

# Birds

## The Status of the Birds of Fife, including the Isle of May as by April 2013

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*This species list follows the latest order published by BOURC, giving the commonly used vernacular names by UK Birdwatchers, and the internationally agreed names (in brackets) where these differ, as well as the Latin names.*

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### Abbreviations:

- I of May = Isle of May
- mainland = mainland Fife
- NMS = National Museums of Scotland (was Royal Museum of Scotland)
- BBRC = British Birds Rarities Committee

### Categories used for this list are as follows:

- **vagrant** = 5 records or fewer;
- **occasional** = small numbers and NOT every year;
- **regular** = recorded every year, if only once;
- **rare / scarce** = not every year and small numbers only;
- **uncommon** = probably every year but in very small numbers;
- **local** = limited distribution, but where occurs can be in good numbers;
- **widespread** = likely to be found in many suitable habitats;
- **resident** = present all year and breeding;
- **common** = good numbers in suitable habitats;
- **abundant** = large numbers everywhere;
- **erratic** = periodic large influx.

Vernacular names	Latin names	Status
Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>	Common resident on mainland. Scarce visitor to I of May
Bewick's (Tundra) Swan	<i>Cygnus columbianus</i>	Scarce winter visitor in very small numbers, most recent record was of a family party of four in the Dunshalt area during Dec. 2011 and into Jan. 2012. Only 2 records for I of May, one in 1956 and 3 birds on 06/10/1996.
Whooper Swan	<i>Cygnus cygnus</i>	Regular widespread winter visitor to mainland in varying numbers. Migrant to I of May
Bean Goose	<i>Anser fabalis</i>	Scarce winter visitor and passage migrant, has become much rarer since 19th century when the commonest goose. Most sightings relate to nominate form <i>A. f. fabalis</i> but <i>A.f. rossicus</i> also occur. First recorded for I of May in 2011.
Pink-footed Goose	<i>Anser brachyrhynchus</i>	Common winter visitor, numbers vary but usually in thousands: 27,300 coming into roost at Cameron reservoir in Oct.1993 is largest recorded count on mainland. Regular passage migrant for I of May.
(Greater) White-fronted Goose	<i>Anser albifrons</i>	Scarce winter visitor to mainland, both Greenland <i>A.a.flavirostris</i> and European <i>A.a.albifrons</i> races occur. 4 records for I of May, most recent in 2011.

Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>	Common winter visitor, but probably in declining numbers; also a small but increasing resident feral population on mainland. Regular migrant to I of May in small numbers
Snow Goose	<i>Anser caerulescens</i>	Occasional winter visitor to mainland: most recent record a bird over Kilrenny in 2012. Only record for I of May a party of 6 on 30/08/1995 - race undetermined but suspected feral origin.
Greater Canada Goose	<i>Branta canadensis</i>	Regular passage migrant to mainland, otherwise scarce. Occasional for I of May.
Barnacle Goose	<i>Branta leucopsis</i>	Regular passage migrant to mainland and winter visitor in small numbers. Passage migrant for I of May where recent max count was 930 on 12/10/2010.
Brent (Brant) Goose	<i>Branta bernicla</i>	Regular winter visitor in small numbers to mainland, especially the Eden estuary. Both light-bellied <i>B.b.hrota</i> and dark-bellied <i>B.b.bernicla</i> races occur. Occasional passage migrant for I of May.
Red-breasted Goose	<i>Branta ruficollis</i>	Vagrant. One on 27/01/2001 at Pow Farm was 1st Fife record. A 2nd sighting in the same area in Feb. 2002, while latest accepted sighting being one at Dunshalt on 12/02/11. A bird on I of May in Aug 1993 was considered of captive origin.
(Common) Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>	Local resident on mainland and common winter visitor. Forth estuary holds nationally important numbers. Small numbers may breed on I of May.
Mandarin Duck	<i>Aix galericulata</i>	Occasional visitor mainly to freshwaters on mainland; most recent record a female at Cupar on 07/07/2011.
(Eurasian) Wigeon	<i>Anas penelope</i>	Common winter visitor to mainland, has bred. Passage migrant to I of May.
American Wigeon	<i>Anas americana</i>	Occasional winter visitor to mainland, most recent record a male on 09/03/1997 at Craighuscar reservoir. Not recorded for I of May.
Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>	Breeds locally on mainland in very small numbers, common on passage and possibly increasing in winter. Only 2 records for I of May, the most recent in 1986.
(Eurasian) Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>	Breeds locally on mainland in small numbers, common on passage and in winter. Regular passage migrant to I of May in all months, bred here in 1960.
Green-winged Teal	<i>Anas carolinensis</i>	Occasional winter visitor to mainland. A drake at Rossie bog on 14/02/2012 is most recent record.
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	Widespread and abundant resident on mainland. Present on I of May most months, bred here in 1968.
(Northern) Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>	Uncommon but regular winter visitor to mainland, especially the Eden estuary and Rossie bog; possibly increasing; has bred. Occasional to I of May (20 records).
Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>	Scarce spring and autumn passage migrant to mainland. A fine male on Letham pools end of April 2013 is most recent record. Only 2 records for I of May, most recently in 2011.
(Northern) Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>	Scarce breeder on mainland, regular on

		passage and in winter. Occasional to I of May.
Red-crested Pochard	<i>Netta rufina</i>	Occasional visitor to mainland inland lochs, mostly in autumn.
(Common) Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>	Present on mainland all year and has breed, may gather in large flocks such as 320 at Kinghorn Loch on 06/01/2010, probably declining. Very scarce passage migrant to I of May.
Ring-necked Duck	<i>Aythya collaris</i>	Rare. Recorded yearly since 2006 on mainland at various sites - 1st record for county at Loch Gelly 1991, while most recent records 2 drakes at various sites in 2010. No records for I of May.
Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>	Vagrant: mainland only. 3 records, all drakes, at Loch Gelly: adults on 30/07-24/08/2003 and 16/07-16/08/2006, and an eclipsed drake on 20/07/2009.
Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>	Common resident, passage migrant and winter visitor on mainland. Scarce passage migrant to I of May.
(Greater) Scaup	<i>Aythya marila</i>	Regular but seriously declining winter visitor to mainland, occasional on inland lochs. The flocks in St Andrews Bay and off Levenmouth have gone since new sewage works installed. Occasional to I of May.
Lesser Scaup	<i>Aythya affinis</i>	Vagrant: mainland only. A female at Loch Gelly on 28-29/05/2007 is only accepted record for Fife
(Common) Eider	<i>Somateria mollissima</i>	Common resident: abundant breeder on I of May, nationally important numbers in both Forth and Tay estuaries.
King Eider	<i>Somateria spectabilis</i>	Occasional visitor off-shore, mostly in winter. Individuals may return year after year to same location. Most recent mainland record a drake off Earlsferry links Jan-March 2009. 5 records for I of May but none since 1884.
Long-tailed Duck	<i>Clangula hyemalis</i>	Widespread but possibly declining winter visitor off-shore, occasional inland. Irregular winter visitor to I of May.
Common Scoter	<i>Melanitta nigra</i>	Common but declining off-shore winter visitor; summering not unusual. Firth of Forth and St Andrews Bay hold nationally important numbers. Only occasionally noted from I of May.
Surf Scoter	<i>Melanitta perspicillata</i>	Regular winter visitor in very small numbers to the Firth of Forth, especially Largo Bay. No records from St Andrews Bay in recent years.
Velvet Scoter	<i>Melanitta fusca</i>	Common but declining off-shore winter visitor in varying numbers; summers regularly. Firth of Forth and St Andrews Bay still hold nationally important numbers. Only occasionally noted from I of May.
(Common) Goldeneye	<i>Bucephala clangula</i>	Common winter visitor off-shore and to inland waters on mainland, occasional in summer; no breeding records. Firth of Forth holds internationally important numbers, but declining since new sewage works installed. Scarce winter visitor to I of May.
Hooded Merganser	<i>Lophodytes cucullatus</i>	Vagrant: mainland only. A female on pond at Tayport between 26/10-15/11/2008 is only 3rd record for Scotland.

