



## Systematic list of birds recorded in the Clyde Area in 2007

Order and nomenclature follows BOU/IOC v10.2 (2021)

### Capercaillie *Tetrao urogallus*

A ♂ on Inchconnachan on 20 Oct (AKMcN) was the only report from the declining Loch Lomond population (*ed.*).

### Black Grouse *Lyrurus tetrix*

Reports in 2007 consisted of 5 perched on pylons at **Blackhill Plantation**, Helensburgh in “early Jan” (AMcI); a ♀ above **Hill House, Helensburgh** on 5 Jan (DH), a ♂ on 25 Jan (ANi), a ♂ on 25 Feb (DHMcE); 2 **Strone, Glen Fruin** 9 Jan, a ♀ on 29 Mar (ANi), 10 ♂♂ on 18 May (MMcG); 4 ♂♂ **Carron Valley Reservoir** 15 Jan (IF); a ♂ **Garbethill Muir** 16 Jan (DLC); 2 ♂♂ **Dumbrook Muir** 17 Jan (FH), 3 (one ♂) on 19 Jan (CJMcI), a ♂ on 26 Mar (FH), a ♂ on 11 May (DO'B); 4 ♀♀ **Cashel** 9 Feb (ECD), 3 ♂♂ on 10 Feb (*per* JJM), 2 ♂♂ on 15 Nov (ECD); 11 ♂♂ **Stockie Muir** 7 Jan (IF), 9 ♂♂ on 18 Feb (FDH), 12 ♂♂ on 9 Apr, 11 ♂♂ on 15 Apr (DO'B), 8 ♂♂ on 13 Apr (ECD), 7 ♂♂ on 20 Apr (GJB), 6 ♂♂ on 3 May (CJMcI), 8 ♂♂ on 14 May, 5 ♂♂ on 3 Sep, 6 on 22-23 Sep (AKMcN), 12 ♂♂ on 16 Nov (JM), site max 14 ♂♂ on 10 Dec (IF); 2 ♂♂ **Burncrooks Resr** 2 Mar (ECD); 2 ♂♂ **Catythirsty Well** 2 Mar, 3 on 13 July (ECD); a ♂ **Crumyards**, Neilston 13 Apr (EW); 2 **Gleann nan Caorunn** 1 June (ECD); a ♂ **Heathfield Farm** near Muirshiel Country Park 6 June (CMRS); a ♀ and 3 juvs **Duneaton Water** 12 Sep (JDa); 2 **Muirhouse Muir** 27 Nov, 3 on 22 Dec (AKMcN); 3 at lek **Garrison** (no date), 27 at lek **Loch Arklet** (no date) (RSPB).

### Ptarmigan *Lagopus muta*

Reports involved one in full winter plumage near the summit of Ptarmigan Ridge, Ben Lomond on 21 Feb (ECD), and 6 on the summit of Ben Lomond on 3 Nov (*per* JJM).

### Red Grouse *Lagopus lagopus*

Winter-spring reports included 4 Carrot 2 Jan (FH), 1 Mugdock 8 Jan (GJB), 11 Tinto 21 Jan (FH), 11 Darlees Rig 28 Jan (FH), 1 Misty Hill 1 Feb (ECD), 2 Beinn Uird 18 Feb (FH).

Breeding season reports involved 1 Creuch Hill 30 Mar (IP), 3 calling ♂♂ there on 2 May (IPG), 4 Queenside Muir 13 Apr (CMRS), 3 on 15 Apr (ECD), a ♂ on 5 May, a ♂ Berryglen Burn 29 Apr (CMRS), 2 prs Queenside Hill 3 May (LH), 1 heard Cople Hill 3 May, a poor result after 10 hours on the moors (IP), 5 Tinto 3 May, 5 Lowther Hill 5 May (ECD), a ♂ Cample Burn 5 May (CMRS), 5 Green Lowther 6 May (FH), a ♀ with young The Whangie 21 June (IF), a ♂ Cairn Kinney 1 July (FH), 2 singles seen Queenside Hill 8 July (IPG), and 4 at Overton Muir 29 July (FH).

Autumn-winter reports included 1 Muirshiel Country Park 17 Aug (CMRS), 7 Dunside Rig 19 Aug (FH), 2 on Duchal Moor 29 Aug, 3 on 12 Dec (CMRS), 16 at The Whangie on 4 Sep (AKMcN), 3 at Auchineden, Kilpatrick 25 Oct (GJB), 8 Queenside Hill 30 Oct (ECD), 2 Gryfe Resrs 11 Nov (FH), 3 Cashel 2 Dec (AKMcN), and 1 Queenside Muir 30 Dec (CMRS).

### **Red-legged Partridge *Alectoris rufa***

Very few reports in 2007 despite releases known to occur in several parts: 2 Garvald Quarry 10 Apr, 2 Newmill Farm 5 June (AMcA), and 1 at Boghead, Lochwinnoch on 30 Sep (MMcG).

### **Grey Partridge *Perdix perdix***

Winter-spring reports included 5 at Meiklehill Farm feeding station, Lenzie on 21 Jan, 4 on 4 Feb, 2 on 11 Mar (FC).

Breeding season reports were of 2 at Meiklehill Farm on 1 Apr (FC), and a calling ♂ at Meikle Corseford, Johnstone on 8 Apr (DHMcE).

Autumn-winter reports included 2 Millichen area 23 Oct (GJB), 5 at East Millichen 12 Nov (AKMcN), 10 Candrens 10 Dec (JG,GTW).

### **Quail *Coturnix coturnix***

None reported in 2007.

### **Pheasant *Phasianus colchicus***

Breeding season reports included 5 prs Merryton/Carbarns (AIE), 9 prs Midross, Loch Lomond (SL), 3 ♂♂ calling Finnick Glen 1 Apr, 4 ♂♂ calling Ballochruin Bridge 2 Apr, 4 ♂♂ calling Dumbrock Muir 4 Apr, ♂ calling Ardmore 6 Apr, 2 ♂♂ calling Aber 9 Apr, ♂ calling Claddoch 9 Apr, 8 ♂♂ calling Endrick Mouth 9 Apr, 2 ♂♂ calling Buchley Pool 13 Apr, ♂ calling East Millichen Farm 13 Apr, ♂ calling Loch Arding 17 Apr, ♂ calling

Carron Valley Forest 21 May (AKMcN), a ♀ b/8 Muirshiel Country Park 22 Aug, another ♀ b/1 on 30 Sep (CMRS).

Other reports included 24 Blackstoun Farm 9 Dec (DSF), and a completely blue bird at Gartocharn on 21 Dec (MSt).

## Canada Goose *Branta canadensis*

### Wetland Bird Survey results, showing the most important sites in 2007 (*per* JSW,VW)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>Clyde Area Total</b>	453	279	218	114	119	233	639	361	152	240	465	413
<b>Sites recorded (37 in total)</b>	11	11	18	20	16	7	11	8	6	7	11	10
Endrick Mouth	55	50	38	14	22	118	300	11	-	48	31	195
Barcraigs/Rowbank Resrs	76	67	49	0	18	81	132	0	1	1	241	0
Clyde Estuary	24	0	2	0	0	0	0	293	67	157	10	48
Hillend Reservoir	0	55	5	13	0	0	69	0	0	0	82	0
Brother Loch	0	36	30	14	12	0	68	0	0	0	0	0
Lochwinnoch	100	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45
Merryton/Carbarns	41	28	4	0	-	-	-	-	-	27	-	39
Harelaw Dam	24	4	28	22	24	0	14	0	0	0	0	20

Other winter-spring reports included 41 Carbarns Pool 2 Jan (AIE), 44 Balgray Resr 2 Jan (JJS), 178 Castle Semple Loch 4 Jan (DSF), 100 there on 21 Jan (RSPB), 81 Balmaha 6 Jan (JMcO), 76 at Rowbank/Barcraigs Resrs on 11 Jan, 76 again (nearby at Rashiefield) on 20 Jan, 67 on 11 Feb, 103 on 3 Mar, 49 on 15 Mar, 30 on 31 Mar (IPG), 100 on flooded Craigmarloch Marsh (to roost) on 9 Jan (DSF), 33 on 21 Jan (IPG), 50 Glen Fruin 24 Jan (ANi), 80 Cornalees Bridge 17 Feb (MMcG), 50 Endrick Mouth 13 Mar (ANi), 80 Shielhill Farm 14 Mar (MMcG), 6 at Gryfe Resrs on 28 Apr (MMcG), and 7 at Blackwater Farm Pool on 13 May (IPG).

Breeding season reports included 2 prs Midross, Loch Lomond (SL), a pair Shepherd's Pond Apr-May (FL), a pair Bennan Loch ((JSW,VW), 9 prs on island Loch Thom 14 Apr (IPG), 64 incl b/2, b/4 and cr/18 on 27 June (MMcG), possibly most failed as water low and island accessed by anglers by 7 July (IPG), a pair b/5 Hamilton Low Parks 11 May (SRi), 2 prs Sallochay with b/3 and b/5 on 12 May (MMcG), 4 prs with 14 young Ring Point, Endrick Mouth 14 May (AKMcN), 26 ads Rowbank/ Barcraigs Resrs 26 May, 41 on 30 May, 81 on 17 June, 2 prs with b/4 and b/7 on 21 June, 132 on 11 July, 36 Loch Thom-Shielhill Farm 27 May, pair at Kilmacolm High Dam on 1 June, pair b/5 Kaim Dam 1 June (IPG), a pair b/3 at the Heritage Park, East Kilbride 3 June, goslings subsequently killed by Mute Swan and adults driven off (DWM), 120 ads and 61 young at Stuckendroin on 6 June, 40 at Inveruglas

on 6 June, 140 ads with 40 young on 9 June (DHMcE), 3 at Burncrooks Resr on 21 June (FH), and 22 at Broadwood Loch on 24 June and 8 July (JJM).

**Canada Goose** breeding summary: an estimated 46 confirmed/probable breeding pairs reported, and a minimum of 171 young reared in 2007 (*ed.*).

Summer-winter reports included 132 Rowbank Resr 11 July, 69 Reivoch Farm 3 Aug (IPG), 300 at Endrick Mouth 15 July (DO'B), post-moult flock on estuary 260 Milton Island/Longhaugh Point 12 Aug (JSW,VW, ADW), 240 at Longhaugh Point on 14 Aug (ECD), 170 on 2 Sep, 120 on 9 Oct (IPG), 25 at Meiklehill Farm, Lenzie on 28 Aug (JTMcE), 51 at Yonderton on 6 Sep (GTW), 61 Auchendores Resr 13 Sep (DSF), 15 on 26 Sep (IPG), 280 on 4 Oct, 254 Harelaw Resr (Port Glasgow) 10 Oct (DSF), 241 in one flock Reivoch-Rashiefield 11 Nov (IPG), 70 Auchans Farm 23 Nov, 87 on 11 Dec (GTW), 35 Baron's Haugh 25 Nov (JCM), 68 Hartfield Moss 29 Nov (IPG), 57 Balgray Resr 7 Dec (SAW), 136 Cornalees Bridge 12 Dec (MMcG), 29 Gryfe No.2 Resr 17 Dec (IPG), 62 Blackstoun Farm 27 Dec (DSF), and 34 at Carbarns Pool on 28 Dec (AIE).

## Barnacle Goose *Branta leucopsis*

Winter-spring reports involved 1 with Pink-footed Geese at Gallangad Farm (NS445832) on 13 Feb (*per* JSW,VW), 7 with Pink-footed Geese at Drumtlan Lane, Killearn on 1 Mar (RAB), 1 with Pink-footed Geese at Shodhill Moss on 11 Mar (ADW), and 19 migrants N past Wemyss Point at 0920 hrs on 4 May (*anon per* Birdguides).

A feral breeding pair had b/6 at Kilmardinny Loch (NK), with a single bird noted there on 12 July and 10 Aug (GJB).

Autumn-winter reports were of 1 at South Medwin Pools on 1 Oct (IF), 3 there on 17 Oct (JTT), 1 at Millichen Flood on 3 Nov (JC), and 10 at Harelaw Dam on 3 Dec (JSW,VW).

## Greylag Goose *Anser anser*

**Wetland Bird Survey results, showing the most important sites in 2007** (*per* JSW,VW)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>Clyde Area Total</b>	1072	2341	1331	414	422	213	681	721	1126	849	1496	1542
<b>Sites recorded (43 in total)</b>	16	18	23	16	17	12	8	9	8	12	20	16
Gadloch	269	1100	0	0	0	3	12	477	600	230	105	65
Hogganfield Loch	94	118	36	8	263	0	338	30	3	126	43	35
Twechar Marsh	210	0	160	0	-	-	-	-	0	0	170	350
Clyde Estuary	1	115	212	280	0	0	0	159	117	342	1	85

Summerston	12	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	3	21	492	96
Lamington (River Clyde)	0	450	1	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	1	400
Lochend Loch	-	84	27	17	14	81	163	-	-	0	4	24
Douglas Estate Ponds	45	40	50	40	50	50	0	45	48	50	40	50

Other winter-spring reports included in the **Kelvin Valley/North Glasgow** area 400 Lumloch Farm, Lenzie 3 Jan (JTMcE), 150 Bardowie Loch 22 Jan (AKMcN), 90 Millersneuk 22 Jan, 165 at Rushyhill (NS633705) 22 Jan (IPG), 177 Blackfaulds Farm 22 Jan, 150 on 8 Feb, 260 on 21 Feb (GCC), 320 on 1 Mar (CRS), 450 at Chryston (NS680786) on 8 Feb, 320 on 16 Mar, 264 Easter Lumloch 21 Feb (IPG), 50 at Easter Cadder (NS634732), Kirkintilloch 8 Mar (JT *per* JJM), and 209 at East Millichen Farm on 11 Mar (FC); in **Strathgryfe** 560 at Port Glasgow on 5 Jan (DSF), 180 low over Kilmacolm 11 Feb, 300 N over Birkmyre Park towards Auchendores Resr roost at 1910 hrs on 20 Mar (AB,IPG), 240 Auchendores Resr 25 Mar, 150 at pond in unusual field Duchal Mains (at NS350676) on 31 Mar (IPG); and **elsewhere** 70 at Carbarns Pools 2 Jan (AIE), 100 Newshot Island 14 Jan (ECD), 200 at Drymen Primary School 25 Feb (AKMcN), 250 by the Endrick Water at Blane Bridge 28 Feb (AS), 112 at North Commonsides on 25 Mar (IPG), 310 Barr Loch 27 Mar (RSPB), 280 over Newshot Island 8 Mar, 280 N on 15 Apr (ACMB), 200 Weston 10 Apr (JTT), and 800 at the Endrick Mouth on 11 Apr (JM).

Feral birds included 84 Hogganfield Loch 22 Jan, 94 on 23 Jan, 118 on 16 Feb, 36 on 19 Mar, 17 on 19 Apr (GCC), pair b/10 and 10 ads, incl leucistic bird Kaim Dam 1 June (IPG).

**Breeding** reports involved a pair reared 1 young Antermoney Loch (AMC), a pair Midross, Loch Lomond (SL), 2 Barscube Hill Pond 5 Apr, 12 Auchendores Resr 7 Apr (DSF), 2 prs Burncrooks Resr 27 Apr (FH), a ♀ with b/6 crossing road at Strathblane 5 May (AKMcN), a pair b/2 Carbarns Pool 12 May (AIE), a pair b/10 Kaim Dam 1 June (IPG), 3 prs with broods 2, 3 and 4 Carbeth Loch 2 June (AKMcN), 3 prs with 10 goslings Loch Thom 24 May (DSF), a pair b/4 on Loch Thom island 3 June, a pair with b/2 small goslings south end Loch Thom 17 June (IPG), 38 incl 10 juvs Knapps Loch 22 June (DSF), 19 broods totalling 58 young Loch Walton 2 July, and 2 broods totalling 11 young at Carron Valley Resr on 2 July (AKMcN). **Summary:** reports indicated 37 probable/confirmed breeding pairs rearing an estimated minimum of 32 broods totalling 109 young in 2007, with a notable concentration Loch Walton/Carron Valley Resr (*ed.*).

The moult flock of feral birds at Hogganfield Loch built up from *ca* 200 on 25 May (FJM) to 263 on 19 June (GCC), a max of 410 on 2 July (FJM), 338 on 19 July, down to 30 by 9 Aug (GCC) when an estimated 500 at nearby Gadloch (FC), and 422 counted at Gadloch on 19 Sep (IPG). The other moult flock of feral birds consisted of 236 ads at Loch Walton on 2 July, 217 on 16 July (AKMcN).

Post-moult and autumn-winter reports included in the **Kelvin Valley/North Glasgow** area 150 at Meiklehill Farm, Lenzie on 28 Aug, 300 there on 9 Sep (JTMcE,DHMcE), 600 at Millichen Flood on 3 Nov (JC), 492 on 12 Nov (CRS), 110 on 17 Nov (FC), and 172 at Westerhill on 15 Nov (IPG); unusually none reported from **Strathgryfe**, but in the **Black Cart Water** floodplain and surrounding area there were 300 on the estuary and fields at Milton Island/Longhaugh Point on 29 Aug (ECD), 175 there on 22 Sep (IPG), 200 on 6 Oct (FH), 338 on 16 Oct (JGT), 100 at Town of Inchinnan Farm on 14 Nov, 200 at Auchans Farm

on 14 Nov, 400 there on 23 Nov, 418 on 11 Dec, 452 on 27 Dec, 530 on 30 Dec, 700 at Blackstoun Farm on 30 Nov, 100 at Selvieland on 11 Dec (GTW, DSF), and 104 at High Hatton on 25 Dec (DSF); **elsewhere** were 82 at Loanhead, Cumbernauld on 3 Nov (AJY), and 1000 in fields N of Drymen on 17 Dec (JM).

## Taiga Bean Goose *Anser fabalis*

### Winter-spring counts (*per* BGWG)

Date	Location	No.	Date	Location	No.
2 Jan	Garbethill	64	5 Feb	Garbethill	116
2 Jan	Fannyside Muir roost	90	7 Feb	Fannyside Mill	83
3 Jan	Garbethill	105	8 Feb	Blackhill	80
4 Jan	Fannyside Muir roost	35	10 Feb	W Fannyside Loch roost	160
5 Jan	Fannyside Muir roost	50	10 Feb	Fannyside Mill	160
6 Jan	Blackhill	113	12 Feb	Blackhill	133
10 Jan	Blackhill	137	14 Feb	Fannyside Muir roost	160
16 Jan	Blackhill	27	16 Feb	Blackhill	100
21 Jan	Blackhill	82	16 Feb	Garbethill	100
25 Jan	Garbethill	150	16 Feb	Fannyside Muir roost	161
25 Jan	Fannyside Muir roost	80	18 Feb	Blackhill	89
25 Jan	W Fannyside Loch roost	70	18 Feb	Fannyside Muir roost	159
26 Jan	Garbethill	150	21 Feb	Fannyside Muir roost	130
28 Jan	Fannyside Muir roost	100	25 Feb	Blackhill	50
31 Jan	Garbethill	40	26 Feb	Fannyside Muir roost	70
1 Feb	Fannyside Muir roost	49	27 Feb	Fannyside Muir roost	40
1 Feb	W Fannyside Loch roost	82			

Other supplementary winter-spring reports involved 119 at Luckenburn on 1 Jan, 119 Garbethill Muir 4 Jan, 40 at roost on Fannyside Muir 4 Jan (*per* BS), *ca* 160 roosting there on 5 Jan (RS), 165 on 21 Jan, 113 on Fannyside Muir 6 Jan, 81 on moor east of Easter Fannyside Loch 24 Jan, 130 roosting on Easter Fannyside Loch 24 Jan (*per* BS), 83 on 9 Feb (ECD), 90 on 21 Feb (*per* BS), and 122 at Blackhill on 12 Feb (RS *per* BS).

The first record for the autumn season was 41 at Blackhill on 28 Sep, numbers increasing during October to reach the peak of 300 on 27 October. Autumn-winter counts (*per* BGWG):

Date	Location	No.	Date	Location	No.
28 Sep	Blackhill	41	9 Nov	E Fannyside Loch roost	290

28 Sep	Luckenburn	23	15 Nov	Blackhill	16
28 Sep	E Fannyside Loch roost	81	15 Nov	Garbethill	120
30 Sep	Luckenburn	89	18 Nov	Blackhill	16
1 Oct	Luckenburn	137	22 Nov	E Fannyside Loch roost	50
2 Oct	Luckenburn	139	22 Nov	W Fannyside Loch roost	130
3 Oct	Luckenburn	101	22 Nov	Fannyside Muir roost	40
4 Oct	Luckenburn	230	25 Nov	Garbethill	35
7 Oct	Luckenburn	244	25 Nov	Easter Fannyside	78
8 Oct	Luckenburn	129	25 Nov	Blackhill	13
8 Oct	Blackhill	94	25 Nov	W Fannyside Loch	24
10 Oct	Luckenburn	262	25 Nov	Fannyside Muir roost	250
10 Oct	E Fannyside Loch roost	100	26 Nov	Blackhill	42
10 Oct	Fannyside Muir roost	262	27 Nov	Blackhill	90
12 Oct	Luckenburn	231	27 Nov	Fannyside Mill	1
13 Oct	Fannyside Mill	189	29 Nov	Garbethill	70
14 Oct	Luckenburn	253	3 Dec	Garbethill	29
15 Oct	W Fannyside Loch roost	120	7 Dec	Fannyside Muir roost	209
15 Oct	Fannyside Muir roost	140	9 Dec	E Fannyside Loch	85
15 Oct	Luckenburn	248	12 Dec	Blackhill	148
17 Oct	Luckenburn	270	12 Dec	Fannyside Muir roost	200
19 Oct	Luckenburn	200	13 Dec	Fannyside Muir roost	200
19 Oct	W Fannyside Loch roost	20	13 Dec	East Fannyside	178
19 Oct	E Fannyside Loch roost	60	14 Dec	Garbethill	66
19 Oct	Fannyside Muir roost	60	15 Dec	Blackhill	59
21 Oct	Fannyside Muir roost	271	15 Dec	Garbethill	131
21 Oct	Luckenburn	271	15 Dec	Fannyside Muir roost	294
22 Oct	Luckenburn	196	16 Dec	Blackhill	83
23 Oct	E Fannyside Loch roost	250	18 Dec	Blackhill	73
24 Oct	Luckenburn	166	19 Dec	Fannyside Mill	170
25 Oct	Luckenburn	294	19 Dec	E Fannyside Loch roost	300
27 Oct	Luckenburn	300	22 Dec	Fannyside Mill	165

28 Oct	Luckenburn	300	23 Dec	Fannyside Mill	136
29 Oct	Fannyside Mill	119	23 Dec	Garbethill	7
31 Oct	Garbethill	169	24 Dec	Garbethill	120
31 Oct	Luckenburn	14	24 Dec	Fannyside Mill	100
2 Nov	Garbethill	130	24 Dec	Blackhill	160
3 Nov	Garbethill	174	25 Dec	E Fannyside Loch roost	300
3 Nov	Luckenburn	20	28 Dec	Fannyside Mill	36
3 Nov	Fannyside Muir roost	174	30 Dec	Garbethill	116
3 Nov	Garbethill roost	30			

Other autumn-winter reports were of 41 Fannyside Muir 28 Sep (*per* BS), 150 on 25 Nov (MMcG), 133 Luckenburn Farm 1 Oct (NB), 236 on 5 Oct, 266 on 7 Oct, 253 on 9 Oct, 150+ on 11 Oct, 182 on 14 Oct, 234 on 12 Oct, 182+ on 14 Oct, 200+ on 16 Oct and 18 Oct, 250 on 24 Oct (*per* BS, Birdguides *et al*), 294 on 25 Oct (IF), 250 on 26 Oct, 254 on 28 Oct, 160 on 29 Oct, 49 Garbethill House 20 Nov, 40 Easter Fannyside 20 Nov (*per* BS), and 4 at Fannyside Mill on 31 Dec (MMcG).

## Pink-footed Goose *Anser brachyrhynchus*

Winter-spring **Clydesdale** counts included 780 Swaites 4 Jan (JTT), 1000 Harperfield 16 Jan (JSW,VW), 800 at Heavyside, Biggar on 9 Feb (JTT), and 105 at The Meetings on 15 Apr (ADW). Reports of the **Glasgow/North Lanarkshire** flock involved 47 at Garnqueen Loch on 6 Jan (JJM), 583 at Millersneuk on 21 Jan (FC), 80 NE over Cardowan Moss on 18 Feb (CRS), 618 at Easter Lumloch 21 Feb (IPG), 200 at Easter Cadder (NS634732), Kirkintilloch on 8 Mar (JT *per* JJM), 400 Bridgend Farm Pool 1 Apr (KH), and 500 at Bearhill Farm, Lenzie on 2 Apr (JTMcE). Reports from the **Endrick valley** were of 500 Finnich Toll 13 Feb (RAB), 1030 Gallangad Farm 13 Feb (*per* JSW,VW), 800 taking off from Blairennich Farm, Gartocharn on 25 Feb (DHMcE), 2500 at Drumtitan Lane, Killearn on 1 Mar (RAB), 120 by the Endrick Water at Drymen on 28 Mar (AS), and 50 at the Endrick Mouth on 8 Apr (ANi). **Spring passage** included birds heard flying N over Darleith at 2300 *hrs* on 22 Mar, 80 N over there on 17 Apr (FL), 103 N over Merryton on 14 Apr (AIE), and 120 over the Stockie Muir on 15 Apr (DO'B).

A presumed feral bird was at Bishop Loch on 3 May (IF), and with the Greylags at Hogganfield Loch 19 June-4 July (GCC,FJM *et al*).

Autumn passage/arrival reports included 32 S over Lamington 13 Sep, 16 at South Medwin Pools 13 Sep (JSW,VW), 5000 there on 18 Sep (IF), 65 Langbank 14 Sep (DSF), 37 E over Carron Valley Resr 16 Sep (AKMcN), 63 E over Millichen Flood 17 Sep, 50 E over Robroyston Park 25 Sep (CRS), 45 SE and 75 E over Muirhouse Resr 25 Sep (AKMcN), heard over Darleith at 2300 *hrs* on 26 Sep (FL), 15 Gadloch 26 Sep (JJM), first skeins noted over Drymen on 17 Oct (JM), 245 N high over Luckenburn at 1630 *hrs* on 18 Oct (JJM), and 26 high over Robroyston Park in the morning of 18 Oct (CRS). Autumn-winter counts in **Clydesdale** included 2300 South Medwin valley 1 Oct (IF), 6500 Biggar Moss 8 Oct



(JSW,VW), a massive flock of 20,000 at Ravenstruther on 4 Nov (JSW,VW), and 7000 SW over Dunsyre on 24 Dec (JTT); reports **elsewhere** included 383 at Gallangad Farm on 25 Oct (MS).

## Greenland White-fronted Goose *Anser albifrons flavirostris*

Winter-spring reports of the Endrick Mouth birds involved 174 at Middle Gartocharn Farm at 1105 hrs on 5 Jan (JTT), 150+ there on 6 Jan (CP *per* BS), 184 on 28 Jan (JCD), 198 on 23 Jan, 205 on 13 Feb at 0940 hrs (SNH), 60 in flight near Hillhead, Croftamie 7 Jan, 80 at Ring Point on 12 Feb (IF), 180 at Wards 13 Feb at 1740 hrs (DHMcE), 210 Ring Point 6 Mar at 1820 hrs (SNH), 200 over Endrick Mouth 11 Mar (DHMcE), 210 on 19 Mar (SNH), and still 7 there on 8 Apr (ANi).

Autumn-winter reports were of 1 at the Endrick Water, Blane Bridge to Drymen Bridge on 23 Sep, 16 Oct and 23 Dec (AS), 114 at Hillhead of Catter 31 Oct (JGS), 92 Endrick Mouth 3 Dec, 210 on 17 Dec, and 223 at Middle Gartocharn Farm on 10 Dec (IF), 204 on 16 Dec (JTT).

## Mute Swan *Cygnus olor*

**Wetland Bird Survey results, showing the most important sites in 2007** (*per* JSW,VW)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>Clyde Area Totals</b>	761	755	672	668	650	793	751	663	565	731	758	773
<b>Sites recorded (99 in total)</b>	57	69	72	73	59	60	52	49	58	68	72	71
Hogganfield Loch	103	86	113	96	102	142	125	126	83	79	84	113
Lanark Loch	96	98	77	85	61	113	106	115	-	57	53	76
Strathclyde Country Park	60	59	36	48	56	94	110	-	-	-	-	-
Lochwinnoch	62	52	49	70	57	83	92	85	63	44	48	42
Glasgow, Richmond Park	71	66	57	46	46	49	51	56	44	50	63	67
Clyde Estuary	42	36	16	26	52	83	74	81	50	42	20	27
Lamington (River Clyde)	15	42	23	21	33	4	-	2	56	93	121	81
Lochend Loch	-	22	19	23	38	27	30	-	-	36	36	26

Other winter-spring reports included 38 at Merryton/Carbarns on 2 Jan (AIE), 113 at Hogganfield Loch on 19 Mar (GCC), and 16 at Kilmardinny Loch on 22 Apr (FH).

**Breeding** reports are presented in the table overleaf. **Summary:** 68 pairs reported from 56 sites, with a mean brood size of 2.44 young/pair (*cf.* an average mean brood size of 2.86 young/pair 1987-2007). Other breeding observations: (i) for 3rd year running, a “pair” of two ♂♂ built a nest on an island in the pond at Hogganfield Park LNR, one bird sitting on nest 15 May (GCC); (ii) the Frankfield Loch pair had 3 cygnets on 7 June but only one by 19 July, none by 13 Aug (GCC).

**Mute Swan** breeding table

Site	Pairs	Young	Obs	Site	Pairs	Young	Obs
Auchendores Reservoir	1	2	DSF	Hamilton, Lost Pond	1	0	SLRS
Banton Loch	1	3	PGC	Hamilton, Ross Pond	1	3	SLRS
Banton Mill Pond	1	4	PGC	Harelaw Dam	1	0	JVW
Bingham's Pond	1	3	JC	Heritage Park, East Kilbride	1	3	DWM
Bishop Loch	1	3	GCC	High Dam, Eaglesham	1	0	Sri
Broadwood Loch	1	5	JJM	Hogganfield Loch	2	0	GCC
Caplaw Dam	1	0	IPG	Kilmardinny Loch	1	4	NK
Douglas Estate Ponds	3	b/9,4	KS	Kilsyth Cemetery Pond	1	4	PGC
Douglas Water Pools	1	1	KS	Kilsyth Curling Pond	1	3	PGC
F&CC, Auchinstarry	1	0	PGC	Knapps Loch	1	4	DSF
F&CC, Bishopbriggs	1	0	PGC	Lamington	1	4	JVW
F&CC, Craigmarloch	1	3	PGC	Leperstone Reservoir	1	-	IP
F&CC, Tintoch	1	0	PGC	Loch Bowie	1	6	MMcG
F&CC, Wynford	1	4	PGC	Loch Libo	2	b/6	JVW
Faslane	1	-	MMcG	Loch Lomond, Midross	1	-	SL
Forrestburn Reservoir	1	1	FF	Lochwinnoch, Aird Meadow	4	9	RSPB
Frankfield Loch	1	0	GCC	Lochwinnoch, Barr Loch	3	3	RSPB
Gartloch Pool	1	7	GCC	Lochwinnoch, Castle Semple L	2	-	RSPB
Garvald Quarry	1	7	AMcA	Merryton/Carbarns	3	2	AIE

Glasgow, Alexandra Park	1	1	GCC	Milngavie CC Pool	1	4	AKM
Glasgow, Auchinlea Park	1	0	GCC	Mount Dam	1	4	AMC
Glasgow, Maxwell Park	1	1	GCC	Murdieston Dam	1	7	JHH
Glasgow, Queen's Park	1	3	GCC	Newshot Island	1	1	ACMB
Glasgow, Robroyston Pk LNR	1	1	GCC	Orchardton Road, Cumbernauld	1	5	JJM
Glasgow, Springburn Park	1	4	CRS	Pilmuir Dam	1	0	JVW
Glen Moss	1	2	IP	Robertson Park, Renfrew	1	7	FH
Hamilton, Half Pond	1	0	SLRS	Rouken Glen Pond	1	3	JAS
Hamilton, Island Pond	1	4	SLRS	Tannoch Loch	1	0	AKM

Summer moult flocks included 142 at Hogganfield Loch on 19 June, 125 on 19 July, 126 on 9 Aug (GCC). A total of 621 Mute Swans was counted at seven principal moult sites in June-July, as in the following table:

Site	Date	Count	Observer
Hogganfield Loch	19 June	142	GCC
Lanark Loch	15 June	113	MRH
Strathclyde Loch	16 July	110	NLRS
Lochwinnoch (total)	15 July	92	RSPB
Clyde Estuary	17 June	83	<i>WeBS</i>
Richmond Park Pond	20 July	51	GCC
Lochend Loch	16 July	30	NLRS
<b>Total number of birds</b>	-	621	-

Winter counts included 121 on the River Clyde at Lamington on 19 Nov (JSW,VW), and 113 at Hogganfield Loch on 11 Dec (GCC).

## Whooper Swan *Cygnus cygnus*

**Wetland Bird Survey results, showing the most important sites in 2007 (per JSW,VW)**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>Clyde Area Total</b>	327	304	326	4	3	1	1	1	1	14	426	311
<b>Sites recorded (23 in total)</b>	15	12	13	3	3	1	1	1	1	3	15	14
Thankerton-Carstairs	112	95	147	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	138	118
Black Cart Water SPA	55	78	79	2	0	0	0	0	0	76	115	92
Merryton/Carbarns	28	39	42	0	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	34
Ravenstruther (R Clyde)	0	0	16	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	95	0
Lochwinnoch	24	63	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	16
Douglas Estate Ponds	16	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	20
Endrick Mouth	36	5	4	0	1	0	0	0	-	0	6	16
Hogganfield Loch	14	15	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	16

**Black Cart Water SPA flock: supplementary counts winter-spring**

The max coordinated counts of the flock during this period were of 55 on 23 Jan, 78 on 19 Feb, and a peak count of 79 on 7 Mar (RSPB,ECD,FH *et al*).

Date	2 Jan	9 Jan	10 Jan	11 Jan	15 Jan	16 Jan	22 Jan	23 Jan
Barr Loch	-	-	-	-	32	36	24	-
Candrens Farm	-	-	18	18	-	-	-	-
Middleton Farm	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21
Town of Inchinnan	-	-	-	-	17	-	-	-
Yonderton-Barnsford	32	40	-	-	-	-	-	34
<b>TOTAL</b>	32	40	18	18	49	36	24	55
Date	26 Jan	27 Jan	28 Jan	29 Jan	5 Feb	8 Feb	13 Feb	14 Feb
Candrens Farm	-	-	14	14	-	-	-	8
Erskine/Newshot	-	-	-	-	12	15	17	15
Middleton Farm	14	23	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yonderton-Barnsford	-	-	-	-	40	45	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	14	23	14	14	52	60	17	23
Date	16 Feb	19 Feb	20 Feb	3 Mar	6 Mar	7 Mar	9 Mar	11 Mar
Barr Loch	14	63	-	42	-	-	-	-
Candrens Farm	15	-	9	-	-	35	40	24

Erskine/Newshot	15	15	15	-	-	13	-	-
Yonderton-Barnsford	-	-	-	-	40	31	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	44	78	24	42	40	79	40	24
<b>Date</b>	13 Mar	14 Mar	20 Mar	24 Mar	25 Mar	26 Mar	27 Mar	29 Mar
Candrens Farm	-	7	27	25	2	-	8	6
Erskine/Newshot	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Middleton Farm	11	-	-	-	-	14	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	24	7	27	25	2	14	8	6

Winter-spring reports included **Black Cart Water** 32 Easter Yonderton-Barnsford Bridge 2 Jan, 40 on 9 Jan, 34 on 23 Jan, 40 on 5 Feb, 45 on 8 Feb, 40 on 6 Mar, 31 on 7 Mar (ECD), 7 on 1 Apr (IPG), 18 Candrens 10-11 Jan, 14 on 28-29 Jan, 8 on 15 Feb, 14 on 16 Feb, 9 on 20 Feb (IPG), 35 on 7 Mar (FH), 40 on 9 Mar (AB), 24 on 10 Mar (MMcG), 7 on 14 Mar, 27 on 20 Mar, 25 on 24 Mar, 2 on 25 Mar, 8 on 27 Mar, 6 on 29 Mar (IPG), total 49 Black Cart Water flood-plain 15 Jan (*per* IPG), 79 on 7 Mar (FH), 32 Barr Loch 15 Jan, 36 on 16 Jan, 24 on 22 Jan, 63 on 19 Feb, 42 on 3 Mar (RSPB,MMcG), 21 Middleton Farm, Linwood 23 Jan, 14 on 26 Jan, 23 roosting on Linwood Pool, 15 going to Middleton Farm 27 Jan, 5 Middleton 12 Mar, 11 on 13 Mar, 14 on 26 Mar (IPG), 12 Newshot Island 5 Feb, 15 on most days 6-20 Feb (ECD), 17 on 13 Feb (ECD), 13 on 7 Mar (FH), 13 on 13 Mar (AJR), 3 on 1 Apr (ACMB), 29 at Boghead Farm on 9 Mar (TB); **Gadloch/Balmore Haughs** 9 at Millichen Flood on 16 Jan (CRS); **Merryton/ Baron's Haugh** max 46 Merryton 25 Feb (AIE); **Lanark/The Meetings** 56 Covington 4 Jan (JTT), 124 Covington-Ravenstruther 16 Jan, 18 at Douglas Water Pool on 16 Jan (JSW,VW), 91 including 76 at Covington 9 Feb (JTT), 114 Thankerton-Ravenstruther incl 92 at Quothquan 16 Feb (JSW,VW), 61 Quothquan 11 Mar (ADW), 107 Hillhead Farm (JSW,VW); **Barr Loch** 32 on 15 Jan, 24 on 22 Jan, 63 on 19 Feb, 42 on 3 Mar (RSPB); **Endrick Mouth** 33 on 25 Jan (DSF), 25 on 27 Jan, 10 on 13 Mar 1 Wards Pond, Endrick Mouth 8-14 Apr, 2 on 28 Apr, 1 on 18 June (ANi). **Other reports** included 15 Hogganfield Loch 1 Jan-23 Feb, 17 on 23 Jan (MMcG), 5 'intruders' (with orange-stained necks) chased off by one of the winter residents 9 Feb (FJM), all but 2 gone by 2 Mar, still 2 on 21 Mar (GCC *et al*), 10 on flooded Craigmarloch Marsh 21 Jan (IPG), 18 island Pond, Hamilton Low Parks 27 Jan (JJS), 19 at North Pond in Douglas Estate 29 Jan (*per* JJM), 6 Havoc 14 Feb (JBB), 8 Loch Libo 13-19 Feb (JSW,VW,IPG), and 11 which flew from Shepherd's Pond, Cardross towards the Clyde estuary on 19 Mar (FL).

Spring passage reports were of 21 on estuary off Cardross 24 Mar (IPG,ADW), and a pair at Ardmore, flying off north 24 Mar (DHMcE).

An injured bird remained at Merryton/Carbarns during the summer (AIE).

Autumn arrivals/passage reports included 2 Compensation Resr 4 Oct (FG), one arrived high from W at Black Cart Water at 0940 hrs on 10 Oct (GTW), 2 there on 13 Oct (AJR), 4 briefly on Stanely Resr 11 Oct (*per* GTW), 3 Baron's Haugh 12 Oct (JCM), a pair S over Colgrain at 0730 hrs on 17 Oct (DHMcE), 6 at South Medwin Pools on 17 Oct (JTT), 4 S over Mugdock at 1000 hrs on 18 Oct (AGJ), 18 arrived Merryton 18 Oct (AIE), 7 (2 juvs) arrived at Barr Loch on 18 Oct (RSPB), 7 flew in high from N to Erskine at 1150 hrs on 21 Oct (AJR), 4 Ardmore North Bay 24 Oct (JBB), 5 ads Auchendores Resr 21 Oct (IPG), 14 Snypes Dam 29 Oct (JSW, VW), 2 W over Gryfe No.1 Resr on 17 Dec (IPG), 7 Balgray Resr 11 Nov (SAW), and 12 at Langbank on 13 Nov (ADW).

Autumn-winter reports included **Black Cart Water** systematic counts on floodplain produced 17 on 19 Oct, 26 on 20 Oct, 37 on 30 Oct, 65 on 7 Nov, 89 on 13 Nov, 75 on 24 Nov, 80 on 25 Nov, 74 on 1 Dec, 77 on 9 Dec, 74 on 13 Dec, 90 on 23 Dec, 69 on 27 Dec (NH surveying for SNH), 2 on river at Walkinshaw 13 Oct, 9 in field at Erskine STW 21 Oct (AJR), 2 on river at Barnsford 28 Oct (GTW), 36 Town of Inchinnan Farm 30 Oct, 39 on 31 Oct (FH), 35 on 4 Nov (GTW), 85 on 11 Nov, 2 Candrens (stubble field) 9 Nov, 14 there on 14 Nov and 16 Nov, 75 on 19 Nov, 84 on 20 Nov, 44 on 21-22 Nov (IPG), 50 on 25 Nov (MMcG), 21 on 25 Nov, 59 on 28 Nov, 38 on 29 Nov (IPG), 54 on 30 Nov, 47 on 6 Dec (GTW), 20 Blackstoun Farm 9 Nov (IPG), 59 East Yonderton 14 Nov (ECD), 5 on 6 Dec, area total 74 on 14 Nov (GTW), 48 on 13 Dec, 63 on 14 Dec, 19 on 28 Dec (ECD), 79 Selvieland (field 110) 23 Nov, 33 on 11 Dec (GTW), 22 Aird Meadow 20 Nov (MMcG), 45 Barnsford Bridge (field 113) 11 Dec (GTW), 59 there 11 Dec, 68 Blackstone Mains on 18 Dec (ECD), 70 there at 1300 hrs on 20 Dec (GTW); **Merryton/Baron's Haugh** 31 Baron's Haugh on 19 Oct (JCM), max 35 Merryton 23 Dec (AIE); **Lanark/The Meetings** 95 Ravenstruther (NS9245) on 4 Nov, 82 by the R Clyde between Thankerton-Carstairs 11 Dec (JSW,VW), 62 Covington 24 Dec (JTT); **Barr Loch** 39 Aird Meadow 30 Oct (RSPB); **Endrick Mouth** 27 on 21 Oct (AKMcN), 35 on 22 Oct (IF). **Other reports** included 5 at Shepherd's Pond, Cardross 18 Oct (FL), 14 Snypes Dam 29 Oct (JSW,VW), 2 at Hogganfield Loch on 23 Oct, 10 on 30 Oct (JJM), 17 (2 juvs) 12-20 Nov (FJM,JJM,GCC *et al*), 20 on 16 Nov (JTMcE), 16 on 11 Dec (JJM), 19 at Cardross on 16 Oct, 26 on 15-23 Dec and 29-30 Dec (JBB), 9 on the River Clyde between Carmyle and Daldowie 14 Nov (CRS), 30 Geilston 3 Dec (FL), and 1 at Kaim Dam on 18 Dec (IPG).

#### **Black Cart Water SPA: supplementary counts autumn-winter**

The max coordinated counts of the flock during this period were of 76 on 30 Oct, a peak count of 115 on 14 Nov, and 92 on 11 Dec (ECD,IPG,GTW *et al*).

Date	21 Oct	30 Oct	31 Oct	4 Nov	9 Nov	11 Nov	14 Nov	16 Nov	19 Nov
Barr Loch	-	39	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Blackstoun Farm	-	-	-	-	20	-	-	-	-
Candrens Farm	-	-	-	-	2	-	14	14	75
East Yonderton	-	-	-	-	-	-	59	-	-
Erskine/Newshot	9	-	-	-	-	-	42	-	-
Town of Inchinnan	-	37	42	35	-	85	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	9	76	42	35	22	85	115	14	75
Date	20 Nov	21 Nov	22 Nov	23 Nov	25 Nov	28 Nov	29 Nov	30 Nov	6 Dec
Candrens Farm	84	44	44	-	50	59	38	54	47
East Yonderton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Selvieland	-	-	-	79	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	84	44	44	79	50	59	38	54	52
Date	11	13	14	18	20	28	-	-	-

	Dec	Dec	Dec	Dec	Dec	Dec			
Barnhill Farm	-	-	-	68	70	-	-	-	-
Selvieland	33	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Yonderton-Barnsford	59	48	63	-	-	19	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	92	48	63	68	70	19	-	-	-

## Shelduck *Tadorna tadorna*

Clyde Estuary counts (*WeBS per JSW,VW*, see Introduction for actual count dates)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Newshot-West Ferry *	228	236	420	139	186	286	29	8	13	5	17	9
West Ferry-Port Glasgow	0	2	8	8	15	9	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dumbarton-Craigendoran	35	51	66	104	76	38	0	3	5	17	70	47
<b>Clyde Estuary Total</b>	263	289	494	278	296	337	29	11	18	22	87	56

\* (including Milton Island to Dumbarton Rock)

Winter-spring estuary reports included low nos Ardmore North Bay, with only 54 on 2 Jan (ANi), 33 on 21 Jan (IPG), 66 on 3 Feb (AKMcN), 43 on 18 Feb, 55 on 18 Mar, 68 on 15 Apr, 28 on 13 May, and 13 on 17 June (IPG); elsewhere were 140 Longhaugh Point 21 Jan, 136 East Ferry 21 Mar (DSF), 69 Cardross Bay 27 Mar, 126 feeding in two ploughed/sown fields at Longhaugh Point on 22 Apr, and 181 Longhaugh Point-West Ferry on 30 Apr (IPG).

Inland reports were of 1 Carbarns Pool 11 Jan (AIE), a pair Ballochruin Pool 25 Feb and 20 Mar, 2 prs on 2 Apr, a pair on 16 Apr (AKMcN), 8 Endrick Water at Drymen Bridge 28 Feb, 6 on 28 Mar (AS), 1 on flood pool Balmore Haughs 6 Mar (JAG), a pair Buckley Pool 16 Mar (CRS), 6 on Endrick Water at Blane Bridge 23 Mar (AS), a pair Barscube Hill Pond 31 Mar and 5 Apr, a pair Auchendores Resr 7 Apr (DSF), 4 on 26 Apr (IP), 8 at Endrick Mouth on 12 Apr (JBB), 30 on 13 Apr (DHMcE), 2 Barr Loch 14 Apr (RSPB), a pair at Buckley Pool 2 May (CRS), a pair Knapps Loch 3 May (DSF), a pair at Burncrooks Resr on 4 May (FH), a pair Inchlonaig 12 May (MMcG), 2 prs Endrick Mouth 12 May (DHMcE), a pair Carbarns Pool 17 May (AIE), 2 South Medwin Pools 12 June (JSW,VW), and 1 on the Black Cart Water on 17 June (AMo).

**Breeding** season reports were of 2 prs Lunderston Bay on 3 Apr and 13 May (FG), 2 prs Colgrain 14 Apr (DHMcE), a pair with b/13 newly-hatched young Longhaugh Point 27 May (IPG), 4 ads with 52 young on 17 June (JMC), b/10 quite small young on 5 July (IPG), and a pair b/5 Newshot Island 16 July (ACMB). **Summary:** a minimum of six broods recorded on the Clyde estuary, and an estimated minimum of 67 young reared, a combination of low breeding numbers but good productivity by those which did hatch broods (ACMB,JMC,IPG *et al*); yet again there was no evidence provided of breeding at the Endrick Mouth area

(despite 30 adults there on 13 Apr), and no report of breeding at the Ballochruin Pools occasional breeding site (*ed.*).

In late summer there was a pre-moult migratory build-up to only 246 adults with 14 young at Longhaugh Point on 2 July (JGT), and 220 adults there on 5 July (IPG). The only inland autumn report was of a juv at Baron's Haugh on 15 Aug (JCM).

Autumn-winter estuary reports included 19 Ardmore North Bay 30 Sep, 17 there on 7 Oct, 67 on 11 Nov, and 47 on 10 Dec (IPG).

## **Mandarin Duck *Aix galericulata***

A tame ♀ was at Castle Semple Loch 3-4 Apr (EW *et al*), and 1 (sex not noted) was at Cardross on 21 Aug (JBB).

## **Garganey *Spatula querquedula***

Reports were of a ♂ Gartloch Pools 7-10 May (JJM,ECD,GCC *et al*), a ♂ on the Clyde estuary at Longhaugh Point on 13 May (JMC), and a pair at Twechar Marsh 13-14 May (KH,JT).

## **Shoveler *Spatula clypeata***

Winter-spring reports included 9 at Garnqueen Loch on 6 Jan, 3 on 3 Feb (JJM), 17 Gartloch Pool 22 Jan, 2 ♂♂ on 15 Apr, 8 (5 ♂♂) Hogganfield Loch 23 Jan (GCC), 14 on 23 Jan (MMcG), 9 on 24 Jan (CRS), 12 (8 ♂♂) on 5 Feb (CRS), 9 on 8 Feb, 7 (4 ♂♂) on 16 Feb, 12 (8 ♂♂) on 21 Feb, 10 (7 ♂♂) on 23 Feb, 2 prs on 8 Mar, 6 on 18 Mar, 8 on 19-22 Mar, a pair on 30 Mar, ♂ only on 26 Apr (GCC), 2 Endrick Mouth 13 Mar, 5 (4 ♂♂) on 8 Apr (ANi), 6 Bridgend Farm Pool 16 Mar (ADW), a pair on Richmond Park Pond, Glasgow 27 Mar (CRS), 3 prs Baron's Haugh 3 Apr (ECD), 4 prs on 21 Apr (MMcG), 2 prs Wards Pond 12 Apr (JBB), 5 (4 ♂♂) on 8 May (ANi), a ♂ on Buckley Pool 13 Apr (CRS), a pair Gadloch 29 Apr (JJM), and on the Clyde estuary, a ♂ at Milton Island on 9 May (DSF), presumed same ♂ at West Ferry on 13 May (IPG).

### **Wetland Bird Survey results, showing the most important sites in 2007 (*per JSW,VW*)**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>Clyde Area Total</b>	90	25	22	16	11	2	4	12	67	65	59	21
<b>Sites recorded (18 in total)</b>	5	5	5	6	5	2	2	2	6	9	6	6
Merryton/Carbarns	41	9	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	15	-	5
Baron's Haugh	18	4	0	7	1	1	3	0	26	21	40	0
Gartloch Pool	17	0	0	3	5	0	0	1	8	5	6	0



Bridgend Farm Pool	6	0	7	0	0	0	0	11	9	1	0	7
Hogganfield Loch	8	7	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	7	0
Bishop Loch	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	12	0	0
Bothwell Park Farm Pond	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	-	3	0
Endrick Mouth	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	-	3	0	0

Breeding season reports involved a pair and 2 ♂♂ Gartloch Pool 14 May, an eclipse ♂ on 11 June (GCC), and a pair at Wards Pond, Endrick Mouth on 14 May (ANi).

