

SPRING MIGRANTS 2012

Please let Paul Daw or Jim Dickson know of any other arriving migrants as soon as you see them and we'll list the details here.

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Garganey. A pair were reported on Oronsay on 14 April (David Jardine).

Following records:

27 April: a drake at Loch a' Phuill, Tiree (John Bowler).

Common Quail. One was reported calling at Loch Gruinart RSPB Reserve, Islay on 20 April (Crystal Maw per I. & M. Brooke).

Following records:

27 May: one on Oronsay (Mike Peacock per David Jardine).

Red Kite. One flying over near Kennacraig, Kintyre on the afternoon of 16 April (Valerie Wells).

26 May: a wing-tagged bird (L=yellow, R=white No.7) was at Treshnish Farm, Mull on (Anand Prasad per Jim Dickson).

Osprey. Another very early arrival was an Osprey perched close to the nest site in West Loch Tarbert on 14 March (Eddie Maguire/Iomhar McMillan). Apparently some Ospreys had arrived in Wales in the latter part of February.

Following records:

28 March: a pair appeared at a traditional nest site at Loch Awe, Mid-Argyll (Delys Marks).

19 April: Kilmichael Glen, Mid-Argyll (Blair Urquhart).

20 April: Loch Riddon, Cowal (per Tom Callan).

24 April: Two at nest near Tayvallich, Mid-Argyll and one near Add Bridge (Moine Mhor), Mid-Argyll (Tom Callan/Daphne Campbell).

25 April: one seen at Colintrave, Cowal, with subsequent sighting during following month (Graham & Danielle Clarke).

1 May: one flying N along the coast at Sandaig, Tiree (Christian Versraate and Ann-Lisbeth de Zegher from Belgium per John Bowler) and one at Moine Mhor, Mid-Argyll (Jim Dickson).

23 May: one over Machrins, Colonsay (David Jardine).

Spotted Crane: one heard calling at Coullabus, Islay on 3 May (Crystal Maw).

Corn Crane. The first so far was on 13 April on Colonsay (David Jardine).



Corncrake Iona 1.6.12 (David Warden)

Following records:

15 April: one on Coll (Ben Jones per John Bowler).

19 April: Kenovay, Tiree (John Bowler).

1 May: one at Portnahaven, Islay (Mary McGregor).

2 May: in the evening at least 4 Corncrakes calling Mannal, Tiree and 3 at Hynish - obvious arrival now the N winds have abated (Simon Wellock).

12 May: first heard at a site near the mouth of Loch Sween, Mid-Argyll (John Aitchison). Also on 12 May one was calling persistently at Dunaverty golf course, Southend, Kintyre (adjacent to Brunerican Farm) (Donald Brown *et al* per Eddie Maguire).

Dotterel. The first reported so far was at The Reef, Tiree on 18 April (John Aitchison per John Bowler).

Following records:

11 May: two on the Oa at Kinnabus, Islay (Mark Shields per David Wood).

15 May: three on Oronsay (Mike Peacock per Jim Dickson).

27 May: one near summit of Ben More, Mull (Dr Neil Cowie).

Little Stint: two were seen briefly in the SW corner of Loch a' Phuill on the evening of 29 May (John Bowler).

Pectoral Sandpiper. One was found at Loch Gruinart RSPB Reserve, Islay on 26 April (James How per Jim Dickson) and one was on a small pool near Heylipol Church, Tiree on the afternoon of 14 May (John Bowler).

Curlew Sandpiper: two at Hough Bay, Tiree at lunch-time on 25 May included a nice sum-plum male (John Bowler).

Black-tailed Godwit. One was in the Add Estuary, Mid-Argyll on 16 April (Jim Dickson).



Black-tailed Godwit Ardnave, Islay 24.4.12 (Jim Dickson)

Following records:

22 April. a total of 101 at Loch a' Phuill, Tiree included a colour ringed bird (John Bowler).

Also 27 at Loch an Eilein, Tiree (Simon Wellock).

