



Skomer Autumn Special 14th-16th September 2014



Bird List

Species	Details
Blackbird	2 juveniles around the Farm
Blackcap	A male at the Chicken Sheds 14 th , 2 female/immatures on 16 th
Buzzard	Up to 7 in the air at one time
Canada Goose	To-ing and fro-ing to the mainland every morning and evening
Carrion Crow	Max. 11 together
Chaffinch	1 on 15 th
Chiffchaff	20+ each day
Chough	2 at The Neck, one ringed (on Ramsey)
Collared Dove	1 Captain Kites 14 th
Common Scoter	7 (4 males, 3 females) flew SE on 15 th (perhaps on their way to Carmarthen Bay)
Cormorant	5 on 15 th
Curlew	1-4 seen regularly
Dunlin	A juvenile on North Pond
Dunnock	Present in small numbers around the island
Feral Pigeon	3 flew east on 15 th
Fulmar	2+ in South Haven
Gannet	Thousands visible from Skomer on Grassholm, double figures feeding close inshore including Skomer Head and Garland Stone
Garden Warbler	1 on 15 th in North Valley (Green Pond)
Garganey	A juvenile female 14 th & 15 th
Goldcrest	1 North Valley 14 th
Great Black-backed Gull	The biggest gull on Skomer – present in small numbers (max. 56 on The Table on 15 th)
Greenshank	A juvenile on North Pond 14 th
Grey Heron	4 over on 14 th , 1 at North Pond 14 th & 15 th , 1 over after dark 15 th
Herring Gull	Present around the island (coastal mainly)
House Martin	Migrating through in small groups, usually with Swallows (which were in much larger numbers)
Jackdaw	Present in small groups and flocks of 20+
Kestrel	Up to 2 birds seen, usually close to North Haven
Knot	1 at The Wick 15 th
Lesser Black-backed Gull	The most numerous gull on Skomer, groups of 100+ in scattered locations, adults and juveniles and a few sub-adults
Linnet	1-20 birds seen on several occasions
Little Owl	1 bird seen in torchlight at the Farm after dark on 14 th
Magpie	Present in groups of 2-5 around the island
Mallard	1 North Pond 14 th

Manx Shearwater	Many seen including birds struggling in North Pond during the day and many birds about to fledge out at night particularly on the wall between the Farm and North Haven
Meadow Pipit	Present in good numbers – migrating through
Moorhen	Up to 16 seen at North Pond
Oystercatcher	1 on The Table on 14 th , total of 30 on 15 th , 14 on 16 th
Peregrine	2 males seen on 15 th
Pheasant	Several males and females present around North Valley and west
Pied Wagtail	Present, and up to 2 migrant White Wagtails seen
Raven	An impressive number around the islands – perhaps 50 birds in total, a post-breeding gathering perhaps there to pick off some weak Manx Shearwaters? Just 2-4 on nearby Skokholm Island at the same time.
Reed Bunting	Up to 2 at the Chicken Sheds
Ringed Plover	A juvenile on North Pond all 3 days
Robin	Up to 10 each day (migrants)
Rock Pipit	Scattered around the island (breeder)
Sand Martin	A handful each day with other migrating hirundines
Sedge Warbler	1 Bull Hole 14 th , 1 North Pond 14 th , total of 6 on 15 th
Shag	1 South Haven 14 th , 1 at The Wick 15 th
Shoveler	Up to 4 on North Pond
Skylark	3 singles seen on 15 th
Snipe	Up to 2 on North Pond
Sparrowhawk	1 on 14 th
Spotted Flycatcher	5 on 14 th , 17 on 15 th (a good autumn for this species in Pembrokeshire), 2 on 16 th
Starling	1 over the Farm 15 th , 47 over on 16 th
Stonechat	At least 4 birds present
Swallow	Present in good numbers, numbers built up to a peak mid to late morning then generally moved off east / south east (e.g. 90 per hour mid-morning on 15 th)
Swift	1 over the farm on 15 th (quite a late record)
Teal	Up to 41 on North Pond
Tree Pipit	1 Pigstone Bay 14 th , 2 on 16 th
Water Rail	1 on North Pond 14 th
Wheatear	Max. 36 on 15 th
Whimbrel	3 on 14 th , 1 on 15 th & 16 th
Whinchat	5 on 14 th , 8 on 15 th (excellent autumn for this species in Pembrokeshire)
Whitethroat	Up to 6 present each day
Willow Warbler	30+ each day (outnumbering Chiffchaff c.3:2)
Woodpigeon	Up to 6 seen each day
Wren	Scattered around the island
Wryneck	1 at Bull Hole 14 th
Yellow Wagtail	1 on 16 th
TOTAL	69 SPECIES