

Machrihanish Bird Observatory

A visible migration station

Founded September **1993**

(occasional visits during winter)



Supplementary Report January 2021

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'Time spent in reconnaissance is seldom wasted'

Photo of the Month...



Common Kestrel – Southend 25th January / **Errol Crutchfield**

Webs count

Some details from 20th January in the Sound of Gigha (David Jardine *pers. comm.*).

- Great Northern Diver** 26
- Slavonian Grebe** 14
- Common Eider** 142
- Common Scoter** 26
- Velvet Scoter** 2
- Long-tailed Duck** 5

List of Selected Species for January

Whooper Swan

The Laggan: Drumlemble School / Strath: 11 on 6th and 20th.
Campbeltown: 5 at Kilmichael floods also on 20th.

Greylag Goose

The Laggan: 1,300 across the area on 20th (per Jim Dickson).

Greenland White-fronted Goose

The Laggan: 2,100 across the area on 20th (per Jim Dickson).

Greater Canada Goose

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Nr Peninver: 100+ in field by Smerby mouth on 2nd (Dee Brodie *pers. comm.*).

Common Shelduck

MSBO: 3 on 3rd, one on 6th.

Northern Pintail

Campbeltown: a female on floods at Kilmichael on 20th (per Jim Dickson).

Eurasian Wigeon

MSBO: 11 on 6th.

The Laggan: 90+ on large flood at West Parkfergus (east) on 18th.

Campbeltown: 50 on floods at Kilmichael on 20th (per Jim Dickson).



Wigeon – 6th January

Eurasian Teal

MSBO: 7 on 6th.

Red-breasted Merganser

MSBO: 7 on 3rd.

Goosander

Tangy: a pair on 22nd (Dave / Jo / Eddie)

Red-throated Diver

MSBO: 5 on 6th.

Great Northern Diver

MSBO: 14 on 6th.

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Great Northern Divers – 6th January

Hen Harrier

Southend Rd: a male in fields below Killellan Park on 20th (Errol Crutchfield *pers. comm.*).

Machrihanish Airbase: a male on 30th.



Hen Harrier – 30th January / Jo Goudie

Red Kite

Machrihanish: one was photographed just south of MSBO being mobbed by two Buzzards on 1st (Errol Crutchfield *pers. comm.*).

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Red Kite – 1st January / **Errol Crutchfield**

Merlin

The Laggan: one at West Parkfergus on 6th.

Southend Rd: one in fields below Killellan Park on 20th (Errol Crutchfield *pers. comm.*).

Common Kestrel

Machrihanish: one near High Lossit on 1st and 17th (Errol Crutchfield *pers. comm.*).

Campbeltown: one Davaar Island 23rd (Dee Brodie *pers. comm.*).

Southend: one on 25th (Errol Crutchfield *pers. comm.*).

Machrihanish Airbase: a male on 31st (Warden / Jo Goudie).



Kestrel – 17th January / **Errol Crutchfield**

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The following waders were found at Southend on 3rd (Errol Crutchfield *pers. comm.*).