23 April: four at Ardnave Loch, Islay, with 8 there the following day (Jim Dickson).

24 April: twelve near Portnahaven, Islay (Jim Dickson).

26 April: eight seen at Lossit farm on the Rhinns of Islay (Jim Dickson).

27 April: a flock of 18 at Loch an Eilein, Tiree (John Bowler).

Whimbrel. The first reported so far were four at Machrihanish Seabird Observatory, Kintyre on 20 April (Eddie Maguire).



Whimbrel Islay 28.4.12 (Jim Dickson)

Following records:

22 April: Four at Tayinloan, Kintyre (Katie Pendreigh).

23 April: An obvious arrival of at least 20 on Tiree included 6 at Loch a' Phuill and 13 at The Reef (John Bowler) and three were at Mannal (Simon Wellock).

24 April: Seven at Keillbeg (Loch Sween), Mid-Argyll (Tom Callan/Daphne Campbell).

26 April: five seen on Laggan, Islay (Jim Dickson).

27 April: 37 in one flock feeding in field at Craigfad Farm (Nerabus), Islay (Jim Dickson).

2 May: 8 flying north at Machrihanish Seabird Observatory (Eddie Maguire) and 40 at Coultorsay, Islay (per I. & M. Brooke) .

3 May: 13 at Tayinloan, Kintyre (Katie Pendreigh) and 10 flying north at Machrihanish Seabird Observatory (Eddie Maguire).

5 May: 12 at West Coast Salmon, Kintyre (Katie Pendreigh).

6 May: 12 near Duntrune Castle, Loch Crinan, Mid-Argyll (Fiona Dickson).

7 May: 9 at Loch Gilp, Mid-Argyll a.m. (Jim Dickson) and a flock of 142 at Hough machair, Tiree had increase to **156** by the following day - quite unprecedented numbers for Tiree (John Bowler). Large numbers also on Islay where 107 were at Port Charlotte (George Jackson per I. & M. Brooke).

13 May: 16 on Shinty pitch at Lochgilphead School plus 3 in Loch Gilp (Jim Dickson).

Green Sandpiper. One was flushed up from a ditch on the morning of 27 April at Balephuill, Tiree – a rare spring bird in these parts (John Bowler).

Wood Sandpiper: one was photographed at Loch Don, Mull on 3 May (David Hatfield per Alan Spellman).

Common Sandpiper. The first so far was on 13 April at Dhiseig, Mull (Alan Spellman).

Following records:

15 April: on Colonsay (David Jardine).

18 April: Add Estuary, Mid-Argyll (Jim Dickson). Otter Ferry, Cowal (Tom Callan). River Add, Kilmichael Glen, Mid-Argyll (Blair Urquhart).

21 April: Two at Lochgilphead were already mating (Andrew Stevenson)

22 April: Four at Tayinloan, Kintyre (Katie Pendreigh) and two at Portnahaven, Islay (Jim Dickson).

29 April: two pairs seen at Benderloch Gravel Pits, North Argyll (Robin Harvey).

Arctic Skua. The first reported so far were two at Traigh nan Gilean, Tiree on 1 May (Christian Versraate and Ann-Lisbeth de Zegher per John Bowler).

Pomarine Skua: three over Scarinish, Tiree on 3 May (Annelise Dickie & Bill Allan per Jim Dickson) and two between Jura and Colonsay on 17 May (David Jardine).

Long-tailed Skua: an adult was off Craignure, Mull on 12 May (Matt Eade).

Little Tern. The first reported so far was one at Gott Bay, Tiree on 17 April (John Bowler).

Following records:

23 April: two at Loch Gruinart and two at Blackrock, Loch Indaal, Islay (Jim Dickson).

2 May. two were at Baugh/Crossapol and 2 at Mannal, Tiree (Simon Wellock) and two at Ardnave Loch, Islay (Mary McGregor).

Sandwich Tern. The first sighting reported so far was one at Machrihanish Seabird Observatory, Kintyre (MSBO) on 25 March (Eddie Maguire).

