

Wise Birding Holidays

Bird and mammal watching tours



ISLES OF SCILLY: Autumn Birding Gold!

Monday 11th - Monday 18th October 2021

7 Wise Birding Clients

Leader: Will Wagstaff

HIGHLIGHTS OF TRIP

Red-rumped Swallow: An immature bird hawked above us for some time in the company of several Barn Swallows and House Martins for comparison.

Red-breasted Flycatcher: A very active bird showed well in pines on the Garrison.

Wryneck: One showed well, once we had worked out where it was feeding in the boulders, at the top of Great Porth on Bryher.

Great & Sooty Shearwaters, Great Skua, Puffin and Common Dolphins:

A super day out at sea to the west of the islands on a calm sunny day with good views of a variety of seabirds and a large pod of Common Dolphins.

Spotted Redshank: This Scilly rarity was feeding well on the Great Pool, Tresco.

Jack Snipe and Water Rail: Excellent views of on the Lower Moors trail, St Mary's.

Siberian Chiffchaff: Having heard a distant bird in song on Lower Moors we later had very good views with Common Chiffchaff nearby for comparison at Parting Carn.

Siskin: An invasion year for the species with birds seen and heard on every island. Flocks overhead and some feeding very close, totally oblivious to our presence.

Portuguese Man-of-War: Several seen at sea from the pelagic and we had chance to examine one of these peculiar creatures in close up on the shores of St Agnes.

Convolvulus Hawk Moth: One was resting on the wall of the school on St Agnes enabling us to see this huge moth at rest.

Blue Tit: This much sought after species eventually showed well on St Mary's!



View from St Mary's looking towards Tresco by Harry Cole

TOUR SUMMARY ISLES OF SCILLY: Autumn Birding Gold!

The Isles of Scilly have long been regarded as one of the best migration watch points in the UK with birds arriving from seemingly everywhere as can be seen by the islands bird list of over 430 species. Mid October is regarded as the optimum time to visit the islands, as there is the chance of migrants arriving from the east or west depending upon the prevailing weather systems. Along with the major rarities that the islands are famous for, it is also a great place to watch the wonders of bird migration unfurl.

This was the first year that we have run this tour and although it was not a classic rarity filled month there was still plenty to see! From the Red-rumped Swallow hawking for insects above us, to the energetic Red-breasted Flycatcher flitting about in the understory of the pine belt on the Garrison or the Wryneck hopping amongst the rocks at the top of the beach. A day at sea is always a leap into the unknown as who knows what is out there, but this year it was a lovely calm day with lots to see! Common Dolphins coming to ride in the bow wave to the excellent views of Great Skuas, Sooty Shearwaters and a Great Shearwater gliding across the bow.

We saw a total of 95 species of bird.

Plus 5 mammals, 9 butterflies, and 3 noteworthy moths on this tour.

DAY	DATE	ITINERARY
1	Mon 11th Oct	Arrive on St Mary's . Afternoon spent on the Garrison. Warm calm and sunny.
2	Tues 12th Oct	Walk to the quay via Buzz Hill. Day on Tresco . Warm calm and sunny.
3	Weds 13th Oct	A day at sea on the Pelagic trip west of the islands. A late afternoon walk around the Garrison. Warm calm and sunny.
4	Thurs 14th Oct	To the quay via the Carn Thomas area. Then a day spent on Bryher before a short walk up to the Garrison. Warm calm and sunny.
5	Fri 15th Oct	A day spent on St Mary's . Warm calm and sunny.
6	Sat 16th Oct	A walk along the east side of the Garrison to the quay. Then a day spent on St Martin's . Warm calm and sunny with a slight breeze
7	Sun 17th Oct	A walk to the quay via Buzz Hill and then the day on St Agnes .
8	Mon 18th Oct	The morning on St Mary's before catching the Scillonian back to the mainland in the afternoon. A wet start with thick fog all day.

Day 1: The Garrison, St Mary's.

Although small in area the Garrison has a wide variety of habitats that kept us occupied during the afternoon. Sandwich Terns and a Sparrowhawk were in Porth Cressa and we were soon introduced to the first of a great many Stonechats on the open heaths. A wander along 'Dead Pine Walk' proved worthwhile as we had views of a very obliging Spotted Flycatcher and less showy Pied Flycatcher. We commented at the time that it would be a good place to see a third species of flycatcher - little did we know what the future would bring. A Stock Dove perched in one of the pines was to be the only one we saw during the tour. A few Swallows were over the sports field as we crossed to look over the meadows on the far side where a Mistle Thrush landed

in front of us - not a common bird on Scilly. A small flock of Siskins zipped by, the forerunner of many we were to see during our time on Scilly. As we wandered back to the hotel at the end of the day a small flock of Turnstones were found on the beach, as was a lone Wheatear.

