

RECENT REPORTS late September 2015

30 September: A **Hobby** observed crossing the Sound of Mull heading south towards Glengorm this afternoon. (Ewan Miles per Alan Spellman). On Tiree the Juv **Baird's Sandpiper** still present at Hough Bay this morning (Jim Dickson). A **Yellow-browed Warbler** new at Balephuill at 18.30hrs - also 12 **Common Redpoll**, 6 **Lesser Redpoll**, 3 **Goldfinch**, 1 **Dunnock**, 2 **Willow Warbler** and 3 **Blackcap** there (John Bowler). 9 **PB Brent** at Sorobaidh Bay, 3 **Ruff** still at Sandaig 65 **Barn Swallows** at Kenovay and 54 **Barn Swallows** at Balevullin (John Bowler/Jim Dickson/Jerry Wilson). A **Yellow-browed Warbler** was found near Gary Turnbull's house in Ballygrant, Islay.



Baird's Sandpiper Hough Bay, Tiree 30 Sep (Jim Dickson).



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29 September: On Tiree; a juvenile **Baird's Sandpiper** at Hough Bay found by Jeremy Wilson.

28 September: On Tiree: 1 **Pomarine Skua**, 1 **Great Skua** and 2 **Arctic Terns** off Hynish early morning; 2m and 1f **Blackcap**, 4 **Goldcrest**, 8 **redpoll** and 2 **Willow Warbler** at Balephuill, 7 **Ruff**, 5 **Black-tailed Godwits** and 41 **Bar-tailed Godwits** around the island, 3 **Gadwall** at Loch a' Phuill, 4 **Grey Plover** at Salum, 1 **Canada Goose** new with Greylags at Baugh; 4 **P-b Brents** at Hynish and 5 still at Sorobaidh Bay (John Bowler/Jim Dickson/Jerry Wilson). A juv/1w **Little Gull** was at Crinan Ferry, Mid-Argyll (Alex Nicol).



Blackcap Balephuil, Tiree 28 Sept (John Bowler).



Ruff Ruaig, Tiree 28 Sept (Jim Dickson).

27 September: On Tiree: 2 juv **Sabine's Gulls** SW off Hynish in sea-watch 0720-0830 hrs in S6-7, also 2 **Sooty Shearwater** and 1 **Pomarine Skua** (Jerry Wilson). Later sea-watch 14.55-15.55hrs off Hynish in SSW7-5 produced (all heading SW):12 **Sooty Shearwater**, 1 **Balearic Shearwater**, 1 **Pomarine Skua**, 1 **Great Skua**, 111 **Manx Shearwater**, 55 **Gannet**, 30 **Kittiwake**, 87 **large auk**, 1 **Red-throated Diver** and 3 **Wigeon** - also 4 **P-b Brent** there and 5 **P-b Brent** at Sorobaidh Bay. Two **Blackcap**, 4 **Goldcrest** and 4 **Willow Warbler** at Balephuil (John Bowler). On Colonsay: 1Y **Brent Goose** at Port Lobh, **Grey Plover** with 76 Golden Plover Traigh nam Barc, 2 **Lapland Buntings** flying SE over Turnigil, 2 **Grey Wagtails** Kiloran Bay, 2 **Grey Wagtails** Colonsay House Gardens, 1 **Chiffchaff** Colonsay House Gardens (David Jardine).



Black-tailed Godwit Balevullin, Tiree 27 Sept (Jim Dickson).

