

Checklist to the Birds of the Outer Hebrides

The list contains 413 species and includes all the birds known to have occurred in a wild state up to April 2024. The species highlighted below have been recorded no more than ten times up until April 2024; some of these are extreme vagrants to the UK.

Species		
Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>	Common resident in Uist / Benbecula, scarce in Harris / Lewis.
Whooper Swan	<i>Cygnus cygnus</i>	Common passage and winter visitor; rare breeder.
Bewick's Swan	<i>Cygnus columbianus</i>	Last record 1998.
Snow Goose	<i>Anser caerulescens</i>	Scarce winter / passage visitor.
Greenland White-fronted Goose European White-fronted Goose	<i>Anser albifrons flavirostris</i> <i>Anser albifrons albifrons</i>	Greenland birds are a declining winter visitor whilst European white-fronts are rare visitors.
Lesser White-fronted Goose	<i>Anser erythropus</i>	One record in 2001.
Tundra Bean Goose	<i>Anser serrirostris</i>	An influx in 2011/12 includes first records for the islands.
Taiga Bean Goose	<i>Anser fabalis</i>	Rare visitor (as species above).
Pink-footed Goose	<i>Anser brachyrhynchus</i>	Common passage visitor and over-winters in small numbers.
Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>	Common resident with current population is around 10,000 individuals.
Canada Goose	<i>Branta canadensis</i>	Genuinely wild birds are rare but occasionally turn up in winter and on spring passage.
Cackling Goose	<i>Branta hutchinsii</i>	A rare but regular winter visitor and passage migrant amongst Barnacle Geese.
Barnacle Goose	<i>Branta leucopsis</i>	Around 7,000 birds winter in North Uist where it is increasing; also a common passage migrant.
Pale-bellied Brent Goose Dark-bellied Brent Goose Black Brant	<i>Branta bernicla hrota</i> <i>Branta bernicla bernicla</i> <i>Branta bernicla nigricans</i>	Pale-bellied are common on passage and small numbers over-winter whilst dark-bellied is a rare visitor. There are 2 records of Black Brants; both in 2012.
Red-breasted Goose	<i>Branta ruficollis</i>	One record in North Uist, Oct. 2022

	Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>	Common in Uist and Benbecula.
	Mandarin	<i>Aix galericulata</i>	8 records between 1995 and 2018.
	Wigeon	<i>Anas penelope</i>	Common winter visitor and regular breeder in Uist and Benbecula.
	American Wigeon	<i>Anas americana</i>	First Scottish record was here in 1907. Now regular in very small numbers in winter and has possibly attempted to breed.
	Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>	Uncommon resident and migrant; breeds in Uist in small numbers.
	Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>	Common winter visitor and breeding species.
	Green-winged Teal	<i>Anas carolinensis</i>	A scarce but regular visitor.
	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	Common breeder and winter visitor.
	Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>	Uncommon migrant and winter visitor; has bred.
	Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>	Uncommon migrant and scarce breeder.
	Blue-winged Teal	<i>Spatula discors</i>	Rare visitor from America; last recorded 2020.
	Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>	Resident and passage migrant, breeds in small numbers in Uist.
	Red-crested Pochard	<i>Netta rufina</i>	Very rare with 1 seen between 1985 and 1992 and another in 2011.
	Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>	A declining visitor, just about recorded every year in small numbers.
	Ring-necked Duck	<i>Aythya collaris</i>	A regular, scarce visitor from America.
	Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fulligula</i>	Common breeder and winter visitor.
	Scaup	<i>Aythya marila</i>	Uncommon winter visitor and passage migrant.
	Lesser Scaup	<i>Aythya affinis</i>	Rare but apparently becoming more regular in recent years.
	Eider	<i>Somateria mollissima</i>	Common resident.
	King Eider	<i>Somateria spectabilis</i>	At least 9 records between 1979 and 2023.
	Steller's Eider	<i>Polysticta stelleri</i>	A long-staying drake in South Uist, 1972 – 1984 was apparently accompanied by 2 females in 1974.