Day 2: Buzz Hill, St Mary's / Tresco

Having landed at New Grimsby on Tresco we headed up towards the Castle Down where we had a brief view of a Black Redstart. Thankfully the two we saw later at Dolphin Town and the one at New Grimsby showed much better. Small numbers of Meadow Pipits were flitting about the heath, some having been disturbed by the Merlin that zipped over the heather. A lone Pink-footed Goose caught our eye as did a large flock of Linnets all feeding in the field to the rear of Gimble Porth.

Following our lunch sat out in the warm sunshine we were joined by a male Blackcap and we headed to one of the hides overlooking the Great Pool. Here, we saw a Spotted Redshank actively feeding on the far shore and two more Pink-footed Geese were resting. A small group of Redshank and a Common Snipe were along the near shore. Out on the pool in with large numbers of Teal, Gadwall and Mallard we found a male Shoveler and a Pochard. The far end of the pool produced more Teal so we headed towards the Abbey Pool where a few Lesser Black-backed Gulls were still present and an immature Peregrine was flying over the south coast. Two Pale-bellied Brent Geese were feeding on the shore of Tresco Channel as we made our way to Carn Near to catch our boat back to St Mary's at the end of a bird filled day.

Day 3: Pelagic Trip/ Garrison

It was another glorious sunny day with little wind greeting us as we gathered on the 'Sapphire' to head out west. A lone Purple Sandpiper was with a few Turnstones on the Western Rocks and we were watched by several Atlantic Grey Seals. Once clear of the islands we soon encountered a widespread pod of Common Dolphins, some of which came to bow ride and it was not long before we had cracking views of a Great Skua as it flew over the boat. We continued west out past the Bishop Rock lighthouse and an area known as the Poll Bank until we were roughly five miles west of Scilly. From here we cruised north for a while where we saw three species of auk including Puffins looking very odd in their non-breeding plumage and more Great Skuas.

We encountered a few Manx Shearwaters sat on the sea as well as some Sooty Shearwaters giving great flight views. It seems that these were associating with feeding groups of Gannets, which is what had attracted us to these areas. Just as things were quietening down two Common Scoter flew by and then a very late Great Shearwater gave good views to either side of the boat as it crossed in front of us. One of the more surprising sights was the Chiffchaff that seemed determined to land on the boat, only to eventually give up and head towards the islands. Later in the trip we headed back towards a collection of rocks called the Crim before coming in close to the Bishop Rock Lighthouse where we had super views of a group of Purple Sandpipers mixed in with a larger group of Turnstones. Eventually it was time to return to the quay but not before we saw a small pod of Harbour Porpoise close to the Western Rocks as well as Mediterranean Gull, Kestrel and lots more seals.

Once back on St Mary's we had a short tea break before heading out for a look around the sections of the Garrison we had not yet explored. Two Blackcaps and the inevitable Stonechats were seen on the first part of the walk. From Morning Point we could compare three ages of Mediterranean Gull as they flew around below us and a Little Egret was feeding in Porth Cressa as we headed back to the hotel.

Day 4: Bryher

Two Sandwich Terns were seen in the harbour as we explored around the lifeboat station on our way to the quay for the short trip to the island of Bryher. We spent the morning at the south end of the island, often accompanied by at least one Kestrel, which probably accounted for the lack of static small birds, but at least the Stonechats sat still! A trio of Skylarks were with a group of Meadow Pipits at the back of Stony Porth where a large group of Ringed Plover and a lone Dunlin were roosting over the high tide with a flock of Oystercatchers. Three Greenshanks were also on the same island and an Atlantic Grey Seal stuck its head out to the north of the island.

Following lunch we managed to get good views of a Wryneck that gave us the run around for a while as it foraged in the large boulders at the top of the beach. Always such enigmatic birds! As was the story on most days small groups of Siskins would fly by calling, as did a flock of Redwing.