Following records:

5 April: seen in the morning at Tayinloan, Kintyre (Katie Pendreigh).

8 April: two at Tayinloan, Kintyre (Katie Pendreigh).

17 April: one at Gott Bay, Tiree (John Bowler).

23 April: Two at Kilnaughton Bay, Islay (Jim Dickson).

25 April: two at Dunoon, Cowal (Tom Callan).

27 April: 2 seen at Bruichladdich, Islay (Jim Dickson).

2 May: two at Nave Island, Islay (Mary McGregor).

Common Tern. The first sighting reported so far was one at Machrihanish Seabird Observatory, Kintyre (MSBO) on 18 April (Eddie Maguire).

Following records:

4 May: four near Big Scone Island, Machrihanish, Kintyre (Eddie Maguire).

22 May: six feeding in Loch Gilp, Mid-Argyll (Jim Dickson).

Arctic Tern. The first reported so far was on 1 May when one was at Balephetrish Bay with 6 more at Traigh Bhagh in the evening (Christian Versraate and Ann-Lisbeth de Zegher from Belgium per John Bowler).

Following records:

2 May: four at Hynish, Tiree (Simon Wellock) and one at Balephetrish Bay (John Bowler).

4 May: single near Big Scone Island, Machrihanish, Kintyre (Eddie Maguire).

Turtle Dove: one was reported on Oronsay on 15 May (Mike Peacock per Jim Dickson) and one at the top of Beinn Ceann a' Mhara, Tiree on 29 May (James Phillips per John Bowler).

Common Cuckoo. Another early arrival: a Cuckoo was calling on open moorland a mile west of Cladich (Loch Awe), Mid-Argyll at 14:00 on 5 April (Delys Marks). Apart from one on Coll in late March 2003 this is the earliest for some years.



Cuckoo Moine Mhor 14.5.12 (Jim Dickson)

Following records:

14 April: one seen at Spion Cop (nr. Kennacarig) Kintyre (and heard following day) (Valerie Wells). Kilmore (nr Oban), Mid-Argyll (Richard Wesley). Tayvallich, Kintyre (per John Halliday).

18 April: Kilmichael Glen, Mid-Argyll (earliest record here) (Blair Urquhart) and one calling at Foreland, Islay (Malcolm Ogilvy per I. & M. Brooke).

20 April: Loch Eck, Cowal (Nigel Scriven). Barr Laggan (nr Otter Ferry), Cowal (Tom Callan. Nr Campbeltown, Kintyre (Paul Daw).

21 April: several in forestry above Ardrishaig, Mid-Argyll (Andrew Stevenson).

24 April: two seen at Moine Mhor, Mid-Argyll (Peter Hilton).

29 April: heard at Carsaig, Mid-Argyll (Jon Close).

2 May: heard at Balephuill, Tiree (John Bowler).

3 May: heard at West Loch Tarbert, Kintyre (Barbara McMillan).

Common Swift: The first reported so far was a single over Burnside Square, Campbeltown at 17:40hrs on the **late date** 14 May (Iomhar McMillan *et al* per Eddie Maguire).

Following records:

21 May: 7 over the square in Campbeltown (Eddie Maguire).

22 May: two at Argyll & Bute Hospital, Lochgilphead (Jim Dickson) and two at Loch a' Phuill, Tiree (John Bowler).

25 May: one over The Oa, Islay (per I. & M. Brooke).

27 May: five over Balephuill/Carnan Mor (John Bowler) and 11 over Campbeltown (Eddie Maguire).

29 May: two over Ardnave, Islay (Bob Young per Jim Dickson).

Sand Martin. The first reported so far was one at Frachadil (nr Calgary), Mull (Andy Mortley) on 20 March followed by one at Reudle Schoolhouse, Mull on 25 March (Anand Prasad).