	Harlequin Duck	<i>Histrionicus histrionicus</i>	There are five records from 1931, 2004, 2007, 2013 and 2023.
	Long-tailed Duck	<i>Clangula hyemalis</i>	Common winter visitor.
	Common Scoter	<i>Melanitta nigra</i>	Localised winter visitor and passage migrant.
	Surf Scoter	<i>Melanitta perspicillata</i>	Regular but scarce winter visitor and passage migrant.
	Velvet Scoter	<i>Melanitta fusca</i>	Scarce visitor, occasionally over-wintering in small numbers.
	Bufflehead	<i>Bucephala albeola</i>	3 records from 1980, 2004 and 2007.
	Goldeneye	<i>Bucephala clangula</i>	Fairly common winter visitor.
	Hooded Merganser	<i>Lophodytes cucullatus</i>	3 records; North Uist, 2000, St. Kilda, 2018 and South Uist, 2023
	Smew	<i>Mergellus albellus</i>	Around 7 records between 1975 and 2005 (the last).
	Red-breasted Merganser	<i>Mergus serator</i>	Common resident breeder.
	Goosander	<i>Mergus merganser</i>	Uncommon visitor with most records from Lewis.
	Ruddy Duck	<i>Oxyura jamaicensis</i>	10 records between 1987 and 2002.
	Red Grouse	<i>Lagopus lagopus scotica</i>	Quite widespread on moorland although often secretive.
	Ptarmigan	<i>Lagopus muta</i>	Thought to have become extinct in the early 20 th Century although reported on 1977 and 2001 from Harris.
	Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>	Scarce summer visitor that probably occasionally breeds.
	Corncrake	<i>Crex crex</i>	Summer visitor, commonest in Uist and Barra.
	Red-throated Diver	<i>Gavia stellata</i>	Seen year round with many small lochs holding breeding pairs.
	Black-throated Diver	<i>Gavia arctica</i>	Scarce breeding species; local in winter.
	Great Northern Diver	<i>Gavia immer</i>	Common winter visitor with some remaining throughout the summer.
	White-billed Diver	<i>Gavia adamsii</i>	A scarce but regular visitor from Oct. / Nov. – May.
	Black-browed Albatross	<i>Thalassarche melanophris</i>	2 records with 1 off St. Kilda, 2002 and a returning bird to Sula Sgeir, 2005 –

			2007.
	Fulmar	<i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>	A common breeding species on coast although declining in peripheral areas.
	Zino's/ Fea's/ Desertas Petrel	<i>Pterodroma madeira/ feae/ deserta</i>	1 from Lewis in 2007.
	Cory's Shearwater	<i>Calonectris borealis</i>	Rare passage seabird.
	Great Shearwater	<i>Puffinus gravis</i>	Rare on passage most years although an exceptional influx occurred in 2007.
	Sooty Shearwater	<i>Ardenna grisea</i>	Mostly a late summer / autumn visitor in varying numbers.
	Barolo's/ Boyd's/ Audobon.s Shearwater	<i>Puffinus/ boydi/ baroli/ lherminieri</i>	1 was seen off South Uist in 2018 and another off Lewis in 1990.
	Manx Shearwater	<i>Puffinus puffinus</i>	Common visitor from spring to autumn.
	Balearic Shearwater	<i>Puffinus mauretanicus</i>	A rare visitor in late summer.
	Wilson's Petrel	<i>Oceanites oceanicus</i>	Single birds were seen in 1988 and 2005.
	Storm Petrel	<i>Hydrobates pelagicus</i>	Summer visitor and breeding species.
	Leach's Petrel	<i>Oceanodroma leucorhoa</i>	Breeds on St. Kilda but mostly seen after autumn gales from the west.
	Pied-billed Grebe	<i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>	Four records; 1983 – 1985, 1999, 2012, 2013/14.
	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	Common in Uist and Benbecula, uncommon in Lewis.
	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>	A rare visitor.
	Red-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps grisegena</i>	A scarce visitor, more regular than above species.
	Slavonian Grebe	<i>Podiceps auritus</i>	Fairly common winter visitor.
	Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>	7 between 1982 and 2023.
	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>	Three records; 1974, 1991 and 2010.
	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	Two records with birds in 1998 and 2012.
	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	One in 1910 was the only one until a surge of records since 2010.
	Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>	8 records with the last in 2020.
	Bittern	<i>Botaurus stellaris</i>	Five records between 1874 and 1917; last one in 1962.
	American Bittern	<i>Botaurus lentiginosus</i>	Two records with one in 1932 and one in 2019.

	Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>	One record in 2004.
	Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	One in 1896 and nine between 1987 and 2017. An influx in 2023.
	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>	Recorded in 1913 and 2023.
	Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	Rare but apparently increasing in regularity.
	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	A regular visitor in small numbers in recent years with most birds in late autumn, winter and spring.
	Great White Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	Rare.
	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	Fairly common breeding species.
	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	Five records; 1980, 1992, 1997, 2011 and 2019.
	Gannet	<i>Morus bassanus</i>	Very common in summer; abundant breeder on St. Kilda. Scarce in winter but becoming more regular.
	Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	Common resident.
	Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i>	Common pelagic bird seen around the coasts.
	Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	Scarce but regular visitor with birds occasionally over-summering.
	Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>	Four records include singles in 1898, 1988, 1989 and 1991.
	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	Singles in 1976, 2002 and 2013 with two in 2016.
	Red Kite	<i>Milvus milvus</i>	Just eight records between 1992 and 2018.
	White-tailed Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>	Exterminated around 1910 but now well established and increasing.
	Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	Scarce visitor.
	Hen Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>	Around 40 pairs are in Uist and Benbecula whilst a few also nest in Lewis.
	Northern Harrier	<i>Circus hudsonius</i>	A single record from Lewis in 2011.
	Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>	Recorded in 1996 and 1997.
	Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>	Four records in total with birds in 1887, 2005, 2009 and 2015.
	Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	Regular breeder in plantations / gardens and passage migrant.
	Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	Common resident.
	Rough-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo lagopus</i>	A rare autumn / winter