Smew	<i>Mergellus albellus</i>	Regular winter visitor to mainland in very small numbers. Only 2 records for I of May and none since 1935.
Red-breasted Merganser	<i>Mergus serrator</i>	Locally common for mainland throughout the year, uncommon inland, no breeding records. Firth of Forth holds nationally important numbers. Scarce passage migrant to I of May.
Goosander (Common Merganser)	<i>Mergus merganser</i>	Locally common in winter on mainland; has bred recently, some moult off Tayport in August. Tay estuary holds nationally important numbers. Occasional at I of May.
Ruddy Duck	<i>Oxyura jamaicensis</i>	Summer visitor to mainland inland waters; rare in winter; increased substantially till cull in 2001-02. Feral origin from English escapes.
Red Grouse (Willow Ptarmigan)	<i>Lagopus lagopus</i>	Scarce resident on Lomond hills and on Cleish hills. Declining.
Black Grouse	<i>Tetrao tetrix</i>	Extinct; was resident in west Fife in small numbers probably till 1990s.
(Western) Capercaillie	<i>Tetrao urogallus</i>	Introduced to Tulliallan in 19th century, since extinct there. A small population resident in Tentsmuir probably into 1990s is now also extinct.
Red-legged Partridge/Chukkar	<i>Alectoris rufa/chukkar</i>	Birds, sometimes hybrids, are released for sporting purposes throughout mainland Fife.
Grey Partridge	<i>Perdix perdix</i>	Widespread but declining resident on mainland.
(Common) Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>	Regular and probably under-recorded summer visitor to mainland. Passage migrant to I of May with 49 records since 1932.
(Common) Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>	Abundant resident on mainland, population vastly increased annually by commercially bred birds.
Red-throated (Loon) Diver	<i>Gavia stellata</i>	Common off-shore winter visitor and passage migrant, occasional inland and in summer. The Forth estuary holds nationally important numbers.
Black-throated (Loon) Diver	<i>Gavia arctica</i>	Regular off-shore winter visitor and passage migrant. Only occasional off I of May.
Great Northern (Loon) Diver	<i>Gavia immer</i>	Regular off-shore winter visitor and passage migrant in small numbers. Occasional to I of May.
Yellow-billed (Loon) Diver	<i>Gavia adamsii</i>	Winter vagrant off-shore. One on 16-17/10/1994 in Largo Bay was the 1st live bird since 1954. Another individual with 2 Great Northern Divers was off I of May on 23 Jan. 2013.
Black-browed Albatross	<i>Thalassarche melanophris</i>	Vagrant. One individual returning regularly to the Bass Rock (Lothian) during 1960s-1970s recorded on I of May in 1968, at Elie Ness 23/08/1969 and at Fife Ness 08/08/1972.
(Northern) Fulmar	<i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>	Breeds locally on coastal cliffs; also some inland colonies at mainland quarries; disperses in winter.
Cory's Shearwater	<i>Calonectris diomedea</i>	Occasional off-shore visitor to the Firth of Forth. 3 confirmed records off Isle of May 1976 - 2002.
Great Shearwater	<i>Puffinus gravis</i>	Occasional. 4 records from I of May, the most recent on 11/09/2007. Confirmed sightings from mainland are all off Fife Ness: single birds on 28-29/08/1976, 2 birds on 24/08/1984, and most recently a bird on 5/09/2003.
Sooty Shearwater	<i>Puffinus griseus</i>	Regular June-October passage off-shore visitor

		to the Firth of Forth.
Manx Shearwater	<i>Puffinus puffinus</i>	Common off-shore visitor to the Firth of Forth, sometimes in large numbers. Bred successfully on I of May in 2008. Recorded every month of the year.
Balearic Shearwater	<i>Puffinus mauretanicus</i>	Occasional off-shore passage migrant, mainly autumn and very rarely winter. Total of 6 records off I of May involving 11 birds 2000 - 2009.
(European) Storm Petrel	<i>Hydrobates pelagicus</i>	Regular off-shore late summer/autumn passage migrant in small numbers, tape-lured regularly to I of May, Fife Ness and elsewhere.
Leach's (Storm) Petrel	<i>Oceanodroma leucorhoa</i>	Occasional but sporadic visitor to the outer Firth of Forth in late summer/ early autumn. Since 2001 recorded most years. For I of May only 10 records since 1881.
(Northern) Gannet	<i>Morus bassanus</i>	Common off-shore, breeds in great numbers on the Bass Rock (Lothians). Regular around the I of May but does not breed here..
(Great) Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	Common resident on coast, regular inland, breeds off-shore on the Haystack and other islands in the Forth.
(European) Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i>	Resident, breeds in varying numbers on I of May and other islands in the Forth. In autumn gather off-shore sometimes in great numbers, but recently declined. 1250 off Kinncraig Point was peak count in 2010
(Eurasian) Bittern	<i>Botaurus stellaris</i>	Vagrant: mainland only. One at Lochore Meadows Country Park 17/01/2001 was 1st record since the winter of 1941/42 when one shot near St Andrews was brought into a zoology class by Prof D'Arcy Thompson, deploring the attitude of shooting such unusual birds.
Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>	Vagrant, mainland only. Just 3 confirmed records: one shot on the River Eden at Tarvit Mill on 17/05/1912, one at Gillingshill res. on 10/06/1970 and one on 23/05/1979 at Morton Lochs.
(Black-crowned) Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	Vagrant A former free-flying population at Edinburgh Zoo obscures the real status. 2 singles on mainland Fife in 1990 and 1993 were regarded escapes. 2 records for I of May: 1960 and 1992.
Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>	Vagrant, mainland only. One on Kilconquhar Loch on 22/05/2005 was only 4th record for Scotland.
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	Has recently become regular to Fife mainland. 1st record was a bird on 05/06/1990 at Lochore Meadows, but since 2005 singles recorded every year. One flying south on 29/05/2009 is only record for I of May.
Great White Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	Vagrant, mainland only. 1st record a bird on 06/06/1998 at Eden estuary. 2nd and 3rd record at Kilconquhar Loch being singles on 29/04-01/05/2004 and 06-12/12/2009.
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	Local resident on mainland in some numbers. Scarce visitor to I of May.
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	Vagrant, mainland only. 1st record was one sub-adult found at Mountcastle on 10/04/2011 and

		subsequently on 18/04/2011.
White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	Occasional. 2012 saw the 8th record of this scarce species for mainland. Not recorded for I of May.
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	Vagrant, only one historical record for mainland in Sept.1842 at Kilconquhar Loch.
(Eurasian) Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>	Occasional. 1st recorded 28-29/08/1991 at Loch Gelly, then 5 birds at Lucky Scalp, Tayport 23-27/06/1996. One young bird at Torry Bay on 15/10/2006. 3 records on I of May, the most recent being 2 birds on 29/05/2008.
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	Common resident on mainland inland lochs, often moving to coast in winter. Occasional migrant to I of May.
Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>	Widespread. Breeds on many inland waters; winters in varying numbers in Firth of Forth and off Tentsmuir. Rarely seen from I of May with only 8 records 1949 - 2009 - all but one of single birds.
Red-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps grisegena</i>	Regular off-shore winter visitor in small numbers, occasional on inland waters in summer but no confirmed breeding. The Forth holds nationally important numbers. 17 records for I of May 1952-2002, when it last recorded.
Slavonian (Horned) Grebe	<i>Podiceps auritus</i>	Regular off-shore winter visitor, especially off Tentsmuir and in Largo Bay, occasional on inland waters. Firth of Forth holds internationally important numbers. Occasional to I of May with only 8 records since 1901 involving 10 birds.
Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>	Former scarce breeder on mainland; occasional off-shore winter visitor. Only one record from I of May (2006).
(European) Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>	Occasional but increasing passage migrant, has bred. 7 records from I of May - most recent in 2010.
Red Kite	<i>Milvus milvus</i>	Occasional, may occur at any time of year. A single on 14/08/2003 on I of May was 1st with a 2nd record in 2011. Sightings have increased since reintroduction schemes elsewhere.
White-tailed Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>	Following a reintroduction programme by the RSPB this species is now a regular sight both on mainland and I of May. Does not yet breed in Fife.
(Western) Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	Regular summer visitor in small numbers and passage migrant to mainland, has bred. Occasional on I of May - most recently in 2009.
Hen (Northern) Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>	Scarce passage migrant and winter visitor in very small numbers, decreasing. Occasional to I of May, most recently in 2010.
Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>	Vagrant, I of May only. One record of a bird in 1980.
(Northern) Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>	Scarce resident, autumn and winter visitor to mainland. Once recorded on I of May (Sept 2000).
(Eurasian) Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	Common resident on mainland and passage migrant. Regular passage migrant to I of May.
(Common) Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	Common resident and occasional passage migrant. Has colonised mainland Fife since

