

RECENT REPORTS September 2016

30 September: On Tiree: 2 juv **Semipalmated Sandpipers** were found at Vaul Bay (Jim Dickson). The adult **American Golden Plover** was back at Kenovay, the long staying 2CY **Iceland Gull** was re-found at Kilkenneth, 2 **Lapland Buntings** were at The Reef, several more **Chiffchaffs** and **Willow Warblers** had arrived and 6 **Whooper Swans** were at Loch a' Phuill (John Bowler/Jim Dickson).



American Golden Plover Kenovay, Tiree 30 Sep (Jim Dickson).



juv Semipalmated Sandpipers Vaul Bay, Tiree 30 Sep (Jim Dickson).



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29 September: On Tiree: a 90 min seawatch off Aird 07:00-08:30 included: a juv **Sabine's Gull**, 3 **Sooty Shearwaters**, 5 **Arctic Skuas**, 10 **Great Skuas** (John Bowler) and later from there 16:30-18:00 included 26 **Arctic Skuas**, 3 **Great Skuas**, 665 **large auks** (Jim Dickson). A male **Snow Bunting** and 71 **Pink-footed Geese** going south near Balemartine, a new **Chiffchaff** and 4 **Goldcrests** at Balephuill and 1 **Chiffchaff** and 1 **Goldcrest** at The Glebe, 2 **Goldcrest** at Carnan Mor, 5 **Gadwall**, 5 **Pintail**, 1 **Greater Scaup** and 17 **Tufted Duck** at Loch a' Phuill, a juv **Curlew Sandpiper** at Middleton (John Bowler/Jim Dickson).



Snow Bunting Tiree 29 Sep (Jim Dickson).



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28 September: On Mull: an adult **Iceland Gull** at the head of Loch na Keal, Mull (Ewan Miles per Alan Spellman).

On Islay: A **Ruff** and 14 **Black-tailed Godwits** on the floods at Loch Gruinart and a count of 230 **P-b Brent Geese** (James How per Ian Brooke).

On Tiree: Off Crossapol at Hynish Bay 40 **P-b Brent Geese** (Richard Whitson). A **Chiffchaff** at Belephuil and 16 **Black-tailed Godwits** at Middleton (John Bowler/Jim Dickson).



P-b Brent Geese Hynish Bay, Tiree 28 Sep (Richard Whitson).

27 September: On Tiree: a **Yellow-browed Warbler** was new in at Carnan Mor, also 3 **Redwings**, a male **Blackcap**, 7 **Goldcrests** and a **Willow Warbler** with another **Willow Warbler** at Balephuil. A juv **Curlew Sandpiper** and 2 **Black-tailed Godwits** at Middleton, a **Merlin** at Balemartine and a **Great Skua** at Tragh Bhagh (John Bowler/Jim Dickson).



juv Curlew Sandpiper Middleton, Tiree Sep 27 (Jim Dickson).



Yellow-browed Warbler Carnan Mor, Tìree 27 Sep (Jim Dickson).



Twite Carnan Mor, Tìree Sep 27 (Jim Dickson).

26 September: On Tìree: an adult **American Golden Plover** was found by John Bowler at Kennovay. At Balephuill 3 **Goldcrests**, 2 **Willow Warblers** and f **Blackcap**. At Loch a' Phuill a f **Greater Scaup** with 7 **Tufted Duck**. At Balephetrish 2 **P b Brent Geese**. At The Glebe 2 **Goldcrests**, 1 **Chiffchaff**, 1 **Willow Warbler**. At Gott Bay a juv **Common Tern**. At Middleton a **Jack Snipe** with 160 **Common Snipe** and a **Ruff**. Fewer Black-tailed Godwits and Wheatears today (John Bowler/Jim Dickson).



American Golden Plover Kennovay, Tìree 26 Sep (John Bowler).



juv Common Tern Gott Bay, Tiree 26 Sep (Jim Dickson).



American Golden Plover Kennovay, Tiree 26 Sep (Jim Dickson).