			visitor.
	Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>	In the last National Survey in 2015, 100 pairs were found in the islands.
	Water Rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>	A regular winter visitor but also a breeding species. The secretive behaviour clouds their real abundance.
	Spotted Crake	<i>Porzana porzana</i>	A scarce summer visitor that is very elusive.
	Sora	<i>Porzana carolina</i>	One was in Ness, 1913. A very rare visitor from North America.
	Allen's Gallinule	<i>Porphyrio alleni</i>	One was found dead on St. Kilda in March 2017.
	Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	Resident but uncommon.
	Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	A declining species that breeds on Benbecula in dwindling numbers; otherwise a scarce winter visitor.
	American Coot	<i>Fulica americana</i>	Four records, South Uist 2004, Benbecula 2005, North Uist 2014/15 and 2016/17.
	Crane	<i>Grus grus</i>	Scarce but regular visitor; mostly in spring but has over-summered.
	Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>	Common resident breeder. Very common in the summer months and on passage.
	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	2 together in South Uist in July 1990.
	Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>	At least 8 records, sometimes involving pairs. Bred unsuccessfully in 2020.
	Stone Curlew	<i>Burhinus oedicephalus</i>	One in Ness in 2014.
	Oriental Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>	One was collected from the Flannans in July 1908.
	Black-winged Pratincole	<i>Glareola nordmanni</i>	One in Ness, August 2012.
	Little-ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>	Just three records with birds in 1908, 1977 and 2005.
	Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	Common breeding and wintering species; very common in migration.
	Semipalmated Plover	<i>Charadrius semipalmatus</i>	One in South Uist, September 2012.
	Killdeer	<i>Charadrius vociferus</i>	Six records of this rare trans-Atlantic wader: South

			Uist 1983/84, Barra 1990, North Uist 1991, 2004/05 and 2008; Lewis 2009.
	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>	Two records with one overwintering on the South Ford, 2007/08 and another Berneray, May 2017.
	Greater Sandplover	<i>Charadrius leschenaultii</i>	One at Stinky Bay in Benbecula, June 2012.
	Dotterel	<i>Charadrius morinellus</i>	A regular spring passage migrant in small numbers; rare in the autumn.
	American Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis dominica</i>	A scarce migrant, mainly in the autumn but there are also a few spring records.
	Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>	Vagrant from Far East.
	Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis apricaria</i>	Common throughout the year although very common on passage.
	Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	Winters in a few locations in Uist; fairly rare in Lewis.
	Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>	Common resident and winter visitor.
	Grey-headed Lapwing	<i>Vanellus cinereus</i>	One at Paible, North Uist, May 2023.
	Knot	<i>Calidris canutus</i>	Winter visitor and passage migrant.
	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>	Very common winter visitor in Uist and Benbecula; a few birds over-summer.
	Semipalmated Sandpiper	<i>Calidris pusilla</i>	A rare visitor from North America recorded virtually annually for the last 10 years.
	Western Sandpiper	<i>Calidris mauri</i>	One record in North Uist in 2016.
	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>	Passage migrant in both spring and autumn in variable numbers but generally uncommon.
	Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>	Very rare passage migrant.
	Least Sandpiper	<i>Calidris minutilla</i>	One records from Lewis in October 2007.
	White-rumped Sandpiper	<i>Calidris fuscicollis</i>	Scarce visitor from America; mostly seen in autumn although has been seen in spring too. An influx in 2019 involved between 20 – 30 individuals.
	Baird's Sandpiper	<i>Calidris bairdii</i>	Rare autumn visitor from America.

	Pectoral Sandpiper	<i>Calidris melanotos</i>	Scarce visitor from America; mostly in the autumn although has been seen in spring.
	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>	Spring and autumn passage migrant.
	Stilt Sandpiper	<i>Calidris himantopus</i>	Juveniles in Sept. 2008 at Ardvule, South Uist and Loch Paible, North Uist Oct. 2023
	Purple Sandpiper	<i>Calidris maritima</i>	Fairly common winter visitor, especially Uist and Benbecula.
	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>	Common throughout the year although abundant on passage.
	Broad-billed Sandpiper	<i>Limicola falcinellus</i>	Five records with birds in 1983, 1993, 2002, 2012 and 2023.
	Buff-breasted Sandpiper	<i>Tryngites subruficollis</i>	Scarce visitor from America, mainly in the autumn.
	Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>	Mainly a passage migrant, commoner in the autumn although many have tried to breed recently in Uist.
	Jack Snipe	<i>Lymnocyptes minimus</i>	Passage and winter visitor.
	Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	Common breeding species that is very common on passage.
	Great Snipe	<i>Gallinago media</i>	Four old records: 1904, 1910, 1933 and 1951.
	Long-billed Dowitcher	<i>Limnodromus scolopaceus</i>	A rare visitor from America seen in both spring and autumn.
	Woodcock	<i>Scolopax rusticola</i>	Winter visitor that can be quite common although elusive.
	Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>	Common passage migrant.
	Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>	Common winter visitor with some over-summering in Uist.
	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus phaeopus</i>	Whimbrel is a common passage migrant in the spring with a declining and scarce breeding population. Rarely over-winters.
	Hudsonian Whimbrel	<i>Numenius hudsonicus</i>	There are 2 accepted records of this American wader from South Uist, September 2009 and St. Kilda 2019.

	Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>	Fairly common throughout the year.
	Upland Sandpiper	<i>Bartramia longicauda</i>	Vagrant from North America with two records; St. Kilda, April 1980 and Benbecula, October 2005.
	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	Common summer visitor.
	Spotted Sandpiper	<i>Actitis macularius</i>	Rare with records in at least 6 years.
	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>	A scarce migrant.
	Solitary Sandpiper	<i>Tringa solitaria</i>	A vagrant from America with 3 records: North Uist, October 1990, Lewis, October 2003 and St. Kilda, August 2007.
	Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>	A scarce passage migrant; has over-wintered although rare.
	Greater Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa melanoleuca</i>	Vagrant from America with 3 records: South Uist, August 1978, Benbecula 1999/2000 and St. Kilda, April/May 2002.
	Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	Fairly common breeding species with many over-wintering.
	Lesser Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa flavipes</i>	A rarity from America recorded in both spring and autumn.
	Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>	Rarity from eastern Europe and Asia with two records from North Uist, October 1994 and 2013/14.
	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	A scarce passage migrant that has attempted to breed.
	Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>	Common breeder, resident and migrant species.
	Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	Very common in winter and on passage with small numbers over-summering.
	Wilson's Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus tricolor</i>	Three records of this North American wader in 2005, 2008 and 2022.
	Red-necked Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>	A rare breeding species with a handful of pairs; also a scarce migrant.
	Grey Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus fulicarius</i>	Uncommon autumn migrant with occasional winter records after storms.
	Ivory Gull	<i>Pagophila eburnea</i>	A rare visitor from the

			Arctic in winter.
	Sabine's Gull	<i>Xema sabini</i>	A scarce passage migrant during gales in autumn and rarely in spring.
	Kittiwake	<i>Rissa tridactyla</i>	A rapidly declining breeding species. Also seen in numbers passing on migration.
	Bonaparte's Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus philadelphia</i>	A rarity from America that can occur at any time of year.
	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>	Common breeding species that can be uncommon in winter.
	Little Gull	<i>Hydrocoloeus minutus</i>	Uncommon passage migrant.
	Ross's Gull	<i>Rhodostethia rosea</i>	There are three records from 1976, 1993 and 1994.
	Laughing Gull	<i>Leucophaeus atricilla</i>	A rare visitor from North America.
	Franklin's Gull	<i>Leucophaeus pipixcan</i>	Two records of this rare American visitor from South Uist, August 1985 and Lewis, August 2018.
	Mediterranean Gull	<i>Ichthyætus melanocephalus</i>	An uncommon visitor first recorded in 2001.
	Common Gull	<i>Larus canus</i>	A common species throughout the year.
	Ring-billed Gull	<i>Larus delawarensis</i>	This American gull was first recorded here in 1981 from when records rose to a high in 2004 although it has now become much rarer once more.
	Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>	A summer visitor returning from March.
	Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	Common throughout the year.
	Yellow-legged Gull Azorean Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i> <i>Larus michahellis atlantis</i>	There have been three records, 2011 – 2013 and a single record of the Azorean sub-species from Barra in 2005.
	American Herring Gull	<i>Larus smithsonianus</i>	There are no fewer than 13 records between 1997 and 2016 although it has become much rarer recently.
	Iceland Gull	<i>Larus glaucoides</i>	A winter visitor in varying numbers depending on winter gales.

	Glaucous Gull	<i>Larus hyperboreus</i>	A winter visitor with birds occasionally over-summering and even hybridising.
	Great Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus marinus</i>	A common species throughout the year.
	Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>	An uncommon breeding species found from April – September.
	Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>	Four records with all of them in South Uist, May 1987, July 2000, 2003 and 2012.
	Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>	One record in 1982.
	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>	Three records with singles in Benbecula, April 2011; North Uist, June 2014 and September 2019.
	Black Tern American Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i> <i>Chlidonias niger surinamensis</i>	A scarce passage migrant. There is one record of the American sub-species from South Uist, November 2008.
	White-winged Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>	Ten records which include 3 together in North Uist, 2014.
	Sandwich Tern	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>	Uncommon summer visitor.
	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	Common summer visitor and breeding species.
	Roseate Tern	<i>Sterna dougallii</i>	A rare visitor.
	Arctic Tern	<i>Sterna paradisaea</i>	A common summer visitor and passage migrant. Breeding numbers have fallen dramatically in the last 15 years.
	Pomarine Skua	<i>Stercorarius pomarinus</i>	Passage migrant in spring and autumn. Can be seen in numbers off Uist in April/ May if conditions are right.
	Arctic Skua	<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>	Passage migrant and summer visitor in small numbers.
	Long-tailed Skua	<i>Stercorarius longicaudus</i>	Passage migrant in spring and autumn with peak counts around mid – late May if weather conditions are favourable.
	Great Skua	<i>Stercorarius skua</i>	Large colonies can be found on Mingulay and St. Kilda; also breeds in other locations. Rare in winter.
	Guillemot	<i>Uria aalge</i>	Common breeding species,

