

Scotland 28th June to 5th July 2025



Location and Weather

x=many (above 10) H=heard

28th	Norfolk to Bamburgh, Northumberland to Fortingal in Scotland and onto Whitebridge - bright and warm
29th	Around Cottage, Carrbridge orchid stop, Boardwalk at Loch Garten, RSPB Loch Garten, Firepit Pond and boardwalk, Nethybridge Twinflower Site onto Whitebridge - sunny and warm
30th	Travelled to the Moray Firth to watch the Bottlenose Dolphins at Channory Point - windy mild with occ showers
1st	Travelled to Loch Garten, then the Flower Field, then South to Newtonmore back via Avimore - still, warm, occasional showers and overcast with a few sunny spells
2nd	Travelled to the moors above Tinafore near the Dalwhinney Distillery then area close to Grantown Smokehouse - sunny spells and quite warm with heavy rain showers later
3rd	Loch Maree and then Grantown quarry opposite the Smoke House - heavy rain at times with a little sun later.
4th	Drive and a walk to Boat of Garten Woods, walk in Grantown Woods followed by a drive up Findhorn Valley over Farr Moor back to Whitebridge - Overcast
5th	Journey South via A9 layby stops and Stag Rock in Northumberland and site near Leeds - Sunny but very windy

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	Mammals	28th	29th	30th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Comments
1	Red Deer	x	x	2		x		x	x	
1	Roe Deer	x	x	x		3		4	3	
	Fallow Deer									
1	Sika Deer			8	x	x	x	x		
	Harbour Porpoise									
1	Bottlenose Dolphin			x						
	Common Dolphin									
	Risso's Dolphin									
	Minke Whale									
	Stoat									
1	Rabbit	x	x	5	x	x*	1	3	2	*Black Rabbit from car on A9
	Wood Mouse									
	Otter									
1	Brown Hare	3	5	2	1		1		1	
	Feral Goat									
	Fox									
1	Red Squirrel						1			
1	Grey Squirrel	1								
	Bank Vole									
	Pipistrelle Bat									
	Common Seal									
1	Grey Seal			1						
	Brown Rat									
1	Bat sp	1	x			3				
1	Short tailed Field Vole		3		1					
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	Birds	28th	29th	30th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Comments
1	Mute Swan	2								
1	Greylag Goose		x				3		5	
1	Canada Goose		6							
1	Shelduck								x	
1	Wigeon								3	
	Gadwall									
	Teal									
1	Mallard	3	x	x	x	x	2	x	x	
	Garganey									
	Shoveler									
	Pochard									
1	Tufted Duck			3		2				
1	Eider	x								
1	Common Scoter			1						
	Goldeneye									
	Red-breasted Merganser									
	Goosander									
1	Red Grouse	1								
1	Red-legged Partridge	3				5	1		1	
	Grey Partridge									
1	Pheasant	1	x	x	x	3	1	1		
1	Red-throated Diver			1						
1	Black-throated Diver	1								
	Great Northern Diver									
1	Fulmar	1								
1	Manx Shearwater			6						
	Storm Petrel									
1	Gannet	x							x	
1	Cormorant	x		x					3	
1	Shag	1		1					x	
1	Little Egret	1							6	
1	Great White Egret	1								

1	Grey Heron	1	1	x	x*	x	1		6	One flock of five flying North over Newtonmore escaping approaching rain
1	Little Grebe			1						
	Great Crested Grebe									
1	Red Kite	4	x	x	1	5	x	x	x	
1	White-tailed Eagle				2					
	Hen Harrier									
1	Sparrowhawk	2				2	1	1	1	
1	Buzzard	4	x	x	2	x	3	1	x	
	Golden Eagle									
1	Osprey		3	1		1				
1	Kestrel	3	1					2	3	
1	Merlin			1						
	Hobby									
	Peregrine									
1	Moorhen								1	
	Coot									
1	Oystercatcher	x	x	x	x	x	x	5	x	
	Ringed Plover									
	Golden Plover									
	Grey Plover									
1	Lapwing	x	5				1	1		
	Knot									
	Sanderling									
	Purple Sandpiper									
	Dunlin									
	Ruff									
	Snipe									
1	Woodcock		H		H					
	Black-tailed Godwit									
	Bar-tailed Godwit									
	Whimbrel									
1	Curlew	2	1	x	H	3				
1	Common Sandpiper							1	1	
	Greenshank									
	Redshank									
	Turnstone									
	Arctic Skua									
	Great Skua									
1	Kittiwake	6		x						
1	Black-headed Gull	x	x	x	x	2	x	x	x	
	Little Gull									
1	Common Gull	x	5	x	x	x	x	x	x	
1	Lesser Black-backed Gull	x	2	x					2	
1	Herring Gull	x	x	x	x		2		x	
	Iceland Gull									
1	Great Black-backed Gull	x								
1	Mediterranean Gull			1						
1	Sandwich Tern	x		x					x	
1	Common Tern	x		x					x	
1	Arctic Tern			2					1	
1	Little Tern	4								
1	Guillemot	x		x					x	
1	Razorbill	x							x	
	Black Guillemot									
1	Puffin	5							x	
1	Rock Dove / Feral Pigeon	x	x					x		
	Stock Dove									
1	Woodpigeon	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
1	Collared Dove	1			1		4			
	Cuckoo									
	Barn Owl									
	Little Owl									
1	Tawny Owl		H		H					
	Short-eared Owl									
1	Swift	x	x	1	x	4	5		6	
	Kingfisher									
1	Green Woodpecker	1								
1	Great Spotted Woodpecker		3		2+	H	2	3		
1	Magpie	x							2	
1	Jay						1	4	3	
1	Jackdaw	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
1	Rook	x		x	x		x	x	x	
1	Carriion Crow	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
1	Hooded Crow					2				
1	Raven				5	x	x	2		
1	Goldcrest						1			
1	Blue Tit						1	1		
1	Great Tit		x		2		x	x		