We had a look at the wonderfully named Stinking Porth and for a Bluethroat, but sadly the latter did not appear when we were present. We headed inland to some of the more sheltered areas where a Garden Warbler was giving us a good lesson on just how quiet subsong can be! Thankfully the Chiffchaffs in that area were more visible. We had time for a stop at a nearby café before catching the boat home. From the boat the two Pale-bellied Brent Geese were again seen feeding in Tresco Channel. Once back on St Mary's we headed up to an area we now knew quite well - the Garrison. This time to see a Red-breasted Flycatcher that was somewhat active to say the least. As Martin said "I have seen it twice properly but saw it move 31 times!" Therefore we had now seen three species of flycatcher in this small stretch of pines. Once everyone had seen the bird we headed back to the hotel on what felt like a warm summer's evening.

Day 5: St Mary's

One Sandwich Tern was roosting on the buoys in the harbour as we left Hugh Town heading for the Lower Moors Nature Trail. Here, we could hear a singing Siberian Chiffchaff and saw a few Common Chiffchaff. We spent a while in one of the hides and were rewarded with views of some roosting Common Snipe before a Black-tailed Godwit flew in and proceeded to feed, coming so close to the hide that it was out of view at times. Some movement on the far bank soon materialised as a Jack Snipe. It finally came out into view on the edge of the pool doing that bobbing motion that is peculiar to this species of snipe. We then had amazing views of it, and all the better for a bird that is often hard to see so well. The Grey Wagtail that came and went was almost ignored as the waders showed so well. A Spotted Flycatcher in the far trees didn't hang around long enough to be admired. A look around the overgrown field at the end of the Moors produced a Common Whitethroat before we headed toward the middle of St Marys via a Kestrel on the wires at Old Town and Parting Carn where a Black Redstart proved elusive hiding under a tractor.

After a lunch stop at the Longstone café we walked down through Holy Vale and Higher Moors to Porth Hellick. The beach area was obviously the place to hunt insects for the small groups of hirundines which included several Barn Swallows, two House Martins and an immature Red-rumped Swallow! We moved a little further along the bay to get the sun behind us where we had very good views of this rare bird. At the outer reaches of the bay a Whimbrel was roosting with a mixed flock of waders that included two Greenshanks and several Oystercatchers and Ringed Plovers.

Our route back towards Hugh Town took us along the coast path where we passed the only traffic lights on Scilly at the end of the Airport where three Golden Plover flew by. As we dropped down towards Old Town a Wheatear was on the path and a small pod of Harbour Porpoise could be seen offshore feeding in association with a group of Gannets. Following a brief café stop where the correct way to apply jam and cream was discussed we made our way home via the glamorously named Dump Clump!

Day 6: St Martin's

Although not as calm as recent days it was still warm and sunny as we landed at Lower Town on the western end of St Martin's. Our route for the first part of the morning took us along the south side of the island looking out over St Martin's Flats where a Curlew and a few Ringed Plover were feeding and a Redwing flew over Middle Town. Siskins were ever present and a Sparrowhawk flew by as we walked along the ridge of the island. Here, a lone Skylark headed west and a Painted Lady was by the Reading Room.

Following our lunch stop we headed back to the northern side of the island where Scott's sharp eyes picked out a Common Sandpiper feeding in the bay below. We next visited the sheltered side of the pines at Middle Town again and were rewarded by views of Spotted, Pied Flycatcher and three Blackcaps. A pair of Raven were displaying over Higher Town where we stopped for a tea break. This was well timed as a Black Redstart was in the field behind. There were far more Siskins at this end of the island with some fields containing small flocks and some very tame individuals. A small flock of Sanderling were roosting on the rocks near the island as we headed towards the quay. Our return boat trip from Higher Town and was marked by two Mediterranean Gulls shortly after we had left the quay.

Day 7: St Agnes

A wander around Buzzza Hill looking down into Porth Cressa was rewarded with a view of two Greenshanks, a Mediterranean Gull and a female Common Scoter in the outer reaches of the bay. It is only a short boat trip to St Agnes where we were soon watching some Curlews and a Grey Heron in the first of the bays that typify the western side of the island. A Siskin was so busy feeding on the ground that it seemed to ignore us completely. A scattering of waders and gulls were on Periglis including Ringed Plover and Lesser Black-backed Gulls. The Big Pool contained two male Teal and we found a Rush Veneer Moth in the margins of the pool as we headed towards the famous ice cream shop. The weather was like summer so an ice cream seemed appropriate! It was a good day for *Lepidoptera* as we saw a Painted Lady near the Lighthouse and a Convolvulus Hawk Moth resting on the junior school window - a very impressive beast before we headed for lunch. As we did so, one of the pines seemed to be full of Chiffchaffs as they were flycatching in the sunshine.

