

RECENT REPORTS May 2016

31 May: a juvenile **Iceland Gull** was at Hough Bay, Tiree today (Toby Green per John Bowler).

30 May: Two female **Common Eiders** on Loch Fyne at Minard, Mid-Argyll this morning had broods of 4 and 5 very small young respectively (Paul Daw).

A **Common Chiffchaff** and a **Spotted Flycatcher** were at Kinnabus, Islay today (David Wood).

29 May: On Tiree today: a **Wood Pigeon**, 2 **Common Chiffchaffs**, a male **Common Whitethroat** and male and female **Siskin** at Balephuill; 5 male and a female **Blackcaps** and a **Spotted Flycatcher** at Carnan Mor (John Bowler). And a **Yellow-legged Gull** was reported at Rubha Saltaig, Tiree, with 3 **Pintail** (2m, 1f) among the Eiders on Saltaig sea inlet (Alison Morgan).



Siskins – Balephuill, Tiree 29 May (John Bowler).

A walk around the Duntrune gardens area (Moine Mhor), Mid-Argyll today produced several singing **Common Whitethroats**, **Tree Pipits**, **Blackcaps**, **Garden Warbler** and **Redstart** (Jim Dickson).



Common Whitethroat - Duntrune, Mid-Argyll 29 May (Jim Dickson).



Tree Pipit - Duntrune, Mid-Argyll 29 May (Jim Dickson).

A male **Hen Harrier** was hunting over clear-fell at Tullochgorm (Minard), Mid-Argyll this morning (Paul Daw).

28 May: On Tiree today: 2 female **Blackcaps**, a **Garden Warbler** and 2 **Spotted Flycatchers** at Balephuill; a female **Blackcap**, and a male **Common Whitethroat** at Carnan Mor; 15,000+ **Manx Shearwaters** feeding in enormous rafts off West Hynish towards Skerryvore (John Bowler).



Spotted Flycatchers – Balephuill, Tiree 28 May (John Bowler).



Garden Warbler– Balephuill, Tiree 28 May (John Bowler).

This **Osprey** seen during the Argyll Bird Club field trip today was photographed at Bellanoch Bridge, Moine Mhor, Mid-Argyll by Caroline Anderson.



Osprey – Bellanoch Bridge, Mid-Argyll 28 May (Caroline Anderson).

During the ABC trip to Loch Gilp, the Add Estuary and Taynish NNR, Mid-Argyll members saw 63 species with the highlights being great views of an **Osprey** at the Add Estuary and of a **Wood Warbler** at Taynish NNR after a patient wait for it to show itself well (Jim Dickson).



Wood Warbler - Taynish NNR, Mid-Argyll 28 May (Jim Dickson).



Osprey – Add Estuary, Mid-Argyll 28 May (Jim Dickson).

A **Turtle Dove** was at Upper Killeyan, the Oa, Islay this evening (David Wood). The first reported in Argyll this spring.

27 May: During a BTO **Woodcock Survey** in Knapdale Forest, Mid-Argyll today, birds were seen/heard on seven occasions during the 75 minute census period. This is a significant increase on the maximum of four registrations seen at this site over the last three springs, suggesting a slight improvement in the fortune of this declining species. All records of roding birds are welcome. A pair of **Red-throated Divers** were also seen flying over during the survey (David Jardine).

This **Iceland Gull** was caught flying around with the Herring Gulls in Oban, Mid-Argyll today (Derek Pretswell).



Iceland Gull - Oban, Mid-Argyll 27 May (Derek Pretswell).

On Tiree today: a **Pectoral Sandpiper** arrived at Sorobaidh Bay; a **Spotted Flycatcher** was at Balephuill; a **Spotted Flycatcher** and 2 **Common Redpolls** at The Manse; 6 **Bar-tailed Godwits** and a **Canada Goose x Greylag hybrid** at Salum; a **Whimbrel** near the Ringing Stone (John Bowler).



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26 May: A **Common Swift** at Upper Killeyan, the Oa, Islay today was their first of the year (David Wood).

