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## **Skomer Island “There’s No Linnet” Special**

**30<sup>th</sup> April - 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2016**

### ***Bird List***

	<b>Species</b>	<b>Details</b>
1	Blackbird	Male at the Farm every day, female on 2/5
2	Blackcap	Male and female at the Farm 1/5
3	Buzzard	2 Bull Hole and 4 The Neck 30/4
4	Canada Goose	Several pairs around the island
5	Carrion Crow	Ones and twos around the island
6	Chiffchaff	1 Green Pond 1/5
7	Chough	1 Bull Hole, 2 Skomer Head, 1 Moory Mere, 1 The Wick and 2 Captain Kites 30/4
8	Cormorant	4 on nests on the Mew Stone on 1/5
9	Curlew	At least 2 pairs, up to 3 birds seen together daily
10	Dunlin	1 on North Pond 2/5
11	Dunnock	Several pairs and singles seen around the island daily
12	Fulmar	Present around the cliffs and on the ledges
13	Gannet	38,000 pairs on Grassholm (!), several close inshore on 30/4 & 1/5
14	Goldfinch	2 over Bull Hole and 1 over Skomer Head 30/4, 1 at the Farm 1/5
15	Great Black-backed Gull	The largest gull on the island, one seen eating a young rabbit whole at the Wick...
16	Guillemot	Present on the ledges...the browner one!
17	Herring Gull	Present around the coast mainly, nest with 3 eggs in North Haven
18	House Martin	2 singles on 30/4
19	Jackdaw	Present in small numbers daily
20	Kittiwake	Present at Bull Hole, The Wick and High Cliff
21	Lesser Black-backed Gull	The widespread gull of the island...yellow legs!
22	Linnet	6 (3, 2 & 1) over North Valley 1/5, 2 at the Farm 2/5
23	Little Owl	One seen briefly near the Farm 30/4, and again on 1/5 & 2/5 (but eluded most of the group!)
24	Magpie	Seen in ones and twos every day
25	Mallard	3 drakes on North Pond 30/4, 8 drakes and a female North Pond 1/5, 5 drakes North Pond on 2/5

26	Manx Shearwater	1 seen from the boat crossing and the back end of 1 in a burrow at Gorse Hill 30/4, many seen after dark on 30/4 & 1/5, 1 hiding from the gulls in the courtyard on 2/5
27	Meadow Pipit	Widespread across the island every day
28	Moorhen	1 North Pond and 1 Moory Mere 1/5
29	Oystercatcher	Several pairs around the island, around 20 at North Pond both days
30	Peregrine	Female flew past Payne's Ledge and 1 at the Wick 30/4, 1 on 2/5 at Skomer Head
31	Pheasant	Several around the island every day
32	Puffin	Thousands!
33	Pied Wagtail	Pairs at the Farm and Moory Mere
34	Raven	Several ones and twos, nest with 3 chicks at High Cliff 1/5
35	Razorbill	Present on the cliffs every day....the black one!
36	Red Kite	1 circled and drifted westwards over North Valley 30/4 (the 1st Skomer record of 2016)
37	Reed Bunting	Males at Green Pond and the Farm 1/5
38	Rock Pipit	1 near Bull Hole 30/4
39	Sand Martin	4 at North Pond 2/5
40	Shelduck	4 over Moory Mere 30/4, male North Pond, 3 Moory Mere, 2 Tom's House 1/5, 2 North Pond 2/5
41	Short-eared Owl	1 in North Valley and the same or another at Gorse Hill 30/4, 1 North Valley 1/5, 1 sitting at Shearing Hays 2/5
42	Shoveler	Female flew from North Pond to Green Pond 30/4, male North Pond 1/5
43	Skylark	One singing west of the Farm 30/4 & again 2/5
44	Stonechat	Male and female North Valley and female by North Pond hide 30/4, both females seen 1/5, pair by the Lime Kilns in North Haven 2/5
45	Swallow	Steady passage westwards (perhaps 40+) on 30/4, 18 on 1/5, 32 heading west on 2/5
46	Turnstone	7 in North Haven 2/5
47	Wheatear	At least 11 on 30/4, several on 1/5 & 2/5
48	Whimbrel	3 singles heard 30/4, 1 by North Pond hide & 1 Skomer Head 1/5
49	Willow Warbler	1 singing at Moory Mere 30/4, 2 North Valley and 2 Moory Mere 1/5
50	Woodpigeon	3+ North Valley both days, 1 Moory Mere 1/5
51	Wren	Present around the island every day – noisy!

## Mammals

Harbour Porpoise - 2 west of Garland Stone and 2 off Skomer Head 30/4

Grey Seal - peak count 72 North Haven 30/4 (hauling out to moult)