		1980s to become commonest bird of prey. Almost regular to I of May since 1994.
Rough-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo lagopus</i>	Occasional autumn/ winter visitor to mainland, most recent record a juvenile at Craighluscar in 1999 on 05/11 and 22/11. Only one confirmed record from I of May of a bird on 12/10/1982.
Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>	Vagrant. Most recent record was a female satellite-tagged bird from Speyside flew over north Fife during Sept. 2012 as part of an epic 48 hour flight round central part of Scotland before heading back to Speyside. A sub-adult was in the Lomond Hills on 22/10/2006, being the 1st record since 1950s.
(Western) Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	Regular summer visitor and passage migrant in small numbers to both mainland and I of May.
(Common) Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	Common resident, passage migrant and winter visitor to mainland. Scarce migrant to I of May. Probably declining.
Red-footed Falcon	<i>Falco vespertinus</i>	Vagrant. Most recent record a juvenile at Fife Ness on 02/11/2010. A male was in the Newport area 21/11/1941. Before that an immature female was shot at Kinghorn on 20/09/1880. 2 records for I of May: one ringed in May 1969 and another in 1972.
Merlin	<i>Falco columbarius</i>	Regular winter visitor in small numbers, and passage migrant to both mainland and I of May.
(Eurasian) Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>	Regular but scarce passage migrant. Has bred on mainland. 4 records for I of May, the most recent in 2008.
Gyrfalcon		Vagrant, I of May only, One in 1979 is only record.
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	Local resident on mainland and passage migrant in small numbers. Bred on I of May pre-1929, now regular visitor throughout the year.
Water Rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>	Local resident and regular local winter visitor in small numbers. Scarce visitor to I of May.
Spotted Crake	<i>Porzana porzana</i>	Occasional to mainland, has bred at Tentsmuir. One at Lindores Loch on 27/02/1989 is most recent sighting. For I of May one on 25/09/2000 was 3rd record there.
Corncrake	<i>Crex crex</i>	Occasional passage migrant. Formerly a widespread breeding summer visitor to mainland. Most recent confirmed record on mainland was a bird at Pitbladdo Farm on 12/09/2008. 23 records on I of May since 1911 - all of single birds.
(Common) Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	Common local resident on mainland. Scarce passage migrant to I of May.
(Eurasian) Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	Common resident on mainland, possibly declining. Occasional to I of May and none since 1994.
(Common) Crane	<i>Grus grus</i>	Occasional passage migrant to mainland, one at Dumbarnie 13-14/06/2010 is most recent record. In 16th century the species was regular in Fife and may have bred. One on 23/05/2004 at I of May is the only record here.
Little Bustard	<i>Tetrax tetrax</i>	Vagrant to mainland, not recorded since 1840.
(Eurasian)	<i>Haematopus</i>	Common resident, passage migrant and winter

Oystercatcher	<i>ostralegus</i>	visitor to mainland and I of May.
Black winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	Vagrant, I of May only. Single bird present here from 30/04-04/05/2012
(Pied) Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>	Rare passage migrant. One at pig farm by Kilrenny on 24/03/2013 is most recent record on mainland. One on I of May on 02/6/2011 is the only record for the island.
Stone Curlew	<i>Burhinus oediconemus</i>	Vagrant. 2 records for mainland: one on 27/01/1858 shot at Stravithie, one on 12/01/1965 at Tentsmuir point. 2 records for I of May of single birds 1937 and 1946.
Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>	Regular but scarce summer breeding visitor to mainland. First recorded in 1989. Slowly increasing.
(Common) Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	Local breeder, common passage migrant and winter visitor to mainland. Irregular visitor to I of May.
Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>	Vagrant, mainland only. 2 records: one in Elie Bay on 21/04/1966 and one on the Eden 22/04/1985.
(Eurasian) Dotterel	<i>Charadrius morinellus</i>	Rare passage migrant. Historically reported as regular visitor to mainland. Most recent record were 2 birds at Carnbee 12-20/04/2012. In 1996 one or two seen on the Lomond hills. At least 14 records on I of May since 1885, most recently a bird ringed 14/09/2000.
American Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis dominica</i>	Vagrant, mainland only. 2 records of single birds, both on Eden estuary 11-14/10/2009 and 28/09/2003.
(European) Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis apricaria</i>	Common but declining winter visitor and passage migrant both to mainland and I of May; bred regularly in west Fife last century and up to 1938 on Earls Hall. Peak count for 2010 was 740 on Eden estuary compared to peak count of 2300 in 2004 also on the Eden.
Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	Locally common passage migrant and winter visitor to mainland, especially Eden estuary. Peak count for 2010 was 900 on 10/10 on Tay estuary. Irregular passage migrant to I of May.
(Northern) Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>	Common but sharply declining resident and winter visitor to mainland. Peak counts for 2010 was 1180 at Balgove on 7/10. Passage migrant in declining numbers to I of May; bred here till 1987.
(Red) Knot	<i>Calidris canutus</i>	Common winter visitor and passage migrant in varying numbers to mainland. Scarcer on I of May.
Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>	Local winter visitor to sandy shores. Peak count for 2010 was 200 at Tentsmuir on 18/01. Occasional on I of May.
Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>	Regular but scarce passage migrant to mainland, mainly in autumn. 65 at Longannet on 08/09/1998 was exceptional. Occasional on I of May.
Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>	Occasional, mainland only. 1st recorded 18/08/1976 at Edenside. One at Letham pools on 14-17/05/2009 is most recent record.
Pectoral Sandpiper	<i>Calidris melanotos</i>	Occasional, mainland only. 1st recorded on 24/09/1995 at Goosepools, Earls Hall. Most

		recent records are one at Rossie 08-12/07/2010 and one at Cullaloe 02-09/09/2010.
Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>	Regular but uncommon passage migrant to mainland, mostly in autumn. Recent peak counts were 14 flying west past Kinghorn 05/09/2010, and 12 at Eden estuary on 12/09/2008, compared to 63 on the Eden in 11/09/1998 and 58 at Longannet on 06-08/09/1998. Occasional on I of May, not recorded since 1998.
Purple Sandpiper	<i>Calidris maritima</i>	Regular winter visitor and passage migrant to rocky shores both on mainland and I of May, probably declining. Greater numbers on I of May (recent max count 58 on 11/08/2010 compared to 213 on 21/08/98 and c.400 in 1979).
Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>	Common winter visitor and passage migrant, bred at Tentsmuir till 1937. Recent max count c.4700 on the Eden on 21/02/2009 and 2500 at Balgove Bay 28/02/2010. Regular in autumn to I of May.
Broad-billed Sandpiper	<i>Limicola falcinellus</i>	Vagrant, mainland only. 2 records: one on 09/09/1946 at the Eden and one shot on 12/08/1912 at Morton Lochs.
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	<i>Tryngitis subruficollis</i>	Occasional passage migrant to mainland. Up to 3 at Balcomie Farm 12-22/09/1996, and one at Goosepools/Kinshaldy area 01-02/08/2002 are the most recent records.
Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>	Regular but declining passage migrant, mainly in autumn, occasionally wintering. Peak in 2004 was 17 on the Eden on 25/08, but since 2006 reduced to single figures. Occasional to I of May.
Jack Snipe	<i>Lymnocyptes minimus</i>	Regular but local winter visitor and passage migrant in very small numbers to mainland and I of May.
(Common) Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	Declining local breeder, winter visitor and passage migrant in small numbers on mainland, regular passage migrant to I of May.
Great Snipe	<i>Gallinago media</i>	Vagrant, mainland only. No confirmed records since 28/10/1951, when one was at Earls Hall.
Long-billed Dowitcher	<i>Limnodromus scolopaceus</i>	Vagrant, mainland only. One historical record of a bird shot in Sept 1867 at Largo Bay. The skin is in the RMS. Then one turned up at Ballo res. 13-19/09/2009.
(Eurasian) Woodcock	<i>Scolopax rusticola</i>	Scarce local resident on mainland and passage migrant in varying numbers: 44 were counted at Devilla forest 15/11/2010. 70 on I of May on 28/10/2004 was unusual.
Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>	Regular winter visitor and passage migrant, mainly to the Eden estuary. A few may summer. Recent peak count 272 on 04/04/2010 compared to 811 on 10/04/2005 both on the Eden. Only occasional to I of May.
Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>	Winter visitor, locally common, a few may summer. Recent peak counts 730 on the Eden on 21/02/2010 and 702 at Tentsmuir on 10/11/2010. Common passage migrant to I of May.

Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	Regular passage migrant to mainland in small numbers, mostly in spring; has wintered. Max count on I of May 70 on 04/08/1980 while recent peak was 32 on 12/08/2010.
(Eurasian) Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>	Local resident, but declining breeder on mainland, common winter visitor and passage migrant: max counts in 2010 were 1219 on the Eden in August, and 82 on I of May in September.
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	Breeds locally in small numbers on mainland, common passage migrant. 50+ on I of May on 19/08/2001 was exceptional.
Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>	Regular passage migrant in small numbers, occasional to mainland in winter. Passage migrant to I of May.
Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>	Regular but scarce passage migrant to mainland, occasional in winter. Not recorded on I of May since 1988.
(Common) Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	Passage migrant in small numbers to mainland, a few winter. Peak count for 2010 was 24 in October on the Eden. Scarce migrant to I of May.
Lesser Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa flavipes</i>	Vagrant, mainland only. A juvenile at Guardbridge and Eden estuary 03-23/09/2008 was 1st record..
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	Occasional passage migrant in very small numbers to mainland. Usually singles but 3 at Angle Park on 18/09/2004.. Occasional on I of May, one on 25/08/2010 was 1st record since 2001.
(Common) Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>	Scarce and declining breeder, common winter visitor and passage migrant. 2010 peak count on the Eden was 975 in Dec. On I of May bred once (1912); 44 on 07/07 here was max count for 2010.
(Ruddy) Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	Common passage migrant and winter visitor. Probably declining. Peaks on mainland in 2010 were c.80 at Seafield on 17/09 and 47 at Dalgety Bay on 18/10. Max count for I of May in 2010 was 90 on 12/08.
Wilson's Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus tricolor</i>	Vagrant, mainland only. 4 records of single birds: 1st on 11/09/1954 at Rosyth, then on 19/10/1963 at Peppermill Dam, then 23-24/09/1991 and 12-13/10/1996, both at Eden estuary.
(Red) Grey Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus fulicarius</i>	Occasional autumn and winter visitor. Most recent record for mainland was two birds at Kinghorn on 09/11/2010. Only two records for I of May of singles in Oct.1983 and Sept.1996.
Pomarine Skua	<i>Stercorarius pomarinus</i>	Regular passage migrant in small numbers to mainland and I of May, rare in winter.
Arctic Skua (Parasitic Jaeger)	<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>	Regular passage migrant, especially in autumn, our commonest skua. Max day counts in 2010 were 30 past Fife Ness on 31/08 and 20 past I of May on 23/09.
Long-tailed (Jaeger) Skua	<i>Stercorarius longicaudus</i>	Regular passage migrant in late summer and autumn in very small numbers. Not recorded from I of May since 2003.
Great Skua	<i>Stercorarius skua</i>	Regular passage migrant in varying numbers,

		mainly autumn. Rare in winter.
Ivory Gull	<i>Pagophila eburnea</i>	Vagrant. Just two historical records, one is a skin in the RMS without a date, the other a bird seen 14/09/1904 in Largo Bay.
Sabine's Gull	<i>Larus sabini</i>	Almost regular but scarce autumn visitor in very small numbers. Up to three birds seen in 2009 in the Forth late August - end of October. Most recent record from 1 of May was one with c.5000 Kittiwakes on 26/09/2009 being the 10th record there.
(Black-legged) Kittiwake	<i>Rissa tridactyla</i>	Breeds in numbers on 1 of May (3422 pairs in 2010), present throughout the year, but scarcer in winter. Peak count from mainland in 2010 was c.2000 feeding off Anstruther on 05/10.
Bonaparte's Gull	<i>Larus philadelphia</i>	Vagrant, mainland only. 1st record a single bird at Luthrie near Cupar 16-17/02/1972, 2nd record also a single on 18/08-12/09/1997 at Kingsbarns beach. 3rd record an adult in winter plumage at Dalgety Bay on 17/10/2006 and later.
Black-headed Gull	<i>Larus ridibundus</i>	Common resident, breeds locally on mainland in varying numbers, abundant in autumn and winter. Does not breed on 1 of May.
Little Gull	<i>Larus minutus</i>	Regular but erratic visitor throughout the year, may occur in large flocks. Max count for mainland in 2010 was 25 at Fife Ness on 01/10. Max count for 1 of May was 800+ in Sept.1997, while just one bird seen in 2010.
Mediterranean Gull	<i>Larus melanocephalus</i>	Regular visitor to mainland in small but increasing numbers, especially to Buckhaven, where a record count for Scotland of 12 on 17/19/2011. Four records for 1 of May since 1984.
Common (Mew) Gull	<i>Larus canus</i>	Common winter visitor and passage migrant, some present all year.
Ring-billed Gull	<i>Larus delawarensis</i>	Vagrant, mainland only. One at Thornton 27/2/06 is 1st record for Fife.
Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>	Common summer visitor, breeds on 1 of May and other islands in the Forth, and on mainland in west Fife; a few may winter.
(European) Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	Common resident, breeds mainly on 1 of May and other islands in the Forth. An estimated 3215 nest in 2010 on 1 of May. In winter common visitor from Scandinavia. 3000+ at Dunfermline refuge tip on 16/01 was peak count in 2010 for mainland.
Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>	Vagrant, mainland only. The only accepted record is of a 2 <sup>nd</sup> winter/3 <sup>rd</sup> summer bird at Tayport on 27/07/2002. This is now accepted as a full species.
Iceland Gull	<i>Larus glaucoides</i>	Regular - mainly in winter - scarce and declining visitor. Fifteen records for 1 of May, most recent Apr. 2012.
Glaucous gull	<i>Larus hyperboreus</i>	Regular but scarce and declining visitor, mostly in winter. One at Longannet on 14/02/2010 is most recent record .
Great Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus marinus</i>	Resident, breeds in small numbers on 1 of May and other offshore islands, locally common post-breeding and winter visitor. 36 nests were counted on 1 of May in 2010. Peak mainland

		count in 2010 was 145 at Angle Park on 02/10.
Sooty Tern	<i>Sterna fuscata</i>	Vagrant, I of May only. The record of a bird photographed here on 14/07/1989 is now accepted after originally being rejected by BBRC. Only 3rd record for Scotland.
Little Tern	<i>Sterna albifrons</i>	Scarce passage migrant, formerly bred in very small numbers on mainland. Only two mainland records in 2010 of a bird with two juveniles at Balgove Bay on 05/08 and a single at Pathhead on 07/08.
Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>	Vagrant, mainland only. 1st Fife record was a bird on 08/09/1985 past Anstruther.
Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>	Regular passage migrant to Firth of Forth in varying numbers, mainly in autumn.
White-winged Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>	Occasional visitor to mainland. 1st recorded in August 1986 at Newton Farm pool near Wormit. 7th record 18/05/2009 at Eden Estuary. Not recorded for I of May.
Sandwich Tern	<i>Sterna sandvicensis</i>	Common summer visitor and passage migrant, breeds in varying numbers on I of May and other islands in the Forth, possibly also at Tentsmuir. Occasional in winter. 635 at Tentsmuir Point end of August was peak count in 2010.
Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	Common summer visitor, breeds in varying numbers on islands in the Forth. There were 116 at Carlingnose on 10/05/2010.
Roseate Tern	<i>Sterna dougallii</i>	Regular but scarce and declining summer visitor; has bred in very small numbers on off-shore islands in the Forth, but no breeding records for 2012.. Has not attempted breeding on I of May since 2001.
Arctic Tern	<i>Sterna paradisaea</i>	Common summer visitor, breeds in varying numbers on islands in the Forth. 80+ were present at I of May on 13/05/2010.
(Common) Guillemot	<i>Uria aalge</i>	Present all year, breeds in huge numbers on I of May, where an estimated 15,029 pairs in 2010 was down from a peak of 20,332 pairs in 2004, and on other islands in the Forth.
Razorbill	<i>Alca torda</i>	Present all year, breeds in substantial numbers on I of May, where an estimated 2557 pairs in 2010, and on other islands in the Forth.
Great Auk	<i>Pinguinus impennis</i>	Extinct, remains excavated 1995 on I of May, date of origin unknown but medieval.
Black Guillemot	<i>Cepphus grylle</i>	Regular but scarce visitor to Forth. Bred on I of May in early 19th century.
Little Auk	<i>Alle alle</i>	Regular winter visitor in varying numbers. Up to 100,000 seen from I of May on 02/11/2001 is a British record for one day. For 2010 peak count from I of May was 682 on 30/10 compared to mainland peak count of 108 off Kincaig Point on 13/10.
(Atlantic) Puffin	<i>Fratercula arctica</i>	Breeds in vast numbers on I of May, where 70,000 pairs in 2005 was down to an estimated number of 45,000 occupied nests in 2009, and on other islands in the Forth; occasional in winter.