Two **Corn Crakes** were heard calling on Easdale Island, Mid-Argyll today. According to the ferryman there the first record of one there this year was about 10 days ago (Rob Lightfoot). There have been two other reports of calling **Corn Crakes** on Easdale Island recently (Jenny Smith and Andrew Sandeman per Andy Robinson)

On Tiree today: a **Black-tailed Godwit** at Loch an Eilein; a **Common Sandpiper** at Traigh Bhagh (John Bowler).

25 May: This evening an **Iceland Gull** was seen at Bellochantuy, Kintyre; feeding on kelp on the beach with other gulls (Graeme Garner).

24 May: Two **Common Swifts** seen between Dunoon and Sandbank, Cowal today (George Newall).

Nine **Whinchat** territories were counted around the Moine Mhor, Mid-Argyll today, as seen from the roads. There appears to be a big increase in **House Martin** numbers over the last week (Jim Dickson).

A newly arrived **Spotted Flycatcher** was at Balephuill, Tiree (John Bowler).

23 May: On Tiree today: 3 immature **Common Goldeneye** at Loch Riaghain – very late for here; 1,600 **Dunlins** at Vaul Bay included 2 colour-ringed birds from Galicia, NW Spain;

770 **Ringed Plovers** at Vaul/Ruaig; 8 **Black-tailed Godwits** at The Reef; a **Common Whitethroat** at Balephuill (John Bowler).



Dunlins - Vaul Bay, Tiree 23 May (John Bowler).

22 May: A **Water Rail** with 7 or 8 tiny black chicks was seen crossing the road that cuts through the Moine Mhor towards Bellanoch, Mid-Argyll today. A lucky sighting as young Water Rails are rarely seen. Also a male **Hen Harrier** has been seen twice in the area during the last week (Mary John).

On Tiree today: 2 **House Martins** and 2 male **Common Whitethroats** at Carnan Mor; a **White Wagtail** at Sorobaiddh Bay; a female **Blackcap** and a **Cuckoo** (Common sadly!) at Balephuill (John Bowler).

Reported on Mull: a group of 15-20 **Black Terns** at Garmony, Mull. A tight group feeding off shore by the fish farm there (Jacqui Murphy per Alan Spellman). An exceptional record for a species that has not been reported in Argyll since 2010.

21 May: On Tiree today: a **White Wagtail** at Traigh nan Gilean and 5,000+ **Manx Shearwaters** feeding offshore there in enormous rafts; a dark-morph **Arctic Skua** at Loch a' Phuill and 26 **Common Scoters** in Gott Bay (unusual here) (John Bowler).

20 May: Three **Black-tailed Godwits** at Vaul, Tiree today (John Bowler).

19 May: A single **Pale-bellied Brent Goose** was on the river at the Add Estuary, Mid-Argyll this morning and 300+ Ringed Plover and Dunlin were still there (Jim Dickson).



Corn Crane – Tiree 19 May (John Bowler).

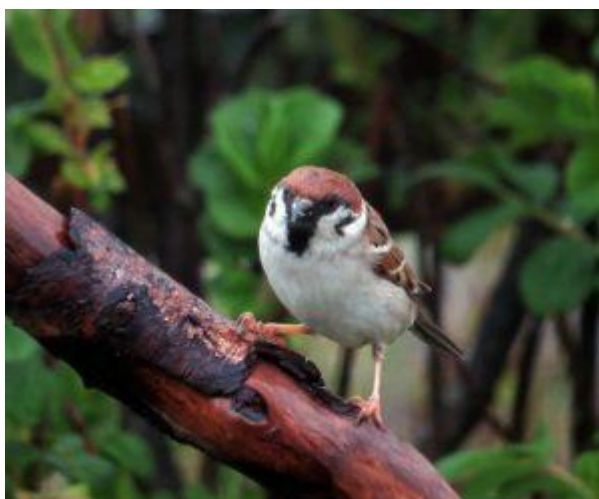
18 May: A **Common Quail** was on the bridge along the Aros Moss road (nr. Machrihanish), Kintyre tonight. It was at side of the road and Neil got within a meter of it before it flew off (Neil Brown).

