



# Skomer Spring Migration Special

8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> April 2017

## Bird List



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	Species	Details
1	Blackbird	Up to 4 males & 2 females seen daily
2	Blackcap	3 on 9 <sup>th</sup> , a male on 11 <sup>th</sup>
3	Black Redstart	A female at the Farm on 9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup>
4	Buzzard	Up to 7 seen daily
5	Canada Goose	Several pairs around the island
6	Carrion Crow	Several pairs around the island
7	Chaffinch	3 birds seen early morning on 9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> , 1 on 11 <sup>th</sup>
8	Chiffchaff	Seen daily, numbers fluctuating highlighting that birds were on the move
9	Chough	Seen daily, a pair seen carrying nesting material to the Neck, and largest flock was 12 at the Wick on 8 <sup>th</sup>
10	Cormorant	3 at the Mew Stone on 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2 at High Cliff on 10 <sup>th</sup>
11	Curlew	Up to 5 around the Farm & North Valley
12	Dunlin	Several in a mixed flock of around 15 small waders including Ringed Plover on 10 <sup>th</sup>
13	Dunnock	Several pairs across the island
14	Fulmar	Breeding birds on the cliffs daily
15	Gannet	Small numbers seen from Mew Stone & Garland Stone daily
16	Goldfinch	Up to 6 seen, pair regularly around the farm
17	Grasshopper Warbler	1 reeling in North Valley on 9 <sup>th</sup>
18	Great Black-backed Gull	Pairs scatted across the island on breeding territory
19	Guillemot	Present in good numbers on 8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> but then a total desertion on 10 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup>
20	Herring Gull	Back on breeding territory, in more coastal areas than Lesser Black-backed Gull as a rule
21	Hen Harrier	A female seen on 8 <sup>th</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup>
22	House Martin	3 on 9 <sup>th</sup> , 3 on 10 <sup>th</sup>
23	Jackdaw	Pairs scattered around the island
24	Kestrel	A female seen each day
25	Kittiwake	Breeding birds on the cliffs daily
26	Lesser Black-backed Gull	Birds settling in to breeding colonies
27	Linnet	Seen daily, flocks of up to 8
28	Little Owl	1 seen on 9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> west of the Farm
29	Magpie	Seen daily, usually in pairs or in small groups of up to 5

30	Mallard	Up to 6 in North Valley, a brood of 11 ducklings at Green Pond barely survived 24 hours
31	Manx Shearwater	Several birds seen and heard after dark each day, but not bug numbers due to clear night skies. Also 2 birds heard calling from mburrows during the day
32	Meadow Pipit	Breeding birds (& probably some migrants) present across the island)
33	Merlin	1 on 10 <sup>th</sup> & 2 on the early morning of 11 <sup>th</sup>
34	Moorhen	Seen at North Pond, West Pond, Moorey Mere & South Stream Valley
35	Oystercatcher	Pairs seen across the island, very vocal
36	Peregrine	Seen daily, including at the Mew Stone, Garland Stone & North Valley
37	Pheasant	10+ seen daily, especially in North Valley
38	Puffin	Present in good numbers on 8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> but then a desertion, with just 2 birds seen on 10 <sup>th</sup> & none on 11 <sup>th</sup>
39	Pied Flycatcher	A male at the Farm on 10 <sup>th</sup>
40	Pied Wagtail	Up to 8 daily and a single White Wagtail (subspecies <i>alba</i> ) at Moorey Mere
41	Raven	A few pairs present, bird on the nest at High Cliff
42	Razorbill	Present in good numbers on 8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> but then a total desertion on 10 <sup>th</sup> & a few around on the morning of 11 <sup>th</sup>
43	Redpoll	1 on 9 <sup>th</sup> , probably a Lesser Redpoll
44	Reed Bunting	Up to 4 seen daily
45	Ringed Plover	Several birds in a mixed wader flock of around 15 birds including Dunlin on 10 <sup>th</sup>
46	Ring Ouzel	A male at the Farm briefly in the evening of 8 <sup>th</sup>
47	Robin	4 on 9 <sup>th</sup> , 3 on 10 <sup>th</sup> including a greyish looking continental bird
48	Rock Pipit	Seen at the Mew Stone & Skomer Head
49	Rook	1 around the farm on 9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup>
50	Sand Martin	7 on 8 <sup>th</sup> , 218 on 9 <sup>th</sup> , 49 on 10 <sup>th</sup> , 3 on 11 <sup>th</sup>
51	Sedge Warbler	2 singing on 9 <sup>th</sup> but not seen
52	Shag	1 at the Garland Stone on 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2 at the Mew Stone on 10 <sup>th</sup>
53	Shelduck	Maximum of 6 on North Pond on 10 <sup>th</sup>
54	Short-eared Owl	Up to 3 birds seen at one time
55	Shoveler	Up to 6 birds seen at North Pond, also seen at South Pond & Green Pond
56	Skylark	2-3 singing birds daily
57	Snipe	2 on 9 <sup>th</sup> & 1 on 10 <sup>th</sup> at North Pond
58	Starling	1 seen at Gorse Hill on 8 <sup>th</sup>
59	Stonechat	2-3 pairs seen daily
60	Swallow	59 on 8 <sup>th</sup> , 72 on 9 <sup>th</sup> , 15 on 10 <sup>th</sup> , 3 on 11 <sup>th</sup>
61	Teal	Up to 12 seen at South Pond
62	Turnstone	10 seen in North Haven on 8 <sup>th</sup>
63	Wheatear	Several pairs back on territory and a few migrants seen as well

64	Willow Warbler	Seen daily, numbers fluctuating highlighting that birds were on the move
65	Woodpigeon	Several around the island daily
66	Wren	Singing males evident across the island

**Other wildlife**

Harbour Porpoise – seen from Garland Stone, Skomer Head & the Mew Stone (up to 5 at a time)

Grey Seal – seen around the island, biggest concentration in North Haven hauled out at low tide

Butterflies – Red Admiral & Peacock recorded

Slow worm & toad seen in North Valley