			mainly on off-shore islands.
	Brunnich's Guillemot	<i>Uria lomvia</i>	One was on St. Kilda in May / June 1992.
	Razorbill	<i>Alca torda</i>	Common breeding species with important numbers in Mingulay.
	Black Guillemot	<i>Cephus grylle</i>	Common breeding species although numbers have declined.
	Little Auk	<i>Alle alle</i>	Uncommon late autumn and winter visitor.
	Puffin	<i>Fratercula arctica</i>	Common breeder on off-shore islands.
	Pallas's Sandgrouse	<i>Syrhaptus paradoxus</i>	Recorded during invasions years in 1863 and 1888.
	Rock Dove / Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	Genuine Rock Doves are common in the islands.
	Stock Dove	<i>Columba oenas</i>	A very scarce visitor.
	Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	Breeds around Stornoway and more recently in North Uist; also seen on passage.
	Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	Common around gardens but also picked up on off-shore islands on migration.
	Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>	Uncommon passage visitor.
	Rufous Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia orientalis</i>	An adult of the race <i>meena</i> was in Boisdale, South Uist, Aug. 2023
	Mourning Dove	<i>Zenaida macroura</i>	First two records for UK were in North Uist in 1999 and 2007.
	Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>	Fairly common summer visitor.
	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	<i>Coccyzus americanus</i>	Two records with one in South Uist, 2010 and one in Lewis, 2016.
	Black-billed Cuckoo	<i>Coccyzus erythrophthalmus</i>	One in North Uist in May 2016.
	Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>	Uncommon visitor.
	Scops Owl	<i>Otus scops</i>	Two records with one in 1980 and another on St. Kilda in 2015.
	Snowy Owl	<i>Bubo scandiacus</i>	A rare visitor with some birds staying for extended periods.
	Tawny Owl	<i>Strix aluco</i>	Four records from 1934, 1969, 1978 and 1989.
	Long-eared Owl	<i>Asio otus</i>	Breeding birds occur in coniferous plantations although migrants probably also visit.

	Short-eared Owl	<i>Asio flammeus</i>	Common in Uist and Benbecula in spring – autumn; seen infrequently in winter; uncommon in Lewis.
	Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus europaeus</i>	Six records exist although only one recently in South Uist in September 2012.
	Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	An uncommon visitor.
	Pallid Swift	<i>Apus pallidus</i>	One record in Ness, May 2017.
	Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>	Four records with singles seen in 1974, 1983, 2009 and 2012.
	White-throated Needletail	<i>Hirundapus caudacutus</i>	Vagrant from Asia with 2 records; singles in Harris, June 2013 and Barra, June 2017.
	Chimney Swift	<i>Chaetura pelagica</i>	One at the Butt of Lewis, October 2014.
	Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>	10 records with possible recent increase.
	Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	8 birds in three years – 2008, 2011 and 2015.
	Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>	One in Barra in Sept. 2013 and another in Sept. 2023
	Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	A scarce migrant; mostly in the spring but has been seen in autumn too.
	Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>	A scarce – rare visitor.
	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>	A rare visitor.
	Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	Fairly common breeding species in Uist and Benbecula; scarce in Lewis.
	Red-footed Falcon	<i>Falco vespertinus</i>	Three records with birds in 1973, 1997 and 2001.
	Merlin	<i>Falco columbarius</i>	Resident breeding species with Lewis having a particularly high density of pairs. Also a visitor from Iceland in winter.
	Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>	A rare visitor in spring / summer.
	Eleonora's Falcon	<i>Falco eleonora</i>	One was seen in South Uist in 1985, which was the 3 rd British Record.
	Gyr Falcon	<i>Falco rusticolus</i>	A rare visitor from Greenland.
	Peregrine	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	Scarce breeding species with around 7 pairs in Uist.
	Eastern Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus tyrannus</i>	Vagrant from North

			America with one record in Barra / South Uist, Sept / Oct 2016.
	Brown Shrike	<i>Lanius cristatus</i>	Vagrant from Asia with 2 records; North Uist, 2008 and Barra, 2019.
	Daurian / Turkestan Shrike	<i>Lanius isabellinus / phoenicuroides</i>	Two records with a bird in Lewis and then Barra, 2006; another in Barra, Oct 2018.
	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>	A rare visitor.
	Long-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanius schach</i>	Vagrant from Asia and the only British record was in South Uist, Nov 2000.
	Lesser Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius minor</i>	One record in 1964.
	Great Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius excubitor</i>	7 records with the last in 2011.
	Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>	Around 8 records up to 2023.
	Philadelphia Vireo	<i>Vireo philadelphicus</i>	1 in Barra, Oct. 2023 was only the 2 nd record for the UK.
	Red-eyed Vireo	<i>Vireo olivaceus</i>	Vagrant from America with around 15 records up to the end of 2023.
	Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>	A scarce passage migrant.
	Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	One record with a well-travelled bird seen from Butt of Lewis to South Uist 2015 / 16.
	Chough	<i>Pyrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>	There are a handful of 20 th Century records with the last in 1990.
	Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>	Breeds in Stornoway but a scarce visitor elsewhere.
	Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>	Breeds in Stornoway but scarce away from here.
	Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>	Scarce visitor
	Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	Common resident.
	Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	Fairly common resident.
	Waxwing	<i>Bombycilla garrulus</i>	Can be seen in good numbers during irruptions although normally an uncommon visitor.
	Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>	Common resident around Stornoway but also seen around Tarbet; rare in Uist.
	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	Uncommon migrant in most areas, a pair or two have bred recently in Stornoway.
	Coal Tit	<i>Periparus ater</i>	Breeds in Lewis and Harris, scarce visitor to Uist.

