



Skomer Autumn Special

19th- 21st September 2015



Bird List

Except where noted, species were seen by the majority of the group

Species	Details
Blackbird	Up to 3 seen at the farm
Blackcap	Male at the farm on 19 th & 20 th , one on 21 st
Blue Tit	11 on 19 th , 17 on 20 th & 12 on 21 st (not a common bird on Skomer!)
Buzzard	Up to 8 seen on 19 th
Canada Goose	To-ing and fro-ing to the mainland every morning and evening, max. count 119 on 19 th
Carrion Crow	Max. 8 on 19 th
Chiffchaff	4 on 19 th , 1 on 20 th
Chough	2 on 19 th , 10 on 20 th (biggest flock was 5)
Collared Dove	1 at the farm on 20 th
Cormorant	Seen at the Garland Stone
Curlew	1 heard after dark on 19 th , 1 over the Neck on 20 th & 2 over Moory Mere on 21 st
Dunnock	At least 4 present (at the farm and Moory Mere)
Firecrest	1 at Moory Mere on 20 th & 21 st
Fulmar	1 from Skomer Head on 20 th
Gannet	Thousands visible from Skomer out at the breeding colony on Grassholm, with small numbers seen closer inshore including from Skomer Head, the Garland Stone & High Cliff
Goldcrest	3 on 19 th , 6 on 20 th , 8 on 21 st
Goldfinch	4 on 20 th
Great Black-backed Gull	Records included counts of 8 on 19 th , 45 at The Spit on 20 th
Herring Gull	Present around the island (coastal mainly) , e.g. 50+ on 19 th
Jackdaw	Present in small groups and flocks of 20+, max. 67 on 20 th
Kestrel	One on 19 th & 20 th , with 2 on 21 st
Lesser Black-backed Gull	The commonest breeding gull on Skomer, present in small numbers during this trip
Linnet	2 on 19 th , 24 on 20 th
Little Owl	1 at Shearing Hays every day
Magpie	Present in groups of 2-5, total of 11 on 20 th
Mallard	Up to 5 seen, usually at North Pond
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	The widespread 'little brown job', birds seen scattered around the island in small groups, some 40 seen each day
Moorhen	Seen at Moory Mere (2+) and North Pond (14+)

Oystercatcher	17 at The Wick on 20 th
Peregrine	Male on 19 th , 2 at High Cliff on 20 th , also singles at Pigstone Bay and along the North Coast on 20 th
Pheasant	Several males and females present around North Valley usually
Pied Wagtail	Present around the farm (3+), and on 20 th 5 at Payne's Ledge and 7 at North Pond
Raven	An impressive number around the islands – some 50 birds in total, a post-breeding gathering perhaps there to pick off some weak Manx Shearwaters. A highlight!
Reed Bunting	1 at the Chicken Sheds on 21 st (Dave)
Reed Warbler	1 on 20 th and then 2 on 20 th at Moory Mere
Robin	10+ each day (migrants)
Rock Pipit	3 on 19 th
Sand Martin	3 flew over Moory Mere on 21 st
Sedge Warbler	2 on 19 th at Captain Kites, singles on 20 th at North Pond and Green Pond
Shag	1 in North Haven on 19 th
Short-eared Owl	1 seen briefly on 21 st at South Plateau (Richard)
Shoveler	3 on 20 th at North Pond
Siskin	1 on 20 th over North Valley Crossing, 1 on 21 st over Moory Mere
Skylark	Heard west of the farm
Spotted Flycatcher	1 at the Chicken Sheds on 20 th
Stonechat	11 on 19 th , 1 on 20 th
Swallow	Small passage east on 19 th , a few on 20 th , 2-4 regularly around the farm tending a late brood
Teal	6 on 20 th (1 at Moory Mere, 5 at North Pond), 9 at North Pond on 21 st
Water Rail	Up to 3 heard on 20 th & 21 st (North Valley Crossing, North Pond & Moory Mere) – the latter bird also seen from the hide
Wheatear	Max. 6 on 19 th
Whitethroat	2 on 19 th , 1 on 21 st
Willow Warbler	6 on 19 th , 1 on 20 th & 21 st
Woodpigeon	Up to 4 seen each day
Wren	Scattered around the island, 1-6 at various sites
TOTAL	55 SPECIES

Selected other wildlife:

Common Dolphin – 50+ on 19th off the Garland Stone

Harbour Porpoise – 6 from Skomer Head on 20th

Grey Seal – pups seen in South Haven and in North Haven when we arrived, a few adults seen in various places

Reptiles & Amphibians - Common Lizard, Common Toad, Common Frog, Slow Worm

Butterflies - Peacock, Red Admiral, Painted Lady, Small Tortoiseshell