	1/2	Grey Heron	R	2	Peregrine
R	1	Mute Swan	V	*Gyr Falcon	
V		Bewick's Swan	R	2	Red Grouse
WP		Whooper Swan	R	2	Black Grouse
WP		Pink-footed Goose	R	1	Red-legged Partridge
WP		Greenland White-fronted Goose	R	1	Grey Partridge
WP	0	Greylag Goose	R	3	Pheasant
W		Snow Goose	BW	1	Water Rail
BW	0/1	Canada Goose	B	0/1	Spotted Crane
W		Barnacle Goose	B	1/2	Corncrake
WP		Brent Goose - Dark & Pale-bellied	R	2	Moorhen
R	2	Shelduck	W	0	Coot
R	1	Wigeon	RW	3	Oystercatcher
BW	1	Gadwall	RP	3	Ringed Plover
R	2	Teal	P	?	Dotterel
V		Green-winged Teal	BW	2	Golden Plover
R	2	Mallard	PW	Grey Plover	
W		Pintail	R	3	Lapwing
S(?B)	?1	Garganey	PW	Knot	
RW	1/2	Shoveler	PW	Sanderling	
W		Pochard	P	Little Stint	
RW	2	Tufted Duck	P	Curlew Sandpiper	
W		Scaup	WP	Purple Sandpiper	
R	3	Eider	RW	2	Dunlin
W		Long-tailed Duck	P	Ruff	
R	1	Common Scoter	WP	Jack Snipe	
V		Surf Scoter	RW	3	Snipe
V		Velvet Scoter	RW	2	Woodcock
			P	Black-tailed Godwit	

WPS		Bar-tailed Godwit	V		Waxwing
P		Whimbrel	R	1	Dipper
RW	3	Curlew	R	3	Wren
V		*Spotted Redshank	R	3	Duncock
RPW	3	Redshank	R	3	Robin
WPS		Greenshank	V		Black Redstart
P		Green Sandpiper	B	1	Redstart
V		*Wood Sandpiper	B	2	Whinchat
B	2	Common Sandpiper	R	2/3	Stonechat
PW		Turnstone	BP	2	Wheatear
V		*Grey Phalarope	BP	1	Ring Ouzel
P		Pomarine Skua	RW	3	Blackbird
V		*Long-tailed Skua	PW		Fieldfare
PS		Arctic Skua (breeds Jura)	RW	3	Song Thrush
S		Great Skua	PW		Redwing
V		Little Gull	R	2	Mistle Thrush
V(P)		Sabine's Gull	B	2	Grasshopper Warbler
RW	3	Black-headed Gull	B	3	Sedge Warbler
V		*Ring-billed Gull	B	2	Whitethroat
RW	3	Common Gull	B?	0/1	Garden Warbler
BP	3	Lesser Black-backed Gull	B	1	Blackcap
RW	3	Herring Gull	B	1/2	Wood Warbler
W		Iceland Gull	B	1	Chiffchaff
W		Glaucous Gull	B	3/4	Willow Warbler
RW	2	Great Black-backed Gull	R	3	Goldcrest
BP	3/4	Kittiwake	B	2	Spotted Flycatcher
P		Sandwich Tern	V		*Pied Flycatcher
BP	1/2	Common Tern	R	2	Long-tailed Tit
BP	3	Arctic Tern	R	3	Coal Tit
B	2	Little Tern	R	3	Blue Tit
BP	4	Guillemot	R	2	Great Tit
BP	3/4	Razorbill	R	3	Treecreeper
R	3	Black Guillemot	V		Jay
PW		Little Auk	V		Magpie
SP	0	Puffin	R	2	Chough
R	3	Rock Dove (F50)	R	3	Jackdaw
R	3	Woodpigeon (F50)	R	3	Rook
R	2	Collared Dove (F10)	R	3	Hooded Crow
V		Turtle Dove	PW		Carrion Crow
B	2	Cuckoo	R	2	Raven
R	1/2	Barn Owl	RW	4	Starling (roost counts wanted)
R	1	Tawny Owl	R	3	House Sparrow
V	0	*Long-eared Owl	V	0	Tree Sparrow
RW	2	Short-eared Owl	RWP	4	Chaffinch
S		Swift	PW		Brambling
P		Kingfisher	R	2	Greenfinch
V		*Hoopoe	R	2	Goldfinch
B?	0/1	*Great Spotted Woodpecker	R	2	Siskin
RWP	3	Skylark	RW	3	Linnet
B	2	Sand Martin	RW	2	Twite
B	3	Swallow	RW	1/2	Lesser Redpoll
B	2	House Martin	B	1	Crossbill
B	1/2	Tree Pipit	R	2	Bullfinch
RP	4	Meadow Pipit	V		*Lapland Bunting
R	3	Rock Pipit	WP		Snow Bunting
V		Yellow Wagtail	R	2	Yellowhammer
R	2	Grey Wagtail	R	2/3	Reed Bunting
RPW	3	Pied Wagtail	V	0	Corn Bunting
P		White Wagtail			

 More details of the above, and of the further 70 or so vagrants, which have been recorded from one to five times, will be found in the book 'The Birds of Islay' by Malcolm Ogilvie, available from many outlets on the island.

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BIRD RECORDING FORM

NAME AND ADDRESS OF OBSERVER.....

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