A large Portuguese Man-of-War was washed up on the Gugh Bar which gave us an opportunity to look at this strange creature before we continued around Cove Vean and out onto Wingletang Down. This very different part of the island contained some flowering Yellow-horned Poppies and a Wheatear on the west side of the headland. It was then time to head for the boat which we did via an area where a Yellow-browed Warbler had been seen earlier but again we were unlucky - so near but so far!

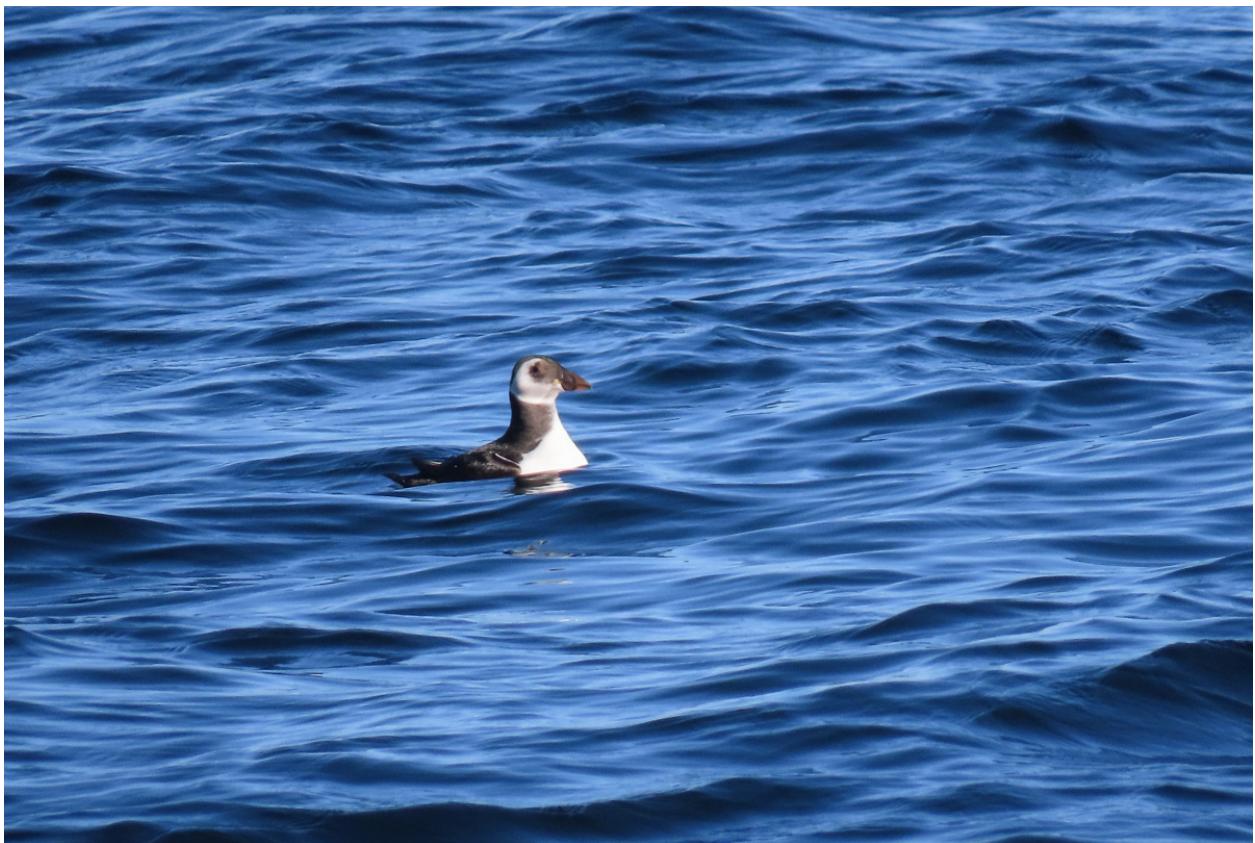
Day 8: St Mary's and back to the Mainland

The weather had changed considerably today which was a surprise after so many days of warm sunny weather. We set off in some rather sharp showers, which thankfully didn't last long, though it stayed foggy all day but it was still warm. Porth Mellon was the first beach we stopped at and a Black Redstart perched on a boat with a backdrop of Turnstones and Sanderling. Porth Loo contained three Dunlin, two Sanderlings, a Curlew and two Little Egrets. A Sparrowhawk flew low over the Lower Moors trail where we also heard a singing Cetti's Warbler and saw some Chiffchaffs. We had another look from the hide on Lower Moors and were rewarded this time with excellent views of a Water Rail as it crept around the edge of the pool. We also saw a mixed flock of Blue Tits and Great Tits!

