

SRING MIGRANTS 2017 updated: 22 June 2017

Please let us know of any spring migrants you see in Argyll even if the species had already been noted. We are keen to see the overall pattern of arrival.

+ = No further reports listed here due to increased number of reports and or widespread sightings

SPECIES	DATE	LOCATION	OBSERVER	Comment
Garganey	21 Apr	Loch Gruinart RSPB reserve, Islay	James How	Male
Garganey	26 Apr	Canal loch, Coll	Ben Jones	Male
Garganey	26 Apr	Loch Gruinart RSPB reserve, Islay	Peter Gill	Male +later dates
Garganey	15 May	Oronsay, Colonsay	Morgan Vaughan	Male
Garganey	25 May	Strath Farm (The Laggan), Kintyre	M Blanchflower	Pair
Common Quail	23 May	Glen Astle, The Oa, Islay	David Wood	First report
Common Quail	25 May	Totronald, Coll	David Andrews	
Common Quail	? Jun	Oronsay, Colonsay	Morgan Vaughan	
Common Quail	12 Jun	Nr. Strand, Colonsay	Robert Mill	
Common Quail	15 Jun	Uragaig	per David Jardine	
Manx Shearwater	c 8 Feb	Carradale harbour, Kintyre	Ian McGhie	Grounded in garden
Manx Shearwater+	16 Mar	Uisead Point, MSBO, Kintyre	Eddie Maguire	After heavy shower
Osprey	16 Mar	Campbeltown, Kintyre	Katie Pendreigh	First. On top of a pole.
Osprey+	1 Apr	Add Estuary	John Halliday	
Marsh Harrier	27 Mar	Machir Bay, Islay	Per BirdTrack	Seen again Gruinart on 1 Apr
Marsh Harrier	4 May	Gruinart RSPB reserve, Islay	James How	Male
Corn Crake	2 Apr	Tiree (Balinoe/Barrapol/Cornaigmore)	Stephanie Cope	Unconfirmed reports
Corn Crake	2 Apr	RSPB Gruinart reserve, Islay		Unconfirmed report
Corn Crake	19 Apr	Totronald, Coll	Ben Jones	First confirmed.
Corn Crake	21 Apr	Hynish, Tiree	John Bowler	
Corn Crake	22 Apr	Gruinart, Islay	Angus Hogg	
Corn Crake+	29 Apr	Iona, Mull	Jean Lawson	

Dotterel	1 May	Oronsay, Colonsay	Andy Knight	First report
Whimbrel	29 Mar	Lochdon, Mull	Spike Webb	First spring report
Whimbrel	7 Apr	Loch Craignish, Mid-Argyll	David Jardine	
Whimbrel	12 Apr	Uisead Point, MSBO, Kintyre	Eddie Maguire	Three birds
Whimbrel	12 Apr	Traigh Bhagh, Tiree	John Bowler	
Whimbrel+	15 Apr	Uiskentuie, Islay	Gary Turnbull	Two
Black-tailed Godwit	5 Apr	Loch a' Phuill, Tiree	John Bowler	18 birds
Black-tailed Godwit	8 Apr	Loch Cuin, Mull	Arthur Brown	Four
Black-tailed Godwit	9 Apr	Loch Gruinart, Islay	James How	Two
Black-tailed Godwit+	15 Apr	Add Estuary, Mid-Argyll	Jim Dickson	Three
Ruff	10 May	Loch Gruinart, Islay	Per Ian Brooke	Male
Ruff+	11 May	Mannal, Tiree	John Bowler	Male
Curlew Sandpiper	2 Jun	Gott Bay, Tiree	Mark Mallalieu	
Curlew Sandpiper	5 Jun	Loch a' Phuill, Tiree	John Bowler	adult
Pectoral Sandpiper	1 Jun	Loch a' Phuill, Tiree	John Bowler	
Little Stint	29 May	Balephetrish Bay, Tiree	Mark Mallalieu	First report
Little Stint	1 Jun	Loch a' Phuill, Tiree	John Bowler	
Little Ringed Plover	18 Apr	Oronsay, Colonsay	Amy Millard/Morgan Vaughan	
Common Sandpiper	5 Feb	Ronachan, Kintyre	Dan Brown	Wintering record?
Common Sandpiper	3 Mar	Ormsary, Mid-Argyll	Errol Crutchfield	Wintering record?
Common Sandpiper	8 Apr	Loch Beg, Mull	Bryan Rains/Steve Hiscock	
Common Sandpiper	9 Apr	Bonawe furnace, Taynuilt, Mid-Argyll	Stuart Edwards	Two
Common Sandpiper	10 Apr	Kilnaughton Bay, Islay	Lesley Silcock	
Common Sandpiper	10 Apr	Ardnacross, Mull	Stuart Gibson	
Common Sandpiper	11 Apr	Dervaig, Mull	D. Sulway	
Common Sandpiper	12 Apr	Claonaig, Kintyre	Neil Hammatt	
Common Sandpiper+	16 Apr	Add Estuary, Mid-Argyll	David Jardine	Two
Green Sandpiper	15 May	Loch a' Phuill, Tiree	John Bowler	