25 September: On Tiree: a male **Common Redstart** again at Carnan Mor with a juv **Willow Warbler** there. At Balephuill 3 **Goldcrests**. At Sandaig 25 **Black-tailed Godwits**. At Heylipol 6 **Bar-tailed Godwits**. At The Glebe a juv **Willow Warbler** and 2 redpolls including a **Lesser**. At Milton a **Sedge Warbler** and ca 15 **Wheatears** around the island (John Bowler/Jim Dickson).



Song Thrush Balephuill, Tiree 26 Sep (Jim Dickson).



Hen Harrier Sandaig, Tìree 26 Sep (Jim Dickson).



Ruff Middleton. Tìree 26 Sep (Jim Dickson).

24 September: No sign of the **Swainson's Thrush** at Balephuill today, 1f **Blackcap**, 2 juv **Willow Warblers** and 3 **Goldcrests** there. 1 m **Common Redstart** new at Carnan Mor. 1 **Ruff**, 9 **Black-tailed Godwits**, 2 **Bar-tailed Godwits**, 5 **Lesser BB Gulls**, 285 **Snipe**, 710 **Golden Plover** and 590 **Lapwing** at Barrapol / Sandaig / Middleton. 1 **Whooper Swan** new at Loch a' Phuill plus 3 **Lesser BB Gulls** (John Bowler).



Common Redstart Carnan Mor, Tìree 24 Sep (John Bowler).



Goldcrest Balephuil, Tiree 24 Sep (Jim Dickson).



Willow Warbler Balephuil, Tiree 24 Sep (Jim Dickson).

23 September: On Tiree: the **Swainson's Thrush** still at Balephuil this morning but remaining very elusive and seen three times in flight only (Jim Dickson/ Darren + Chris from Staffordshire) also 5 **Goldcrests**, 12 **Reed Buntings**, 1f **Blackcap** and 1 juv **Willow Warbler** there (John Bowler). 1hr sea-watch in S8-9 with rain at Hynish produced: 1 juv **Sabine's Gull**, 2 **Storm Petrels**, 3 **Sooty Shearwaters**, 52 **Manx Shearwaters**, 29 **Kittiwakes**, 16 **large auks**, 251 **Gannets** and 61 **Shags** (John Bowler).

North Argyll: reports **Nuthatches** at Inverawe Smokery, Taynuilt on 19 Sep (Brian Wiley), and near Achnacone House, from the railway walk Kinlochlaich to Loch Creran on 21 Sep (Clive Davies).



Common Snipe Tiree 24 Sep (Jim Dickson).

22 September: On Tiree: A **Swainson's Thrush** showed well but briefly in John Bower's garden at Balephuill this morning and quite well again at lunch time but very elusive. This will be a new species for Argyll if accepted by the BBRC. A male **Blackcap**, a **Sedge Warbler** and 5+ **Goldcrests** were also present there (John Bowler).

21 September: On Islay: big increase in duck numbers on Loch Gorm (Bob Davison). From the Kennacraig- Islay ferry: 1 **Storm Petrel** (Bill Allan). On the road at Skerrols: 16 **Red-legged Partridges** (Bill Allan/Jim Dickson). On Tiree: 6 **Lapland Buntings** at The Reef this morning. 1 juv **Black-tailed Godwit** at Sandaig. 490 **Golden Plovers**, 800 **Lapwings** and 170+ **Snipe** in the Barrapol/Sandaig area. A 1 hour sea-watch at Hynish in SSE7 with drizzle after work produced (all heading SW): 8 **Storm Petrels**, 48 **Manx Shearwaters**, 16 **Kittiwakes**, 30 large auks, 10 **Fulmars** and 310 Gannets. 1 **Goldcrest** and 1 juv **Willow Warbler** at Balephuill (John Bowler).

20 September: On Islay: At the head of Loch Gruinart: 5 **P-b Brent Geese**, 1 **Greenshank**, a juv **Peregrine**, 35 **Pied Wagtails**, 3 **Wheatears**. At Gortanaoid: 4 **Yellowhammers**, 6 **Reed Buntings**, good **Skylark** and **Meadow Pipit** passage. At Rockside: an imm male **Sparrowhawk**. At Crag Mor/Kilchoman: 3 **Peregrines**, 1 **Wheatear**. At Loch Gorm: 120 **Tufted Ducks**, 1 **Little Grebe**. At Ballinaby: 70 **Rock Doves**, 250 **Linnets**. At An Dun Wood/Sanaigmore road: 60 **Lesser Redpolls** (Bob Davison/Jim Dickson). Mid-Argyll: 2 possibly 3 **Nuthatches** at Inveraray castle gardens (Hugh Nicol). An adult **White-tailed eagle**, 11 **Ravens** and 4 **Buzzards** were circling high above Dunmore Cottage, Kilmichael Glen this afternoon (Blair Urquhart).