26 September: On Tiree: 1 **Lapland Bunting** south over Barrapol, 1 **Chiffchaff** and 1 **Sedge Warbler** at Sorobaidh Bay creek, 5 **Pale-bellied Brent Geese** at Sorobaidh Bay plus 9 **Bar-tailed Godwits** there, 1 **Chiffchaff** at West Hynish, 5 **Willow Warblers**, 1 f **Blackcap**, 1 **Dunnock**, 2 **Goldcrest** and 9 **Redpolls** at Balephuill, 1 **Ruff** and 2 **Moorhen** at Sandaig (John Bowler). Two **Ruff** and 1 **Black-tailed Godwit** at Scarinish (Jim Dickson). On Colonsay: **Grey Plover** with 76 **Golden Plover** Traigh nam Barc, 1 **Barnacle Goose** (with Canada Geese) Lochan Bhreac, Garvard, 1Y **Brent Goose**, Seal Cottage, Oronsay, 4+ **Shoveler**, South Oronsay ponds, 1Y **Brent Goose** Kiloran Bay, 1 **Grey Wagtail** Scalasaig (David Jardine).



P-b Brent Geese Sorobaidh Bay, Tiree 26 Sept (John Bowler).

25 September: On Tiree: 29 **Pale-bellied Brent Geese** dropped in at Balephetrish Bay, 1 **Chiffchaff** and 2 **Dunnock** at the Glebe, 1 **Chiffchaff** and 1 **Dunnock** at Vaul, 4 **Sand Martin** with 120+ **Swallow** at Balevullin, 3 **Black-tailed Godwits** at Scarinish (Jim Dickson). One **Goldcrest** at Carnan Mor, 4 **Willow Warbler**, 6 **Lesser Redpoll** and 4 **Greenfinch** at Balephuill and 3 f **Hen Harrier** together with 1 **Merlin** at Carnan Mor (John Bowler). On Colonsay: 1Y **Brent Goose** at Port Lobh, 1 **Arctic Skua** north of Colonsay, 1 **Barnacle Goose** (with Canada Geese) East Loch Fada fields (David Jardine).



Water Rail Kilkenneth, Tiree 25 Sep (Jim Dickson).



Barn Swallow Balevuillin, Tiree 25 Sept (Jim Dickson).



Hen Harrier Barrapol, Tiree 25 Sept (Jim Dickson)



Starlings West Hynish, Tiree 25 Sept (Jim Dickson).

24 September: On Tiree: 2 **Black-tailed Godwits** at Middleton and 2 at Balevullin. One m **Blackcap** at Balephuill (John Bowler).

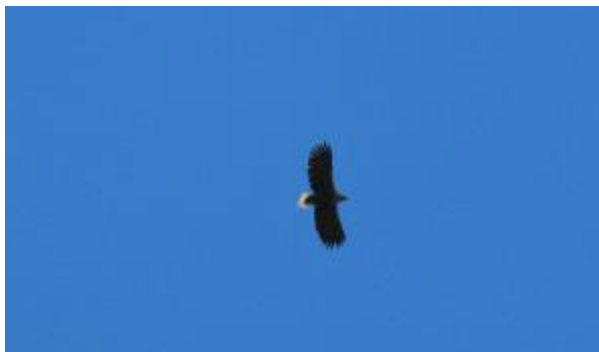
23 September: Seven **Bar-tailed Godwits** and an un-ringed adult **Mediterranean Gull** were at Loch Gilp, Mid-Argyll today. The Add Estuary had: 94 **Wigeon**, 86 **Teal**, 11 **Goosanders** and a **Greenland Wheatear** while 5 **Bar-tailed Godwits** were at Loch Crinan, together with 11 **Kittiwakes** on the beach (10 adults, 1 first winter) (Jim Dickson).



Mediterranean Gull (foreground) - Loch Gilp, Mid-Argyll 23 Sep (Jim Dickson).

22 September: **Common Chiffchaff** singing briefly again near Minard Castle, Mid-Argyll at 08:30 this morning (Paul Daw). A **White-tailed Eagle** flying North at Strondoir Bay, Mid-Argyll in front of the fish farm this evening (Alan Dykes).