Wood Sandpiper	3 May	Loch a' Phuill, Tiree	John Bowler	
Arctic Skua	15 May	Hynish, Tiree	John Bowler	
Arctic Skua	23 May	Off NW Mull	Ewan Miles	Also 25/5 2 on 27/5
Arctic Skua+	26 May	Off Colonsay	David Jardine	
Great Skua	4 Apr	Between Mull and Coll	John Bowler	
Great Skua	15 Apr	Loch Indaal, Islay	Peter Gill	
Great Skua+	16 Apr	NW Sound of Mull, Mull	Stuart Gibson	
Sandwich Tern	27 Mar	Bruichladdich, Islay	Peter Roberts	First report
Sandwich Tern	29 Mar	Uisead Point, MSBO, Kintyre	Eddie Maguire	Two on shore
Sandwich Tern	1 Apr	Gortain, Islay	Carl Reavey	Two
Sandwich Tern	2 Apr	Gortain, Islay	Carl Reavey	Seven
Sandwich Tern+	4 Apr	Carradale Bay, Kintyre	Alasdair Paterson	Two
Little Tern	11 Apr	Salum, Tiree	Rob Archer	Two. First report
Little Tern	12 Apr	Kennacraig, Kintyre	Darragh Hudson	
Little Tern+	16 Apr	Loch Gruinart, Islay	Angus Hogg	
Common Tern	21 Apr	Port Ban, Islay	Angus Hogg	First report
Common Tern+	24 Apr	Loch a' Phuill, Tiree	John Bowler	Two.
Arctic Tern	18 Apr	Loch Indaal, Islay	Angus Hogg	Two. First report
Arctic Tern+	23 Apr	Maze, Tiree	John Bowler	Two.
Turtle Dove	11 May	Kintra, Mull	Jeremy Roberts	
Common Cuckoo	7 Apr	Clachan, Kintyre	Ged Connelly	First report
Common Cuckoo	17 Apr	Cairnbaan, Mid-Argyll	Jim Dickson	Calling
Common Cuckoo	17 Apr	Croggan, Mull	Steve Hiscock	Calling
Common Cuckoo	17 Apr	Lochdon, Mull	Andrea Mackenzie	Calling
Common Cuckoo	17 Apr	Ballygrant, Islay	Angus Hogg	Widespread after this date
Common Cuckoo+	19 Apr	Glen Massan, Cowal	George Newall/Alistair McGregor	
Common Swift	19 Apr	Campbeltown, Kintyre	Eddie Maguire/Rab	First report