Pallas's Sandgrouse	<i>Syrrhaptes paradoxus</i>	Vagrant, two invasions in 19th century, when bred on one occasion. Last century two birds were recorded on I of May in May 1975.
Rock Dove (& Feral Pigeon)	<i>Columba livia</i>	The true rock dove, ancestor to the feral pigeon, used to breed, but by end of 19th century the wild strain was considered rare and by 1935 no pure rock doves could be found in Fife. The resident feral pigeon is abundant.
Stock Dove	<i>Columba oenas</i>	Widespread resident, following colonisation in 19th century. Occasional visitor to I of May.
(Common) Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	Abundant resident, even more abundant winter visitor when flocks of over 3500 common. Increasing.
(Eurasian) Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	Common and widespread resident. Regular visitor to I of May. Newcomer to Scotland since 1960s.
(European) Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>	Regular migrant to I of May in very small numbers, declining. Scarce passage migrant to mainland Fife but has wintered and may formerly have bred. Most recent mainland record was one at Kilrenny Common in late May 2011.
(Common) Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>	Passage migrant in small numbers to both I of May and mainland; may breed locally on mainland - in 2010 heard calling on the Lomonds and in west Fife; declining.
(Western) Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>	Local resident on mainland breeding in small but possibly increasing numbers. 12 records on I of May with 2 being of the race <i>T.a.guttata</i>
(Eurasian) Scops Owl	<i>Otus scops</i>	Vagrant, mainland only. One historical record of a bird shot on 16/05/1909 at Montrave.
Snowy Owl	<i>Nyctea scandiaca</i>	Vagrant, mainland only. Recorded from St Andrews golf course on 31/01/1936. One shot at Lahill about 1875.
Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>	Vagrant, mainland only. From introduced population in England. One found exhausted March 1997 at Leven and later released was first record since 1910; one present in 2004, but location withheld.
Tawny Owl	<i>Strix aluco</i>	Common resident on mainland, probably declining. One record only for I of May (2008).
Long-eared Owl	<i>Asio otus</i>	Scarce local resident on mainland, probably declining. Regular passage migrant, including the I of May, where an exceptional count of c.50 was made on 29/10/1989.
Short-eared Owl	<i>Asio flammeus</i>	Regular winter visitor and passage migrant in varying numbers. Has bred on mainland.
(European) Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus europaeus</i>	Historically bred regularly on mainland Fife. First modern mainland record was one present at Fife Ness on 07/06/2002. 12 sightings on I of May, most recently in 2009.
Chimney Swift	<i>Chaetura pelagica</i>	Vagrant, mainland only. One on 08-10/11/1991 at St Andrews was 1st for Fife and only 2nd record for Scotland.
(Common) Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	Common summer visitor, breeds widely on mainland but declining. Good numbers on passage such as 1005 past Kincaig Point on 03/07/2010. Max count on I of May 419 on 03/07/1994.
Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>	Vagrant, mainland only: a bird on 29/05/1985 off

		Castle Cliff, St Andrews is only record.
(Common) Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>	Local resident, breeds in small numbers. Five records for I of May, the most recent 1996.
(European) Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	Vagrant, mainland only: a bird in a garden near Cullaloe on 14/06/1997 and one at Elie on 17/05/2009 are only records.
(Eurasian) Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	Occasional passage migrant; one seen first at Kilminning and later in Crail area 23/10-01/11/2003 is most recent record for mainland Fife. 13 records on I of May, most recently in 2008.
(Eurasian) Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>	Very scarce passage migrant to mainland, has declined; one at Fife Ness on 08/09/2010 is most recent record. Still almost regular to I of May, where max count on 23/08/1970 was 15 compared to only singles in recent years.
(European) Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>	Local and uncommon resident. Not recorded for I of May.
Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>	Fairly common resident on mainland; occasional passage migrant, some from Scandinavia. Uncommon passage migrant to I of May.
(Eurasian) Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>	Occasional and scarce passage migrant, bred once on mainland in 1974 which is only confirmed breeding record for Scotland. Most recent sighting on mainland is one 15/08/1994 at Kinshaldy, Tentsmuir. 4 records on I of May since 1913, the most recent 18-19/05/1997.
Isabelline Shrike	<i>Lanius isabellinus</i>	Vagrant. One in Sept 1950 on I of May was 1st record for Britain. A bird at Fife Ness 04-09/1993 was 1st record for mainland Fife.
Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>	Regular but increasingly scarce passage migrant. No longer recorded every year on I of May.
Lesser Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius minor</i>	Vagrant. One near Elie 15-20/09/1994 was first mainland record since 1958, then one on 05/09/1996 and on 17-18/10/1999 near Crail. One on 01-02/06/1997 is only record for I of May.
Great Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius excubitor</i>	Occasional but almost regular passage migrant and winter visitor in very small numbers. A long-staying bird was present in winter at Guardbridge in 2011. 3 birds were on I of May 08/10/2010.
Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>	Occasional: 3rd record for mainland was of a bird on 28/05/2002 and 19/06/2002 at Tayport, the first since 1965. On I of May, 4 records, the most recent on 03/06/2003.
Masked Shrike	<i>Lanius nubicus</i>	Vagrant, mainland only. An immature recorded 29/10 - 16/11/2004 at Kilrenny was a 1st for Britain.
(Red-billed) Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>	Said to have been present in 19th century. Origin uncertain of 1-2 birds feeding near Crail on 28/10/1990 and 07/02/1993. Not recorded for I of May.
(Black-billed) Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	Common resident in west and central mainland, successfully spreading eastwards. One record for I of May only (1986).
(Eurasian) Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	Local breeding resident on mainland, not recorded on I of May.

(Western) Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>	Common resident on mainland. Occasional visitor in small numbers to I of May.
Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>	Common resident on mainland. Occasional visitor in small numbers to I of May.
Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>	Very common resident. This and the following species now have separate species status. Occasional breeder on I of May.
Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	Was commonest crow on mainland in 19th century, now very scarce and records mainly of hybrids. Occasional on I of May.
(Northern) Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	Re-established as breeding resident in north-west mainland since 2006. 10 records for I of May, most recent 03-05/10/2010. Increasing.
Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>	Common resident, abundant passage migrant to mainland and especially to I of May, where max count of c.15,000 on 11/10/1982 exceptional. 500 at Fife Ness Muir on 23/10/2001 is largest mainland count in recent years.
(Common) Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapilla</i>	Occasional passage migrant in very small numbers to both mainland and I of May - increasing.
(Eurasian) Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>	Abundant resident on mainland and occasional migrant. Occasional on I of May (16 records since 1973).
Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	Abundant resident on mainland and occasional migrant.. Occasional on I of May.
Coal Tit	<i>Periparus ater</i>	Common to abundant resident on mainland and occasional migrant. Occasional on I of May where none since 1996.
Bearded (Reedling) Tit	<i>Panurus biarmicus</i>	May now be established on Mugdrum Island in the Tay, where up to 20 were reported on 07/10/2010. 4 on 05/10/1999 is only record for I of May.
Calandra Lark	<i>Melanocorypha calandra</i>	Vagrant, I of May only. One on 12-16/05/2006 is only record.
(Greater) Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>	Vagrant, I of May only. 5 records since 1993, the latest in 1998.
Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>	Occasional to I of May: the most recent record 27/03/2013. Rare visitor to mainland Fife in the past.
(Eurasian) Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>	Present all year on mainland, common breeder and passage migrant, variable numbers in winter, and in hard weather may increase to thousands in East Neuk. Autumn passage migrant to I of May.
Shore (Horned) Lark	<i>Eremophila alpestris</i>	Occasional visitor, most recent mainland record was one with Skylarks on 05/12/2010 at Shell Bay. Most recent I of May record 12-13/05/2004. Declining.
Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	Summer visitor and passage migrant in varying numbers, breeds locally on mainland in some numbers: 480 at Cocklemill Burn on 29/06 was peak count for 2010.
(Barn) Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	Common to abundant summer visitor and passage migrant, breeds throughout mainland. A vast roost established in 1990s at Rosyth Marsh, where up to 25,000 herundines gathered in autumn, no longer exists. 1260 past Fife Ness in 2 hours on 17/10 was peak count in