Following records:

29 March: 10 at Loch Ederline on (David Jardine).

30 March: two at Strathmore (Moine Mhor), Mid-Argyll (Jim Dickson) and 6 at Loch Melldalloch, Cowal (Tom Callan).

1 April: approx. 12 seen over Dunaverty Links, Southend, Kintyre (per Donald Brown *et al*).

2 April: Inveraray, Mid-Argyll (Richard Wesley).

5 April: Loch Leathan, Kilmichael Glen, Mid-Argyll (Blair Urquhart).

17 April: six at Loch Bhasapol, Tiree (John Bowler).

18 April: at least 50 at colony at Millhouse, Cowal (Tom Callan).

Barn Swallow.

One Swallow doesn't make a summer of course but a very early **Barn Swallow** was seen at 15.25 on Monday 12th March at Bridgend, Kilmichael Glassary (nr. Lochgilphead) by Lynsey Gibson. This is 5 days earlier than our previous first Swallow in Argyll (17th March 2007).

According to *Birds of Scotland* the earliest ever date for a Swallow in Scotland is 7th March.

Later Swallow arrivals have been reported as follows:

27 March: The Oa, Islay (per James How).

31 March - Balinoe, Tiree (John Bowler).

1 April: two seen at Southend, Kintyre (per Donald Brown *et al*).

8 April: Tayinloan, Kintyre (Katie Pendreigh).

10 April: Tayinloan, Kintyre (Jim Dickson).

11 April: Kilmichael Glen, Mid-Argyll (Blair Urquhart).

13 April: Two at Loch Laich, North Argyll (Simon Pinder).

15 April: Bridgend (nr. Lochgilphead), Mid-Argyll (Malcolm Chattwood).

16 April: Balvicar, Seil, Mid-Argyll (Richard Wesley).

18 April: Cairnbaan, Mid-Argyll (Jim Dickson). Ardkinglas (Loch Fyne), Mid-Argyll (Glyn Toplis). Slockavullin (nr Lochgilphead), Mid-Argyll (Brian John).

22 April: Killail (nr Otter Ferry), Cowal (Tom Callan).

House Martin. The first so far was on 29 March at The Oa, Islay (per David Wood).

Following records:

11 April: Kilmichael Glen, Mid-Argyll (Blair Urquhart).

18 April: Ardkinglas (Loch Fyne), Mid-Argyll (Glyn Toplis).

20 April: Machrihanish Seabird Observatory, Kintyre (Eddie Maguire).

24 April: Bridgend (nr Lochgilphead), Mid-Argyll (Sue Chattwood).

25 April: Loch Gruinart, Islay (Jim Dickson).

29 April: two at Hynish, Tiree (Simon Wellock).

2 May: two at Tayinloan, Kintyre (Katie Pendreigh).

6 May: one at Bruichladdich, Islay (George Jackson).

7 May: 6 at Slockavullin, Mid-Argyll (Jim Dickson).

18 May: one at Loch a' Phuill, Tiree (John Bowler).

Tree Pipit. The first was at Taynish NNR on 12 April (John Halliday).

Following records:

18 April: Kilmichael Glen, Mid-Argyll (Blair Urquhart).

20 April: near Campbeltown, Kintyre (Paul Daw).

21 April: Several in forestry above Ardrishaig, Mid-Argyll (Andrew Stevenson).

23 April: Tullochgorm (Minard), Mid-Argyll (Paul Daw).

27 April: singing in Glen Nant, Mid-Argyll (Simon Pinder).

1 May: ten singing at Taynish NNR (Jim Dickson).

8 May: two at Crinan Ferry, Mid-Argyll (Jim Dickson).



Tree Pipit Duntrune 7.5.12 (Jim Dickson)

Yellow Wagtail: a passage migrant was seen on Iona in fields with cattle near the golf course on 21 May (Steve Hack) and one was on the rugby pitch at Garmony, Mull on 29 May (Ken Reeves).

White Wagtail. The first White Wagtail of the year was at MSBO, Kintyre on 25 March (Eddie Maguire).