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Common Swift	5 May	Loch Indaal, Islay	Gary Turnbull	
Common Swift	5 May	Kilmichael Glassary	Annette Anderton	One. Three on May 7th
Common Swift	6 May	Oban, Mid-Argyll	Sue & Malcolm Chattwood	One
Common Swift	9 May	Toward, Cowal	Cherry Cook	Two
Common Swift+	10 May	Dunoon, Cowal	Tom Callan	Two
Sand Martin	19 Mar	RSPB Gruinart floods, Islay	Mike Peacock	First report
Sand Martin	25 Mar	Sound of Gigha, Kintyre	Malcolm Chattwood et al	ABC trip
Sand Martin	26 Mar	Loch Torr, Mull	Stuart Gibson/Ewan Miles	
Sand Martin	28 Mar	Loch Feorlin, Mid-Argyll	Jim Dickson	Three
Sand Martin	29 Mar	Uisead Point, MSBO, Kintyre	Eddie Maguire	Two>N
Sand Martin	29 Mar	Lochbuie, Mull	Chris Abbott	
Sand Martin+	29 Mar	Knock, Mull	Damian Jamrozik	
Barn Swallow	29 Mar	Knock, Mull	Damian Jamrozik	Three. First report
Barn Swallow	30 Mar	Barrapol, Tiree	Stephanie Cope	
Barn Swallow	30 Mar	Rockside, Islay	Bob Davison	
Barn Swallow	2 Apr	Kilchiaran, Islay	David Fallows	
Barn Swallow	3 Apr	The Rhinns, Islay	Michal Sur	
Barn Swallow	4 Apr	Garmony, Mull	Jan Daisy	
Barn Swallow	4 Apr	Daltote, L Sween, Mid-Argyll	Blair Urquhart	
Barn Swallow	4 Apr	Carradale, Kintyre	Alasdair Paterson	
Barn Swallow+	5 Apr	Balephil, Tiree	John Bowler	
Red-rumped Swallow	24 May	Gott Bay, Tiree	Mike Harrison	
House Martin	15 Mar	Arinagour, Coll	Hazel Campbell	First report
House Martin	19 Mar	RSPB Gruinart floods, Islay	Mike Peacock	
House Martin	1 Apr	Heylipol, Tiree	Stephanie Cope	
House Martin	2 Apr	Kilchiaran, Islay	David Fallows	
House Martin	9 Apr	The Oa, Islay	Dave Wood	Two

House Martin	10 Apr	Dervaig, Mull	D. Sulway	Two
House Martin+	12 Apr	Lower Smerby, Kintyre	Neil Hammatt	
Wood Warbler	19 Apr	Dalvore wood, Mid-Argyll	Jim Dickson	Seen/brief song
Wood Warbler	1 May	Pennyghael, Mull	Bryan Rains	
Wood Warbler	2 May	Ardno, Cowal	Neil Hammatt	Three
Wood Warbler	3 May	Ardura, Mull	Doug Holden	
Wood Warbler	3 May	Cowal	Neil Hammatt	Present several sites
Wood Warbler	4 May	Lochawe Village, North Argyll	Roger Broad	
Wood Warbler+	5 May	Kilmory Lodge, Scarba	David Jardine	
Common Chiffchaff	14 Mar	Balephuill, Tiree	John Bowler	First report
Common Chiffchaff	24 Mar	Achnabreck, Mid-Argyll	Blair Urquhart	In song
Common Chiffchaff	25 Mar	Balvicar lagoons, Seil, Mid-Argyll	David Jardine	
Common Chiffchaff	25 Mar	Ardentinny, Cowal	Steve Petty	In song
Common Chiffchaff	26 Mar	Oban, Mid-Argyll	Blair Urquhart	In song
Common Chiffchaff	26 Mar	Slockavulin, Mid-Argyll	David Jardine	Three singing
Common Chiffchaff	26 Mar	Bischof's Glen, Dunoon, Cowal	George Newall	In song
Common Chiffchaff+	27 Mar	Loch Beg, Mull	Bryan Rains	
Willow Warbler	24 Mar	Tayinloan, Kintyre	Katie Pendreigh	First report
Willow Warbler	3 Apr	Gruinart, Islay	Dennis ?	Two
Willow Warbler	4 Apr	Kilmichael Glen, Mid-Argyll	Blair Urquhart	
Willow Warbler	5 Apr	Kilnaughton Wood, Islay	Lesley Silcock	
Willow Warbler	5 Apr	Ormsary, Mid-Argyll	Stu Crutchfield	One, two on 6 Apr
Willow Warbler	6 Apr	Portnahaven, Islay	Alistair Hart	
Willow Warbler+	8 Apr	Widespread arrival		
Greenish Warbler	15 Jun	Loch Turraman, Colonsay	Ian Fisher/David Jardine et al	In song
Blackcap	10 Apr	Benmore Gardens, Cowal	Steve Petty	In song
Blackcap	10 Apr	Ballygrant woods, Islay	Gary Turnbull	In song
Blackcap	10 Apr	Kilmory, Lochgilphead, Mid-Argyll	Malcolm Chattwood	In song
Blackcap	10 Apr	Tobermory, Mull	Stuart Gibson	In song