21 September: Today's mowing survey on Tiree found: a **Ruff** and a **Lapland Bunting** at Upper Kenovay; 2 **Goldcrests**, a **Yellow-browed Warbler**, a **Common Chiffchaff**, 2 **Willow Warblers**, 2 **Sedge Warblers** and 3 **Common Redpolls** at Balephuill; an **all-white Common Gull** at Sorobaidh Bay, a **Ruff** at Baugh; 4 **Ruffs** and a **Black-tailed Godwit** at Ruaig, 4 **Ruffs** at Caoles and 14 **Black-tailed Godwits** at Balevullin (John Bowler). During the ferry crossing from Oban to Tiree today 2 **White-tailed Eagles** were seen at the Mull narrows and 2 **Grey Phalaropes** at the entrance to the Sound of Mull off Glengorm (Dave Grant).



White-tailed Eagle - Sound of Mull 21 Sep (Dave Grant).

RECENT REPORTS mid-September 2015

20 September: A **Nuthatch** turned up again today on the same feeder at Pennyghael, Mull where one was seen in early July (Nigel Burch and Loki).

Four **Yellow-browed Warblers** were present on Tiree today; two at Balephuill (1 bright silent bird and 1 duller vocal bird - seen together at times but mostly keeping to opposite ends of garden), one at Carnan Mor (a new bird) and a fourth (first seen yesterday) at Balemartine. Also at Balephuill; 2 **Goldcrests**, 3 **Willow Warblers**, a male **Blackcap**, a **Common Chiffchaff**, 4 **Greenfinches** and 2+ **Common Redpolls**. And a single **Willow Warbler** was at Carnan Mor (John Bowler).

Also on Tiree; a male **Hen Harrier** and a **Pied Flycatcher** at Balinoe and *ca* 20 **Manx Shearwaters** and *ca* 50 **Common Guillemots** off Hynish (Dave Grant).



Pied Flycatcher – Balinoe, Tiree 20 Sep (Dave Grant).

19 September: On Tiree today, a very late **Common Cuckoo** (first seen yesterday evening) and a **Yellow-browed Warbler** (a bright, silent bird) were at Balephuill together with 2 **Common Chiffchaffs**, 3 **Willow Warblers**, a male **Blackcap** (first of autumn here), 2 **Sedge Warblers**, a **Dunnock** and 4 **Common Redpolls**. Elsewhere, 8 **Whooper Swans** at Loch a' Phuill included 2 new arrivals, a **Common Chiffchaff** was at Sorobaidh Bay creek, a **Corn Crake** and a **Yellow-browed Warbler** in coastal weedy growth at Balemartine, a **Common Chiffchaff** with metal ring on right leg at Hynish and an immature **Pied Flycatcher** at Balinoe (John Bowler).



Yellow-browed Warbler – Balephuill, Tiree 19 Sep (John Bowler).



Common Cuckoo – Balephuill, Tiree 19 Sep (John Bowler).



Common Chiffchaff – Balephuill, Tiree 19 Sep (John Bowler).

18 September: On Tiree, there was no sign of the Yellow-browed Warbler at Balephuill today but a **Long-eared Owl** appeared briefly there this morning. Also present there were: 3 **Goldcrests**, a singing **Common Chiffchaff**, 4 **Willow Warblers**, 2 **Sedge Warblers**, 3 **Robins**, a **Dunnock** and 6 **Common Redpolls**. The adult **White-tailed Eagle** was on NE side of Loch a' Phuill this afternoon again; also a **Ruff** and a **Black-tailed Godwit** at Baugh and a **Ruff** at Loch an Eilein (John Bowler).



Long-eared Owl – Balephuill, Tiree 18 Sep (John Bowler).

On Islay today: a **Jay** was seen flying into the trees at Whin Park, Bridgend this afternoon – quite a rarity on the island. Elsewhere: the **American Wigeon** still with the Eurasian Wigeon

at Ardnave Loch; at least 3 **Northern Wheatears** about and now 3 **Barnacle Geese** on the Gruinart Flats; a female **Merlin** at Glenmachrie Lots and 3 **Hen Harriers**, including a male, at West Carrabus.

Caught on camera : a **Stoat** on a side road north of Port Ellen (Jim Dickson with Bill Allan).