19 September: On Tiree: 3 single juv **Ruff** at Middleton, Kilmoluaig and Loch a' Phuill. 2 single **Little Grebes** at Loch an Eilein and Loch Riaghain. 398 **Sanderlings** on the 4 main beaches today including 22% juveniles. 28 **Black-tailed Godwits** at Loch a' Phuill with another at The Reef. 1 juv **Arctic Tern** and 1 **Great Northern Diver** at Gott Bay. A leucistic **House Sparrow**, 1 **Goldcrest** and 2 **Sedge Warbler** at Balephuill (John Bowler). On Islay: At Bruichladdich: 6 **Black Guillemots** under the pier. Loch Indaal, off Uiskentuie: 4 **Greater Scaup**, 8 **Slavonian Grebes**, 1 sum/plum **Great Northern Diver**. Port Charlotte-Black rocks: tot. 65 **Common Scoters**. At Craigens/head of Loch Gruinart: juv **Whinchat**, 2 **Wheatears**, ad **Greenland**

White-fronted Goose, 31 **P-b Brent Geese** (ad & juv with c/rings same on each bird: L= yellow R = red or white/red?...very distant), **38 Black-tailed Godwits**, 116 **Lapwings**, 8 **Golden Plovers**, juv **Peregrine**. Off Bowmore: 12 **P-b Brent Geese**. Loch Gorm: 80 **Tufted Duck**, 1 **Little Grebe**. Machir Bay reeds: **Water Rail** calling (Jim Dickson). At Kinnabus, The Oa: a flyover **Lapland Bunting** amongst a small group of Meadow Pipits (David Wood). In Mid-Argyll: an adult and a first-winter **Mediterranean Gull** at Ormsary this morning (Sean Jacques).

18 September: On Tiree: a fem **Blackcap**, 1 **Goldcrest**, 5 **Robin**, 1 juv **Willow Warbler** and 1 leucistic **House Sparrow** in the garden at Balephuill. **2 Lapland Buntings** south over Carnan Mor, also 1 **Goldcrest** and 2 **Robin** there (John Bowler).

On Colonsay: 2 P-b **Brent Geese** on Oronsay and a **Chiffchaff** at East Loch Fada (David Jardine).

On Islay: At Gruinart: 4 **Shovelers**, 2 **Gadwall**, 4 **Pintail**, more hirundine movement with 80+ **Swallows** and at least 8 **House Martins**, a f/imm **Hen Harrier** and an imm fem **Sparrowhawk**. The adult **Greenland White-fronted Goose** seen again with Greylags at Craigens. At Gleannagaoidh a single **Grey Wagtail** and a **Goldcrest** at Easter Ellister (Jim Dickson).

17 September: On Colonsay this morning: 1 **Lapland Bunting** at Turnigal and 2 later over the Strand (David Jardine).

On Islay: Loch Indaal: Off Uiskentuie: 3 **Slavonian Grebes**, 38 **Common Scoters**. Off Carnain: 3 juv **Little Stints**, 1 juv **Curlew Sandpiper**, 1 juv **Peregrine**. Off Bowmore: 69 **Bar-tailed Godwits**, 44 **Knot**, 181 **Wigeon**. Loch Gruinart: 79 **Lapwing**, 71 **Bar-tailed Godwits**, 18 **Black-tailed Godwits**, 17 **Grey Herons**, 2 **Arctic Terns**, 1 adult **Greenland White-fronted Goose** in with Greylag flock. At Coullabus: 2 f/imm **Hen Harriers**. At Loch Gorm: 81 **Tufted Ducks**. At Craigens: 1 **Wheatear**. At Claddach: 1 **Wheatear** (Jim Dickson).