Autumn reports included 1 at Gartloch Pool (N) on 13 Aug (GCC), 7 on 17 Aug (AKMcN), 23 on 4 Sep, 6 on 11 Sep, 8 at Gartloch Pools on 18 Sep, 6 on 15 Nov (GCC), 2 Balgray Resr 4 Sep (JSW,VW), 8 Bishop Loch 18 Sep, 20 on 1 Oct (GCC), a ♀ at Millersneuk Marsh on 26 Sep (JJM), 6 Hogganfield Loch 27 Sep-8 Oct (GCC), 9 on 22-24 Oct (JJM), max count 28 on 26 Oct (CRS), 7 on 12-13 Nov (GCC), 3 on 20 Nov, 12 (7 ♂♂) on 19 Dec (JJM), a ♀ at Aird Meadow on 30 Sep (MMcG), 1 at Robroyston Park LNR 1 Oct (GCC), 2 ♂♂ Barr Loch 23 Oct (RSPB), 41 at Baron's Haugh 31 Oct (JCM), 6 Aird Meadow 11 Nov (RSPB), 3 Island Pond 11 Dec (JSc).

## Gadwall *Mareca strepera*

### Wetland Bird Survey results, showing the most important sites in 2007 (per JSW,VW)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>Clyde Area Total</b>	12	23	50	43	29	28	4	17	61	49	59	60
<b>Sites recorded (15 in total)</b>	2	6	8	5	4	3	1	4	4	6	5	5
Baron's Haugh	6	9	15	19	12	20	4	7	24	7	11	23
Gartloch Pool	0	0	0	12	12	7	0	2	25	32	28	14
Hamilton Low Parks	0	2	2	2	3	1	0	7	11	5	12	20
Merryton/Carbarns	0	2	7	5	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	2
Hogganfield Loch	0	2	8	5	0	0	0	0	0	2	6	0
Bothwell Park Farm Pond	6	4	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0
White Loch (Lan)	0	0	4	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	0
Robroyston Park	0	4	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0

Other winter-spring reports were of a pair Robroyston Park LNR 9 Feb, 2 prs on 21 Feb, a pair Hogganfield Loch 24 Jan, 2 prs 5-13 Feb, a pair on 16 Feb-8 Mar, 8 on 19 Mar, 10 (7 ♂♂ and 3 ♀♀, including 8 birds on marsh pond) on 22 Mar, 5 (4 ♂♂ and 1 ♀) on same pond 23 Mar, 5 (3 ♂♂ and 2 ♀♀) on pond 30 Mar, 5 (2 prs and a ♂) on loch 19-20 Apr (GCC),

max 7 Carbars Pool 3 Mar (AIE), 3 prs at Auchenreoch on 16 Mar (ADW), 3 (2 ♂♂) at the Endrick Mouth on 12 Apr (JBB), 12 (7 ♂♂) at Gartloch Pools on 20 Apr, 8 (5 ♂♂) on 26 Apr (GCC), and a pair in Cardross Bay on 25 Apr (JBB) and 8 June (AGG).

**Breeding** season reports involved 2-3 prs at Merryton/Carbars from Mar-early May, but no proved breeding (AIE), 3 prs Baron's Haugh 21 Apr (MMcG), a pair Raith Haugh 30 Apr (CMW), 7 (5 ♂♂) on Gartloch Pool 7 May (JJM), 10 on 8 May (ECD), 9 (4 ♂♂) on 10 May and 14 May, 13 (8 ♂♂) on 15 May, 9 (6 ♂♂) on 7 June, 12 (8 ♂♂) on 11 June, 7 (5 ♂♂) on 18 June (GCC), a ♂ Hogganfield Loch 29-30 Apr, a pair on 2 May and 4 June (JJM), and a ♂ at Cardowan Pool on 1 May (CRS). Exceptionally no breeding was confirmed at any site in 2007, although as usual disappointingly few reports other than *WeBS* counts were submitted for the well-watched Baron's Haugh Reserve, the most important site for the species in west central Scotland (*ed.*).

Autumn-winter reports were of 2 at Gartloch Pools on 13 Aug (GCC), 10 on 17 Aug (AKMcN), 2 on 21 Aug, 10 on 2 Sep, 29 on 4 Sep, 18 on 11 Sep, 25 on 18 Sep, 32 on 19 Sep, 32 on 5 Oct, a max count of **37 on 9 Oct**, 24 on 7 Nov, 28 on 15 Nov (GCC, CRS), a ♂ Possil Loch 1 Sep (JJM), a ♂ Hogganfield Loch 27 Sep (GCC), 3 on 30 Sep (IMcC), 8 on 1 Oct, 2 ♂♂ on 8 Oct, 19 on 12 Oct (GCC), 8 on 22-24 Oct (JJM), 6 on 8 Oct, 4 on 13 Oct, 6 on 15 Oct, 6 on 13-15 Nov (GCC), a pair on 20 Nov (JJM), 3 Johnston Loch 5 Oct (*per* IPG), 23 at Baron's Haugh on 31 Oct (JCM), 20 at Hamilton Low Parks (total of all ponds) on 11 Dec (JSc), a ♀ at Bardowie Loch 9 Dec (AKMcN), and a ♂ at Aird Meadow on 23 Dec (MMcG). Unusually, Gartloch Pools had a higher autumn max count than the Baron's Haugh RSPB Reserve (*ed.*).

## Wigeon *Mareca penelope*

**Wetland Bird Survey results, showing the most important sites in 2007 (*per* JSW, VW)**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>Clyde Area Total</b>	307 3	237 6	178 5	259	1	2	4	6	<b>483</b>	129 5	187 8	219 8
<b>Sites recorded (44 in total)</b>	29	26	24	7	1	1	1	1	12	20	24	24
Clyde Estuary	762	912	417	174	1	0	0	0	245	623	821	607
Merryton/Carbars	297	399	401	0	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	290
Lochwinnoch	650	18	316	48	0	0	0	0	57	109	85	256
Thankerton-Carstairs	284	142	61	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	143	54
Gadloch	104	203	198	2	0	2	0	0	42	13	16	69
Endrick Mouth	77	33	33	19	0	0	0	0	-	80	86	120
Lamington (River	38	85	0	0	0	0	-	0	3	92	74	140

Clyde)												
Bridgend Farm Pool	2	0	96	0	0	0	0	0	29	71	110	13

Other winter-spring reports included 124 at Millichen Flood on 16 Jan, 134 on 21 Jan (AKMcN), a good max of 650 at Barr Loch on 21 Jan (RSPB), 134 at the Endrick Mouth 25 Jan, 39 Glen Moss 31 Jan (DSF), 15 Blacklands Pond (NS666709) 21 Feb (IPG), 12 at Gartloch Pool on 21 Feb (GCC), 78 beside the Endrick Water at Blane Bridge on 28 Feb, 127 Endrick Water at Drymen Bridge 28 Feb (AS), and 110 in Cardross Bay on 27 Mar (IPG).

Summer reports involved a ♂ at Longhaugh Point on 27 May (IPG), a pair Glen Moss 5 June (IP), 4 ♂♂ Cardross Bay 8 June (AGG), and 5 (3 ♂♂) at Langbank on 4 June (JGT).

Autumn-winter counts included 2 Ring Point, Endrick Mouth on 23 Aug, 3 on 3 Sep (AKMcN), 6 at Longhaugh Point on 1 Sep, a pair West Ferry 1 Sep (JJM), 2 Black Cart Water 6 Sep (GTW), 1 Cardross Bay 8 Sep (IPG), 227 Cardross-Ardoch 16 Sep (RCW), 7 Balgray Resr 17 Sep (JCh), 75 on 17 Nov (JJS), 18 Bishop Loch 18 Sep (GCC), 232 Finlaystone Point 29 Sep, 72 Cardross Bay 30 Sep, 29 Ardmore North Bay 30 Sep, 23 Caplaw Dam 11 Oct (IPG), 109 at Carbarns Pool on 14 Oct, max 372 on River Clyde there on 28 Dec (AIE), 111 Endrick Water at Blane Bridge 23 Nov, 56 Endrick Water at Drymen Bridge 23 Nov (AS), 9 on Burntshields Pond 16 Dec, and 12 at Craigmarloch Marsh on 17 Dec (IPG).

An aberrantly plumaged bird, possibly a second generation hybrid ♂ *A penelope* x *americana*, was at Bridgend Farm Pool, Kirkintilloch from 17-23 Mar (KH).

## Mallard *Anas platyrhynchos*

**Wetland Bird Survey results, showing the most important sites in 2007** (per JSW,VW)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Ma y	Jun e	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>Clyde Area Total</b>	277 9	270 1	152 9	148 1	147 3	233 8	275 0	258 6	277 2	319 3	308 9	350 0
<b>Sites recorded (118 in total)</b>	80	94	95	87	82	77	71	71	73	87	94	92
Clyde Estuary	422	415	209	198	228	473	613	489	614	543	617	564
Lochwinnoch	242	128	55	59	0	101	215	117	108	131	129	110
Merryton/Carbarns	75	90	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	255	-	140
Black Cart Water, Inchinnan	76	67	14	20	25	109	110	240	206	66	68	79
Heritage Park, East Kilbride	-	72	41	33	56	85	102	125	126	130	79	126
Douglas Estate	50	100	80	120	100	120	100	60	50	40	80	100

Ponds												
Hamilton Low Parks	72	66	37	51	49	60	98	108	79	52	78	65
F&CC Clydebank- Bowling	62	74	-	25	29	-	-	65	-	90	93	100

## Mallard broods reported in 2007

Site	Broods	Young	Obs	Site	Broods	Young	Obs
Alloch Dam	4	11	AMC	Glen Moss	1	5	IP
Auchendores Reservoir	1	6	IP	Gryfe Reservoirs	1	2	MMcG
Balgray Reservoir	4	29	JVW	Helensburgh Reservoirs	2	8	Ani
Barr Loch	1	4	IPG	Hillend Reservoir	2	7	FF
Barrhead, Harelaw Resr	3	12	SJM	Hogganfield Loch	1	2	GCC
Barscube Hill Pond	2	6	DSF	Houston House Pond	1	2	GB
Biggar Moss	3	13	JVW	Houstonhead Dam	1	1	GB
Blackwater Farm Pool	2	b/8,6	AB,IPG	Kilmahew Pond	1	1	FL
Camps Water	1	3	JVW	Kilmardinny Loch	14	38	NK
Caplaw Dam	1	1	IPG	Loch Ardinging	1	2	AKM
Carrot Pool	1	6	JVW	Loch Lomond, Balmaha	1	10	MMcG
Castle Semple Loch	1	5	IPG	Loch Lomond, Millarochy	5	18	AKM
Daer Reservoir	1	6	JVW	Loch Lomond, Sallochy	1	2	AKM
Douglas Estate Ponds	6	29	KS	Longhaugh Point (pools)	1	3	IPG
Douglas Water Pools	3	19	KS	Milngavie CC Pond	2	4	AKM
EK, Heritage Park	2	19	DWM	Mount Dam	2	4	AMC
Endrick Mouth	1	5	JBB	Mugdock, Craigend Pond	1	5	AKM
Falls of Clyde	2	9	MMcG	Pilmuir Dam	2	16	JVW

Forrestburn Reservoir	2	12	FF	River Clyde, Haughhead Br	1	3	CRS
Gartloch Pools	2	8	GCC	River Clyde, Lamington	2	9	JVW
Glasgow, Alexandra Park	3	8	GCC	Robroyston Park LNR	1	4	GCC
Glasgow, Auchinlea Park	1	6	GCC	Rouken Glen Pond	4	11	JAS
Glasgow, Bingham's Pond	6	16	JC	Rowbank Reservoir	1	3	IPG
Glasgow, Dawsholm Park	3	8	JC	Waulkmill Glen Reservoir	2	7	JVW
Glasgow, Kelvingrove Park	1	2	GCC	Westfield Pond	1	2	AKM
Glasgow, Maxwell Park	3	10	GCC	White Cart W, Linn Park	7	39	SAW
Glasgow, Queen's Park	5	13	GCC	White Cart W, Pollok CP	2	5	JVW
Glasgow, Victoria Park	2	10	GCC	Whitefield Pond	2	9	AMC

**Summary:** 130 broods reported from 56 sites, with a mean brood size of 3.93/female, suggesting lower than average productivity (*cf.* a mean annual reported brood size 4.83/female 1987-2007). Other notes: (i) b/5 Castle Semple Loch 3 May (IPG); (ii) b/5 Gartloch Pool 10 May; (iii) b/4 Robroyston Park LNR 11 May (GCC); (iv) b/8 newly-hatched Blackwater Farm Pool 13 May (AB,IPG), b/6 recently hatched there 16 July (IPG).

Autumn-winter reports included 240 on the Black Cart Water at Yonderton on 1 Sep, 200 on the Black Cart Water at Barnsford Bridge 6 Sep (GTW), 142 flighting at dusk to Barscube Hill Pond on 20 Sep (DSF), and 100 at Ballochruin Pool on 22 Sep (AKMcN).

## **Pintail** *Anas acuta*

**Wetland Bird Survey results, showing the most important sites in 2007** (*per* JSW,VW)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>Clyde Area Total</b>	7	14	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	6
<b>Sites recorded (5 in total)</b>	3	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Clyde Estuary	0	8	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	6
Endrick Mouth	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0

Baron's Haugh	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Merryton/Carbarns	0	1	2	0	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	0

Winter-spring reports from the Clyde estuary involved a pair Ardmore 8 Feb (ANi), a pair Langbank 8 Feb, 3 (2 ♂♂) on 13 Feb (DSF), max count 18 (12 ♂♂) on 18 Feb, 10 (8 ♂♂) on 21 Feb (DSF), 13 on 2 Mar (ADW), 6 on 10 Mar (IPG), 9 (6 ♂♂) on 19 Mar, 17 (9 ♂♂) on 20 Mar, 6 prs on 22 Mar (DSF), 17 on 23 Mar (ADW), 11 on 25 Mar (IPG), 15 (9 ♂♂) on 26 Mar, 5 (3 ♂♂) on 2 Apr, 6 (4 ♂♂) on 3 Apr (DSF), 2 on 22 Apr (ADW), 1 Cardross Bay 19 Apr (JGT).

Inland records were of a pair at Carbarns Pool on 6 Jan, 28 Jan, 25 Feb, 3 Mar and 10 Mar (AIE), presumed the same pair at Baron's Haugh on 31 Jan, 25 Feb and 8 Apr, a pair on Island Pond, Hamilton Low Parks 11 Mar (DJA *per* BS), 3 (2 ♂♂) Wards, Endrick Mouth 16 Feb, and a pair there on 13 Mar (ANi).

Autumn-winter inland reports involved a ♀ Carbarns Pool 17 Nov (AIE), and a ♀ at Baron's Haugh on 26 Dec (JCM). End of year reports on the Clyde estuary included a pair Longhaugh Point 21 Oct (IPG), 3 (1 ♂) Ardmore North Bay 15 Nov (ADW), 2 on 23 Nov (FH), 7 on 14 Dec (GJB), and 6 at Cardross on 10 Dec (AJCa).

## Teal *Anas crecca*

**Wetland Bird Survey results, showing the most important sites in 2007** (*per* JSW,VW)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>Clyde Area Total</b>	222 6	296 4	194 0	696	157	156	207	360	<b>103</b> <b>9</b>	190 6	232 7	259 1
<b>Sites recorded (60 in total)</b>	33	41	41	21	8	9	7	14	30	35	39	39
Clyde Estuary	458	115 3	542	263	1	12	2	36	114	640	782	594
Endrick Mouth	251	98	55	52	0	0	0	0	-	99	69	436
Douglas Estate Ponds	100	180	200	100	120	100	120	100	100	80	150	160
Harelaw Resr, Barrhead	148	156	98	0	0	0	0	48	62	150	212	96
Bridgend Farm Pool	117	133	194	33	0	0	0	41	121	100	22	109
Black Cart Water	214	162	102	24	0	0	0	0	10	44	57	150
Baron's Haugh	90	102	21	10	0	0	4	34	76	58	90	93
Merryton/Carbarns	89	85	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	41	-	80



Barrhead												
Bishop Loch	7	33	1	0	0	0	0	8	13	42	4	9
Gadloch	37	33	27	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	6	2
Douglas Estate Ponds	2	18	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	12	6
Hamilton Low Parks	12	29	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	14
Gartloch Pool	14	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	7	0	0	3

Winter-spring reports included 41 on Lochend Loch 14 Jan (CL), 14 at Gartloch Pool on 22 Jan, 21 at Hogganfield Loch 23 Jan, 36 on 16 Feb (GCC), and 33 at Bishop Loch on 23 Feb (GCC).

Summer reports were of 2 ♂♂ Gartloch Pool 11 June, 1 on 18 June, (GCC), 1 Castle Semple Loch 17 June (RSPB), 1 Hogganfield Loch 13 July, 12 on 19-24 July, and the max count of the moult flock 27 on 9 Aug (GCC).

Autumn-winter reports included 7 on Gartloch Pool 11 Sep, 13 Bishop Loch 18 Sep, 42 on 5 Oct, and 13 at Hogganfield Loch on 18 Sep (GCC), 61 on 11 Dec (CRS).

## Tufted Duck *Aythya fuligula*

Wetland Bird Survey results, showing the most important sites in 2007 (*per* JSW,VW)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>Clyde Area Total</b>	1681	1612	1626	993	433	378	991	1460	1273	2048	1490	1639
<b>Sites recorded (95 in total)</b>	62	69	76	62	48	48	48	41	51	62	71	66
Hamilton Low Parks	530	193	170	23	1	4	34	12	42	174	288	373
Lochwinnoch	162	182	163	90	9	2	101	218	97	204	134	183
Hogganfield Loch	119	48	108	163	12	13	50	307	241	146	55	175
Balgray Reservoir	28	32	24	35	9	16	261	348	213	100	16	18
Hillend Reservoir	19	37	34	0	0	3	53	0	131	569	24	26
Lamington (River Clyde)	52	58	10	22	12	11	-	13	23	52	110	79
Lochend Loch	-	57	75	32	36	8	28	-	-	43	28	25
Alexandra Park	55	83	60	21	13	8	9	3	27	28	35	39



Winter-spring reports included 375 on Island Pond, Hamilton 27 Jan (JJS), 50 Harelaw Resr, Barrhead 18 Feb (SJE), 34 on Rouken Glen Park Pond 13 Mar (JMCO), 5 at West Ferry 14 Mar (FH), 163 Hogganfield Loch 19 Apr (GCC), and 45 at Auchendores Resr on 26 Apr (IP).

#### Tufted Duck broods reported in 2007

Site	Broods	Young	Obs	Site	Broods	Young	Obs
Antermoney Loch	1	4	AMC	Kilmardinny Loch	8	22	NK
Bardowie Loch	1	4	AKM	Lilly Loch	1	5	FF
Barscube Hill Pond	3	11	DSF	Loch Ardinning	1	3	AKM
Commore Dam	1	6	JVW	Loch Walton	1	4	AKM
Douglas Estate Ponds	2	b/4,5	KS	Lochcraig Reservoir	1	5	JVW
Douglas Water Pools	1	5	KS	Long Loch	1	2	JVW
Garvald Quarry	1	3	AMcA	Mount Dam	1	6	AMC
Glasgow, Bingham's Pond	5	27	JC	Pilmuir Dam	1	5	JVW
Hamilton, Island Pond	2	8	SLRS	R Clyde, Lamington	1	1	JVW
Hamilton, R Clyde	1	5	SLRS	Snypes Dam	2	4	JVW
Hamilton, Ross Pond	1	3	SLRS	Walton Dam	1	8	IAM
Hamilton, Small Pond	1	4	SLRS	Westfield Pond	1	1	AKM
Harelaw Dam	6	19	JVW				

**Breeding summary:** 46 broods reported from 25 sites, with a mean brood size of 3.78/female (*cf* a mean annual brood size of 4.40/female 1987-2007).

Other breeding season reports included prs noted at Knapps Loch, Glen Moss and Gibblaston Dam (IP), 5 prs present Auchinlea Park Pond (GCC), 2 prs Bennan Loch 17 May (JSW,VW), 4 prs High Dam, Eaglesham 14 May (SRi), 2 prs Burntshields Pond 29 May (IPG), a pair on Loch Humphrey 15 June (ECD), and 3 prs Alexandra Park, Glasgow on 19 June (JJM).

Summer moult flocks included 61 Balgray Resr 25 June, 300 on 2 Aug, max count 401 on 22 Aug, 275 on 4 Sep (JSW,VW), 307 at Hogganfield Loch on 9 Aug (GCC), and 300 at Hillend Resr on 29 Sep (JJM).

Autumn-winter reports included 241 Hogganfield Loch 18 Sep, 146 on 8 Oct (GCC), 300 Balgray Resr 29 Sep (JJS), max 246 Barr Loch 24 Oct (RSPB), and 350 Strathclyde Loch 21 Dec (JJS).

An *Aythya* hybrid (other parent species undetermined) was with the moulting flock of Tufted Duck at Balgray Resr on 30 Aug (JJS), and one (perhaps the same bird, thought by the observer to be Tufted x Scaup) was on Hogganfield Loch on 20 Nov (JJM).

## Scaup *Aythya marila*

### Clyde Estuary counts (*WeBS* per JSW,VW)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
West Ferry-Woodhall	7	8	20	56	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dumbarton-Cardross	7	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Clyde Estuary Total</b>	14	8	22	56	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	0

Winter-spring reports on the Clyde estuary included 14 at Langbank on 8 Feb, 18 on 18 Feb, 37 at West Ferry on 2 Mar (ADW), 38 on 10 Mar, 46 on 17 Mar, 49 on 24 Mar, at least 32 on 25 Mar (IPG), 49 (with a ♂ Tufted Duck) on 26 Mar, 48 on 2 Apr, 51 on 5 Apr (ADW), max count **56 on 14 Apr**, 45 on 19 Apr (IPG), 35 on 20 Apr (ADW), 34 on 21 Apr, 36 on 22 Apr (IPG), 37 on 23 Apr (ADW), 35 on 26 Apr, 19 on 27 Apr (IPG), 4 on 28 Apr (ADW), 4 on 30 Apr, 3 (one ♂ and 2 ♀♀) on 2-3 May, 4 (2 ♂♂) on 4 May, 3 again on 5 May, and 4 on 11 May (IPG).

Inland reports involved a ♂ at Island Pond, Hamilton Low Parks on 27 Jan (JJS) and 11 Mar (DJA), a ♂ on Strathclyde Loch 12 Feb (IF), 2 ♂♂ (one a 1st-w) on 11 Mar, 2 ♂♂ at Wards Pond on 8 Apr and 12 Apr, 1 on 14 Apr (ANi,JBB).

In summer, a ♂ was at Hogganfield Loch from 3-17 June (JJM,GCC,TPD *et al*), and a moulting ♂ was on the estuary at Longhaugh Point on 25 July (FH).

Autumn-winter inland birds were a moulting ♂ Hogganfield Loch 11-12 Sep, a ♂ on 15-20 Nov (JJM *et al*), a ♀ Aird Meadow 30 Sep and 23 Dec (MMcG,RSPB), a 1st-w ♂ Waulkmill Glen Resr 10 Nov (JJS), same bird on Littleton Resr 27 Nov (JSW,VW), 2 ♀♀ Balgray Resr 25-29 Nov (JJS,JSW,VW), and a 1st-w ♀ on the Heritage Loch, East Kilbride 17-18 Dec (DWM).

Clyde estuary reports included a moulting ♂ at West Ferry on 26 Sep, a juv on 29 Sep, a ♀ at west end of Langbank on 29 Sep, all 3 at West Ferry on 2 Oct, and a flighty (as if newly-arrived) flock of 20 at Ardmore Point on 7 Oct (IPG).

## Eider *Somateria mollissima*

### Clyde Estuary *WeBS* counts (*per* JSW,VW)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Langbank to Gourock Bay	671	394	268	59	47	94	278	31	280	214	394	475
Gourock to Wemyss Bay	145	219	93	105	30	305	431	466	341	318	193	205
Cardross to Rhu	697	684	132	101	96	301	865	819	409	237	175	234
Rhu to Coulport	1100	813	675	1246	1351	1678	1820	2628	2418	2074	1604	1560

<b>Clyde Estuary Total</b>	2613	2110	1170	1521	1541	2407	3407	3960	3448	2843	2366	2474
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Winter-spring reports included 480 off Port Glasgow 8 Jan (DSF), 3 ♂♂ and 1 ♀ Longhaugh Point 21 Apr, 8 ♂♂ and 4 ♀♀ on 25-26 Apr, 2 ♂♂ and 1 ♀ West Ferry 7 May (IPG), a ♂ Newshot Island 8 May (AJR), 340 ♂♂ Faslane 18 May (MMcG).

**Breeding RENFREWSHIRE:** ♀ with b/4 small young McInroy's Point 27 May (IPG), a ♀ b/3 off Kelburn 12 June (DSF), ♀♀ with b/1 and b/4 Cardwell Bay 23 June, ♀ b/3 Wemyss Point 7 July, full-grown by 20 July, ♀ with b/6 half-grown 20-21 July (IPG); **DUNBARTONSHIRE:** a ♀ b/2 small Helensburgh shore 6 June (DHMcE), ♀ b/2 Ardmore South Bay 17 June (IPG), a ♀ b/3 large on 9 July (AKMcN), 62 ducklings between Rhu-Coulport 17 June, 75 ducklings 15 July (CMW).

**Eider breeding summary:** 6 broods totalling 21 young reported in Renfrewshire (IPG), and an unspecified number of broods totalling approximately 83 young reported in Dunbartonshire (CMW et al).

Moulting flocks included 197 off Ardmore Point 17 June, max 756 on 15 July, 727 on 12 Aug, 440 Lunderston Bay 21 July, 180 Cloch Point 21 July, 145 on 25 Aug, 360 Wemyss Point 23 Aug (IPG). Unusually many were between Rhu and Coulport, mostly in the Gare Loch, increasing steadily from 1,246 on 15 Apr to 1,678 on 17 June, and peaking at 2,628 on 12 Aug (CMW *et al*).

A census of the Inner Clyde took place over the weekend of 16 Sep (see table below). The total of 3,448 compares with 4,881 counted in September 2006 (a decrease of 29%), and represents approximately 4.7% of the British population.

**Inner Clyde Eider Count, 16 September 2007 (CMW *et al*)**

Port Glasgow-Gourock Pier	230	-	Rhu-Rosneath	1861
Gourock-Wemyss Bay	341	-	Rosneath-Kilcreggan	277
Cardross-Craigendoran	77	-	Kilcreggan-Coulport	280
Craigendoran-Rhu	332	-	<b>Inner Clyde Total</b>	3448

Subsequent autumn-winter counts included only 293 (179 ♂♂) counted in good visibility Port Glasgow-Gourock Bay 29 Sep, and only 77 (48 ♂♂) in excellent visibility off Ardmore Point on 30 Sep, 92 on 7 Oct, but rising to 527 by 19 Dec (IPG).

## **Velvet Scoter *Melanitta fusca***

A ♀ flew N past Wemyss Point at 1745 hrs on 20 July (IPG).

## **Common Scoter *Melanitta nigra***

Clyde estuary reports included a ♂ in Portkil Bay on 25 Mar (IPG,ADW); a ♂ inland on Auchendores Resr on 27 Mar (IP) may have been the same individual, which could not be

relocated at Portkil that day (IPG). The only other report was of a ♀ off the south side of Ardmore Point on 15 Nov (ADW).

### **Long-tailed Duck *Clangula hyemalis***

Winter-spring reports involved a ♀/imm on River Leven at Dumbarton Quay on 18 Feb (JSW, VW), 1 Baron's Haugh 27 Feb (GJB), and a ♀ off West Ferry at high tide 22-23 Apr (IPG,ADW).

Autumn-winter reports were of a ♂ Balgray Resr 29 Sep (JJS), a ♀ on 16-25 Nov (JSW,VW *et al*), 2 birds on 11 Dec (GJB) and 27-30 Dec (JJS,SAW), and on the Clyde estuary a ♂ off Ardmore Point on 11 Nov (IPG), a ♀/imm Longhaugh Point 12 Nov (AJR), and 1 on the River Clyde at Erskine Bridge on 16 Dec (AH).

### **Goldeneye *Bucephala clangula***

Clyde estuary reports included an exceptionally high count of 685 Longhaugh Point-Langbank on 8 Feb, 436 on 18 Feb (ADW), 197 Cardross 18 Feb, 100 on 24 Mar, 92 on 27 Mar (IPG), 457 at Langbank 23 Mar (ADW), 280 on 3 Apr (DSF), 14 at Longhaugh Point-West Ferry 21-22 Apr, only 3 remaining 26 Apr, 4 on 4-5 May (IPG).

#### **Wetland Bird Survey results, showing the most important sites in 2007 (*per* JSW,VW)**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>Clyde Area Total</b>	892	1357	672	194	4	6	1	8	6	<b>38</b>	409	883
<b>Sites recorded (73 in total)</b>	49	47	47	23	3	2	1	3	5	8	40	44
Clyde Estuary	243	688	157	66	0	5	0	6	0	0	68	246
Lamington (River Clyde)	105	146	80	4	1	1	-	1	1	4	48	139
Lochwinnoch	93	112	70	38	2	0	0	0	2	14	81	81
Clyde, Blantyreferme-Carmyle	-	-	56	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	35	92
Strathclyde Country Park	81	33	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hillend Reservoir	26	43	11	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21
Hogganfield Loch	27	20	27	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	14
Balgray Reservoir	10	26	21	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	21

#### **Clyde Estuary *WeBS* counts (*per* JSW,VW)**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Erskine to West Ferry *	102	167	26	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	23	24
Langbank to Newark Castle	31	272	71	64	0	0	0	6	0	0	1	43
Gourock to Wemyss Bay	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Dumbarton Rock to Cardross	11	197	32	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	12	11
Seabank to Craigendoran Pier	9	19	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	4
<b>Clyde Estuary Total</b>	243	688	157	66	0	5	0	6	0	0	68	246

\* (including Milton Island to Dumbarton Rock)

Reports from freshwater sites included 30 Fannyside Lochs 16 Jan (NB), 14 Bishop Loch 19 Jan, 17 on 23 Feb, 27 Hogganfield Loch 23 Jan, 27 on 19 Mar, 8 on 19 Apr (GCC), 15 Rowbank Resr 12 Jan, 14 on 11 Feb (IPG), max 66 Barr Loch 18 Feb (RSPB), 56 on River Clyde between Blantyreferme-Carmyle on 15 Mar (CMcG), 33 at Baron's Haugh 11 Apr (JCM), a ♂ on the Black Cart Water at Inchinnan 11 May (FH), 1 Garvald Quarry 6-12 June (AMcA), a 1st-s ♂ Carbarns Pool 29 June (AIE), and 1 at Auchendores Resr on 18 July (DSF).

Summer moulting birds on the Clyde estuary were 3 at West Ferry 4 July (JJM), 4 on 27 July (IPG), 15 Langbank 7 Aug (DSF), max count 28 on 28 Aug (ADW), 7 on 29 Sep (IPG), 14 at Finlaystone Point on 18 Sep (JGT), a ♀ Hillend Resr 29 Sep (JJM), 12 in Cardross Bay 30 Sep, 6 in Ardmore South Bay 30 Sep (IPG), and 1 at Aird Meadow on 30 Sep (MMcG).

Autumn-winter inland reports involved first 1 at Hogganfield Loch 25 Oct, 8 on 13 Nov (GCC), 32 on River Clyde at Carbarns Pool 9 Dec (AIE), and an exceptionally high count for the site of 82 at Newshot Island on 9 Dec (ACMB).

### **Smew** *Mergellus albellus*

Winter-spring reports were of a 'redhead' on flooded Crom Mhin, Endrick Mouth 22 Jan (*per* JJM), a ♂ on River Clyde at Strathclyde Country Park 8-12 Feb (ADW, JCM *et al*), presumed same ♂ Baron's Haugh 25 Feb (DJA *per* BS) and at Strathclyde Loch on 11 Mar (DJA *per* BS).

No autumn-winter record was received (*ed.*).

### **Goosander** *Mergus merganser*

**Wetland Bird Survey results, showing the most important sites in 2007** (*per* JSW, VW)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>Clyde Area Total</b>	161	265	107	68	49	34	156	24	53	44	99	193
<b>Sites recorded (70 in total)</b>	31	33	33	11	13	8	6	6	9	12	26	32
Endrick Mouth	0	26	12	7	0	1	136	4	-	3	12	12
Douglas Estate Ponds	20	16	14	8	10	8	0	0	6	7	12	14
Bardowie Loch	6	32	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	5	0	9
Strathclyde Country Park	8	60	3	6	1	0	8	0	0	0	0	0
Hogganfield Loch	14	26	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	11	12
Black Cart Water	3	4	2	8	9	15	6	1	7	0	1	1
Long Loch	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	17	24
Balgray Reservoir	0	15	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	23

Relatively low numbers at most sites in 2007. Winter-summer reports included 22 at Balgray Resr on 2 Jan (JJS), 29 at Hogganfield Loch 4 Jan (ECD), 14 on 23 Jan, 26 on 16 Feb (GCC), a pair on 30 Apr (JJM), 11 on River Clyde at Botanic Gardens 12 Jan (FH), 21 Mugdock Loch 28 Jan (AKMcN), 32 Bardowie Loch 19 Feb (AKMcN), 6 on the White Cart Water at Cathcart 6 Mar (JMcO), 11 on River Clyde, Blantyreferme-Carmyle 15 Mar, 24 on 16 Apr (CMcG), 17 on River Clyde Daer-Burnfoot 21 Mar (ADW), 21 Ring Point 9 Apr (AKMcN), 12 on River Clyde at Carbarns 11 Apr (ECD), a pair Salloch 13 Apr (ECD), a ♂ on 12 May (MMcG), a pair Kilmannan Resr 27 Apr (FH), 3 prs Endrick Mouth 3 May (FL), a ♂ Frankfield Loch 15 May (GCC), and a pair Camps Water 22 May (JSW,VW).

Confirmed breeding reports: a ♀ b/4 on River Clyde at Lamington 12 June (JSW,VW), a ♀ b/1 on River Kelvin at Garscube Estate 28 June (TB), a ♀ with cr/24 Endrick Mouth 10 July (GJB,WB), and a ♀ reared b/4 on the White Cart Water at Linn Park (SAW).

Autumn-winter reports included a moult flock of 136 at the Endrick Mouth on 15 July (DO'B), 71 there on 23 Aug (AKMcN), 11 on White Cart Water at Linn Park 20 Aug (SAW), 2 off West Ferry 1 Sep (JJM), 11 on Black Cart Water at Yonderton 1 Sep (GTW), 45 Aber Isle 7 Sep (AKMcN), 4 Frankfield Loch 18 Sep, 6 on 8 Oct, 11 Hogganfield Loch 27 Sep, 8 on 8 Oct, 11 on 13 Nov (GCC), 10 at Gryfe Resr No.1 on 22 Oct (FG), 13 on Broadwood Loch 5 Nov (AJY), 33 Long Loch 5 Dec, 33 Ryat Linn Resr 5 Dec (JSW,VW), 11 Castle Semple Loch 9 Dec (ECD), 15 Mugdock Castle Loch 14 Dec (MCPR), 22 Snypes Dam 17 Dec (JSW,VW), and 16 on the River Clyde at the Botanic Gardens on 26 Dec (CJMCI).

## Red-breasted Merganser *Mergus serrator*

Clyde Estuary WeBS counts (per JSW,VW)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
West Ferry to	31	18	9	34	6	7	18	1	18	14	13	46

Kempock Point												
Dumbarton to Craigendoran	14	109	11	135	61	100	118	144	104	47	25	21
Craigendoran to Coulport	15	35	31	14	14	21	4	1	13	20	15	20
<b>Clyde Estuary Total</b>	66	165	62	190	81	131	142	168	136	93	66	87

Other winter-spring reports included 28 off Kelburn Park 12 Feb (DSF), 108 off Ardmore Point, some apparently feeding on spawning lugworms, on 18 Feb (IPG), 118 Cardross-Ardmore 24 Mar (IPG,ADW), and 120 off Ardmore Point on 15 Apr (IPG).

Inland records included a ♂ Broadwood Loch 3 Feb, 2 ♂♂ there on 14 Mar (JJM), a pair at Endrick Mouth on 17 Feb and 27 Apr (DHMcE), a ♀ at Fannyside Lochs 12 Mar (NB), a ♂ on River Clyde at Thankerton on 21 Mar (ADW), a pair Inveruglas 21 Mar (ECD), and a ♂ at Twechar Marsh on 1 Apr (KH).

Breeding season reports were of a pair on the River Clyde at Lamington on 17 Apr and 15 May (JSW,VW), a pair Salloch 12 May (MMcG), 3 (2 ♂♂) at the Endrick Mouth on 14 May (AKMcN), a ♀ b/4 Ross Isles 15 July (AKMcN), and unusually on the estuary these days, a pair with b/4 at Cloch Point on 24 July (MMcG).

Winter inland records included a ♀ on the River Clyde at Adder's Gill on 4 Nov (AIE), and 2 at Craigallian Loch on 12 Nov (MCPR).

## Ruddy Duck *Oxyura jamaicensis*

**Wetland Bird Survey results, showing all sites recorded in 2007 (per JSW,VW)**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>Clyde Area Total</b>	14	16	16	15	11	22	14	5	22	29	25	27
<b>Sites recorded (18 in total)</b>	1	2	2	7	5	7	9	2	3	2	3	1
Hogganfield Loch	14	15	15	4	0	0	1	4	14	24	23	27
Garnqueen Loch	-	0	0	5	0	10	3	-	-	0	0	0
Bishop Loch	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	0	0
Baron's Haugh	0	0	0	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bothwell Park Farm Pond	0	0	0	1	2	1	1	0	0	-	0	0
Frankfield Loch	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	-	0
Robroyston Park	0	0	0	0	0	5	-	0	0	0	0	0
Greenhead Pond	0	0	0	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Kilmardinny Loch	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

Gartloch Pool	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0
Lochend Loch	-	0	0	0	0	0	1	-	-	0	1	0
Balgray Reservoir	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Gadloch	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Harestonhill Pond	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bardowie Loch	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	0	1	0
Woodend Loch	-	0	0	0	0	0	1	-	-	0	0	0
Douglas Estate Ponds	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Douglas Water Pools	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

Winter reports involved a max count of 20 at Hogganfield Loch on 1 Jan (JJS), 14 on 4 Jan, 16 on 5 Jan (*per* JSW,VW), 14 (7 ♂♂) on 15-22 Jan (GCC), 14 on 23 Jan (MMcG), 15 (8 ♂♂) on 24 Jan, 17 (10 ♂♂) on 26 Jan (CRS), at least 9 on 2 Feb (IPG), 12 (7 ♂♂) on 5 Feb (CRS), 15 (11 ♂♂) on 16 Feb, 12 (10 ♂♂) on 23 Feb, 15 on 6-8 Mar, 16 (9 ♂♂) on 9 Mar, 17 (11 ♂♂) on 12 Mar, 13 on 17 Mar, 15 on 19 Mar, 11 on 20 Mar, 16 on 22 Mar, 15 (10 ♂♂) on 23 Mar (GCC), 9 on 26 Mar (JTMcE), 7 ♂♂ on 30 Mar (GCC), a ♂ Garnqueen Loch 2 Jan-3 Feb (KH,JJM), a ♂ on 2 Mar (IPG), 4 ♂♂ on 23 Mar (ADW), a ♂ Balgray Resr 6-7 Jan (SAW,JSW,VW), and a pair at Castle Semple Loch 8-9 Jan (RSPB).

Spring-summer reports involved 10 on Hogganfield Loch 10-11 Apr, 8 on 13 Apr, 8 (5 ♂♂) there on 14 Apr, 4 ♂♂ on 19 Apr, 3 ♂♂ and a ♀ on 25 Apr (GCC), 3 (2 ♂♂) on 29 Apr (JJM), a ♂ at Baron's Haugh 21 Apr (MMcG), 2 ♂♂ on 24 Apr, 5 (4 ♂♂) on 8 May (*per* JSW,VW), 3 on 28 May (AAM), 2 ♂♂ on 28 June (*per* BS), a pair Robroyston Park LNR 25 Apr, ♂ 11-14 May, pair copulating 24 May, 3 ♂♂ and 2 ♀♀ on 19 June, ♂ and ♀ on 3 July, 2 ♂♂ and 2 ♀♀ on 13 July, 1 ♂ and 1 ♀ on 24 July (GCC), a ♂ on 24 July (*per* JSW,VW), a ♂ Millersneuk Marsh 26 Apr (IPG), a pair there on 29 Apr (*per* JSW,VW), a ♂ at Lochend Loch on 29 Apr and 7 May (JJM), a ♂ on Cardowan Pond 1 May (CRS), a ♂ Balgray Resr 9-12 May (JSW,VW *et al*), 2 ♂♂ Gartloch Pool 22 May (CRS), a ♂ on 13 July (GCC), 2 ♂♂ on 24 July (*per* JSW,VW), 4 ♂♂ and 2 ♀♀ Garnqueen Loch 18 June, and 4 ♂♂ and 1 ♀ on 13 July (IPG).

**Breeding** was confirmed at only two sites:

**Baron's Haugh** a ♀ b/5 on 16 July (GJB).

**Kilmardinny Loch** a ♀ reared b/4 (NK).

**Breeding summary:** At least two broods hatched at two sites, and an estimated 9 young reared.

#### Autumn-winter counts at Hogganfield Loch

Date	2 Aug	5 Aug	9 Aug	10 Aug	13 Aug	16 Aug	20 Aug	2 Sep	11/12 Sep
♂♂	3	2	3	n/r	3	3	3	n/r	7
♀♀/imms	1	1	1	n/r	1	0	1	n/r	3
<b>Total</b>	4	3	4	3	4	3	4	3	10



Observer	CRS	CRS	GCC	CRS	GCC	CRS	GCC	AKMcN	JJM
Date	13 Sep	17 Sep	18 Sep	19 Sep	20 Sep	25 Sep	27 Sep	1 Oct	8 Oct
♂♂	9	9	9	10	10	n/r	11	9	17
♀♀/imms	3	4	5	3	3	n/r	2	2	7
<b>Total</b>	12	13	14	13	13	18	13	11	24
Observer	JJM	JJM	GCC	GCC	GCC	<i>per</i> BS	GCC	GCC	GCC
<b>Date</b>	9 Oct	12 Oct	21 Oct	22 Oct	23-24 Oct	25 Oct	31 Oct	6 Nov	7 Nov
♂♂	n/r	14	n/r	n/r	n/r	19	n/r	n/r	-
♀♀/imms	n/r	4	n/r	n/r	n/r	8	n/r	n/r	-
<b>Total</b>	19	18	27	24	27	27	22	25	18
Observer	<i>per</i> BS	GCC	GCC	AKMcN	JJM	GCC	IPG	GJB	GCC
<b>Date</b>	9 Nov	12 Nov	13 Nov	15 Nov	20 Nov	24 Nov	11 Dec	19 Dec	
♂♂	14	13	-	26	n/r	n/r	n/r	3	
♀♀/imms	2	4	-	4	n/r	n/r	n/r	2	
<b>Total</b>	16	17	23	30	24	26	27	5	
Observer	GCC	GCC	GCC	JJM	JJM	CRS	CRS	JJM	

Other autumn reports involved a ♂ Balgray Resr 8-10 Aug (IMcM,JSW,VW *et al*), 3 (2♂♂) Frankfield Loch 10 Aug, 2 Gartloch Pool 10 Aug (CRS), 3 ♂♂ there on 13 Aug (GCC), 4 (3 ♂♂) on 17 Aug (AKMcN), 2 ♂♂ and a ♀ on 21 Aug (GCC), 2 ♂♂ and a ♀ 2-11 Sep, 1 ♂ on 18-19 Sep (GCC,CRS), a ♂ on 19 Oct (CRS), 6 (5 ♂♂) Garnqueen Loch 11 Sep, 10 (6 ♂♂) on 1 Oct, 8 (6 ♂♂) on 4 Oct (IPG), a ♂ on 12 Nov (IPG), and 6 (4 ♂♂) Bishop Loch 13 Sep, 5 (4 ♂♂) on 18 Sep, 4 (3 ♂♂) on 1 Oct (GCC).

Winter reports away from Hogganfield Loch involved a ♀/imm Bardowie Loch 11 Nov (AKMcN), and a ♂ at Garnqueen Loch on 12 Nov (IPG).

## Swift *Apus apus*

Spring arrival/build-up involved 4 Balgray Resr 25 Apr (JSW,VW), 2 Endrick Mouth 28 Apr (ANi), 40 on 12 May (DHMcE), 1 at Linn Park 2 May (SAW), 2 Killearn 2 May, 2 at Milton of Buchanan 2 May (RAB), 1 Rutherglen 3 May (DWM), 14 Castle Semple Loch 5 May, 3 Carbars Pool 6 May, 30 Merryton 12 May, 110 on 16 June (AIE), 21 Linwood Moss 17 May (DSF), 40 at Aird Meadow 24 May (MMcG), 60 Hogganfield Loch 24 May (IPG), 26 Bishop Loch 25 May (IF), 90 feeding low over farmland Brownsie-Bent 26 May, 40

Reivoch Marsh 26 May, 30 at Rowbank Marsh on 26 May, smaller numbers widespread Howwood-Uplawmoor 26 May (IPG), and 30 at Gryfe Forest on 28 May (MMcG).

Summer reports included 140 Barr Loch 28 May, low nos feeding over moorland West Renfrew Heights 28 May-23 July (IPG) including 10 Creuch Hill 27 June (MMcG), 40 low over woodland in rain Arden 16 June (DHMcE), 120 at Inchinnan on 30 June (DSF), 40 at Endrick Mouth 7 July, and 60 at Inverkip 12 July (MMcG). The only breeding report involved 8 screaming at Battlefield on 9 June (JSW,VW).

Autumn reports included non-breeding birds gone from most areas by 29 July (IPG), thereafter 28 at Barscube Hill on 2 Aug, 14 on 20 Aug (DSF), 6 in Glasgow West End 4 Aug (CJMcl), 24 feeding over East Fulwood Farm 4 Aug (IPG), 38 Aird Meadow 6 Aug (MMcG), 200 at Long Loch 6 Aug (JSW,VW), 160 Leapmoor Forest 7 Aug (MMcG), observer's last 8 Cardross 8 Aug (DHMcE), 2 Ardencaple 12 Aug (HS), 10 at the Hurlet on 12 Aug (JSW,VW), 1 Frankfield Loch 13 Aug (GCC), 4 Linn Park 17 Aug (SAW), 2 at Cleland 23 Aug (PB), 2 Coatbridge 3 Sep (IL), 1 Milngavie 3 Sep (ADW), and 2 at Balgray Resr on 4 Sep (JSW,VW).

## Cuckoo *Cuculus canorus*

The first of spring was a singing ♂ at Muirshiel Country Park on 19 Apr (JR *et al*), followed by singing ♂♂ at Glen Fruin on 26 Apr (ANi), Killoeter on 29 Apr (FL), Shielhill Glen on 30 Apr, Daff Resr on 30 Apr, and Garvock on 30 Apr (IPG). Breeding season reports included a ♂ Cathkin Braes 2 May (DWM), and 1 at Merryton on 17 June and 23 June (AIE).

**Summary:** 48 singing ♂♂ reported from 39 sites in 2007. Other notes included: (i) a transient singing ♂ at Frankfield Loch on 6 June (FJM). *See table over for reports of singing ♂♂ in breeding season (ed.).*

### Reports of singing ♂♂ (from 1 May onwards)

Site	♂♂	Obs	Site	♂♂	Obs	Site	♂♂	Obs
Barscube Hill	1	DSF	Finnich Glen	1	GJB	Leap Moor	2	IPG
Black Linn Reservoir	1	ECD	Gleann nan Caorunn	3	ECD	Loch Lomond, Firkin	1	DHM
Burncrooks Reservoir	2	FH	Glen Falloch	1	ECD	Loch Ardingning	1	AKM
Cardowan bing	1	CRS	Glen Moss	1	DSF	Loch Lomond, Sallochy	1	MMcG
Clovenstone	1	IPG	Gryfe Forest	1	MMcG	Locherwood Comm Wd	1	FH
Corse Hill	1	JVW	Hardridge	1	IP	Mansefield Bridge	1	FG
Creuch Hill	1	MMcG	Heathfield	2	CMRS	Muirhouse Muir	1	AKM
Crom Mhin	1	MMcG	Helensburgh GC	1	DHM	Muirshiel Country Park	3	IPG

Darleith	1	FL	Inversnaid	1	DAC	Queen's View	2	GJB
Dowries	1	MMcG	Kelly Cut	1	FH	Rowardennan	2	DHM
Dumbrock Muir	1	AKM	Kilmacolm, Netherwood	1	AB	Shielhill Glen	1	IPG
Fallburn	1	ECD	Knapps Loch	1	DSF	Smeath Hill	1	IPG
Ferret of Keith	1	MMcG	Lairig Arnan	1	ECD	Stuckendroin	1	DHM

Late summer reports were of an adult at Heathfield on 16 June (IPG), 2 ads at Carbarns Pool on 22 June (GS), an adult at Gryfside, Kilmacolm on 30 June (AB,IPG), and a juv at Strathclyde Country Park on 29 July (IL).

### **Feral Pigeon *Columba livia***

Flock counts included 150 at Bellgrove Station, Glasgow on 6 Feb (AKMcN), 240 at Paisley Cross on 12 Oct (IPG), and 250 at Arkleston, Paisley on 6 Dec (ECD).

Breeding reports included a pair feeding b/2 at Charing Cross Station, Glasgow 5-7 Feb (AKMcN), and 3 nests at Barrance on 31 May (JSW,VW).

### **Stock Dove *Columba oenas***

Winter-spring reports included 5 Merryton/Carbarns 2 Jan (AIE), 3 Dawsholm Park 17 Feb (JC), 27 going to roost in a conifer plantation at Barcraigs Resr on 15 Mar (IPG), 3 Ardmore 20 Mar (ANi), 8 Southwood Plantation, Abington 21 Mar (ADW), and 2 Fannyside Mill 23 Mar (MMcG).

Breeding season reports included 3 prs Merryton/Carbarns (AIE), a pair Cathkin Braes (DWM), 2 prs Garscube Estate 17 Apr (TB), a pair Ardmore (ANi), 2 prs Ardgowan Estate (ADW), 5 birds at Gotter Dam 5 Apr (IP), 1 singing Dawsholm Park 5 Apr (CRS), 2 over Cathkin Marsh on 14 Apr and 16 July (JJM), 2 prs at Gryfside Farm, Kilmacolm 14 Apr, 4 feeding in sown field Longhaugh Point 22 Apr (IPG), 8 in ploughed field Gartloch Farm 26 Apr (GCC), 1 at Ardmore on 12 July, and a pair at Colgrain on 19 July (DHMcE).