Stoat - north of Port Ellen, Islay 18 Sep (Jim Dickson).



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A **Common Chiffchaff** was singing near Minard Castle, Mid-Argyll at 08:40 this morning (Paul Daw).

David Jardine has received details of the Polish colour-ringed first summer/second winter **Mediterranean Gull** seen at Blackmill Bay, Luing on 12 Sep. It was ringed as a nestling on 20 May 2014 in North East Poland (at Ryn, Wejdyki, Warminsko-Mazurskie): this represents a movement of 1735km on a direction of 289 degrees (west north west) over 480 days. It was also seen at Orfordness, Suffolk on 17 July 2014 (53 days, 1344km, 269 degrees - due west).

17 September: On Islay today: 2 **Barnacle Geese** and 25 **White Wagtails** (in with the Pied Wagtail flocks) at Gruinart Flats. The **American Wigeon** still at Ardnave Loch and 14 **Red-throated Divers** and 13 **Great Northern Divers** on Loch Indaal. Also lots of raptors about including this female **Merlin** with a Meadow Pipit catch (Jim Dickson).



Female Merlin – Islay 17 Sep (Jim Dickson).



Merlin with catch – Islay 17 Sep (Jim Dickson).



Female Merlin – Islay 17 Sep (Jim Dickson).

Waders at Strath Farm east pool (The Laggan), Kintyre today included: 10 **Northern Lapwing**, 2 **Ruff** and a **Black-tailed Godwit**. 20 **Teal** were also present (Eddie Maguire).



Ruff - Strath farm, The Laggan, Campbeltown 17 Sep (Eddie Maguire).

On Tiree, the **Yellow-browed Warbler** was present at Balephuill all day together with single **Goldcrest**, **Common Chiffchaff**, **Garden Warbler** and 4 **Willow Warblers**, 2 **Sedge Warblers** and now 6 **Common Redpolls**. Also an unexpected **Bulrush Wainscot** in the moth-trap - seemingly the first for the Vice-county (John Bowler).



Sedge Warbler – Balephuill, Tiree 17 Sep (John Bowler).



Yellow-browed Warbler – Balephuill, Tiree 17 Sep (John Bowler).



Garden Warbler – Balephuul, Tiree 17 Sep (John Bowler).



Bulrush Wainscot moth – Balephuul, Tiree 17 Sep (John Bowler).

RECENT REPORTS early September 2015

16 September: A single **Sandwich Tern** was seen flying down Loch Fyne calling, off Port Ann this morning, while doing the FOC Eider count (Paul Daw).

On Tiree, a **Yellow-browed Warbler** newly arrived in a garden at Balephuill this morning was calling a lot but evading the camera so far. It was present all day but very elusive. Also at Balephuill a **Common Chiffchaff**, 4 **Willow Warblers**, a **Sedge Warbler**, 2 **Robins**, 2 **Common Redpolls** and a **Snow Bunting** flying around overhead calling at 17:30hrs. An adult **White-tailed Eagle** at Sandaig this afternoon flew off towards Ceann a' Mhara (John Bowler).

A **Rose-coloured Starling** was with starling flocks around Coastguard cottages before road down to Machir Bay, Islay this afternoon. Also on Islay today: on Loch Indaal, off Uiskentuie: 53 **Common Scoter**, one **Great Northern Diver**, 9 **Red-throated Divers** and 11 **Slavonian Grebes**; a **Common Sandpiper** at Bruichladdich and the **American Wigeon** still at Ardnave Loch (Jim Dickson).



Rose-coloured Starling – nr. Machir Bay, Islay 16 Sep (Jim Dickson).



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15 September: On Tiree today: a **Common Kestrel**, 2 **Goldcrests**, 2 **Willow Warblers** and a newly arrived **Garden Warbler** were at Balephuill. Also, 550 **Golden Plover**, 5 **Ruffs**, 12 **Black-tailed Godwits** and 2 **Bar-tailed Godwits** at Balevullin, a **Ruff** at Cornaigmore and 3 **Ruffs** at Middleton (John Bowler).