On Tiree: 1 **Garden Warbler** new in at Carnan Mor and 3 **Willow Warblers**, 1 **Blackcap**, 1 **Goldcrest** and 1 **Common Redpoll** there. At Loch a' Phuill: 28 juv **Black-tailed Godwits**, 5 **Bar-tailed Godwits**, 8 **Lesser Black Backed Gulls**, 22 **Wigeon**, 43 **Teal** and 3 **Shovelers** (John Bowler).

On Luing at Black Mill Bay: 3 juv **Pale-bellied Brent Geese**, 3 **Bar-tailed Godwits**. On Seil Island the **Magpie** is still present at Balvicar (John Sedgewick).



Little Stint Loch Indaal, Islay 17 Sept (Jim Dickson).



Pale-bellied Brent Goose Portnahaven, Islay 17 Sept (Jim Dickson).



Lapland Bunting Colonsay 17 Sept (David Jardine).

16 September: On Islay, a walk around Ardnave Point produced: 40 **Teal**, 24 **Wigeon**, 41 **Sanderlings**, 3 **Golden Plovers**, 3 **Bar-tailed Godwits**, 3 juv **Peregrines** (two had a tussle over a caught starling), 1 juv female **Sparrowhawk**, 1 **Black Guillemot**, 1 **Manx Shearwater**, 1 **Great Skua**, 2 **Arctic Skuas** (pale ad + juv) landed on sandbar at mouth of Loch Gruinart, 5 **Arctic Terns**, 2 **Wheatears**, 600 + **Starlings**, 11 + 26 **Choughs**, flock of 22 **Ravens**. Also 2 Painted Lady butterflies (Bob Davison/Jim Dickson/Peter Roberts).

On Tiree: 2 juv **Curlew Sandpiper** and 1 juv **Ruff** at Middleton. 1 **Chiffchaff** new at Balephuill with 2 juv **Willow Warblers** and 2 **Sedge Warblers** (John Bowler).



Peregrine Ardnave Point, Islay 16 Sep (Jim Dickson).



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Choughs Ardnave Point, Islay 16 Sept (Jim Dickson).

15 September: On Islay: At Octofad Farm: 44 **Collared Doves** on the wires. At Loch Gorm: 103 **Tufted Ducks**, 1 **Greater Scaup**, 115 **Teal**. At Machir Bay 80+ alba wagtails (mostly Pieds) At Ballinaby: 11 **Golden Plovers**, a female **Sparrowhawk**. At Gruinart: an imm male **Sparrowhawk**, 300+ **Swallows** moving through, 60 **Goldfinches**. At Ardnave Loch: 8 juv **Black-tailed Godwits**, 2 juv **Bar-tailed Godwits**. At Loch Gruinart: 4 **Pale-bellied Brent Geese**, 18 juv **Black-tailed Godwits**, 1 juv **Little Stint**, 1 juv **Arctic Tern** (Jim Dickson).

In Mid-Argyll: a **White-tailed Eagle** over Ardcastle Wood (Andy Craven).

14 September: On Islay: 41 **Common Scoters**, 6 **Slavonian Grebes** and 14 **Red-throated Divers** in Loch Indaal (Jim Dickson).

On Tiree: a male **Blackcap** at Balephuill was first of the autumn there. At Loch a' Phuill: 2 **Pintails**, a juv **Ruff**, 12 juv **Black-tailed Godwits**, 21 juv **Bar-tailed Godwits**, 65 **Curlews** and 8 **Greenland Wheatears** (John Bowler).

In Cowal, between Toward Quay and Ardyne Point: 4 juv **Black-tailed Godwits** with 1 juv **Bar-tailed Godwit**, 30 **Ringed Plovers** and a **Wheatear** (Alistair McGregor/George Newall).

13 September: On Islay: at Gartbreck: a juv **Little Stint**, a juv **Curlew Sandpiper**, 3 **Pale-bellied Brent Geese**, 3 **Red Knot**, 70 **Dunlins**, 1 **Golden Plover**, 6 **Greenland Wheatears**, 5 **White Wagtails**. In Loch Indaal: 55 **Common Scoters**. At Uiskentuie: an **Osprey** (Bob Davison/Jim Dickson). At Loch Gruinart: 18 **Pale-bellied Brent Geese**, 2 juv **Curlew Sandpipers**, 1 juv **Little Stint**, 36 **Black-tailed Godwits**, 1 **Whimbrel**, 8 **Greenland Wheatears**, 10 **White Wagtails** (Jim Dickson).