Autumn-winter reports included 3 Erskine Shore 12 July (ECD), 2 on shore Ardmore North Bay 30 Sep (IPG), 5 Barscube Hill 5 Oct, 32 on 1 Dec (DSF), 14 Merryton/Carbarns 14 Oct (AIE), 1 Aird Meadow 15 Oct (MMcG), 5 Blackstoun Farm 5 Dec (DSF), 4 Linn Park 15 Dec (SAW).

### **Woodpigeon *Columba palumbus***

Winter-spring reports included 100 Cathkin Braes 2 Jan, 500 in two flocks there on 8 Jan, 250 on 21 Jan (DWM), 120 Port Glasgow 5 Jan (DSF), 115 over Barr Loch 16 Jan (MMcG),

34 Garscube Estate 23 Jan (TB), 175 Millichen Flood 16 Mar (CRS), 86 there on 17 Apr (AKMcN), and 70 at Glasgow Botanic Gardens on 23 Mar (JTT).

Breeding reports included 12 prs Merryton/Carbarns (AIE), 11 prs Barscube Hill (DSF), 2 prs Ardmore Point, 2 prs Dougalston, 2 prs Kilmardinny Loch (AKMcN), a pair Tollcross Park (CRS), 2 prs Midross, Loch Lomond (SL), and a pair at High Dam, Eaglesham on 1 May (SRi).

Autumn-winter reports included 75 at Ardmore Point on 12 Aug (IPG), very large numbers in unharvested barley fields at Blackstoun Farm, including 4,205 on 15 Nov, max 5,045 on 21 Nov, 1,200 on 6-10 Dec, 4,000 on 15 Dec (DSF,GTW), and 259 at Merryton on 23 Dec (AIE).

## Collared Dove *Streptopelia decaocto*

This species is apparently decreasing, but significantly under-recorded (*ed.*).

Breeding reports included 2 prs Barscube Hill (DSF), 1 pair Claddoch, and 4 prs at Aber near Gartocharn (AKMcN). Autumn-winter counts included 20 Barscube Hill 6 Oct, 29 on 18 Dec (DSF), and 64 at East Millichen Farm on 20 Oct (JC).

## Water Rail *Rallus aquaticus*

**Wetland Bird Survey results, showing the most important sites in 2007** (*per JSW,VW*)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>Clyde Area Total</b>	1	1	7	8	13	7	5	7	13	10	8	4
<b>Sites recorded (14 in total)</b>	1	1	4	4	5	4	4	4	7	6	4	3
Douglas Estate Ponds	1	0	2	2	4	3	2	2	4	2	0	0
Kilmardinny Loch	0	0	1	2	3	1	1	1	2	1	0	1
Clyde Estuary	0	1	0	1	3	0	1	2	1	1	0	2
Bishop Loch	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0
Douglas Water Pools	0	0	1	0	2	2	1	0	1	0	0	0
Endrick Mouth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	3	1
Robroyston Park	0	0	0	0	0	1	-	0	0	3	0	0
Gartloch Pool	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0

Winter-spring reports were of 3 Windlaw Marsh 21 Jan (IL *et al*), 1 on 3 Mar (SAW), 1 Paisley Moss LNR 25 Feb (IPG,ECP), 1 Hogganfield Park LNR marsh 12 Mar (CRS), 3 heard at west end of Bishop Loch on 20 Mar (GCC), and 1 at Cathkin Marsh on 22 Mar (IPG).

Breeding season reports involved 2 prs Merryton (AIE), 2 prs Douglas Estate Ponds (KS), 2 prs reared 6 young Kilmardinny Loch (NK), 3 singing Cathkin Marsh 4 Apr (JJM), 1 High Dam, Eaglesham 4-11 Apr (SRi), 2 Windlaw Marsh 5 Apr, juv noted on 3 Sep (SAW), a singing ♂ in the Mill Dam marsh (NS347696), Kilmacolm at 0100 hrs on 12 Apr and again at 2300 hrs on 6 May (AB), 1 Newshot Island 21 Apr (ECD), 1 Longhaugh Point 23 Apr (DSF), a pair Raith Haugh (CMW), 1 in song Hogganfield Loch 30 Apr (JJM), 2 heard Endrick Mouth 8 June (ANi), juvs calling Loch Arding 11 June (AKMcN), 1 squealing Gartloch Pool 17 June (CRS), a singing ♂ at Millerston Pond at 1500 hrs on 18 June (GCC), 1 Bishop Loch 24 June (IF), a pair b/1 Baron's Haugh 16 July (GJB). **Summary:** a minimum of 22 territories, at least 11 occupied by pairs, reported at 17 sites in 2006. *Significantly under-recorded* (ed.).

Autumn-winter reports (of birds heard unless otherwise stated) included 7 visible around Baron's Haugh 8 Aug (*per* BG), 2 at west end Bishop Loch 13 Aug, 2 on 18 Sep (GCC), 3 Newshot Island 14 Aug (ECD), 1 Endrick Mouth 12 Sep (DH), 2 Frankfield Loch 18 Sep (GCC), 2 Millersneuk Marsh 26 Sep (JJM), 2 Hogganfield Park LNR 8 Oct, 1 on 13 Nov, 1 on 13 Dec, 3 at Robroyston Park LNR 8 Oct (GCC), 7 heard/seen Windlaw Marsh 14 Oct (IL *et al*), 1 Dougalston Loch 11 Nov (AKMcN), 3 at Gartloch Pool (south) on 15 Nov (GCC), and 1 at Gartochraggan on 27 Nov (ECD).

## Corncrake *Crex crex*

In a relatively good showing, reports were of a ♂ calling intermittently at Baron's Haugh on 23 Apr (RSPB), a calling ♂ at Mildovan, Cardross on 22 June (SK *per* JM), and a calling ♂ in an uncut field at Kiltrochan, Balfron throughout July (CT *per* JM).

## Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus*

**Breeding summary** (*see table below*): 124 pairs reported from 55 sites, with a mean reported brood size of 1.90 young/pair. Supplementary notes included: (i) reduced nos Springburn Park, Glasgow, thought to be due to introduction of Pike *Esox lucius* by anglers (GCC).

**Moorhen breeding** reports (pairs = territorial pairs, family groups)

Site	Pairs	Young	Obs	Site	Pairs	Young	Obs
Balgray Reservoir	1	2	JVW	Glasgow, Queen's Park Ponds	2	9	GCC
Ballochruin Pool	1	3	AKM	Glasgow, Richmond Park Ponds	3	7	GCC
Banton Loch	1	2	PGC	Glasgow, Robroyston Pk Ponds	3	-	GCC
Banton Mill Pond	1	1	PGC	Glasgow, Springburn Park Ponds	5	-	GCC
Bardrainney Marsh	1	1	DSF	Glasgow, Victoria Park	3	4	GCC

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Bishop Loch	2	-	IF	Kilmacolm, Glen Moss	1	1	IP
Bishopton Pond (beside M8)	1	-	FH	Hamilton, Goose Pond	1	1	SLRS
Brock Burn Pool	1	1	JVW	Hamilton, Island Pond	1	1	SLRS
Brother Loch	1	3	IAM	Hamilton, Ross Pond	3	2	SLRS
Burntshields Pond	2	-	IPG	Harelaw Dam	2	2	JVW
Carrot Pool	1	2	JVW	Helensburgh Reservoirs	2	2	ANi
Cathkin Marsh	2	5	JJM	High Dam, Eaglesham	2	-	SRi
Commore Dam	1	3	JVW	Houstonhead Dam	1	1	GB
Craig of Neilston Pool	1	3	JVW	Kilmardinny Loch	18	38	NK
Douglas Estate Ponds	4	10	KS	Kilsyth Curling Pond	1	9	PGC
Douglas Water Pools	2	8	KS	Loch Lomond, Midross	2	-	SL
EK, Heritage Park Loch	1	2	DWM	Loch Bowie	1	1	MMcG
Frankfield Loch	2	1	FC	Lochwinnoch, Aird Meadow	2	-	RSPB
Gartloch Pool	1	1	CRS	Merryton/Carbarns	9	-	AIE
Garvald Quarry	2	9	AMcA	Mount Dam	1	1	AMC
Glasgow, Alexandra Park Pond	2	1	GCC	Mugdock, Craigend Pond	1	-	AKM
Glasgow, Auchinlea Park Pond	1	1	GCC	Newton Mearns, M77 Junction 4	1	-	GRW
Glasgow, Bingham's Pond	3	9	JC	Newshot Island	1	2	ECD
Glasgow, Dawsholm Pk Pond	1	1	JC	Patterton Roundabout Pond	1	1	GRW
Glasgow, Hogganfield Pond	2	-	GCC	Pilmuir Dam	1	1	JVW
Glasgow, Kelvingrove Park	2	2	GCC	Rouken Glen Pond	1	2	JAS
Glasgow, Maxwell	11	10	GCC	Wards Pond, Endrick	1	-	Ani

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**Wetland Bird Survey results, showing the most important sites in 2007 (per JSW,VW)**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>Clyde Area Total</b>	306	297	256	225	200	178	188	234	257	298	315	317
<b>Sites recorded (88 in total)</b>	42	54	50	53	40	41	41	43	46	52	55	53
Glasgow, Maxwell Park Pond	45	37	29	22	15	17	13	27	28	29	29	32
Kilmardinny Loch	12	11	14	21	27	28	28	26	24	26	16	18
F&CC Maryhill Lock-Gt W Rd	-	31	28	20	9	5	19	22	-	24	21	16
Glasgow, Queen's Park Ponds	16	11	14	11	10	8	9	11	23	29	23	23
Monkland Canal (Drumpellier)	15	19	12	14	14	10	14	13	20	-	14	18
F&CC Clydebank-Bowling	21	17	-	6	11	-	-	6	-	9	22	24
Kilsyth Curling Pond	85	5	3	2	-	1	1	7	6	3	3	2
Hamilton Low Parks	4	18	10	6	8	13	4	19	7	11	11	14

Autumn-winter reports included 25 on River Clyde at Carbarns 23 Dec when all pools were frozen (AIE).

## **Coot *Fulica atra***

**Breeding summary** (see table below): 141 breeding pairs reported from 41 sites, with mean brood size of 1.44 young/pair (excluding Gartloch Pool, *see below*), indicating a near average breeding season (*cf.* 1.33 young/ pair 1987-2007). Other observations included: (i) although 13 territorial prs Gartloch Pool, no more than 4 were recorded on nests at any given time, thought to be due to continuing problems caused by a large number of introduced Pike *Esox lucius*, and also the ♂ Mute Swan persistently killing recently hatched Coot chicks (GCC); (ii) reduced productivity at Springburn Park was also believed due to Pike introduction by anglers (GCC).

Site	Pairs	Young	Obs	Site	Pairs	Young	Obs
Alloch Dam	1	1	AMC	Hamilton, Island Pond	2	5	SLRS
Auchendores Reservoir	3	5	DSF	Hamilton, Ross Pond	3	9	SLRS
Balgray Reservoir	5	3	JVW	Hamilton, Usual Pond	2	3	SLRS

Bardowie Loch	1	1	AKM	High Dam, Eaglesham	1	-	Sri
Biggar Moss	2	3	JVW	Kilmardinny Loch	14	21	NK
Bingham's Pond	3	b/3,2,2	JC	Loch Libo	2	2	JVW
Caplaw Dam	2	b/2	IPG	Lochwinnoch, Barr Loch	4	-	RSPB
Craighall Dam	5	-	JVW	Merryton/Carbarns	12	-	AIE
Douglas Estate Ponds	3	9	KS	Mount Dam	1	1	AMC
Douglas Water Pools	3	11	KS	Murdieston Dam	2	5	JHH
EK, Heritage Park	4	4	DWM	Orchardton Pond	1	1	JJM
Frankfield Loch	12	4b/6	GCC	Pilmuir Dam	3	-	JVW
Gartloch Pools	13	5	GCC	Robroyston Park LNR	1	1	CRS
Glanderston Dam	1	4	IAM	Rouken Glen Pond	6	1	JAS
Glasgow, Auchinlea Park Pond	3	4	GCC	Town Dam	2	9	JHH
Glasgow, Queen's Park Ponds	3	3	GCC	Walton Dam	1	4	IAM
Glasgow, Richmond Park Pond	1	4	GCC	Wards Pond, Endrick Mouth	1	-	Ani
Glasgow, Springburn Pk Ponds	4	0	GCC	Waulkmill Glen Reservoir	3	1	JVW
Glen Moss	1	2	IP	Westfield Pond	3	11	JJM
Hamilton, Goose Pond	4	13	SLRS	Whitefield Pond	1	1	AMC
Hamilton, Half Pond	2	4	SLRS				

**Wetland Bird Survey results, showing the most important sites in 2007 (per JSW,VW)**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>Clyde Area Total</b>	818	704	686	543	543	641	578	524	533	777	849	908
<b>Sites recorded (76 in total)</b>	51	55	64	61	58	53	43	41	45	46	48	46
Hogganfield Loch	100	36	6	0	13	88	51	45	90	62	59	88
Lochwinnoch	91	0	37	10	7	13	24	1	45	110	152	118
Lochend Loch	-	30	32	12	36	42	63	-	-	60	81	91
Hamilton Low Parks	16	29	18	21	19	26	36	58	76	91	63	68
Gadloch	128	39	45	31	24	33	26	21	16	18	50	83



Garnqueen Loch	-	73	38	31	33	21	31	-	-	39	49	49
Woodend Loch	-	40	30	16	40	12	15	-	-	21	62	16
Johnston Loch	-	17	16	15	5	24	41	-	-	38	41	35

Autumn-winter reports included 55 Gartloch Pools 11 Sep (IPG), 56 Balgray Resr 12 Sep (SAW), 37 Bishop Loch 18 Sep (GCC), and a max of 257 at Barr Loch on 3 Nov (RSPB).

## Little Grebe *Tachybaptus ruficollis*

**Wetland Bird Survey results, showing the most important sites in 2007 (per JSW,VW)**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>Clyde Area Total</b>	104	118	115	95	94	87	68	<b>125</b>	158	151	138	145
<b>Sites recorded (79 in total)</b>	29	31	39	34	33	30	29	34	39	35	31	33
Lamington (River Clyde)	26	41	18	5	2	0	-	31	35	33	41	41
Clyde Estuary	5	15	2	0	2	0	0	1	10	18	22	31
Houstonhead Dam	5	7	3	2	2	1	1	3	8	-	7	7
Hogganfield Loch	2	1	5	6	4	4	5	10	6	12	3	4
Pilmuir Dam	-	4	5	5	4	0	-	2	6	5	4	2
Thankerton-Carstairs (Clyde)	3	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	0	7	4	6
Townhead Reservoir	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	7	8	4	4	0
Harelaw Dam	0	0	1	4	8	12	5	3	6	4	3	6

Other winter-spring reports included 6 on River Clyde at Merryton 2 Jan (AIE), 2 at Hogganfield Loch on 23 Jan, 2 on 16 Feb (GCC), 6 Strathclyde Loch 11 Feb (ECD), 2 on Rowbank Resr (where unusual) on 11 Feb, and 1 off NW side Ardmore Point 18 Feb (IPG). Spring return/passage involved 4 Frankfield Loch 24 Feb (CRS), 6 Knapps Loch 1 Mar (IP), 5 Hogganfield Loch 19 Mar, 5 Robroyston Park LNR 19 Mar, 1 Gartloch Pool 26 Apr (GCC).

**Breeding data in the following table, and in those for other breeding waterfowl, consist of the maximum number of apparently breeding pairs reported at each site. Figures for number of young refer to the numbers present on the date of reported observation, or the maximum of two or more reports, or the known number of young reared (this category taking priority). Where two independent reports of brood size differ, the later report is used. Although not a wholly accurate measure of productivity, these figures do provide some indication of annual variation in breeding success.**

Site	Prs	Young	Obs	Site	Prs	Young	Obs
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Alloch Dam	1	3	AMC	Glen Moss, Kilmacolm	3	-	IP
Auchendores Reservoir	3	-	IP	Greenhead Pond	2	-	JCM
Banton Loch	1	1	PGC	Gryfe No.1 Reservoir	2	4	JVW
Barnbeth Loch	1	1	GB	Hamilton, Goose Pond	1	1	SLRS
Baron's Haugh	1	-	ECD	Hamilton, Island Pond	1	2	SLRS
Barscube Hill Pond	1	-	DSF	Harelaw Dam	6	0	JVW
Bishop Loch	1	-	IF	Helensburgh Resrs	1	2	ANi
Black Loch (Renf)	1	-	SAW	High Dam	2	-	SRi
Broadwood Loch	1	1	JJM	Hogganfield Loch LNR	4	b/1,1	GCC
Burntshields Pond	1	-	IPG	Houston House Pond	1	0	GB
Caplaw Dam	2	0	IPG	Houstonhead Dam	2	5	GB
Coves Reservoir	2	2	JHH	Kaim Dam	1	3	GB
Craighall Dam	1	0	JVW	Kilmardinny Loch	1	-	AKM
Douglas Estate Ponds	2	7	KS	Ladymuir Reservoir	1	-	ECD
EK, Heritage Park	1	2	DWM	Lamington	1	0	JVW
Finlaystone Estate Pond	1	4	ECD	Leperstone Reservoir	2	5	KB
Gartloch Pool	1	-	CRS	Loch Bowie	1	-	FH
Garvald Quarry	2	4	AMcA	Loch Walton	1	1	AKM
Gibblaston Dam	1	-	IP	Merryton	1	0	AIE
Glasgow, Knightswood Park	1	0	GCC	Millerston Pond	1	-	GCC
Glasgow, Maxwell Park Pond	1	1	GCC	Orchardton Pond	1	1	JJM
Glasgow, Queen's Park Pond	1	0	GCC	Pilmuir Dam	3	0	JVW
Glasgow, Robroyston Pk LNR	3	3	GCC	Shepherd's Pond	1	-	FL
Glasgow, Victoria Park	1	1	GCC	White Loch (Renf)	3	-	JVW

**Summary:** 74 pairs reported from 48 sites, with a mean reported productivity of 1.12 young/pair (*cf.* annual mean brood size of 1.55 young/pair 1987-2007). Other notes on breeding included: (i) pair together on Kaim Dam 1 June, presumably failed (IPG); (ii) both

pairs failed at Caplaw Dam due to Scouts' kayaking activities (IPG); (iii) apparently no breeding Hogganfield Loch until bird seen feeding mate on nest 13 July, pair with b/2 recently hatched young on 13 Aug, no sign of that brood but two other pairs with single juvs on 20 Aug (GCC).

Post-breeding/autumn-winter reports included 8 Baron's Haugh 29 Aug (ECD), 10 Balgray Resr 30 Aug (JSW,VW), only 3 Frankfield Loch 8 Oct, 12 Hogganfield Loch 8 Oct, 4 on 9 Nov (GCC), 9 on 11 Dec (CRS), and 6 on Culcreuch Castle Pond on 10 Dec (NB).

## Great Crested Grebe *Podiceps cristatus*

**Wetland Bird Survey results, showing the most important sites in 2007** (*per JSW,VW*)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>Clyde Area Total</b>	134	186	97	78	58	79	81	192	101	136	51	105
<b>Sites recorded (37 in total)</b>	10	12	24	19	17	20	18	12	11	10	10	9
Clyde Estuary	113	148	36	13	2	8	30	141	57	88	28	82
Lochwinnoch	3	3	4	2	4	7	12	15	14	15	5	5
Waulkmill/Littleton Resrs	3	7	6	8	7	7	4	5	5	8	5	2
Balgray Reservoir	2	7	7	7	5	6	4	6	4	5	3	3
Bishop Loch	2	4	5	10	7	6	7	5	4	5	2	1
Hogganfield Loch	3	4	4	6	2	10	3	5	6	6	2	1
Frankfield Loch	0	0	6	7	10	6	2	0	4	2	-	0
Forrestburn Reservoir	0	5	5	6	4	3	3	4	2	0	2	0

Winter-spring reports included 3 that remained all winter (moulting into breeding plumage in early Jan) Hogganfield Loch 1 Jan-8 Feb, 4 on 16 Feb (GCC), 17 off Kelburn Park, Woodhall 16 Jan (DSF), 2 Bishop Loch 19 Jan (GCC), 81 off Ardmore Point 21 Jan, 100 on 18 Feb (IPG), 66 on 25 Feb (JC), unusually none on 24 Mar and only 1 (off Craigendoran) on 27 Mar, but 31 Rosneath Bay 27 Mar (IPG), 29 Langbank 18 Feb (JGT), 3 West Ferry 21 Apr, 3 Ardmore South Bay 4 May, unusually none around Ardmore Point on 13 May, and 8 on 17 June (IPG).

Spring return to inland sites involved 2 prs Hogganfield Loch 16 Feb-22 Mar, only one pair on 23 Mar, still 2 prs but not nesting (or failed) on 15 May, 5 birds (including 2 prs) at Bishop Loch on 20 Mar, at least 7 birds (min 3 prs, any nests not visible) on 11 May, 3 prs at Frankfield Loch on 20 Mar (GCC), one bird Garnqueen Loch 30 Mar (IPG), 10 on Loch Lomond at Endrick Mouth 12 Apr (JBB), and one on Gartloch Pool on 26 Apr (GCC).

**Breeding** (see Little Grebe)

Site	Pairs	Young	Obs	Site	Pairs	Young	Obs
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Auchendores Reservoir	1	-	IPG	Gartloch Pool (North)	1	0	GCC
Balgray Reservoir	3	0	JVW	Hamilton, Island Pond	2	1	SLRS
Baron's Haugh	1	0	ECD	Harelaw Dam	1	0	JVW
Barr Loch	4	2	RSPB	High Dam	1	-	Sri
Bishop Loch	3	6	GCC	Hillend Reservoir	1	1	JJM
Broadwood Loch	2	2	JJM	Hogganfield Loch	2	b/3	GCC
Carron Valley Reservoir	1	-	AKM	Kaim Dam	1	0	IPG
Forrestburn Reservoir	2	2	FF	Long Loch	1	-	JVW
Frankfield Loch	4	3	GCC	Waulkmill Glen Reservoir	3	4	JVW
Fyn Loch	1	-	ECD				

**Summary:** 35 pairs reported from 19 sites, with a mean brood size of 0.80 young/pair (*cf* annual mean brood size of 0.92 young/pair 1987-2007). Supplementary observations: (i) pair with very early b/2 *ca* one-week old at Frankfield Loch on 16 Apr when, as usual at this site, 4 breeding ♀♀ with 3 ♂♂, then 5 pairs including pair on nest, pair b/2 and pair with newly hatched b/4 but no sign of earlier brood on 15 May, 5 adults (2 on nests) and one juv present 18 June, pair with b/2 small young on 19 July, none on 13 Aug, pair with b/2 (one not yet full-grown) on 18 Sep (GCC); (ii) pair displaying and nest-building Gartloch Pool (first breeding record at site) 14-15 May, not sitting when checked 7 June, gone by 11 June (GCC); (iii) 2 pairs nested Hogganfield Loch, one pair failed by 24 May, other pair still incubating and 3 pairs present 14 June, 2nd pair failed and 5 pairs present 19 June, no birds seen 13 July, pair on nest 19 July, pair with recently hatched b/3 on 13 Aug, surprisingly well-grown by 20 Aug, almost full-grown by 11 Sep, full-grown and independent by 18 Sep (GCC); (iv) 2 pairs had b/1 and b/2 small young at Bishop Loch 18 June, pair with recently hatched b/2 on 13 Aug, but no sign of any young on 20 Aug (GCC).

Post-breeding/autumn-winter reports included 1 Gartloch Pool (N) 13 July, 4 ads still on Bishop Loch 18 Sep, 5 there 1-5 Oct, 2 on 12 Nov, 8 Hogganfield Loch 27 Sep, 6 on 8 Oct, 2 on 9 Nov-13 Nov, 1 on 15 Nov (GCC).

Reports from the Clyde estuary included 3 ads East Ferry 26 July, 135 off Ardmore Point 12 Aug, 57 in poor visibility 16 Sep, 88 in excellent visibility 30 Sep, 74 in similar conditions 7 Oct, 77 on 19 Dec, 5 ads West Ferry 21 Oct, 32 Langbank 3 Nov (IPG).

#### Great Crested Grebe counts from Ardmore Point in 2007

	21 Jan	18 Feb	25 Feb	27 Mar	15 Apr	4 May	13 May	17 June
Ardmore Point	81	100	66	0	8	3	0	8
<b>Clyde Estuary total *</b>	113	148	66	31	13	3	2	8
Ardmore observer	IPG	IPG	JC	IPG	IPG	IPG	IPG	IPG
	15 July	12 Aug	16 Sep	30 Sep	7 Oct	15 Nov	19 Dec	

Ardmore Point	30	135	57	88	74	95	77	
<b>Clyde Estuary total *</b>	30	141	57	88	87	95	77	
Ardmore observer	IPG	IPG	IPG	IPG	IPG	ADW	IPG	

\* (incorporating counts from elsewhere on the estuary on the same date)

## Slavonian Grebe *Podiceps auritus*

Winter-spring reports from the Clyde estuary involved 2 Greenock Esplanade and 1 Cardwell Bay 14 Jan (ADW), 25 off Ardmore Point 21 Jan, max count 36 (40 including 4 at Cardross) on 18 Feb (IPG), 3 on 25 Feb (AH *et al*), 2 on 8 Mar (DH), 3 on 21 Mar (ECD), 13 on 24 Mar (IPG,ADW), only 3 seen in poor visibility (haze) on 27 Mar (IPG), 1 on 6 Apr and 11 Apr (AKMcN,ANi), 4 at Cardross on 18 Feb (IPG), 1 off Port Glasgow on 4 Feb and 18 Feb, 5 on 12 Feb (DO'B,DSF), and unusually still 2 breeding-plumaged birds off south side Ardmore Point 28 Apr-3 May (JBB).

Inland, one was picked up at Palace Grounds Retail Park, Motherwell on 26 Feb, and following veterinary examination, released at Strathclyde Loch later the same day; there were no subsequent sightings (IL). Other inland reports involved 1 at Waulkmill Glen Resr on 5 Oct (JSW,VW) and at Balgray Resr 6-15 Oct (IMcM,JCh *et al*).

Autumn-winter reports from the Clyde estuary involved 9 off Ardmore Point 30 Sep, 23 on 7 Oct (IPG), max count 25 on 15 Nov (ADW), 7 on 19 Dec (IPG), 10 off Cardross 15 Nov (ADW), 4 on 19 Dec, 3 Ardmore North Bay 10 Dec (IPG), and 9 including a displaying pair off Ardmore South Bay on 30 Dec (ADW).

### Slavonian Grebe selected counts from Ardmore Point in 2007

	21 Jan	18 Feb	24 Mar	30 Sep	7 Oct	15 Nov	19 Dec
Ardmore Point	25	40*	13	9	23	35*	11*
Observer	IPG	IPG	IPG,ADW	IPG	IPG	ADW	IPG

\* including birds viewed from Cardross

## Oystercatcher *Haematopus ostralegus*

Spring return inland began with 20 beside the Endrick Water at Drymen Bridge on 28 Jan, 52 on 28 Feb, 93 on 28 Mar (AS), 5 Carbarns Pool 4 Feb, max 52 on 10 Mar, only one by 15 Apr (AIE), 1 Endrick Mouth 16 Feb (ANi), 130 Lamington 16 Feb (JSW,VW), 9 Johnston Loch 18 Feb (NLRS), 10 Douglas Water Pool 18 Feb, 16 on 13 May, 25 Douglas Estate Ponds 18 Feb, 50 on 15 Apr (KS), a pair Hogganfield Loch 23 Feb-23 Mar (GCC), 3 on 30 Apr (JMM), 151 at the Blane/Endrick confluence on 25 Feb (AKMcN), 2 Darleith 26 Feb (FL), 3 prs at Rowbank Resr on 3 Mar, 5 prs on 15 Mar (IPG), 10 Cathkin Marsh 14 Mar (JMM), 10 Bridgend Farm Pool 17 Mar (KH), 329 along the River Clyde, Daer-Burnfoot 21 Mar (ADW), 1 pair Black Cart Water at Easter Walkinshaw 1 Apr (IPG), a pair feeding next to Heritage Park, East Kilbride 4 Apr (DWM).

**Clyde Estuary counts (WeBS per JSW,VW)**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Newshot Island to West Ferry*	840	1194	315	170	149	157	263	377	512	172	611	720
Ironotter Point/Gourock Bay	236	158	126	12	12	2	1	0	66	148	199	320
Gourock to Wemyss Bay	233	350	77	39	24	25	95	240	349	330	520	263
Dumbarton to Craigendoran	1230	700	732	1067	236	783	771	770	2550	2235	2410	598
Helensburgh to Coulpport	1039	1002	475	289	299	278	494	1106	1213	1063	1288	1242
<b>Clyde Estuary Total</b>	3615	3404	1725	1577	720	1245	1624	2493	4692	3949	5084	3154

\* (including Milton Island to Dumbarton Rock)

**Breeding reports**

Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs
Ardoch	1	DHM	Douglas Water Pool	1	KS	Loch Lomond, Midross	2	SL
Balgray Reservoir	6	JVW	Drumpellier G C	1	CL	Loch Lomond, Sallochy	1	MMcG
Bennan Loch	1	JVW	Dunside Reservoir	1	RJH	Loch Thom	2	IPG
Biggar Moss	1	JVW	Dunwan Dam	1	JFD	Loch Thom island	2	MMcG
Blantyre Muir	1	SRi	Eaglesham TRS	2	JVW	Loch Walton	1	AKM
Bowling Oil Terminal	5	JVW	Elvan Water	9	JVW	Lochgoin Reservoir	1	JFD
Burncrooks Reservoir	1	FH	Endrick Mouth	2	DHM	Lochwinnoch	1	RSPB
Camps Reservoir	5	JVW	Faslane Port	1	MMcG	Long Loch	1	JVW
Camps Water	16	JVW	Garvald Quarry	4	AMcA	Milngavie, Clober Road	1	RSPB
Colgrain shore	1	DHM	Glengavel Water (upper)	2	JVW	Newmill Farm	1	AMcA

Cornalees Bridge	2	MMcG	Harelaw Dam	1	JVW	Nisbet	2	JVW
Cornalees Farm	1	MMcG	Harelaw pig trap	1	JVW	Rowbank Reservoir	2	IPG
Culter Waterhead Resr	2	JVW	High Dam, Eaglesham	1	JFD	South Medwin Pools	1	JVW
Daer Water (upper)	3	JVW	Kaim Dam	1	IPG	The Kerse	1	SRi
Darleith	1	FL	Kilmacolm High Dam	1	IPG	Watermeetings Gas Stn.	2	JVW
Douglas Estate Ponds	2	KS	Lamington	4	JVW			

**Summary:** 103 pairs reported from 47 'sites' in 2007. Other breeding season reports included 5 in a recently ploughed field at Gartloch Pools on 18 June (GCC).

Inland autumn reports included 5 at Merryton/Carbarns 20 July (AIE), and 1 W over Kelvingrove Park on 23 July (DHMcE). Clyde estuary reports included 238 at roost Ardmore North Bay on 15 July, 260 on 12 Aug, 850 on 16 Sep, and 1,320 on 7 Oct (IPG).

## Lapwing *Vanellus vanellus*

### Clyde Estuary counts (*WeBS* per JSW,VW)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Newshot Island to West Ferry*	1140	592	35	7	18	150	594	443	281	1350	1620	1510
West Ferry to Port Glasgow	508	0	0	0	0	13	9	183	113	351	155	45
Dumbarton to Craigendoran	236	15	8	0	0	57	103	54	213	103	433	165
<b>Clyde Estuary Total</b>	1922	698	45	7	18	237	732	722	646	1888	2341	1918

\* (including Milton Island to Dumbarton Rock)

Inland reports/spring return involved 64 at Heritage Loch, East Kilbride on 1 Jan (JJM), 280 at Merryton/Carbarns on 2 Jan (AIE), 229 at Millichen Flood on 2 Jan (JC), 253 on 16 Jan (AKMcN), 379 on 19 Jan (SL), 278 on 21 Jan (CRS), 100 over Aird Meadow 4 Jan (RSPB), 15 at Darleith on 9 Jan, 25 including displaying ♂♂ there on 25 Feb, 50 on 27 Feb (FL), 34 South Medwin Pools 16 Jan, 200 on 16 Feb (JSW,VW), 45 Orchard Farm Pool 16 Jan (CL), 80 Barr Loch 16 Jan (MMcG), 30 Craigmarloch, Kilmacolm 21 Jan (IPG), 167 Bridgend Farm Pool 21 Jan, 40 on 15 Apr (KH), 101 Walton Dam 21 Jan (IAM), 60 Tinto 21 Jan (FH), 97 Gartloch Pool 22 Jan, 96 on 21 Feb, 100 on 8 Mar (GCC), 30 Endrick Mouth 27 Jan

(ANi), 100 on 20 Feb (AKMcN), 23 Rowbank Resr 12 Feb (IPG), 200 Gadloch 13 Feb (JTMcE), 180 Lamington 16 Feb, 1,000 at Ravenstruther 16 Feb, 34 Balgray Resr 17 Feb (JSW,VW), 60 Douglas Estate 18 Feb, 16 Douglas Water Pool 18 Feb (KS), 8 Glen Fruin 8 Mar (ANi), and 120 at Twechar Marsh on 15 Mar (PGC).

**Breeding summary** (table below): 138 pairs reported from 38 'sites' in 2007. Supplementary notes included: (i) 2 displaying ♂♂ and 1 ♀ Marshall Moor 1 Apr (IPG); (ii) 11 prs in two recently-sown cereal fields, including 7 of the ♂♂ displaying and 4 ♀♀ on nests at Longhaugh Point on 10 May, 2 ♀♀ on nests, otherwise only 6 ♂♂ on 25 May, only one ♀ on nest 27 May (IPG); (iii) at Rowbank, 4 prs on 19 May, 3 territorial ♂♂ and 6 other birds in a post-breeding flock 26 May, only a single ♂ present 16 June (IPG); (iv) of 7 prs Kaim Dam, 4 prs had failed and 3 prs behaving as if with young on 1 June (IPG); (v) Blacketty Water site at Hardridge Farm surveyed but no Lapwings present 1 June (IPG); (vi) a transient displaying ♂ Cornalees Farm 3 June (IPG).

#### Lapwing breeding reports

Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs
Barnbrock Farm	1	IPG	Douglas Estate Ponds	3	KS	Loch Thom/Cornalees Fm	1	IPG
Barr Loch	4	RSPB	Douglas Water Pool	2	KS	Lochcraig Reservoir	1	JVW
Bennan Loch	1	JVW	Dunside Reservoirs	1	RJH	Lochgoin Reservoir	1	JFD
Biggar Moss	25	JVW	Elvan Water	8	JVW	Logan Reservoir	1	RJH
Blacketty Water	0	IPG	Endrick Mouth	1	DHM	Longhaugh Point	11	IPG
Bowfield Moss	2	IPG	Gadloch	1	DHM	Marshall Moor	2	IPG
Burncrooks Reservoir	4	FH	Garnkirk	2	CRS	Merryton	2	AIE
Camps Reservoir	2	JVW	Gartloch Pools	4	GCC	Nisbet	4	JVW
Camps Water	20	JVW	Garvald Quarry	1	AMcA	Robroyston Park LNR	1	CRS
Craigmarloch Marsh	1	DSF	Glengavel Water (upper)	2	JVW	Rowbank Marsh	4	IPG
Craigends Dennistoun	1	RCD	High Dam, Eaglesham	1	JFD	South Medwin Pools	6	JVW
Daer Water (upper)	1	JVW	Kaim Dam	7	IPG	Twechar Marsh	5	PGC
Darleith	3	FL	Lamington	1	JVW			

Post-breeding/autumn-winter reports included 50 Gartloch Pools 11 June, 33 on 18 June (GCC), 112 on 13 June (FJM), 135 on 24 July, max 280 on 13 Aug, 140 on 20 Aug, 121



Frankfield Loch 18 June, 236 on 19 July, 77 on 13 Aug, only 30 on 18 Sep, combined peak count 357 Gartloch Pools/Frankfield Loch 13 Aug (GCC), 100 Bridgend Farm Pool 23 June (KH), 28 at Carruthmuir 24 June (KJW), 38 at Heritage Park, East Kilbride 21 Aug (DWM), 60 Merryton 24 Aug (AIE), 375 South Medwin Pools 13 Sep (JSW,VW), max count 680 on 1 Oct (IF), 65 Millersneuk Marsh 26 Sep (JJM), 150 Gadloch 13 Oct (HAD), 200 on 16 Oct (DHMcE), 115 at Balgray Resr 15 Oct, 40 on 25 Dec (JCh), 42 Millichen Flood 3 Nov (JC), 2,000 Ravenstruther 4 Nov (JSW,VW), 86 at Strathclyde Country Park 6 Nov (ADW), and 61 at Old Mains Farm, Erskine on 24 Nov (ECD).

Reports from the Clyde estuary included only 380 at low tide Longhaugh Point-West Ferry on 22 Sep (IPG), Clyde estuary max count 2,341 on 11 Nov (*WeBS per JSW,VW*), and 800 on the Erskine shore on 17 Nov (JJS).

Inland winter reports were of 43 Gartloch Pools 15 Nov (GCC), 90 Balgray Resr 18 Nov (JCh), 250 Merryton 9 Dec (AIE), and 42 Barscube Hill 25 Dec (DSF).

### **Golden Plover *Pluvialis apricaria***

Winter-spring reports were of 27 by the River Clyde at Abington on 21 Mar, 7 by the River Clyde at Watermeetings on 21 Mar (ADW), and 6 S over Merryton on 14 Apr (AIE).

Breeding season reports were of 2 on Meikle Bin 28 Mar (ECD), 2 calling Stockie Muir 15 Apr (DO'B), and 2 Green Lowther 5 May (JTT).

Autumn and winter reports involved 6 Cardross Bay 11 Sep (GJB), 67 at South Medwin Pools 13 Sep (JSW,VW), 105 on 1 Oct (IF), 200 on 8 Oct (JSW,VW), 300 on 17 Oct (JTT), max 550 on 4 Nov (JSW,VW), 1 Balgray Resr 4 Oct (DLC), 1 Gadloch 13 Oct (HAD), 1 Baron's Haugh 14 Oct (JCM), 55 Strathclyde Country Park 19 Oct (Jco), 131 on 6 Nov (ADW), 2 at West Ferry 21 Oct (IPG), and 20 at Ardmore Point on 17 Dec (GJB).

### **American Golden Plover *Pluvialis dominica***

One was at Balgray Reservoir on 16 Sep (JJS,AGJ), the first record for Renfrewshire and Clyde.

### **Grey Plover *Pluvialis squatarola***

Winter-spring reports involved single(s) at Seabank Cottage, Cardross on 26 Mar, and nearby at Arnold's Point on 2 Apr and 6 June (AGG).

Autumn reports were of a juv Balgray Resr 2-5 Oct (JJS,JSW,VW *et al*), 1 Lunderston Bay 23 Oct (FG), and 1 Ardmore North Bay 29 Dec (JBB).

### **Ringed Plover *Charadrius hiaticula***

**Clyde Estuary counts (WeBS per JSW,VW)**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Cardwell Bay to Wemyss Bay	21	0	0	0	8	4	0	5	0	28	8	25
Cardross Bay-Rhu Point	29	19	3	24	26	0	0	52	30	53	44	27
<b>Clyde Estuary Total</b>	50	19	7	33	42	12	0	57	30	81	52	52

It is unusual for migrant Ringed Plover to be absent from the estuary in July; however the roosting flocks are localised and can be missed on WeBS count dates (*ed.*).

Other winter-spring reports included 2 Carbarns Pool 18 Feb (AIE), 15 on 8 Apr (JCM), 19 on 30 June (AIE), 33 Cardross Bay 9 Feb (ECD), 11 Watermeetings 11 Mar (ADW), 3 West Ferry 25 Mar (BGr), 15 on 24 Apr (ADW), 21 East Ferry 21 Apr, 18 on 22 Apr, 12 on 26 Apr (IPG).

**Breeding reports**

Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs
Bowling Oil Terminal	4	JVW	Elvan Water	1	JVW	Morningside	4	JND
Buchley Pool	1	AKM	Elvan/Clyde confluence	1	ADW	Potrail Water, N Fingland	2	ADW
Burncrooks Reservoir	4	FH	Gartcosh	1	JND	Ravenscraig	5	JCM
Daer Reservoir	3	JVW	Garvald Quarry	1	AMcA	Rive Clyde, Eastfield	2	ADW
Daer Water	1	JND	Glespin	2	KS	Scott Lithgow site	1	JVW
Daff Reservoir	1	ECP	Greengairs OC	2	KH	SECC	1	JJM
Douglas	2	KS	Hyndford Quarry	1	JVW	Tarbrax	1	JND
Douglas Estate Ponds	2	KS	Lamington	4	JVW	Watermeetings	2	ADW
Douglas Water Pool	2	KS	Loch Thom	1	IPG	West End Sand Quarry	1	ADW
East Sidewood	1	JND	Midlock Water	1	ADW	Wester Mosshat	1	JND

**Summary:** 56 pairs reported from 30 'sites' in 2007. Notes included (i) a pair on the south shore of Loch Thom had recently hatched b/4 on 18 June (IPG).

Inland reports in autumn involved 1 Frankfield Loch 15 July (FC), 50 on the Scott Lithgow site, Greenock 9 Sep (JSW,VW), and 15 at Balgray Resr on 13 Sep, 16 on 14-17 Sep, 7 on 20 Sep (JCh,JSW,VW).

## Little Ringed Plover *Charadrius dubius*

One was at Carbarns Pool 8-11 Apr, again on 14-15 Apr, 22-24 Apr, 29 Apr, 1 May, 12 May (DJA *per* BS, *et al*), one was at Buchley Pool on 2 May (AKMcN), and a pair was on the River Clyde shingle bank at Carstairs Junction on 14 Apr and 9 June (JND,ADW).

## Dotterel *Charadrius morinellus*

Spring passage reports were of 2 Green Lowther 28 Apr (IF), and 1 on Tinto 28 Apr (*per* VW).

## Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus*

Spring reports were of 1 Ardmore South Bay 9-21 Apr, 2 on 24-28 Apr (ANi), 1 on 3 May (JBB), 2 on 9 May, 1 on 28 June (ANi), 3 Ardmore North Bay 26 Apr (ECD), 4 on 30 Apr, 1 on 20 May (AKMcN), max 18 Ardmore South Bay 4 May (IPG), 3 on 12 May (JBB), 10 Ardmore Point 13 May (IPG), 1 West Ferry 17-20 Apr (IPG,ADW), 5 on 21 Apr (IPG), 1 on 2 May (DSF), 11 at mid-tide then roosting at high tide at East Ferry on 22 Apr, 15 West Ferry 25-27 Apr (IPG), 8 on 28 Apr (ADW), 16 on 29 Apr, 20 on 30 Apr, **max 25 on 2 May**, 17 on 3 May, 12 on 4 May, 13 on 5 May, 12 on 7 May, 18 on 8 May (IPG), 17 on 9 May (LR), 4 on 10 May, 1 on 11 May, 1 on 13 May (IPG), 1 Longhaugh Point 23 Apr (DSF), 9 on 25 Apr, 12 on 26 Apr, 11 on 27 Apr, 2 on 10 May (IPG), 2 on 17 May (ECD), 6 on 13 May (JMC), 15 Balgray Resr 26 Apr (SAW,JSW, VW), 3 Cardross Bay 27 Apr, 5 on 12 May, 1 on 26 May (JBB), 1 over Aird Meadow 10 May (ZB), 1 Ballochruin Pool 15 May (AKMcN), and 1 Baron's Haugh 19 May (DJA *per* BS).

Autumn passage involved 2 in Ardmore North Bay 17 June (IPG), 1 on 26 June-1 July (JBB, AKMcN), 1 on 28 July, 2 Ardmore South Bay 25 June (JBB), 1 Dumbarton 1 July, 5 on 2 July, 2 Cardross 22 July (JBB), 1 on 29 July-8 Sep (JBB), 2 Ardmore Point 3 Aug (GJB), 3 on 8 Aug (AKMcN) and 12 Aug (IPG), 1 on 14 Sep (DH), 1 calling Endrick Mouth 6 Aug (JM), 1 West Ferry 12 Aug (ADW), 1 Newshot Island 26 Aug (AJR), 1 in field Longhaugh Point 30 Aug (IF).

## Curlew *Numenius arquata*

Clyde Estuary counts (*WeBS per* JSW,VW)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Erskine to West Ferry *	150	850	165	190	20	80	30	650	240	320	230	180
Gourock to Wemyss Bay	91	104	27	0	1	2	47	69	73	75	142	92

Dumbarton to Craigendoran	241	510	332	61	62	236	710	675	970	675	557	265
<b>Clyde Estuary Total</b>	652	1673	639	254	90	322	807	1538	1434	1286	1121	665

\* (including Milton Island to Dumbarton Rock)

The usual inland wintering flock at Merryton/Carbarns numbered 210 on 2 Jan, 182 on 4 Feb, 119 on 3 Mar, gone by 31 Mar (AIE). Elsewhere 3 were at Bridgend Farm Pool on 21 Jan (KH).

Spring return/passage included 2 at Lamington on 16 Feb (JSW,VW), 3 at Aird Meadow 21 Feb, 51 on 15 Mar, 42 on 20 Mar (MMcG,RSPB), 5 Ballochruin Pool 25 Feb (AKMcN), 2 at Darleith on 3 Mar (FL), 12 at Glen Fruin 8 Mar (ANi), 53 at Bridgend Farm Pool on 17 Mar (KH), 30 Milton of Campsie 17 Mar (FH), 106 Rowbank Marsh 20 Mar (MMcG), and 36 by the Endrick Water at Drymen Bridge on 28 Mar (AS).

#### **Curlew breeding reports**

Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs
Ballochruin Pool	1	AKM	Dunside Reservoirs	1	RJH	Kaim Dam	2	IPG
Biggar Moss	2	JVW	Dunwan Dam	1	JFD	Kilmacolm High Dam	1	IP
Blacketty Water	1	IPG	Elvan Water	1	JVW	Lamington	1	JVW
Bonnyton Moor	1	SRi	Garvock	1	MMcG	Loch Walton	2	AKM
Burncrooks Reservoir	2	FH	Glen Fruin	1	AMcI	Logan Reservoir	2	RJH
Camps Reservoir	2	JVW	Glengavel Water (upper)	2	JVW	Long Loch	1	JVW
Camps Water	2	JVW	Glentaggart	4	FH	Rowbank Marsh	1	IPG
Craig of Todholes	1	IPG	Green Lowther	1	FH	Shantron Hill	1	DHM
Crawhin Hill-Cornalees	1	IPG	Greenside Reservoir	1	ECD	South Medwin Pools	1	JVW
Creuch Hill	1	IPG	Harelaw Dam	1	JVW	South Muirdykes	1	IPG
Culter Waterhead Resr	5	JVW	Heathfield Farm	2	CMRS	Tinto	2	ECD
Darndaff Moor	1	MMcG	High Dam, Eaglesham	1	JFD			

**Summary:** 52 pairs reported from 35 'sites' in 2007.

Autumn-winter reports on the Clyde estuary included 81 at roost Ardmore North Bay 17 June, 660 on 15 July, 645 on 12 Aug, 370 on 16 Sep, 675 on 7 Oct (IPG). Inland counts included 16 Barcraigs Resr 3 Aug, 15 on 19 Aug (IPG), 31 Carbarns Pool 28 Sep, 26 on 14 Oct (AIE), and 15 at Bardowie Loch on 9 Dec (AKMcN).

The regular inland wintering flock at Merryton numbered 227 on 16 Dec (AIE).

## Bar-tailed Godwit *Limosa lapponica*

Winter-spring reports involved 1 at Havoc 7 Feb, 4 Ardmore Point 7 Feb, 10 on 30 Apr (JBB), 9 Ardmore North Bay 18 Feb, 9 on 27 Mar, 17 (all in non-breeding plumage) Ardmore South Bay 15 Apr (IPG), and 2 (non-breeding plumage) West Ferry 19-20 Apr, 1 on 21-22 Apr (IPG,ADW).

Autumn reports were of 15 Ardmore 29 June (AGG), 7 (all 1st-s imms) at roost Ardmore North Bay 15 July (IPG), 4 on 28 July (JBB), 6 (including 1 moulting adult) on 12 Aug, 1 on 16 Aug, 1 at low tide on 8 Sep, 7 on 16 Sep and 7 Oct (IPG), 3 on 23 Oct (ECD), and 1 at West Ferry on 30 Aug (IPG).

Winter reports involved 7 in Ardmore North Bay 23 Nov (FH), 12 on 10 Dec and 19 Dec (IPG), and 2 in Cardross Bay on 12 Dec (JBB).

## Black-tailed Godwit *Limosa limosa*

### Monthly minimum numbers reported

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
0	0	8	454	1	0	15	31	73	37	16	1

Winter reports were of 4 West Ferry 29 Jan (JBB), 4 Longhaugh Point-West Ferry 16-17 Mar (KH,IPG), 2 on 24 Mar (IPG), 1 Bridgend Farm Pool 17-23 Mar (KH,ADW), 2 East Ferry 21 Mar (DSF), and 3 in Ardmore North Bay on 24 Mar (ADW).

Spring passage birds were 10 Longhaugh Point-West Ferry 5 Apr (ADW), 11 on 17 Apr, 17 on 19 Apr (IPG), apparently none on 20 Apr (ADW), but **a series of Clyde area record counts** there of 223 on 21 Apr, 296 on 22 Apr (IPG), **max 332 on 23 Apr** (ADW), 289 on 24 Apr (IMcC), 160 (at Milton Island roost) on 25 Apr (IPG), 91 at Dumbuck (39 of which flew off high to the NNW at 1955 hrs) on 26 Apr, only 1 on 27 Apr (IPG), 3 West Ferry 28 Apr (ADW), 4 on 29 Apr (IPG), 1 on 12 May (ADW), 1 Douglas Estate middle pond 15 Apr (KS), 3 Ardmore North Bay 15 Apr (IPG), 1 on 21 Apr (ANi), 39 at Endrick Mouth on 16 Apr (SNH), 20 Cardross Bay 19 Apr (JGT), 1 at Newshot Island 21 Apr (ECD), 3 Baron's Haugh 21 Apr (JCM), 47 Gadloch 21 Apr, 27 on 22 Apr (KH), 2 Twechar Marsh 22 Apr (*per* VW), 3 Ballochruin Pool 22 Apr (*per* JM), 2 Greengairs 22 Apr (*per* VW), 1 Longhaugh Point 8-17 May (ECD,JMC) and 25 May (IPG), also seen roosting at Milton Island 8-13 May (JGT,JSW,VW).

