



ARGYLL BIRD CLUB

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SPRING MIGRANTS 2026 to 19 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	10/3	Hynish, Tiree	J Bowler	One
Manx Shearwater	20/3	Between Mull & Tiree	I Francis	200
Osprey	27/3	L Gilp & at Add Estuary, Mid-Argyll	L Gibson / J McInally	One
Osprey	27/3	Corranbuie, W L Tarbert, Kintyre	K Hayes	One

Osprey	30/3	N Loch Awe, Mid-Argyll	G Turnbull	One
Osprey	4/4	S Loch Awe, Mid-Argyll	D E F Ney	One
Osprey	4/4	Loch Gruinart, Islay	D Hicklin	One
Osprey	5/4	Holy Loch, Cowal	J & S Crossan	One
Corn Crake				
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Dotterel	19/4	Danna Isand., Mid-Argyll	D Jardine	Three
Dotterel				
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Whimbrel	9/4	Portrigh, Kintyre	A Paterson	One
Whimbrel	10/4	Salen Bay, Mull	T D-C?	One
Whimbrel	14/4	Ardyne, Cowal	C Clark	One
Whimbrel	16/4	Craignure, Mull	S Gibson	Four
Whimbrel	18/4	Killinallan, Islay	C McKay	One
Common Sandpiper	15/3	Kerrera, Mid-Argyll	A McGregor	Two, seen & calling (unconfirmed)
Common Sandpiper	30/3	Achleck, Mull	T Dixon	One
Common Sandpiper	7/4	Glen Forsa, Mull	K Odgers	One
Common Sandpiper	8/4	Loch Gilp, Mid-Argyll	E Owain, H Kidd	One
Common Sandpiper	9/4	Java, Mull	N Somerville	Two
Common Sandpiper	9/4	Salen Bay, Mull	K Blake	One
Common Sandpiper	9/4	Lochdon, Mull	J Webb	One
Common Sandpiper	12/4	Isle of Luing, Mid-Argyll	D Dinsley	One
Common Sandpiper	13/4	Bruichladdich, Islay	P Gill	One
Common Sandpiper	14/4	More widespead		
Green Sandpiper				
Wood Sandpiper				
Ruff	7/4	Loch a' Phuill, Tiree	J Bowler	Male - migrant

Ruff				
Arctic Skua	14/4	Salum Bay, Tiree	J Bowler	
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Great Skua	14/4	Ardalanish, Mull	L Potter	One
Great Skua	15/4	Treshnish Is., Mull	Silvrian Team	Present
Great Skua				
Sandwich Tern	2/4	Gigha, Kintyre	D Jardine	One
Sandwich Tern	2/4	Garmony, Mull	N Somerville	Three
Sandwich Tern	6/4	Balephetrish Bay, Tiree	J Bowler	One
Sandwich Tern	7/4	Carradale Bay	A Paterson	Four
Sandwich Tern	7/4	Gartnatra, Islay	D Hicklin	
Sandwich Tern	7/4	Loch Indaal, Islay	K Labib	Four
Little Tern	8/4	Gott Bay, Tiree	J Bowler	Eight
Little Tern	18/4	Killinallan, Islay	C McKay	One
Little Tern				
Common Tern	10/4	Traigh Bhagh, Tiree	C Shaw	One
Common Tern				
Common Tern				
Arctic Tern				
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Arctic Tern				
Cuckoo	3/4	Connell, Mid-Argyll	K Dodds	One seen
Cuckoo	7/4	Kilmartin, Mid-Argyll	F Cavanagh	One
Cuckoo	7/4	Kilninver, Mid-Argyll	L Smith	One
Cuckoo	8/4	Craignure, Mull	E Miles	One
Cuckoo	8/4	Arduine, Mid-Argyll	D Thomas	One
Cuckoo	13/4	Glen Lean, Cowal	N Hammatt	One
Cuckoo	13/4	Barsloisnoch/M Mhor, Mid-Argyll	J Lehmann	One

