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SPRING MIGRANTS 2025 20 April).

Please let us know of any spring migrants you see in Argyll even if the species had already been noted. We are keen to see the overall pattern of arrival. Note – we try to give all first arrival dates & then first dates across Argyll regional areas. A solid line is drawn under a species when records become more widespread.

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SPECIES	DATE	LOCATION	OBSERVER	Comment
Garganey				
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Common Quail				
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Manx Shearwater	22 Mar	Kennacraig to Islay	A Whitehouse	1
Manx Shearwater	28 Mar	Milton, Tiree	C Verstraete	2
Manx Shearwater	29 Mar	Frenchman's Rocks, Islay	A Whitehouse	11
Manx Shearwater	2 Apr	Caliach Point, Mull	T de Clermont	160>S
Osprey	w/c 17/3?	Holy Loch, Cowal	per N Hammatt	1

Osprey	w/c 17/3?	Glendaruel, Cowal	per N Hammatt	2
Osprey	24 Mar	West Loch Tarbert, Mid-Argyll/Kintyre	D Jardine	1
Osprey	24 Mar	Strone Pt., Inveraray, Mid-Argyll	M Chattwood	1
Osprey	24 Mar	Loch Gilp, Mid-Argyll	L Gibson	1
Osprey	25 Mar	Kilmichael Forest, Mid-Argyll	F Cavanagh	1
Osprey	28 Mar	Add Estuary, Mid-Argyll	J McInally	1
Corn Crake	10 Apr	Oronsay, Colonsay	M Vaughan	Male (earliest Colonsay)
Corn Crake	11 Apr	Balevullin, Tiree	D Daunt	Male (earliest Tiree)
Corn Crake	11 Apr	Balephuil, Tiree	T MacDonald	male
Corn Crake	20 Apr	Iona, Mull	T Garvett	1
Dotterel				
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Whimbrel	1 Apr	Salen, Mull	Tony?	1
Whimbrel	5 Apr	Ardfern, Mid-Argyll	D Jardine	1
Whimbrel	8 Apr	Traigh Bhi, Tiree	J Bowler	1
Whimbrel	8 Apr	Pennygown, Mull	S Gibson	1
Whimbrel	11 Apr	Portnahaven, Islay	J Dickson	1
Whimbrel	12 Apr	Gartbreck, Islay	Chris?	1
Whimbrel	14 Apr	Kintra, Islay	D Dinsley	1
Whimbrel	17 Apr	Loch Gruinart	C McKay	11
Whimbrel	18 Apr	Machrihanish, Kintyre	Birdtrack	2
Common Sandpiper	1 Apr	Loch Spelve, Mull	Bob?	1
Common Sandpiper	6 Apr	Add Estuary, Mid-Argyll	L Gibson	1
Common Sandpiper	6 Apr	Loch Scridain, Mull	S Gibson	1
Common Sandpiper	7 Apr	Loch na Keal, Mull	A Jowett	1
Common Sandpiper	7 Apr	Garmony, Mull	S Gibson	1
Common Sandpiper	9 Apr	Loch Ba, Mull	A Day	1
Common Sandpiper	10 Apr	Loch Gilp, Mid-Argyll	S Paterson	2