On 21 April, the flocks making up the total of 223 were distributed as follows (all viewed from West Ferry): 82 at Longhaugh Point, 120 at West Ferry and 21 at Dumbuck; then on 22 Apr, 262 were in a single flock west of Longhaugh Point and 34 at Dumbuck, most roosting

at Milton Island over high tide, but 50 birds fed in a ploughed/sown field at Longhaugh Point (IPG).

Autumn passage involved 3 Erskine shore 21 July (*per* VW), 10 Cardross Bay 22 July (JBB), 2 **Longhaugh Point** 28 July, 9 on 14 Aug (ECD), 10 (9 juvs) on 27 Aug (IPG), 4 (all juvs) on 28 Aug (ECD,IPG), 8 (7 juvs) on 29 Aug (IPG), 16 at field pools same day (ECD), 14 on 1 Sep (JJM), 6 on shore same day, 13 at field pools 2 Sep, 15 on shore 8 Sep, at least 5 on 9 Sep (IPG), 22 on 16 Sep (JGT), 27 on 22 Sep, first peak count 30 on 26 Sep, 27 on 29 Sep, 24 on 30 Sep (IPG), 2 on 1 Oct (ECD,FH), 26 on 2 Oct, max **31 on 5 Oct**, 30 on 10 Oct, **31 again on 21 Oct**, 1 on 3 Nov, 11 at Langbank on 3 Nov (IPG), 1 at Baron's Haugh 7-12 Aug (GJB,WB *et al*), 2 on 18-21 Aug, 3 on 27-29 Aug, 5 on 5 Sep, 10 on 6-7 Sep, 6 on 8 Sep, 3 on 18 Sep, 1 on 20-29 Sep (JCM *et al*), 1 West Ferry 12 Aug (ADW), 2 on 1 Oct (FH), 1 on 30 Oct (JGT), 1 (a moulting adult) Ardmore North Bay 12 Aug (IPG), 1 Bridgend Farm Pool 21 Aug (*per* VW), 1 Newshot Island 7 Sep (*per* VW), 1 Balgray Resr 28 Aug- 30 Aug, 6 on 7-9 Sep, 7 on 10 Sep, 5 on 11-12 Sep, 6 on 13 Sep, 1 on 14 Sep, 9 on 16 Sep, 3 on 17-18 Sep, 11 on 26 Sep, 2 on 28 Sep, 1 on 29-30 Sep (JSW,VW,JJS *et al*), 2 Finlaystone Point 18 Sep (JGT), 3 South Medwin Pools 30 Sep-8 Oct, 1 on 17 Oct (JTT,IF, JSW,VW), and 2 at Cardross Bay on 5 Oct (GJB).

Winter reports were of 11 Langbank 3 Nov, 1 Longhaugh Point 3 Nov (IPG), 3 Milton Island 11 Nov (JSW,VW), 1 on 15 Nov (JGT), 1 Baron's Haugh 13 Nov (GJB,WB), and 1 at Endrick Mouth on 24 Dec (IF).

## Turnstone *Arenaria interpres*

### Clyde Estuary counts (*WeBS per* JSW,VW)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Gourock Bay to Wemyss Bay	4	7	9	16	0	0	0	17	0	0	6	4
Craigendoran Pier to Rhu Point	12	24	37	12	0	0	0	55	30	24	22	32
Rhu Point to Rosneath	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	29
<b>Clyde Estuary Total</b>	16	31	47	28	14	0	0	76	30	27	28	65

Other reports included 1 Ardmore Point 18 Mar (IPG), an exceptional (for the location) spring passage flock of 21 at Seabank Cottage, Cardross on 6 May, 1 there on 26 May, 5 on 29 May, and 1 on 9 June (AGG,JBB).

Autumn-winter Clyde estuary reports included 1 Cardross Bay 28 July (JBB), 1 far up the estuary at Erskine shore on 6 Aug (AJR), 1 at Ardmore Point on 12 Aug, 1 on 8 Sep (JBB), 12 on the Helensburgh shore 28 Oct (DHMcE), 30 on 16 Dec (FH), 28 Lunderston Bay 20 Nov (FG), and 3 at Ashton, Gourock on 20 Dec (IPG).

## Knot *Calidris canutus*

Winter-spring reports were of 2 in Ardmore North Bay 2 Jan, 1 on 22 Apr (ANi), 1 Erskine shore 9 Jan (DSF), and 12 W past Cardross on 10 Mar (AGG).

Inland autumn passage involved 2 Balgray Resr 13 Sep, 7 on 16 Sep, 1 on 17 Sep, 1 on 25-26 Sep (DLC, JJS). Autumn-winter estuary reports included 2 in Ardmore North Bay 28 July (JBB), 8 on 16 Aug (HS), 15 on 16 Sep (IPG), 10 on 19 Sep (AKMCN), 17 on 17 Sep (ECD), max count **19 on 22 Sep** (JBB), 1 on 23 Nov (FH), 1 Newshot Island 26 Aug (AJR), 4 Longhaugh Point 28 Aug, 6 on 22 Sep, 8 on 29-30 Sep, 16 on 2 Oct, 6 on 5 Oct, 2 on 10 Oct, 4 on 21 Oct (IPG), **29 West Ferry 8 Sep** (IPG,AJR), 7 Erskine shore 27 Sep (FH), and 1 Lunderston Bay 9 Nov (FG).

### **Ruff** *Calidris pugnax*

Two unusual winter reports, possibly involving the same bird, were of 1 at Carbars Pool on 4 Feb (DJA *per* BS), and a ♂ on the banks of the River Clyde by Carstairs Junction bridge on 11 Feb, still there on 18 Feb (JND).

Autumn reports involved 1 at Millichen Flood 22 Aug (AKMcN), 1 at field pools Longhaugh Point 28 Aug (ECD), 1 at Gadloch on 5 Sep (ADW) and 15 Oct (*per* VW), 5 which flew over Balgray Resr on 13 Sep (JJS), and 1 at South Medwin Pools on 30 Sep (JTT).

### **Curlew Sandpiper** *Calidris ferruginea*

The only autumn report was of a single with Knots in Ardmore North Bay on 16 Sep (IPG).

### **Sanderling** *Calidris alba*

Spring reports were of 1 in Ardmore North Bay 25 Apr (JBB), 2 Longhaugh Point 13 May (JMC), 1 on 25 May (IPG). The only autumn report was of 1 Ardmore North Bay 20-22 Sep (JBB).

### **Dunlin** *Calidris alpina*

Clyde Estuary counts (*WeBS per JSW,VW*, see *Introduction* for actual count dates):

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Erskine to Port Glasgow *	360	730	0	0	70	0	1	3	6	52	85	580
Ironotter Point/Cardwell Bay	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dumbarton-Rhu	279	117	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	15	42	454

<b>Clyde Estuary Total</b>	754	848	1	1	70	1	1	4	9	68	128	1045
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\* (including Milton Island to Dumbarton Rock)

Winter-spring reports included 50 Ironotter Point 2 Jan (FG), 205 at Newshot Island on 1 Feb (AJR), 90 on 17 Feb (IPG), 42 Cardross Bay 9 Feb (ECD), 305 Finlaystone Point 20 Feb (JGT). An unusual inland winter-spring report was of one by the River Clyde at The Meetings on 21 Mar (ADW).

Spring passage reports on the Clyde estuary were of 5 at West Ferry 26-27 Apr, 2 on 30 Apr, 2 at Ironotter Point 19 May (IPG), 70 at Longhaugh Point on 13 May (JMC), 15 on 25 May (IPG), and 25 at Cardross on 26 May (JBB).

Breeding season reports were of a pair on the upper Daer Water on 29 Apr (JSW,VW), and 1 at Douglas Estate middle pond 5 May-17 June (ECD,KS).

Inland autumn reports involved 3 at Baron's Haugh on 28 July, 1 on 8-9 Aug, 2 on 18 Aug (JCM), 3 at Balgray Resr on 5 Sep (IMcM), 1 on 13 Sep, 2 on 14 Sep, 1 on 28 Sep (JCh,JSW, VW), and 1 at South Medwin Pools on 1 Oct (IF).

Clyde estuary reports included 2 at pools Longhaugh Point 28 July (BGr), 2 on 2 Sep, only 1 on Erskine shore 8 Sep (IPG), 365 on 17 Nov (JJS), max 500 on 20 Nov (FH), 31 at Longhaugh Point on 29 Sep, 96 on 30 Sep, 104 on 2 Oct, 60 on 5 Oct (IPG), and 42 on the River Cart at Colin's Isle on 28 Dec (ECD).

## **Purple Sandpiper** *Calidris maritima*

One was at Lunderston Bay on 26 Jan (FG). An exceptional inland record was of two on the island in Broadwood Loch, accompanied by a Dunlin and a Redshank, on 5 Nov (AJY).

## **Little Stint** *Calidris minuta*

Autumn reports were of 1 Cardross 15 Sep (JBB), 1 in Ardmore North Bay on 16 Sep (IPG) and 20 Sep (JBB), 1 Baron's Haugh 29-30 Sep (DJA), 2 juvs Balgray Resr 29-30 Sep (JJS), and 1 at Ring Point, Endrick Mouth 1-5 Oct (AKMcN).

## **Pectoral Sandpiper** *Calidris melanotos*

One at Balgray Resr on 9 Sep (JJS), not found on 10 Sep but present 11-17 Sep (JJS,JSW,VW *et al*), then after a gap of a week when not seen, the same or another bird on 25 Sep (JJS). The first record for the site, and second for Renfrewshire (*ed.*).

## **Woodcock** *Scolopax rusticola*



Winter-spring reports were of 1 at Scart Farm, Bridge of Weir 5 Jan (ADW), 1 Aird Meadow 7 Jan (RSPB), singles at Ardmore on 7 Jan and 7 Feb (ANi,JBB), 1 at Paisley Moss LNR 12 Jan (ECD), 3 Barscube Hill 22 Jan-18 Feb, 6 on 23 Feb (DSF), 1 Howwood 23 Jan (MMcG), 1 Misty Law 1 Feb (ECD), 1 Longhaugh Point 1 Feb (FH), 1 flushed from rushy waste ground Rutherglen sidings (NS614618) on 1 Feb, 1 beside Levern Water (NS514603) on 5 Feb (GCC), 1 Darleith 5 Feb (ANi), 1 Cardowan Moss LNR (NS659670) on 12 Feb (GCC), 1 flighting to feed at dusk Windyhill (NS401566) at 1747 hrs on 13 Feb (IPG), 2 at Muirshiel Country Park 14 Feb (CMRS), 2 Bishop Loch 18 Feb (CRS), 1 Shore Wood, Endrick Mouth 20 Feb (AKMcN), and 1 by the roadside at Caplaw (NS440583) at dusk on 17 Mar (IPG).

**Breeding:** roding birds were 1 at “Kilmacolm” on 11 Apr (NG), 1 Colgrain 17 Apr (DHMcE), 2 Barochan Moss 4 May (DSF), and 3 territories reported at Barscube Hill (DSF). Other breeding season reports included 1 Duneaton Water 1 July (FH). **Summary:** 7-8 territories reported in 2007, a fairly typical level of under-recording (*ed.*).

Autumn-winter reports were of 1 Barscube Hill 7 Oct, 4 there on 6 Dec, 1 on 18-31 Dec (DSF), singles at Brownside Braes on 20 Oct and 24 Dec (SJM), 1 Monreith Rd, Newlands (JGr), 1 in back garden of 10 Stonefield Ave, Kelvindale, Glasgow on 25 Oct (MY), 1 Knockmountain 6 Nov, 3 on 10 Dec (DSF), 1 Muirshiel Country Park 7 Nov-15 Dec (CMRS), 1 Ryat Linn Resr 10 Nov (JJS), 1 Baron's Haugh 11 Nov, 2 on 24 Dec (JCM), 4+ near Merryton Farm 15 Nov (*per* AIE), 1 Erskine Wood 17 Nov (JJS), 1 Waterfoot 18 Nov (ADW), 1 Bowfield Moss 18 Nov (IPG), 1 Newshot 23 Nov (ECD), 1 Rigside 2 Dec (FH), 3 Linwood Moss 3 Dec, 1 Gleddoch Golf Course 21 Dec, 1 Corsliehills Wood 24 Dec (DSF), 1 Linn Park 25 Dec (SAW), and 1 at High Barfod, Lochwinnoch on 31 Dec (MMcG).

## Jack Snipe *Lymnocryptes minimus*

### Monthly minimum numbers reported

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
40	28	13	0	0	16	46	13

Winter-spring reports involved 1 Aird Meadow 2 Jan (RSPB), 5 in marsh at meeting of South and North Medwin (NS994447) on 2 Jan (ADW), 10 Windlaw Marsh 7 Jan, 7 on 14 Jan, 4 on 21 Jan, max 11 on 28 Jan, 3 on 17 Feb, 5 on 23 Feb, 6 on 25 Feb, 3 on 3 Mar, 6 on 25 Mar (IL *et al*), 3 on 3 Mar (SAW), 2 Paisley Moss LNR 12 Jan (ECD), 4 on 28 Jan (IPG), 3 on 29 Jan (FH), 4 on 17 Feb, 1 on 25 Feb, max 6 on 25 Mar (IPG), 1 Littleton Resr 2 Jan, 2 on 15 Jan (JJS,JSW,VW), 1 Waulkmill Glen Resr 15 Jan (JSW,VW), 2 Hogganfield Park LNR marsh 23 Jan (GCC), 1 on northeast shore of Hogganfield Loch on 25 Jan and 31 Jan (CRS), 3 in the marsh on 11 Feb (IL), 14 at Hamilton Low Parks 24 Jan, 2 on 18 Feb (JSc), 8 Craigmarloch Marsh 4 Feb (ADW), 1 at Endrick Mouth 9 Feb (GJB), 2 Barscube Hill 23 Feb (DSF), 2 Broadwood Loch 25 Feb (IL *et al*), and 1 at Carron Valley Reservoir on 28 Mar (ECD).

Autumn-winter reports were of 9 Windlaw Marsh 14 Oct, 6 on 28 Oct, 6 on 9 Dec, 4 on 23 Dec (IL *et al*), 5 Harelaw Resr, Barrhead 16 Oct, 7 on 23 Oct, 5 on 3 Nov (DLC), 4 caught and ringed there on 4 Nov (IL *et al*), 3 on 12 Nov (DLC), 4 on 1 Dec (SJM), at least 32 Craigmarloch Marsh 4 Nov (ADW,AJY), record Clyde area count of 35 (22 caught and ringed) there on 11 Nov (ADW, IL *et al*), 1 at Paisley Moss LNR on 6 Nov (IPG), singles at Littleton Resr on 10 Nov and 10 Dec (JJS), 3 Longhaugh Point 11 Nov (JMC), 1 at

Hogganfield Park LNR on 13 Nov and 24 Nov (GCC), 1 Cardross 17 Dec (JBB), and 1 Barscube Hill 29 Dec (DSF).

## **Snipe** *Gallinago gallinago*

Winter-spring reports included 52 in marsh at meeting of South and North Medwin Waters (NS994447) on 2 Jan (ADW), 29 Endrick Water, Blane Bridge-Buchanan Castle Golf Course 28 Jan, 41 on 28 Mar (AS), 14 Paisley Moss LNR 28 Jan, 9 on 17 Feb, 14 on 25 Mar (IPG), 30 Bowling Oil Terminal 2 Feb (FH), 97 Craigmarloch Marsh 4 Feb (ADW), 11 Dargavel Burn 8 Feb (DSF), 35 Waulkmill Glen Resr 17 Feb (JSW,VW), 12 Barscube Hill 18 Feb, 24 on 10 Mar (DSF), 55 Erskine Harbour 17 Feb (IPG), 77 on 4 Mar (ACMB), 16 Douglas Estate Ponds 18 Feb, 18 on 15 Apr (KS), 40 at Windlaw Marsh on 23 Feb (SAW), 15 Endrick Mouth 13 Mar (ANi), 21 Cathkin Marsh 22 Mar (IPG,JJM), and 17 at Cardross on 25 Mar (JBB).

### **Snipe breeding reports** (Prs = territorial pairs or number of drumming birds)

Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs
Barr Loch	1	RSPB	Daer Water	2	JVW	Lochgoin Reservoir	1	JFD
Barscube Hill	1	DSF	Dargavel Burn	1	DSF	Logan Reservoir	1	RJH
Biggar Moss	2	JVW	Darleith Marsh	1	FL	Nether Broadfield	2	IPG
Blacketty Water	2	IPG	Devol Moor	1	IPG	Queenside Muir	3	IPG
Burncrooks Reservoir	1	FH	EK, Heritage Loch	1	DWM	Reivoch Marsh	3	IPG
Caplaw Dam	1	IPG	Finnich Glen	1	AKM	Robroyston Park LNR	1	CRS
Cathkin Marsh	1	JJM	HardridgeHill-KnockMore	7	IPG	Rowbank Marsh	2	IPG
Colgrain	1	DHM	High Dam, Eaglesham	2	Sri	Stockie Muir	1	DO'B
Craigmarloch Marsh	1	DSF	Kelly Cut/Daff Resr	1	IPG			
Crawhin Hill-Cornalees	2	IPG	Kilmacolm High Dam	1	IP			

**Summary:** 45 pairs reported from 28 sites in 2007.

Autumn-winter reports included 30 Merryton 29 Sep, 42 on 5 Nov (AIE), 118 Harelaw Resr, Barrhead 23 Oct, 100+ on 28 Oct, *ca* 100 on 3 Nov, 90 on 12 Nov (DLC), 90 on 1 Dec (SJM), 50 Windlaw Marsh 28 Oct (CRS), 40 on 3 Nov (SAW), 152 Craigmarloch Marsh 4

Nov (ADW, AJY), 11 feeding in open at west end when marsh frozen 17-18 Dec (IPG), 11 Paisley Moss 6 Nov (IPG), 32 Endrick Water 23 Nov (AS), 100 Aird Meadow 30 Nov (RSPB), 15 Barscube Hill 1 Dec, 14 on 29 Dec, and 21 at Bardrainney Marsh, Port Glasgow on 11 Dec (DSF).

## Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos*

Spring arrival/passage reports involved 1 at Finlaystone Point on 10 Apr (JGT), 1 Ladymuir Resr 13 Apr (ECD), 1 Endrick Mouth 14 Apr (ANi), 1 Merryton/Carbarns 14 Apr (AIE), 1 Kype Resr 14 Apr, 1 Dunside Resrs 14 Apr (RJH), 2 Bardowie Loch 15 Apr (AKMcN), 1 Baron's Haugh 15 Apr (JCM), 1 Auchendores Resr 20 Apr (ECD), 3 Gadloch 21 Apr (KH), 2 Muirshiel Country Park 21 Apr (IPG *et al*), 3 Burncrooks Resr 22 Apr, 1 Kilmannan Resr 22 Apr (FH), 1 High Dam, Eaglesham 22 Apr (SRi), 2 Cloch Point 22 Apr, 1 Black Cart Water at Yonderton 22 Apr (IPG), 2 Newshot Island 25 Apr (JBB), 1 Balgray Resr 26 Apr (JSW,VW), and 2 at Hogganfield Loch 25-26 Apr (GCC).

### Common Sandpiper breeding reports

Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs
Auchendores Reservoir	1	IP	Duneaton Water 5km	8	RJH	Lamington	4	JVW
Barr Loch	2	RSPB	Dunside Reservoirs	1	RJH	Levan Burn mouth	1	FG
Black Loch (Renf)	1	SAW	Dunwan Dam	1	JFD	Loch Lomond, Firkin	1	DHM
Burncrooks Reservoir	5	FH	Elvan Water	6	JVW	Loch Lomond, Inverbeg	1	AMcI
Calder, Muirshiel-mine	5	IPG	Endrick Mouth	1	DHM	Loch Lomond, Midross	6	SL
Camps Reservoir	8	JVW	Garvald Quarry	1	AMcA	Loch Lomond, Sallochy	1	MMcG
Camps Water	3	JVW	Glen Fruin	1	Ani	Loch Thom (entire shore)	6	JVW
Carron Valley Reservoir	1	AKM	Glengavel Water (upper)	4	JVW	Locherwood	1	FH
Cloch Point	1	IPG	Inverkip (shore)	1	IPG	Lochwinnoch, R Calder	1	RSPB
Daer Water (upper)	3	JVW	Inveruglas	1	ECD	Logan Reservoir	1	RJH
Daer, Crook Burn 3km	4	RJH	Kaim Dam	2	IPG	N Rotten Burn (bridge)	1	IPG
Douglas Estate	3	KS	Kilmacolm	1	IPG	Powbrone Burn	2	JVW

Ponds			High Dam					
Douglas Water Pool	1	KS	Knapps Loch	1	DSF			

**Summary:** 93 pairs reported from 38 sites in 2007.

Post-breeding/autumn passage records included 1 perched on fence post Gartloch Pool 5 July, 1 at Hogganfield Loch 13 July, 1 on 13 Aug (GCC), 6 at Erskine Harbour 12 July (ECD), 6 at Endrick Mouth on 15 July (DO'B), 4 Longhaugh Point 2 Aug (ECD), 2 at Loch Thom 7 Aug (MMcG), 2 at Wemyss Point 7 Aug, 1 on 25-27 Aug, 2 on 29 Aug, 1 on 1 Sep (IPG), 1 Cloch Point 7 Aug (MMcG), 11 Newshot Island 9 Aug (AJR), 2 on 14 Aug (ECD), 6 at Ardmore Point 12 Aug (IPG), 1 at Langbank 23 Aug (DSF), 1 at Balgray Resr 28 Aug (JSW,VW), 1 on Black Cart Water at Yonderton on 1 Sep (GTW), 1 Baron's Haugh 5 Sep (JCM), 1 Bowling Harbour 8 Sep (IPG), and 1 at Endrick Water, Blane Bridge-Buchanan Castle Golf Course on 23 Sep (AS).

A very late autumn report was of 1 at Bardowie Loch from 9-11 Oct (AKMcN,JJM).

## Green Sandpiper *Tringa ochropus*

Winter reports (Jan-mid April) involved 2 at Carbarns Pool on 1 Jan, 2 on 25 Feb (DJA *per* BS), 1 on 27 Mar (ECD), 1 on 30 Mar, 1 on 9-11 Apr (DJA *per* BS,ECD), 1 Baron's Haugh 25-27 Feb and on 4 Mar (DJA *per* BS, GJB *et al*), and 1 on River Gryfe at Knowes Farm 6 Feb (DLC).

Autumn 2007 was poor for this species, with a total of only 9 birds reported: first 1 back early Baron's Haugh 17 June (DJA *per* BS), 2 there 7-8 Aug, max 4 on 9-12 Aug, 3 on 15 Aug, 4 again on 21 Aug, 2 on 29 Aug, 2 on 6 Sep, 3 on 8 Sep, 3 on 20 Sep, 2 on 23 Sep, 2 on 28 Sep, 2 on 9 Oct, still at least 1 on 20 Oct (DJA,GJB,WB *et al*), 1 at middle pond, Douglas Estate 17 June-17 Aug (KS *et al*), 1 at field pools Longhaugh Point 28-31 July (BGr,ECD *et al*), 1 Balgray Resr 26 Aug (SAW), 1 Commore Dam 10 Sep (IMcM), and 1 South Medwin Pools 1 Oct (IF).

Winter reports (Nov-Dec) involved 1 at Baron's Haugh on 4 Nov (GS), single(s) at Carbarns Pool on 6 Nov, 11 Nov, 2 on 2 Dec, 1 on 16 Dec (GJB,AIE), 1 at Balgray Resr on 23 Nov, presumed same bird at Ryat Linn Resr on 5 Dec (JSW,VW), and 2 on the Endrick Water at Drymen Bridge on 23 Nov (AS).

## Redshank *Tringa totanus*

**Clyde Estuary counts** (*WeBS per* JSW,VW)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Newshot Island to West Ferry *	994	1452	514	339	10	13	66	488	15	1126	1059	1137
West Ferry to Newark Castle	10	75	287	127	0	0	0	0	106	247	280	38

Port Glasgow to Gourock Bay	22	160	32	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	32
Dumbarton to Craigendoran Pier	365	140	346	180	2	5	22	78	113	246	418	588
<b>Clyde Estuary Total</b>	1467	1915	1238	672	14	18	117	704	381	1693	1855	1901

\* (including Milton Island to Dumbarton Rock)

Other reports from the estuary included 298 at roost on wall at the Clyde/Cart confluence 15 Jan, 391 Erskine shore 9 Apr (DSF), 14 roosting on slipway at Newark Castle 22 Apr, 35 Dumbuck 22 Apr, and 94 at Longhaugh Point on 26 Apr (IPG). The only inland winter report involved 2 at Merryton on 6 Jan (AIE).

Spring return/inland passage included 2 at Loch Walton on 12 Mar (DAC), 2 Douglas Water Pool 18 Mar, 5 on 15 Apr, 6 on 13 May, 4 on 17 June, 3 Douglas Estate middle Pond 18 Mar, 8 on 15 Apr, 6 on 5 May, 14 on 13 May, 10 on 17 June (KS), 6 Ballochruin Pool 20 Mar and 2 Apr (AKMcN), 3 Carbarns Pool 24 Mar, 2 on 31 Mar (AIE), singles Castle Semple Loch 27 Mar and 27 Apr (RSPB), 6 Endrick Water 28 Mar (AS), 2 Buchley Pool 13 Apr (CRS), 1 Merryton 15 Apr (AIE), 2 Endrick Mouth 28 Apr (ANi), and 1 at Baron's Haugh on 17 June (JCM).

### Breeding reports

Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs
Ballochruin Pool	1	AKMcN	Douglas Estate Ponds	1	KS	Newshot Island	1	ACMB
Biggar Moss	4	JVW	Douglas Water Pool	2	KS	South Medwin Pools	2	JVW
Bridgend Farm Pool	4	KH	Gartloch Pool	1	CRS	Wards Pond	2	AKMcN
Camps Reservoir	1	JVW	Lamington	1	JVW			
Daer Water	3	JVW	Loch Walton	1	AKMcN			

**Summary:** 24 pairs reported from 13 'sites' in 2007, becoming increasingly scarce (*ed.*). Other breeding season reports involved single bird(s) at Gartloch Pool on 20 Apr and 14 May (GCC), and one on south shore Loch Thom 18 June (AB). All pairs failed at Bridgend Farm Pool (KH).

Inland reports in autumn were of 6 at Ring Point, Endrick Mouth on 3 Sep (AKMcN), and 1 at Balgray Resr on 6 Sep (JSW,VW). Clyde estuary autumn-winter reports included 625 feeding on Erskine shore at low tide 8 Sep, a total absence of any feeding on mudflats between Longhaugh Point/Milton Island-West Ferry/Dumbarton Rock until 45 on 26 Sep, then 90 on 30 Sep, 75 on 5 Oct (IPG), 536 Finlaystone Point 18 Sep (JGT), 93 Ardmore Point 7 Oct, 83 on 11 Nov, 190 on 10 Dec (IPG), and 205 on the River Cart at Colin's Isle on 28 Dec (ECD).

## Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola*

None reported in 2007.

## Spotted Redshank *Tringa erythropus*

The wintering individual remained at Newshot Island until 22 Apr, although not noted 14 Mar to 7 Apr (AJR,ECD *et al*). Sightings of an individual at West Ferry on 13 Feb (GJB), 18 Feb (JMC), 14-18 Mar (KH), 21-30 Mar (FH,IPG *et al*), and at Longhaugh Point on 3 Mar (BGr) were presumed to have been of the same bird, possibly a different individual to the Newshot Island bird. Single birds were seen at Erskine shore (AMo) and at Newshot Island (AJR) on 22 Apr, presumably but not certainly the same individual (*ed.*).

Autumn reports involved 2 or 3 birds: a juv at Balgray Resr 7-18 Sep (JJS,SAW *et al*), 1 on the west side of Longhaugh Point on 21 Oct (IPG), and 1 at Newshot Island on 31 Oct (ECD).

## Greenshank *Tringa nebularia*

**Clyde Estuary counts** (*WeBS per JSW,VW*)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Newshot Island to Erskine	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Erskine to West Ferry	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Langbank to Newark Castle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>14</b>	11	12	1	1
Milton Island to Dumbarton Rock	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
<b>Clyde Estuary Total</b>	2	0	2	5	0	0	0	17	12	14	2	2

Other winter-spring reports from the Clyde estuary were of 2 wintering birds at Newshot Island 1 Jan-15 Apr, 3 there on 15 Apr, 1 remaining until 28 Apr (ACMB,ECD,AJR *et al*), 2 Finlaystone Point 15 Jan, 4 on 16 Mar (JGT,DSF), singles at Woodhall on 12 Feb and 20 Mar, 1 at Langbank on 3 Apr (DSF), 1 in Ardmore North Bay 6 Apr (AKMcN), 1 on 15 Apr (IPG), and 2 at Havoc, Dumbarton on 12 Apr (JBB). Inland spring passage reports involved 1 at Carbarns Pool on 9 Apr (AIE), and 1 at Castle Semple Loch on 15 Apr (EW).

Inland autumn passage involved 1 Baron's Haugh 4 July (JJM), 1 on 7-28 Aug (GJB,WB *et al*), and 1 at Ring Point, Endrick Mouth on 3 Sep (AKMcN).

Autumn-winter reports from Finlaystone Point were of 10 viewed from Langbank 3 Aug (DSF), max count 14 on 12 Aug (JGT), 5 viewed from Langbank on 9 Sep (JSW,VW), 11 on

18 Sep (JGT), 1 viewed from Langbank on 29 Sep (IPG), and singles on 30 Sep and 5 Nov (DSF). Other Clyde estuary reports in autumn involved 1 at pools Longhaugh Point 28 July (BGr), 2 there (one with injured wing, taken to Hessilhead Wildlife Rescue Trust) on 12 Aug (ADW), 1 Newshot Island 9 Aug, 1 on 31 Aug (AJR), 1 on 14-16 Sep (ACMB,ECD), 2 west of West Ferry on 26 Sep, 1 in Ardmore North Bay 30 Sep (IPG), 2 on 2 Oct (AKMcN), 1 on 5 Oct (GJB), 1 on 7 Oct (IPG), 1 Milton Island 7 Oct (JSW,VW), 1 on west side Longhaugh Point 21 Oct (IPG), and 3 at West Ferry on 30 Oct (JGT).

Winter reports away from Finlaystone Point were of 1 at Milton Island on 11 Nov (JSW,VW), 1 Newshot Island 14 Nov-29 Dec (ECD), and singles Parklea 13 Dec and 30 Dec (WB,ADW).

### **Kittiwake** *Rissa tridactyla*

Winter-summer reports included a 1st-w off Kempock Point 24 Mar (ADW), 12 ads on water off Ardmore Point 15 Apr (IPG), 23 West Ferry 25 Apr (JBB), 15 S and 50 N (all ads) past Cloch Point on 19 May, 4 (2 ads and 2 1st-s) S/1hr on 23 June, 45 N and 29 S/1hr, feeding with Manx Shearwaters and including many 1st-s birds on 24 June, 60 feeding with 300 shearwaters off Wemyss Point 29 June, 10 there on 7 July (IPG), 78 feeding with shearwaters off Cloch Point on 8 July (FG), 11 on 16 July, and 32 doing same on 20 July (IPG).

Inland reports involved 1 at Baron's Haugh on 21 Jan (JCM), an adult at Newshot Island 1 Apr (KH), and in autumn-winter a juv at Newshot Island on 21 Oct (AJR).

Autumn-winter reports included 3 feeding with shearwaters Wemyss Point 7 Aug, 15 N and 10 S/1hr past Cloch Point on 25 Aug, 7 N and 5 S/1hr on 26 Aug, 6 N and 4 S/1hr on 1 Sep, 5 S/1/2hr on 15 Sep, 3 N and 2 S/1hr past Wemyss Point 25 Aug, 3 N/2hrs on 27 Aug, 3 N and 4 S/1 1/2hrs on 28 Aug, 5 N/1hr on 1 Sep, 17 foraging off Wemyss Point at 1930 hrs on 8 Sep, and 7 S/1/2hr on 15 Sep (IPG).

### **Black-headed Gull** *Chroicocephalus ridibundus*

Winter-spring roost counts included 3600 Hogganfield Loch 4 Feb, 750 on 23 Mar (IPG). Other reports included 2000 at flood pools St James Park, Paisley 10 Jan (IPG), 350 Millichen Flood 16 Jan (CRS), 350 Rouken Glen Park Pond 22 Jan (JMcO), 3,438 Finlaystone Point 26 Jan (JGT), 1,200 Newshot Island 16 Feb (DSF), 1,050 Ardmore North Bay 18 Feb, 3,800 hawking aerial insects Longhaugh Point-Finlaystone Point 10 Mar (IPG), 1,300 Harelaw Dam 18 Apr (JSW,VW).

#### **Black-headed Gull breeding colony counts**

Colony site	Pairs/nests	Obs	Colony site	Pairs/nests	Obs
Barcraigs Reservoir (Ayrshire part)	no breeding	IPG	Douglas Estate (middle pond)*	2 nests	KS
Barscube Hill*	41 nests	DSF	Douglas Water Pools*	1 nest	KS
Biggar Moss*	7 nests	JVW	Gartloch Pool (South)*	30 nests	GCC

Camps Reservoir	5 nests	JVW	Harelaw Dam*	642 nests	JVW
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**Summary:** 728 pairs reported from 7 colonies, an apparent decrease of 21% at colonies also counted in 2006 (marked with \*). Breeding notes: (i) 200+ back at Harelaw Dam colony 13 Mar (JSW,VW); (ii) 18 on nests Gartloch Pool (S) 20 Apr, 29 on 26 Apr, apparently only 23 occupied nests 10 May, 30 (several with chicks) on 14 May, 24 on 11 June, down to 20 on 18 June (GCC); (iii) Barcraigs colony deserted due to island overgrown with willow scrub (IPG); (iv) 3 young were reared at Douglas Water Pool, 5 young were reared at Douglas middle pond (KS); and (v) 89 young were noted at Carron Valley Resr on 16 July, but no estimate made of breeding pairs (AKMcN).

Post-breeding/autumn-winter reports included 3,000 at low tide Erskine saltmarsh-West Ferry on 29 July, 2,300 on 27 Aug, only 1,600 at 1915 hrs on 1 Sep, pre-roost 8,000 Longhaugh Point-Langbank at 1830 hrs on 30 Sep (IPG), 102 Tollcross Park, Glasgow 27 Oct (CRS), and 150 at Queen's Park Pond, Glasgow on 29 Oct (JMcO); winter roost counts were of 5,000 at Strathclyde Loch on 6 Nov (ADW), and 2,300 at Hogganfield Loch on 13 Nov (GCC).

### **Little Gull** *Hydrocoloeus minutus*

Reports involved probably two birds during the year: an adult feeding with a 1st-w Kittiwake off Kempock Point 24 Mar (ADW), an adult distantly off Cloch Point between 1315-1330 hrs on 26 July (GA), and presumed same adult S past Cloch Point at 2000 hrs on 27 July (MMcG).

### **Mediterranean Gull** *Ichthyaetus melanocephalus*

Reports were of the overwintering 1st-w bird at Garnqueen Loch 1 Jan-16 Mar (IPG,KH *et al*), an adult at Newshot Island 11-21 Feb (JC,ECD *et al*), a 1st-w there on 2 Mar (GJB), a 2nd-w W past Dumbarton Rock at 1355 hrs on 10 Mar (DGr), 2 birds (adult and 1st-summer) at Newshot Island 28 Apr (JJS), a green colour-ringed adult Carbars Pool 22 Sep (DJA), an adult briefly at Balgray Resr around 1800 hrs on 26 Sep, an adult on River Clyde at Dalmuir STW, Clydebank on 23 Dec (JJS), and an adult on pitches at St James Park, Paisley on 28 Dec (KH).

### **Common Gull** *Larus canus*

Winter-spring reports involved 100 Drymen Bridge 7 Jan, 400 Arden 13 Jan (DHMcE), an exceptional 5,600 feeding (apparently on spawning lugworms *Arenicola marina*) Cardross-Ardmore 18 Feb (IPG), 300 Dumgoyne village 25 Feb, 200 Strathblane 25 Feb, 400 Endrick Mouth 25 Feb (DHMcE), 380 Endrick Water 28 Feb (AS), 300 Glen Fruin 8 Mar (ANi), and 400 at Rosneath on 24 Mar (IPG,ADW).

Apparent spring passage of Scandinavian migrants involved 33 birds which stopped off briefly at Gartloch Pool, then soared in thermal and headed off high to the NE at 1535 hrs on



26 Apr (GCC), and a tight flock of 80 circling high above Dumbarton Rock at 2110 hrs on 30 Apr (IPG).

A summer report in an unusual area was of 11 (5 ads) at Castle Semple Loch on 2 June (IPG).

#### **Breeding colony counts**

Colony site	Pairs/nests	Obs	Colony site	Pairs/nests	Obs
Bennan Loch	2 nests	JVW	Kilmacolm High Dam	1 nest	IPG
Bowling Oil Terminal	5 pairs	JVW	Loch Lomond, Inverbeg	4 pairs	DHM
Burncrooks Reservoir	10 nests	KB	Loch Lomond, Ross Isles	5 nests	AKM
Camps Reservoir	18 pairs	JVW	Loch Thom (island)	16 nests	IPG
Eaglesham TRS	25 nests	JVW	Queenside Loch	1 pair	CMRS
Gryfe No.1 Resr (island)	2 nests	IPG	Watermeetings Gas Station	4 nests	JVW
Kaim Dam	6 nests	IPG	-		

**Summary:** 99 pairs reported from 13 colonies in 2007. Other notes included: (i) 9 occupied nests Loch Thom island 7 May, 16 on 3 June, but all subsequently failed (IPG); (ii) at Kaim Dam 6 nests (5 on structures, 1 on shore) and 28 ads present 1 June (IPG).

Autumn-winter reports included 28 ads on cut silage field Barnbrock 5 July, 200 feeding in cut silage fields Gateside, Kilmacolm 4 Aug (IPG), 42 Queen's Park Pond, Glasgow 29 Oct (JMcO), and 171 at Auchentiber, Strathgryfe on 17 Dec (IPG). The only roost reported was of 2,000 at Strathclyde Loch on 6 Nov (ADW).

### **Great Black-backed Gull *Larus marinus***

Winter-spring reports included 5 Carbars Pool 1 Jan (AIE), 17 Fannyside Loch 16 Jan (NB), an adult and 1st-w Millichen Flood 21 Jan (CRS), 4 Barr Loch 31 Mar (RSPB), 5 Heritage Loch, East Kilbride 22 Mar (JJM), and 2 at High Dam, Eaglesham on 8 Apr (SRi).

Breeding reports were of 4 prs on nests Loch Thom island 2 May, down to 3 prs on 27 May, (IPG), b/2 seen on 6 June (JSW,VW), an adult sitting on nest on Bowling pier block 27 May (IPG), b/3 noted there on 15 July (ECD).

Autumn-winter reports included 7 Endrick Mouth 1 Oct (AKMcN), 2 on 2 Dec (DHMcE), and 7 at roost Strathclyde Loch 6 Nov (ADW).

### **Glaucous Gull *Larus hyperboreus***

Winter-spring reports were of a 1st-w bird at the Strathclyde Loch roost from 21-28 Jan (JJS) and on 11 Mar (DJA *per* BS), a 1st-w Carbars Pool 3 Feb (DJA), possibly same 1st-w bird at South Cathkin landfill on 22 Mar and 3-4 Apr (JJM), and at Wester Kitchochside on 19 May (*per* JSW,VW).

The only autumn-winter report was of a 1st-w at Strathclyde Loch 16-22 Dec (KH,JJS).

## **Iceland Gull *Larus glaucoides***

Winter-spring reports involved one Aird Meadow 20 Jan (JTw), a 1st-w Strathclyde Loch 21-30 Jan (GJB *et al*), 4 birds (2 ads, 2 1st-w) on 11 Feb (CJMcI *per* BS), a 1st-w on 11 Mar (DJA *per* BS), a 2nd-w Hogganfield Loch at 1400 hrs on 1 Feb, probably same bird on 8 Mar (GCC) and 17 Mar (CRS), a 1st-w on Fannyside Loch late afternoon 1 Feb (*per* BS), a 1st-w N past Lunderston Bay, then later same day presumably the same 1st-w bird Cardwell Bay 12 Feb (WB), a 1st-w Garnqueen Loch briefly on 13 Feb (NJS), a 1st-w at River Leven mouth at Dumbarton 16 Feb (DGr *per* BS), an adult South Cathkin landfill 22 Mar (JJM), a 1st-s on 30 Apr (DWM), an adult at Balgray Resr roost 25 Mar (JJS), and an adult at Heritage Loch, East Kilbride (came from direction of South Cathkin landfill) on 3 May (JJM).

Autumn-winter reports were of an adult Strathclyde Loch 16-22 Dec (KH,JJS), a 3rd-w on 28 Dec (KH), and a 1st-w at Balgray Resr on 27 Dec (JJS).

## **Herring Gull *Larus argentatus***

Winter-spring reports included 3,400 at South Cathkin landfill on 22 Mar (IPG,JJM).

The only breeding report was of 11 occupied nests on the Loch Thom island (IPG). As with Lesser Black-backed Gull, this represented the poorest level of reporting in many years (*ed.*).

Autumn-winter counts included 600 (*ca* 50% of which were juvs) in a mixed flock of feeding seabirds off Ardmore Point on 12 Aug, feeding flock 500 in same area 16 Sep (IPG), 700 at roost Strathclyde Loch 6 Nov (ADW), and 300 including 5 of the subspecies *L. a. argentatus* at the Heritage Loch, East Kilbride on 18 Dec (JJM).

## **Lesser Black-backed Gull *Larus fuscus***

Wintering reports included 170 at roost Balgray Resr 2 Jan (JJS), 1 Glen Fruin 16 Jan (ANi), and an exceptional winter roost count of 300 at Strathclyde Loch on 27 Jan (JJS).

Spring return included 286 at the West Ferry roost on 18 Feb (ADW), 20 Bothwell St, Glasgow 2 Mar (DHMcE), small nos returned to Paisley colonies by 3 Mar, large influx Glasgow and Renfrewshire 5-6 Mar (IPG), 50 Dumbuck 5 Mar (DHMcE), 15 Glen Fruin 8 Mar (ANi), 180 Greenock 19 Mar (DSF), 22 Heritage Loch, East Kilbride 22 Mar (DWM), 180 at Balgray Resr roost 25 Mar (JJS), and 111 at Hogganfield Loch on 15 Apr (CRS).

Breeding reports involved only 2 nests at Loch Thom island (IPG), and 1 nest at Burncrooks Resr (IF), in an exceptionally poor level of reporting (*ed.*). Other breeding notes included: (i) good nos of young fledged Greenock and Glasgow, e.g. 120 juvs Greenock Esplanade 7 Aug (IPG), 65 juvs Victoria Park Pond 8 Aug, 120 juvs Hogganfield Loch 10 Aug, and 64 juvs with 132 ads there on 21 Aug (GCC).

Autumn counts included 294 at Millichen Flood on 13 Aug, 161 at Hogganfield Loch on 16 Aug, 191 there on 2 Sep, and 600 at Allander Toll on 22 Aug (AKMcN).

Winter reports involved 510 at roost Strathclyde Loch 6 Nov (ADW), and 220 at roost Balgray Resr 27 Dec (JJS).

## **Sandwich Tern *Thalasseus sandvicensis***

Spring-summer reports were of 1 Ardmore Point 13 Apr (JBB), 1 Port Glasgow 15 Apr (JGT), 4 Ardmore South Bay 20 Apr (JMu), 2 off Greenock Esplanade on 22 Apr (IPG), 10 Cardross Bay 1 May (FL), 7 flying from Kilcreggan to Craigendoran 13 May, 4 N and 1 S past Cloch Point between 1700-1900 hrs on 19 May, 10 Ardmore Point 17 June (IPG), 6 Strathclyde Loch 17 June (JCM), and 5 N past Cloch Point at 1925 hrs on 23 June (IPG).

Autumn movements at Cloch Point (fewer than usual) included 4 N (one carrying a fish) and 6 S (incl 3 juvs)/1hr on 16 July, 5 N and 2 S/1hr on 25 Aug, 5 N and 1 S/1hr on 26 Aug, and 18 N/1hr on 1 Sep (IPG). Other coastal reports in autumn included 5 Cardwell Bay 7 July, 24 fishing Portkil Bay 7 July, 3 Ardmore Point 15 July, max count **132 on 12 Aug**, 36 feeding at low tide Ardmore North Bay 8 Sep, 24 feeding with shearwaters (*cf.* Common Tern) off Cloch Point on 20 July, 13 feeding with shearwaters off Wemyss Point 7 Aug, 16 N and 4 S/1hr past Wemyss Point on 25 Aug, 12 N and 4 S/2hrs on 27 Aug, 7 N and 6 S/1½hrs on 28 Aug, 10 N/2hrs on 30 Aug, 3 N/1hr on 9 Sep, 61 fishing Portkil-Whiteforeland Point 30 Aug, 40 Portkil Bay 1 Sep, only 4 there at high tide on 2 Sep (IPG), 64 on 7 Sep (ADW), 38 fishing scattered widely between Ardmore North Bay and the *Captyannis* on 16 Sep, still 12 feeding in Portkil Bay 29 Sep (IPG), 6 off Colgrain on 29 Sep, 3 on 5 Oct (DHMcE), and 2 off Ardmore Point on 30 Sep (IPG).

Overland passage reports involved 2 over Torbothie at 0950 hrs on 6 Aug (MD), 2 at Baron's Haugh 9 Aug (JCM), and 2 over Endrick Water at Drymen Bridge on 23 Sep (AS).

## **Common Tern *Sterna hirundo***

Spring-summer reports involved 3 West Ferry 2 May, 10 on 3 May, 13 on 4 May, 12 on 5 May, 15 on 11 May, 18 on 13 May, 10 off Ardmore Point 4 May, 12 around Ardmore Point on 13 May, 1 on 17 June (IPG), 30 Bowling 13 May (JSW,VW), 2 Rosneath 18 May (MMcG), 53 fishing in a single flock off Greenock Esplanade 19 May, 1 fishing with Kittiwakes and Manx Shearwaters off Cloch Point 24 June, 1 off Cloch Point 30 June, 1 on 5 July, 17 feeding with Manx Shearwaters on 16 July, and 29 doing same (*cf.* Sandwich Tern) on 20 July (IPG).

Breeding again occurred on pier blocks at the former Bowling oil terminal, with 30 birds present 13 May (JSW,VW), only 9 birds present and disturbed by a passing noisy 'booze cruise' on 27 May (IPG), but 70 on 17 June (JSW,VW). No reports of nesting numbers or fledged juveniles were received (*ed.*). A single bird was inland at Carron Valley Reservoir, where breeding has been recorded previously, on 26 June (GJB).

Autumn reports were of 11 at Ardmore Point on 15 July, 11 again on 12 Aug (IPG), 40 off Cloch Point on 24 July, 3 on 2 Aug, 2 on 12 Aug, 10 on 14 Aug, 1 on 21 Aug and 3 Sep (MMcG), and inland, 1 over Aird Meadow on 27 July (RSPB).

## **Arctic Tern *Sterna paradisaea***

Spring-summer reports were of 2 in Ardmore North Bay on 25 Apr (JBB), 45 S past Cloch Point at 1715 hrs and 10 S at 1845 hrs on 19 May, and 2 inland at Hogganfield Loch 24 May (IPG).

Autumn reports involved 1 at Ardmore Point on 13 July (GJB), 2 off Greenock on 28 July (MMcG), 1 ad S past Wemyss Point at 1622 hrs on 28 Aug, 3 ads fishing off Whiteforeland Point 30 Aug (IPG), an adult inland at Hogganfield Loch on 18 Sep, apparently not there 19 Sep (GCC), but an adult again on 20 Sep (JJM).

An exceptionally late juvenile was at Ardmore Point on 25 Nov (DLC *et al*).

\* **Common/Arctic Tern *Sterna hirundo/paradisaea***

A non-specifically identified 'commic tern' was at Strathclyde Loch on 5 June (JCM), and one was seen fishing off Cloch Point on the exceptionally late date of 1 Nov (FG).

## **Black Tern *Chlidonias niger***

None reported in 2007.

## **Great Skua *Stercorarius skua***

One was between Cloch Point and Wemyss Bay on 4 May (*per Birdguides*), and 1 flew S past Cloch Point at 1800 hrs on 19 May (IPG).

## **Pomarine Skua *Stercorarius pomarinus***

Single adults flew N past Cloch Point at 1720 hrs and 1815 hrs on 19 May (IPG). In autumn, a juvenile was lingering and chasing gulls off the south side of Ardmore Point on 7 Oct (IPG); a juvenile bird at the same place on the very late date of 19 Dec, behaving in a similar manner, was thought possibly to have been the same individual (IPG).

## **Arctic Skua *Stercorarius parasiticus***

No spring report. Unusual summer reports were of a dark morph bird harassing Common Terns at the Bowling colony on 9 June (*per JSW,VW*), and a dark morph bird chasing Kittiwakes off Cloch Point at 1945 hrs on 26 June (FG).

Autumn reports involved 2 dark morph birds S past Cloch Point at 1655 hrs on 16 July, an intermediate or pale adult S at 1730 hrs on 12 Aug (FG), an intermediate or pale adult S past

Wemyss Point at 1750 hrs on 20 July, and a dark morph bird W past Kilcreggan at 1713 hrs on 9 Sep (IPG).

## Common Guillemot *Uria aalge*

Winter-summer reports involved 8 including 3 dead Lunderston Bay 16 Jan (DSF), 48 Port Glasgow-Gourock 21 Jan (DO'B), 41 Rhu-Coulport 21 Jan (JCl), 1 off Ardmore Point 4 May, 4 N and 286 S past Cloch Point between 1700-1900 hrs on 19 May following a SW gale, then unusually large nos for June with 140 at Cloch Point on 10 June (FG), at least 250 off Greenock Esplanade and at least another 200 between Gourock-Cloch Point on 23 June, and many moving into the estuary, including sample 114 N and 16 S past Cloch Point between 1545-1645 hrs on 24 June (IPG), with 186 also reported there on 24 June (FG).

Autumn-winter reports included 28 N and 5 S/1 hr past Cloch Point on 20 July, 112 off Ardmore Point 12 Aug, 25 on 7 Oct, 1 Longhaugh Point 22 Sep, and 3 fishing in Kingston Dock, Port Glasgow on 29 Sep (IPG).

Guillemots unusually far up the estuary or inland involved 1 on the River Clyde at Bell's Bridge on 7 Sep (JC), 1 on the River Clyde at Baron's Haugh 28 Sep (DJA), 4 at Erskine Bridge on 2 Oct (ECD), and 2 at Longhaugh Point on 2 Oct (IPG).