	Bearded Tit	<i>Panurus biarmicus</i>	One record from Balgarva, May 2019.
	Calandra Lark	<i>Melanocorypha calandra</i>	Very rare in UK with two records here: St. Kilda, Sept. 1994 and North Uist, June 2019.
	Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>	There are 8 records of this Mediterranean species including a bird holding territory in South Uist, 2014.
	Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>	Two records with one over-wintering 1913/14 and another in 1993.
	Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>	Common breeding species with good numbers wintering on the machair.
	Shore Lark	<i>Eremophila alpestris</i>	There are 7 records with one from 2014 of the Nearctic subspecies.
	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	Summer visitor with an increasing breeding population in Uist.
	Purple Martin	<i>Progne subis</i>	Vagrant from North America with one at the Butt of Lewis, Sept 2004 being the first for UK
	Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	Common summer visitor with breeding numbers apparently increasing.
	House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	Uncommon passage visitor that occasionally breeds around Stornoway.
	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>	At least 9 records between 1995 and 2023.
	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>	One on Barra in October 2014.
	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>	One or two breed in Stornoway, otherwise a scarce autumn visitor.
	Arctic Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus borealis</i>	Three records of this Asian bird with singles in 2002, 2010 and 2016.
	Greenish Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides</i>	Three records with two in 2014 and one in 2017.
	Pallas's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus proregulus</i>	Three records of this Asian species with two in 2005 and one in 2009.
	Yellow-browed Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus inornatus</i>	Recent upsurge in records of a formerly rare Asian visitor. Now a regular

			autumn migrant.
	Dusky Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus fuscatus</i>	Single birds were seen in 1993, 1994 and 2020
	Wood Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>	An uncommon passage migrant.
	Western Bonelli's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus bonelli</i>	One record from Barra in Sept. 2019.
	Chiffchaff Siberian Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i> <i>Phylloscopus collybita tristis</i>	Common passage migrant with a few pairs breeding. Siberian is a scarce autumn migrant.
	Iberian Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus ibericus</i>	Two records include one in South Uist, May 2009 and in Barra, April 2018.
	Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	Common passage migrant and increasing breeding species.
	Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>	Common breeding, summer visitor.
	Paddyfield Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus agricola</i>	One was seen on Barra in 2003.
	Blyth's Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus dumetorum</i>	Around 10 records and apparently increasing in occurrence.
	Marsh Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus palustris</i>	Scarce - rare migrant.
	Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>	Uncommon – scarce migrant.
	Booted Warbler	<i>Iduna caligata</i>	Three records with 2 from Barra and 1 from North Uist.
	Icterine Warbler	<i>Hippolais icterina</i>	Rare migrant
	Melodious Warbler	<i>Hippolais polyglotta</i>	Rare migrant with 5 records: 1990, 1997, 1999, 2003 and 2014.
	Pallas's Grasshopper Warbler	<i>Locustella certhiola</i>	Vagrant from Asia with just one on St. Kilda in October 2009.
	Grasshopper Warbler	<i>Locustella naevia</i>	Regular summer visitor and breeder in small numbers.
	Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	Regular migrant with small numbers staying to breed. Occasionally attempts to over-winter.
	Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>	Uncommon passage migrant.
	Barred Warbler	<i>Sylvia nisoria</i>	Uncommon - scarce passage migrant.
	Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>	Uncommon passage migrant.
	Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>	Fairly common passage migrant and breeding