A female type **Marsh Harrier** was at Tayinloan ferry terminal, Kintyre flying along the beach looking for prey (Phil and Tammy Holgate per Eddie Maguire).

At the Add Estuary, Mid-Argyll this morning there were 158 **Ringed Plovers** and 239 **Dunlins**: also 24 **Dunlins** at Loch Gilp, Mid-Argyll (Jim Dickson).

17 May: No sign of the Western Subalpine Warbler at Kinnabus, Islay, today

A **Tree Sparrow** was on feeders at a garden in Ardtun, Mull (Rebecca Burton, per Alan Spellman).



Tree Sparrow – Ardtun, Mull 17 May (Rebecca Burton).

This **Spotted Flycatcher** was photographed at RSPB Gruinart reserve woods, Islay today (Jim Dickson).



Spotted Flycatcher – Loch Gruinart, Islay 17 May (Jim Dickson).



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These photos of the Kinnabus, Islay **‘Western’ Subalpine Warbler** were taken on the evening of 16 May by Jim Dickson:



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16 May: A suspected **'Western' Subalpine Warbler** was found at Kinnabus, Islay, today (David Wood). This is potentially a new sub-species for Argyll. One previous record of the 'Eastern' race was on Tiree on 28 May 2012. These photos from David Wood, who says it's thought to be a 1st summer bird.



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On Tiree today: a juvenile **Iceland Gull** and a **Wood Pigeon** at Heylipol Church loch; a **Wood Sandpiper** at Loch a' Phuill (John Bowler) and a **Wood Warbler** at Sandaig (Trevor Wright).



Iceland Gull – Heylipol, Tiree 16 May (John Bowler).

A **Ring-billed Gull** was at Dervaig, Mull today (Andy Hitchcock, per Alan Spellman). Waders at the Add Estuary, Mid-Argyll had increased this morning, with 53 **Ringed Plovers**, 97 **Dunlins** and 2 **Sanderlings** (Jim Dickson).

15 May: A ringing 'first' for Neil Brown: a **Common Cuckoo** - caught on the Aros Moss CES (nr Campbeltown), Argyll today. He's never caught one before in over twenty years of ringing!



Common Cuckoo – Aros Moss, Kintyre 15 May (Neil Brown).



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A **Green Woodpecker** was seen at Killiechronan, Mull this morning (Arthur Brown per Alan Spellman). There were odd reports of Green Woodpeckers in this general area in 2014 and 2015.

On Tiree today: 3 **Wood Pigeons** and a newly arrived **Chaffinch** at Balephuill; 550 **Ringed Plovers** at Ruaig/Vaul (but no sign of the Dotterel) (John Bowler).

14 May: An **Arctic Skua** was on Lunga in the Treshnish Isles today and a **Dunnock** was singing there (John Bowler).

Photographed on Tiree 12-14 May 2016:



Wood Pigeon – Tiree 14 May (Jim Dickson).



Corn Crane – Tiree 12 May (Jim Dickson).



Sanderling – Tiree 12 May (Jim Dickson).



Whimbrel – Tiree 14 May (Jim Dickson).

13 May: A female **Shoveler** with a brood of 8 young seen at Westport Marsh (nr Campbeltown), Kintyre today (Eddie Maguire/Iomhar McMillan).

On Tiree today: a male and a female **Ruff** on a pool near Heylipol church; a female **Dotterel** on Vaul golf course this evening with 120 **Ringed Plovers** (Jim Dickson). Four Minke Whales were seen in Gunna Sound (John Bowler).



Dotterel – Vaul, Tiree 13 May (Jim Dickson).



Ruff – Heylipol, Tiree 13 May (Jim Dickson).



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Little Tern – Tiree 13 May (Jim Dickson).



Arctic Terns – Tiree 13 May (Jim Dickson).

A singing **Lesser Whitethroat** was reported from Loch Buie, Mull today (Ian Burgess per Alan Spellman).

12 May: Two **Magpies** were at Southend, Kintyre today (Sandra McIntosh per Eddie Maguire). Very tempting to suspect they could be from Northern Ireland...