### Clyde Estuary counts of auks (*WeBS per JSW,VW*)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>Guillemot</b>	96	129	65	211	11	52	449	215	78	166	11	8
<b>Razorbill</b>	17	84	0	109	0	5	0	1	0	4	1	0
<b>Black Guillemot</b>	15	35	15	121	43	31	68	46	19	126	26	10

## Razorbill *Alca torda*

Winter-spring reports involved 2 Port Glasgow 8 Jan (DSF), 2 Cloch Point 15 Jan, 9 on 16 Jan, 1 on 21 Jan (FG), 1 Finlaystone Point 15 Jan (JGT), 2 Woodhall 16 Jan, 1 dead Lunderston Bay 16 Jan, 1 on 19 Jan (DSF), 24 on 3 Apr (FG), 1 Ardmore Point 19 Jan, 3 on 2 Feb (ANi), 2 on 6 Apr (AKMcN), 5 on 17 June (IPG), 6 Gourock-Wemyss Bay 20 Jan (JHH), 11 Port Glasgow-Gourock 21 Jan (DO'B), 76 on Inner Clyde including 60 Kilcreggan-Coulport 27 Mar (IPG, ADW), 17 off Prince's Pier, Greenock on 16 Apr (ADW), 6 N and 4 S/½hr past Cloch Point on 22 Apr, and 1 N and 2 S past Cloch Point in 2 hrs on 19 May (IPG).

Autumn-winter reports were of 1 off Ardmore Point 1 July (AKMcN), 1 on 12 Aug, 7 on 30 Sep, 4 on 7 Oct, 2 off Wemyss Point 28 Aug, 1 S past Cloch Point on 15 Sep, 1 off Port Glasgow on 29 Sep (IPG), and 1 off Ironotter Point on 12 Oct (FG).

## Black Guillemot *Cepphus grylle*

Winter-spring reports included 66 on Inner Clyde including 46 Port Glasgow-East India Harbour 24 Mar, total 55 including 34 Port Glasgow-Greenock Esplanade 27 Mar (IPG,ADW).

### Breeding reports

Site	Pairs	Obs	Site	Pairs	Obs
Victoria Harbour, Greenock	5 pairs	ADW	Prince's Pier, Greenock	6 pairs	ADW
East India Harbour, Greenock	9 pairs	ADW	Whiteforeland Point, Greenock	5 birds	ADW
Newark Castle	3 pairs	ADW	<b>TOTAL REPORTED</b>	25 pairs	ADW

Other breeding season reports included 9 adults off Ardmore Point 17 June, and 6 adults in group at Prince's Pier on 23 June (IPG).

Autumn counts included 22 off East India Harbour, Greenock 5 July (DSF), 13 off Ardmore Point 15 July, and 23 (incl 2 juvs) there on 12 Aug (IPG). The annual September census has been discontinued (CMW). Subsequent autumn-winter reports included a site record count of 73 off Ardmore Point in excellent visibility on 30 Sep, 48 in good visibility 7 Oct, but subsequently only 6 in moderate visibility on 19 Dec (IPG).

An unusual inland record was of one on the River Clyde at Braehead on 28 Oct (JGT).

### Puffin *Fratercula arctica*

Reports were of 1 past Cloch Point on 3 July (GJB), and during a 'Clyde Pelagic' trip, two separate individuals seen in the Firth of Clyde between Cloch Point and Cowal (Argyll) on 22 Sep (JTT,BZ *et al*).

### Red-throated Diver *Gavia stellata*

Winter-spring reports from the Clyde estuary included 36 off Port Glasgow 8 Jan, 24 on 12 Feb (DSF), 111 Ardmore Point 21 Jan, max count 129 on 18 Feb (IPG), 20 (south side only) on 21 Mar (ECD), 76 on 24 Mar, 54 on 27 Mar, spring peak 124 on 15 Apr, 49 on 4 May, 5 on 13 May, 22 on 17 June (IPG), 9 off Kelburn Park 12 Feb (DSF), 17 West Ferry 10 Mar, 5 Port Glasgow 10 Mar (IPG), high count for sector of 28 Cloch Point-Wemyss Bay 24 Mar (ADW), 19 Rosneath Bay 27 Mar, 10 Peaton Layo-Coulport 27 Mar (IPG), 6 Lunderston Bay 3 Apr (FG), 3 ads there on 27 May (IPG), 13 Whiteforeland Point 16 Apr (ADW), and an imm at Cloch Point on 19 May (IPG). Reports of movements past Cloch Point included an adult S at 1905 hrs on 19 May, and an adult S at 2015 hrs on 23 June (FG,IPG).

Inland reports involved on Loch Lomond one north of Inchcailloch, on 26 Mar (SLon), one at Endrick Mouth 12 Apr (JBB), and one at Balmaha on 12 May (MMcG); elsewhere one on River Clyde at Erskine Harbour on 1 May (AJR), and one in Gare Loch 16 June (MMcG).

### Red-throated Diver counts from Ardmore Point and Greenock in 2007

	21 Jan <sup>w</sup>	18 Feb <sup>w</sup>	24 Mar	27 Mar	15 Apr <sup>w</sup>	4 May	13 May <sup>w</sup>
Ardmore Point	111	129	76	55	124	49	5
Greenock-Port Glasgow	10	29	16	14	17	nc	0
<b>Clyde Estuary total *</b>	136	182	139	103	158	49	23
Ardmore observer	IPG	IPG	IPG,ADW	IPG	IPG	IPG	IPG
	17 June <sup>w</sup>	15 July <sup>w</sup>	12 Aug <sup>w</sup>	16 Sep <sup>w</sup>	30 Sep	7 Oct <sup>w</sup>	11 Nov <sup>w</sup>
Ardmore Point	22	32	9	3	63	62	11
Greenock-Port Glasgow	0	1	nc	0	34 <sup>1</sup>	7	1
<b>Clyde Estuary total *</b>	24	35	9	9	97	75	24
Ardmore observer	IPG	IPG	IPG	IPG	IPG	IPG	IPG

\* incorporating counts from elsewhere on the estuary on the same date/s

w *WeBS* core count date

<sup>1</sup> Greenock-Port Glasgow counted on 29 September

**Breeding: Site A** (Renfrewshire) Reservoir drained for maintenance by Scottish Water (IPG).

**Site C** (West Stirlingshire) a pair present on 17 Apr (GJB), pair with nest 21 May, pair b/1 on 21 June (IF,FH).

An unprecedented number of immature birds remained on the Clyde estuary during June/July, including 22 off Ardmore Point on 17 June (IPG), 12 on 1 July (AKMcN), and 32 on 15 July (IPG). Subsequent autumn-winter reports included 9 off Ardmore Point on 12 Aug, a single adult in Lunderston Bay 7 July, an adult S past Wemyss Point at 1558 hrs on 28 Aug, an adult N at 1512 hrs on 30 Aug (IPG), 2 Cloch Point 30 July, 1 on 2 Aug, 2 on 12 Sep (MMcG), an adult in Ardmore South Bay 8 Sep (IPG), 2 on 17 Sep (ECD), 12 off Ardmore South Bay on 30 Dec (ADW), 34 Port Glasgow-Greenock, including 16 off Port Glasgow on 29 Sep, 63 off Ardmore Point in excellent visibility 30 Sep, 62 in similar conditions 7 Oct (IPG), 17 on 15 Nov (ADW), only 8 in moderate visibility 19 Dec, 3 Langbank 3 Nov (IPG), 1 Newshot Island 11 Nov (AJR), 5 off Cardross 15 Nov (ADW), 1 on 19 Dec (IPG), and 5 off Finlaystone Point on 30 Dec (DSF).

Counts of divers and grebes off Ardmore Point in 2007

	21 Jan	18 Feb	24 Mar <sup>†</sup>	27 Mar <sup>h</sup>	15 Apr	4 May	13 May	17 June
Red-throated Diver	111	129	76	55	124	49	5	22
Great Crested Grebe	81	100	0	1	8	3	0	8
Slavonian Grebe	25	36	13	3	0	0	0	0

Observer	IPG	IPG	IPG	IPG	IPG	IPG	IPG	IPG
	15 July	12 Aug	16 Sep <sup>‡</sup>	30 Sep	7 Oct	15 Nov	19 Dec <sup>†</sup>	
Red-throated Diver	32	9	3	63	62	17	8	
Great Crested Grebe	30	135	57	88	74	95	77	
Slavonian Grebe	0	0	0	9	23	25	7	
Observer	IPG	IPG	IPG	IPG	IPG	ADW	IPG	

† = not ideal count conditions ‡ = poor count conditions (rough water) h = haze

### **Black-throated Diver *Gavia arctica***

No winter-spring records from the Clyde estuary (*ed.*). Inland reports involved a 1st-w bird present on Glanderston Dam, near Barrhead, from 18 Dec 2006 until 2 Jan 2007 (JJM *et al*), and a single adult on Loch Humphrey (not a breeding site) on 14 Apr (AHu,IMcA).

Breeding: **Site A** (West Stirlingshire) a pair failed due to fluctuation of water levels and disturbance by Canada Geese (RSPB).

The only autumn-winter report was of a juv on River Clyde at Bowling Harbour on 17 Nov (JJS).

### **Great Northern Diver *Gavia immer***

Winter-spring reports were of one off the west side of Ardmore Point on 21 Jan (IPG), 1 off Woodhall on 2 Mar (GJB), and inland, 1 fishing close inshore at Firkin, Loch Lomond on 18 Feb (DHMcE). The only autumn-winter report was of one at Cloch Point on 7 Sep (MMcG).

### **Leach's Petrel *Oceanodroma leucorhoa***

One flew slowly south past Cloch Point at 1525 hrs on 1 Nov (FG).

### **Fulmar *Fulmarus glacialis***

Reports were of 3 N and 3 S/2 hrs (1700-1900 hrs) past Cloch Point during fresh SW winds on 19 May (IPG), 3 on 27 June (FG), 1 on 3 July (GJB), and 1 on 16 July (FG).



## Manx Shearwater *Puffinus puffinus*

### Manx Shearwater counts at Cloch Point in 2007

Date	10 June	12 June	18 June	19 June	23 June	23 June	24 June	24 June
Time	1745-1945	1600-1700	1700-1900	1700-1900	1915-2015	2015-2130	1545-1645	1730-1830
Wind	W 2	W 2	NW 2	NE 3	NW 2	E 2	NE 3	E 4
Birds N	99	6	18	105	230	44	35	122
Birds S	11	2	2	17	95	37	518	95
Observer	FG	FG	FG	FG	IPG	FG	IPG	FG
Date	25 June	27 June	28 June	2 July	4 July	8 July	12 July	12 July
Time	1615-1815	1730-1830	1800-1830	2020-2050	1800-1900	1830-2030	1730-1830	1900-1930
Wind	NE 3	n/r	n/r	n/r	n/r	SW 2	SW 2	n/r
Birds N	43	21	9	3	26	1	0	0
Birds S	14	43	26	38	17	94	27	9
Observer	FG	MMcG	MMcG	MMcG	JJM	FG	FG	MMcG
Date	15 July	16 July	16 July	16 July	18 July	19 July	19 July	20 July
Time	1330-1430	1500-1600	1600-1800	1930-2030	1930-2000	1900-2000	2000-2100	1600-1700
Wind	W 2	NE 1	W 2	n/r	n/r	N 1	N 1	N 3
Birds N	86	1739	455	3	11	61	13	51
Birds S	11	340	610	216	9	206	5	54
Observer	FG	IPG	FG	MMcG	MMcG	MMcG	FG	IPG
Date	22 July	24 July	26 July	27 July	30 July	1 Aug	2 Aug	2 Aug
Time	1800-1915	1615-1715	1945-2045	1950-2020	1925-2025	1520-1550	1700-1800	2005-2105
Wind	calm	n/r	n/r	n/r	n/r	n/r	calm	n/r
Birds N	290	1	333	0	90	4	29	31
Birds S	98	39	590	26	164	1	2	31
Observer	FG	MMcG	MMcG	MMcG	MMcG	MMcG	FG	MMcG
Date	4 Aug	5 Aug	7 Aug	7 Aug	10 Aug	12 Aug	12 Aug	13 Aug
Time	1700-1800	1920-2020	1715-1745	1920-2020	1955-2055	1600-1800	1935-2035	1700-1800

Wind	SW 5	n/r	W 4	n/r	n/r	SW 3	n/r	S 3
<b>Birds N</b>	0	57	18	17	426	553	48	61
<b>Birds S</b>	3	47	18	88	670	318	287	33
Observer	IPG	MMcG	IPG	MMcG	MMcG	FG	MMcG	FG
<b>Date</b>	14 Aug	15 Aug	21 Aug	25 Aug	26 Aug	27 Aug	29 Aug	1 Sep
<i>Time</i>	1825-1925	1825-1925	1920-2020	1700-1800	1730-1830	1800-1830	1905-1935	1530-1630
Wind	NW 3	n/r	n/r	W 4	W 3	n/r	n/r	SW 4
<b>Birds N</b>	107	75	23	281	46	4	2	8
<b>Birds S</b>	112	76	57	295	60	7	18	119
Observer	MMcG	MMcG	MMcG	IPG	IPG	MMcG	MMcG	IPG
<b>Date</b>	1 Sep	2 Sep	3 Sep	7 Sep	12 Sep	15 Sep		
<i>Time</i>	1800-1830	1930-2000	1850-1920	1700-1800	1830-1900	1430-1500		
Wind	SW 4	W 2	n/r	W 3	n/r	S 4		
<b>Birds N</b>	3	0	0	44	19	1		
<b>Birds S</b>	0	2	0	15	29	3		
Observer	FG	FG	MMcG	MMcG	MMcG	IPG		

**Manx Shearwater counts at Wemyss Point in 2007**

Date	16 July	20 July	21 July	4 Aug	7 Aug	25 Aug	27 Aug
<i>Time</i>	1700-1800	1730-1800	1700-1800	1815-1915	1815-1915	1830-1930	1530-1730
Wind	W 2	N 3	NW 2	SW 4	NW 4	W 3	NW 3
<b>Birds N</b>	313	57	157	75	478	420	398
<b>Birds S</b>	164	39	77	19	69	384	22
Observer	IPG	IPG	IPG	IPG	IPG	IPG	IPG
Date	28 Aug	29 Aug	30 Aug	1 Sep	8 Sep	9 Sep	15 Sep
<i>Time</i>	1500-1630	1500-1600	1430-1630	1700-1800	1900-1930	1530-1630	1530-1600
Wind	NW 3	SW 2	NW 3	SW 4	NW 2	NW 4	S 5
<b>Birds N</b>	275	30	126	58	10	23	0
<b>Birds S</b>	66	75	44	50	0	6	1
Observer	IPG	IPG	IPG	IPG	IPG	IPG	IPG

Other reports from **Cloch Point** involved a feeding flock of 430 (with 45 Kittiwakes) offshore at 1600 hrs on 24 June, 15 S in 5 mins on 30 June, 150 feeding offshore (with a Minke Whale *Balaenoptera acutorostrata* and four Harbour Porpoises *Phocoena phocoena*) at 2000 hrs on 5 July, 200 feeding on 15 July, up to 1200 (and six Harbour Porpoises) feeding offshore on 16 July (IPG), 100 on 18 July (MMcG), 500 on 21 July (FG,IPG), 250 on 24 July (MMcG), and 120 on 26 July (GA).

Reports from **elsewhere** included at least 550 in five feeding flocks between Lunderston Bay and Greenock, including 400 off Ashton and 26 at the east end of Greenock Esplanade on 23 June, 32 E past Prince's Pier at 1500 hrs on 24 June, a feeding flock of 300 (with 60 Kittiwakes) off Wemyss Point at 1900 hrs on 29 June, 270 there at 1600 hrs on 7 July, 970 feeding off Lunderston Bay at 1800 hrs on 15 July, 1050 at 1645 hrs on 21 July, at least 1600 in feeding flocks Lunderston Bay-Wemyss Bay 1830-1900 hrs 12 Aug (IPG), an estimated minimum of **2000 Cloch Point-Wemyss Bay 12 Aug** (FG,IPG), 120 fishing off Ardmore Point at 1500 hrs on 12 Aug (IPG), 400+ Wemyss Bay from the *MoD* pelagic on 25 Aug, 37 N and 124 S past Wemyss Point between 1845-1915 hrs on 27 Aug (MMcG), a flock of 40 feeding close inshore (with Kittiwakes and larger gulls) off Wemyss Point 1 Sep, 14 fishing (with 40 Sandwich Terns) in Portkil Bay at 1915 hrs on 1 Sep (IPG), 4 there on 5 Sep (ADW), 3 on 8 Sep, 10 N past Wemyss Bay between 1900-1930 hrs on 8 Sep (IPG), and the last report of the year 2 S past Wemyss Bay at 1000 hrs on 16 Sep (FG).

Three flew up the River Clyde past Finnieston, central Glasgow, flying over the Bell's Bridge, on 17 Sep (KMcC); an apparently healthy bird (a recently fledged juvenile) was found in an Uddingston garden that evening, and subsequently released on the Ayrshire coast (IL).

## Gannet *Morus bassanus*

During the first half of the year reports included 1 off Ardmore Point 14 Feb and 28 Feb, 1 off Cardross on 14 Feb (JJB), none in Inner Clyde on 24 Mar or 27 Mar (IPG,ADW), 4 fishing Tail o'the Bank area 15 Apr (IPG *et al*), 1 Ardmore 21 Apr (ANi), 12 off Greenock waterfront 22 Apr, 2 fishing Kelburn-Newark Castle 22 Apr, 25 Greenock-Helensburgh 13 May, 13 off Greenock Waterfront 17 June, 1 fishing off Finlaystone Point 17 June (IPG), and 6 off Colgrain on 17 June (DHMcE).

An inland report was of one fishing at the Endrick Mouth on 12 May (DHMcE).

Counts of birds passing Cloch Point included an exceptional (especially so early in the season) count of 89 N and 172 S/2hrs after a SW gale on 19 May (IPG). Numbers during the usual main incursion period of July to mid-September were comparatively low in 2007 (*ed.*).

### Gannet counts at Cloch Point in 2007

Date	9 Apr	19 May	10 June	14 June	19 June	23 June	23 June	24 June
Time	1645-1800	1700-1900	1745-1945	1400-1600	1700-1900	1915-2015	2115-2130	1545-1645
Wind	W 3	SW 5	W 2	NE 3	NE 3	NW 2	E 2	NE 3
Birds N	2	89	7	26	37	25	17	44
Birds S	0	172	5	6	6	32	8	8

Observer	FG	IPG	FG	FG	FG	IPG	FG	IPG
<b>Date</b>	24 June	25 June	26 June	27 June	28 June	2 July	3 July	12 July
<i>Time</i>	1730-1830	1615-1815	1900-2000	1730-1830	1800-1830	2020-2050	2000-2100	1900-1930
Wind	NE 3	NE 3	W 2	n/r	n/r	n/r	W 2	n/r
<b>Birds N</b>	62	16	4	11	7	0	49	4
<b>Birds S</b>	39	7	15	7	5	2	26	6
Observer	FG	FG	FG	MMcG	MMcG	MMcG	FG	MMcG
<b>Date</b>	16 July	16 July	18 July	19 July	19 July	20 July	24 July	26 July
<i>Time</i>	1500-1600	1930-2030	1930-2000	1900-2000	2000-2100	1600-1700	1615-1715	1945-2045
Wind	W 2	W 2	n/r	N 2	N 2	N 3	n/r	n/r
<b>Birds N</b>	14	11	0	24	5	14	0	28
<b>Birds S</b>	1	12	0	12	6	8	3	34
Observer	IPG	MMcG	MMcG	MMcG	FG	IPG	MMcG	MMcG
<b>Date</b>	27 July	30 July	1 Aug	2 Aug	5 Aug	7 Aug	7 Aug	10 Aug
<i>Time</i>	1950-2020	1925-2025	1520-1550	2005-2105	1920-2020	1715-1745	1920-2020	1955-2055
Wind	n/r	n/r	n/r	n/r	n/r	W 4	n/r	n/r
<b>Birds N</b>	10	34	9	12	8	49	39	58
<b>Birds S</b>	8	17	12	12	7	39	84	47
Observer	MMcG	MMcG	MMcG	MMcG	MMcG	IPG	MMcG	MMcG
<b>Date</b>	12 Aug	12 Aug	14 Aug	15 Aug	21 Aug	25 Aug	26 Aug	27 Aug
<i>Time</i>	1600-1800	1935-2035	1825-1925	1825-1925	1920-2020	1700-1800	1730-1830	1800-1830
Wind	SW 2	SW 2	n/r	n/r	n/r	W 4	W 3	n/r
<b>Birds N</b>	29	127	91	71	22	30	26	12
<b>Birds S</b>	24	95	32	83	29	27	24	27
Observer	FG	MMcG	MMcG	MMcG	MMcG	IPG	IPG	MMcG
<b>Date</b>	29 Aug	1 Sep	3 Sep	7 Sep	12 Sep	15 Sep		
<i>Time</i>	1905-1935	1530-1630	1850-1920	1700-1800	1830-1900	1430-1500		
Wind	n/r	SW 4	n/r	n/r	n/r	S		

<b>Birds N</b>	8	15	2	54	9	1	
<b>Birds S</b>	20	15	4	43	29	1	
Observer	MMcG	IPG	MMcG	MMcG	MMcG	IPG	

**Gannet counts at Wemyss Point in 2007**

Date	16 July	20 July	21 July	4 Aug	7 Aug	25 Aug	27 Aug	27 Aug
Time	1700-1800	1730-1800	1700-1800	1815-1915	1815-1915	1830-1930	1530-1730	1845-1915
Wind	W 2	N 3	NW 2	SW 4	NW 4	W 3	NW 3	NW 3
<b>Birds N</b>	12	26	10	16	87	53	45	11
<b>Birds S</b>	16	8	9	13	11	91	20	6
Observer	IPG	IPG	IPG	IPG	IPG	IPG	IPG	MMcG
<b>Date</b>	28 Aug	29 Aug	30 Aug	1 Sep	9 Sep	15 Sep		
Time	1500-1630	1500-1600	1430-1630	1700-1800	1530-1630	1530-1600		
Wind	NW 3	SW 2	NW 3	SW 4	NW 4	S 5		
<b>Birds N</b>	32	50	42	14	22			
<b>Birds S</b>	11	26	11	9	15	1		
Observer	IPG	IPG	IPG	IPG	IPG	IPG		

Other reports included 3 Port Glasgow 3 Aug (DSF), at least 90 fishing Lunderston Bay-Wemyss Bay 12 Aug (IPG), 57 at Lunderston Bay on 30 Aug (FG), 12 fishing Portkil-Rosneath Point 29 Sep, 3 off Greenock 30 Sep, 2 off Ardmore Point 7 Oct (IPG), and 1 off Lunderston Bay on 14 Oct (FG). Autumn Forth-Clyde passage overland involved 1 juv west over Drymen 23 Sep (NB), 10 juvs over Lennoxton 23 Sep (DK), 4 juvs NW over Comer Estate, Cailness at 1200 hrs on 29 Sep (PCMcF), and a juv SW over Gartloch Pools at 1425 hrs on 5 Oct (IPG).

**Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo***

Wetland Bird Survey (*WeBS*) count totals, detailing the most important sites reported in 2007, are provided in the table overleaf (*per* JSW,VW).

Other winter-spring Clyde estuary reports included 28 on structures off Longhaugh Point 27 May (IPG). Inland reports included 16 Bardowie Loch 22 Jan (AKMcN), 21 at tree roost on River Clyde at Shawfield 31 Jan, 17 on 20 Feb (GCC), 18 at Rowbank/Barcraigs Resrs on 12 Feb and 3 Mar, 3 on 21 June (IPG), 34 at tree roost Hogganfield Loch 21 Feb, 25 on 23 Mar, and 1 at Gartloch Pool on 11 June (GCC).

**Cormorant WeBS Counts 2007**

	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sep</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>
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<b>Clyde Area Total</b>	390	473	325	185	114	131	216	279	478	437	375	338
<b>Sites recorded (74 in total)</b>	36	28	38	23	16	14	16	18	22	31	41	33
Clyde Estuary	193	174	155	114	71	106	184	205	389	330	218	168
Black Cart Water	9	19	6	12	16	6	9	10	28	29	11	12
Strathclyde Country Park	47	68	15	3	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	0
Brother Loch	28	28	19	1	0	0	3	0	0	1	1	21
Hogganfield Loch	4	34	25	5	0	0	0	7	4	4	17	1
Hamilton Low Parks	3	66	3	1	2	1	2	6	1	4	4	7
Baron's Haugh	9	0	16	13	8	4	0	10	19	6	6	0
Bardowie Loch	16	11	1	0	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	11

Autumn-winter Clyde estuary reports included 80 on rocky island low-tide roost off Langbank on 21 July (IPG), and 300 at roost on the *Captyannis* on 8 Sep (DHMcE). The maximum count of the year on the Clyde estuary was of 389 on 16 Sep (*WeBS per JSW,VW*).

Inland reports included 1 Barcraigs Resr 11 July (IPG), 11 Endrick Mouth 23 Aug (AKMcN), 6 Gadloch 19 Sep (IPG), 4 Gartloch Pool 19 Sep (GCC), 14 Long Loch 3 Dec (JSW,VW), 95 Strathclyde Loch 22 Dec (JJS), 94 heading south past Merryton/Carbarns 23 Dec when all ponds were frozen (AIE), and 8 Aird Meadow 30 Dec (MMcG).

## Shag *Phalacrocorax aristotelis*

Clyde Estuary counts (*WeBS per JSW,VW*, see Introduction for actual count dates):

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Newark Castle-Gourock Bay	76	126	28	61	8	21	73	-	1	60	42	15
Gourock-Wemyss Bay	13	4	0	1	0	0	0	2	3	3	2	2
Cardross-Craigendoran	62	34	3	5	7	8	14	36	2	45	28	15
Helensburgh-Coulport	9	33	28	16	7	17	9	26	37	59	25	29
<b>Clyde Estuary Total</b>	160	197	59	83	22	46	96	64	43	167	97	61

The maximum count of the year on the Clyde estuary was of 197 on 18 Feb (*WeBS per JSW,VW*). Winter-spring reports included 34 off Kelburn Park, Woodhall on 12 Feb (DSF), and 9 off Ardmore Point on 4 May, 7 on 13 May (IPG).

The Inverkip Power Station breeding colony was not monitored in 2007, the last assessment being an estimated minimum of three breeding pairs in 2001 (*ed.*).

Autumn-winter reports included 36 off Ardmore Point 12 Aug, 45 on 7 Oct, 55 on 19 Dec (IPG), 1 unusually far up River Clyde at SECC, Finnieston on 24 Aug (JJM), 1 on Clyde at Bowling Harbour 8 Sep, and 33 off East India Harbour on 20 Dec (IPG). The maximum autumn count on the Clyde estuary was of 167 on 7 Oct (*WeBS per JSW, VW*).

## Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea*

### Wetland Bird Survey results, showing the most important sites in 2007 (*per JSW, VW*)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>Clyde Area Total</b>	141	110	75	92	92	114	104	119	141	151	116	128
<b>Sites recorded (98 in total)</b>	41	29	27	42	31	37	28	32	39	38	35	41
Clyde Estuary	66	32	10	21	32	35	50	58	60	62	43	41
Endrick Mouth	3	10	4	5	11	13	3	7	-	4	10	10
Black Cart Water	9	7	1	2	4	3	4	5	15	15	7	4
Douglas Estate Ponds	6	7	5	4	2	3	5	7	10	6	4	3
Hamilton Low Parks	3	2	5	6	2	4	1	3	6	1	3	3
Lochwinnoch	3	9	3	0	3	3	0	2	2	4	2	3
Coves Reservoir	5	0	3	3	0	0	2	3	2	5	3	7
Barcraigs Reservoir	0	3	4	0	3	6	6	1	1	0	0	0

Winter-spring reports included 12 at the Endrick Water at Drymen on 28 Feb (AS), and 5 at Glen Moss, Kilmacolm on 1 Apr (IP).

### Breeding reports (apparently occupied nest counts)

Site	2007	Obs	Site	2007	Obs
Ardgowan, Crowhill Wood*	8	ADW	Hamilton, Barmichael Plantation*	51	CMW
Buchanan Castle, East Lodge	15	JTK	Hogganfield Loch (island)*	2	GCC
Crawford, Tewsgill Wood	3	DWM	Libberton, Yett Farm	14	DWM
Dumbarton, Levensgrove Park*	5	JVW	Loch Lomond, Rossdhu Park*	3	JTK
Endrick Mouth, Gartfairn Wood*	11	SNH	Lochwinnoch, Crooks Plantation*	7	ECP
Fintry, Camalt House*	6	JTK	Milngavie, Craigton	4	JTK
Glengavel Reservoir	5	RJH			

**Summary:** 134 nests reported at 13 heronries in 2007, an increase of 6.9% at comparable sites (marked \*) since 2006 (census results *per* ADW), but poor coverage (*ed.*). Breeding

notes: (i) one of pair on nest while mate brought twigs Hogganfield Loch island 16 Feb, 4 birds resembling full-grown juvs (presumably 1st-summer imms?) on trees around nest 23 Mar, food-begging calls still coming from nest on 18 Apr but not on 20 Apr, 2 fledged young near nest on 25 Apr, one feeding in nearby marsh pool 26 Apr, but food-begging calls heard apparently from same nest again on 21 June (GCC); (ii) 4 fledged juvs with 8 adults in a field at Bishopton 28 Apr, near the large colony which was not monitored (IPG); and (iii) a recently fledged juv Kelly Cut 30 Apr (IPG).

#### Clyde Heronry Occupied Nest Counts 1999-2007

Site	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Ardgowan, Crowhill Wood	10	12	14	11	7	nc	10	nc	8
Balfron, Endrick Bridge	-	-	-	-	1+	6	6	7	nc
Bishopton, BAE Systems site *	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	35	nc
Brother Loch	2	2	nc	2	3	nc	3	nc	nc
Buchanan Castle, East Lodge	17	19	22	18	23	17	14	18	15
Corsehouse Plantation	nc	nc	nc	nc	1	nc	nc	nc	nc
Crawford, Tewsgill Hill	6	4	nc	2	6	nc	2	5	3
Douglas Estate	7	8	10	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc
Dumbarton, Levensgrove Park	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	3	5
Endrick Mouth, Gartfairn Wood	10	11	11	12	12	10	10	8	11
Finlaystone Estate, Brackenhead Wood	27	34	31	29	25	nc	22	nc	nc
Fintry, Camalt House	-	-	-	-	-	-	nc	4	nc
Fintry, Spittalhill Farm	nc	nc	nc	nc	7	nc	nc	nc	6
Garelochhead	1	1	1	1	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc
Garelochhead, Mambeg	nc	1	1	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc
Glasgow, Hogganfield Loch	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	2
Glen Fruin, Drumfad	9	10	nc	13	17	nc	9	nc	nc
Glengavel Reservoir	6	7	6	5	6	nc	nc	nc	5
Hamilton, Barmichael Plantation	22	48	52	49	48	43	48	46	51
Kilmacolm, Duchal Estate	18	16	19	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc
Kilmacolm, Glen Moss	4	4	nc	5	4	nc	nc	nc	nc
Kilmacolm, Milton	-	-	-	9	9	6	nc	nc	nc
Libberton, Brownhill Farm Wood	-	-	-	-	14	nc	-	-	-
Libberton, Yett Farm Wood	8	10	nc	13	-	nc	11	14	14



Loch Lomond, Rossdhu Park	5	6	5	5	5	5	5	5	3
Lochwinnoch, Crooks Plantation	2	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	7
Longriggend, Pleamuir Wood	6	nc	nc	18	15	nc	nc	nc	nc
Milngavie, Craigton	nc	3	nc	2	3	nc	4	nc	4
Rhu, Ardencaple	nc	nc	1	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc
Waulkmill Glen Reservoir	nc	2	2	7	7	8	7	7	0
<b>Clyde Area Total (occupied nests)</b>	160	203	179	205	209	106	161	177	134

\* The **Barochan Moss** heronry (last recorded in 1990 with 9+ pairs, but subsequently disturbed by clay-pigeon shooting and paint-balling activities), had by 1994 shifted to an unknown location within the former Royal Ordnance Factory (currently *BAE Systems*), closer to Bishopton (*ed.*); it was relocated in 2006 when it held 35 active nests, but was not monitored in 2007 (ADW).

## Great White Egret *Ardea alba*

A breeding-plumaged adult was at Wards Pond 4-7 July, at Net Bay, Endrick Mouth on 8 July, and commuting between Balmaha Bay and Wards Pond 9-10 July (*per* BS, ECD,IF *et al.*).

## Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*

Spring-summer reports were of 1 flying down the River Clyde at Baron's Haugh at 1655 hrs on 31 Mar (DJA *per* BS), regular sightings at Endrick Mouth from 12 Apr-12 Sep (ANi,JTT *et al.*), including 3 on 10 July (WB), 3 on 12 July (HS), 1 over Aird Meadow/Castle Semple Loch which then flew off SE at 1330 hrs on 22 Apr (RSPB), 1 over the A82 at Duntocher roundabout 21 Apr (JTT), 1 over Aird Meadow which then flew towards Barr Loch 25 May (RSPB), 1 fishing at Dunwan Dam on 25 Apr (JConn), 1 Kilmannan Resr 27 Apr (FH), two birds, 1 driving the other away, over the River Clyde at Langholm Farm, Lamington at 1100 hrs on 15 May (JSW,VW), 1 N over Newshot Island at 0830 hrs on 27 May (ACMB), 1 flying upriver at Newshot Island on 1 June (AJR), 1 circling over Lamont Farm, Erskine then heading off E at 0850 hrs on 17 June (AJR), and 1 high over the B818 between Killearn and Fintry on 17 June (*per* JSW,VW).

**Three known pairs bred in the Clyde area in 2007, fledging nine young** (*ed.*). *Due to licensing requirements, threats from egg collectors and the importance that the RSPB attaches to maintaining good landowner relations, it is important that these breeding sites should not be sought out by birdwatchers. Such activity may cause problems with RSPB protection schemes. It is now relatively easy to see Osprey in Southern Scotland without visiting nesting sites. If observers do find out sensitive breeding information, it is important that this is not disseminated, as breeding Ospreys in the Clyde area have already been subject to robbery (RSPB).*

Site A	A pair fledged 3 young (RAB).
Site B	A pair on 13 Apr, at nest on 17 Apr (GJB), fledged 3 young (RAB).
Site C	Unoccupied (RAB).
Site D	A pair fledged 3 young (RAB).
Site E	Unoccupied (RAB).
Site F	Pair present but no breeding attempt (RAB).

Autumn reports involved 1 hunting past Dumbarton Rock 4 July (JJM), 1 Wards Pond 7-10 July (MMcG *et al*), 1 Loch Arklet 9 July (JTT), 3 Endrick Mouth 10-16 July (GJB *et al*), 1 on 30 July (DH), 5 on 14 Aug (GJB), 2 on 12 Sep (DH), 2 Balmaha Bay 15 July (AKMcN), 2 over Garscube Estate at 0900 hrs on 31 July, 1 at noon on 21 Aug (DO'B), 1 downriver past Newshot Island at 1145 hrs on 9 Aug (AJR), 1 Ardmore 16 Aug (HS), 1 Carron Valley Resr 19 Aug (JTU), 1-2 on 25 Aug (AKMcN), 1 on 16 Sep (AKMcN), and 1 S over Barscube Hill on 10 Sep (DSF).

## Golden Eagle *Aquila chrysaetos*

An early year report involved a pair being mobbed by three Ravens at Glas Bhealach (NN2509) on 2 Feb (FH).

## Sparrowhawk *Accipiter nisus*

Winter urban sightings included 1 Finnieston 9 Mar (JJM).

Breeding season reports included territorial pairs at Boghead, Lenzie, at Colgrain (DHMcE), Aird Meadow (RSPB), Muirshiel Country Park 31 Mar-10 July (CMRS), a pair displaying Garscube Estate 2 Apr (TB), a ♂ Darleith 4 Apr (FL), 1 at Renfrew Golf Club 5 Apr (ECD), a ♀ Barscube Hill 7 Apr, a ♂ on 27 Aug (DSF), a ♀ Aber, Endrick Mouth 9 Apr (AKMcN), a ♂ at Endrick Mouth 28 Apr (ANi), 1 at Dalzell Estate on 11 Apr (ECD), 1 Queen's Park, Glasgow 15 Apr (SRi), 1 Glen Fruin 26 Apr, 1 Hogganfield Loch 30 Apr (JJM), 1 at Bishop Loch on 25 May and 24 June (IF), 1 Rouken Glen 28 May (JSW,VW), 1 Heathfield 29 May (ECD), 1 Longhaugh Point 5 May (FH), 1 Lunderston Bay 13 May (FG), and 3 young noted Linn Park 4 Aug (SAW).

Other reports included a juv ♀ Cathkin Braes 22 Aug (DWM).

Two observers reported a total of 121 bird-days in 2007, compared to 585 bird-days in the case of Kestrel, *i.e.* 17% of sightings were of Sparrowhawk (*see table below*).

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Observers
5	4	5	8	0	1	0	2	7	4	4	0	<b>40</b>	IPG
3	1	6	11	2	16	13	4	13	6	4	2	<b>81</b>	JSW,VW
<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>121</b>	All

## Goshawk *Accipiter gentilis*

One report in 2007: one at Strathclyde Country Park on 16 Dec (IL).

## Marsh Harrier *Circus aeruginosus*

A ♀ observed hunting over the reedbed at the east end of Bishop Loch on 10-11 May (JC,IPG).

## Hen Harrier *Circus cyaneus*

Winter-spring reports were of 2 ♂♂ and 1 ♀ going to roost at Whittliemuir between 1545-1610 hrs on 2 Jan, 2 ♂♂ and 2 ♀♀ between 1555-1620 hrs 6 Jan, 2 ♂♂ at 1635 hrs on 17 Jan, 2 ♂♂ and a ♀ at 1655 hrs on 4 Feb, only one ♂ seen going in (at 1715 hrs) on 11 Feb, a ♂ at 1725 hrs and a ♀ at 1744 hrs on 3 Mar, a ♂ into the roost at 1810 hrs on 15 Mar (IPG), a 'ringtail' Darleith Marsh 4 Jan-end of Feb (FL), a ringtail hunting on Helensburgh Moor 4 Jan, ♂ on 2 Mar (ANi), a ♂ and a ringtail West Kilbride, and a ringtail Auchengaich, both sites in Glen Fruin 9 Jan (ANi), a ringtail at Aird Meadow at 1000 hrs and a ♂ there 1300-1400 hrs on 13 Jan, a ♂ at 1600 hrs on 16 Mar (RSPB), a ringtail Ballevoulin, Glen Fruin 16 Jan (ANi), a ♂ at Muirshiel Country Park on 18 Jan (KMcG), a ♂ hunting Nether Broadfield, Howwood at 1645 hrs on 13 Feb (IPG), a ♀ hunting Shantron Hill 18 Feb (DHMcE), a ♀ at Westertown, Forth on 11 Mar (ADW), a ♂ in the Calder valley at Clovenstone on 12 Mar (CMRS), 1 at Baron's Haugh on 12 Mar (*per* Birdguides), a ♀ hunting east of Knockmade Hill on 19 Mar and 25 Mar (KMcG,LH), and a ♂ at Queenside Muir on 31 Mar (CMRS).

Breeding season reports included in **Renfrewshire** a ♀ Misty Law 1 Apr (CMRS), a pair Muirshiel Country Park 24 Apr (MMcG), a ♀ Raith Burn 29 June (ECD), a ♀ Hannah Law 8 July (FH), a ♂ Queenside Muir 11 July (MMcG), a ♀ being mobbed by a Kestrel on N side of Darndaff Moor 24 July (EDu); in **West Stirlingshire** a ♂ Stockie Muir 9 Apr (DO'B); and in **Dunbartonshire** a ♂ Glen Fruin 13 May (ANi).

**Breeding summary:** 8 territories South Lanarkshire (RG,KS,SS *et al*), including a single ♀ in the Pentland Hills (DT); 6 territories Renfrewshire (IPG,KMcG,SJM *et al*); 1 territory West Stirling-shire and 1 territory West Dunbartonshire (JGS *et al*).

County	Territories occupied	Occupied by pairs	Unmated males	Nest sites located	Successful nests	Young fledged
Lanarkshire	8	5	2	4	2	8
Renfrewshire	6	4	2	3	2	9
West Stirlingshire	1	1	0	0	0	0
West Dunbartonshire*	1	1	0	1	0	0

<b>Clyde Area Totals</b>	16	11	4	8	4	17
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\* including former part now in Argyll & Bute UA.

Autumn-winter reports were of a ♀ at the Endrick Mouth on 10 July (GJB), a ♀ there on 10 Sep (IF), a ♂ at Crom Mhin on 22 Oct, 19 Nov and 30 Dec (IF,SH), a juv Hill of Stake 30 July (SJM), unusually an ad ♀ mobbing a Jay in a tree at Muirshiel Country Park on 12 Aug (JR), a juv Heathfield Farm 2 Sep (CMRS), a 1st-w ♂ hunting over rushy field beside Muirhead Burn at Springside (NS403578) on 21 Sep (IPG), an adult ♂ on Tak-ma-doon Road, Kilsyth 29 Sep (JMcO), a ♂ on Queenside Muir 7 Oct, a ♀ at the old barytes mine, Muirshiel 23 Oct (CMRS), a ringtail Town of Inchinnan 31 Oct (ECD), a ♂ hunting Newmill Bridge-Knowes Farm 11 Nov, a ♂ to roost at Whittliemuir 18 Nov, 3 birds (2 ad ♂♂ and a 1st-w ♂) there on 9 Dec (IPG), a ♂ Maich Water 3 Dec (CMRS), a ♀ Millersneuk Marsh 8 Dec (FC), a ♀ Finnich Glen 9 Dec (AKMcN), a pair displaying Shantron Hill 16 Dec (DHMcE), a ♂ Aird Meadow 17 Dec (RSPB), a ♂ hunting over fields around Barnbrock on 23 Dec (IPG), and a ♂ at Craig of Todholes on 23 Dec (CMRS).

## Red Kite *Milvus milvus*

Reports involved one found dead at Green Trough on 28 Apr (ECD), and one S over Johnshill, Lochwinnoch at 0830 hrs on 11 June (MSm).

## Buzzard *Buteo buteo*

Winter-spring reports included 3 in a Darleith garden feeding under the bird table, apparently taking voles or birds, during Jan (FL), 6 Barscube Hill 22 Jan (DSF), 9 Kilmacolm 1 Mar (IP), one catching a Woodpigeon at Rowbank Resr on 3 Mar (IPG), a pair Drumpellier Golf Club 5 Mar (CL), 3 circling over Cathkin Braes Golf Club Woods 12 Mar (DWM), 4 Baron's Haugh 14 Mar (ECD), 4 Castle Crawford Farm 21 Mar (ADW), and 3 Carron Valley Reservoir 23 Mar (ECD).

Breeding season reports (from 1 April, soaring birds unless otherwise stated) included in **Lanarkshire** a pair Culter Glen (JSW,VW), 2 prs Merryton b/3,b/1 (AIE), 1 pair Millichen Farm (SL), min 6 prs in 9 km<sup>2</sup> south and west Lenzie, Meiklehill/Bearhill Farms, Boghead/Gadloch, Rushyhill/Parkhillhead, Wester Auchinloch/South Broomknowes, Blacklands/Millersneuk Marsh, Bothlin/Woodilee (DHMcE), 1 Logoch 1 Apr (SRi), 1 East Millichen Farm 3 Apr (JC), 2 Cathkin Marsh 4 Apr (JJM), a pair soaring over Dawsholm Park 5 Apr (CRS), 3 New Lanark 21 Apr (MMcG), 1 Hogganfield 29 Apr (JJM), 1 Raith Haugh 30 Apr, 2 Hamilton Low Parks 11 May (SRi), 3 Garvald Quarry 31 May (AMcA), 5 Bishop Loch 24 June (IF); in **Renfrewshire** a pair Glanderston Wood, a pair Pollok Castle Estate, a pair Waulkmill Glen Resr (JSW,VW), 8 Barscube Hill 3 Apr, a pair b/2 on 4 July, 7 on 11 July (DSF), a pair High Dam, Eaglesham 4 Apr (SRi), 1 at Linn Park on 10 Apr and 1 May (SAW), 2 Formakin Estate 18 Apr (FH), 2 Ladymuir Resr 20 Apr, 1 Duchal Muir 20 Apr (ECD), a pair there on 3 May (IP), 4 at Balgray Resr 26 Apr, (SAW), 2 at Mid Gavin Farm 27 Apr, 1 Courtshaw Hill, Lochwinnoch 27 Apr (MMcG), 1 Kilmannan Resr 27 Apr, 1 Knapps Loch 1 May (FH), 4 Heathfield 4 May, 1 Hardridge Farm 4 May, 1 Queenside Muir

5 May (CRMS), 2 Locherwood Community Woodland 8 May (FH), 1 Craigmarloch Wood 13 May (DSF), a pair Berry Glen 14 May (CMRS), 1 Linwood Pool 18 May (MMcG), 4 Shilton Lane, Erskine 23 May (FH), 1 Garvock Hill 28 May (MMcG), 2 Newmill Farm, Dolphinton 5 June (AMcA), 1 Kelly Cut 17 June (FH), 1 Creuch Hill 27 June (MMcG), 2 Clovenstone 4 July (CMRS), 2 Gryfe Forest 4 July, 1 Colaouse Hill 4 July, 4 Aird Meadow 11 July, 1 Gateside Hill, Lochwinnoch 11 July, 1 at Inverkip 17 July (MMcG), 2 Chestnut Avenue, Bishopton 28 July (ECD); in **West Stirlingshire** 2 prs Carron Valley Forest 2 Apr (AKMcN), 1 Cashel 13 Apr, 1 Milarrochy 26 Apr, 2 Inversnaid 29 Apr (ECD), 2 Rowardennan 12 May (MMcG); and in **Dunbartonshire** a min 9 prs in 9 km<sup>2</sup> Dumbarton-Craigendoran, Craigendoran, Ardoch (2), Craigend, Brooks, Ardardan/Ardmore (2), Keppoch, Colgrain, (DHMcE), 2 prs Garscube Estate (TB), 1 pair Midross, Loch Lomond (SL), 2 prs Darleith, 2 prs Endrick Mouth (FL), a pair Glen Fruin (ANi), 2 Inverbeg 12 May (MMcG), 1 Burncrooks Resr 4 June (FH), 1 Creigarestie 15 June (ECD), 1 Rosneath Point 16 June (MMcG), 1 Broadwood Loch 24 June (JJM), 2 Gartocharn 8 July, 2 Wards Pond 8 July (ECD), and 2 ads and a juv Finnich Glen 13 Aug (AKMcN).

Autumn-winter reports included 6 Darleith during Aug (FL), 5 Muirshiel Country Park 23 Aug (MMcG), 5 Cathkin Braes 3 Sep (SAW), 2 in territorial dispute high over the west side of Hogganfield Loch 11 Sep (GCC,JJM), 4 on 25 Sep (JJM), 4 Clovenstone 14 Sep (CMRS), 5 at Chestnut Avenue, Bishopton 17 Sep (ECD), 4 Dargavel Burn 20 Sep, 4 Knockmountain 26 Sep and 12 Nov (DSF), 3 in territorial dispute Linclive IE 29 Sep, 2 on adjacent A737 lamp standards there on 30 Sep (IPG), 4 Queenside Hill 30 Sep (MMcG), 11 Gartloch Pools-Lochwood 5 Oct (GCC), 8 Blackstoun Farm 4 Oct (GTW), 4 Bothlin Burn, Lenzie 5 Oct (JTMcE), 3 Crooks Plantation, Lochwinnoch 16 Oct (MMcG), 3 Leverndale Hospital 19 Oct (FH), 1 mobbed by corvids Eglinton Toll, Glasgow 19 Oct (JMcO), 1 Glasgow Botanic Gardens 11 Nov (CJMcI), and 4 at Linwood Moss on 30 Dec (DSF).

Two observers reported a total of 1,007 Buzzard bird-days in 2007 (*see table below*). One observer's total of 105 in March included daily totals of 23 on 24 Mar (most around Bishopton-Langbank and over the Kilpatrick Hills viewed from West Ferry), and 31 on 31 Mar (most on the heights between Howwood and Loch Libo), mainly soaring birds on sunny days with a light breeze; one group of 5 was soaring in a thermal with 34 Ravens at Middleton Farm, north of Shillford, on 31 Mar. Low totals in May-early June were thought to be due to the continuation for a third year of a vole crash (Field Vole *Microtus agrestis*) on the West Renfrew Heights where observer effort was concentrated conducting a harrier survey during the breeding season. Buzzard sightings increased as vole numbers began to make some local recoveries in late June-July, and December numbers, as well as the annual total, were the observer's highest on record (IPG).

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Observers
28	46	105	76	38	62	65	27	70	52	41	80	<b>690</b>	IPG
18	26	41	38	34	19	12	33	34	27	24	21	<b>317</b>	JSW,VW
<b>46</b>	72	146	114	72	81	77	60	104	79	65	101	1007	All

## Barn Owl *Tyto alba*

Winter-spring reports involved one at B786/Barnaigh junction at 0220 hrs on 1 Jan (IPG), one at Auchenbothie Mains on 9 Jan, one at Gleddoch Golf Course on 15 Jan (DSF), 2

Erskine 15 Jan (ACMB), one Glen Fruin 5 Feb (JCI), one hunting Colgrain marsh at 1700 hrs on 17 Feb, calling there on 19 Mar (DHMcE), one flying along Westfield Road (at NS719727), Cumbernauld at 0130 hrs on 20 Feb (JJM), one at Barscube Hill 21 Feb (DSF), 1 at Darleith on 25 Feb and during Mar (FL), one at Greenside (NS365618) at 2345 hrs on 9 Mar (IPG), 2 Barnsford Bridge 15 Jan (ACMB), one there at 2300 hrs on 24 Mar (AKMcN), and one at Buchanan Castle 19-20 Mar and on 30 Mar (GJB).

Breeding season reports were of four potential nest sites checked at Endrick Mouth, only one pair present, fledging 2 young at Low Mains (SNH), one at Darleith Apr-May, throughout July and on 1 Aug and 1 Sep (FL), one calling Langbank 15-16 Apr, one on 18 June, 3 on 20 July and 3 Sep (DSF), one calling Colgrain 17 Apr and 29 May (DHMcE), one found dead by roadside at Belltrees Farm near Lochwinnoch 18 Apr (per RSPB), one Drumhead Estate, Cardross May-June (KH), a pair with nest in dead elm Glentewing 5 May (JDa), a pair with young Glen Fruin 4 June, 3 juvs on 16 June, one at Arden roundabout 22 June (ANi), a pair with young there on 22 June (DK), one Broadwood Loch 26 June (JJM), one “at Houston” on 4 July (per RSPB), one flying alongside the B786 at Gibblaston Farm at ca 2300 hrs on 30 June, one hunting over hayfield opposite the War Memorial, Kilmacolm at ca 2300 hrs on 6 July (AB,RCD), and one on a fence post alongside the B786 at Mid Barnaigh at 0120 hrs on 15 July (IPG). **Breeding summary:** 17 potential territories reported in 2007, with 4 cases of confirmed breeding (*ed.*).