Following records:

4 April: Balephetrish Bay, Tiree (John Bowler).

10 April: Nine at A' Chleit (nr Tayinloan), Kintyre (Jim Dickson).

13 April: Three at Tralee beach, North Argyll (Simon Pinder).

22 April: Five at Tayinloan, Kintyre (Katie Pendreigh).

24 April: a total of 27 in one field at Ardnave Loch, Islay (Jim Dickson).

30 April: a group of 14 was part of a remarkable passage of 120 in 5 hours at Machrihanish Seabird Observatory (Eddie Maguire).

9 May: 21 at Balephetrish Bay, Tiree (John Bowler).

Common Redstart. The first report so far was of a male at Ballimeanoch (Loch Awe), Mid-Argyll on 22 April (Andrew Stevenson).

Following records:

1 May: two at Taynish NNR, Mid-Argyll (Jim Dickson).

7 May: one at Crinan Ferry, Mid-Argyll (Jim Dickson) and a female at Balephuill, Tiree (John Bowler).

27 May: a male at Balephuill/Carnan Mor (John Bowler).

Whinchat. The first report so far was of a pair at Crinan Ferry (Moine Mhor), Mid-Argyll on 1 May (Jim Dickson).

Following records:

2 May: males at Balephuill, Tiree (John Bowler) and Strone Farm (nr Otter Ferry), Cowal (Tom Callan).

3 May: three at Loch Gruinart RSPB Reserve, Islay (James How).

8 May: nine (7 male/2 females) in the Crinan Ferry/ Barsloisnoch, Moine Mhor area (Jim Dickson). At least 7 territories identified later in the month – more than usual here (Jim Dickson).



Whinchat - Moine Mhor 8 May 2012 ©Jim Dickson

Northern Wheatear. The first Wheatear we've heard about so far was seen by Mary McGregor (Senior Warden at RSPB L. Gruinart) at Claddach Croft (near Portnahaven) Islay at ca 10.00 on Saturday 17 March: it was there again on Sunday 18th.

Following this, Wheatear were also reported on

18 March: Tayinloan, Kintyre at 10.30 (Katie Pendreigh).

22 March: a female at Killail, Otter Ferry at ca 12.00 was the first for Cowal (Tom Callan).

Two males at Sandaig, with another at Beinn Hough, Tiree (John Bowler).

25 March: the first Wheatear at Machrihanish Seabird Observatory, Kintyre (Eddie Maguire)

Two males on Sanda Islands, Kintyre (Nigel Scriven).

26 March: Cornaigmore, Tiree (John Bowler).

27 March: Ormsary, Mid-Argyll (Stuart Crutchfield). No less than 8 between Keills Chapel and Ulva Lagoons (Loch Sween) (Jim Dickson).



Northern Wheatear Keills 27.3.12 (Jim Dickson)

31 March: Ellenabeich, Seil Island, Mid-Argyll (Richard Wesley).

11 April: Rhudle Glen (nr Kilmartin), Mid-Argyll (Blair Urquhart).

8 May: 16 counted in the Crinan Ferry/ Barsloisnoch (Moine Mhor) area included at least one Greenland type (Jim Dickson).

Grasshopper Warbler. The first heard reeling so far was near Campbeltown on 21 April (Paul Daw).

Following records:

21 April: One along Crinan Canal between Ardrishaig - Oakfield, Mid-Argyll (Andrew Stevenson).

23 April: One heard reeling (somewhere) on Coll (Ben Jones).

27 April: heard reeling near Otter Ferry, Cowal (Tom Callan) and at Glen Nant, Mid-Argyll (Simon Pinder).

30 April: one heard reeling at Balephuill, Tiree (John Bowler).

1 May: one reeling at Crinan Ferry (Moine Mhor), Mid-Argyll (Jim Dickson).

3 May: five singing at Loch Gruinart RSPB Reserve, Islay (James How).



Grasshopper Warbler Moine Mhor 28.5.12 (Jim Dickson)

Sedge Warbler. The first report was of one singing at Machrihanish Water, Kintyre on 27 April (Eddie Maguire).