In Bridgend, Mid-Argyll: 50+ **Meadow Pipits** in the company of 25 **Pied Wagtails** and flying inland over the shinty pitch, Lochgilphead Mid-Argyll 2 **Lapwings** (Malcolm Chattwood).

On Mull: a report of a **Turtle Dove** on the shore at Craignure at 9.40am (per pagers/BirdGuides/Angus Murray).

At Strachur, Cowal: 2 **Nuthatches** at feeders today (Leif Brag).

On Tiree: 1 imm **Pied Flycatcher** and 1 **Common Whitethroat** at Balephuil. 3 juv **Curlew Sandpipers** at Middleton. 1 **Lapland Bunting** at Greenhill and 15+ **Greenland Wheatears** in the Sandaig/Greenhill area (John Bowler).



Nuthatch Strachur, Cowal 13 Sept (Leif Brag).

12 September: On Tiree: a juvenile **Common Rosefinch** and an immature **Dotterel** new at Balephuil. 2 juv **Curlew Sandpipers**, 2 juv **Ruff**, 1 **Whimbrel**, 6 **Black-tailed Godwits**, 5 **Bar-tailed Godwits**, 17 **Dunlin** and 330+ **Common Snipe** at Greenhill/Middleton. 6 **Whimbrels**, 4 **Bar-tailed Godwits** and 12 **Lesser Black Backed Gulls** at Loch a' Phuill. A sea-watch from Hynish 0720-0820hrs in S8 with rain produced (all heading SW): 1 **Grey Phalarope**, 1 **Storm Petrel**, 1 **Great Skua**, 15 **Manx Shearwaters**, 251 **Gannets**, 15 **Kittiwakes**, 238 large auks and 2 **Fulmars** (John Bowler). Off Carradale, Kintyre: 2 **Common Scoter** headed south this morning, along with a **Sandwich Tern** and **Manx Shearwaters** (Adrian Hockey). On Islay: 6 **Greenland Wheatears** between Portnahaven and Claddach (Jim Dickson).



Common Rosefinch Balephuill, Tiree 12 Sep (John Bowler).

11 September: On Islay: 14 **Pale-bellied Brent Geese** at Loch Gruinart. At Loch Gorm: 65 **Tufted Ducks** and 1 **Greater Scaup** (Jim Dickson).

On Tiree: The **Pied Flycatcher** still at Carnan Mor. A sea-watch from Hynish 1530-1630hrs in SSW8 gusting to 9 with rain produced (all heading SW): 1 **Leach's Petrel**, 3 **Storm Petrels**, 1 **Sooty Shearwater**, 1 **Grey Phalarope**, 236 **Manx Shearwaters**, 188 **Gannets**, 23 **Kittiwakes**, 111 large auks and 51 **Fulmars** (John Bowler).

Off Carradale, Kintyre: 2 **Arctic Skuas** headed south early afternoon, along with 200+ **Manx Shearwater** (Adrian Hockey).

At Strachur, Cowal: A **Nuthatch** at feeders is the first time that I can recollect seeing one in Argyll in over 30 years of living here (Leif Brag).

Off Kirn, Dunoon, Cowal: 250 **Manx Shearwaters** (Nigel Scriven).

At Ulva Laggons, Mid-Argyll: the lone **Whooper Swan** has reappeared (from 2015) (Morag Rea).



Greenland Wheatear Machrihanish beach, Kintyre 10 Sep (Steve Seal).

10 September: Today on Islay: At Bruichladdich: 1 **Arctic Tern**. At Craighs: 12 **Greenland Wheatears**, 1 **Whinchat**. At Loch Gruinart: 2 **Peregrine** (juv + ad), 1 **Osprey**, at least 4 **Little Stints**, 2 **Curlew Sandpipers**, 2 **Greenshanks**,

84 **Redshanks**, 4 **Golden Plover**, 3 **Whimbrels**, 39 **Bar-tailed Godwits**, 4 **Greenland Wheatears**. At Ardnave Loch: 10 **Wigeon**, 1 **Little Grebe**. At Octofad: 1 ad **Peregrine** (Jim Dickson).