Autumn-winter reports involved one flying W across the B786 at Duchal Mains (NS347671) at 2315 hrs on 18 Aug, one dead on the A726 at New Mains (NS464683) on 26 Aug, one at Laigh Barnaigh Farm at 2315 hrs on 29 Aug, one dead on hard shoulder of M8 (NS425725) at Bishopton 26 Sep (IPG), one there on 2 Oct, one at Gleddoch Golf Course 26 Sep-17 Dec, 4 on Kilmacolm/ Lochwinnoch road at 1145 hrs on 2 Oct (one on fence at NS353652, one at NS35364, one at NS353617, one at NS356600) (per ZB), one dead on M74 at Larkhall 8 Oct (RJY), one over A702 at Nether Abington at 2348 hrs on 17 Oct (JTT), one at Winston Barracks, Lanark at 1850 hrs on 23 Oct, one at Blackburn Farm, Crawfordjohn at 1915 hrs on 23 Oct (JTT), 4 at Barscube Hill at 2000 hrs on 23 Oct, one on 4 Dec (DSF), one “roosting in a barn near Crawfordjohn” on 29 Oct (Jda), one Lenzie 17 Dec (FC), one over B786 at Carruthmuir at ca 2230 hrs on 21 Dec (RCD), 2 at Barnaigh/B786 junction at 2300 hrs on 27 Dec, one there at 2020 hrs on 31 Dec, one beside B786 at Midhouse at 1845 hrs on 29 Dec (IPG), and one at Robroyston Mains on 29 Dec (SMcg).

## Tawny Owl *Strix aluco*

Winter-spring reports included 1-2 regularly Darleith Jan-Mar (FL), 4 Cloch Caravan Park 24 Jan (FG), one calling Colgrain 13-14 Feb (DHMcE), one Barscube Hill 21 Feb (DSF), and one at Carron Valley Forest on 28 Mar (ECD).

Breeding reports were of a pair bred in Tammy's Wood, Merryton (AIE), a pair Langbank, a pair Barscube Hill (DSF), one calling Carron Valley Forest 2 Apr at 1540 hrs (AKMcN), one heard Darleith Apr-May (FL), one Drumhead Estate, Cardross May-June (KH), adult and juv Muirshiel Country Park 3 June (CMRS), one calling Helensburgh GC 11 June at 2200 hrs (HS), a pair b/3 Barnbrock Farm 13 June (CMRS), a newly fledged juv Rowardennan 21 June (AJR), a pair b/3 Broadwood Loch 26 June (JJM), one Dalmore Gdns, Helensburgh throughout July-Aug (HS), a juv Gryfe Forest 4 July (MMcG), and a juv calling Woodburn Park, Rutherglen 30 July (DWM).

Autumn-winter reports included one Loch Thom 30 July (MMcG), one calling Ballochruin Bridge at 1510 hrs on 31 July (AKMcN), one Queen's Park 8 Aug (SRi), 2 Glen Moss 27 Aug (DSF), one with Barn Owl on fence before Crooks, Lochwinnoch on 2 Oct (*per* ZB), 4 Knockmountain 5 Oct (DSF), one Luggie Water 1 Nov (DSF), one Parkhill Wood 22 Nov (MMcG), one calling west of Mugdock Loch at 1530 hrs on 30 Nov (AKMcN), and 3 at Gleddoch Golf Course on 24 Dec (DSF).

### **Long-eared Owl** *Asio otus*

Winter-spring reports included one beside road just south of Muir Park Resr at 1730 hrs on 5 Feb (JTT). Breeding season reports were of a ♂ in Glen Fruin on 13 Apr (ANi), and a pair with at least 2 young Leapmoor Forest (at NS228716), the adults hunting around Daff Resr, on 24 July (ECP).

No reports autumn-winter.

### **Short-eared Owl** *Asio flammeus*

Winter-spring reports were of one at Blantyreferme (NS684605) on 15 Mar (*per* VW), and one in Glen Fruin on 17 Mar (AS).

During the breeding season reports were of none in Renfrewshire (*ed.*), in Dunbartonshire one in Glen Fruin on 18 May (MMcG), one on 11-17 June (ANi,HS), but none anywhere else in the Clyde area (*ed.*).

The only autumn-winter report was of one sadly found dead at Leadhills on 21 Oct (FH).

### **Hoopoe** *Upupa epops*

One at High Craig Farm, Eaglesham on 15 Apr (JSt), and in autumn one at the Endrick Mouth on 13 Oct (DO'B).

### **Kingfisher** *Alcedo atthis*

Winter-spring reports involved 1 Ryat Linn Resr 8 Jan-20 Mar, 2 Littleton Resr 15 Jan (JSW,VW), 1 on the Capelrig Burn, between St Cadoc's PS and Leslie Avenue, Newton Mearns 22 Jan-18 Feb (GRW), 1 on River Kelvin at Dawsholm Park 7 Feb (JC), 1 Newshot Island 20 Feb (AJR), 1 Jenny's Well LNR, Paisley 23 Feb (*per* JJM), 1 at Queen's Park small pond 13 Mar (CRS), 2 on River Clyde at Burnfoot 21 Mar, 1 on River Clyde at Crawford (NS953203) 21 Mar, 1 on River Clyde at Wandel (NS944272) 21 Mar (JND,ADW), and 2 at the Endrick Water at Drymen Bridge on 23 Mar (AS).

**Breeding** season reports were on the **River Clyde** a pair at Carbarns, but no breeding evident (AIE), 1 Baron's Haugh 3 May (ECD), 1 Kelburn Park, Woodhall 12 July (DSF), on the

**White Cart Water** a pair at Linn Park raised 2 young (SAW), on the **River Kelvin** a pair Calder Cult (TB), 1 at Dawsholm Park 4 Apr (CRS), 1 Bothlin Burn, Lenzie 16 Apr (JTMcE), 1 at Possil Loch on 26 Apr (JBB), 1 Allander Water at Lennox Park, Milngavie 16 May (AKMcN), a pair b/1 on the River Kelvin at Garscube Estate 28 June, feeding second brood on 23 July (TB), on the **Endrick Water** 1 Wards Pond 8-10 July (ECD,FH), and **elsewhere** a pair raised 2 young on the River Calder at Lochwinnoch (RSPB), a pair on North Calder Water at Newlands Glen 2 May (AKMcN), 2 Ardgyfe Park, Houston 29 June (FH), 1 on main pond Cathkin Marsh 16 July (JJM), and 1 on the Forth & Clyde Canal at Bearsden on 1 Aug (GJB). **Summary:** up to 13 potential breeding territories, but only 3 pairs confirmed breeding, reported in 2007.

Autumn-winter reports included 1 on the Endrick Water at Ballochruin Bridge on 19 Aug (AKMcN), 2 on Brock Burn at Darnley (NS532599) on 22 Aug (GCC), 2 on River Kelvin at Summerston 6 Sep (AKMcN), 1 Dumbarton 14 Sep (DSF), 1 on the Endrick Water at Wards 1 Oct (AKMcN), 1 Ryat Linn Resr 5 Oct (JSW,VW), 1 on the Endrick Water at Balfron 13 Oct (GJB), 1 on Loch Lomond at Inchconnachan on 20 Oct (AKMcN), 1 on White Cart Water at Paisley Cross 8 Feb (FH), 1 on F&C Canal at Possil on 9 Nov (CRS), 1 at Kip Marina on 12 Nov (FG), 1 Kelvingrove Park 20 Nov (MMcG), one at Howwood Primary School Pond “mid Dec” (*per* RSPB), 1 at Culcreuch Castle Pond on 10 Dec (NB), 1 at Blyth Bridge Rd, Dolphinton on 11 Dec (AMcA), and 1 on the F&C Canal at Cleveden on 17 Dec (LJP).

## Great Spotted Woodpecker *Dendrocopos major*

Winter-spring reports included 1 Balrossie 7 Jan (AB,RCD), and 4 Dawsholm Park 17 Feb (JC).

### Breeding reports

Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs
Ardess Lodge	1	ECD	Dougalston (south)	1	AKM	Inveruglas	1	ECD
Ardmore Point	1	IPG	Douglas Estate	1	ECD	Kilmardinny Loch	1	AKM
Balloch Country Park	1	DH	Dumbrock Muir	1	FH	Langbank	1	DSF
Barscube Hill	1	DSF	Endrick Mouth	1	JBB	Leperstone Reservoir	1	ECD
Birthwood	1	ECD	Finnich Glen	2	AKM	Lochwinnoch Reserve	2	RSPB
Bishop Loch	1	IF	Formakin Estate	1	ECD	Merryton Wood	1	AIE
Cairnhill Woods	1	TB	Frankfield Loch	1	FC	Mugdock Country Park	2	AKM
Cardross, Drumhead	1	KHo	Gartloch Woodland	1	CRS	Muirshiel Country Park	1	CMRS



Carron Valley Forest	1	AKM	Garvald Quarry	1	AMcA	Neilston Pad	1	JVW
Carruth	1	IP	Garvock Lodge	1	FG	Nether Houses	1	IPG
Cathkin Braes	2	DWM	Glasgow, Dawsholm Park	2	CRS	New Lanark	1	MMcG
Cloch Caravan Park	1	FG	Glasgow, Linn Park	2	SAW	Newmill Farm	1	AMcA
Colgrain	1	DHM	Glasgow, Tollcross Park	1	CRS	Pollok Country Park	1	JMcO
Craigmarloch Wood	1	DSF	Glen Moss	1	IP	Renfrew Golf Course	1	ECD
Craigrostan Wood	1	ECD	Gleniffer Braes	1	FH	Rouken Glen	1	JVW
Dalzell Estate	1	ECD	Glenpatrick Burn	1	FH	Sallochy	1	ECD
Dampton Wood	1	IPG	Hanilton Low Parks	1	Sri	Tandlemuir	1	CMRS
Darleith	2	FL	Inversnaid	1	ECD			

**Breeding summary:** 60 pairs reported from 53 sites in 2007.

Autumn-winter reports included 1 at Crossbasket on 10 July (Sri), 2 Muirhouse Muir 10 Aug (AKMcN), a juv Erskine Golf Course 14 Aug (ECD), 1 at Clovenstone on 23 Aug and 9 Nov (MMcG,CMRS), 1 Rowbank Resr 31 Aug, 1 flying high over B786 from Duchal Mains towards Killochries 30 Sep (IPG), 1 at Gryfe Forest SE of Garvock Lodge on 6 Oct (AB,IPG), 2 Daldowie 22 Oct (AKMcN), 1 Shielhill Glen 20 Oct (MMcG), 1 Knockmountain 6 Nov (DSF), 1 Lambhill Cemetery 9 Nov (AKMcN), 1 Linwood Moss 13 Nov (DSF), 1 at Cashel 2 Dec (AKMcN), 1 Carrot 2 Dec (JSW,VW), 3 in Birkmyre Park, Kilmacolm on 2 Dec (IPG), 1 at Garshangan on 2 Dec (ECD), 1 Kirklandneuk 12 Dec, 1 Crookston Drive 19 Dec (FH), 1 beside the White Cart Water at Paisley Cross on 25 Dec (ECD), and 1 at Dalmuir Park on 29 Dec (FH).

## Green Woodpecker *Picus viridis*

Reports involved 1 calling at Darleith on 7 Jan, 3 Feb, 25 Feb, throughout Mar, a ♀ there from 1-24 Apr (FL), 1 calling at Duntreath Estate (NS534806) near Blanefield 24 Feb (DGa), 1 calling Craigmaddie Wood 4 Mar (AKMcN), 1 on 23 Mar (ECD), 1 calling north side Kilmacolm 13 Mar (GG) and nearby 1 calling at Cloak, Kilmacolm 29 Mar (ADW), 1 seen Langbank 14 Mar and heard 24 Mar (DSF), 1 Mugdock Country Park 6 Apr (DO'B), 1 on 17 Dec (AKMcN), 1 calling at Colgrain on 29 Mar and 6 Apr (DHMcE), 1 Garvald Quarry 10 Apr (AMcA), 1 Overtoun House 23 Apr, 1 on 30 Sep (ANi,FH), 1 Glen Fruin 26 Apr (ANi), 1 Lang Craigs 1 May (MMcG), 1 Gryfe Forest and 1 Gryfe No.1 Resr 31 May (MMcG), and 1 on Kilpatrick Braes 15 June (ECD). *No confirmed breeding in 2007 (ed.).*

## Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus*

Winter-spring reports included 3 Endrick Mouth 7 Jan (DHMcE).

Breeding season reports included 1 pair Millichen Farms (SL), estimated 2 prs in 9 km<sup>2</sup> S and W Lenzie (*cf.* Buzzard 6 prs), 1 pair Gadloch (south), 1 pair Lenzie Golf Club, an estimated 2 prs in 9 km<sup>2</sup> Dumbarton-Craigendoran (*cf.* Buzzard 9 prs), 2 prs Colgrain reared b/3 and b/2, possible territory Ardmore where a ♂ on 11 Apr, a pair Arkleston, a pair North Cardonald, 2 prs Hillington East in 3 km<sup>2</sup>, a pair Auchengree/Stepps, a pair with family Helensburgh GC (DHMcE), a pair b/2 Merryton/ Carbars (AIE), a pair bred Linn Park (SAW), a pair b/1 Finnich Glen 10 July (AKMcN), a pair Garvock Hill (MMcG), a pair b/2 Barscube Hill, a pair Craigmarloch Wood, a pair/ b/3 Knapps Loch (DSF), a pair b/6 Nerverstone (NW), a pair Bishop Loch (IF), a pair with nest Broadwood Loch (JJM), a pair b/1 Carman Muir (DSF), and a pair mating at Coiregrogan on 31 Mar (ECD).

Autumn-winter reports included 3 Lyles Hill 11 July (MMcG), an imm ♀ flying across the Firth of Clyde from the direction of Toward Point (Argyll) to Wemyss Bay at 1840 hrs on 4 Aug (IPG), 6 Muirshiel Country Park 3 Aug (MMcG), 4 juvs Queenside Muir 15 Aug (CMRS), 6 Cathkin Braes 15 Aug (SAW), return to winter territories along M8/A737 Glasgow-Howwood first week Oct, good autumn numbers Whittliemuir-Rowbank Resr including 10 counted on 11 Oct (IPG), and 3 at Blackstoun Farm on 3 Dec (DSF).

Two observers reported a total of 585 bird-days in 2007, compared to 121 bird-days in the case of Sparrowhawk, *i.e.* 83% of sightings were of Kestrel (*see table below*).

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Observers
23	35	35	34	18	47	40	16	22	39	36	43	<b>388</b>	IPG
15	13	16	24	11	3	3	28	25	17	15	27	<b>197</b>	JSW,VW
<b>38</b>	48	51	58	29	50	43	44	47	56	51	70	585	All

## Merlin *Falco columbarius*

Winter-spring reports were of a ♂ at Muirshiel Country Park on 16 Jan and 29 Jan (CMRS,RSPB), and 1 at Glenburn Resr, Paisley on 17 Feb (GTW).

Breeding season reports were of (i) a ♂ at an undisclosed site in the Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park, **Renfrewshire** on 14 Apr (IPG); then 6 km from there, (ii) a ♀ alarm-calling on 30 Apr, close to a site where a ♀ seen subsequently on 20 May and a nest b/3 found on 3 July, but had failed by 14 July, one dead chick remaining, with indications of predation by a ground predator (KMcG,JR *et al*); (iii) a pair mobbing a pair of Hen Harriers at a third site in the area on 20 May but no subsequent sightings (SJM); (iv) a ♀ with two fledged juvs at a site in East Renfrewshire on 7 Aug (JSW,VW); one was in non-breeding habitat **South Lanarkshire** 10 Apr (AMcA), a pair at a site 10 km from there in the Pentland Hills (NT05) on 2 May (DT), a ♂ in 10-km square NS82 on 1 July (FH), and a ♀ at a site in 10-km square NS90 on 31 July (JSW,VW).

Autumn-winter reports involved a ♀ Barscube Hill 27 Aug (DSF), 1 Darndaff Moor 22 Sep (MMcG), 1 Heathfield Farm 24 Sep (CMRS), a ♀ Cornalees Bridge 4 Oct (FG), a ♀ at Yonderton on 4 Oct (GTW), a ♂ Clovenstone 8 Oct (CMRS), a ♂ Garvock, Loch Thom 16 Oct (FG), one unsuccessfully pursuing a Snipe at Black Cart Water 18 Oct (GTW), a ♀ at Gryfe Resr No.1 on 28 Oct (FG), 1 Aird Meadow 2 Nov (RSPB), an imm/♀ at Knockmountain, SW of Langbank on 6 Nov (DSF), one at Ardmore Point on 15 Nov (*per* Birdguides), and a ♀ at Blackstoun Farm on 28 Nov (DSF).

## **Peregrine** *Falco peregrinus*

Winter-spring reports included one Endrick Mouth 23 Jan (DSF), an adult ♀ W over Foxbar, Paisley 20 Feb (GTW), one beside the M74 at Abington 8 Mar (ECD), a ♂ Woodside Terrace, Glasgow 19 Mar (SZ), one circling over Central Station, Glasgow 26 Mar (TB), one Muirshiel Country Park 28 Mar (CMRS), and an adult unsuccessfully hunting feral pigeons in Blantyre at 1500 hrs on 29 Mar (JJM).

**Breeding:** **Lanarkshire** pair with nest at a confidential site fledged b/3 (SS), pair with nest Falls of Clyde (MMcG); **Renfrewshire** R1 pair fledged b/2 (JSW,VW); R2 ♂ present on 13 Apr, pair present and ♀ thought to be sitting on 2 May (CMRS), ♀ alarm-calling at pylon ZN34 on 10 June but no further reports so any breeding attempt was probably unsuccessful (IPG). *Under-recorded; the Central Scotland and South Strathclyde Raptor Study Groups have not provided even site-coded data for their respective study areas within Clyde in 2007 (ed.).*

Other breeding season reports involved an adult soaring with 2 Buzzards between Rogerton and Nerston on 3 Apr (JJM), one at M74 Junction 13 at Abington 8 Apr (ECD), an adult ♂ W over Midton, Howwood on 8 Apr (DHMcE), one circling Cople Hill 3 May (IP), one at Cardross Bay on 8 June (Ani), a ♂ Ballochruin 17 June (JTT), and a ♀ at Cloch Point on 19 June (FG).

Post-breeding/autumn-winter reports included one at Locherwood Community Woodland 6 July (CMRS), one at Cloch Point on 29 July (FG), one Muirshiel Country Park 2 Aug (CMRS), a ♀ and 2 juvs Coatbridge town centre 14 Aug (Jmi), 3 (a family party) at Auchengillan on 20 Aug (AKMcN), 1 N over West Millichen Farm 17 Sep (CRS), one at King's Park, Glasgow 20 Sep (JGW), a ♂ at Langbank 9 Nov (DSF), 2 Dumgoyne Hill 25 Nov (FH), one Barrhead 1 Dec (SJM), one Yonderton 9 Dec (ECD), 3 in the Blackstoun area on 10 Dec (JG,GTW), and one at Cornalees Bridge on 12 Dec (MMcG).

## **Great Grey Shrike** *Lanius excubitor*

Winter-spring reports were of one at Dumbrook Muir 1 Jan-23 Mar (*per* JJM *et al*), and one at Haugh Hill, Carron Valley Resr on 23 Mar (ECD).

Autumn-winter reports involved one on a hedge beside the A723 at Holytown (NS770604) on 2 Oct (*per* IL), one in a clear-felled part of Gryfe Plantation (around NS278714) from 3 Oct-2 Nov (FG,AB,IPG *et al*), seen again 28-29 Dec (KMcG,FG), and a presumed returning individual at Dumbrook Muir from 24 Oct-29 Nov (IF,JTK *et al*).

## Jay *Garrulus glandarius*

Winter-spring reports included 2 Finlaystone Estate 12 Jan, 4 Endrick Mouth 25 Jan, 1 Dumbrock Muir 2 Feb (DSF), 2 on 16 Feb (ANi), 2 Hill House, Helensburgh 25 Jan (ANi), 2 Killoeter 8 Feb and 20 Feb (FL), 1 Mugdock Wood 3 Mar, 1 calling Finnich Glen 25 Mar (AKMcN), 1 Carron Valley Reservoir 28 Mar (ECD), and a pair at Merryton on 31 Mar (AIE).

Reports during the breeding season were of 2 Dumbrock Muir 6 Apr (DO'B), 1 Colgrain 6 Apr (DHMcE), 3 Gibblaston 7 Apr (IP), 1 Endrick Mouth 9 Apr (AKMcN), 1 Ardess Lodge 13 Apr (ECD), 2 Ballochruin Bridge 16 Apr (AKMcN), 1 Helensburgh Muir 27 Apr (DHMcE), 1 Darleith 7 May, 1 Carman Muir 18 May (FL), 1 Craigend, Mugdock Country Park on 9 June and 16 June (AKMcN), 1 South Newton 16 June (JR), 1 Killochries 18 June (CMRS), 1 Burncrooks Resr 21 June (FH), 4 Claddoch 7 July (MMcG), 4 Carron Valley Reservoir 16 July (AKMcN), and 3 at Muirshiel Country Park on 30 July (CMRS). **Summary:** up to 17 possible breeding territories reported from 16 sites in 2007.

Autumn reports became increasingly widespread, including 1 at Finlaystone Estate on 3 Aug, 1 at Barscube Hill on 22 Aug, 2 on 30 Sep-2 Oct, 3 Glen Moss 27 Aug (DSF), 1 Darleith 29 Aug, 3 on 5 Oct (FL), 1 Thornlybank Forest 2 Sep (CMRS), 1 Shore Wood, Endrick Mouth 7 Sep and 1 Oct (AKMcN), 4 Muirshiel Country Park 18 Sep (CMRS), 1 Myres Hill 27 Sep (JSW,VW), 2 Mugdock Country Park 4 Oct (AKMcN), 1 Brownside Braes 5 Oct (SJM), 2 Knockmountain 6 Oct, 2 at Ravenshaw on 8 Oct (DSF), 1 at Loch Ardingning on 14 Oct and 20 Nov (AKMcN,ECD), 2 over Bellstane Plantation, Cumbernauld on 3 Nov (AJY), 1 Baron's Haugh 4 Nov (GS), 2 on 22 Dec (JCM), 2 Dumbrock Muir 11 Nov (DSF), 1 Craigmarloch 14 Nov (FH), 2 Cashel 15 Nov (DSF), 1 at Balloch Country Park on 8 Dec (DSF), 1 at Locherwood Community Woodland 9 Dec (ECD), 3 Finnich Glen 9 Dec (AKMcN), 1 at Merryton on 9 Dec and 28 Dec (AIE), 1 Glenmallan 16 Dec, 1 Middle Gartocharn Farm 16 Dec (JTT), and 1 at Craigallian Plantation on 23 Dec (AKMcN).

## Magpie *Pica pica*

Winter-spring reports included 18 at Drymen 4 Jan (JM), 18 Kelvingrove Park 24 Jan (DHMcE), 18 Newshot Island 16 Feb (DSF), 1 on the south side of Ardmore Point on 24 Mar (IPG), and 29 at Bishop Loch on 25 May (IF).

**Breeding** reports (prs = apparently occupied nests)

Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs
Aird Meadow	1	RSPB	Glasgow, Anniesland Station	1	AKM	Hardridge Plantation	1	IPG
Barscube Hill	3	DSF	Glasgow, High St Station	1	AKM	Langbank	4	DSF
Claddoch	1	AKM	Glasgow, Hyndland Station	1	AKM	Merryton/Carbarns	2	AIE
Colgrain	2	DHM	Hamilton, North	2	IL	West Millichen	1	CRS

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**Magpie breeding summary:** only 20 pairs reported from 12 sites, in a very low level of reporting in 2007. Notes included two broods of 3 reared at Colgrain (DHMcE).

Autumn-winter reports included the single bird remaining at Ardmore Point from 24 Mar to the end of the year (IPG), 22 Tollcross Park 27 Oct (CRS), 17 to roost Cumbernauld Town Centre 3 Nov (AJY), 97 to roost Festival Park, Govan 15 Dec, and 17 in a Denholm Terrace, Greenock garden on 29 Dec (ADW).

## Jackdaw *Coloeus monedula*

Winter-spring reports included 1,500 in a pre-roost gathering at Mid Hartfield Farm on 11 Feb, at least 1,600 (also *ca* 200 Rooks) going to roost in a birch wood there (at NS417583) on 25 Feb (IPG), 305 south over Langbank to roost Barscube Hill 2 Apr (DSF), and 150 in a pre-roost gathering at Fordbank rookery, Johnstone on 2 May (IPG).

The only breeding reports were of 5 prs at Merryton/Crabarns (AIE), 20 prs at Pilmuir Quarry, Newton Mearns (JSW,VW), and 1 pair at Ballochruin (AKMcN).

Autumn-winter reports included 102 Carbars 24 Aug (AIE), 300 to roost over Barrhead 14 Sep (JCh), 820 at roost on island Hogganfield Loch 14 Nov (GCC), 180 Blackstoun Farm 28 Nov, rising to 420 on 30 Dec (DSF), and 220 at roost Greenock Cemetery on 28 Dec (ADW).

## Rook *Corvus frugilegus*

**Breeding** nest counts are shown in the following table:

Rookery site	Nests	Date	Observer	Rookery site	Nests	Date	Observer
Baldernock Church	<b>4</b>	11 Apr	AKMcN	Howwood, centre (new)	<b>7</b>	31 Mar	IPG
Baldernock House	<b>130</b>	11 Apr	AKMcN	Kilmacolm, Netherwood	<b>57</b>	6 Apr	DSF
Baldernock Mill Cottage	<b>23</b>	11 Apr	AKMcN	Langbank, Elmbank	<b>22</b>	16 Apr	DSF
Bridge of Weir, Houston Rd	<b>56</b>	17 Apr	DSF	Langbank, Gleddoch House	<b>8</b>	16 Apr	DSF
Claddoch (new)	<b>4</b>	14 May	AKMcN	Langbank, Seath Avenue	<b>23</b>	16 Apr	DSF
Dougalston North	<b>70</b>	11 Apr	AKMcN	Merryton Farm	<b>51</b>	Apr	AIE
Dougalston South	<b>30</b>	11 Apr	AKMcN	Milngavie, Chestnut Lane	<b>10</b>	16 Apr	AKMcN
Ferryhill Plantation	<b>4</b>	18	DSF	Milngavie, Douglas	<b>20</b>	16	AKMcN

		Apr		Ave		Apr	
Finlaystone Estate	<b>39</b>	18 Apr	DSF	Milngavie, Mains Estate	<b>77</b>	17 Apr	AKMcN
Glasgow, Daldowie	<b>238</b>	12 Apr	CRS	Newton Mearns, Kirkhill	<b>9</b>	21 Apr	JVW
Glenboig, Mount Ellen GC	<b>135</b>	30 Mar	IPG	NM, Mearns Castle	<b>22</b>	21 Apr	JVW
Hogganfield Loch	<b>35</b>	19 Apr	GCC	NM, Mearnskirk Hospital	<b>19</b>	17 Mar	JMcO

**Summary:** 1,093 occupied nests counted at 24 rookeries in 2007. Notes included first fledged juv at Langbank on 16 May (DSF).

### **Carrion Crow** *Corvus corone*

Winter-spring counts included 77 Langbank 5 Apr (ADW), and 25 Bishop Loch 25 May (IF).

**Breeding** reports (prs = territorial or nesting pairs)

Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs
Creuch Hill pylon NO300	1	IPG	Glasgow, Queen's Park	1	SRi	Knapps Loch	1	IP
Creuch Hill pylon NO301	1	IPG	Hillside Farm	2	IPG	Lochcraig Reservoir	1	JSW
East Millichen Farm	1	CRS	Hogganfield Loch	1	CRS	Merryton/Carbarns	3	AIE
Gimlet Burn, Crawhin	1	IPG	Kilmacolm pylon ZO261	1	IPG	Raith Burn, Muirshiel CP	1	CMRS
Glasgow Green	1	CRS	Kilmardinny Loch	1	AKM			

**Summary:** only 17 pairs at 13 sites in a very low level of reporting in 2007. Other notes included: (i) low nos in areas of persecution Renf, e.g. Lochwinnoch-Bridge of Weir-Kilbarchan and Wemyss Bay areas, and slow return of a few pairs to recently unkept parts of West Renfrew Heights, e.g. Mistylaw/Queenside/Duchal moors (IPG); (ii) 3 prs at Merryton/Carbarns produced 8 young (AIE).

Autumn-winter reports included 27 Cleddans 3 Nov, 54 Broadwood Loch 5 Dec (AJY), and 115 at roost Greenock Cemetery 28 Dec (ADW).

**Hybrids** (*C. corone/cornix*) reported were 1 at Locherwood/Midhouse throughout the year (IPG), 1 at Endrick Mouth on 13 Apr (DHMcE), and 1 at West Ferry on 12 Aug (ADW).

## Hooded Crow *Corvus cornix*

Reports received in 2007 involved 1 Cardwell Bay 14 Jan (ADW), 3 Loch Sloy 13 Feb, 2 Ben Lomond 13 Mar, 2 Coiregrogain 31 Mar (ECD), 1 Helensburgh Pier during May (FL), 1 Barscube Hill 27 May (DSF), 1 Firkin 28 May (DHMcE), 2 Lairig Arnan 1 June, 10 on 22 Aug (ECD), 1 Castle Semple Loch 16 Oct (MMcG), 1 reported at Locherwood Community Woodland on 9 Dec and 19 Dec (ECD,DSF) although a hybrid present there all year (IPG), 5 Glen Fruin 12 Dec (JBB), and 27 at Arrochar on 16 Dec (JTT).

## Raven *Corvus corax*

Reports during the first half of the year included 1 Linn Park 11 Jan (SAW), 3 Glas Bhealach (NN2509) 2 Feb, 2 Brookfield 4 Feb (FH), 4 Darleith 8 Feb (FL), a pre-roost gathering of 26 near Hartfield Moss (at NS423578) at 1715 hrs on 11 Feb, at least 25 in same trees, apparently roosting there as still present at 1740 hrs on 12 Feb, a more complete count of 60 going into the roost between 1650-1740 hrs on 13 Feb, 43 between 1750-1815 hrs on 25 Feb, only 23 between 1755-1825 hrs on 3 Mar, 65 between 1745-1805 hrs on 10 Mar, 23 between 1810-1835 hrs on 15 Mar, a Clyde record count of 113 going into the roost between 1910-2000 hrs BST on 25 Mar, only 31 seen going into roost despite at least 80 on surrounding farmland earlier in day 31 Mar (IPG), a pair to roost Colgrain 17 Feb, present until 28 Oct (DHMcE), a pair displaying Bishop Loch 18 Feb (CRS), a pair Ardmore Point 18 Feb, 4 Nether Broadfield 3 Mar, 4 Whittliemuir 3 Mar, 4 Ladymuir 10 Mar (IPG), 4 Endrick Mouth 18 Mar (ANi), a pair displaying low over Locherwood Community Woodland car park 15 Mar, nearby a different pair on Hill of Barnaigh 15 Mar, 1 low over Howwood village centre 15 Mar, 1 displaying over Barcraigs Resr 15 Mar, 37 in two fields of lambing ewes at Middleton Farm (NS445576) on 25 Mar, 40 there feeding on two dead ewes 31 Mar, 4 at Windyhill (NS402563) on 25 Mar, 7 at Nether Broadfield (NS407587) on 25 Mar, 15 at Mid Hartfield (NS423580) on 25 Mar, 22 foraging on field spread with slurry NE of Hartfield Farm (NS428585) on 31 Mar, and 1 in 'tumbling' display over Muirshiel Country Park on 8 Apr and 5 May (IPG).

**Breeding** reports (confidential details withheld) involved 13 pairs nesting **Renfrewshire** (11 on pylons, 2 in quarries), at least 9 pairs successful rearing 21 young, outcome unknown at four sites (IPG,SJM,JSW,VW *et al*); in **Lanarkshire** a pair with occupied nest at a site in South Lanarkshire (JCM), believed to be considerably under-recorded throughout the county (*ed.*); one occupied nest reported in **West Stirlingshire** on 1 Apr (AKMcN); and in **West Dunbartonshire** a pair with b/4 fledged young Darleith 18-24 June (FL). Disappointingly again, information for **West Stirlingshire** was withheld by Central Scotland Raptor Study Group and other observers, and a similar non-reporting situation existed for **West Dunbartonshire** (*ed.*).

Other breeding season notes included a pair nest-building on a Glasgow gasometer on 25 Feb, one bird showing anxiety on 11 Mar, subsequent observations suggesting they either failed early or did not breed (JC); a pair collecting food Queenside Hill, then flying off with full crops in the direction of Hill of Stake 8 June; a pair present throughout year Barcraigs Resr probably bred on a tree site in Ayrshire, seen with fledged b/3 on wooded island 21 June (IPG); a pair at High Dam, Eaglesham 11 Apr, a pair at Bonnyton Moor on 1 May (SRi), and 2 at Green Lowther on 6 May (FH). Pylons in Renfrewshire with suitable nest boxes checked in 2007, no sign of occupation: ZN56 (NS3463), ZN72, pylon at NS3072, NO251

(NS409695) 1 Apr (IPG), ZN82 (NS432606), ZN85 (NS432606), ZN90 (NS444599) noted 31 Mar, ZP7 (NS445577) 25 Mar, ZP11 (NS450566) with used (old) nest in middle east side 31 Mar, and ZP15 and ZP19 noted from distance as apparently suitable but not closely checked on 31 Mar (IPG).

Post-breeding reports included 2 Jock's Craig 1 June (IPG), 3 Creuch Hill 5 June (MMcG), 2 on 15 July, 3 on 20 July (IPG), 6 (a family party) Darleith 18-24 June (FL), 3 Ardmore 28 June (ANi), 5 Killoeter 12 July (DHMcE), 2 Ben Lomond 13 July (ECD), one being chased off by another Ardmore Point 15 July (IPG), 2 over Aird Meadow 17 Aug (RSPB), 25 Knockmountain 31 Aug (FG), 9 on 13 Sep (DSF), 8 Barscube Hill 8 Sep, 9 on 13 Sep, 18 Dargavel Burn 23 Sep (DSF), 2 Lang Craigs 23 Sep (FH), 2 over Balgray Resr 30 Sep (JJS), a pair Marshall Moor 10 Nov (IPG), 1 Langbank 12 Nov, 2 Blackstoun Farm 21 Nov and 9 Dec (DSF), 2 Balloch Castle 6 Dec (FH), and 2 at Locherwood Community Woodland on 9 Dec (ECD).

## Waxwing *Bombycilla garrulus*

Reports were of 7 at Paisley Library 31 Jan, 6 on 3 Feb, 2 on 4 Feb (IPG,ECD *et al*), 13 at Stonedyke, Bearsden 11 Feb, 16 on 12 Feb (GJB), 50 at Scotstounhill (junction of Anniesland Rd and Lincoln Ave), Glasgow 21 Feb (*per* BS), 20 on Dumbarton Road side of Victoria Park, Glasgow 10 Mar (JCD), 1 Netherlee 13 Mar (*per* RSPB), and 8 Craigendoran 8 Mar (JMacf).

End of year reports involved 11 at Woodside Crescent, Glasgow on 3 Dec (*per* RSPB), and 5 at Hawthorn Crescent, Erskine on 27 Dec (IH).

## Coal Tit *Periparus ater*

**Breeding** reports (prs = territorial pairs or singing ♂♂)

Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs
Aber	1	AKM	Erskine Harbour	1	FH	Loch Ardingning	1	AKM
Ballochruin Bridge	1	AKM	Finlaystone Estate	5	DSF	Loch Lomond, Midross	6	SL
Barscube Hill	5	DSF	Frankfield Loch	1	FC	Locherwood Com. Wood	2	FH
Bishop Loch	1	IF	Glasgow, Cathkin Braes	2	DWM	Lochwinnoch Reserve	5	RSPB
Claddoch	1	AKM	Glasgow, Daldowie	1	CRS	Merryton/Carbarns	4	AIE
Coatbridge, Lennox Ave	1	CL	Hamilton, North Haugh	4	IL	Milngavie, Mains Estate	1	AKM



Dougalston (south)	2	AKM	Kilmannan Reservoir	1	FH	Renfrew, Haining Road	1	FH
EK, Langlands	1	DWM	Langbank	5	DSF			

**Summary:** 53 pairs reported from 23 sites in 2007. Notes included: the pair in Lennox Ave, Coatbridge nested in the eaves of a house (CL).

### **Willow Tit** *Poecile montanus*

The tenuous hold of the species in Clyde was indicated by only one individual being reported in 2007: a singing ♂ at Greenhead Pond on 23 Mar, 5 Apr, 18 Apr, 9 May and 18 July (JCM).

### **Blue Tit** *Cyanistes caeruleus*

Winter-spring reports included 20 Cardowan Moss 8 Feb (CRS), 12 Blythswood 28 Feb (ECD).

**Blue Tit breeding** reports (prs = territorial pairs or singing ♂♂)

Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs
Barscube Hill	7	DSF	Kenmore Woods, Tarbet	14	RAB	Milngavie, Braeside Ave	1	AKM
Craigmarloch Wood	5	DSF	Kilmardinny Loch	2	AKM	Old Inchinnan Church	1	FH
Erskine harbour	1	FH	Langbank	12	DSF	Old Kilpatrick, Saltings	4	FH
Finlaystone Estate	7	DSF	Loch Lomond, Midross	39	SL	Renfrew, Haining Road	1	FH
Glasgow, Tollcross Park	1	CRS	Lochwinnoch Reserve	17	RSPB			
Hamilton, North Haugh	7	IL	Merryton/Carbarns	9	AIE			

**Summary:** 128 pairs reported from 16 sites in 2007. Notes included: first juvs noted Kirkhill, Newton Mearns 6 June, Darnley Glen 7 June (JSW,VW), Haining Road, Renfrew 13 June (FH).

Autumn counts included 18 Bishop Loch 24 June (IF), 15 Frankfield Loch 15 July (FC), 20 Finnich Glen 9 Dec (AKMcN), 15 Renfrew GC 11 Dec (FH), 12 Langbank 24 Dec (DSF).

## Great Tit *Parus major*

**Breeding** reports (prs = territorial pairs or singing ♂♂)

Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs
Aber	1	AKM	Finnich Glen	1	AKM	Loch Lomond, Midross	18	SL
Barscube Hill	5	DSF	Formakin Estate	2	FH	Locherwood Com. Wood	3	DSF
Bearsden, Westerton	2	AKM	Garvald Road railway	2	AMcA	Lochwinnoch Reserve	14	RSPB
Carntyne Station	1	AKM	Glasgow, Alexandra Park	2	CRS	Merryton/Carbarns	17	AIE
Dougalston (south)	3	AKM	Glasgow, Queens's Park	1	Sri	Milngavie, Mains Estate	4	AKM
Endrick Mouth	3	AKM	Glen Moss	1	IP	Old Inchinnan Church	1	FH
Erskine Harbour	2	FH	Hamilton, North Haugh	9	IL	Old Kilpatrick, Saltings	2	FH
Erskine, Boden Boo	7	DSF	Kenmore Woods, Tarbet	8	RAB	Provanhall	1	CRS
Falls of Falloch	1	AKM	Kilmardinny Loch	1	AKM	Renfrew, Blythswood IE	1	FH
Finlaystone Estate	3	DSF	Langbank	12	DSF	Renfrew, Haining Road	1	FH

**Summary:** 129 pairs reported from 30 sites in 2007. Notes included: first fledged young noted Cathkin Braes 3 May (DWM), Glen Moss 5 June (IP), Darnley Glen 7 June (JSW,VW), Garvald Road 18 June (AMcA).

Autumn-winter reports included 14 Bishop Loch 24 June (IF).

## Skylark *Alauda arvensis*

Winter-spring reports included 1 in song Dumbrook Muir 2 Feb (DSF), 2 in song Cathkin Braes 3 Feb (DWM), 5 on 23 Feb (SAW), 16 Barscube Hill 14 Feb (DSF), 1 in song East Millichen Farm 16 Feb, 1 in song Millichen Flood 16 Feb (CRS), 1 in song Endrick Mouth 17 Feb, where light N passage noted (DHMcE), at 2 Locherwood Community Wood 18 Feb (CMRS), and 6 in song at Meiklehill Farm on 24 Feb (FC).

**Breeding** reports

Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs
Barscube Hill	10	DSF	Finnich Glen	2	AKM	Millichen	11	SL

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Bennan Loch	18	FH	Garnkirk (south)	1	CRS	Moss Road, Linwood	2	DSF
Bishopton Pond (M8)	1	FH	Glasgow, Cathkin Braes	6	DWM	Muirhouse Muir	1	AKM
Black Cart Water	3	FH	Glasgow, Nova Tech Park	19	GCC	Muirshiel Country Park	1	CMRS
Bonnyton Moor	1	SRi	Glasgow, Robroyston Pk	3	GCC	NS3070 (Hardridge Hill)	42	IPG
Buchley Pool	1	CRS	Gryfe Forest	1	MMcG	Queenside Muir	20	CMRS
Burncrooks Reservoir	6	FH	High Dam	2	Sri	The Whangie	1	AKM
Cathkin Marsh	3	JJM	Knapps Loch	4	DSF	Tinto	5	ECD
Dargavel Burn	6	DSF	Longhaugh Point	7	DSF	West Ferry	1	DSF
East Millichen Farm	1	CRS	Meiklehill Farm	2	FC			
Endrick Mouth	1	AKM	Merryton/Carbarns	2	AIE			

**Summary:** 184 pairs reported from 31 'sites' in 2007. Other notes included: (i) first ads carrying food Rottenburn Bridge 3 May (IPG).

Autumn-winter counts included 30 Town of Inchinnan 20 Sep (GTW), 26 SW over Barscube Hill 30 Sep, 82 over on 12 Oct (DSF), 100 Blackstoun Farm 4 Oct (GTW), 150 on 30 Dec (DSF), 15 Newshot Island 9 Dec (ACMB), 500 Candrens 10 Dec (JG,GTW), 30 Arkleston 15 Dec (ECD).

## **Sand Martin** *Riparia riparia*

Spring arrival reports included 6 feeding over the River Clyde at Daldowie, Glasgow on 16 Mar (CRS), 1 at Merryton/Carbarns 30 Mar (AIE), 4 Baron's Haugh 3 Apr (ECD), 3 Glen Fruin 7 Apr, 40 on 26 Apr (ANi), 5 Auchendores Resr 7 Apr (DSF), 95 Strathclyde Country Park 8 Apr (IL), 1 Castle Semple Loch 8 Apr (IPG), followed by counts of 180 at Wards Pond, Endrick Mouth on 9 Apr (AKMcN), 30 Daer Water 10 Apr (JTT), 250 Auchendores Resr 21 Apr (IPG), unusually 10 at Heritage Park, East Kilbride on 6 May (DWM), 143 at Garvald Quarry on 12 June (AMcA), and unusually 2 at Queen's Park Pond, Glasgow on 14 June (JMcO).

**Breeding** colonies in 2007 (pairs = apparently occupied burrows)

Site	Pairs	Obs	Site	Pairs	Obs
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Camps Water	6	JVW	Maich Water, Kilbirnie Loch	34	RSPB
Drumbeg sand quarry	6	JM	North Calder Water, Newlands Glen	80	CRS
Gryfe Water at Gryfe Bridge	44	DSF	Powbrone Burn	21	JVW
Hyndford Quarry	100	JVW	River Clyde at Crookboat	20	JVW
Levern Water at Barrhead	10	JVW	River Clyde at Merryton	65	AIE

**Summary:** 386 pairs reported from only 10 colonies surveyed in 2007.

Autumn reports included 190 at Endrick Mouth on 16 July (IF), small nos on passage at Glasgow waterbodies on 13 Aug (GCC), 2-3 at the White Cart Water, Cathcart 13 Aug (JMcO), 2 Paisley Cross 19 Aug (GTW), 3 Glen Moss 30 Aug (IP), 1 Strathclyde Country Park 18 Sep (IL), and 1 at Aird Meadow on 20 Sep (RSPB).

## Swallow *Hirundo rustica*

Spring arrival/passage involved 1 Auchendores Resr 7 Apr, 3 on 9 Apr (DSF), 50 on 21 Apr (IPG), “several” Baron's Haugh 8 Apr (JCM), 3 SW low over Castle Semple Loch at 1800 hrs on 8 Apr (IPG), 1 at Wards Pond, Endrick Mouth 9 Apr (AKMcN), 2 on 14 Apr (ANi), 1 Pollok Lodge, Newton Mearns 11 Apr (GRW), 2 at The Saltings 13 Apr (FH), 2 at Colgrain 14 Apr, 8 on 27 Apr (DHMcE), 2 Linn Park 14 Apr (SAW), 2 Croftamie 14 Apr (RAB), 1 at Cathkin Marsh on 14 Apr (JJM), 1 Garscube Estate 16 Apr (TB), 1 Darleith 16 Apr (FL), 1 Barscube Hill 16 Apr (DSF), 2 at Ardencaple 16 Apr (HS), 2 Glasgow City Centre 17 Apr (ADW), 1 Kilmardinny Loch 17 Apr (AKMCN), 2 Lochwood Farm 19 Apr, 3 Gartloch Pool 20 Apr (GCC), 1 NE over Wenchly Top 30 Apr, 2 NE over Craig of Todholes 1 May, light N passage across Clyde estuary at Ardmore Point on 4 May and 13 May (IPG), and 130 at Hogganfield Loch on 11 May (GCC).

### Breeding reports

Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs
Balmaha Inn	2	AKM	Darleith	1	FL	Loch Lomond, Midross	5	SL
Barrance	3	JVW	Finlaystone Estate	5	DSF	Lochwinnoch Reserve	3	RSPB
Brownside Farm	1	TB	Glen Fruin	15	MMcG	Millichen Farms	4	SL
Brownside (NS431590)	5	IPG	Harelaw Dam	1	JVW	Muirshiel mine building	1	IPG
Carbarns Farms	2	AIE	Killochend	4	JVW	Powbrone Burn Bridge	2	JVW
Creuch Hill (tin shed)	2	IPG	Langholm Farm	15	JVW	Summerston landfill	2	CRS

**Summary:** 73 pairs reported from 18 sites in 2007. Other notes included: (i) first fledged juvs noted at Langholm Farm on 12 June (JSW,VW); (ii) good numbers of juvs fledged in second broods *circa* 19 July, *e.g.* 70 along roadside wires Clochodrick-Laigh Barnaigh on 21 July (IPG).

Autumn reports included 50 Rowbank Resr 11 July (IPG), 61 Millichen Steadings 16 July (JC), 150 Barscube Hill 30 July, 9 W on 30 Sep (DSF), 40 Leapmoor Forest 7 Aug (MMcG), 50 Meikle Cloak 17 Aug (CMRS), 140 East Millichen Farm 20 Aug (AKMcN), 150 Millersneuk Marsh-Auchinloch 20 Aug (IPG), 143 Aber 3 Sep, 60 Mugdock Castle 4 Sep (AKMcN), 400 in pre-roost gathering Longhaugh Point 6 Sep (IPG), 160 feeding low over Hogganfield Loch in bitterly cold weather 18 Sep (GCC), last 3 Colgrain 20 Sep (DHMcE), 25 Finnich Glen 22 Sep (AKMcN), 30 at Gleddoch Golf Course on 24 Sep (DSF), 4 Carrot 27 Sep, (JSW,VW), 6 Strathclyde Country Park 29 Sep (IL), 8 Walkinshaw Gardens 4 Oct (GTW), 3 Langbank 6 Oct (DSF), 15 still at Langholm Farm, Lamington 8 Oct (JSW,VW), 1 Aird Meadow 9 Oct, and 1 Lochwinnoch 16 Oct (MMcG).

## House Martin *Delichon urbicum*

Spring arrival/passage reports included 3 Garvald Quarry 10 Apr (AMcA), 2 Killearn 12 Apr (RAB), 6 Auchendores Resr 14 Apr (ECD), 7 at Heritage Loch, East Kilbride 14 Apr (JJM), 2 Garscube Estate 17 Apr (TB), 1 Linn Park 17 Apr (SAW), 2 Cove 17 Apr (DL), 1 Kelvingrove Park 18 Apr (JBB), 14 at Auchendores Resr 21 Apr (IPG), 1 Burncrooks Resr 22 Apr (FH), 3 Dumbarton 24 Apr (DHMcE), 1 at Darleith 28 Apr (FL), 1 at Westsyde, Kilmacolm 3 May, 1 at Cardross 4 May, 5 Castle Semple Loch 5 May (IPG), 4 at Heritage Park, East Kilbride 6 May (DWM), and 30 at Robroyston Park LNR on 14 May (GCC).

Summer counts included 30 at Nether Houses, Lochwinnoch 28 May (IPG), 150 at Hogganfield Loch in cold weather 14 May, and 35 at Robroyston Park LNR on 19 June (GCC).

### Breeding reports

Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs
Camps Resr houses	14	JVW	Daer waterworks	10	JTT	Kirkhill	6	JVW
Campshead	16	JVW	Grains, Camps Resr	26	JVW	Loch Lomond, Midross	7	SL
Carrot	4	JVW	Howwood, Bowfield Hotel	5	IPG	Newton Mearns, Westacres	30	GRW
Daer Resr houses	27	JVW	King Henry's Knowe	1	JVW			

**Summary:** 146 occupied nests reported at 11 colonies in 2007. Other notes included: (i) the Westacres site was a decrease from 38 nests in 2006 (GRW).

Autumn reports included 150 Leapmoor Forest 7 Aug (MMcG), 90 West Millichen Farm 17 Aug (CRS), 100 Millersneuk Marsh-Auchinloch 20 Aug (IPG), 40 Loch Ardinging 2 Sep (AKMcN), 160 Auchendores Resr 13 Sep, 26 Barscube Hill 16 Sep (DSF), young still in nest

Kirkhill 30 Sep, 2 fledged young aerial-feeding 3 Oct (JSW,VW), and 1 Gleddoch Golf Course 4 Oct (DSF).

## Long-tailed Tit *Aegithalos caudatus*

Winter-spring reports included 10 in Overtoun Park, Rutherglen on 3 Jan (DWM), 10 at Cloch Caravan Park 9 Jan (FG), 12 Milngavie Golf Course 14 Jan (AKMcN), 10 Aird Meadow 16 Jan (MMcG), 10 Garscube Estate 22 Jan, a pair nest-building there on 26 Feb (TB), 15 Endrick Mouth 25 Jan (DSF), and 11 at Ardmore Point on 18 Feb (IPG).