			species.
	Western Subalpine Warbler Eastern Subalpine Warbler	<i>Sylvia cantillans inornata</i> <i>Sylvia cantillans albistriata</i>	Both sub-species have been recorded although they are generally rare.
	Moltoni's Warbler	<i>Sylvia subalpina</i>	Two records with one on St. Kilda, 1894 and the other in North Uist, 2015.
	Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>	One record from St. Kilda in May, 1994.
	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	<i>Regulus satrapa</i>	1 st for UK in November 2020
	Goldecrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>	Common resident around conifer plantations and regular migrant.
	Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapilla</i>	A rare visitor; mostly in autumn although has overwintered once in North Uist.
	Hebridean Wren St. Kilda Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes hebridensis</i> <i>Troglodytes troglodytes hirtensis</i>	Common. Common on St. Kilda only.
	Treecreeper Northern Treecreeper	<i>Certhia familiaris britannica</i> <i>Certhia familiaris familiaris</i>	Breeds in the Castle Grounds, Stornoway but scarce elsewhere. The northern race has probably occurred but remains undocumented.
	Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	Common.
	Rose-coloured Starling	<i>Pastor roseus</i>	Uncommon visitor between spring and autumn.
	White's Thrush	<i>Zoothera aurea</i>	Very rare Asian visitor with around 6 or 7 records.
	Hermit Thrush	<i>Catharus guttatus</i>	North American vagrant with 3 records: 2 in 2010 in Barra and South Uist; and 1 in 2014 from North Uist
	Swainson's Thrush	<i>Catharus ustulatus</i>	At least 4 records with the most recent from North Uist, Oct. 2022.
	Grey-cheeked Thrush	<i>Catharus minimus</i>	4 records of this American vagrant: Oct 1965 on St. Kilda, Oct 1989 in Benbecula; Oct 2013 and 2014 in Barra.
	Veery	<i>Catharus fuscescens</i>	Vagrant with one in North Uist, October 1995.
	Ring Ouzel	<i>Turdus torquatus</i>	Uncommon passage migrant.
	Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	Common resident and passage migrant.
	Eye-browed Thrush	<i>Turdus obscurus</i>	Two records of this Asian vagrant from North Rona in

			Oct 1964 and St. Kilda in Oct 2001.
	Fieldfare	<i>Turdus pilaris</i>	Common passage migrant although uncommon during the winter.
	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	Common resident and passage migrant.
	Redwing	<i>Turdus iliacus</i>	Common passage migrant and winter visitor; occasionally attempts to breed.
	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>	Uncommon passage migrant.
	American Robin	<i>Turdus migratorius</i>	2 records of this N American vagrant with 1 on St. Kilda, Feb 1975 and in South Uist, Nov / Dec 2013.
	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>	Regular passage migrant with small numbers breeding in Stornoway.
	Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	Common resident and winter visitor.
	Bluethroat	<i>Luscinia svecica</i>	Rare passage visitor.
	Thrush Nightingale	<i>Luscinia luscinia</i>	One records in 1975.
	Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>	Four records between 1958 and 2000.
	Red-flanked Bluetail	<i>Tarsiger cyanurus</i>	One records from Lewis in March 2012 and Barra 2020.
	Red-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula parva</i>	Scarce passage migrant.
	Collared Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula albicollis</i>	Vagrant with 2 records: 1992 and Lewis in May 2010.
	Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>	Uncommon passage migrant.
	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>	Uncommon - scarce passage migrant.
	Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>	Uncommon passage migrant.
	Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola saxatilis</i>	Vagrant with one on St. Kilda in June 1962.
	Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>	Uncommon passage migrant with pairs occasionally breeding.
	Siberian / Stejneger's Stonechat	<i>Saxicola maurus / stejnegeri</i>	One records from Lewis in Oct. 2008.
	Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>	Common resident.
	Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	Common breeding species and passage migrant.
	Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe hispanica</i>	Vagrant with 3 records: St Kilda, Sept 1911; North Uist,

			May 1989 and South Uist, April 1990.
	Dipper	<i>Cinclus cinclus</i>	Breeds in Lewis, Harris and South Uist – uncommon at latter location.
	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	Common resident.
	Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>	Uncommon visitor that occasionally breeds.
	Dunnock (Hebridean)	<i>Prunella modularis hebridium</i>	Common resident and passage migrant.
	Yellow Wagtail Blue-headed Wagtail Grey-headed Wagtail Black-headed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava flavissima</i> <i>Motacilla flava flava</i> <i>M f thunbergi</i> <i>M f feldegg</i>	Uncommon to scarce passage migrant whilst Black-headed Wagtail is a vagrant.
	Citrine Wagtail	<i>Motacilla citreola</i>	Scarce passage migrant that has increased in frequency recently.
	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	Uncommon passage migrant and breeding species in Lewis.
	Pied Wagtail White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba yarrellii</i> <i>Motacilla alba alba</i>	Common although uncommon in winter; White Wagtail is a common passage migrant.
	Richard's Pipit	<i>Anthus richardi</i>	Rare passage migrant with last record in 2014.
	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>	Rare visitor with 6 records 1961 – 2016.
	Olive-backed Pipit	<i>Anthus hodgsoni</i>	Rare passage migrant with 5 records: 2005, 2010, 2012, 2015 and 2016.
	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>	Uncommon – scarce passage migrant.
	Pechora Pipit	<i>Anthus gustavi</i>	An Asian vagrant with 2 records: North Uist, Oct 2008 and Barra, Oct 2018.
	Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>	Common breeding species and passage migrant; uncommon in winter.
	Red-throated Pipit	<i>Anthus cervinus</i>	Very rare passage migrant
	Rock Pipit Scandinavian Rock Pipit	<i>Anthus petrosus</i> <i>Anthus petrosus littoralis</i>	Common resident. Uncommon but probably regular winter visitor.
	Buff-bellied Pipit	<i>Anthus rubescens</i>	Very rare visitor from North America although apparently increasing.
	Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	Common resident and passage migrant.
	Brambling	<i>Fringilla montifringilla</i>	Regular passage migrant; normally in small numbers.
	Evening Grosbeak	<i>Coccothraustes</i>	Vagrant with 1 record from

