



Skomer Spring Migration Special

9th-12th April 2016

Bird List



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	Species	Details
1	Blackbird	Male & female at the Farm on 9 th , males at the Farm and Moory Mere on 11 th
2	Blackcap	Male at the Farm on 9 th , male below Green Pond on 10 th , at least 15 seen on 11 th (mostly males, a few females), 4 Moory Mere on 12 th
3	Black Redstart	Female at the Farm on 12 th
4	Buzzard	4 sightings of singles on 9 th , 1 on 10 th , 4 together on 11 th
5	Canada Goose	Around 5 pairs present across the island
6	Carrion Crow	Singles and pairs scattered around the island
7	Chiffchaff	Present in elders and willows across the island as well as in bracken in between, totals 6 on 10 th , 17+ on 11 th , and 2 on 12 th (key sites: Farm, North Valley & Moory Mere)
8	Chough	2 feeding vigorously at Pigstone Bay 9 th
9	Cormorant	1 flew west over the Farm on 10 th , 1 at High Cliff on 11 th , 1 at Martin's Haven on 12 th
10	Curlew	Up to 5 in and around North Valley, often display fighting
11	Dunnock	Up to 5 seen daily
12	Fulmar	Present on the cliffs on the North Coast, the Wick etc
13	Gannet	Seen from the boat crossing and off Skomer Head on 9 th (also around 38,000 pairs distantly on Grassholm!)
14	Goldcrest	1 at the Farm on 12 th
15	Goldfinch	1 at Bull Hole on 9 th , 2 separate flocks of 4 in North Valley and at the Farm on 10 th
16	Great Black-backed Gull	Present in pairs at scattered locations – the big one!
17	Greenfinch	1 over the Farm on 12 th
18	Guillemot	1 at the Garland Stone on 9 th , several hundred ashore in North Haven on 12 th
19	Herring Gull	Present mainly around the coast in pairs, a few immature birds seen (and one presumed hybrid with a Lesser Black-backed Gull)
20	Hen Harrier	A ringtail (female or immature male) in North Valley on 9 th and 10 th
21	Jackdaw	Present daily, biggest flock 17 at North Pond on 10 th
22	Kittiwake	27 at High Cliff on 9 th (3 on ledges), with 2 in South Haven on 11 th
23	Lesser Black-backed Gull	Present in colonies across the island – the widespread gull of the island

24	Linnet	2 and then a single flew over the Farm on 11 th , 3 over the Farm on 12 th
25	Little Owl	1 heard after dark on 9 th , 1 seen at Well Meadow on 11 th
26	Little Ringed Plover	1 at Moory Mere during the evening of 10 th (the first since 2011, first April record and just the 7 th ever record for Skomer)
27	Magpie	Present in pairs and small groups at several locations across the island
28	Mallard	2 North Pond on 9 th , 5 (1 female) North Pond on 10 th , 2 Green Pond and 2 North Valley on 11 th , 2 on 12 th
29	Manx Shearwater	Enjoyed after dark (as well as the International Space Station!)
30	Meadow Pipit	Present around the island in groups of up to 10, some passing through, others on territory
31	Moorhen	Seen daily in singles or twos at Bull Hole, Moory Mere, South Stream, North Pond & Green Pond
32	Oystercatcher	Pairs and small groups around the island, max. count 29 at North Pond on 10 th
33	Peregrine	A male at North Haven and a pair at High Cliff mating on 9 th , a female at High Cliff and 3 along the North Coast on 11 th
34	Pheasant	2-4 seen daily in both North Valley and South Stream Valley
35	Puffin	1 at the Garland Stone and a thousand plus in North and South Haven on 9 th , 1 at North Haven on 10 th , several hundred North Haven in the evening of 11 th
36	Pied Flycatcher	A first-summer male below Green Pond and then the Farm on 11 th
37	Pied Wagtail	Pairs and small parties up to 4 seen at the Farm and several locations around the island
38	Raven	Seen daily in 1s or 2s with a pair feeding 3 young at their nest at High Cliff on 9 th
39	Razorbill	1 at the Garland Stone and several in North & South Havens on 9 th , hundreds came ashore at North Haven on 12 th
40	Redstart	A male at Moory Mere on 11 th , moved to the Farm and joined by a second male later in the day
41	Reed Bunting	A female at Moory Mere on 12 th
42	Ring Ouzel	2 males around the Farm and North Valley on 11 th
43	Robin	One at North Valley Crossing on 11 th
44	Rock Pipit	1 at Payne's Ledge and 1 in North Haven on 9 th , 2 in North Haven on 12 th
45	Sand Martin	4 flew west on 11 th , 2 flew west on 12 th
46	Shag	Adult at South Haven on 9 th
47	Shelduck	Pair at Moory Mere on 10 th and 11 th , 6 at North Pond & 4 near The Amos on 11 th
48	Short-eared Owl	1 at Moory Mere & at Gorse Hill on 9 th , 1 at Calve's Park and Gorse Hill on 11 th

49	Shoveler	Pair on North Pond on 11 th and the drake there on 12 th
50	Skylark	1 at West Park on 9 th and 1 at the Farm on 10 th , 1 at West Park and another at Calve's Park on 11 th and 2 singing on 12 th
51	Song Thrush	1 at West Park on 11 th
52	Sparrowhawk	Female at North Pond on 10 th
53	Stonechat	Male at the Lime Kiln on 9 th , female near North Pond hide on 10 th , male near the Farm and pair at the Lime Kiln on 11 th
54	Swallow	A total of 5 on 9 th , 3 on 11 th , 2 on 12 th
55	Teal	Pair at North Pond on 10 th and 11 th , 3 females at Moory Mere on 11 th
56	Turnstone	3 in North Haven on 10 th
57	Water Rail	1 at Green Pond and 1 at North Valley crossing on 11 th , 1 at North Valley crossing on 12 th
58	Wheatear	5 between Skomer Head and Pigstone Bay on 9 th , at least 10 at several sites on 11 th (some of which were probably the Greenland race), at least 4 on 12 th
59	Willow Warbler	Present in elders and willows across the island as well as in bracken in between, totals 8 on 9 th , 5 on 10 th , 20+ on 11 th , and 15+ on 12 th (key sites: Farm, North Valley & Moory Mere)
60	Woodpigeon	2 in North Valley and 6 at Green Pond on 10 th
61	Wren	Present across the island

Mammals

Harbour Porpoise - 10+ Skomer Head on 9th, 5+ off North Haven on 11th, 3+ off the boat on 12th

Grey Seal - 3 Garland Stone on 9th and 100+ North Haven daily