		2010. Regular passage migrant to I of May, has bred here.
(Common) House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	Common and widespread but probably declining breeding summer visitor to mainland, passage migrant in some numbers also to I of May, where 250 counted on 20/09/2010.
Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>	Vagrant, single birds recorded at I of May 23-24/05/1985 and 18/05/2001. 1st sightings on mainland Fife was in 2009, with 3 records of single birds: Kilmany 28/04, Kilconquhar 18/05, and Kilminning 28/10.
Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>	Widespread and locally common resident on mainland. Occasional passage migrant to I of May. 7 on 27/10/2004 was 1st record here since 1997.
Greenish Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides</i>	Occasional passage migrant. 2 at Fife Ness Muir 24/08/2004 constituted 6th and 7th sightings for mainland. 14 records on I of May, most recently 2 birds on 06-10/06/2012.
Arctic Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus borealis</i>	Vagrant. 1st record for mainland was 22-24/09/96 at Denburn Wood. 4 records for I of May, the most recent 20/09/96.
Pallas's (Leaf) Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus proregulus</i>	Occasional autumn passage migrant to mainland, most recently 25-27/10/2009. 7 records of 8 birds on I of May, the most recent 2001.
Yellow-browed Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus inornatus</i>	Regular autumn passage migrant in small numbers both to mainland and I of May. Increasing.
Hume's (Leaf) Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus humei</i>	Vagrant, since split from previous species 1st recorded on mainland 07/11/2000 at Denburn Wood, Crail, then on 11/11/ 2003 at the same site. One was on I of May on 10/11/1994.
Radde's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus schwarzi</i>	Occasional. 1st recorded on mainland at Fife Ness on 05/10/1979, another was at Fife Ness Muir 23-28/10/2009, and 2 individuals at Kilminning in October 2012. 6 records for I of May, the most recent on 16/10/2005.
Dusky Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus fuscatus</i>	Vagrant. One trapped on 23/10/2001 at Fife Ness Muir was the 1st record for mainland. 2 records for I of May in 1985 and 2011 .
Wood Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>	Scarce passage migrant to both mainland and I of May in very small numbers; has bred on mainland.
(Common) Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	Common passage migrant and summer visitor, breeds in increasing numbers on mainland. Regular in winter in very small numbers. 200 on 11/10/1982 is max count on I of May. Northern races may occur in autumn.
Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	Abundant breeding summer visitor to mainland and common passage migrant. Has bred only once on I of May (1922), 1000 on 14/08/1978 there was exceptional.
Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	Common passage migrant and summer visitor, breeds locally on mainland; increasing; regular in winter in small numbers. Max on I of May c.1000 on 13/10/1982. 250 there on 10-11/10 was max in 2010.

Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>	Common passage migrant and summer visitor, breeds locally on mainland Fife. Smaller numbers on I of May but 50 on 07/09/2010 was unusual.
Barred Warbler	<i>Sylvia nisoria</i>	Regular but scarce migrant on autumn passage to East Neuk and I of May.
Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>	Regular passage migrant, breeds irregularly in very small numbers on mainland Fife. Max count of c.50 on 02/05/1982 on I of May was exceptional.
(Common) Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>	Common passage migrant and summer visitor to both mainland and I of May; breeds widely on mainland Fife.
Subalpine Warbler	<i>Sylvia cantillans</i>	Occasional. 2 records for mainland: one on 03-09/05/1983 at Fife Ness, and one at Balcomie on 21/09/1996. 10 records for I of May, the most recent 21/06-19/08/2007.
Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>	Vagrant. A male was ringed at Fife Ness 15/10/2005 was 1st for mainland Fife; one record for I of May 30/05/1981.
Lanceolated Warbler	<i>Locustella lanceolata</i>	Vagrant, I of May only. One record on 02/10/1987.
(Common) Grasshopper Warbler	<i>Locustella naevia</i>	Regular but uncommon passage migrant and summer visitor, breeds locally on mainland in very small numbers (but see unconfirmed/pending records at the end of the list)..
River Warbler	<i>Locustella fluviatilis</i>	Vagrant, mainland only. One singing at Clatto reservoir from 16/07/1994 for at least a week was 1st for mainland Scotland.
Booted Warbler	<i>Hippolais caligata</i>	Vagrant, I of May only. 2 records, the most recent on 2-3/9/92.
Eastern Olivaceous Warbler	<i>Hippolais pallida</i>	Vagrant. A long-staying bird 15/10-20/11/2012 at Kilminning was 1st record for mainland. For I of May a bird recorded on 24/9/1967 was 1st for Britain.
Icterine Warbler	<i>Hippolais icterina</i>	Occasional passage migrant to mainland Fife. Biggest 'fall' was in 1997 with 6 birds 28/08-01/09 in coastal east Fife; most recent record one on 05/09/2009 at Fife Ness Muir. Fairly regular on I of May in small numbers.
Melodious Warbler	<i>Hippolais polyglotta</i>	Vagrant, I of May only. 5 records involving 6 individuals, most recent 23/05/1998.
Aquatic Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus paludicola</i>	Occasional, I of May only. One on 19/8/2001 was 7th record for the island and first since 1967.
Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>	Common breeding summer visitor to mainland. Regular passage migrant both to mainland and I of May, where 200+ on 16/05/1970 was exceptional..
Paddyfield Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus agricola</i>	Vagrant, I of May only. One on 31/05/88 is only record.
Blyth's Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus dumetorum</i>	Vagrant: one on 28/9/01 at Fife Ness Muir was 1st mainland record. 3 records for I of May, the most recent in 2007.
Marsh Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus palustris</i>	Occasional migrant to I of May. 21 records here since 1966 (see also unconfirmed records at end of list). Only one confirmed record for mainland Fife being in June 2002 at Fife Ness.

(Eurasian) Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>	Regular but uncommon migrant. 1st confirmed breeding on mainland Fife in 1999.
Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>	Vagrant, mainland only. One recorded 17/6/1970 at Kilconquhar.
(Bohemian) Waxwing	<i>Bombycilla garrulus</i>	Regular but erratic winter visitor from Scandinavia. In good irruption years several thousands may be in the county. Rare passage migrant to I of May.
(Eurasian) Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>	Occasional. 1st recorded in St Andrews 03/12/1997, and again on 17/01 and 20/01/1998, then 2 records in 2009: one at Elie Estate 20-21/04, another at Boarhills 05/07. Not recorded for I of May.
(Eurasian) Treecreeper	<i>Certhia familiaris</i>	Scarce local resident on mainland. Occasional passage migrant to I of May.
(Eurasian) Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	Abundant breeding resident on mainland. Passage migrant to I of May, has bred here.
(Common) Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	Abundant resident and passage migrant to mainland Fife. Common passage migrant to I of May; has not bred here since 2000.
Rose-coloured (Rosy) Starling	<i>Sturnus roseus</i>	Occasional visitor to mainland, most recently in 2002 with 5 sightings. 2 records for I of May, most recent an immature bird 14/09-12/10/1991.
(White-throated) Dipper	<i>Cinclus cinclus</i>	Local resident on mainland Fife. The Scottish race <i>C.c.gularis</i> is sedentary, but the black-bellied race <i>C.c.cinclus</i> from Scandinavia is may occur on passage or in winter. 12 records of Dippers on I of May, the most recent 2008.
White's (Scaly) Thrush	<i>Zoothera dauma</i>	Vagrant. I of May only. 1st record here was one in 2009
Siberian Thrush	<i>Zoothera sibirica</i>	Vagrant, I of May only. One in Oct 1954 was 1st record for Britain.
Ring Ouzel	<i>Turdus torquatus</i>	Regular but uncommon passage migrant to mainland and I of May where 200 in Oct 2010 was exceptional.
Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	Abundant resident and passage migrant to mainland, significant influx of winter visitors from Scandinavia. Formerly bred on I of May, where max counts was 30,000 on 28/10/2004; most recent peak was 400+ on 06/11/2010.
Fieldfare	<i>Turdus pilaris</i>	Common passage migrant and winter visitor to mainland. Scarcer on I of May, however max count here 10,300 on 27/10/2004. 500 on 01-03/11 was max in 2010.
Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	Present all year, common breeder and passage migrant to mainland; winter visitor from Scandinavia. Common passage migrant to I of May, max count here 8000 on 21/10/1987, but 3000+ on 27/09 was peak count in 2010. Formerly bred on I of May..
Redwing	<i>Turdus iliacus</i>	Common passage migrant and winter visitor, sometimes in huge numbers. 6320 were flying west over Anstruther on 12/10/2012. 4,500 on 09/10 was peak count on I of May for 2010.
Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>	Local and fairly common resident on mainland as well as passage migrant. Occasional passage migrant to I of May. Probably declining.

Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>	Regular but sharply declining passage migrant and summer visitor, breeds locally on mainland in very small numbers. Regular migrant to I of May in small and declining numbers.
(European) Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	Abundant breeding bird, winter visitor and passage migrant for mainland. Max for I of May in 2010 was 1000+ on 10/10 compared to 60 at Fife Ness Muir on 09/10 the same year.
Red-flanked Bluetail	<i>Tarsiger cyanurus</i>	Vagrant. 1st mainland record on 26/10/1976 at Fife Ness; 2nd 15-17/10/2003 at Denburn Wood, Crail; 3rd at Fife Ness Muir 28/09/2010. Only one record for I of May on 14/10/1975.
Thrush Nightingale	<i>Luscinia luscinia</i>	Occasional passage migrant to I of May (see also end of list for records pending acceptance by BBRC). One at Denburn, Crail on 15/05/1985 is only record for mainland..
(Common) Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>	Occasional, with 1st confirmed mainland record 05/06/1990 at Balcomie. Occasional passage migrant to I of May, most recently in 2006.
Bluethroat	<i>Luscinia svecica</i>	Occasional and scarce passage migrant to mainland. Regular migrant to I of May in varying numbers. 100 on 14/05/1985 was exceptional.
Red-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula parva</i>	Occasional passage migrant, mainly in autumn, most recent record to mainland Fife were 2-3 birds at Kilminning between 26/08-15/10/2012. Most recent record for I of May is a single bird on 24/05/2012.
Collared Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula albicollis</i>	Vagrant, mainland only. One at Denburn Wood on 16/05/2009 was 1st record.
(European) Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>	Regular passage migrant in small numbers. 350 on 11/08/2005 on I of May was exceptional.
Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>	Regular but scarce passage migrant and winter visitor. Has probably bred on I of May.
(Common) Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>	Regular but scarce and declining breeder and passage migrant on mainland. Passage migrant to I of May where 150 on 14/05/1985 was exceptional. Max in 2010 was 70 there on 08/09.
Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>	Very scarce breeding summer visitor, regular but declining passage migrant to mainland. Regular passage migrant to I of May where 200 on 14/05/1985 was exceptional; 25 on 8/9 was max count in 2010.
Siberian Stonechat	<i>Saxicola maurus</i>	Vagrant. Has occurred at Fife Ness in autumn but not since it was split from the species below. 3 records for I of May, the most recent 1980.
(European) Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquata</i>	Local resident on mainland in small numbers. Vulnerable in harsh winters. Regular but scarce migrant to I of May.
(Northern) Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	Regular and fairly common passage migrant to mainland but scarce local breeder. Has bred recently on I of May where peak count for 2010 was 40 on 07/09.
Pied Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe pleschanka</i>	Vagrant. 1st record for mainland Fife was one on 18-22/10/92 at Kilminning, Fife Ness. 2nd was a bird at Fife Ness on 26/10/2009. The only record for I of May was one on 19/10/1909 being 1st record for Britain.
Black-eared	<i>Oenanthe</i>	Vagrant, I of May only. 2 records of singles in

Wheatear	<i>hispanica</i>	May 1980 and Sept 1949.
Desert Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe deserti</i>	Vagrant, mainland only. One on 10-15/11/2003 at Fife Ness was 1st record.
Dunnock (Hedge Accentor)	<i>Prunella modularis</i>	Abundant resident on mainland and passage migrant in varying numbers, also to I of May, where 250 on 28/09 was peak count in 2010
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	Fairly common and widespread resident, perhaps declining. Only occasional on passage to I of May but bred here formerly.
(Eurasian) Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>	Local resident and passage migrant, probably declining. Occasional to I of May, but bred here till 1922.
Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>	Scarce passage migrant, has bred on mainland Fife - most recently in 2001-3 at St Monans. The following races have been recorded in Fife - <i>M.f.flavissima</i> , <i>M.f.flava</i> , <i>M.f.cinereocapilla</i> and <i>M.f.thunbergii</i> . Regularly recorded on I of May.
Citrine Wagtail	<i>Motacilla citreola</i>	Vagrant, I of May only. One on 20/09/1968 is only record.
Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	Local resident and passage migrant in small numbers to mainland. Irregular passage migrant to I of May.
Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	Common resident and passage migrant to mainland; the European sub-species <i>M.a.alba</i> or white wagtail regular on passage. Breeds in small numbers on I of May, where max day count in 2010 was 120 on 21/09.
Richard's Pipit	<i>Anthus richardi</i>	Occasional passage migrant. Most recent record on mainland was one at Fife Ness Muir on 13/10/2000. Most recent verified record on I of May was one on 25/10/2002 (but see also unconfirmed/pending records at end of list).
Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>	Occasional. Only one record for mainland of one at Leuchars on 01/05/1979. Most recent record of one at I of May on 01/06/1997 being 7th record here.
Olive-backed Pipit	<i>Anthus hodgsoni</i>	Vagrant. 1st record for mainland was a bird at Wormiston 25/10/2005. 4 records for I of May, the most recent on 16/10/2005, and other singles 22/5/1985, 3/11/1994, and 6/10/1998.
Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>	On mainland a regular passage migrant and breeds locally in very small numbers. Passage migrant to I of May where an exceptional fall of 500+ on 08/05/1975.
Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>	Common breeding bird and passage migrant to mainland, a few winter. Common passage migrant to I of May where max day count c.7000 on 10/09/1998; 800 on 18/9 was max in 2010; has also bred here.
Red-throated Pipit	<i>Anthus cervinus</i>	Vagrant. 1st recorded for mainland was one on 05/09/1998 at Fife Ness. 2 records from I of May, the most recent 14/05/1988.
Rock Pipit	<i>Anthus petrosus</i>	Common breeding resident and winter visitor on mainland. The Scandinavian race <i>A.p.littoralis</i> occurs in small numbers in winter. Breeding population on I of May fluctuates, currently in decline.

Water Pipit	<i>Anthus spinoletta</i>	Occasional. 1st record for mainland since species split from above species in 1980s was a bird at Cocklemill marsh 18/03-06/04/2000. 2nd record was a bird at the Eden first seen on and off 19/02/2003 till April; most recent record a bird at Cobble Shore on 29/03/2009. Before the split one was recorded at Fife Ness on 29/03/1981. Two records on I of May, the most recent in 2007.
Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	Abundant resident and passage migrant on mainland. Regular passage migrant to I of May in small numbers, 400 there on 29/09/2000 was exceptional.
Brambling	<i>Fringilla montifringilla</i>	Regular passage migrant and winter visitor in varying numbers to mainland. Passage migrant to I of May, occasionally in large numbers: recent max 500 on 19/10/1996; 350 on 09/10 was peak count here in 2010.
(European) Greenfinch	<i>Carduelis chloris</i>	Abundant resident on mainland Fife and some on passage. Regular visitor to I of May but in surprisingly small numbers.
(European) Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	Common resident and passage migrant on mainland Fife, increasing. Fewer in winter. Regular visitor to I of May in small numbers.
(Eurasian) Siskin	<i>Carduelis spinus</i>	Mainland winter visitor and passage migrant, breeds locally. Regular passage migrants to I of May, occasionally in large numbers - max 300 18/10/1993; max in 2010 were 100 on 29/09 and 09/10.
(Common) Linnet	<i>Carduelis cannabina</i>	Common resident and passage migrant on mainland, winters in varying numbers. Regular but scarce visitor to I of May, has bred here.
Twite	<i>Carduelis flavirostris</i>	Regular mainland winter visitor and passage migrant in small numbers; 100 at Kingsbarns Jan-Mar 2006 unusual. Almost regular passage migrant to I of May.
Lesser Redpoll	<i>Carduelis cabaret</i>	Scarce and declining local resident on mainland Fife, passage migrant and winter visitor in small numbers. Regular passage migrant to I of May in small numbers.
(Common) Mealy Redpoll	<i>Carduelis flammea</i>	Occasional winter visitor and passage migrant to mainland from Scandinavia. Occasional passage migrant to I of May.
Arctic Redpoll	<i>Carduelis hornemanni</i>	Vagrant. One mainland record on 11/02/96 at Lochore Meadows. On I of May one ringed 12/07/1982.
Two-barred Crossbill	<i>Loxia leucoptera</i>	Vagrant, I of May only. One on 08-12/08/1997 and one on 27/07-03/08/2001.
Common (Red) Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>	Occasional breeder in varying numbers on mainland, mostly following periodic eruptions. Occasional passage migrant to I of May, but 50 here on 24/10/2005.
Scottish Crossbill	<i>Loxia scotica</i>	Vagrant. 1st modern record on mainland Fife was one 10/12/2003 at Devilla forest. Historical records may refer to either this or parrot crossbill, <i>L.pytyopsittacus</i> , as these species were only separated at a later date.
Parrot Crossbill	<i>Loxia pytyapsittacus</i>	Vagrant. One record on I of May 18/09/1953.