Ringed Plover c 18
Sanderling 3
Common Redshank one
Ruddy Turnstone 12

Northern Lapwing

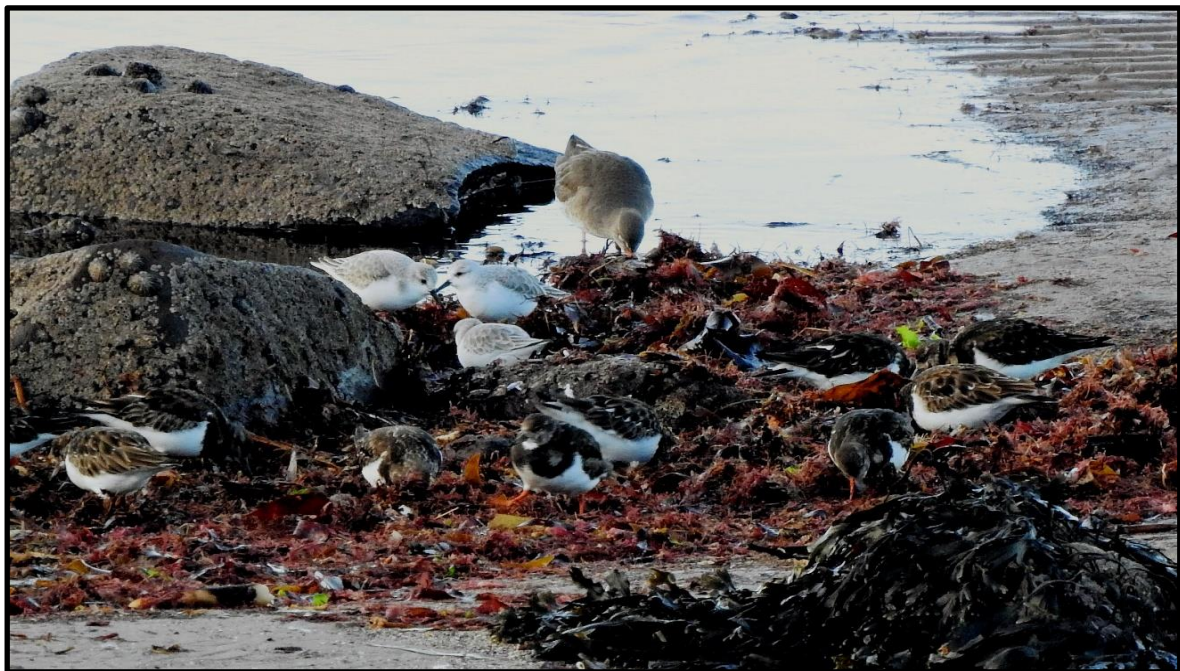
Southend : 27 by Dalbhraddan on 14th (Errol Crutchfield *pers. comm.*).
The Laggan: 160 at West Parkfergus on 18th.

Ringed Plover

Tayinloan: 48 on beach north of the village on 20th (David Jardine *pers. comm.*).

Sanderling

Tayinloan: 19 on beach north of the village on 20th (David Jardine *pers. comm.*).



Sanderlings / Ruddy Turnstones / Redshank - 3rd January / Errol Crutchfield

Purple Sandpiper

Flock 11 on 6th and 6 on 20th.

Common Greenshank

Tarbert: one at the head of the West Loch on 22nd.

Campbeltown Loch: one on the south bank by the old NATO jetty on 23rd (Errol Crutchfield *pers. comm.*).

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Common Redshank

MSBO: 6 on 6th.



Greenshank – 23rd January / Errol Crutchfield



Redshank – 6th January

Jack Snipe

Southend: 2 at Dalsmerran (Glen Breackerie) on 29th included one taken by cat (Brian Morton / Family *pers. comm.*).

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Glaucous Gull

Campbeltown: a 2nd winter on floods at Kilmichael on 20th (per Jim Dickson).



Glaucous Gull – 20th January / Tom Lowe

Eurasian Magpie

Machrihanish: one by Lossit House on 12th (Jo Goudie *pers. comm.*).

Stewarton: seen on 15 dates 1st – 21st (Errol Crutchfield *pers. comm.*) and present daily later to 29th (Margaretanne Green / Agnes Stewart *pers. comm.*).

Eurasian Jay:

Machrihanish: 4 by Lossit House on 12th (Jo Goudie *pers. comm.*).

European Stonechat

Machrihanish Golf Course: a male by the Pro Shop (1st tee) on 3rd (David Millward *pers. comm.*).

Machrihanish Airbase: 2 pairs on 31st (Jo Goudie *pers. comm.*).



European Stonechat – 2nd January / David Millward

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Late reports received for January 2021 (Tom Lowe *pers. comm.*).

Greenland White-fronted Goose

Counts on 19th included 63 at Glenbarr, 420 at Rhunahaorine, 370 at Kilmichael, and 1870 at the Laggan. Also, 102 at Clachan 21st.

Goosander

Muasdale: a pair on 21st.

Hen Harrier

Glenbarr: 2 at Arnicle on 19th and 3 there on 20th.

Clachan: a male on 21st.

Golden Plover

Beinn an Tuirc: 95 Cnoc Donn on 20th.

Common Gull

Glenbarr: 600 on 19th.

**A Selection of Photos from Machrihanish Airbase / MSBO during January
By Jo Goudie (JG) / David Millward (DM)**



Hooded Crow – 24th / JG

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Robin – 2nd / JG



Song Thrush – 2nd / JG

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Starling – male 24th / JG



Starling – male 2nd / DM

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Wren – 2nd / JG



Blue Tit – 2nd / JG

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Curlew – 12th / JG



Oystercatcher – 12th / JG

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Song Thrush – 12th / JG



Machrihanish Airbase – 24th / JG