14 September: A male **American Wigeon** was at Ardnave Loch Islay this afternoon with 25 **Eurasian Wigeon** (Jim Dickson).



American Wigeon - Ardnave Loch, Islay 14 Sep (Jim Dickson).



American Wigeon - Ardnave Loch, Islay 14 Sep (Jim Dickson).



American Wigeon - Ardnave Loch, Islay 14 Sep (Jim Dickson).

13 September: The WeBS Count at Loch Sween today produced a 'first' for the site. A male **Ruff** with a flock of 12 **Common Redshank** at Loch na Cille (Paul Daw). Seems to have been an exceptionally good autumn for Ruff in Argyll generally.

Highlights form a good days birding on Islay included: A **Grey Wagtail** at Bruichladdich; 6 **Northern Wheatears** (including at least 2 'Greenland' types) around Loch Gorm and Loch Gruinart, 5 colour ringed **Red-billed Cough** at Sanaigmore; 81 **Northern Lapwings**, 2 **Ruff** and an adult **Peregrine Falcon** at a kill on Gruinart flats; 35 **Pale-bellied Brent Geese** on Loch

Gruinart with 2 imm. **Peregrine Falcons** on the Merse; 2 **Common Shelduck**, 2 female **Hen Harriers** 'having a go' at each other, an adult **Golden Eagle**, 3 juvenile **Black-tailed Godwits** and 2 **Whinchats** at Craicens a female **Sparrowhawk** at Carnain; an **Osprey** on Bridgend Merse and a male **Kestrel** at Portnahaven (Jim Dickson).



Peregrine Falcon - Gruinart flats, Islay 13 Sep (Jim Dickson).



Colour ringed Red-billed Cough - Sanaigmore, Islay 13 Sep (Jim Dickson).



Ruff - Gruinart flats, Islay 13 Sep (Jim Dickson).



Osprey – Bridgend Merse, Islay 13 Sep (Jim Dickson).



Female Hen Harriers – Craigens, Islay 13 Sep (Jim Dickson).



Whinchat – Craigens, Islay 13 Sep (Jim Dickson).

12 September: On Tiree, a **Grey Phalarope** was briefly in SW corner of Sorobaidh Bay this morning before flying south down the coast: also there, 7 juvenile **Knot**. Also, an immature **Common Crossbill** with 70 **Linnets** at Meningie and 4 **Goldcrests** and 2 **Sparrowhawks** at Carnan Mor (John Bowler).

A Polish colour-ringed first summer/second winter **Mediterranean Gull** was at Blackmill Bay, Luing Mid-Argyll (David Jardine).

Two new birds were at Strath Farm east pool (The Laggan), Kintyre this morning, a **Black-**

tailed Godwit and a **Little Gull** in first-summer > second-winter plumage. **Ruff** had increased to 5 and a **Common Redshank** and *ca*10 **Common Snipe** were also there. A flock of 200+ **Chaffinches** were foraging by the farm (Eddie Maguire).



Little Gull - Strath farm, The Laggan, Campbeltown 12 Sep (Eddie Maguire).

11 September: Waders at Strath Farm east pool (The Laggan), Kintyre today included: 3 **Northern Lapwing**, 3 **Ruff** and a **Common Redshank** (Eddie Maguire).

An early **Whooper Swan** was at An Lodan (Loch Awe), Mid-Argyll this evening (David Jardine). There have been several summering Whooper Swans in Argyll this year, so this could possibly have been another? (Jim Dickson).

On Tiree today: an adult **White-tailed Eagle**, 38 **Wigeon**, 2 **Gadwall**, 4 **Pintail**, 2 **House Martins** and a **Sand Martin** at Loch a' Phuill; 4 **Goldcrests** at Carnan Mor and an adult **White Wagtail** at Balephuill (John Bowler).