Blackcap	15 Apr	Balephuill, Tiree	John Bowler	
Blackcap	16 Apr	Moine Mhor (East Gate), Mid-Argyll	Jim Dickson	In song
Blackcap	16 Apr	Bridgend woods, Islay	Carl Reavey	In song
Blackcap+	17 Apr	Cairnbaan, Mid-Argyll	Jim Dickson	Two in song
Garden Warbler	2 May	Ardno, Cowal	Neil Hammatt	First report
Garden Warbler	3 May	Several areas in Cowal	Neil Hammatt	
Garden Warbler	3 May	Cairnbaan, Mid-Argyll	Jim Dickson	In song
Garden Warbler	3 May	Balephuill, Tiree	John Bowler	
Garden Warbler	3 May	Cowal	Neil Hammatt	Present several sites
Garden Warbler+	6 May	Barnakill, Crinan Canal, Mid-Argyll	Jim Dickson	In song
Lesser Whitethroat	5 May	Points Sands, Rhunahaorine, Kintyre	Neil Hammatt	
Lesser Whitethroat	6 May	Carnan Mor, Tiree	John Bowler	Also 14 May
Lesser Whitethroat	14 May	Carnan Mor, Tiree	John Bowler	New bird
Lesser Whitethroat	7 Jun	Southend, Kintyre	Neil Hammatt	In song
Common Whitethroat	30 Apr	Glen Fyne, Mid-Argyll	Neil Hammatt	First report
Common Whitethroat	2 May	Ormsary, Mid-Argyll	Stu Crutchfield	Two
Common Whitethroat	2 May	Colonsay	David Jardine	
Common Whitethroat	3 May	Balephuill, Tiree	John Bowler	
Common Whitethroat	3 May	Dalvore, Mid-Argyll	Jim Dickson	
Common Whitethroat	3 May	Loch Beg, Mull	Bryan Rains	
Common Whitethroat	3 May	The Oa, Islay	David Wood	Three
Common Whitethroat+	4 May	Gruinart, Islay	James How	
Subalpine Warbler	7 May	Carnan Mor, Tiree	John Bowler	Male 'Western'
Grasshopper Warbler	17 Apr	Minard, Mid-Argyll	S Hall	First report
Grasshopper Warbler	23 Apr	Claddach, Islay	Mary Redman	
Grasshopper Warbler+	23 Apr	Slockavuliin, Mid-Argyll	David Jardine	Widespread after this date
Sedge Warbler	13 Apr	Keills, Islay	Gary Turnbull	First report
Sedge Warbler	22 Apr	Dervaig, Mull	P+A Brown	

Sedge Warbler	26 Apr	Loch Gorm, Islay	Mandy	
Sedge Warbler+	26 Apr	Machir Bay, Islay	Peter Roberts	Widespread after this date
Rosy Starling	25 May	Hunters Quay, Cowal	Paul Thallon	
Rosy Starling	3 Jun	The Green, Tiree	Ian MacDonald	
Rosy Starling	21 Jun	Laphroaig, Islay	per Ian Brooke	
Ring Ouzel	8 Apr	Beinn Buidhe, Glen Fyne, Mid-Argyll	Graeme Garner	First report, male
Ring Ouzel	30 Apr	Glen Fyne, Mid-Argyll	Neil Hammatt	Two, male + female
Ring Ouzel	4 May	Balephuill, Tiree	John Bowler	Male
Spotted Flycatcher	10 May	Gruinart RSPB reserve, Islay	Per Ian Brooke	
Spotted Flycatcher	11 May	Balephuill, Tiree	John Bowler	
Spotted Flycatcher	12 May	The Lodge, Tiree	John Bowler	Two
Spotted Flycatcher	12 May	Beach?, Mull	Bryan Rains	First Mull report
Spotted Flycatcher	14 May	Carnan Mor, Tiree	John Bowler	
Spotted Flycatcher+	14 May	Cruachan, North Argyll	Neil Hammatt	First N Argyll report
Pied Flycatcher	22 May	Carnan Mor, Tiree	John Bowler	female
Pied Flycatcher	? May	Glenbranter FC forest	per Neil Hammatt	Pair
Common Redstart	19 Apr	Dalvore wood	Jim Dickson	Seen & singing
Common Redstart	2 May	Ardno, Cowal	Neil Hammatt	
Common Redstart	2 May	Achnabreck, Loch Riddon, Cowal	George Newall/Alistair McGregor	Several singing/one seen
Common Redstart	3 May	Moine Mhor, Mid-Argyll	Jim Dickson	
Common Redstart	3 May	Cowal	Neil Hammatt	Present several sites
Common Redstart	3 May	The Oa, Cowal	David Wood	
Common Redstart	5 May	Kilmory Lodge, Scarba	David Jardine	
Common Redstart+	12 May	Loch Ba, Mull	Stuart Gibson	First Mull report
Black Redstart	28 May	Heylipol, Tiree	Mark Mallalieu	female
Whinchat	29 Apr	Loch Scridain	M Smith	First report
Whinchat	30 Apr	Croggan, Mull	David Sharp	

