

# Machrihanish Seabird Observatory

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## Photo of the month

### **Arctic Skua**

Seen flying with Kittiwakes past the observatory 4<sup>th</sup> August 2022

Photo Jo Goudie



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## August Report 2022

August was so busy with moving house, decorating and a bad case of covid. Before we knew it, August had gone. We are still trying to do as much as we can but we are limited.

We will be manning the observatory as much as possible through the following months but we cannot always be there. If you would like to visit on a specific date please let me know and we will try to have a warden there to open up for you. If you would like to volunteer to do some wardening please let us know. We are looking for volunteers.

Best regards

**Jo Goudie**

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List of Selected Species for August 2022



**Kittiwakes** – Many small flocks heading south. 20+ on 04/08/22 also 6>S on 16/08/22



Juvenile **Gannet** seen 04/08/22 in the company of adult birds



**Linnet** – feeding a fledgling. Several small flocks around the observatory, seems to have been a good breeding season.



**Bar Tailed Godwit** – lone bird seen heading south on 16/08/22



**Red Throated Diver** – 1 seen heading south on 16/08/22 close to observatory.



**Greenshank** – seen on 16/08/22 heading south.

**Black Guillemot** – 1 on 03/08/22

**Common Scoter** – 4 seen on the sea 03/08/22

**Curlew** – 4 on 03/08/22 and 1 on 16/08/22

**Dunlin** – 4 on 04/08/22

**Manx Shearwater** – 25+ in one hour on 03/08/22, 4 on 04/08/22

**Redshank** – 8 seen heading south on 03/08/22

**Ringed Plover** – 2 seen on 04/08/22

**Common Sandpiper** – 1 on 03/08/22 and 1 on 16/08/22



**Willow Warbler** – Adult feeding 1 fledgling seen 16/08/22

**Wheatear** – 2 or 3 birds seen on each visit.

**Mute Swans** – Still have the 2 who have been with us all summer.

**Oystercatcher** – just 2 all month.