A Swallow flew over the lower end of the trail as we left and headed out of Old Town to Parting Carn where the blue tractor again proved to be a Black Redstart magnet! This time there was a very fine male perched on it this morning. A nearby bush contained a Siberian Chiffchaff and Common Chiffchaff, which gave us a good chance to compare the two. A Sparrowhawk flew over our lunchtime spot at Longstone before it was time to head back to Hugh Town to get ready to catch the Scillonian back to the mainland for the conclusion of the tour.



Purple Sandpiper on Bishop Rock, Western Rocks 13th Oct by Will Wagstaff



Puffin from pelagic trip 13th Oct by Will Wagstaff



Portuguese Man-of-War from pelagic trip on 13th Oct by Will Wagstaff

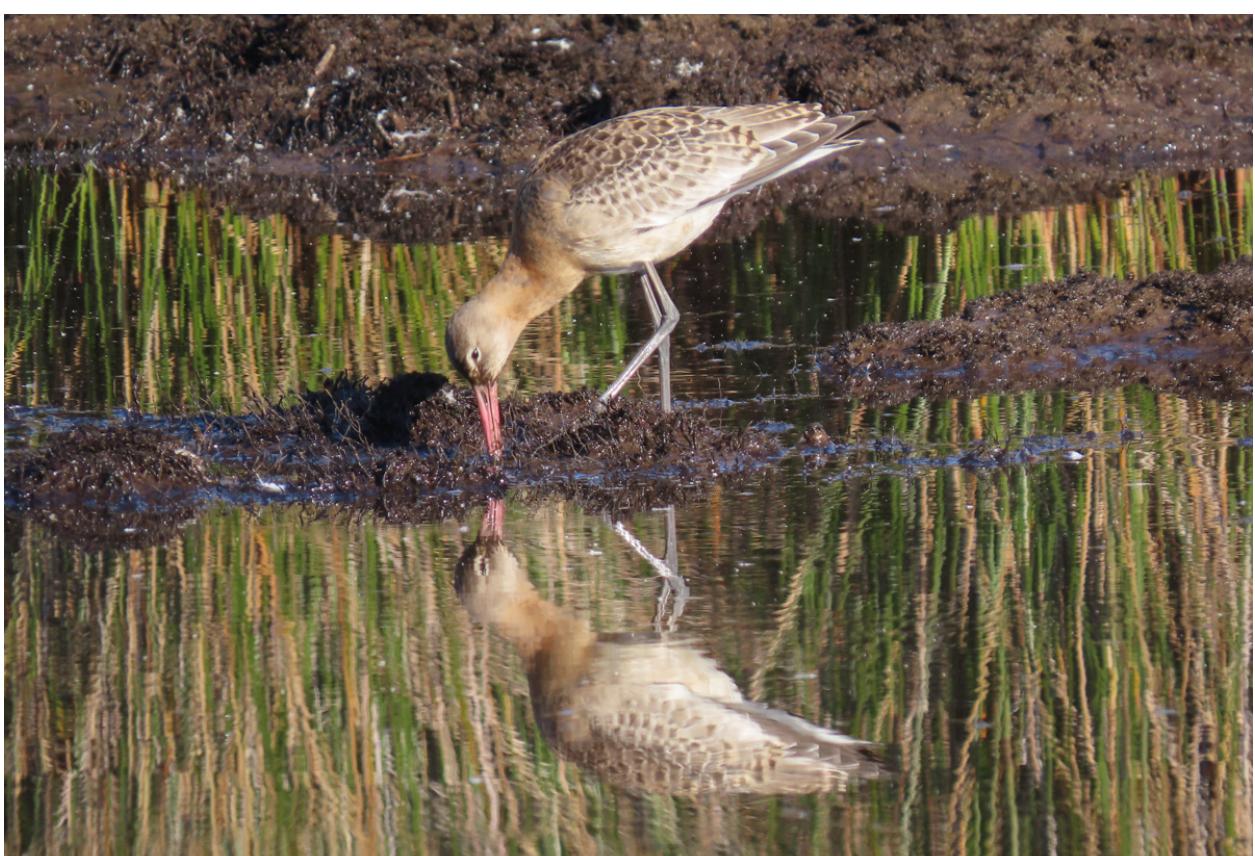


Bishop Rock Lighthouse by Will Wagstaff (above) and Harry Cole (below)