Common Sandpiper	11 Apr	Dalvore, Mid-Argyll	J Boyd	1
Common Sandpiper	11 Apr	Kennacraig, Kintyre	T Cawthorne	1
Common Sandpiper	11 Apr	Campbeltown Loch, Kintyre	N Brown	1
Common Sandpiper	11 Apr	Toward, Cowal	J Marie	1
Common Sandpiper	11 Apr	Craighouse, Jura	Peter Gill	2
Common Sandpiper	11 Apr	Scammadale, Mid-Argyll	R Lightfoot	1
Common Sandpiper	12 Apr	Sound of Gigha, Kintyre	D Jardine	2+
Green Sandpiper				
Wood Sandpiper				
Arctic Skua	15 Apr	At sea, NW Mull	S Gibson	1 pale phase
Arctic Skua	15 Apr	Off Glengorm, Mull	J Hols	1 dark phase
Arctic Skua	17 Apr	At sea, NW Mull	J Waldie	2
Arctic Skua	18 Apr	Off Arinagour, Coll	G Smith	1
Great Skua	2 Apr	Oronsay, Colonsay	M Vaughan	1
Great Skua	5 Apr	Off Coll	D Daunt	1
Great Skua	6 Apr	Traigh Bhi, Tiree	J Bowler	1
Great Skua	12 Apr	Off NW Mull	D Daunt	1
Great Skua	19 Apr	Off Coll	T Hand	1
Great Skua	20 Apr	Off Iona, Mull	T Gravett	1
Sandwich Tern	23 Mar	Kilnaughton Bay, Islay	J & W Mattingley	2
Sandwich Tern	29 Mar	Mouth of W L Tarbert, Mid-Argyll	R McNab	2
Sandwich Tern	30 Mar	Hd of Loch Indaal, Islay	A Whitehouse/V Wilson	2-3
Sandwich Tern	2 Apr	Muasdale, Kintyre	S Burch	2
Sandwich Tern	4 Apr	Loch Cuin, Mull	D Shackleton	1
Sandwich Tern	6 Apr	Traigh Bhagh, Tiree	D Daunt	1
Sandwich Tern	6 Apr	Holy Loch, Cowal	C Clark	1
Little Tern	6 Apr	Machrihanish Village, Kintyre	Per Birdguides	1
Little Tern	6 Apr	Traigh Bhagh, Tiree	D Daunt	1
Little Tern	8 Apr	Gott Bay, Tiree	D Daunt	7