		<i>vespertinus</i>	St Kilda in March 1967.
	Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>	Uncommon passage migrant.
	Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>	Rare visitor.
	Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>	Common resident.
	Trumpeter Finch	<i>Bucanetes githagineus</i>	Vagrant with a male seen on North Rona, May 2008.
	Common Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus erythrinus</i>	Uncommon passage migrant.
	Twite	<i>Linaria flavirostris</i>	Common resident with large numbers wintering on the Uist machair.
	Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>	Common and increasing resident.
	Lesser Redpoll	<i>Acanthis cabaret</i>	Fairly common summer visitor.
	Common Redpoll	<i>Acanthis flammea</i>	Fairly common migrant visitor.
	Hornemann's Redpoll Coue's Arctic Redpoll	<i>Acanthis hornemanni hornemanni Acanthis h. exilipes</i>	Both races have Arctic Redpoll have occurred although they are both rare.
	Two-barred Crossbill	<i>Loxia leucoptera</i>	Rare visitor with birds in 1909, 1910 and 2008 (3 records). An influx in 2019 involved at least 10 birds including a flock of 7 in North Uist.
	Common Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>	Uncommon visitor.
	Parrot Crossbill	<i>Loxia pytyopsittacus</i>	Four records with 11 birds during influxes 1962 – 1982 and then a single in Oct 2017.
	Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	Common and increasing resident.
	Siskin	<i>Spinus spinus</i>	Common passage migrant with some breeding occurring locally.
	Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>	2 records with 1 in South Uist and another from Barra.
	Snow Bunting	<i>Plectrophenax nivalis</i>	Common passage migrant and winter visitor.
	Lapland Bunting	<i>Calcarius lapponicus</i>	Uncommon passage migrant and winter visitor.
	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>	Once widespread but now uncommon and generally N Uist only.
	Pine Bunting	<i>Emberiza leucocephalos</i>	Vagrant with one record from North Uist in Oct 2005.
	Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>	Very scarce visitor.

	Ortolan Bunting	<i>Emberiza hortulana</i>	Ten records involving 11 birds between 1910 and 2008.
	Rustic Bunting	<i>Emberiza rustica</i>	Very rare visitor
	Little Bunting	<i>Emberiza pusilla</i>	Scarce – rare passage migrant in autumn.
	Yellow-breasted Bunting	<i>Emberiza aureola</i>	Two records from 1910 and 2000; now very rare in UK.
	Black-headed Bunting	<i>Emberiza melanocephala</i>	Six records between 1970 and 2012.
	Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>	Common resident.
	White-throated Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia albicollis</i>	Vagrant from America with one record of a bird shot on the Flannans in May 1909.
	White-crowned Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia leucophrys</i>	Vagrant from America with one from Lewis in May 2016.
	Dark-eyed Junco	<i>Junco hyemalis</i>	North American vagrant with one from St Kilda in May 2007.
	Bobolink	<i>Dolichonyx oryzivorus</i>	Vagrant from North America with one records from St. Kilda, Sept 1986.
	Baltimore Oriole	<i>Icterus galbula</i>	Vagrant from America with 2 records: Benbecula 1988 and Barra, Oct 2018.
	Ovenbird	<i>Seiurus aurocapilla</i>	North American vagrant with one record from Barra, Oct 2011.
	Tennessee Warbler	<i>Leiothlypis peregrina</i>	North American vagrant with records from St Kilda, Sept 1995, 2023 and Barra 2023.
	Hooded Warbler	<i>Setophaga citrina</i>	Vagrant from N America with one record from St. Kilda in Sept 1992.
	American Redstart	<i>Setophaga ruticilla</i>	N American vagrant with one record from Barra in Sept 2017.
	Wilson’s Warbler	<i>Cardellina pusilla</i>	Vagrant from America with one record from Lewis in Oct 2015.
	Blackburnian Warbler	<i>Setophaga fusca</i>	North American vagrant with one record from St. Kilda, Sept 2009.
	Yellow Warbler	<i>Setophaga petechia</i>	North American vagrant with one record from Barra, Oct 2004.
	Blackpoll Warbler	<i>Setophaga striata</i>	Vagrant from America with 4 records in Oct: Lewis 1996, South Uist 2003 and

			2005; North Uist 2017.
	Yellow-rumped Warbler	<i>Setophaga coronata</i>	North American vagrant with 3 records in Oct: North Uist 1982, South Uist 1999 and North Uist 2019.
	Scarlet Tanager	<i>Piranga olivacea</i>	Vagrant from North America with one record from Barra in Oct 2014.
	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	<i>Pheucticus ludovicianus</i>	North American vagrant with 2 records: North Uist in Oct 1983 and Barra, Oct 2005.

Please note that some species that have not been definitely recorded in a wild state have been omitted e.g. Ruddy Shelduck whilst others now extinct e.g. Great Auk have also not been included.