Jack Snipe, St Mary's 15th Oct by Will Wagstaff



Black-tailed Godwit, St Mary's 15th Oct by Will Wagstaff



Group at lunchtime on St Martin's, 16th Oct by Will Wagstaff



Convolvulus Hawk-Moth, St Agnes 17th Oct by Will Wagstaff



Turnstones and Purple Sandpipers, Western Rocks 13th Oct by Harry Cole



Atlantic Grey Seals, 13th Oct by Harry Cole



Great Skua at sea, 13th Oct by Harry Cole



Sooty Shearwater at sea, 13th Oct by Harry Cole



Wryneck on Bryher, 14th Oct by Harry Cole



Portuguese Man-of-War by Harry Cole



View towards Round Island Lighthouse by Harry Cole

Conservation Donation – Following this tour to the Isles of Scilly a donation of £150 was donated to the Isles of Scilly Bird Group.

The Isles of Scilly Bird Group is a charity that carry out local birdwatching and conservation activities across the archipelago. They aim to inspire people of all ages to enjoy the stunning wildlife of the islands, share their sightings and experiences, and to help by carrying out targeted conservation work.

They also produce the annual Isles of Scilly Bird and Natural History Review.

You can find out more about their work by visiting:www.scilly-birding.co.uk/about-us/

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Bird Taxonomy: IOC International Ornithological Congress

Mammal Taxonomy: IUCN International Union for Conservation of Nature

Bird Total: 95 species seen.

Mammal Total: 5 species seen.

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#	Species Name	Scientific Name	Notes
1	Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>	Small numbers seen on Tresco on 12th
2	Brent Goose	<i>Branta bernicula hrota</i>	Two of the Pale bellied race were in Tresco Channel on 12th and 14th
3	Pink-footed Goose	<i>Anser brachyrhynchus</i>	One was in Gimble Porth, Tresco on 12th when two were on the Great Pool, Tresco on 12th and over Bryher on 14th.
4	Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>	The pair with three young were seen on the Great Pool, Tresco on 12th.
5	Northern Shoveler	<i>Spatula clypeata</i>	A male was on the Great Pool, Tresco on 12th
6	Gadwall	<i>Mareca strepera</i>	Thirty plus were on the pools on Tresco on 12th
7	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	Twenty plus were on the pools on Tresco on 12th and six plus were on St Mary's on 15th
8	Eurasian Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>	Fifty plus were on Tresco on 12th and two males were on St Agnes on 17th,
9	Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>	An immature male was on the Great Pool, Tresco on 12th
10	Common Scoter	<i>Melanitta nigra</i>	Two males flew past on the pelagic trip on 13th and a female was in Porth Cressa, St Mary's on 17th
11	Stock Dove	<i>Columba oenas</i>	One was on the Garrison, St Mary's on 11th.
12	Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	Very common, seen daily on all islands
13	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	Common, noted on all islands
14	Water Rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>	Birds were heard calling on three dates with one showing well in Lower Moors, St Mary's on 18th.
15	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	Common Tresco with smaller numbers noted on pools elsewhere on four dates
16	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	Common on Tresco on 12th
17	Eurasian Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>	Common on all the shores of all islands
18	European Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis apricaria</i>	Three flew over St Mary's Airfield on 15th
19	Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	Seen on four dates on sandy beaches with the largest flock being 120+ on Bryher on 14th
20	Eurasian Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	One was at Porth Hellick, St Mary's on 15th with another heard on St Martin's on 16th.
21	Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>	Small numbers were noted on six dates with a maximum of nine on St Agnes on 17th.
22	Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>	One showed exceptionally well from the hide on Lower Moors, St Mary's on 15th.
23	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	Seen in small flocks on seven dates in groups of up to thirty in number
24	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>	Thirty plus were on St Martin's on 16th with two on St Agnes on 17th and eight on St Mary's on 18th
25	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>	One was on Bryher on 14th and three on St Mary's on 18th
26	Purple Sandpiper	<i>Calidris maritima</i>	At least eight showed well in the Western Rocks and at the Bishop Rock Lighthouse on 13th.
27	Jack Snipe	<i>Lymnocryptes minimus</i>	One showed very well from the hide on Lower Moors on 15th
28	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	One was on Tresco on 12th; five were in Lower Moors on 15th and one flew up from the track on St Martin's on 16th.
29	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	Scott's sharp eyes picked one out in Porth Seal, St Martin's on 16th
30	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>	Five were on the Great Pool, Tresco on 12th
31	Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>	This good Scilly rarity was seen on the Great Pool, Tresco on 12th
32	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	One or two were in Porth Cressa, St Mary's on 3 dates with a further three roosting on Bryher on 14th.
33	Black-legged Kittiwake	<i>Rissa tridactyla</i>	Three were seen from the pelagic trip on 13th
34	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>	Seen in small numbers on a daily basis
35	Mediterranean Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus melanocephalus</i>	Up to three were noted on five dates giving us good chances to examine the various ages present
36	Great Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus marinus</i>	Seen daily around the islands
37	European Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	Common on all islands
38	Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>	Up to four were noted on five dates
39	Sandwich Tern	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>	Three were in Porth Cressa, St Mary's on 11th with two in the Harbour on 14th and one there on 15th.
40	Great Skua	<i>Stercorarius skua</i>	At least four were noted on the Pelagic trip on 13th, one of which flew right over the boat
41	Guillemot	<i>Uria aalge</i>	Four were seen from the pelagic trip on 13th all in non-breeding plumage