Little Tern				
Common Tern	17 Apr	Gott Bay, Tiree	J Bowler	1 (with 8 Little Terns)
Common Tern				
Arctic Tern				
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Cuckoo	6 Apr	Benderloch, North Argyll	J Bowis	1
Cuckoo	6 Apr	Farkin, Islay	M-A Featherstone	1
Cuckoo	7 Apr	Achahoish, Mid-Argyll	J Dickson	1
Cuckoo	7 Apr	Loch Ballygrant, Islay	M Eden	1
Cuckoo	7 Apr	Craobh Haven, Mid-Argyll	V Burnett	1
Cuckoo	7 Apr	Fasnacloich, Glen Etive North Argyll	R Ralston	1
Cuckoo	7 Apr	Colintraive, Cowal	A Burn	1
Cuckoo	8 Apr	Glen Lonan, Mid-Argyll	S Hood	1
Cuckoo	8 Apr	Tayvallich Estate, Mid-Argyll	E Halley	2
Cuckoo	9 Apr	Kinnabus, Islay	D Dinsley	1
Cuckoo	9 Apr	Kildalton, Islay	M-A Featherstone	1
Cuckoo	9 Apr	Achnacree, North Argyll	D Dahl	1
Cuckoo	9 Apr	Scammadale, Mid-Argyll	A Sthelens	1
Cuckoo	10 Apr	Auchnaclad Wood, Islay	G Turnbull	1
Cuckoo	10 Apr	Kilmartin Glen, Mid-Argyll	I Forrester	1
Cuckoo	11 Apr	Dalvore, Moine Mhor, Mid-Argyll	J Boyd	1
Cuckoo	11 Apr	Tiroran, Mull	A Smethurst	1
Cuckoo	11 Apr	NW Mull	K Blake	1
Cuckoo	13 Apr	Carnan Mor, Tiree	J Bowler	1
Cuckoo	15 Apr	Arinagour, Coll	A Macleod	1
Common Swift	4 Apr	Balvicar, Seil, Mid-Argyll	N Tierney	1 (Common/Pallid?)
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Sand Martin	18 Mar	Kilmartin, Mid-Argyll	F Cavanagh	1
Sand Martin	19 Mar	Cornabus, Islay	E Burrell	1
Sand Martin	21 Mar	Kinnabus, Islay	D Wood	1
Sand Martin	21 Mar	Loch Peallach, Mull	S Robinson	5
Sand Martin	22 Mar	Mishnish Lochs, Mull	T de Clermont	10
Sand Martin	24 Mar	Inverliever, Loch Awe, Mid-Argyll	D Frea Ney	4
Sand Martin	25 Mar	Southend, Kintyre	A & N Hand	4
Sand Martin	26 Mar	Loch Feochan, Mid-Argyll	J Waldie	25
Sand Martin	5 Apr	Loch a' Phuill, Tiree	J Bowler	1 & 170 there 13 Apr (JB)
Barn Swallow	13 Mar	Lochgilphead, Mid-Argyll	R Jenkins	1
Barn Swallow	25 Mar	Loch a' Phearson, Mid-Argyll	D Jardine	1
Barn Swallow	30 Mar	Claddach, Islay	M Redman	1
Barn Swallow	1 Apr	Tobermory, Mull	L Hartny-Mills	1
Barn Swallow	2 Apr	Ardnave, Islay	V Wilson	1
Barn Swallow	2 Apr	Machrihanish, Kintyre	J McCallum	1
Barn Swallow	3 Apr	Kilmichael Glen, Mid-Argyll	B Urquhart	6-8
Barn Swallow	3 Apr	Muasdale, Kintyre	N Hammatt	1
Barn Swallow	3 Apr	Tiroran Forest, Mull	M Redfern	3
Barn Swallow	6 Apr	Balephetrish Bay, Tiree	D Daunt	1
House Martin	5 Apr	Carsaig, Mid-Argyll	J Fawcett	1
House Martin	6 Apr	Kilmelford, Mid-Argyll	L Dawson	7
House Martin	6 Apr	Bellanoch, Add Estuary, Mid-Argyll	L Gibson	1
House Martin	6 Apr	Inverneill, Mid-Argyll	D Harris	1
House Martin	7 Apr	Fasnacloich, Glen Creran, North Argyll	R Ralston	3
House Martin	7 Apr	Lepenstrath, Kintyre	A & N Hand	1
House Martin	7 Apr	Inverneill, Mid-Argyll	K MacCauley	1+
House Martin	8 Apr	Creag Mhor, Gruinart, Islay	C McKay	1
House Martin	8 Apr	Hynish, Tiree	A Robinson	2
Wood Warbler				

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Common Chiffchaff	26 Feb	Arinagour Hotel, Coll	D Jardine	1
Common Chiffchaff	8 Mar	Appin, North Argyll	C Hunt	1
Common Chiffchaff	11 Mar	Holy Loch, Cowal	N Hammatt	1 calling
Common Chiffchaff	12 Mar	Tighnabruaich, Cowal	M Hunter	1 in song
Common Chiffchaff	16 Mar	Balephuil, Tiree	J Bowler	1
Common Chiffchaff	19 Mar	Loch Spelve, Mull	T de Clermont	1
Common Chiffchaff	19 Mar	Achnabreck, Mid-Argyll	M Young	1
Common Chiffchaff	20 Mar	Carradale, Kintyre	S Young	1
Common Chiffchaff	21 Mar	Cornabus, Islay	E Burrell	1
Common Chiffchaff	21 Mar	Kilmartin, Mid-Argyll	F Cavanagh	1
Common Chiffchaff	22 Mar	Dervaig, Mull	T de Clermont	1
Common Chiffchaff	23 Mar	Lephenstrath, Kintyre	A & N Hand	1
Common Chiffchaff	23 Mar	Ardfern, Mid-Argyll	V Burnett	1
Common Chiffchaff	24 Mar	Kinnabus, Islay	H Stanger	1
Common Chiffchaff	24 Mar	Lochgilphead, Mid-Argyll	L Gibson	1
Common Chiffchaff	25 Mar	Loch Creran, North Argyll	J Waldie	1
Willow Warbler	19 Mar	Tobermory, Mull	V Foulkes-Arnold	1 singing
Willow Warbler	19 Mar	Loch Frisa, Mull	S Robinson	1 singing
Willow Warbler	24 Mar	Fanmore, Mull	T Dixon	1 singing
Willow Warbler	25 Mar	Dunoon, Cowal	T Markwick	1 singing (Merlin app)
Willow Warbler	25 Mar	Taynish NNR, Mid-Argyll	H Goodwin	1+ singing
Willow Warbler	25 Mar	Ardfern, Mid-Argyll	V Burnett	1 singing (Merlin app)
Willow Warbler	1 Apr	Balephuil, Tiree	J Bowler	1
Willow Warbler	1 Apr	Gruinart, Islay	A Whitehouse	1
Willow Warbler	1 Apr	Loch Skerrols, Islay	A Whitehouse	1
Willow Warbler	1 Apr	Corran, West Loch Tarbert, Mid-Argyll	D Jardine	1
Willow Warbler	1 Apr	Pennygowan, Mull	T de Clermont	1
Willow Warbler	1 Apr	Moss Road, North Argyll	D Dahl	1