10 September: On Tiree today: an adult **White-tailed Eagle** flew west along Gott Bay, a **Water Rail** and a **Moorhen** were in the marsh at Kilkenneth, with 6 **Ruff** nearby on cut silage. Also 2 **Goldcrests** (the first of the autumn) at Carnan Mor (John Bowler).

There seems to be a good wagtail passage just now. For example 35 **Pied Wagtails** and at least 6 **White Wagtails** were at Drimvore (Moine Mhor), Mid-Argyll today and on Islay last Sat/Sun there were big numbers in several places (groups of 50+). Mostly Pied but often flocks were in flight so difficult to count the whites however on the garden lawn at Craighs, Gruinart there were 2 adult Whites and several first-winters in with 18+ Pied Wagtails. Dan Brown (on Islay 4-7 Sep) reported 18 White Wagtails in with 30 Pied Wagtails just behind Machair Bay (Jim Dickson).



White Wagtail – Balephuill, Tiree 09 Sep (John Bowler).



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The following were recorded during a return trip to Barra: 10+ **Sooty Shearwaters** west of Coll/Tiree (7 in 'Argyll waters') and 2 just east of Gott Bay/Gunna Sound, 25+ **European Storm-petrels** west of Coll/Tiree (20 in 'Argyll Waters'), 2 **Grey Phalaropes** west of Coll/Tiree – much closer to Barra – not in 'Argyll Waters', a **Puffin** on the approach to Gott Bay and *ca*500 **Shags** roosting on rocks between Soa and Gunna Sound. Also a single **Arctic Skua** at the Lismore lighthouse (David Jardine).

09 September: A **Spotted Redshank** was seen by James How while he was working on the sluices on the Loch Gruinart floods, Islay (per Ian Brooke).

No further sign of the Barred Warbler on Tiree today but elsewhere: a 1hr sea-watch off Hynish in SE7 from 16:10hrs produced: 42 **Fulmars**, 4 **Sooty Shearwaters**, 416 **Manx Shearwaters**, 2 **European Storm-petrels**, 104 **Northern Gannets**, 4 **Great Skuas**, 59 **Kittiwake** and 68 auks - all heading SW. Also single **Sedge Warbler**, **Willow Warbler**, **Robin** and **White Wagtail** were at Balephuill and 4 **Gadwall**, 125 **Mallard**, 12 **Tufted Duck**, a **Black-tailed Godwit** and 15 **Sand Martins** at Loch a' Phuill (John Bowler).

Strath Farm east pool (The Laggan), Kintyre. The 4 **Ruff** were still present this morning but only 2 there late afternoon. A further influx of **Greylag Geese**: total at the pool now 220. (Eddie Maguire).



Greylag Geese - Strath farm, The Laggan, Campbeltown 09 Sep (Eddie Maguire).

08 September: At the Add Estuary, Mid-Argyll today: 66 **Wigeon**, 8 **Ringed Plover**, 1 **Red Knot**, 10 **Dunlin** and 8 juvenile **Black-tailed Godwits** (Jim Dickson).

Strath Farm east pool (The Laggan), Kintyre is back in prime marsh condition after flooding too much last month and 4 **Ruff** arrived there today (Eddie Maguire).



Ruff - Strath farm, The Laggan, Campbeltown 08 Sep (Eddie Maguire).



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07 September: On Tiree today: the first winter **Barred Warbler** was finally showing well this evening at Balephuill along with 3 **Sedge Warblers** and 2 **House Martins**. Also, two **Red-throated Divers**, 3 juvenile **Knot** and 20 **Bar-tailed Godwits** at Gott Bay; a **Ruff** and 20 **Black-tailed Godwits** at Miodar; 4 **Ruffs** and 3 **Black-tailed Godwits** at Balevullin and at least 1 **White Wagtail** with at least 20 **Pied Wagtails** at Loch a' Phuill (John Bowler). A **Pied Flycatcher** and a **Grey Wagtail** were on the Oa at Kinnabus, Islay today (David Wood).