Very quiet at Machrihanish Seabird Observatory, Kintyre today, apart from 70 **Dunlins** flying by (Eddie Maguire/Iomhar McMillan).

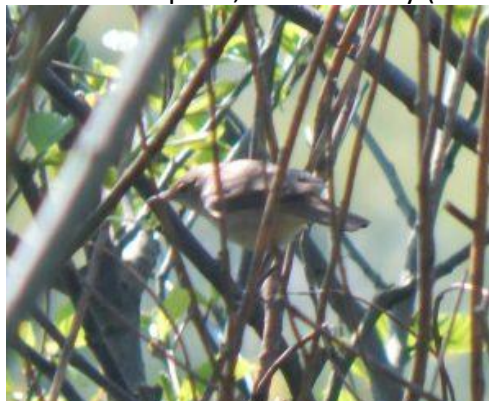


Dunlins – MSBO, Kintyre 12 May (Eddie Maguire).

11 May: An elusive **Reed Warbler** singing at Balephuill, Tiree this morning was only the 4th record for Tiree. Also at Balephuill: a male and 2 female **Blackcaps**, a **Common Whitethroat**, a **Grasshopper Warbler** and 2 **Spotted Flycatchers**, and at Carnan Mor; 2 **Wood Pigeons** and a female **Blackcap**. A **Wood Warbler** was at Meningie late in the day (John Bowler). Three **Common Swifts** at Connel, Mid-Argyll today (Mike Harrison).



Sedge Warbler – Balephuill, Tiree 10 May (John Bowler).



Reed Warbler – Balephuill, Tiree 11 May (John Bowler).



Common Whitethroat – Balephuil, Tiree 11 May (John Bowler).

10 May: A **Garden Warbler** found at Balephuil, Tiree late this afternoon was the first for Tiree this spring (John Bowler).

A male **Hawfinch** was seen on feeders at Octofad Farm (Rhinns), Islay today (Tony & Irene Miller per Ian Brooke).

At Machrihanish Seabird Observatory, Kintyre; fly-by waders today included a summer-plumaged **Grey Plover**, 7 **Red Knots**, 40 **Dunlins** and 3 **Ruddy Turnstones**: a **Whimbrel** was on the shore (Eddie Maguire/Iomhar McMillan).

The first **Common Swifts** (6) were over Campbeltown, Kintyre today (Eddie Maguire).



Whimbrel – MSBO, Kintyre 10 May (Eddie Maguire).



Red Knot – MSBO, Kintyre 10 May (Eddie Maguire).



Grey Plover - MSBO, Kintyre 10 May (Iomhar McMillan).

A **Little Ringed Plover** was found at Loch Kinnabus, Islay this morning. Also, **Spotted Flycatchers** finally made it to the Oa peninsula, with 2 around Kinnabus this morning (David Wood). Little Ringed Plovers are still rare birds in Argyll with only four previous records; the last on Islay in 2013.



Little Ringed Plover - Loch Kinnabus, Islay 10 May (David Wood).

09 May: Lots of arrivals on Tiree today: a **Common Cuckoo**, 2 female **Blackcaps**, a male **Common Whitethroat**, a **Grasshopper Warbler**, 3 **Spotted Flycatchers**, a **Robin** and 2 **Common Redpolls** at Balephuill; a **Wood Pigeon**, a male **Common Whitethroat**, a **Spotted Flycatcher**, a **Robin**, a **Chaffinch** and 2 **Common Redpolls** at Carnan Mor; a **Rook** and a **Spotted Flycatcher** at Meningie; 2 **Cuckoos**, a **Grasshopper Warbler** and a **Spotted Flycatcher** at the Glebe, a male and female **Blackcap** at Cornaigmore and a juvenile **Iceland Gull** at Loch a' Phuill (John Bowler).



Rook – Balephuill, Tiree 09 May (John Bowler).



Common Whitethroat – Balephuill, Tiree 09 May (John Bowler).



Spotted Flycatcher – Balephuill, Tiree 09 May (John Bowler).