42	Razorbill	<i>Alca torda</i>	Up to eight were seen from the Pelagic trip on 13th and all were in non breeding plumage
43	Atlantic Puffin	<i>Fratercula arctica</i>	Three were seen on 13th from the pelagic trip- all looking very different to their brightly coloured breeding plumage as all had dark faces and bills.
44	Sooty Shearwater	<i>Ardenna grisea</i>	Five were noted from the Pelagic trip on 13th, some flying quite close to the boat
45	Great Shearwater	<i>Ardenna gravis</i>	One flew past the boat from the Pelagic trip on 13th - a very good record this late in the year
46	Manx Shearwater	<i>Puffinus puffinus</i>	Up to twelve were seen from the pelagic trip on 13th, many resting on the sea.
47	Northern Gannet	<i>Morus bassana</i>	Seen offshore daily, occasionally in large groups plus many seen from the pelagic trip
48	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	Seen daily in small numbers, often on offshore rocks
49	European Shag	<i>Gulosus aristotelis</i>	Common on all islands, largest numbers noted near St Agnes on 17th.
50	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	Between two and four seen around the shores of all islands
51	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	Six were in Tresco Channel on 12th with three there on 14th. Between one and two were on St Mary's on three dates
52	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	Singles were noted on four dates plus two were on St Mary's on 18th
53	Eurasian Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>	One eventually showed well in the rocks at the top of Great Par, Bryher on 14th.
54	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	One to two were noted on six dates, mostly immatures.
55	Merlin	<i>Falco columbarius</i>	An immature male whizzed across Castle Down, Tresco on 12th.
56	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	An immature flew past the southern end of Tresco on 12th
57	Carriion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>	Common on all islands. Often in family groups
58	Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	A pair were seen displaying over St Martin's on 16th
59	Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>	This much sought after species was seen on three dates with four on St Mary's on 18th being the highest count
60	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	Seen and heard in low numbers on seven dates
61	Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>	Three were on Bryher on 14th and one flew over St Martin's on 16th
62	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	A surprisingly scarce species with three over the Garrison on 11th, six plus at Porth Hellick on 15th and one over Lower Moors, St Mary's on 18th
63	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	Two were with the mixed hirundine flock at Porth Hellick, St Mary's on 15th
64	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>	An immature showed well, whizzing around above us with the other hirundines at Porth Hellick on 15th
65	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>	The distinctive song of this species was heard on Lower Moors, St Mary's on 18th
66	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	One to three were noted on four dates plus at least eight were on St Agnes on 17th. One flew around the boat when we were on the pelagic trip, a good mile or so west of the islands.
67	Siberian Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus (collybita) tristis</i>	On St Mary's one was heard singing in Lower Moors on 15th and one showed well at Parting Carn in the same bush as a nominate Chiffchaff on 18th
68	Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	Scarce this year with singles seen on Tresco on 12th, two on the Garrison on 13th and three on St Martin's on 16th
69	Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>	One was giving sub-song on Bryher on 14th
70	Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>	One was in the Standing Stones Field, St Mary's on 15th.
71	Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>	Small numbers were noted on all islands, with a few seen but most heard
72	Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	Very common, and despite not singing much at this time of year were noted on all islands
73	Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	Common in small flocks on all islands
74	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	We saw relatively few of this common species but were noted on each island.
75	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>	The one on the Garrison on 11th was a good sighting of a scarce species on Scilly
76	Redwing	<i>Turdus iliacus</i>	Twelve plus on Bryher on 14th was the first sign of any reaching Scilly after which we saw six on St Mary's on 15th and one on St Martin's on 16th.
77	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	Common on all islands and most habitats
78	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>	Singles were seen on St Mary's on 11th and 15th and on St Martin's on 16th
79	European Robin	<i>Erythacus rubecula</i>	Very common, noted on all islands in most habitats including at the top of some beaches
80	Red-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula parva</i>	A very active bird showed well on the Garrison on 14th
81	European Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>	One was on the Garrison on 11th and one was on St Martin's on 16th
82	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>	Four were on Tresco on 12th followed by singles on St Mary's on 15th and St Martin's on 16th and two were on St Mary's on 18th including a very smart male at Parting Carn
83	European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>	This species seemed to be following us around, as we saw them with great regularity on all islands with a max count of 12+ on Tresco on 12th.

