

# Machrihanish Seabird Observatory

Warden - David Millward   Assistant Warden - Jo Goudie   Assistant Warden - Jason Brown

## Photo of the month

### Young Gannet

This year we have been pleased to see several young Gannet fishing. Avian Flu didn't get all the youngsters in 2023.

This looks like a 3 year old practicing his dive skills.

Photo  
**Jo Goudie**



---

## June Report 2025

June has been a tiring month for us as we have been busy working on the inside of the observatory. We approached the local builders merchants to see if they would help us with materials to complete the building we had constructed last year. We were lucky that both companies, Jewsons and Huws Grey agreed to help.

This meant we had enough materials to refurbish the inside of the old section as well as the new section. Myself and the warden got to work ripping off the old wall panels and taking out the old fiberglass and replacing it with new, modern insulation then paneled again with new plywood. A new consumer unit and new wiring were fitted by Archie Houston Electrical giving us a new, safe, working system. We worked for most of June on doing this so not a lot of watching was done, I am afraid.

We still have quite a bit to do but we are getting there. Just need the weather to improve.

Jo

**Contact the Observatory**  
**Mobile – 07737 985874**  
**E-mail – [jomitzi@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jomitzi@yahoo.co.uk)**  
**Website – [www.machrihanishbirdobservatory.org.uk](http://www.machrihanishbirdobservatory.org.uk)**  
**Facebook – [Machrihanish Seabird Observatory](#)**  
**Photos by Jo Goudie unless otherwise stated**



**Osprey**

**Osprey** – this magnificent bird flew past on the 1<sup>st</sup> June. He was being harassed by gulls but didn't seem particularly bothered.

**Peregrine Falcon** – flew through on the 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Black Guillemot** – 23<sup>rd</sup> – 1, 24<sup>th</sup> – 2.

**Guillemot** – 1<sup>st</sup> – 1, 3<sup>rd</sup> – 3, 23<sup>rd</sup> – 31, 24<sup>th</sup> – 12, 28<sup>th</sup> – 4.

**Razorbill** – 23<sup>rd</sup> – 3.

**Sanderling** – 3<sup>rd</sup> – 1.

**Common Sandpiper** – 24<sup>th</sup> – 1, 25<sup>th</sup> – 1, 28<sup>th</sup> – 1.

**Ringed Plover** – 1<sup>st</sup> – 3, 5<sup>th</sup> – 4, 23<sup>rd</sup> – 2, 24<sup>th</sup> – 1, 28<sup>th</sup> – 3.

**Turnstone** – 1<sup>st</sup> – 3.

**Kittiwake** – 3<sup>rd</sup> – 1.



**Curlew**

**Curlew** – 1<sup>st</sup> – 1, 23<sup>rd</sup> – 7, 24<sup>th</sup> – 10.



**Manx Shearwater**

**Manx Shearwater** – on the 23<sup>rd</sup> conditions were good for seeing Manxies. We had over 100 per hour and watched for over 3 hours. All were heading south. 27<sup>th</sup> – 7.

**Lesser Black Back Gull** – one seen on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Mediterranean Gull** – one seen June 20<sup>th</sup> by Roger Broad.

Med Gull with a small group of gulls which included GBBG, Herring and Common gulls resting on the beach at Machrihanish, NR6421 close to where the Trodugal Burn enters the sea on 20/06/25.



**Young Wheatear**

**Wheatear** – Seem to have had a very good success rate with small flocks of fledglings seen together.

**Red Throated Diver** – 23<sup>rd</sup> – 1, 24<sup>th</sup> – 1.

**Sandwich Tern** – 23<sup>rd</sup> – 1, 28<sup>th</sup> – 2.

**White wagtail** – 28<sup>th</sup> – 1.



**Mink**

The grey Mink made another appearance. Guess the traps are not working.



**Painted Lady**

**Painted Lady** – a few were seen around the obs during this month.