Corn Crake – Balephuill, Tiree 09 May (John Bowler).

At Machrihanish Seabird Observatory, Kintyre today: a **Green Sandpiper** flew N (too close to photograph!), a **Black-tailed Godwit** was nearby and 3 **White Wagtails** were on the shore (Eddie Maguire).

The **Magpie** is still at Southend, Kintyre : also seen on 3rd May (Grant Edmonson).

Surveying near Loch Awe, Argyll last week Clive McKay had 7 singing **Grasshopper Warblers** in one morning. There seemed to be a bird in every patch of suitable habitat. Any comments from other areas? (Clive McKay).

08 May: Three **Greater Scaup** (2 males + female) and a male **Tufted Duck** were in Loch Gilp, off Ardrishaig, Mid-Argyll today (David Jardine/Jim Dickson).

A single **Common Tern** was seen at Loch Gilp later (David Jardine).



Greater Scaup & Tufted Duck - Ardrishaig Mid-Argyll 08 May (Jim Dickson).

An adult **White-tailed Eagle** flew N well offshore at Machrihanish Seabird Observatory, Kintyre early afternoon and a **Coot** was a new arrival at Westport Marsh. Also at the marsh, a **Greylag Goose**, 2 **Teal**, a **Wigeon**, 4 male and 2 female **Shovelers** and 4 **Little Grebes**: lots of **Mallard** ducklings too (Eddie Maguire/Iomhar McMillan).

A female **Ring Ouzel** was seen at 15:00 today, north of Croig, Mull (Dave and Helen Tanner - York per Alan Spellman).

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Near Dalvore, Moine Mhor, Mid-Argyll today: singing **Common Whitethroat**, **Blackcaps**, **Sedge Warblers**, **Spotted Flycatcher**, **Common Redstart**, **Whinchats**, **Grey Wagtail**, among other species and a **Peregrine Falcon** over the wood. No surprises on the Add Estuary/L Crinan WeBS other than 7 **Whimbrels** and 9 **Dunlins**. **Canada Geese** now with chicks.....also at least 80 **Barn Swallows** over one field at Barsloisnoch, Mid-Argyll (Jim Dickson).



Barn Swallows – Moine Mhor, Mid-Argyll 08 May (Jim Dickson).

07 May: first **Common Swift** seen at Connel today (Mike Harrison).

On Tiree today: a male **Pied Flycatcher** at Scarinish; male & female **Blackcap**, **Grasshopper Warbler** and **Robin** at Balephuill; 3 **Goldcrests** at Carnan Mor; 95 **Ringed Plover**, 290 **Dunlin** and 4 **Whimbrel** at Loch a' Phuill (John Bowler).

Migrants still trickling in to Taynish NNR, Mid-Argyll with **Spotted Flycatcher** today and arrival of **Common Whitethroat**, and **Sedge Warbler** in the last few days but still no Garden Warbler. Still no Wood Warbler in woodland CBC plot. An **Osprey** on Lochan Taynish early this morning was new here (John Halliday).

The drake **Garganey** is still at Westport Marsh, Kintyre along with 5 **Shovelers** (4 drakes) (Angus Murray).

06 May: A **Green Woodpecker** was heard calling at Innellan, Cowal for about 30 mins today: it was first heard there on 22 Mar (Alan Reid).

Two very obliging **Whimbrel** in a field beside the road at Ballimeanoch, Loch Awe, Mid-Argyll today provided the opportunity for this photo (Roger Broad). Roger has been monitoring Osprey nests and found 'very few incubating yet and many sites either unoccupied or just a single bird seen. Unless things change for the better it is going to be a very poor year for Ospreys in Argyll'.



Whimbrel - Ballimeanoch, Mid-Argyll 06 May (Roger Broad).

A visit to Luing, Mid-Argyll today found: **Great Northern Diver**, 5 **Ringed Plovers**, 8 **Dunlins**, a **Common Cuckoo**, **Common Whitethroat**, **Grasshopper Warbler**, **Sedge Warbler** and **Lesser Redpoll** (Linda & David Gibson).