**Long-tailed Tit breeding** reports (prs = territorial pairs or family parties)

Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs
Balmuirdy Bridge	1	CRS	Finlaystone Estate	1	DSF	Loch Lomond, Midross	4	SL
Baron's Haugh	1	ECD	Garscube Estate	2	TB	Lochwinnoch Reserve	4	RSPB
Barscube Hill	2	DSF	Glasgow, Cathkin Braes	1	DWM	Merryton/Carbarns	1	AIE
Bishop Loch	1	IF	Glasgow, Linn Park	4	SAW	Milngavie, Murray Park	1	AKM
Brownside Braes	3	TB	Hamilton, North Haugh	6	IL	SCP, Roman Fort	1	IL
Craigmarloch Wood	1	DSF	Loch Lomond, Cashel	1	ECD			

**Summary:** 35 pairs reported from 17 sites in 2007.

Autumn-winter reports included 10 at Bingham's Pond on 28 May (JC), 10 Crossbasket 10 July (Sri), 15 Firkin 11 July (DHMcE), 20 Aird Meadow 17 Aug (RSPB), 24 in 3 flocks Linn Park 23 Aug, 14 on 10 Nov (SAW), 12 Cathkin Braes 17 Oct (DWM), 11 Hogganfield Park LNR 14 Nov (GCC), 16 Cashel 15 Nov (ECD), 17 in 2 flocks Waulkmill Glen 25 Nov (JJS), 16 at Barscube Hill on 1 Dec, 14 Linwood Moss 3 Dec (DSF), 11 in isolated thicket of Sea-buckthorn (*Hippophae rhamnoides*, planted) at Ironotter Point on 20 Dec (IPG), and 10 by the White Cart Water at Paisley on 25 Dec (ECD).

The ten largest flocks reported in autumn-winter averaged only 13.9 birds (*cf.* mean flock size 22.2 birds 1987-2007), suggesting that the 2007 breeding season may have been below average in terms of productivity (*ed.*).

## Wood Warbler *Phylloscopus sibilatrix*

Arrival reports were a ♂ in song Baron's Haugh 21 Apr (MMcG), and 1 Salloch 1 May (GJB).

**Breeding** reports (prs = territorial pairs or singing ♂♂)

Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs
Balmaha-Sallochy	6	MMcG	Glen Falloch	3	ECD	L Lomond, Milarrochy	2	AKM
Gleann nan Caorunn	1	ECD	L Lomond, Firkin	2	DHM	L Lomond, Rowardennan	19	CJMcI

**Summary:** 33 pairs reported from 6 sites in 2007.

## Willow Warbler *Phylloscopus trochilus*

Arrivals (singing ♂♂) were 1 Aird Meadow 1 Apr (RSPB), 1 Baron's Haugh 11 Apr (ECD), 1 Garnkirk Moss (south) on 11 Apr, 3 on 12 Apr (CRS), 1 Glen Fruin 12 Apr (ANi), 1 Killoeter 12 Apr (FL), 2 Daldowie 12 Apr, 3 Balmuilty Bridge 13 Apr, 1 Buchley Pool 13 Apr (CRS), 3 at Endrick Mouth 13 Apr (DHMcE), 1 Ardess Lodge 13 Apr, 2 Ardmore 13 Apr, 3 Cashel 13 Apr (ECD), 3 Linn Park 13 Apr (SAW), 10 Merryton/Carbarns 14 Apr (AIE), 1 Darleith 15 Apr (FL), 4 Auchendores Resr 15 Apr, 3 Glen Moss 15 Apr (IP), 9 Monklands Canal, Drumpellier 15 Apr (CL), 1 Mains Estate, Milngavie 17 Apr, 2 Kilmardinny Loch 17 Apr, 8 Loch Ardingning 17 Apr, 1 Craigmaddie Wood 17 Apr (AKMcN), 1 Arrochar 18 Apr, 1 Garelochhead 18 Apr (AMcI), 9 Cathkin Braes 20 Apr (DWM), numerous and widespread by 22 Apr (IPG *et al*).

**Breeding** reports (prs = territorial pairs or singing ♂♂)

Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs
Ardmore Point	6	AKM	Erskine, Shilton Lane	5	FH	Loch Libo	12	FH
Balgray Reservoir	18	JVW	Formakin Estate	7	FH	L Lomond, Balmaha	2	MMcG
Ballochruin Bridge	2	AKM	Frankfield Loch	17	FC	L Lomond, Milarrochy	5	AKM
Bardrainney Marsh	11	DSF	Garvald Quarry	4	AMcA	Locherwood C. Wood	6	DSF
Bargeddie Parish Church	2	CRS	Garvald Road railway	4	AMcA	Lochwinnoch Reserve	43	RSPB
Barscube Hill	48	DSF	Garvock, Loch Thom	1	MMcG	Lochwinnoch, Lade Br	1	MMcG
Bishop Loch	35	IF	G'gow, Alexandra Pk	2	FC	Mearns Castle	1	JVW
Black Cart W, Inchinnan	3	FH	G'gow, Cathkin Braes	14	DWM	Meikle Cloak	1	MMcG

Bonnyton Moor	1	SRi	Glasgow, Daldowie	7	CRS	Merryton/Carbarns	26	AIE
Brownside Braes	25	TB	G'gow, Garnkirk Moss	5	CRS	Millichen Farms	3	SL
Burncrooks Reservoir	6	FH	Glasgow, Linn Park	2	SAW	Mount Pisgah	2	MMcG
Camps Reservoir	5	JVW	Glasgow, Necropolis	1	CRS	Mugdock Country Pk	3	AKM
Carron Valley Forest	20	AKM	G'gow, W Maryston	8	CRS	Muirshiel Country Pk	21	IPG
Castle Semple Loch	2	MMcG	Gleann nan Caorunn	5	ECD	Myres Hill	11	JVW
Clydebank Hospital	2	DHM	Glen Moss	16	IP	N Mearns, Patterton	2	GRW
Craigmarloch Wood	14	DSF	Glenpatrick Burn	8	FH	N M, Shawwood Cr	2	JMcO
Craigrostan Wood	3	ECD	Gryfe Forest/Resrs	8	FH	N Mearns, Walden	1	GRW
Dargavel Burn	25	DSF	Hamilton, N Haugh	12	IL	Neilston Pad	28	JVW
Dolphinton, Blyth Rd	2	AMcA	Inchinnan Village	4	FH	Nether Barfod	1	MMcG
Drumpellier Country Pk	21	CL	Inversnaid RSPB Res	5	ECD	Newlands Glen	2	CRS
Dumbrock Muir	6	AKM	Kilmannan Reservoir	1	FH	Newshot Island	10	FH
EK, Heritage Park	5	DWM	Knapps Loch	16	FH	North Kerse Farm	1	MMcG
Endrick Mouth	17	AKM	Langbank	9	DSF	Old Inchinnan Church	1	FH
Erskine B-Dumbarton Rock	40	DSF,FH	Langlands	10	DWM	Old K'patrick, Saltings	17	FH
Erskine Harbour	10	FH	Leperstone Reservoir	2	ECD	Paisley Moss LNR	2	FH
Erskine, Boden Boo	11	DSF	Linwood Moss	20	DSF,FH	Parklea	6	DSF
Erskine, Park	7	FH	L Lomond,	73	SL	Pilmuir Quarry	2	JVW



Quay			Midross					
Renfrew, Blythswood IE	9	FH	SCP, Roman Fort	6	IL	Tandlemuir	3	MMcG
Rottenburn Bridge	5	MMcG	Shielhill Glen	3	MMcG	Waulkmill Glen Reservoir	4	JVW
Rutherglen, Overtoun Pk	1	DWM	Southhill Woods	21	AMcA	West Netherhouses	1	MMcG

**Summary:** 861 pairs reported from 90 sites in 2007 (N.B. duplication between Erskine Bridge-Dumbarton and Old Kilpatrick).

Autumn reports included first juvs in gardens Kilmacolm 29 July, Howwood 30 July (IPG), a count of 30 Barscube Hill 5 Aug, 8 on 12 Sep (DSF), 10 in a Lenzie garden 6 Aug (JTMcE), 1 in a Killearn garden 20 Aug (RAB), 41 Barscube Hill Pond 23 Aug (DSF), 5 Cloch Caravans 26 Aug (FG), 5 Balgray Resr 28 Aug (JSW,VW), 1 Endrick Mouth 3 Sep (AKMcN), 1 Longhaugh Point 4 Sep (DSF), 6 Stanley Park, Glasgow 8 Sep (CJMCI), 1 Lochwinnoch Reserve 22 Sep (RSPB).

### **Chiffchaff** *Phylloscopus collybita*

Winter reports were of 1 West Millichen Steadings 23 Jan-18 Feb (*per* JJM, CRS), and presumably the same bird, identified as a possible “*tristis*” because of its unusual call, at West Millichen Farm on 31 Mar (JC).

Spring arrival (of singing ♂♂) involved 1 at Baron's Haugh 14 Mar (ECD), 1 by F&CC at Cleveden Rd 15 Mar (JC), 1 Ryat Linn Resr 19 Mar (JSW,VW), 1 Finlaystone Estate 20 Mar (DSF), 1 Linn Park 23 Mar (SAW), 1 Muirshiel Country Park 25 Mar (CMRS), 1 Cardross 26 Mar (FL), 2 Cathkin Braes 26 Mar (DWM), 1 Garscube Estate 26 Mar, 1 Cairnhill Woods 27 Mar (TB), 1 Barscube Hill 27 Mar (DSF), 1 Coulpport 27 Mar (IPG), 1 Hogganfield Loch 28 Mar (CRS), 1 Ardmore 29 Mar (ANi), 1 Garelochhead 30 Mar (AMcI), 1 Ballochruin Bridge 2 Apr, 2 Ardmore Point 6 Apr (AKMcN), 2 Meikle Corseford, Johnstone 8 Apr (DHMcE), and 1 by the pavilion at Lethamhill Golf Course, Glasgow on 20 Apr (GCC).

**Breeding** reports (prs = territorial pairs or singing ♂♂)

Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs
Ardmore Point	2	IPG	Finlaystone Estate	3	DSF	Langbank	4	DSF
Baron's Haugh	3	ECD	Finnich Glen	1	AKM	Loch Lomond, Cashel	1	ECD
Bishop Loch	2	IF	Garscube Estate	3	TB	Loch Lomond, Sallochay	1	MMcG
Bowling- Erskine Bridge	2	DSF	Glasgow, Cathkin Braes	4	DWM	Lochwinnoch Reserve	1	RSPB
Brownside	3	TB	Glasgow,	3	CRS	Milton shore	2	DSF

Braes			Daldowie					
Castle Semple Loch	1	MMcG	Glasgow, Dawsholm Pk	1	CRS	Mugdock Country Park	2	AKM
Craigallian Plantation	1	AKM	Glasgow, Lethamhill GC	1	GCC	Muirshiel Country Park	1	CMRS
Dalzell Park	3	ECD	Glasgow, Linn Park	8	SAW	N Mearns, Walden	1	GRW
Darnley Glen	3	JVW	Glen Moss	1	IP	Newshot Island	1	ECD
Drumpellier Country Pk	2	CL	Gleniffer Braes	3	DSF	Old Kilpatrick, Saltings	2	FH
Erskine Harbour	2	FH	Hamilton, North Haugh	1	IL	Parklea	1	DSF
Erskine, Boden Boo	6	DSF	Howwood village centre	1	IPG	Renfrew Golf Course	2	ECD
Falls of Clyde	1	MMcG	Knapps Loch	2	DSF	SCP, Roman Fort	2	IL

**Summary:** 84 pairs reported from 39 sites in 2007.

Autumn reports included 2 Balgray Resr 14 Sep (JCh), a ♂ in song Lag an Amair, Loch Lomond 23 Sep (AKMcN), 1 Pollok Country Park 23 Sep (Jda), 1 Waulkmill Glen Resr 23 Sep (JSW,VW), 1 Millersneuk Marsh 26 Sep (JJM), 1 Heritage Park, East Kilbride 26 Sep, 1 Overtoun Park, Rutherglen 26 Sep (DWM), 1 Darleith 26 Sep (FL), 1 Auchenbothie Mains 27 Sep, 1 Locherwood Community Woodland 29 Sep (DSF), 1 Rosshall 29 Sep (FH), 1 Barscube Hill 2 Oct (DSF), and 1 at Roman Fort, Strathclyde Country Park on 17 Oct (IL). **Wintering** birds were 1 Baron's Haugh 25 Nov (JCM), and 1 at Westerlands on 29 Dec (JC).

## Sedge Warbler *Acrocephalus schoenobaenus*

Spring arrival (of singing ♂♂) involved 1 Lochwinnoch Reserve 22 Apr (RSPB), 1 Possil Loch 24 Apr, 1 Newshot Island 25 Apr (JBB), 2 Waulkmill Glen Resr 25 Apr, 1 Balgray Resr 26 Apr (JSW,VW), 2 Ardmore 26 Apr (FL), 1 Merryton 27 Apr (AIE), 1 Gartloch Pool 10 May, and 1 at Hogganfield Park LNR on 15 May (GCC).

**Breeding** reports (prs = territorial pairs or singing ♂♂)

Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs
Ardmore Point	1	ANi	Endrick Mouth	8	AKM	Lochwinnoch Reserve	170	RSPB
Balgray Reservoir	5	SAW	Erskine Br-D'barton Rock	24	DSF	Merryton/Carbarns	12	AIE
Balmuirdy Bridge	1	CRS	Erskine Bridge	1	DSF	Millersneuk Marsh	2	DHM

Baron's Haugh	6	ECD	Erskine, Shilton Lane	1	FH	Millichen Farms	4	SL
Barscube Hill	1	DSF	Frankfield Loch	1	FC	Newton Mearns, Kirkhill	3	JVW
Bishop Loch	15	IF	Gartloch Pool (north)	1	ECD	North Haugh	14	IL
Black Cart Water	6	FH	Gartloch Pool (south)	2	IPG	Orchardton Pond	1	JJM
Buchley Pool	1	CRS	Glasgow, Cathkin Braes	4	SAW	Paisley Moss LNR	2	DSF
Carron Valley Resr	1	AKM	Glasgow, Daldowie	1	CRS	Portkil	1	AMcI
Cathkin Marsh	4	JJM	Helensburgh Resrs	5	Ani	Reivoch Marsh	1	IPG
Colgrain marsh	2	DHM	Hogganfield Park LNR	2	IPG	Robroyston Park LNR	2	CRS
Craigallian Loch	2	AKM	Linwood Com. Wood	1	DSF	SCP, Roman Fort	3	IL
Craigmarloch Marsh	3	DSF	Linwood Moss area	12	DSF	Waulkmill Glen Reservoir	8	JVW
Dougalston Loch	1	AKM	Linwood, Moss Road	4	DSF	Windyhill (NS402567)	2	IPG
Douglas Estate	7	KS	Loch Lomond, Midross	4	SL			
Douglas Water Pool	3	KS	Loch Libo	1	DSF			

**Summary:** 356 pairs reported from 46 sites in 2007, including 170 pairs at the Lochwinnoch RSPB Reserve. Other notes included: (i) apparent low nos at a number of sites in West Renf and Glasgow (IPG); (ii) 4 ♂♂ in song and a juv at Balgray Resr on 15 July (JCh).

## Grasshopper Warbler *Locustella naevia*

Spring arrival (of singing ♂♂) involved 1 Rowbank Marsh 15 Apr (IPG), 1 Strathclyde Country Park 17 Apr (JCM), 1 Castle Semple Loch 22 Apr (RSPB), 1 Newshot Island 21 Apr (ECD), 1 Gartloch Pool (S) 26 Apr (GCC), and 1 Aird Meadow 27 Apr (MMcG).

**Breeding** reports (prs = usually singing ♂♂)

Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs
Balgray	1	JVW	Darnley Glen	1	JVW	Merryton/Carbarns	3	AIE

Reservoir								
Baltimore Haughs	2	IM	Deil's Craig Dam	2	AKM	Mid Hartfield	1	IPG
Barochan Moss	2	DSF	Dougalston Loch	2	IM	Millichen Farms	1	SL
Barscube Hill	1	DSF	Douglas Estate	1	KS	Milton shore	1	DSF
Bishop Loch	3	IF	Endrick Mouth	2	DO'B	Mugdock Country Park	1	AKM
Blairskaith	1	IM	Erskine, Shilton Lane	1	FH	Myres Hill	1	JVW
Blanehead, Cult Brae	2	DG	Gartloch Pools	1	GCC	Neilston Pad	5	JVW
Blantyre Muir	1	SRi	Glasgow, Cathkin Braes	2	SAW	Paisley Moss LNR	1	DSF
Broadwood Loch	1	JJM	Glen Fruin	2	ANi	Possil Loch	1	JBB
Caplaw Farm (NS448587)	1	IPG	High Dam, Eaglesham	1	SRi	Raith Haugh	3	CMW
Cardowan Bing	1	CRS	Hogganfield LNR (marsh)	1	JJM	Reivoch Marsh	1	IPG
Cathkin Marsh	2	JJM	Knockenae Moor	1	JVW	River Gryfe, Moss Road	1	DSF
Colgrain Marsh	1	DHM	Loch Ardinning	1	AKM	Robroyston Park LNR	1	GCC
Commonhead Moss	1	CRS	Lochwinnoch Reserve	3	RSPB	Rowbank Marsh	1	IPG
Dargavel Burn	1	DSF	Longhaugh Point	4	DSF	Stepps Marsh	1	IPG

**Summary:** 69 pairs reported from 45 sites in 2007.

Summer-autumn reports included a singing ♂ Balgray Resr 15 July (JCh), 1 seen Robroyston Park LNR 24 July (GCC), and a ♂ singing in scrub beside Park Mains High School, Erskine on 6 Aug (AJR).

## **Blackcap** *Sylvia atricapilla*

Overwintering reports (in gardens unless otherwise stated) were of 2 ♂♂ in Sween Ave, Cathcart 1 Jan (KB), a ♂ in Gleniffer Rd, Barrhead 1 Jan, ♂ again on 6 Feb, 25 Feb (DLC), 2 ♂♂ in Park Rd, Renfrew 2 Jan (FH), a ♀ Endfield Drive, Paisley 7 Jan, a ♀ King's Crescent, Elderslie 7 Jan (RSPB), a ♀ West Chapelton Ave, Bearsden 12-13 Jan (CJB), 1 alarm calling

Westerton Station 17 Jan (TB), a ♂ Dungoyne St, Glasgow 17-21 Jan, ♀ on 18 Jan (TPD), a ♀ in Ormonde Dr, Netherlee 18 Jan, a ♂ on 28 Mar (SAW), a ♂ Woodvale Dr, Bearsden 20 Jan (HM), a ♂ in Marjory Rd, Renfrew 22 Jan, again on 16 Feb, 24-25 Feb (ECD), a ♂ in Glen Drive, Helensburgh 24-26 Jan (ANi), a ♀ feeding on *Sorbus* berries at Paisley Library 3-5 Feb (IPG), a ♀ in Havelock Place, Helensburgh 8 Feb, a ♂ on 1 Mar (CMacL), 3 ♂♂ in one garden Endfield Ave, Glasgow 12 Feb, a ♀ on 24 Feb (DP), a ♀ at Lochwinnoch Reserve on 16 Feb and 3 Mar (RSPB), and a ♀ in Stonelaw Dr, Rutherglen on 4 Mar (DWM).

Arrival reports (of singing ♂♂) involved 1 Strathclyde Country Park 8 Apr (IL), 1 Boden Boo 9 Apr (DSF), 1 Linn Park 9 Apr (SAW), 3 Baron's Haugh 11 Apr (ECD), 1 Daldowie 12 Apr (CRS), 1 Leperstone Reservoir 14 Apr, 1 Renfrew Golf Course 15 Apr (ECD), 1 Darleith 15 Apr (FL), 1 Langbank 16 Apr (DSF), 1 Ardencaple 16 Apr (HS), 1 Lady Loch, Dougalston 17 Apr (AKMcN), 1 Lochwinnoch Reserve 21 Apr, 6 on 30 Apr (RSPB), 1 Provanhall House 24 Apr (GCC), 1 Merryton 27 Apr (AIE), and 1 Colgrain 27 Apr (DHMcE).

**Breeding** reports (prs = territorial pairs or singing ♂♂)

Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs
Ardgowan Estate	15	ADW	Gartsherrie Wood	1	CL	Linwood Moss	1	FH
Baron's Haugh	1	MMcG	Garvald Quarry	1	AMcA	Loch Libo	1	JVW
Barscube Hill	2	DSF	Garvald Road railway	4	AMcA	Loch Lomond, Cashel	1	MMcG
Bishop Loch	3	IF	Glasgow Green	1	CRS	Loch Lomond, Luss	2	DHM
Bishopton, Chestnut Ave	1	ECD	Glasgow, Alexandra Pk	1	JJM	Loch Lomond, Midross	17	SL
Black Cart W, Inchinnan	1	FH	Glasgow, Cathkin Braes	3	DWM	Loch Lomond, Sallochay	2	ECD
Bothlin Burn	2	JTMcE	Glasgow, Daldowie	2	CRS	Lochwinnoch Reserve	10	RSPB
Bowling-Erskine Bridge	6	DSF	Glasgow, Garnkirk Moss	1	CRS	Longhaugh Point	1	FH
Broadwood Loch	2	JJM	Glasgow, Kelvingrove Pk	1	CRS	Merryton/Carbarns	4	AIE
Cairnhill Woods	1	TB	Glasgow, Lethamhill GC	1	GCC	Mugdock Country Park	1	AKM
Calder Glen, Clovenstone	1	IPG	Glasgow, Linn Park	8	SAW	Muirshiel Country Park	2	IPG

Carron Valley Forest	1	AKM	Glasgow, Nova Tech Pk	1	GCC	N Mearns, Patterton St'n	1	GRW
Colgrain	1	DHM	Glasgow, Provan Hall	1	GCC	N Mearns, Pollok Lodge	1	GRW
Craigallian Plantation	1	AKM	Glasgow, Tollcross Park	1	CRS	Newlands Glen	1	CRS
Dalzell Estate	1	MMcG	Glasgow, West Maryston	1	CRS	Old Kilpatrick, Saltings	3	FH
Dolphinton, Blyth Rd	1	AMcA	Gleniffer Braes	1	DSF	Overtoun House	2	ECD
Dougalston Loch	1	AKM	Hamilton, North Haugh	15	IL	Paisley (NS499652)	1	IPG
EK, Calderglen CP	1	DWM	Hogganfield L (island)	1	GCC	R Clyde, Blantyre Fm Rd	1	CRS
Endrick Mouth	6	DHM	Hogganfield Park LNR	1	GCC	Renfrew Golf Course	3	ECD
Erskine Harbour	2	FH	Howwood village centre	1	IPG	Renfrew, Blythswood IE	1	FH
Erskine, Boden Boo	4	ECD	Inchinnan Village	2	FH	Rouken Glen	3	JMcO
Erskine, Shilton Lane	2	FH	Kilmacolm, Birkmyre Pk	1	IPG	Rowbank Reservoir	1	IPG
Falls of Clyde	1	MMcG	Knapps Loch	1	DSF	Rutherglen, Woodburn Pk	1	DWM
Formakin Estate	2	FH	Langbank	11	DSF	Rutherglen, Overtoun Pk	1	DWM
Garscube Estate	3	TB	Linwood Com. Wood	2	DSF	SCP, Roman Fort	6	IL

**Summary:** 194 pairs reported from 75 sites in 2007.

Autumn reports included 1 at Endrick Mouth on 3 Sep (AKMcN), 1 Kelburn Park 17 Sep (DSF), 1 Strathclyde Country Park 6 Oct (IL), 1 Merryton 14 Oct (AIE), a ♂ Erskine STW 24 Oct (ECD).

Surprisingly, the only end of year winter report was of a ♀ at Bothwell Bridge on 11 Dec (JSc).

## Garden Warbler *Sylvia borin*

Arrivals (of singing ♂♂) were 1 Barr Loch 27 Apr (RSPB), 1 Glen Fruin 28 Apr (JCI), 2 Baron's Haugh 1 May (DLC), and 1 at Ardmore Point on 4 May (IPG).

**Breeding** reports (prs = territorial pairs or singing ♂♂)

Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs
Ballochruin Bridge	1	AKM	Frankfield Loch	1	GCC	L Lomond, Midross	25	SL
Burncrooks Reservoir	1	FH	Garvald Road railway	3	AMcA	L Lomond, Rowardennan	2	MMcG
Craigallian Loch	2	AKM	Glasgow, Cathkin Braes	3	SAW	L Lomond, Sallochry	1	MMcG
Dumbarton shore	1	DSF	Gleddoch Golf Course	1	DSF	Linwood Com. Wood	2	DSF
Endrick Mouth	2	DHM	Hamilton, North Haugh	11	IL	Lochwinnoch Reserve	5	RSPB
Erschine, Boden Boo	1	FH	Knapps Loch	1	DSF	Merryton/Carbarns	2	AIE
Finlaystone Point	1	DSF	L Lomond, Firkin	4	DHM	Mugdock Country Park	4	AKM
Formakin Estate	1	FH	L Lomond, Inveruglas	1	DHM	SCP, Roman Fort	5	IL

**Summary:** 81 pairs reported from 24 sites in 2007.

## Lesser Whitethroat *Sylvia curruca*

Arrivals were 1 singing Baron's Haugh 21 Apr (JCM), a singing ♂ there on 24 Apr (GJB) and on 1 May (DLC *et al*), 2 singing on 3 May (ECD), 1 on 5 May (GJB), 1 on 12 June and 17 June (JCM), and 1 in song at Merryton on 27 Apr (AIE). No records from the Renf core sites (TB).

## Whitethroat *Sylvia communis*

Spring arrival involved a singing ♂ at Todd's Well, Easterhouse 26 Apr (GCC), 2 singing Ardmore Point 26 Apr (ECD), 3 on 4 May (IPG), 1 singing Balgray Resr 26 Apr (JSW,VW), 1 Merryton 27 Apr (AIE), 1 Lochwinnoch Reserve 27 Apr (RSPB), 2 Cathkin Braes 28 Apr (SAW), 1 Glen Fruin 28 Apr (JCI), 1 Raith Haugh 30 Apr (SRi), 1 in song Gleddoch Golf Course 30 Apr, 2 in song Barscube Hill 1 May (DSF).

**Whitethroat breeding** reports (prs = territorial pairs or singing ♂♂)

Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs
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Ardmore Point	5	IPG	Deil's Craig Dam	2	AKM	Lenzie, Park Burn	1	DHM
Auchengree	1	DHM	Drumpellier GC	1	CL	Linwood Com. Wood	1	DSF
Balgray Reservoir	1	JCh	Endrick Mouth	1	FL	Linwood, Moss Road	5	DSF
Ballochruin Bridge	1	AKM	Erskine Br-Dumbuck	8	DSF	Loch Lomond, Firkin	2	DHM
Balmuirdy Bridge	3	CRS	Erskine STW	1	FH	Loch Lomond, Midross	1	SL
Bargarran	2	MMcG	Erskine, Boden Boo	4	FH	Longhaugh Point	1	ADW
Baron's Haugh	6	ECD	Erskine, Shilton Lane	1	FH	Merryton/Carbarns	10	AIE
Barr Loch	1	RSPB	Formakin Estate	2	FH	Millichen Farms	2	SL
Barscube Hill	11	DSF	Gadloch	3	DHM	Milton of Buchanan	5	RAB
Bishop Loch	8	IF	Glasgow, Darnley Mill	3	JVW	Neilston Pad	2	JVW
Bishopton, Chestnut Ave	1	ECD	Glasgow, Garnkirk Moss	2	CRS	Paisley Moss LNR	1	DHM
Black Cart W, Inchinnan	4	FH	Gleddoch Golf Course	1	DSF	Parklea-Finlaystone Point	6	DSF
Bothlin Burn	2	JTMcE	Hamilton, North Haugh	11	IL	Pilmuir Quarry	2	JVW
Brownside Braes	3	TB	Hogganfield Park LNR	3	GCC	R Clyde, Blantyre Fm Rd	1	CRS
Carbeth Loch	1	AKM	Inchinnan Village	1	FH	R Clyde, Haughhead	2	CRS
Cardowan Moss (part)	2	IPG	Inchinnan, <i>India Tyres</i>	1	DHM	Ryat Linn Reservoir	1	JVW
Cathkin Braes	4	SAW	Knapps Loch	3	DSF	SCP, Roman Fort	4	IL
Cathkin Marsh	2	JJM	Langbank	3	DSF	Waulkmill Glen Resr	3	JVW
Colgrain	1	DHM	Lawmarnock Farm	1	IPG	West Ferry	1	DSF
Craigendoran	1	DHM	Lenzie Golf Course	2	DHM			



**Summary:** 165 pairs reported from 59 sites in 2007. Other notes included: (i) apparent decline in numbers of singing ♂♂ along West Renf roadside hedgerows (IPG); (ii) first fledged juv noted Ardmore Point 17 June (IPG).

Autumn-winter reports included 1 Barscube Hill 27 Aug (DSF), 1 Baron's Haugh 29 Aug (ECD), and 1 Balgray Resr 13 Sep (JCh).

## Goldcrest *Regulus regulus*

Winter-spring reports included 4 Kelvingrove Park 24 Jan (DHMcE), 1 in song West Millichen Farm 16 Feb (CRS), and 1 Paisley Moss LNR 17 Feb (IPG).

**Breeding** reports (prs = territorial pairs or singing ♂♂)

Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs
Balloch Country Park	1	DH	Fauldhead Farm (house)	1	IPG	Lochwinnoch Reserve	3	RSPB
Barscube Hill	11	DSF	Finlaystone Estate	3	DSF	Merryton	3	AIE
Birthwood, Culter Glen	2	JVW	Finnich Glen	1	AKM	Milngavie, Lennox Park	1	AKM
Bishop Loch	1	IF	Frankfield Loch	1	FC	Mugdock Country Park	1	AKM
Blyth Bridge Road	1	AMcA	Glasgow, Cathkin Braes	1	DWM	Muirshiel Country Park	1	CMRS
Bonnyton Moor	1	SRi	Glasgow, Linn Park	3	SAW	Myres Hill	10	JVW
Broadwood Loch	2	JJM	Glasgow, Riddrie Pk Cy	1	GCC	Neilston Pad	11	JVW
Carron Valley Forest	3	AKM	Glasgow, W Maryston	1	CRS	Newmill Farm	1	AMcA
Colgrain	1	DHM	Hamilton, North Haugh	3	IL	Rouken Glen	6	JVW
Craigallian	1	AKM	Kilmannan Reservoir	2	FH	Rutherglen, Overtoun Pk	1	DWM
Dougalston (north)	2	AKM	Langbank	5	DSF	Southhill Woods	1	AMcA
Dougalston (south)	2	AKM	Langlands	1	DWM	Waulkmill Glen	5	JVW
Dougalston Loch	2	AKM	Loch Lomond, Midross	6	SL			

Endrick Mouth	1	AKM	Locherwood Com. Wood	1	CMRS	
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**Summary:** 105 pairs reported from 40 sites in 2007.

Autumn-winter reports included 4 in garden Havelock Place, Helensburgh 18 Nov (CMacL).

## **Wren** *Troglodytes troglodytes*

Winter-spring reports included a ♂ singing frequently throughout nights at Kenmure View, Howwood 1 Jan-3 Feb, 3 singing in the area at 0330 hrs on 2 Feb (IPG).

**Breeding** reports (prs = territorial pairs or singing ♂♂)

Site	Pr s	Obs	Site	Pr s	Obs	Site	Pr s	Obs
Ardmore Point	1	AKM	Endrick Mouth	2	AK M	Loch Lomond, Midross	64	SL
Barrance	1	JVW	Finlaystone Estate	12	DSF	Lochwinnoch Reserve	38	RSPB
Barscube Hill	23	DSF	Finnich Glen	1	AK M	Merryton/Carbarn s	30	AIE
Berryglen Burn	3	IPG	Gibblaston/Ladymui r	26	IP	Millichen Farms	12	SL
Boden Boo	9	DSF	Glasgow, Alexandra Park	1	FC	Milngavie, Chestnut Lane	2	AKM
Buchley Pool	4	CRS	Glasgow, Linn Park	6	SAW	Milngavie, Lennox Park	1	AKM
Burncrook s Reservoir	1	FH	Glen Moss, Kilmacolm	1	IP	Muirshiel Country Park	1	CMRS
Carron Valley Forest	1	AKM	Hamilton, North Haugh	15	IL	Queenside Muir	1	AMR S
Cashel Farm	2	ECD	Inchinnan Village	2	FH	Renfrew, Haining Road	1	FH
Cloch Caravan Park	1	FG	Kilmacolm village	1	IP	Roman Fort, SCP	5	IL
Cloch Point	1	MMc G	Kilmardinny Loch	8	AK M	West Maryston	2	CRS
Dolphinton	1	AMcA	Knapps Loch	1	IP			
Dougalston	1	AKM	Langbank	14	DSF			

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**Summary:** 296 pairs reported from 37 sites in 2007.

### **Nuthatch** *Sitta europaea*

Reports were of 1 at Cloch Caravans near Gourock on 9 Apr (FG), 3 Dalzell Estate 21 Apr (MMcG), and 1 at a feeder in Glen Road, Carluke on 27 May (CMW). Confirmed breeding was reported at only one site: 3 pairs bred Dalzell Estate, Motherwell, including a pair in a bat-box with six young that were ringed on 16 May (JCM).

### **Treecreeper** *Certhia familiaris*

Winter-spring reports included 6 Linn Park 23 Mar (SAW).

**Breeding** reports (prs = territorial pairs or singing ♂♂)

Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs
Barscube Hill	2	DSF	Glasgow, Cathkin Braes	1	DWM	Muirshiel Country Park	1	CMRS
Bishop Loch	1	IF	Glen Moss	1	IP	Neilston Pad	2	JWMcM
Craigmarloch Wood	2	DSF	L Lomond, Midross	4	SL	Sallochry	1	MMcG
Endrick Mouth	3	DHM	Lochwinnoch Reserve	5	RSPB	-		
Garvock Lodge, Gryfe	1	FG	Merryton/Carbarns	2	AIE			

**Treecreeper breeding summary:** 26 pairs reported from 13 sites in 2007.

### **Starling** *Sturnus vulgaris*

Winter-spring counts included 100 going to roost Beech Ave, Newton Mearns 22 Jan (JMcO), 420 Barscube Hill 27 Jan (DSF), and 500 Lochcraig Resr 14 Feb (JSW,VW).

**Breeding** reports (prs = apparently occupied nests)

Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs
Aird Meadow	1	RSPB	Glasgow, Tollcross Park	1	CRS	Langbank	20	DSF
Bargeddie Parish Church	1	CRS	Glen Fruin	2	MMcG	Merryton/Carbarns	8	AIE

Glasgow, Queen's Park	1	Sri	Loch Lomond, Midross	1	SL	Milngavie, Mains Estate	1	AKM
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**Summary:** only 36 pairs at 9 sites in a very low level of reporting in 2007. Notes included: (i) continued lower nos West/Central Renf and Glasgow, but apparently good fledging success (IPG); (ii) first ads carrying food Greenock 30 Apr, Howwood 1 May (IPG); (iii) first juvs fledged Renfrewshire/Glasgow 14 May, large numbers out by 15 May (IPG); (iv) first juvs Gleddoch Golf Course 20 May (DSF); (v) first juvs Balgray Resr 21 May (JSW,VW); (vi) first juvs Haining Road, Renfrew 21 May (FH).

Post-breeding reports included 107 Alexandra Park, Glasgow 6 May (FC), 100 at Cathkin Braes on 22 May (DWM), 100 Erskine STW 23 May (FH), 150 Millichen Flood 2 June (JC), 450 (mainly juvs) South Newton, Kilmacolm 15 July (IPG), 200 Locherwood Community Woodland 21 July, 150 Mid Barnaigh 14 Aug (CMRS), and 124 at Barscube Hill on 28 Aug (DSF). Autumn-winter counts included 2,000 at Ravenstruther on 4 Nov (JSW,VW), and 345 at Auchensale, Bridge of Weir on 30 Dec (IPG).

## Ring Ouzel *Turdus torquatus*

The earliest spring arrivals reported were 3 at Culter Waterhead on 8 Apr (ECD), 5 there including 3 ♂♂ together on 29 Apr (AGJ), and 1 at Beinn a Chroin on 17 Apr (FH).

No other reports received (*ed.*).

## Blackbird *Turdus merula*

**Breeding summary** (table overleaf): 176 pairs reported from 39 sites in 2007. Other comments included: (i) apparently good nos and successful breeding season West Renf April-June, many second broods fledged *ca* 23 June (IPG).

**Blackbird breeding** reports (prs = territorial pairs or singing ♂♂)

Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs
Aber	1	AKM	Erskine STW	2	FH	Langbank	25	DSF
Ardmore Point	2	AKM	Erskine, Boden Boo	6	FH	Loch Lomond, Midross	19	SL
Barrance	2	JVW	Erskine, Shilton Lane	4	FH	Lochwinnoch Reserve	12	RSPB
Barscube Hill	21	DSF	Finnich Toll	1	AKM	Longhaugh Point	2	FH
Bearsden, Westerton	1	AKM	Formakin Estate	2	FH	Merryton/Carbarns	10	AIE
Blythswood IE	2	FH	Glasgow, Daldowie	2	CRS	Millichen Farms	6	SL
Bonnyton Moor	1	SRi	Glasgow,	1	DSF	Milngavie, Mains	3	AKM

			Pacific Quay			Estate		
Buchley Pool	1	CRS	Glasgow, Queen's Park	1	SRi	N Mearns, Laigh Road	1	JVW
Claddoch	1	AKM	Glasgow, West Maryston	2	CRS	North Haugh	12	IL
Craigmarloch Wood	6	DSF	Glen Moss	1	IP	Old Inchinnan Church	3	FH
Dougalston (south)	5	AKM	Inchinnan Village	4	FH	Paisley Moss LNR	1	FH
Eaglesham, High Dam	1	Sri	Kilmardinny Loch	2	AKM	Renfrew, Haining Road	1	FH
Endrick Mouth	4	AKM	Knapps Loch	1	FH	SCP, Roman Fort	4	IL

Autumn-winter reports included 18 Barscube Hill 25 Oct (DSF), 17 Tollcross Park 27 Oct (CRS), 18 in a Linburn garden 16 Dec (ACMB), and 24 Gleddoch Golf Course 24 Dec (DSF).

### Fieldfare *Turdus pilaris*

Winter-spring reports included 100 Elvanfoot 4 Jan (JTT), 750 Easter Sills Farm 16 Jan (JSW, VW), 156 Barscube Hill 27 Jan, 32 on 27 Mar (DSF), 200 Darleith 29 Jan, 60 on 17 Mar, 50 on 8 Apr (FL), 60 Candrens 6 Feb (MMcG), 138 Dargavel Burn 8 Feb (DSF), 200 Lochcraig Resr 14 Feb (JSW,VW), an impressive 2,000 near Cairngryfe Hill (NS935417) on 16 Feb (JSW,VW), 58 at Locherwood Community Woodland 18 Feb (DSF), 55 Plymuir 3 Mar, 370 Hartfield Farm 3 Mar, 90 on 31 Mar (IPG), 90 Merryton/Carbarns 3 Mar, 40 on 30 Mar (AIE), 50 at Arkleston Farm 9 Mar (DHMcE), 70 Cardowan Moss 12 Mar (CRS), 1,500 Walston 14 Mar (JSW,VW), 70 Meiklehill Farm 25 Mar (FC), 30 Cornalees Bridge 30 Mar (MMcG), 400 at Watermeetings on 10 Apr (JTT), and 30 at Lamington on 17 Apr (JSW,VW).

Autumn-winter reports included 1 over Ascog Road, Bearsden at 1630 hrs on 2 Oct (TB), 12 over Kilmacolm on 4 Oct (GG), “a small flock” at Erskine Hospital 6 Oct (JMcO), 50 Darleith 7 Oct, 100 on 19 Oct and 5 Dec (FL), 1 Barscube Hill 7 Oct, 3 on 8 Oct, 46 S on 12 Oct, 185 on 24 Oct (DSF), 16 at Town of Inchinnan 8 Oct (GTW), 2 Balgray Resr 10 Oct (SAW), 35 SW over Loch Ardingning 11 Oct (AKMcN), 14 Colgrain 14 Oct (DHMcE), 3 Merryton/Carbarns 14 Oct, massive count of 3,000 there on 29 Oct, 250 on 9 Dec, 125 on 23 Dec (AIE), 40 Lochwinnoch 16 Oct (MMcG), 90 Gryfe Resrs 19 Oct (CJMcI), 180 SW over Garnkirk (south) 19 Oct (CRS), 50 Linn Park 20 Oct (SAW), 60 S over Balloch 20 Oct (AKMcN), 200 Strathclyde Country Park 20 Oct (IL), 100 Aird Meadow 20 Oct (RSPB), 110 Millichen Flood 20 Oct (JC), 170 Hartfield Farm 21 Oct (IPG), 300 Snypes Farm 23 Oct (JSW,VW), 450 Rowbank Resr 28 Oct (IPG), 484 at Fannyside Loch 2 Nov (NB), 100 Glasgow Green 20 Nov (KB), 60 Cardowan 13 Dec (CRS), and 42 at Bingham's Pond, Glasgow on 28 Dec (JC).

## Redwing *Turdus iliacus*

Winter-spring reports included “large numbers” in Queen's Park and Richmond Park, Glasgow on 1 Jan (KB), 110 Bardowie 3 Jan (AKMcN), 120 Castle Semple Loch 4 Jan (DSF), 50 Endrick Mouth 7 Jan (DHMcE), 50 Easter Sills Farm 16 Jan (JSW,VW), 54 Endrick Mouth 23 Jan (DSF), 105 Barscube Hill 27 Jan (DSF), 300 Weels Farm 27 Jan, 170 in NE corner Glasgow Green 4 Feb (IPG), 50 Merryton 4 Feb (AIE), 117 Dargavel Burn 8 Feb (DSF), 100 Linn Park 10 Feb, last 3 on 6 Apr (SAW), 61 Garscube Estate 12 Feb (TB), 44 Dougalston Loch 19 Feb (AKMcN), 60 at Kelvingrove Park 21 Feb (DHMcE), 90 going to roost Hartfield Plantation 25 Feb, 170 on 3 Mar (IPG), 47 at Calderglen Country Park 1 Mar (JJM), 40 Greenbank Garden 2 Mar (JMcO), 44 at Langbank 10 Mar (DSF), 50 Clovenstone 11 Mar (CMRS), 20 Dumbrock Muir 26 Mar (FH), light overhead passage over Colgrain 28 Mar (DHMcE), 6 Dalzell Estate 2 Apr (JCM), overhead passage Johnstone at 0100 hrs on 7 Apr (DHMcE), and 20 Allershaws 15 Apr (ADW).

Autumn-winter reports included 8 over Linn Park 27 Sep (SAW), 50 Renfrew Golf Course 28 Sep (FH), 194 Barscube Hill 28 Sep, 80 on 25 Oct (DSF), 5 Garscube Estate 28 Sep (DO'B), 45 on 22 Nov (TB), 2 Locherwood Community Woodland 29 Sep (DSF), 6 Merryton/Carbarns 29 Sep, 145 on 14 Oct, 150 on 9 Dec, 130 on 23 Dec (AIE), 30 at Balgray Resr 29 Sep (JJS), 52 in 2 hrs over Strathclyde Country Park 29 Sep, 370 on 20 Oct, 24 S on 16 Dec (IL), 50 over Mugdock 29 Sep (AGJ), first passage over Colgrain 2 Oct, where numbers remained low (DHMcE), 10 at Croftamie 6 Oct (JTMcE), 30 Darleith 7 Oct (FL), 50 Balmuirdy Bridge 10 Oct (CRS), 200 at Lochwinnoch on 16 Oct (MMcG), 70 Barr Loch 18 Oct (RSPB), 120 Gryfe Resrs 19 Oct (CJMcI), 261 Luggiebank 3 Nov (AJY), small nos widespread Renf by 21 Oct, but very low nos Renf and Glasgow throughout Nov, including observer's best count only 35 Rashiefield 18 Nov (IPG), and 150 at Glasgow Green on 13 Dec (CRS).

## Song Thrush *Turdus philomelos*

Winter-spring reports included 1 in song Longhaugh Point 21 Jan (DSF), 1 in song Darleith 29 Jan (FL), 3 in song Colgrain 8 Feb (DHMcE).

**Song Thrush breeding** reports (prs = territorial pairs or singing ♂♂)

Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs
Ardgowan Estate	5	ADW	Garvald Quarry	1	AMcA	Lochwinnoch Reserve	4	RSPB
Auchengrange-Newhouse	3	IPG	Glasgow, Cathkin Braes	3	DWM	Merryton/Carbarns	9	AIE
Baron's Haugh	1	ECD	Glen Moss	1	DSF	Milngavie, Lennox Park	1	AKM
Barscube Hill	13	DSF	Gourock Ferry Terminal	1	MMcG	Mount Pisgah	1	MMcG

Black Linn Reservoir	1	ECD	Greenside Reservoir	1	ECD	Mugdock Country Park	2	AKM
Bonnyton Moor	1	Sri	Gryfe Forest	2	MMcG	Old Kilpatrick, Saltings	1	FH
Dougalston (south)	1	AKM	Hamilton, North Haugh	8	IL	Renfrew GC	1	FH
EK, Heritage Park	2	DWM	High Dam, Eaglesham	1	Sri	Renfrew, Blythswood IE	3	FH
Erskine Br-D'barton Rock	7	DSF	Inchinnan Village	1	FH	Renfrew, Haining Road	1	FH
Erskine, Boden Boo	2	DSF	Knapps Loch	1	FH	Rouken Glen	2	JMcO
Erskine, Park Quay	1	FH	L Lomond, Ardess Lodge	1	ECD	SCP, Roman Fort	5	IL
Finlaystone Estate	3	DSF	Langbank	16	DSF	Shielhill Glen	1	FH
Formakin Estate	1	FH	Loch Lomond, Inversnaid	2	ECD			
Frankfield Loch	1	FC	Loch Lomond, Midross	18	SL			

**Summary:** 130 pairs reported from 40 sites in 2007. Other notes included: (i) suggestion of some recovery in nos West Renf, with more than usual along minor roadside hedgerows and in well-wooded suburban areas, e.g. around Kilmacolm (IPG); (ii) first fledged juvs Newhouse, Lochwinnoch 29 May (IPG).

Autumn-winter reports included 14 Linwood Moss-Blackstoun Farm on 21 Nov (DSF).

## Mistle Thrush *Turdus viscivorus*

Winter-spring reports included one in song Glen Moss 31 Jan, 10 Dumbrock Muir 2 Feb (DSF), one singing Elliston Farm, Howwood 11 Feb (IPG).

**Breeding** reports (prs = territorial pairs or singing ♂♂)

Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs
Abington	2	ADW	Finlaystone estate	2	DSF	Hamilton, North Haugh	1	IL
Ardmore Point	1	AKM	Garscube Estate	2	TB	Hardridge Plantation	1	IPG

Barscube Hill	7	DSF	Glasgow, Alexandra Park	1	FC	Kilpatrick Braes	1	ECD
Bennan Loch	1	FH	Glasgow, Cathkin Braes	2	DWM	Langbank	3	DSF
Bonnyton Moor	1	SRi	Glasgow, Daldowie	1	CRS	Loch Lomond, Midross	1	SL
Carron Valley Forest	1	AKM	Glasgow, Queen's Park	1	SRi	Locherwood Com. Wood	2	DSF
Colgrain	1	DHM	Glasgow, Tollcross Park	1	CRS	Lochwinnoch Reserve	2	RSPB
Crawford	1	ADW	Glasgow, West Maryston	1	CRS	Merryton	1	AIE
Darleith	1	FL	Glen Moss	1	DSF			
EK, Calderglen CP	1	DWM	Gleniffer Braes	3	DSF			

**Summary:** 44 pairs reported from 28 sites in 2007.

Autumn-winter reports included 11 Greenside Resr 15 June (ECD), 15 Darleith 26 July, 25 on 30 July, 40 on 11 Aug (FL), 19 Queen's Park 12 Aug (Sri), 11 Woodburn House, Rutherglen 14 Aug, 12 Overtoun Park, Rutherglen 27 Aug (DWM), 30 Renfrew Golf Course 28 Aug (ECD), 19 Pollok Country Park 1 Sep (CRS), 16 Barscube Hill 5 Oct (DSF), 13 at Gryfe No.1 Resr 10-22 Oct (FG), and 15 at Blackstoun Farm on 28 Nov (DSF).

## Spotted Flycatcher *Muscicapa striata*

Arrivals were 1 Parkhill Wood 4 May (ZB), and a pair Colgrain for one day only 4 June (DHMcE).

**Breeding** reports (prs = territorial pairs or singing ♂♂)

Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs
Barr Loch	1	RSPB	Craigmarloch Wood	1	DSF	Hillside Farm (steading)	1	IPG
Barscube Hill	1	DSF	Darleith	1	FL	Loch Lomond, Firkin	1	DHM
Bishop Loch	1	IF	Garvald Road railway	1	AMcA	Longhaugh Point	1	DSF
Bishopton, Chestnut Ave	1	ECD	Glasgow, Cathkin Braes	2	SAW	Merryton	1	AIE
Blyth Bridge Road	1	AMcA	Glasgow, Linn Park	1	SAW	Muirshiel Country Park	1	IPG



Camps Reservoir	2	JVW	Harelaw Dam	1	JVW	Snypes Dam	1	JVW
Craig of Neilston Pool	1	JVW	Heathfield, Muirshiel CP	1	IPG			

**Spotted Flycatcher breeding summary:** 22 pairs reported from 20 sites in 2007. Other notes during the breeding season included a single bird at the triangular spruce wood north of Muirshiel Country Park on 25 June (IPG).

Autumn reports included 3 Barscube Hill 29 July (DSF), a pair with 2 juvs Muirshiel Country Park 9 Aug (CMRS), 1 Darleith 23 Aug (FL), and 4 Ardgowan Estate, Inverkip 28 Aug (FG).

## **Robin** *Erithacus rubecula*

**Breeding** reports (prs = territorial pairs or singing ♂♂) in table over. **Summary:** 211 pairs reported from 24 sites in 2007.

Autumn-winter reports included 40 along foreshore Ardmore South Bay-Cardross Station (2 km) on 22 Dec (DHMcE).

### **Robin breeding table**

Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs
Aber	1	AKM	Erskine Harbour	2	FH	Milngavie, Chestnut Lane	2	AKM
Ardmore Point	3	AKM	Erskine, Boden Boo	8	DSF	Milngavie, Lennox Park	1	AKM
Barscube Hill	25	DSF	Finlaystone Estate	4	DSF	Milngavie, Mains Estate	1	AKM
Buchley Pool	3	CRS	Kilmardinny Loch	3	AKM	Muirshiel Country Park	2	CMRS
Carron Valley Forest	5	AKM	Langbank	27	DSF	North Haugh	13	IL
Daldowie	2	CRS	Loch Lomond, Midross	56	SL	Old Inchinnan Church	2	FH
Dougalston (south)	9	AKM	Lochwinnoch Reserve	17	RSPB	Renfrew, Haining Road	1	FH
Endrick Mouth	5	AKM	Merryton/Carbarns	13	AIE	Roman Fort, SCP	6	IL

## **Pied Flycatcher** *Ficedula hypoleuca*

Spring reports were of 1 at Salloch on 24 Apr and 1 May (ECD,GJB), 6 (4 ♂♂) at Inversnaid RSPB Reserve on 29 Apr (ECD), 2 ♂♂ on 12 May (MMcG), and a ♂ singing Shore Wood, Endrick Mouth 12 May (DHMcE).