On Luing, Mid-Argyll: at Blackmill Bay: 6 **Bar-tailed Godwits** (first record for Luing), 7 **Turnstones**, 10 **Ringed Plovers**, at the small 'estuary' south of Toberonochy: still 1 **Black-tailed Godwit**, 27 **Dunlins**, 26 **Ringed Plovers**, 7 **Turnstones** and 1 **Golden Plover**, at Aird Luing 45 **Ringed Plovers**, 30 **Dunlins**, at Bardrishaig: 1 **Willow Warbler**, **Water Rail**, at South Cuan: Blackcap. Totals of 3 **Grey Wagtails**, 100+ alba wagtails (including 3 **White Wagtails**) and 7 **Wheatears**. Slow and steady passage south of **Lesser Black-backed Gulls** over the island (David Jardine).

On Tiree: An imm **Pied Flycatcher** at Balephuil, also 2 **Sedge Warblers** there. A different imm **Pied Flycatcher** at Carnan Mor with 1 **Common Whitethroat**, 2 **Goldcrests** and 1 juv **Willow Warbler**. 2 juv **Curlew Sandpipers**, 1 juv **Ruff**, 20 juv **Bar-tailed Godwits**, 90+ **Common Snipe** and 840 **Golden Plovers** at Sandaig / Middleton. Greenland-type **Wheatears** all over the place here for the last few days including 10 together today at Barrapol. 10 **White Wagtails** at Traigh nan Gilean. 15+ **Lesser Black Backed Gulls** mostly passing over south in small groups (John Bowler).

On Mull: A Juvenile **Dotterel** 1500 feet up Beinn a' Ghraig this morning (Ewan Miles).



Dotterel Mull 10 Sept (Ewan Miles).



Little Stint Loch Gruinart, Islay 10 Sept (Jim Dickson).



Wheatear Loch Gruinart, Islay 10 Sept (Jim Dickson).

09 September: At Campbeltown Loch today: a single **Wigeon** and 14 **Teal** at Stinky Hole. And on the shore just south of there; 2 **Bar-tailed Godwits**, one **Ruff** and one **Greenshank** (Steve and Tracey Seal).



Greenshank – Campbeltown Loch, Kintyre 09 Sep (Steve and Tracey Seal).



Greenshank & Redshank – Campbeltown Loch, Kintyre 09 Sep (Steve and Tracey Seal).

A **Pomarine Skua** seen from the Kennacraig to Islay ferry and on Islay today:
2 **Pale-bellied Brent Geese** at Port Ellen and at Loch Gruinart, a further 53 **Pale-bellied Brent Geese**, 29 **Black-tailed Godwits**, 2 **Curlew Sandpipers**, 2 **Greenshanks** as well as a probable Semipalmated Sandpiper but a bit too distant and blowing F8 out on the mud. Also good numbers of **White Wagtails** and at least 15 **Greenland Wheatears** counted (Jim Dickson).

Today on Tiree: 1 juvenile **Ruff**, 1 juvenile **Curlew Sandpiper**, 105 **Common Snipe** and 30 **Lesser Black-backed Gulls** on cut silage at Middleton; 2 juvenile **Ruffs** at Sandaig; 35 **Lesser Black-backed Gulls** at Loch a' Phuill (John Bowler).

08 September: In Campbeltown Harbour today: 4 **Black Guillemots**, 3 **Razorbills** and a single **Greenland Wheatear**. This **Black Guillemot** moulting into winter plumage, was photographed in Campbeltown Harbour, Kintyre today (Steve and Tracey Seal).



Black Guillemot - Campbeltown Harbour, Kintyre 09 Sep (Steve and Tracey Seal).

On Tiree: single juvenile **Curlew Sandpipers** at Hynish and Balephetrish Bay; 1 **Arctic Tern** at Gott Bay (John Bowler) and 1 **Grey Plover** at Vaul (Graham Todd).



Curlew Sandpiper (left) – Hynish, Tiree 08 Sep (John Bowler).