Following records:

28 April: one seen at Ormsary, Mid-Argyll (Errol Crutchfield) and one singing on Gigha, Kintyre (David Jardine).

1 May: one at Balephuill, Tiree (John Bowler).

3 May: three singing at Loch Gruinart RSPB Reserve, Islay (James How).

4 May: Heard singing at Ballochroy, Kintyre (Tom Callan/Daphne Campbell).

6 May: one at West Coast Salmon, Kintyre (Katie Pendreigh).

8 May: two at Crinan Ferry, Mid-Argyll and 3 at Barsloisnoch (Moine Mhor) (Jim Dickson).

Marsh Warbler: one was singing in John Bowler's garden at Balephuill, Tiree. Only our second record – in exactly the same place as the first!

Blackcap. Early records of Blackcaps are always complicated by the presence of overwintering birds but birds at Bellanoch (Moine Mhor) Mid-Argyll on 8 April (John Halliday) and at Balephuill, Tiree on 9 April (John Bowler) were probably arriving migrants.

Following records:

12 April: Taynish NNR, Mid-Argyll (John Halliday).

13 April: Seil Island, Mid-Argyll (David Jardine). Taynuilt, Mid-Argyll (Simon Pinder).

14 April: Taynish NNR (Richard Wesley).

15 April: Fernoch, Lochgilphead, Mid-Argyll (John Halliday). Duntrune Castle (Moine Mhor), Mid-Argyll (Jim Dickson).

16 April: Ardkinglas (Loch Fyne), Mid-Argyll (Glyn Toplis).

18 April: Kilmory (Lochgilphead), Mid-Argyll (Malcolm Chattwood) and Bridgend, Islay (Peter Gill).

21 April: Three along Crinan Canal from Ardrishaig - Oakfield, Mid-Argyll (Andrew Stevenson).

24 April: Several singing at Bridgend Wood, Islay (Jim Dickson). Ten among a fall of migrants at Balephuill/Carnan Mor (John Bowler).

1 May: at least 12 singing at Taynish NNR, Mid-Argyll (Jim Dickson).

Garden Warbler. The first report was of one singing at Lochgilphead, Mid-Argyll on 27 April (David Jardine).

Following records:

3 May: one singing at Inveraray, Mid-Argyll at 12:30 on 3 May (Paul Daw).

4 May: one singing at Taynish NNR, Mid-Argyll (Tom Callan).

8 May: one singing at Barnluasgan Loch, Mid-Argyll (Jim Dickson).

20 May: one singing at Cairnbaan (nr Lochgilphead) (Jim Dickson).

Wood Warbler. The first report was of one singing in Glen Nant, Mid-Argyll on 27 April (Simon Pinder).

Following records:

1 May: three singing at Taynish NNR, Mid-Argyll (Jim Dickson).

2 May: one at Loch Gruinart RSPB Reserve (Michel Sur).

8 May: one at Barnluasgan Loch, Mid-Argyll (Jim Dickson).

24 May: at least 7 singing in oak woodland at Lephinmore (nr Otter Ferry), Cowal (Tom Callan).

Lesser Whitethroat: one was singing on Seil Island, Mid-Argyll on 18 May (Terry Robilliard per Richard Wesley).

Common Whitethroat: The first report was of one singing at Oakfield, Crinan Canal, Mid-Argyll on 3 May (Katie Pendreigh).

Following records:

4 May: one singing at Ballochroy, Kintyre (Tom Callan/Daphne Campbell).

8 May: a pair at Crinan Ferry, Mid-Argyll and three singing at Barnluasgan Loch (Jim Dickson).

11 May: one at Port Charlotte, Islay (per I. & M. Brooke).

18 May: one female at Balephuill, Tiree (John Bowler).

Common Chiffchaff. Sandbank, Cowal on the morning of 23 March was the first Chiffchaff reported so far (Nigel Scriven).