A second winter **Iceland Gull** was at the top of Loch Fyne, opposite the Tree Shop this morning (Jonathan Platt).

An obvious arrival of migrants today on Tiree with the warmer weather: a **Wood Pigeon**, 4 **Collared Doves**, 2 **Common Chiffchaffs**, male and female **Blackcaps**, 2 newly arrived **Grasshopper Warblers**, 2 **Sedge Warblers**, 3 **Common Redpolls** and 2 **Goldfinches** at Balephuill. Also the first Green-veined Whites here; groups of **Dunlin** and **Ringed Plover** all over the island including 800 **Dunlin** and 300 **Ringed Plover** at Ruaig machair and 1,050 **Dunlin** and 150 **Ringed Plover** at Balephetrish Bay; a **Common Cuckoo** showed well at Baugh; scattered **Corn Crakes** calling in many places; a **Common Chiffchaff** and 2 **Willow Warblers** at The Glebe; a flock of 65 **Arctic Terns** west of Miodar; 2 **Whimbrel** at Vaul (John Bowler).



Common Cuckoo – Baugh, Tiree 06 May (John Bowler).



Waders - Balephetrish Bay, Tiree 06 May (John Bowler).

A **Wood Pigeon** on the Oa, Islay was the first reserve record for 9 yrs, despite them breeding a few miles up the road. Also there today: **Common Chiffchaff** and male **Blackcap**. A **Great Skua** was seen offshore and a good number of **Red-throated Divers** moving past NW, with 48 in total from 08:30-09:30, in groups of between 4 and 13. **Common Cuckoos** **Grasshopper Warblers**, **Sedge Warblers** and **Barn Swallows** seemingly arriving over last couple of days (David Wood).

Three **Common Swifts** were soaring around Glassary Primary school, Kilmichael Glassary, Mid-Argyll this morning and one definitely entered the roof space, so hopefully they'll be nesting there again (Lynsey Gibson).

A **Garden Warbler** was singing near Woodhouse, Minard, Mid-Argyll this morning (Paul Daw).

Another **Garden Warbler** was heard at Ardkinglas Woodland, Mid-Argyll, where a **Nuthatch** was also recorded (David Jardine).

A **Marsh Harrier** was reported 'over Jura' today (Louise Muir per Ian Brooke).

05 May: On Tiree today: a **Sedge Warbler** singing at Balephuill; 25 **Arctic Terns** and 2 **Goldfinches** at Loch a' Phuill; 2 **Whimbrel** at West Hynish; one **Black-tailed Godwit** at Loch an Eilein (John Bowler).

A **Wood Warbler** was singing in the wood by the car park at Kilmory, Lochgilphead, Mid-Argyll this morning (Jonathan Platt).

04 May: Good views of the **Lesser Yellowlegs** at the N. Hide at Loch Gruinart, Islay again today. From the south hide there were 29 **Black-tailed Godwits**, one with colour rings: Right Leg: Orange over Green plus BTO/metal ring on lower tarsus. Left Leg: Yellow over Green (Peter Roberts).

A 30 minute sea-watch (11:15-11:45) from just south of Ardrishaig, Mid-Argyll into Loch

Fyne gave: 3 **Fulmars**, 36 **Manx Shearwaters**, 65 **Northern Gannets**, 270 **Kittiwakes**, 78 large auks (mainly **Guillemots**), 1 **Black Guillemot** and 3 **Puffins**, with 14 **Kittiwakes** seen flying N over Lochgilphead at 10:30. Also, in fields around Drimvore to Barsloisnoch, Moine Mhor area: 4 **Pink-footed Geese** still present and 16 **White Wagtails** (Jim Dickson).

At least 32 **Siskins** around garden bird feeders at Carsaig (Tayvallich), Mid-Argyll, mostly males. Maybe on their way further North? (Jon Close).

On Tiree today: a **Sedge Warbler** (1st of year here), a **House Martin** and 2 **Goldfinches** at Balephuill: 2 **Coal Tits** reported from a garden at Kenovay (1st seen there on 3 May), 3 **Puffins** off Hynish; 40 **Black-tailed Godwits** at Heylipol (John Bowler).