84	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	Singles were on St Mary's on 11th and 15th and on St Agnes on 17th
85	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	Common on all islands and extremely bold around the islands cafes!
86	Dunnock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>	Widespread in small numbers on all islands
87	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	Singles were seen and heard on five dates on all islands
88	Pied/White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	One to two seen daily with good examples of both White and Pied seen during the tour
89	Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>	Common in small groups on all grassland areas on all islands
90	European Rock Pipit	<i>Anthus petrosus</i>	Seen around the shores of all islands but never numerous
91	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	Seen on five dates with a maximum of ten on St Martin's on 16th
92	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>	Seen on five dates but never numerous apart from 20+ seen on St Martin's on 16th
93	Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>	Eighty plus were in one flock on Tresco on 12th after which up to three were noted on four dates
94	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	Small numbers noted on all days except on pelagic with a max of 10+ on Tresco on 12th.
95	Eurasian Siskin	<i>Spinus spinus</i>	Seen on all days except 13th with a max of 60+ on St Martin's on 16th. Some birds showing very well as they fed on the ground only feet from us.
# Mammals			
1	Common Dolphin	<i>Delphinus delphis</i>	At least 40+ were in a widespread pod west of the Bishop Rock from the Pelagic trip on 13th
2	Harbour Porpoise	<i>Phocoena phocoena</i>	6+ were seen in the Western Rocks from the pelagic on 13th and 5+ were seen from St Mary's on 15th
3	Atlantic Grey Seal	<i>Halichoerus grypus</i>	Small numbers seen offshore on three dates with many seen in the Western Rocks on 13th
4	Common Rabbit	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	Noted on three dates
5	Lesser White-toothed Shrew	<i>Crocidura sauveolens</i>	A dead one was found on Tresco on 12th
# Butterflies & Moths			
1	Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>	Common
2	Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>	One on Tresco on 12th
3	Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>	Seen in small numbers on four dates
4	Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>	Singles were on St Martins on 16th and St Agnes on 17th
5	Peacock	<i>Aglais io</i>	Seen daily in all habitats as they passed through on their way south
6	Speckled Wood	<i>Parage aegeria insula</i>	The local race <i>insula</i> was widespread around the islands with some very fresh individuals on the wing
7	Meadow Brown	<i>Maniola jurtina</i>	A very late flying individual was on the Garrison on 11th
8	Small Copper	<i>Lucaena phlaeas</i>	Three were on Bryher on 14th and one on St Mary's on 15th
9	Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>	One was on Tresco on 12th
10	Convolvulus Hawk-moth	<i>Agrius convolvuli</i>	One was on the school wall on St Agnes on 17th
11	Lunar Underwing	<i>Omphaloscelis lunosa</i>	One was on the Garrison on 11th
12	Rush Veneer	<i>Nomophila noctuella</i>	One was on St Agnes on 17th
# Other Fauna			
1	Portuguese Man-of-War	<i>Physalia physalis</i>	At least six were seen on the pelagic trip on 13th and one was washed up on the Bar at St Agnes on 17th
2	Common Darter	<i>Sympetrum striolatum</i>	Four were on the Higher Moors Nature Trail, St Mary's on 15th

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