A 1 hr sea-watch from Hynish, Tiree in S6 with rain 07:30-08:30 hrs produced (all heading SW): 3 **Wigeon**, 1 **Red-throated Diver**, 66 **Fulmars**, 5 **Sooty Shearwaters**, 390 Manx **Shearwaters**, 375 **Gannets**, 368 large auks, 17 **Kittiwakes**, and 2 Basking Sharks (John Bowler)

07 September: At Rhunahaorine Point, Kintyre today: one **Red-throated Diver** in breeding plumage, two **Black-throated Divers** (1 adult breeding plumage, 1 juvenile), 3 **Slavonian Grebes**, a raft of 172 **Red-breasted Mergansers** and 3 **Greenland Wheatears** on the beach (Steve and Tracey Seal). At least 50 **Barn Swallows**, mainly juveniles, lined up on telephone wires in Minard, Mid-Argyll this morning (Paul Daw).

A juvenile **Arctic Tern** was at Loch Crinan, Mid-Argyll this morning – an unusual species for this location (Jim Dickson).

On Tiree: 1 juvenile **Curlew Sandpiper** again on farm pool at Middleton at lunchtime; 190 **Golden Plovers** and 1 adult **Black-tailed Godwit** at Sandaig; a **Goldfinch** at Meningie (John Bowler).

06 September: At least 30 **Ringed Plovers** were at the crazy golf Dunoon today, as well as a single female Northern Wheatear. Also 20+ **Turnstones** at Cluniter, Innellen, nr Dunoon. The **Grey Wagtail** and female **Common Stonechat** were photographed at the top of Glen Massan, Cowal (Alistair McGregor).



Common Stonechat – Gen Massan, Cowal 04 Sep (Alistair McGregor).



Grey Wagtail – Gen Massan, Cowal 04 Sep (Alistair McGregor).

On Tiree: a **Common Whitethroat** and a **Willow Warbler** at Balephuill (John Bowler), 8 juvenile **Red Knot** at Vaul (Graham Todd).

05 September: A **Green Woodpecker** was seen near Stonefield Farm, Glenmassan, Dunoon today – the first record for some time from this key area for the species in Argyll (Alistair McGregor).

A single **Nuthatch** on a bird feeder in a garden at Glenmassan, Dunoon returned several times during the day (Gordon Rothero).

An **Osprey** fishing at West Loch Tarbert, Kintyre, opposite the West Loch hotel at 12:30, circling and fishing for 20 minutes (Steven Herrington).

Today on Tiree: a juvenile **Buff-breasted Sandpiper** again on the machair at Sandaig today with 2 juvenile **Curlew Sandpipers** (Graham Todd). Also the immature **Turtle Dove** at Main Road Farm, Balephuill; a second calendar year **Iceland Gull** at Barrapol (the summering bird); a juvenile **Black-tailed Godwit** and 3 juvenile **Ruffs** at Kilmoluaig; a flock of 22 juvenile **Bar-tailed Godwits** at Loch a' Phuill was unusual but no sign of the 4 Buff-breasted Sandpipers there. A 1hr sea-watch from Hynish in SSE7 with rain 07:50-08:50hrs produced (all heading SW): 26 **Fulmars**, 6 **Sooty Shearwaters**, 680 **Manx Shearwaters**, 1 **Storm Petrel**, 10 **Common Snipe**, 320 large auks, 1 **Arctic Tern**, 92 **Kittiwakes** (inc. 66 juveniles): also 1 juvenile **Curlew Sandpiper** at Hynish first thing. Later; 2 **House Martins** at Balephuill and 220 **Twite** coming to roost there (John Bowler).

04 September: A solitary **Magpie** at Clachan Seil, Seil island, Mid-Argyll at 18:00 hrs was the first John had seen on Seil in 16 years (John Sedgwick).

An obvious fall of migrants on Tiree today (and last night) included: 4 juvenile **Buff-breasted Sandpipers** together at Loch a' Phuill; 1 juvenile **Buff-breasted Sandpiper** still at Sandaig; an immature **Turtle Dove**, 1 **Common Whitethroat**, 3 **Sedge Warblers**, 1 **Reed Warbler**, 3 **Robins**, and 1 **Pied Flycatcher** at Balephuill; a **Goldcrest** and a **Lapland Bunting** south over Carnan Mor; juvenile **Mediterranean Gull** headed north at Balemartine as well as 16+ **Greenland Wheatears** and 8+ **White Wagtails** (John Bowler).