They were soon more widespread, with singing birds reported as follows:

24 March: Kilkerran (Campbeltown), Kintyre (Nigel Scriven) and Port Askaig, Islay (Chris & Tony Johnson).

25 March: Crarae (Minard), Mid-Argyll at 09:40 (Paul Daw). Balephuill, Tiree (John Bowler). Ellenabeich, Seil Island, Mid-Argyll (Richard Wesley).

26 March: Aros Park, Mull and Connel, Oban and Seil, Mid-Argyll (David Jardine). Ormsary, Mid-Argyll (Stuart Crutchfield). Balephuill, Tiree (John Bowler). Inver Cottage (Strathlachlan), Cowal (Tom Callan).

27 March: Ardkinglas (Loch Fyne). Two south of Tayvallich, Mid Argyll (Jim Dickson).

4 April: Cairnbaan (nr Lochgilphead), Mid-Argyll (Jim Dickson).

10 April: Ardpatrik, Mid-Argyll (Jim Dickson). Kilmory Castle Woods (nr Lochgilphead) (Blair Urquhart).

11 April: Kilmichael Glen, Mid-Argyll (Blair Urquhart). Barcaldine, North Argyll (Robin Harvey).

13 April: Glen Nant, Mid-Argyll (Simon Pinder).

16 April: Kilmory (Lochgilphead), Mid-Argyll (Malcolm Chattwood). Poltalloch Woods, Moine Mhor, Mid-Argyll (Brian John).

18 April: Loch Awe village, Mid-Argyll (Delys Marks).

Willow Warbler. The first report was of one was seen singing at Ormsary, Mid-Argyll on 27 March (Stuart Crutchfield).

Following records:

28 March: Lussa River, Jura (per I. & M. Brooke).

10 April: singing at Otter Ferry, Cowal (Tom Callan).

11 April: singing in evening at Balephuill, Tiree (John Bowler).

12 April: Seil Island, Mid-Argyll (David Jardine). Kilmichael Glen, Mid-Argyll (Blair Urquhart). Barcaldine, North Argyll (Robin Harvey).

13 April: Duntrune Castle (Moine Mhor), Mid-Argyll (Jim Dickson). Glen Nant, Mid-Argyll (Richard Wesley and Simon Pinder) and on Colonsay (David Jardine).

15 April: Ardkinglas (Loch Fyne), Mid-Argyll (Glyn Toplis) and Tayinloan, Kintyre (Katie Pendreigh).

16 April: Kilmory (Lochgilphead), Mid-Argyll (Malcolm Chattwood).

Spotted Flycatcher: the first records were single birds at Carnan Mor, Tiree (John Bowler) and Kilchoman, Islay (per I. & M. Brooke) on 19 May.

Following records:

20 May: one or more around Taynuilt, Mid-Argyll (Simon Pinder).

24 May: one at Lephinmore (nr Otter Ferry), Cowal (Tom Callan).

25 May: four Spotted Flycatchers at Balephuill / Carnan Mor, Tiree (John Bowler).

27 May: one at Ormsary, Knapdale, Mid-Argyll (Stuart Crutchfield).

Pied Flycatcher: the first report was of a male at Balemartine, Tiree on 2 May (Simon Wellock).

Following records:

9 May: a male at Balephuill, Tiree (John Bowler).

11 May. A male at Carnan Mor was still present on 12 May (John Bowler) and 2 at Bridgend Woods, Islay (per I. & M. Brooke).

Golden Oriole: BirdGuides reported one near Lephinchapel (nr Otter Ferry), Cowal on 25 May (per Jim Dickson). No details of observer were given. If anyone has any further information on this record please let myself or Jim know.

Following records:

25 May: a female or young male type on the Oa reserve, Islay (per David Wood).

28 May: an immature/female was in John Bowler's garden (!) at Balephuill, Tiree.

Red-backed Shrike: a female was at Treshnish Farm, Mull on 26 May (Anand Prasad per Jim Dickson).