Cuckoo	13/4	Portsonachan, Loch Awe, Mid-Argyll	J Bowler	One
Cuckoo	13/4	Clachaig, Cowal	N Hammatt	One
Cuckoo	13/4	Tin Shed Gallery,S of Calgary, Mull	K Blake	One
Cuckoo	14/4	Loch Ballygrant, Islay	P Jackson	One
Cuckoo	14/4	South Shian, North Argyll	B Hughes	One
Cuckoo	14/4	Kerrera, Mid-Argyll	A McGregor	One
Common Swift				
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Sand Martin	18/3	Claddach, Portnahaven, Islay	M Redman	One
Sand Martin	19/3	Kintra, Oa, Islay	D Wood	Three
Sand Martin	19/3	L Kinnabus, Oa, Islay	D Dinsley	Two
Sand Martin	19/3	Loch Tromlee, Mid-Argyll	J Wells	Eight
Sand Martin	19/3	Glen Forsa, Mull	J Tomley	Three
Barn Swallow	2/4	Benderloch, North Argyll	P Rowan	One
Barn Swallow	2/4	Kilmartin, Mid-Argyll	F Cavanagh	One
Barn Swallow	5/4	Ardrishaig, Mid-Argyll	L Gibson	One
Barn Swallow	6/4	Machir Bay, Islay	K Labib	One
Barn Swallow	6/4	Machrihanish, Kintyre	J McCallum	One+
Barn Swallow	7/4	More widespread arrivals noted		
House Martin	20/3	Cladich, Loch Awe, Mid-Argyll	P Selway	One (unconfirmed)
House Martin	1/4 ?	Bellochantuy, Kintyre	L Tulloch	One
House Martin	7/4	Loch na Keal, Mull	T de Clermont	One
House Martin	10/4	Kilmory, Lochgilphead, Mid-Argyll	D Allen	One
House Martin	13/4	Gruinart, Islay	C McKay	One
House Martin	15/4	Java, Mull	N Somerville	One
House Martin	15/4	Clachaig, Cowal	N Hammatt	Birds back at nest site
Wood Warbler				
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Common Chiffchaff	5/3	Balephuill, Tiree	John Bowler	One
Common Chiffchaff	7/3	Corranbuie, Kintyre	W Hall	One
Common Chiffchaff	18/3	Ardrishaig, Mid-Argyll	L Gibson	One
Common Chiffchaff	19/3	Clachaig, Cowal	N Hammatt	One
Common Chiffchaff	19/3	North Connell, North Argyll	D Dahl	One
Common Chiffchaff	19/3	Gruinart, Islay	P Miller	One
Common Chiffchaff	19/3	Craignure, Mull	I Boston	One
Willow Warbler	22/3	Achnacree, North Argyll	D Dahl	One (Merlin app)?
Willow Warbler	26/3	Cairnbaan, Mid-Argyll	J Dickson	One (photo)
Willow Warbler	30/3	Loch Nell, Mid-Argyll	B Urquhart	Two
Willow Warbler	2/4	Kilmartin, Mid-Argyll	F Cavanagh	One
Willow Warbler	7/4	Widespread arrivals		
Blackcap	14/3	Kerrera, Mid-Argyll	A McGregor	One
Blackcap	21/3	Balephuill, Tiree	J Bowler	female
Blackcap	23/3	Achnacree, North Argyll	D Dahl	One
Blackcap	7/4	Several noted.		
Garden Warbler				
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Common Whitethroat				
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Grasshopper Warbler	7/4	Torran, Mid-Argyll	M Brent	One in song
Grasshopper Warbler	14/4	South Shian, North Argyll	B Hughes	One
Grasshopper Warbler	14/4	Oban, Mid-Argyll	Per Birdguides	One
Grasshopper Warbler	15/4	Craignure, Mull	L Veasey	One
Grasshopper Warbler	16/4	Lochgilphead, Mid-Argyll	A Paton	One

Grasshopper Warbler	17/4	Glen Massan, Cowal	A McGregor	One
Sedge Warbler	8/4	Lochdon, Mull	S Webb	One singing
Sedge Warbler				
Sedge Warbler				
Ring Ouzel	2/4	Kilmartin, Mid-Argyll	F Cavanagh	Male (heard)
Ring Ouzel				
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Spotted Flycatcher				
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Pied Flycatcher				
Pied Flycatcher				
Common Redstart	30/3	Loch Nell, Mid-Argyll	B Urquhart	Male (earliest ever in Scotland)
Common Redstart	12/4	SE Mull	J Turner	Male - photo
Common Redstart	13/4	Bellanoich, Mid-Argyll	S Mitchell	Male
Common Redstart				
Whinchat				
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Wheatear	6/3	Luining, Mid-Argyll	Peter Roberts	male
Wheatear	11/3	Bagh Chrossapol, Langamull, Mull	George Lees	
Wheatear	11/3	Kerrera, Mid-Argyll	Ann McGregor	
Wheatear	19/3	More widespread arrivals esp Mull & Islay. Tiree from 21/3		
Wheatear	7/4	Fresh wave of arrivals today		
White Wagtail	18/3	Kinnabus, Islay	RSPB	One
White Wagtail	8/4	Saddell, Kintyre	J Dickson	One

White Wagtail	8/4	Uisead Point, Kintyre	A Murray	Five
White Wagtail	10/4	Carradale, Kintyre	A Paterson	One
White Wagtail	11/4	Glen Forsa, Mull	T de Clermont	One
White Wagtail	13/4	Kilmory, L Sween	D Allan	Two
White Wagtail	13/4	Tralee, North Argyll	B Hughes	Present
Tree Pipit	7/4	Ross of Mull, Mull	B Rains	One - photo
Tree Pipit	8/4	Craignure, Mull	E Miles	One singing
Tree Pipit	10/4	Loch Spelve, Mull	K Blake	Two
Tree Pipit	14/4	Kilmichael Forest, Mid-Argyll	D Jardine	Two