And late on 03 Sep: a **Lesser Whitethroat** and a **Reed Warbler** at Balephuill (John Bowler); a juvenile **Curlew Sandpiper** at Hynish and **Brent Geese** heard at night in flight at Scarinish (Keith Gillon).



Pied Flycatcher – Balephuill, Tiree 04 Sep (John Bowler).



3 Buff-breasted Sandpipers - Loch a' Phuill, Tiree 04 Sep (John Bowler).



Turtle Dove – Balephuill, Tiree 04 Sep (John Bowler).

03 September: A **Marsh Harrier** was seen on the south side of Loch Gorm, Islay today (Paul Graham per Ian Brooke): one seen earlier, at Kilchoman on 27 August, was presumably the same bird (Ian and Margaret Brooke).

Today at Frenchman's Rocks, Islay 07:40 - 10:15 (4 x 30 min watches), wind SSW 16 – 18 mph, birds all flying SW: **2 Mallards**, **1 Great Northern Diver**, **126 Fulmars**, **8 Sooty Shearwaters**, **465 Manx Shearwaters**, **1 Balearic Shearwater**, **1,122 Northern Gannets** (and *ca* 250 feeding around Frenchman's rock in tidal race), **8 Great Cormorants**, **8 Shags**, **8 Turnstones**, **2 Great Skuas**, **1 Razorbill**, **10 Common Guillemots** (+ 11 large auks), **5 Kittiwakes**, **25 Lesser Black-backed Gulls** and **50 Twite** feeding on short grass at the point. Also a **Sparrowhawk** on the croft area (Mike Peacock/Peter Roberts).

And on Tiree today: the juvenile **Buff-breasted Sandpiper** again - on the machair at Sandaig this am with **1 juvenile Black-tailed Godwit** and **5 juvenile Red Knot**. Also, **1 Corncrake**, **2 Goldcrests**, juvenile **Grasshopper Warbler**, **3 Common Redpoll** at Balephuill/Carnan Mor

And second calendar year **Iceland Gull** at Traigh Ghrianaid; **2 juvenile Red Knots**, **2 juvenile Curlew Sandpipers** and a **Common Tern** at Clachan; **30+ Black-tailed Godwits** at Kilmoluaig (Keith Gillon).

02 September: A **Buff-breasted Sandpiper** arrived at Middleton, Tiree this afternoon (Keith Gillon). Also **6 Ruff** there but no sign yet of the Pacific Golden Plover (John Bowler).



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Hundreds of Manx Shearwaters, Common Guillemots, Gannets, Shags and Kittiwakes seen in the Sound of Jura from the Islay ferry; also a **Sooty Shearwater** and 3 **Great Skuas** (Colin MacFarlane).

A **Stock Dove** this morning at Blarbuie farm, just NE of Lochgilphead golf course, Mid-Argyll It then flew NW towards Cnoc Mor. At the Add Estuary, Mid-Argyll mid-afternoon: 8 **Ringed Plovers**, 1 **Red Knot**, 1 **Sanderling**, 32 **Dunlins** and a group of 79 **Common Redshanks** had just arrived (Jim Dickson).

01 September: This colour-ringed **Oystercatcher** was seen at the head of Loch Gilp, Mid-Argyll today. We're waiting to hear where it was ringed from the BTO and have asked Harry Scott....a bird ringed in Aberdeenshire last year appeared on the same rock and possibly another from there? (Jim Dickson).



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On Tiree today: Adult **Pacific Golden Plover** again at Middleton; **Hobby** at Hynish at 14:20 hrs; 2 juvenile **Red Knot** and 2 juvenile **Curlew Sandpipers** at Clachan (Keith Gillon).

12 **Sooty Shearwaters** in 2 hrs off Hynish late pm, as well as 1 **European Storm Petrel**, a juvenile **Red Knot**, 3 **Great Skuas** and a Basking Shark (John Bowler).