Common Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus erythrinus</i>	Regular migrant to I of May - 57 birds ringed 1932-2004. Occasional visitor to mainland Fife, most recent record a bird singing at Easter Balrymonth farm by St Andrews 2-10/6/1997.
Pine Grosbeak	<i>Pinicola enucleator</i>	Vagrant, I of May only. A bird ringed 08/11/1954 was 1st for Scotland and 5th for Britain.
Common Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>	Local resident on mainland Fife, occasional winter visitor of northern race from Scandinavia. Occasional to I of May.
Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>	Occasional visitor, but status unclear. 1st Scottish breeding record was in 1903 at Newport, north Fife, but modern records few and far between. Most recent mainland record was a bird on 10-19/04/1998 at Anstruther. 6 records for I of May since 1937, the most recent one on 28/09/2010.
Snow Bunting	<i>Plectrophenax nivalis</i>	Regular passage migrant and winter visitor in varying numbers to mainland and I of May. Declining, but 200 on West Lomond, mainland, on 13/11/2005 was exceptional.
Lapland Bunting (Longspur)	<i>Calcarius lapponicus</i>	Regular but scarce passage migrant and winter visitor in very small numbers to both mainland and I of May. 70 at Wormiston in 2010 was exceptional.
White-crowned Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia leucophrys</i>	Vagrant, mainland only. One seen and photographed at St Michaels area on 17/05/2008. Only 2nd record for Scotland
Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>	Common resident and scarce passage migrant on mainland. Regular passage migrant to I of May.
Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>	Vagrant, only I of May. 4 records of 6 birds, the most recent one on 11/06//1976.
Ortolan Bunting	<i>Emberiza hortulana</i>	Occasional. Only 4 records on mainland: 1st recorded in Oct. 1966, then in 1985, again on 09/09/1995 at Fife Ness Muir, and most recently 03/10/2003 at Kilminning. Occasional passage migrant to I of May: most recent records include singles on 27/05/2001; 26-29/09/2001; 08/09/2010 and 22/09/2010.
Rustic Bunting	<i>Emberiza rustica</i>	Occasional. I of May only. 12 accepted records - the most recent confirmed being 2 birds 29/09/1999.
Little Bunting	<i>Emberiza pusilla</i>	Occasional passage migrant and exceptional winter visitor. Most recent record for mainland is one on 01/01/2009 at Coaltown of Callange (only 4th for mainland); 33 records for I of May (see also unconfirmed/pending records at end of list).
Yellow-breasted Bunting	<i>Emberiza aureola</i>	Occasional passage migrant. Only 3 records for mainland Fife: 1st recorded 29/08/1979 Fife Ness, then one on 18/10/1997 at same site, 3rd record at Balcomie area 21/9/2000. Occasional passage migrant to I of May (12 records), the most recent being one on 12/09/1989.
Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>	Locally common resident and passage migrant to mainland. Almost regular passage migrant to I of May in small numbers.

Black-headed Bunting	<i>Emberiza melanocephala</i>	A female/ immature on 02/10/1998 at RAF Leuchars was 1st mainland record since 1886. This was first identified as Red-headed Bunting but accepted by BBRC belonging to the species pairing: all Red-headed Buntings are considered escapes by BOURC. Vagrant to I of May with a single record 22/09/1949.
Corn Bunting	<i>Millaria calandra</i>	Locally common but declining resident on mainland, now confined almost entirely to east Fife. Occasional passage migrant to I of May, most recently in 2006.

### Unconfirmed records / some pending acceptance by British Birds Rarities Committee (BBRC)

Cory's Shearwater	<i>Calonectris diomedea</i>	A bird possibly of this species was reported on 27/07/2011 off I of May but no description received to substantiate the record
Red-necked Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>	There are no authenticated records, though it is mentioned for 'Fifeshire' for 19th century in at least one historical account without further detail.
Willow Tit	<i>Poecite montanus</i>	No certain historical records. 3 unconfirmed sightings reported in 1994 of 4 birds at Saline Golf course in Jan, one in March at Clune Wood and one in April at Lochore Meadows.
Melodious Warbler	<i>Hippolais polyglotta</i>	Single bird present on I of May on 07 Jun 2012 is subject to acceptance by SBRC and will be 6th record.
Marsh Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus palustris</i>	On I of May one in June 2011 and 2 in May 2012 (subject to SBRC acceptance) will constitute 29 birds from 23 records since 1966
Thrush Nightingale	<i>Luscinia luscinia</i>	Most recent records on I of May include one on 19/08/2008 and 2 in May 2012 - all 3 subject to acceptance by BBRC.
Richard's Pipit	<i>Anthus richardi</i>	One reported on Isle of May on 14 Oct 2012 but awaiting a description to substantiate record.
Pechora Pipit	<i>Anthus gustavi</i>	One individual was reported on the Isle of May on 13 Oct 2012 but no description has yet been received to substantiate the record / and for subsequent consideration for acceptance by BBRC.
Little Bunting	<i>Emberiza pusilla</i>	The most recent on I of May in 2011 (subject to acceptance by SBRC).

### Uncertain origin but probably escapes

Egyptian Goose	<i>Alopochen aegyptiacus</i>	Sighted most recently at Valleyfield Lagoon in May 2004 - this species is now on the Scottish list (C)
Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>	

### The following species are considered to be escapes and are not part of BOURC's British list

Black Swan	<i>Cygnus atratus</i>	Regular sightings of this Australian/ New Zealand species, often kept in captivity.
Bar-headed goose	<i>Anser indicus</i>	One was at Eden estuary in June 2004 - natural range C Asia
Swan Goose	<i>Anser</i>	A pair on Cameron Reservoir - natural range

	<i>cygnoides</i>	Mongolia, N China, SE Russia
Muscovy Duck	<i>Cairina scheata</i>	Frequently kept in captivity, and escaped pairs have been seen in various places, including Kirkcaldy and St Andrews. - natural range C and S America
Wood Duck	<i>Aix sponsa</i>	This N American species is kept at Beveridge Park, Kirkcaldy, it often escapes.
White-cheeked Pintail	<i>Anas bahamensis</i>	Been seen in a number of places - natural range S America, Caribbean
Chuckar	<i>Alectoris graeca</i>	Hybrids reared for shooting
Reeve's Pheasant	<i>Syrnaticus reevesii</i>	A female at Montrave April 2005, A male in Lade Braes, St Andrews
Golden Pheasant	<i>Chrysolophus pictus</i>	Although established feral populations exist outside Fife, this was regarded as an escape - natural range China.
Indian Peafowl	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>	One at Garvock hill, Dunfermline April 2003 - peacocks are native to India
Helmeted Guineafowl	<i>Numida meleagris</i>	One seen at Kingsbarns April 2003 - natural range Africa
Great White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>	One bird, probably of this species, on I of May 8/8/1960 was regarded as an escape. - natural range S Europe, Africa and C Asia. (see also Eggeling, W J (1985) <i>The Isle of May</i> )
Greater Famingo	<i>Phoenicopterus ruber</i>	Seen on various occasions, most likely all escapes - natural range S Europe, Africa, C and S America
Chilean Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus chilensis</i>	Several sightings, all regarded as escapes - natural range S America
Hooded Vulture	<i>Necrosyrtes monachus</i>	A falconer's bird was seen at Guardbridge in 2008 - natural range Sub-Saharan Africa
Harris's Hawk	<i>Parabuteo unicinctus</i>	A bird with tresses seen over Bankhead moss in April 2006 and elsewhere was a magnificent but obvious escape.
Lanner	<i>Falco biarmicus</i>	A species kept by local falconers - natural range Africa, Middle East.
Saker	<i>Falco cherrug</i>	A falconer's species, some sightings also of reared hybrids - natural range S Europe
Cockatiel	<i>Nymphicus hollandicus</i>	One at Tayport and another on I of May (probably from Craill aviary) - natural range Australia.
Eastern Rosella	<i>Platyercus eximius</i>	One in Anstruther April 2008 - Natural range SE Australia
Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	Probably almost regular, of feral origin - natural range Africa, India
Black-hooded Parakeet	<i>Nandayus neuday</i>	Natural range South America
Eurasian Eagle Owl	<i>Bubo bubo</i>	A bird took up residence in Newburgh Quarry from February 1999 till late in that year and a bird was at St Ninians opencast mine for several years and at least till 2009. There is also a historical record from 18th century, origin uncertain. Eurasia is the natural range of this species, but all records in the UK are regarded as of escapes.
Chinese Bulbul	<i>Pycnontus sinensis</i>	Natural range SE Asia
Daurian Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus aureus</i>	One record from I of May, regarded as an escape (natural range SE Asia).
Indian Verditer Flycatcher	<i>Eumyas thalassina</i>	One record from Fife Ness was regarded as an escape (natural range India and SE Asia).
Lazuli Bunting	<i>Passerina amoena</i>	Only at I of May, regarded as an escape (natural range N America).

Pallas's Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus roseus</i>	One ringed on I of May was regarded as an escape (natural range E Asia).
Chestnut Bunting	<i>Emeberiza rutila</i>	Only recorded from I of May, regarded as an escape (natural range E Asia).
Red-headed Bunting	<i>Emeberiza bruniceps</i>	Only at I of May - 3 birds ringed. Now regarded as an escape (natural range from E Russia to China, Iran to India). All Red-headed Bunting records are being reviewed by BBRC/BOURC with a view to accepting as genuine vagrants.
Chinese (Yellow-billed) Grosbeak	<i>Eophona migratoria</i>	A bird arriving in Kinghorn in April 2003 after easterlies caused some excitement until identification was clinched.
Red-billed Quelea	<i>Quelea quelea</i>	One record of unringed female from Anstruther 1998 was regarded as an escape (natural range Central and E Africa).
Budgerigar	<i>Melopsittacus undulatus</i>	Two records on I of May both in 1970s - natural range Australia