Willow Warbler	2 Apr	Kilmichael Glen, Mid-Argyll	M Chattwood	2-3
Willow Warbler	3 Apr	Ganavan, Mid-Argyll	J Waldie	1
Willow Warbler	3 Apr	Lagganulva, Mull	T Dixon	1
Willow Warbler	3 Apr	Lochbuie, Mull	T Dixon	1
Blackcap	10 Mar	Nr Campbeltown	N Brown	1
Blackcap	28 Mar	RSPB Loch Gruinart, Islay	F Doggett	1
Blackcap	1 Apr	L Skerrols, Islay	A Whitehouse	1
Blackcap	2 Apr	Fasnacloich, North Argyll	R Ralston	1+
Blackcap	2 Apr	Balephuil, Tiree	J Bowler	1
Blackcap	3 Apr	Lephenstrath, Kintyre	A & N Hand	1
Blackcap	3 Apr	Broxwood, Cowal	N Hammatt	1
Blackcap	3 Apr	West Ardhu, Mull	D & C Adams	1
Blackcap	3 Apr	Craignure, Mull	N Somerville	1
Blackcap	5 Apr	Tobermory, Mull	S Gibson	1
Blackcap	5 Apr	River Eachaig, Cowal	D Clark	1
Blackcap	6 Apr	Beinn Lora, North Argyll	R Nibbs	1
Blackcap	6 Apr	Port Appin, North Argyll	R Nibbs	1
Blackcap	6 Apr	Bridge of Awe, North Argyll	S Hood	1
Blackcap	6 Apr	Ardrishaig, Mid-Argyll	L Gibson	1
Garden Warbler				
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Common Whitethroat	9 Apr	Achnacree, North Argyll	D Dahl	1
Common Whitethroat				
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Grasshopper Warbler	8 Apr	Dalvore, Mid-Argyll	A Paton	1 heard
Grasshopper Warbler	9 Apr	Nr Dalsmirren, Kintyre	A & N Hand	1 (seen & heard)
Grasshopper Warbler	12 Apr	Cornabus, Islay	E Burrell	1
Grasshopper Warbler	12 Apr	Ardfern, Mid-Argyll	V Burnett	1
Grasshopper Warbler	12 Apr	Lochgilphead Meadows, Mid-Argyll	A Paton	1

