

Machrihanish Seabird Observatory

Warden - David Millward Assistant Wardens - Jo Goudie, Victoria Russell

Photo of the month

We had the good fortune to photograph a rare and unexpected visitor this month in the form of a male Serin.

It was seen feeding under bird feeders with Siskin and Redpoll in a garden in Southend, Kintyre.

They have been recorded annually in the UK in small numbers since the 1960s but tend to stay on the south coast of the UK.

This Serin is a first for this area so we were very lucky to have been informed about it.

Photo Jo Goudie



June Report 2022

June is a month of fledglings and youngsters and this year has been quite good on that front. We have had a couple of pairs of Oystercatcher sitting on eggs at the beginning of the month though only one pair was feeding youngsters by the end of the month. We had a Ringed Plover nest by the observatory but they kept the young well hidden.

Hopefully it will be bountiful time and we will have an increase in numbers.

We will be manning the observatory as much as possible through 2022 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

Contact the Observatory

Mobile – 07737 985874

E-mail – jomitzi@yahoo.co.uk

Website – www.machrihanishbirdobservatory.org.uk

Photos by Jo Goudie unless otherwise stated

List of Selected Species for June 2022



Another shot of the stunning **Serin** seen on 06/06/22 in Southern, Kintyre.



Great Black Back Gull with a crab. We have several frequenting the observatory.



Red Throated Diver - 1 seen 12th >S, 1 on 24>N



Linnet - regularly seen feeding near the observatory including a group with around 8 fledglings.



Rock Pipit - often seen. Fledglings have been seen demanding food from adults.



Large numbers of **Shag** seen flying to and from fishing trips past the observatory.



Pied Wagtail fledglings, 3 in total, seen on the 10th being fed in front of the observatory.



Eider female seen fishing in the bay with 4 ducklings. They were already showing off their amazing ability to dive which was keeping them safe from predation from the larger gulls.



Conditions were just right on 18/06/22 The windy weather brought in the wonderful sight of streams of **Manx Shearwater** coasting along the horizon. We counted around 350 + per hour going past heading South. Also, quite a few Guillemot heading South 30+.



The **Oystercatchers** who nested on the beach had 2 chicks that they they were watching carefully. The pair who nested on the stack, who had 2, seem to have lost them as they have been seen together without them and showing no signs of having hidden them close by.



Sandwich Tern - Seen regularly feeding by the observatory. This one is molting out its black cap.

Arctic Tern - one seen 27th flying past with Sandwich Terns.
2 seen on rocks in Machrihanish Bay, one of them was carrying food but they didn't seem to have any chicks



Grey Heron - 2 seen by the observatory 27th.



Young **Wheatear** - several seen on 27th.



Roe Deer – Photographed while waiting for the Serin to re appear.