03 May: An immature **Pomarine Skua** was photographed flying S at MSBO this morning and the male **Garganey** over Westport Marsh, (nr Campbeltown), Kintyre this afternoon (Eddie Maguire).



Garganey - Westport Marsh, Kintyre 03 May (Eddie Maguire).



Pomarine Skua - MSBO, Kintyre 03 May (Eddie Maguire).



Garganey - Westport Marsh, Kintyre 03 May (Eddie Maguire).

At Heylipol, Tiree this morning: 98 **Black-tailed Godwits**, a juvenile **Iceland Gull** and a **Greenland Wheatear**. Elsewhere on Tiree: female **Greater Scaup** still at Loch an Eilein; 4 **Arctic Terns** and 3 **Greenland Wheatears** at Sandaig; a **Siskin** at Balephuill in the evening (John Bowler).



juvenile Iceland Gull - Heylipol, Tiree 03 May (John Bowler).

02 May: A **Lesser Yellowlegs** was in front of the North Hide at Loch Gruinart RSPB Reserve, Islay this evening (James How).



Lesser Yellowlegs – Loch Gruinart, Islay 02 May (James How).



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A drake **Gadwall** flew S at Machrihanish Seabird Observatory, Kintyre this morning and a drake **Garganey** and a **Black-tailed Godwit** were at nearby Westport Marsh in the afternoon (Eddie Maguire).

100+ **Black Tailed Godwits** still around and now 5 **Whimbrel**, at 08:00 this morning, on the shinty pitch at Lochgilphead, Mid-Argyll (Jon Close).

Black-tailed Godwits galore on Tiree today. A female **Greater Scaup**, 78 **Black-tailed Godwits** and a **House Martin** at Loch an Eilein; 180 **Black-tailed Godwits** (inc. a French leg-flagged bird) and 5 **Arctic Terns** at Loch Bhasapol (but no sign of the Green-winged Teal); 135 **Black-tailed Godwits** at Loch a' Phuill, as well as 220 **Ringed Plovers**, 75 **Dunlin** and 4 **Arctic Terns** (John Bowler).



Leg-flagged Black-tailed Godwit – Loch Bhasapol, Tiree 02 May (John Bowler).

01 May: On Tiree today: a newly arrived drake **Green-winged Teal**, 6 **Gadwall** and 2 male and a female **Greater Scaup** at Loch Bhasapol; 84 **Pale-bellied Brent Geese** at Balephetrish Bay; a female **Greater Scaup** at Loch an Eilein; a **Common Cuckoo** (1st of year on Tiree), a **Common Chiffchaff** and 2 **Common Redpolls** at Carnan Mor (John Bowler).

At Loch Gilp, Mid-Argyll this morning; a new 'batch' of **Black-tailed Godwits**, with 189 birds on the mud and grassy banks including 3 colour-ringed birds too distant to read. Also 4 **Pale-bellied Brent Geese**, 1 **Dunlin**, 1 **Whimbrel**, 1 **Bar-tailed Godwit**, and 4 **Common Sandpipers**. A total of 55 **Northern Wheatears** counted from Dunadd round to Drinvore/Dalvore/Barsloisnoch and the Add Estuary. Also 4 singing **Whinchats**, a singing **Wood Warbler** at Dalvore wood and 2 more singing between Bellanoch and Cairnbaan. And around Barsloisnoch Farm area, a total of 16 **Whimbrels**, 14 **White Wagtails**, and 4 **Pink-footed Geese**, including a very pale bird.



pale **Pink-footed Goose** – Barsloisnoch Farm, Mid-Argyll 01 May (Jim Dickson).



Pale-bellied Brent Geese – Loch Gilp, Mid-Argyll 01 May (Jim Dickson).



Black-tailed Godwits – Loch Gilp, Mid-Argyll 01 May (Jim Dickson).

A first-winter **Glaucous Gull** was photographed by Machrihanish Seabird Observatory, Kintyre today (Eddie Maguire).



Glaucous Gull – MSBO, Kintyre 01 May (Eddie Maguire).