Barred Warbler – Balephuill, Tiree 07 Sep (John Bowler).



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A **Convolvulus Hawk-moth** was found at Crossapol (John Bowler).



Convolvulus Hawk-moth - Crossapol, Tiree 07 Sep (John Bowler).

06 September: On Tiree today: a very elusive juvenile **Barred Warbler** present all day in gardens at Balephuill, together with 4 **Willow Warblers** and a **Robin**. And 3 **Ruffs**, 45 **Common Snipe**, a **Black-tailed Godwit** and a **Moorhen** at Sandaig (John Bowler).

05 September: A red letter day on Tiree - 2 adult and 2 immature **House Martins** at Meningie represent the **first confirmed breeding** on the island! Also, 6 **Whooper Swans** and 14 **Sand Martins** at Loch a' Phuill; 400 **Northern Lapwings** and 2 **Ruffs** at Balinoe, 1,260 **Golden Plover**, 620 **Northern Lapwings**, 5 **Ruff**, 2 **Black-tailed Godwits**, a **Bar-tailed Godwit**, 85 **Curlew** and 2 **White Wagtails** at Kilkenneth / Middleton (John Bowler).

04 September: On Tiree today: a newly arrived **Common Kestrel** and a **Sedge Warbler** at Balephuill with a **Great Skua** flying over. And a 1hr sea-watch off Aird from 05:00pm in NW6-7 winds found: 4 **Fulmars**, 225 **Manx Shearwaters**, 155 **Northern Gannets** and 100 **Kittiwakes** (30 adult / 70 juvenile.) - all heading west (John Bowler).

Also 2 **Dunnocks** at the Glebe and a juvenile **Arctic Tern** at Gott Bay (Keith Gillon).

The largest flock of **Red Knot** seen flying S at Machrihanish Seabird Observatory so far this autumn: ca 90 birds at 11:00hrs this morning and approx. 100 **Greylag Geese** were at Strath Farm east pool, The Laggan in late afternoon (Eddie Maguire).

A **Spotted Flycatcher** was seen at the top of Minard Castle drive, Mid-Argyll at 08:50 this morning (Paul Daw).

The mainland **Argyll WeBS Counts for July and August** have now been added to the website. Notable sightings in July included : 107 **Greater Canada Geese** at Loch Craignish and **Ospreys** at 3 sites in July (perhaps reflecting the steady increase in numbers of both species breeding in Argyll); 257 **Common Eiders** at Loch Long; 2 **Black-throated Divers** at Loch Tulla and a nice variety of early returning waders at Loch Crinan, among them, 42 **Red Knot**, a **Sanderling**, 23 **Dunlin**, 2 **Bar-tailed Godwits**, 22 **Eurasian Curlews**, 2 **Greenshank**, 145 **Common Redshank** and 5 **Common Sandpipers**.

Highlights in August included: a **Hen Harrier**, 7 **Red Knot** and a **Ruff** at Loch Crinan; 244 **Oystercatchers**, 4 **Red Knot** and 4 **Bar-tailed Godwits** at Loch Gilp and 11 **Sandwich Terns** and 3 **Common Guillemots** at Loch Long.

The full table of counts for July and August 2015 can be found under the WeBS Counts tab.

03 September: The **Whooper Swan** at the Ulva Lagoons (loch Sween) was still present at 06:20 this morning. It was also there on 25 Jul and appears to have 'summered' in the area (Jon Close).

The single **Common Coot** is still present on Glenfeochan House lochan, nr. Oban. It Seems quite settled, so may overwinter (Bob Grove). Coots are scarce birds these days in Argyll.

02 September: 60 **Teal** were at the Add Estuary, Mid-Argyll today (Jim Dickson).

01 September: A **Pied Flycatcher** was found this morning at The Glebe, Tiree (Keith Gillon per John Bowler).

Two **Common Crossbills** were at Barnakill Farm (Cairnbaan), Mid-Argyll this morning (Jim Dickson).