Grasshopper Warbler	12 Apr	Balvicar, Seil, Mid-Argyll	N Tierney	1
Grasshopper Warbler	17 Apr	Barnakill, Cairnbaan, Mid-Argyll	J Dickson	2
Sedge Warbler	11 Apr	Dalvore, Mid-Argyll	A Paton	1 heard
Sedge Warbler	15 Apr	Guailne Duibhe, Mull	S Robinson	1
Sedge Warbler	17 Apr	Aros Moss, Machrihanish, Kintyre	N Brown	2
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Ring Ouzel	14 Mar	Glen Creran, North Argyll	R Ralston	male & also on 16 Mar
Ring Ouzel	6 Apr	Sanaigmore, Islay	M Eden	male
Ring Ouzel	6 Apr	Balephuil, Tiree	J Bowler	male
Ring Ouzel	9 Apr	Inver House, Jura	D Jardine	male
Ring Ouzel	10 Apr	Ceann a' Mhara, Tiree	A Robinson	male & female
Spotted Flycatcher	6 Apr	Airds Bay, Mid-Argyll	S Hood	1 (unconfirmed)
Spotted Flycatcher	19 Apr	Kilmartin Glen	K Foster	3
Spotted Flycatcher				
Pied Flycatcher				
Pied Flycatcher				
Common Redstart	2 Apr	Fasnacloich, Glen Creran, North Argyll	R Ralston	2 & 1 on 5 Apr
Common Redstart	9 Apr	Taynish NNR, Mid-Argyll	H Goodwin	1+
Common Redstart	10 Apr	Craignure-Torosay, Mull	N Somerville	1
Common Redstart	17 Apr	Holy Loch, Cowal	N Hammatt	1
Common Redstart	18 Apr	Achnacree, North Argyll	D Dahl	1
Common Redstart	20 Apr	Salen, Mull	T de Clermont	1
Whinchat	7 Apr	Craignure, Mull	F Porter	1 (unconfirmed)
Whinchat	18 Apr	Carnduncan, Islay	P Gill	1
Whinchat	20 Apr	Lenavore, Islay	H Stanger	1
Whinchat	20 Apr	Machrihanish, Kintyre	J Goudie	1
Whinchat	20 Apr	Nr Slockavullin, Mid-Argyll	F Cavanagh	2

Whinchat				
Wheatear	11 Mar	Loch na Keal, Mull	D Brooks	1
Wheatear	12 Mar	Craigens, Islay	N Webb	2
Wheatear	13 Mar	Kererra, Mid-Argyll	A McGregor	1
Wheatear	19 Mar	Portnahaven, Islay	Shona?	1
Wheatear	19 Mar	Kilchiaran, Islay	Dave ?	1
Wheatear	19 Mar	Gobbagrennan, Kintyre	N Brown	1
Wheatear	20 Mar	Craignure, Jura	L Muir	1
Wheatear	20 Mar	Loch na Keal, Mull	T de Clermont	1
Wheatear	23 Mar	Reudle, Mull	T Dixon	1
Wheatear	23 Mar	Carskiey, Kintyre	A & N Hand	1
Wheatear	2 Apr	Balephuil, Tiree	J Bowler	1
White Wagtail	28 Mar	Machir Bay, Islay	A Whitehouse	1
White Wagtail	30 Mar	Ardilistry, Islay	A Whitehouse	2
White Wagtail	7 Apr	Fasnacloich, Glen Creran, North Argyll	R Ralston	4
White Wagtail	8 Apr	West of Vaul, Tiree	A Robinson	3
White Wagtail	12 Apr	Sound of Gigha, Kintyre	D Jardine	4
White Wagtail	16 Apr	Tiree – several beaches & loch sides	J Bowler	Several groups of up to 6
Tree Pipit	8 Apr	Craignure, Mull	A Jowett	1
Tree Pipit	9 Apr	Taynnish NNR, Mid-Argyll	H Goodwin	1+
Tree Pipit	12 Apr	West Ardhu, Mull	R French	1
Tree Pipit	15 Apr	Kilmartin Glen, Mid-Argyll	K Foster	2
Tree Pipit	16 Apr	Mishnish Lochs, Mull	E Miles	1
Tree Pipit	18 Apr	Kilmichael Forest, Mid-Argyll	D Jardine	1
Tree Pipit	18 Apr	Kilmartin, Mid-Argyll	D Jardine	1