Whinchat	2 May	Ardno, Cowal	Neil Hammatt	
Whinchat	2 May	Killinallan, Islay	Gary Turnbull	M+F
Whinchat	3 May	Four areas around Moine Mhor, Mid-Argyll	Jim Dickson	Four birds
Whinchat	3 May	The Oa, Islay	David Wood	Three
Whinchat	4 May	Gruinart, Islay	James How	Three
Whinchat+	5 May	Loch Nant, Mid-Argyll	Roger Broad	
Northern Wheatear	15 Mar	Uisead Point, MSBO, Kintyre	Eddie Maguire	First report
Northern Wheatear	18 Mar	Gribun, Mull	Jacqui Murphy	
Northern Wheatear	18 Mar	Caliach Point, Mull	Ewan Miles	
Northern Wheatear	18 Mar	Loch na Keal (south shore)	Bryan Raines	Two
Northern Wheatear	18 Mar	Loch na Keal	Pete Hall	
Northern Wheatear	21 Mar	Lingerton, Loch Gilp, Mid-Argyll	Andrew Tongue	
Northern Wheatear	22 Mar	Killiechronan, Mull	Alan Spellman	
Northern Wheatear	22 Mar	Machir Bay, Islay	Visitor?	
Northern Wheatear	22 Mar	Saligo, Islay	Mike & Tom	Two
Northern Wheatear	23 Mar	Kintra, Ross of Mull	Dave Shackleton	
Northern Wheatear	24 Mar	Ardnave, Islay	Bob Davison	Four
Northern Wheatear	25 Mar	Isle of Luing, Mid-Argyll	David Jardine	8-10
Northern Wheatear	25 Mar	Gott, Tiree	Andrew Tongue	
Northern Wheatear	26 Mar	Loch Buie, Mull	Liz Shrewsbury	
Northern Wheatear+	26 Mar	Kilchoman, Islay	Ian Brooke	
White Wagtail	23 Mar	Uisead Point, MSBO, Kintyre	Eddie Maguire	Two. First report
White Wagtail	2 Apr	Bunnahabhain, Islay	Richard Belter	
White Wagtail	9 Apr	Loch a' Phuill, Tiree	John Bowler	Three
White Wagtail	16 Apr	Gruinart, Islay	James How	
White Wagtail+	18 Apr	Keills, Mid-Argyll	John Aitchison	Three
Yellow Wagtail	16 May	Machrihanish SBO, Kintyre	Bob Relph	Male <i>flava</i> or <i>thunbergi</i>
Tree Pipit	17 Apr	Glen Aros, Mull	Sean Foote and Abi Jacobs	Two
Tree Pipit	17 Apr	Kilmichael forest, Mid-Argyll	David Jardine	

Tree Pipit	18 Apr	Carradale Bay, Kintyre	Alisdair Paterson	
Tree Pipit+	19 Apr	Dalvore wood, Mid-Argyll	Jim Dickson	In song
'Scandinavian' Rock Pipit	2 Apr	Machrihanish SBO, Kintyre	Eddie Maguire	
'Scandinavian' Rock Pipit	8 Apr	Machrihanish SBO, Kintyre	Eddie Maguire	Different ind.
Common Rosefinch	16 Jun	Nr. Crinan, Mid-Argyll	R & R Hamilton	Male
Hawfinch	27 May	Peninver, Kintyre	Christine Russell	Four