Breeding results from nest box scheme at **Kenmore Wood**, Tarbet: only two clutches were laid, both successful with a total of 12 fledged young, two new unringed females were trapped and ringed, and a male who had been ringed as a chick at Loch Katrine in 2006 (RAB). No reports from nest box schemes at **Inversnaid**, **Comer Estate** or other sites on Loch Lomondside (*ed.*).

The decline in population and productivity at Kenmore Wood is apparent in the following table.

**Pied Flycatcher Breeding Success at Kenmore Wood 1988-2007 (RAB)**

Year	Breeding attempts	Average clutch	No. fledged / clutch laid	No. fledged / successful attempt
1988	15	6.60	5.67	5.67
1989	19	6.47	5.73	6.05
1990	22	6.72	5.31	6.15
1991	17	6.87	5.41	5.75
1992	15	6.26	3.60	5.40
1993	15	7.00	4.40	6.60
1994	10	6.40	4.50	5.60
1995	13	7.00	5.90	6.40
1996	13	6.46	4.46	5.80
1997	8	6.50	4.25	5.66
1998	9	6.77	2.88	3.71
1999	1	7.00	5.00	5.00
2000	3	6.33	4.66	7.00
2001	5	5.60	3.80	4.75
2002	8	5.87	1.25	5.00
2003	3	6.33	3.66	5.50
2004	3	7.00	5.33	5.33
2005	3	6.66	5.66	5.66
2006	3	7.00	0.00	0.00
2007	2	7.00	6.00	6.00

## Redstart *Phoenicurus phoenicurus*

Spring arrival/passage involved a ♂ Sallochy 22 Apr (IF), 1 Endrick Mouth 27 Apr (DHMcE), and a ♀ at Killochries, Kilmacolm on 3 May (IPG).

**Breeding** reports (prs = territorial pairs or singing ♂♂)

Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs
Craigrostan Wood	1	ECD	Helensburgh Golf Course	1	DHM	Loch Lomond, Sallochy	2	ECD
Endrick Mouth	1	DHM	Loch Lomond, Inversnaid	1	ECD	Milton of Buchanan	1	RAB

**Summary:** only 7 pairs at 6 sites, a poor level of reporting in 2007. Particularly under-recorded on Loch Lomondside (*ed.*).

Autumn reports included 2 juvs Endrick Water 8 July (ECD), a juv Wards Pond 10 July (FH), a ♂ Barscube Hill 31 July- 4 Aug, a ♀ 5-22 Aug, a ♂ and ♀ 23 Aug (DSF), a juv Hogganfield Park LNR 2 Aug (CRS), a ♀ Cart/Clyde confluence 6 Aug (Amo), and a ♂ at Walkinshaw Gardens on 29 Aug (GTW).

## Whinchat *Saxicola rubetra*

Arrivals/spring migrants were 1 at Overtoun on 23 Apr (ANi), 1 Burncrooks Resr 27 Apr (FH), 1 Culter Waterhead 29 Apr (AGJ), and a ♂ at Merryton on 1 May (AIE).

**Breeding** reports (prs = territorial pairs or singing ♂♂)

Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs
Berry Glen	1	CMRS	Helensburgh Golf Course	1	DHM	Queen's View	1	IF
Bishop Loch	3	IF	Linwood Moss	1	DSF	Troisgeach Bheag	2	ECD
Corriearklet	1	JTT	Muirhouse Muir	2	AKM			
Dumbrock Muir	2	DO'B	Overtoun Burn	2	ECD			

**Summary:** 16 pairs reported from 10 sites in 2007.

Autumn reports involved 2 Cathkin Braes 8 Aug (SAW), 5 Barscube Hill 27 Aug, 3 on 5 Sep (DSF), 3 Merryton 1 Sep, 4 on 2 Sep (AIE), and 2 at Endrick Mouth on 12 Sep (DH).

## Stonechat *Saxicola rubicola*

Winter-spring reports involved 2 prs Merryton 2 Jan, a pair in area until Apr (AIE), a pair Ardmore 2 Jan, a ♀ on 7 Jan, 2 on 7 Feb, a pair on 14 Mar (ANi *et al*), a pair Port Glasgow 5 Jan (DSF), a pair Lunderston Bay 5-26 Jan (FG), a ♀ Cathkin Braes 5 Jan, a pair on 3 Mar

(SAW), a pair Balgray Resr 7 Jan-17 Feb (JSW,VW), a ♂ Dargavel Burn 8 Feb (DSF), 1 Auchenvennell, Glen Fruin 9 Jan (ANi), a ♂ at Fannyside Loch 16 Jan and 12 Mar (NB), a pair Windyhill (NS401565) 11 Feb (IPG), a ♂ Locherwood Community Woodland 14 Feb (ECD), a ♀ South Moorhouse WTW 14 Feb (JSW,VW), a pair in the marsh at Hogganfield Park LNR 16-23 Feb (GCC), a ♂ Windlaw Marsh 17 Feb (CRS), a pair Colgrain marsh 18 Feb-28 Oct (DHMcE), a ♂ Barscube Hill 23 Feb-31 Mar, a pair on 3 Apr (DSF), a ♀ Paisley Moss 25 Feb (IPG,ECP), a pair Bowfield Moss 3 Mar (IPG), a ♂ Barscube Hill Pond 19 Mar (DSF), a pair Cathkin Marsh 22 Mar (JJM), a pair Blackthrd Farm, Cardross 23 Mar (FL), a ♀ Caplaw Farm (NS448588) 25 Mar (IPG), a pair Possil Loch 25 Apr (JBB), a ♂ Aird Meadow 8 June (RSPB), and 2 Millichen Steadings 2 June (JC).

**Stonechat breeding** reports (prs = territorial pairs or singing ♂♂) table on page 88. **Summary:** 101 pairs reported from 84 sites in 2007. Other notes included (i) the pair near Todd's Well failed when grassland ploughed 1st week May, relaid and fledged b/2 by 14 June (GCC); (ii) pair with b/1+ Robroyston Park LNR 19 June (GCC); (iii) the pair at Merryton reared one young (first breeding record for area) (AIE).

Autumn-winter reports were of a pair with 3 young Loch Thom 24 June, 2 on 20 Oct (MMcG), 3 Carron Valley Reservoir 10 July (ECD), a ♂ Killoeter 12 July (DHMcE), 5 Rowardennan Lodge 13 July (ECD), a pair with 5 juvs Knapps Loch 15 July (DSF), a pair and 2 juvs Cathkin Marsh 16 July (JJM), 3 Millichen area 16 July, 3 on 20 Oct (JC), 6 on 12 Nov, 2 on 10 Dec (CRS), 4 Skiff Wood 18 July (FH), a pair and 7 young Craigmarloch Wood 18 July, a pair and 2 juvs Barscube Hill 22 July, 3 on 27 Aug-5 Oct, 2 on 23 Oct-14 Nov (DSF), 1 Daer Resr 2 Aug (JTT), a pair Lunderston Bay 9 Aug and 5 Oct, 2 prs on 20 Dec (FG), 3 juvs Garvock 14 Aug (MMcG), a pair Ardmore Point 16 Aug, a ♂ on 23 Oct (ECD), 3 throughout Nov (JBB), ♂ and ♀ (separate) on 19 Dec (IPG), 3 Troisgeach Bheag 22 Aug (ECD), 2 juvs Muirshiel Country Park 23 Aug-30 Sep (CMRS), 2 juvs Cornalees Bridge 29 Aug-7 Sep (MMcG), 2 Blackstoun Farm 1 Sep (GTW), 4 Merryton 2 Sep, 5 on 14 Oct, 3 on remained until 23 Dec (AIE), a pair Carrot Moor Farm 7 Sep-28 Oct (JSW,VW), 2 ♂♂ and a ♀ Duchal Moor 12 Sep (CMRS), 9 Rottenburn Bridge 22 Sep (MMcG), 9 Dargavel Burn 26 Sep (DSF), 4 Clovenstone 26 Sep (ADW), a ♂ Robroyston Park LNR 26 Sep (JAG), a ♀ at Barnaigh/B786 junction 30 Sep (IPG), 3 Fannyside Loch 3 Oct (NB), a pair and a juv Harelaw Dam 4 Oct (JSW,VW), 3 ♂♂ Gartloch Pools 5 Oct, a pair on 15 Nov (GCC), a pair Mansfield Bridge 6 Oct (AB,IPG), 5 Queenside Muir 7 Oct (CMRS), a pair Bowling Oil Terminal 7 Oct, a pair Lamington 8 Oct (JSW,VW), 7 Heathfield 9 Oct (MMcG), a pair Lochcraig Resr 10 Oct (JSW,VW), a pair Balgray Resr 10 Oct (SAW), 1 on 18 Nov (JCh), a pair on 10 Dec (JSW,VW), a pair Snypes Dam 29 Oct (JSW,VW), 4 Aird Meadow 12 Oct (RSPB), a pair on 16 Oct-8 Nov (MMcG), a pair Bardrainney 23 Oct, 2 Knockmountain 3-30 Nov (DSF), a f Luggiebank 3 Nov, a ♂ Cleddans 3 Nov, 2 Broadwood Loch 5 Nov (AJY), a ♂ Paisley Moss 7 Nov (FH), a pair Barnbrock Farm 10 Nov, a ♂ Burntshields Pond 10 Nov (IPG), 2 ♂♂ Gryfe Resrs 11 Nov (FH), a pair Hogganfield Park LNR 14 Nov (GGC), a f on 24 Nov, 1 on 13 Dec (CRS), a ♂ Millerston 15 Nov (GCC), a ♂ Park Burn, Lenzie 18 Nov (JTMcE), a pair Nether Broadfield 18 Nov (IPG), a pair Dumbrock Muir 20 Nov (ECD), a pair Linwood Moss 22 Nov-9 Dec (DSF), a pair Erskine shore 23 Nov-6 Dec (ECD,FH), a ♀ Neilston Pad 3 Dec (JSW,VW), 2 Newshot Island 9 Dec (ACMB), a pair Littleton Resr 10 Dec (JSW,VW), 2 prs East Candrens 10 Dec (JG,GTW), a pair Overtoun Burn 11 Dec (ECD), 7 Blacklaw Wind Farm 30 Dec (JND), and a pair at Fannyside Mill on 31 Dec (MMcG).

#### Stonechat breeding reports

Site	Grid Ref	Prs	Obs	Site	Grid Ref	Prs	Obs
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Ardmore Point	-	1	ANi	Fyn Loch	-	1	ECD
Bardrainney Marsh	-	1	DSF	Gartloch Pool (south)	NS677671	1	GCC
Barnaigh	NS357621	1	IPG	Glen Fruin	-	1	ANi
Barscube Hill	-	1	DSF	Green Lowther	-	1	MMcG
Bennan Loch	-	1	JVW	Greenside	NS421561	1	IPG
Bent Farm	NS432597	1	IPG	Harelaw Dam	-	1	JVW
Berryglen Burn	NS284636	1	IPG	Hartfield Moss (near)	NS405576	1	IPG
Berryglen Burn / mine road	NS285650	1	IPG	Hyndal Hill	NS283665	1	IPG
Bessie Burn	NS287649	1	IPG	Kaim Dam	NS342625	1	IPG
Bishop Loch	-	1	IF	Kelly Cut/Gimlet Burn	NS236710	1	IPG
Bowfield Moss (N)	NS400586	1	IPG	Kelly Cut/Leap Moor	NS233705	1	IPG
Bowfield Moss (S)	NS400582	1	IPG	Knackie Burn/mine road	NS307641	1	IPG
Burncrooks Reservoir	-	1	FH	Knapps Loch	-	1	DSF
Calder Valley, Heathfield	NS324624	1	IPG	Knock More	NS298679	1	IPG
Calder Water, S bank	NS280653	1	IPG	Knockenae Moor	-	2	JVW
Cample Burn	NS305622	1	IPG	Ladymuir	-	1	IP
Camps Reservoir	-	1	JVW	Lang Craigs	-	1	ECD
Campsie Muir	-	1	ECD	Loch Thom, SW side	-	3	JVW
Caplaw-Mossneuk (2 fields)	NS448587	3	IPG	Longhaugh Point	-	1	ECD
Carron Valley Forest	-	1	AKM	Merryton	-	1	AIE
Carrot Moor Farm	-	1	JVW	Mid Barnaigh	NS355626	1	IPG
Cathkin Marsh	-	1	JJM	Misty Law	NS295622	1	IPG
Clovenstone	NS330617	1	IPG	Mistylaw Muir	NS307626	1	IPG
Colgrain marsh	-	1	DHM	Mount Pisgah	NS249692	1	IPG

				Plantation			
Conic Hill	-	1	MMcG	Muirhouse Muir	-	1	AKM
Coplie Burn	NS309653	1	IPG	North Rotten Burn	NS258679	1	IPG
Cornalees Farm	NS249718	1	IPG	Overton Burn	-	1	ECD
Craigmarnloch Wood	-	1	DSF	Plymuir	NS429571	1	IPG
Crawhin Hill	NS248716	1	IPG	Powbrone Burn	-	2	JVW
Crawhin Reservoir	NS246707	1	IPG	Queenside Burn	NS301646	1	IPG
Creuch Hill	NS257682	1	IPG	Raith Burn	NS307629	1	IPG
Creuch Hill	NS260687	1	IPG	Reivoch Marsh	NS399573	1	IPG
Culter Glen	-	10	JVW	Robroyston Park LNR	NS627683	1	GCC
Dargavel Burn	-	1	DSF	Rowardennan	-	1	ECD
Devol Moor	NS205728	1	IPG	Skiff Wood	-	1	FH
Duchal Moor Pools	-	1	IP	Snypes Dam	-	1	JVW
Dumbrock Muir	-	2	AKM	Tinto	-	2	ECD
Duneaton Water	NS814212	1	RJH	Todd's Well, Glasgow	NS672668	1	GCC
Duneaton Water	NS799229	1	RJH	Tom Fithich	-	1	ECD
Dunnairbuck Hill	-	1	IP	Troisgeach Bheag	-	1	ECD
Endrick Mouth	-	1	ANi	Wenchly Top	NS232698	1	IPG
Finnich Glen	-	1	AKM	Wenchly Top/Kelly Burn	NS235695	1	IPG

## Wheatear *Oenanthe oenanthe*

Spring arrival/passage reports included 2 ♂♂ Coiregrogain, Inveruglas Glen 31 Mar (ECD), a ♂ Blackwater Farm, Kilmacolm 1 Apr (IPG), a ♀ Merryton 1 Apr, a ♂ on 14 Apr (AIE), a ♂ Newshot Island 1-8 Apr (ACMB), a ♀ Merryton 1 Apr (AIE), 5 Culter Glen 8 Apr (ECD), 2 High Dam, Eaglesham 8 Apr (SRi), 1 Bonnyton Moor 11 Apr (SRi), 3 Ardmore Point 14 Apr (JBB), 3 Barscube Hill 15 Apr, 8 on 24 Apr (DSF), a ♂ barytes mine 15 Apr (ECD), 7 on banks Black Cart Water at Yonderton/Allands 22 Apr (IPG), a ♂ Burncrooks Resr 22 Apr (FH), 9 Gleniffer Braes 22 Apr, 9 Longhaugh Point 23 Apr (DSF), 2 Muirshiel Country Park 23 Apr (CMRS), a ♂ Cathkin Marsh 24 Apr (JJM), 17 Dargavel Burn 24 Apr, 2 Bardrainney Marsh 25 Apr (DSF), 3 Cathkin Braes 28 Apr (SAW), a ♀ Hogganfield Park LNR 26 Apr (GCC), a ♂ Clovenstone 28 Apr (CMRS), 2 ♂♂ Wenchly Top 30 Apr, 3 on top of Creuch Hill 2 May, 1 on top of Garvock Hill 2 May (IPG), 2 ♂♂ and a ♀ Kilmacolm High Dam 3 May (IP).

**Breeding** reports (prs = territorial pairs or singing ♂♂)

Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs
Bennan Loch	3	JVW	Glengavel Water upper	1	JVW	Lairig Arnan	1	ECD
Bonnyton Moor	1	SRi	Green Lowther	5	FH	Lang Craigs	4	ECD
Burncrooks Reservoir	3	FH	Greenside Reservoir	1	ECD	Lochcraig Reservoir	2	JVW
Camps Reservoir	4	JVW	Hardridge Farm (drystane)	2	IPG	Muirshiel Country Park	1	CMRS
Duneaton Water	2	FH	High Dam, Eaglesham	1	Sri	Muirshiel Mine	1	IPG
Garvock	2	MMcG	Hillside Farm (drystane)	1	IPG	Rottenburn Bridge	1	MMcG
Glen Douglas	2	AMcI	Kelly Cut	1	FH	Tinto	2	ECD
Glen Fruin	2	Ani	Kilpatrick Braes	1	ECD			

**Summary:** 44 pairs reported from 23 sites in 2007.

Autumn reports included 1 in Garscube Estate 20 Aug (TB), a juv Camps Resr 26 Aug (JSW,VW), 1 Merryton 1 Sep (AIE), 1 Town of Inchinnan 1 Sep (GTW), 1 by the River Calder, Lochwinnoch 5 Sep (RSPB), 2 Cathkin Marsh 6 Sep (JJM), a ♂ Balgray Resr 12 Sep (SAW), 1 Duchal Moor 12 Sep (CMRS), 1 Barscube Hill 16 Sep (DSF), 1 Bellahouston Academy 21 Sep (SC), 1 Lang Craigs 23 Sep (FH), 1 Windy Hill 4 Oct, 1 Knockmountain 6 Oct (DSF), 1 Harelaw Resr, Barrhead 6 Oct (DLC), 1 Queenside Muir 7 Oct (DSF), a ♂ Bennan Loch 10 Oct (JSW,VW), 1 Devol Moor 14 Oct (DSF), 1 Muirshiel Mine 18 Oct (CMRS), 1 at Erskine STW 24 Oct (ECD), and 1 at Carrot on 28 Oct (JSW,VW).

**Dipper** *Cinclus cinclus*

Winter-spring reports included 19 along River Clyde, Daer-Burnfoot 21 Mar (JND,ADW).

**Breeding** reports (prs = territorial pairs or singing ♂♂)

Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs
Allander W, Milngavie	2	AKM	Duneaton Water 5km	3	RJH	Powbrone Burn	1	JVW
Calder Water, Muirshiel	2	JR	Glen Fruin, Craig's Pool	1	ANi	R Clyde, Burnfoot	1	ADW
Camps Water	3	IF	Glengavel Water, upper	1	JVW	R Clyde, Haughhead Br	1	CRS
Capelrig Burn, St.Cadoc's	1	GRW	Kip Water	1	FG	Rotten Calder, Calderglen	1	DWM

Cardross, Drumhead	1	KHo	Levern Water, Barrhead	1	JVW	Ryat Linn	1	JVW
Daer, Crook Burn 3km	3	RJH	Loch Lomond, Firkin	1	DHM	White Cart W, Linn Park	2	SAW

**Summary:** 27 pairs reported from sites in 2007. Notes included: a pair with 4 young noted Muirshiel Country Park 24 Apr (CMRS).

Summer-winter reports included 1 in song Broomburn Park, Newton Mearns 1 Dec (JSW,VW), and 1 singing on burn at Knowes Road, Newton Mearns on 5 Dec (JMcO).

## House Sparrow *Passer domesticus*

Winter-spring reports included 40 East Millichen Farm 2 Jan, 50 on 19 Jan, 30 on 18 Feb, 40 on 11 Mar and 7 Apr (JC,SL,FC), 12 Greenock Esplanade 11 Feb (DSF), and 40 at roost Balmaha 21 Feb-1 Mar (JM).

**Breeding** reports (prs = occupied nests, territorial pairs or estimated number of pairs in colony)

Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs
Balmaha Inn	1	AKM	Howwood, Elliston Farm	5	IPG	NM, Newtonlea Ave	1	JMcO
Coatbridge, Lennox Ave	2	CL	Langbank	8	DSF	Renfrew, Haining Road	3	FH
EK, Heritage Park	1	DWM	Millichen Farms	12	SL			
Glasgow, Queen's Park	1	Sri	Newton Mearns, Kirkhill	10	JVW			

**Summary:** only 36 pairs at 10 sites in a very low level of reporting in 2007. Notes included: (i) 5 prs (some double-brooded) reared *ca* 36 young Ellistoun Farm/Kenmure View, Howwood (IPG); (ii) first juvs noted at Haining Road, Renfrew on 24 May (FH), and at Kirkhill, Newton Mearns on 25 May (JSW,VW).

Post-breeding/autumn-winter reports included 105 in the Millichen area 16 July (JC), 46 (including only 5 adult ♂♂) coming to seed in garden Kenmure View, Howwood 2 Aug, 39 (again 5 adult ♂♂) on 3-7 Aug (IPG), 50 Ardmore Point 8 Aug, 65 East Millichen Farm 22 Aug (AKMcN), 22 in isolated Sea-buckthorn (*Hippophae rhamnoides*) planted thicket at Ironotter Point 8 Sep (IPG), 22 Old Mains 18 Sep, 21 Kirklandneuk Park 12 Dec (ECD), and 35 at Auchensale Farm, Bridge of Weir on 30 Dec (IPG).

## Tree Sparrow *Passer montanus*

Winter-spring counts were of 21 at East Millichen Farm on 2 Jan, 14 on 18 Feb, 1 on 7 Apr, 12 at West Millichen Farm on 2 Jan, 16 on 6 Jan, 7 on 16 Jan, 9 on 21 Jan, 6 on 18 Feb, 4 on



31 Mar, 7 on 7 Apr, 2 on 2 June (JC,AKMcN,JJM), 6 “at Millichen Flood” on 17 Jan (FC), 1 on 2 June (JC), 3 at the West Millichen track supplementary feeding station on 19 Jan, 12 on 2 Feb, 2 on 19 Feb, 8 on 20 Feb, 6 at the Millichen uphill supplementary feeding station on 2 Feb, 3 on 19 Feb, 1 on 20 Feb (SL); and elsewhere, the only winter-spring report received was of 8 at Grangehall on 11 Mar (ADW).

**Breeding** reports (prs = territorial pairs or occupied nests)

Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs
Middleton Farm	1	GTW	Portnauld Farm	2	GTW	Wester Walkinshaw Farm	2	GTW
Millichen Farms	12	SL	Walkinshaw Gardens	3	GTW			

**Summary:** 20 breeding pairs reported at 5 sites in 2007. Other notes included no change from 2006 at Millichen Farms, Glasgow (SL).

Autumn-winter reports included 3 West Millichen Farm 16 July, 12 on 10 Oct, 9 on 20 Oct, 10 on 3 Nov, 1 on 12 Nov, 2 on 17 Nov, 3 on 20 Dec, 1 Millichen Flood 16 July and 20 Oct, 2 at Millichen Steadings 16 July, 4 on 3 Nov, 2 on 10 Dec (JC,AKMcN *et al*), 15 East Millichen Farm 17 Sep (AKMcN), 1 on 20 Oct (*per* VW); elsewhere 5 at Walkinshaw Gardens on 5 Oct (GTW).

## Dunnock *Prunella modularis*

**Breeding** reports (prs = territorial pairs or singing ♂♂)

Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs
Ardmore Point	5	AKM	Endrick Mouth	1	AKM	Merryton/Carbarns	6	AIE
Balmuirdy Bridge	1	CRS	Erskine Harbour	1	FH	Millichen Farms	12	SL
Barscube Hill	18	DSF	Erskine, Bargarran	4	MMcG	Milngavie, Mains Estate	1	AKM
Bellgrove Station	1	AKM	Erskine, Boden Boo	1	FH	N. Mearns, Laigh Road	1	JVW
Buchley Pool	1	CRS	Kilmardinny Loch	2	AKM	North Haugh	6	IL
Carron Valley Forest	2	AKM	Knapps Loch	1	FH	Old Inchinnan Church	1	FH
Cathkin Braes	2	DWM	L Lomond, Midross	13	SL	Old Kilpatrick, Saltings	1	FH
Claddoch	1	AKM	L Lomond, Rowardennan	1	MMcG	Renfrew, Haining Road	1	FH

Dougalston (south)	2	AKM	Langbank	18	DSF	Roman Fort	4	IL
EK, Heritage Park	1	DWM	Lochwinnoch Reserve	5	RSPB	West Maryston	4	CRS

**Summary:** 118 pairs reported from 30 sites in 2007. Notes included: first fledged young noted Longhaugh Point 25 May (IPG).

## Grey Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea*

Winter-spring reports included a count of 25 on River Clyde, Daer-Burnfoot 21 Mar (ADW).

**Breeding** reports (prs = territorial pairs or singing ♂♂)

Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs
Alexandra Park	1	JJM	Darleith	2	FL	Loch Lomond, Midross	1	SL
Allander Water, <i>Tesco</i>	1	AKM	Douglas Estate	1	ECD	Merryton/Carbarns	1	AIE
Ardess Lodge	1	ECD	Duneaton Water 5km	3	RJH	Muirshiel barytes mine	1	IPG
Ballochruin Bridge	1	AKM	Endrick Water	1	DAC	Muirshiel Country Park	1	CMRS
Balmuirdy Bridge	1	CRS	Garvald Quarry	1	AMcA	Powbrone Burn	1	JVW
Black Linn Reservoir	1	ECD	Glanderston Dam	1	JJM	Queenside Muir	1	CMRS
Burncrooks Reservoir	2	FH	Gotter Water, Gibblaston	2	IP	R Kelvin, Dawsholm Park	1	CRS
Camps Water	1	IF	Hogganfield Loch	1	JJM	R Kelvin, Garscube Estate	1	TB
Castlegreen STW	1	DSF	Kilmacolm High Dam	1	IP	Rottenburn Bridge	1	MMcG
Coiregrogan	1	ECD	Kip Water, Auchness Br	1	IPG	White Cart W, Linn Park	4	SAW
Craigend Quarry	1	AKM	Langbank	1	DSF			
Culter Glen	1	JVW	Loch Lomond, Firkin	2	DHM			

**Summary:** 43 pairs reported from sites in 2007.

Autumn-winter reports included 3 Douglas Estate 3 Aug (ECD), 3 Cornalees Bridge 7 Sep (MMcG), and 1 in Otago Street, Glasgow on 20 Dec (JBB).

## White Wagtail *Motacilla alba alba*

Spring reports were of 3 Ardmore Point 12 Apr, 18 on 25 Apr (JBB), 2 on 26-28 Apr (ECD,JCI), 1 on 4 May (AGG), 4 Carbars Pool 21-22 Apr, 3 on 26 Apr (AIE), 36 feeding in a ploughed field at Longhaugh Point on 22-23 Apr (IPG,DSF), 55 there on 26 Apr (DLC), 21 Bridgend Farm Pool 23 Apr (*per* VW), 14 on ploughed field beside Gartloch Pool 26 Apr (GCC), and 1 Hogganfield Loch 30 Apr (JJM).

Autumn reports involved 3 in field at Ardmore North Bay 24 Aug (AKMcN), 6 on 16 Sep (IPG), 4 on 19 Sep (AKMcN), 2 Baron's Haugh 6 Sep (*per* VW), 1 Balgray Resr 14 Sep (JCh), 3 Gadloch 26 Sep (JJM), 1 Hogganfield Loch 27 Sep (IPG), 4 on 21 Oct (IL). See Clyde Ringing Group Report (*pp. 108-109 for autumn roost counts* (ed.).

## Pied Wagtail *Motacilla alba yarelli*

Winter-spring reports included 200 at roost in trees at Buchanan St Bus Station 17 Feb (JJM), 91 along River Clyde, Daer-Burnfoot 21 Mar (JND,ADW), and a noticeable return to territories Renf by 31 Mar (IPG).

**Breeding** reports (prs = territorial pairs or singing ♂♂)

Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs
Balgray Reservoir	2	JVW	Endrick Mouth	2	DHM	Lunderston Bay	1	FG
Balmuirdy Bridge	1	AKM	Erskine Harbour	1	FH	Merryton/Carbars	2	AIE
Barscube Hill	5	DSF	Faslane	1	MMcG	Millichen Farms	1	SL
Brownside Farm	1	TB	High Dam, Eaglesham	1	SRi	Muirshiel Country Park	1	CMRS
Burncrooks Reservoir	2	FH	Hogganfield Loch	1	CRS	Muirshiel mine	1	CMRS
Colgrain	2	DHM	Langbank	2	DSF	Newmill Farm	1	AMcA
Dargavel Burn	1	DSF	Loch Lomond, Firkin	2	DHM	Shielhill Farm	1	MMcG
Darleith	1	FL	Loch Lomond, Midross	7	SL	Waulkmill Glen Resr	2	JVW
EK, Heritage Park	1	DWM	Loch Lomond, Sallochy	1	MMcG			

**Summary:** 44 pairs reported from 26 sites in 2007.

Autumn-winter reports included 12 Longhaugh Point 2 Aug (FH), 15 Cornalees Bridge 7 Sep (MMcG), 41 Gleddoch Golf Course 12 Sep (DSF), 11 Milarrochy Bay 23 Sep (AKMcN), 47 at Gadloch 26 Sep (FC), 100 feeding on exposed mud Balgray Resr 28 Sep (JSW,VW), 55 Carbars Pool 29 Sep (AIE), 19 Barscube Hill 2 Oct, and 17 Blackstoun Farm 22 Nov (DSF). See Clyde Ringing Group Report (*pp. 108-109*) for autumn roost counts (ed.).

## Meadow Pipit *Anthus pratensis*

Winter-spring reports included 14 on King George V Playing Field, Renfrew 7 Jan (ECD), 25 at Millichen Flood on 16 Feb, 35 Windlaw Marsh 17 Feb (CRS), 25 Millichen Steadings 18 Feb (JC), 80 Shielhill Glen 14 Mar (MMcG), 50 Balgray Resr 27 Mar (JSW,VW), and several singing ♂♂ at Middleton/Caplaw farms on 31 Mar (IPG).

**Breeding** reports (prs = territorial pairs or singing ♂♂)

Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs
Ardmore Point	1	AKM	Finnich Glen	1	AKM	Peitches Moor	1	AKM
Bardrainney Marsh	5	DSF	Garvald Quarry	2	AMcA	Queenside Muir	12	CMRS
Barscube Hill	22	DSF	High Dam, Eaglesham	1	Sri	The Whangie	4	AKM
Burncrooks Reservoir	7	FH	Langlands	3	DWM	West Ferry	2	DSF
Cathkin Braes	2	DWM	Loch Walton	1	AKM	West Renf Heights (70ha)	81	IPG
Cathkin Marsh	1	JJM	Longhaugh Point	4	DSF			
Dargavel Burn	3	DSF	Merryton/Carbars	5	AIE			

**Summary:** 158 pairs reported from 19 sites in 2007. Other breeding notes included: (i) first ads carrying food Renfrewshire 19 May (IPG); (ii) first broods fledged Queenside Muir 8 June (IPG); an estimated 6,620 pairs (based on a sample of ten 500 x 140 metre transects, n=81 territories) in the Renfrewshire/Inverclyde part of the “Renfrewshire Heights” SSSI (5,724 ha), a mean density of 116 pairs km<sup>-2</sup> (IPG).

Autumn-winter reports included small flocks appearing from 7 July onwards in Renf, including flocks of 19 Creuch Hill 20 July (IPG), 30 Killoeter 12 July (DHMcE), 20 Muirhouse Muir 10 Aug (AKMcN), 30 Queenside Muir 15 Aug (CMRS), 100 Campshead 26 Aug (JSW,VW), 205 Barscube Hill 27 Aug, 80 on 28 Sep, 26 on 14 Nov (DSF), 50 Ring Point 3 Sep (AKMcN), 274 Knapps Loch 10 Sep (DSF), 40 Newshot Island 17 Sep, 8 on 9 Dec (ACMB), 50 Ardmore Point 19 Sep (AKMcN), 140 at Dargavel Burn on 20 Sep (DSF), 100 at Town of Inchinnan 20 Sep (GTW), 150 Muirhouse Muir 25 Sep (AKMcN), 200 feeding on exposed mud Balgray Resr 28 Sep (JSW, VW), 40 Peitches Muir 4 Oct (AKMcN), 40 Knockmountain 6 Oct, and 85 at Blackstoun Farm on 22 Nov, 50 there on 28 Nov (DSF).

## Tree Pipit *Anthus trivialis*

Spring arrival involved 1 at Ardess Lodge on 13 Apr (ECD), 1 Cardross Bay 14 Apr, 1 Endrick Mouth 15 Apr (JBB), 1 Longhaugh Point 26 Apr (DSF), 1 Heathfield 28 Apr, and 1 at Ardmore Point on 4 May (IPG).

**Breeding** reports (prs = territorial pairs or singing ♂♂)

Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs
Barscube Hill	1	DSF	Gleann nan Caorunn	3	ECD	Loch Lomond, Milarrochy	1	AKM
Calder Glen, Clovenstone	1	IPG	Glen Douglas	1	AMcI	Mugdock Country Park	2	AKM
Carron Valley Reservoir	1	AKM	Glen Fruin	3	ANi	Muirhouse Muir	2	AKM
Craigmarloch Wood	1	DSF	Helensburgh Golf Club	1	DHM	Muirshiel Country Park	1	IPG
Craigrostan Wood	2	ECD	Inversnaid	3	ECD	Rowardennan	4	CJMcI
Falls of Falloch	1	DHM	Little Baldernock	1	JCI	Sallochay	7	ECD
Garvock Lodge	1	FG	Loch Ardingning	1	AKM			

**Summary:** 38 pairs reported from 20 sites in 2007.

Autumn reports included 2 Peitches Moor 1 Aug (AKMcN), 1 Newshot Island 9 Aug (AJR), 6 at Endrick Mouth 23 Aug (AKMcN), and 1 at Barscube Hill on 28 Aug (DSF).

## Rock Pipit *Anthus petrosus*

Winter-spring records were of 6 at roost Victoria Harbour, Greenock 4 Jan (ADW), 1 Lunderston Bay 5 Jan (FG), 2 Ardmore Point 6 Jan, 2 on 3 Feb (DHMcE), on 8 Feb (ANi), 1 on 18 Feb (IPG), 3 on 24 Mar (DHMcE), 2 Port Glasgow 8 Jan, 1 on 12 Feb (DSF), 1 Cardwell Bay 14 Jan (ADW), 2 Cardross Bay 9 Feb (ECD), 4 Helensburgh 9 Feb, 1 Greenock Esplanade 11 Feb (DSF), 1 Port Glasgow 10 Mar, 1 Helensburgh Pier car park 27 Mar (IPG).

The only **breeding** report was of 1 pair at Port Glasgow (ADW). *Under-recorded* (ed.).

Autumn-winter reports consisted of 1 Port Glasgow 3 Aug (DSF), 1 Wemyss Point 25 Aug, 2 on 28-30 Aug, 2 Ardmore Point 16 Sep (IPG), 1 on 19 Sep (AKMcN), 2 on 30 Sep (IPG), 6 on 15 Nov (ADW), 3 on 19 Dec, 1 in park at Port Glasgow waterfront (NS323746) on 29 Sep (IPG), 1 Lunderston Bay 5 Oct, 1 Ironotter Point 12 Oct (FG), 1 Helensburgh shore 28 Oct (DHMcE), 18 at communal roost Victoria Harbour and 6 roosting East India Harbour, Greenock on 14 Nov (ADW), 2 Arrochar 16 Dec (JTT), and a count of 10 Ardmore South Bay-Cardross Station (2 km) on 22 Dec (DHMcE).

## Chaffinch *Fringilla coelebs*

Winter-spring reports included 45 at seed in garden Kenmure View, Howwood 9-12 Jan, 45 on 9 Mar, 60 feeding under beech trees Mid Hartfield 18 Mar (IPG), 30 Dargavel Burn 8 Feb, and 48 at Locherwood Community Woodland on 20 Feb (DSF).

**Breeding** reports (prs = territorial pairs or singing ♂♂)

Site	Pr s	Obs	Site	Pr s	Obs	Site	Pr s	Obs
Aber	2	AK M	Endrick Mouth	2	AK M	Knapps Loch	4	FH
Ardmore Point	2	AK M	Erskine Harbour	2	FH	Langbank	17	DSF
Barrance Farm	1	JVW	Erskine STW	3	FH	Linwood Moss	6	FH
Barscube Hill	40	DSF	Erskine, Shilton Lane	3	FH	Loch Lomond, Midross	76	SL
Bearsden, Westerton	1	AK M	Finlaystone Estate	7	DSF	Locherwood Com. Wood	8	DSF
Black Cart, Inchinnan	2	FH	Finnich Glen	2	AK M	Lochwinnoch Reserve	24	RSPB
Bonnyton Moor	1	Sri	Formakin Estate	11	FH	Longhaugh Point	6	FH
Burncrooks Reservoir	5	FH	Gibblaston/Ladymui r	47	IP	Meiklehill Farm	10	FC
Carron Valley Forest	17	AK M	Glasgow, Daldowie	3	CRS	Merryton/Carbarn s	25	AIE
Claddoch	1	AK M	Glasgow, Millichen Fm	6	SL	Milngavie, Chestnut Lane	2	AKM
Craigmarloc h Wood	23	DSF	Glasgow, W Maryston	3	CRS	Milngavie, Mains Estate	5	AKM
Dougalston (south)	17	AK M	Glenpatrick Burn	3	FH	Muirshiel Country Park	6	CMR S
Drumpellier Country Pk	26	CL	Gryfe Reservoirs	4	FH	Old Kilpatrick, Saltings	3	FH
Drumpellier Golf Course	8	CL	Hamilton, North Haugh	19	IL	Renfrew, Blythswood IE	2	FH
Drumpellier,	5	CL	Kilmannan	1	FH	SCP, Roman Fort	6	IL

Monk' Cnl			Reservoir					
Eaglesham, High Dam	1	Sri	Kilmardinny Loch	3	AK M			

**Summary:** 471 pairs reported from 47 sites in 2007. Notes included (i) decreased from 16 prs Millichen Farms 2006 (SL); (ii) first juv noted at Renfrew on 14 June (FH).

Autumn-winter reports included 500 Barscube Hill 16 Sep, 300 on 18 Dec, 180 Dargavel Burn 20 Sep, 780 in unharvested crop Blackstoun Farm 13 Nov, 830 on 22 Nov, 1,650 on 28 Nov, 1,400 on 9 Dec, 1,500 on 10 Dec, 1,010 on 30 Dec (DSF,GTW), 100 at South Medwin Pools on 24 Dec, 120 Toftcombs 24 Dec (JTT), 250 Shilton Lane, Erskine 28 Dec (ACMB), and 250 at Fannyside Mill on 31 Dec (MMcG).

### **Brambling** *Fringilla montifringilla*

Winter-spring reports involved 5 Garbethill House 16 Jan (DLC), 3 at Lennox Forest 17 Jan, 8 on 18 Jan (FH), 2 Damhead Farm, Carluke 18 Feb (JND), 2 ♂♂ Locherwood Community Woodland 20 Feb (DSF), 3 Easterseat, Carluke 11 Mar (ADW), 5 feeding under beech trees at Mid Hartfield 18 Mar (IPG), and 40 under beech trees at Wards, Endrick Mouth on 18 Mar (DLC *et al*).

Autumn-winter reports were of 1 in a Haining Rd, Renfrew garden on 11 Sep (FH), 1 over Barscube Hill on 24 Oct, 1 Langbank 25 Oct, 3 Blackstoun Farm 13 Nov, 1 on 15 Nov, 2 on 21 Nov, 4 on 22 Nov (DSF), 14 at Borland Strip on 24 Dec, 14 South Medwin Pools 24 Dec, 31 Toftcombs 24 Dec, 1 Wester Walston 24 Dec (JTT), a ♀ in a Linburn garden 25-31 Dec (ACMB), and 10 at Blacklaw Wind Farm on 30 Dec (JND).

### **Bullfinch** *Pyrrhula pyrrhula*

Winter-spring counts included 6 feeding on a white berried rowan Helensburgh 5 Jan (JMacf), 7 at Muirshiel Country Park 7 Jan, 5 at Kelly Cut 8 Jan (CMRS), 5 at Darnley Glen 8 Jan (JSW,VW), 6 Barscube Hill 24 Jan, 8 Linwood Moss 31 Jan, and 5 at Dargavel Burn on 8 Feb (DSF).

**Breeding** reports (prs = territorial pairs or family parties)

Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs
Auchendores Reservoir	1	IP	East Kilbride, Langlands	1	DWM	Lochwinnoch Reserve	6	RSPB
Balloch Country Park	1	DH	Erskine, Boden Boo	2	ECD	Merryton/Carbarns	1	AIE
Bargeddie Parish Church	1	CRS	Frankfield Loch	1	FC	Milton of Campsie	1	FH
Barscube Hill	5	DSF	Glasgow, Cathkin Braes	1	DWM	Muirshiel Country Park	2	CMRS

Bishop Loch LNR	1	GCC	Glasgow, Linn Park	2	SAW	Newton Mearns, Kirkhill	1	JVW
Bothlin Burn	2	JTMcE	Glen Moss	1	IP	Plymuir Wood	1	IPG
Brownside Braes	1	TB	Hamilton, North Haugh	3	IL	SCP, Roman Fort	4	IL
Corse Hill	1	JVW	L Lomond, Rowardennan	1	MMcG	Shandon	1	JCI
Darleith	1	FL	L Lomond, Sallochy	1	MMcG	Southhill Woods	1	AMcA
Darnley Glen	3	JVW	Langbank	1	DSF			

**Summary:** 49 pairs reported from 29 sites in 2007. Notes included first juv noted Barscube Hill 16 June (DSF).

Autumn-winter reports included 5 including 1 young in a Netherlee garden 7 June (SAW), 7 Garvald Road railway 18 June (AMcA), 6 Corse Hill 21 Aug (JSW,VW), 4 Glen Moss 30 Aug (IP), 5 Barscube Hill 30 Sep, 9 on 25 Oct (DSF), 5 Cathkin Braes 17 Oct (DWM), 6 Brock Burn 24 Oct (JSW,VW), 6 Meikle Bin 28 Oct (ECD), 12 Dumbrock Muir 11 Nov (DO'B), 8 Linwood Moss 13 Nov (DSF), 2 ♂♂ Springburn Park 15 Nov (GCC), 10 Balgray Resr 29 Nov (JSW,VW), 5 Cashel 2 Dec, 6 Daldowie 12 Dec, 8 Muirhouse Muir 16 Dec (AKMcN), and 4 (2 ♂♂, 2 ♀♀) at Kaim Dam on 18 Dec (IPG).

## Greenfinch *Chloris chloris*

Winter-spring reports included 25 Lunderston Bay 5 Jan (FG), 60 Ardmore 6 Jan (DHMcE), 18 Langbank 15 Jan (DSF), 12 Muirshiel Country Park 16 Jan, 15 on 6 Feb (CMRS), and 20 at Craigendoran on 18 Jan (JMacf).

**Breeding** reports (prs = territorial pairs or singing ♂♂)

Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs
Aber	2	AKM	Glasgow, Bell St/Watson St	1	GCC	Lochwinnoch Reserve	4	RSPB
Ardmore Point	5	AKM	Glasgow, Byres Road	1	JTT	Longhaugh Point	2	DSF
Balmuildy Bridge	3	CRS	Glasgow, Carntyne Stn.	1	AKM	Merryton/Carbarns	4	AIE
Bardowie	1	AKM	Glasgow, Cathkin Braes	2	DWM	Millichen Farms	4	SL
Barscube Hill	5	DSF	Glasgow, Daldowie	1	CRS	Milngavie, Braeside Ave	1	AKM
Bearsden, Westerton	1	AKM	Glasgow, Knightswood Pk	1	CRS	Milngavie, Chestnut Lane	2	AKM



Black Cart, Inchinnan	3	FH	Gryfe Reservoirs	2	FH	Milngavie, Mains Estate	1	AKM
Claddoch	2	AKM	Hamilton, North Haugh	6	IL	Old Inchinnan Church	3	FH
Erskine Harbour	1	FH	Inchinnan Village	1	FH	Old Kilpatrick, Saltings	1	FH
Erskine STW	1	FH	Kilmardinny Loch	3	AKM	Renfrew, Haining Road	1	FH
Finlaystone Estate	5	DSF	Langbank	16	DSF	SCP, Roman Fort	6	IL
Formakin Estate	2	FH	Lawmarnock (roadside)	1	IPG			
Gartloch Pool	1	GCC	Loch Lomond, Midross	5	SL			

**Summary:** 102 pairs reported from 37 sites in 2007. Other notes included: (i) the pair at the junction of Bell Street and Watson Street, Glasgow, appeared to have their nest in a Buddleia (*Buddleia davidii*) bush growing on the roof of the Cleansing Dept building (GCC); (ii) first juv noted Renfrew 15 June (FH).

Autumn-winter counts were of 24 in a Netherlee garden 19 Sep (SAW), 30 Claddoch 21 Oct (AKMcN), 16 Glasgow Botanic Gardens 11 Nov (CJMCI), 15 Newshot Island 14 Nov (ECD), and 36 in Linn Park on 20 Nov (SAW).

## Twite *Linaria flavirostris*

Winter-spring reports involved 11 at West Millichen Farm on 6 Jan and 21 Jan, 10 on 16 Feb (CRS), 11 on 18 Feb (JJM,JC), and 25 at Seabank Cottage, Cardross on 11 Apr (AGG).

Breeding season reports were of 35 feeding on shore of Loch Arklet at Corriearklet on 9 July (JTT), and 12 at Meikle Bin on 10 July (ECD).

Autumn-winter reports were of 34 Inversnaid ? Aug (DJC), 20 over Low Mains, Endrick Mouth 10 Sep (IF), 13 Ardmore North Bay 15 Nov (ADW), 1 Cardross Bay 20 Nov (GJB), and 80 at Lochfauld Farm on 30 Dec (FH).

## Linnet *Linaria cannabina*

Winter-spring reports included 268 at the Pedmyre Farm, Castlemilk wild bird cover plot 22 Jan, 220 on 24 Jan, 120 on 30 Jan, 211 on 7 Feb, 182 Carnbooth Farm 30 Jan, 173 on 7 Feb, 134 on 12 Feb, 96 at the Windlaw Farm, Carmunnock wild bird cover plot on 31 Jan, 88 on 7 Feb, 112 on 19 Feb, 358 on 26 Feb, 78 at the Mid Netherton feeding station 26 Feb (SL), 12 Meiklehill Farm 1 Apr (FC), and 60 at Kerse on 14 Apr (EW), 82 on 24 Apr (MMcG).

**Breeding** reports (prs = territorial pairs or singing ♂♂)

Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs
Ardmore Point	1	IPG	Darleith	1	FL	Loch Thom	1	MMcG
Auchentiber, Strathgryfe	1	IPG	Eaglesham, High Dam	1	SRi	Merryton/Carbarns	3	AIE
Bardrainney Marsh	3	DSF	Garvald Quarry	1	AMcA	Mid Barnaigh	1	IPG
Barscube Hill	7	DSF	Glasgow, Cathkin Braes	1	DWM	Millichen Farms	4	SL
Blackwater Farm	1	IPG	Glasgow, Daldowie	2	CRS	Muirshiel Country Park	1	CMRS
Brownside Braes	1	TB	Hardridge Fm/High Dam	2	IPG	Reivoch Farm	3	IPG
Colgrain	2	DHM	Kaim Dam	1	IPG	Shielhill Farm	1	IPG
Cornalees Farm	2	MMcG	Knapps Loch	2	DSF	South Arkleston	1	IPG
Dargavel Burn	3	DSF	Loch Lomond, Midross	3	SL	West Ferry	1	DSF

**Summary:** 51 pairs reported from 27 sites in 2007. Other notes included: (i) 3 prs nested in gorse at Reivoch Farm (NS400571), 6 ads with 9 recently fledged juvs there on 16 June (IPG); (ii) family parties noted at Garvald Quarry on 12 June (AMcA), Barscube Hill on 15 June (DSF).

Autumn-winter reports included 60 at Darleith 19-21 Aug (FL), 37 Reivoch Farm 19 Aug (IPG), 45 on building site Gartloch Rd, Garthamlock 11 Sep (GCC), 150 East Millichen Farm 17 Sep, 220 on 29 Sep, 70 on 12 Nov (CRS), 42 Gadloch 26 Sep (JJM), 40 Carbarns 29 Sep (AIE), 50 at Brooks, Cardross 10 Oct (DHMcE), 50 Cathkin Braes 28 Oct (SAW), 52 at Blackstoun Farm on 15 Nov, 183 on 28 Nov, 200 on 9 Dec, 190 on 15 Dec, 992 on 30 Dec (DSF), 300 at Arkleston on 6 Dec, 250 on 15 Dec (ECD), and 40 at Pacific Quay, Glasgow on 29 Dec (DSF).

## Lesser Redpoll *Carduelis cabaret*

Winter-spring reports involved 26 in garden West Chapelton Ave, Bearsden 13 Jan (CJB), 28 in garden on Nyger feeder Marjory Road, Renfrew 21 Jan-22 Feb, 33 on 15 Mar (ECD), 100+ at Cardowan Moss 18 Feb (CRS), 19 in a Netherlee garden 18 Mar (SAW), 26 Gibblaston/Ladymuir 7 Apr (IP), and 2 SE over Crawhin Hill on 30 Apr (IPG).

**Lesser Redpoll breeding** reports (prs = territorial pairs or singing/displaying ♂♂)

Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs
Ardmore Point	2	IPG	Craigimaddie	1	AKM	Loch Lomond,	22	SL

			Wood			Midross		
Barscube Hill	9	DSF	Darleith	1	FL	Locherwood Com. Wood	6	DSF
Brownside Braes	1	TB	East Kilbride, Langlands	1	DWM	Lochwinnoch Reserve	6	RSPB
Burncrooks Reservoir	4	IF	Falls of Falloch	1	DHM	Mugdock Country Park	1	AKM
Carman Muir	2	DSF	Gleniffer Braes	1	DSF	Muirshiel Country Park	1	IPG
Carron Valley Forest	1	AKM	Helensburgh Golf Course	1	DHM	Myres Hill	2	JVW
Colgrain	1	DHM	Knapps Loch	2	DSF	Neilston Pad	1	JVW
Commonhead Moss	1	CRS	Loch Ardinning	1	AKM			

**Summary:** 69 pairs reported from 23 sites in 2007. Notes included fledged young first noted Powbrone Burn 10 June (JSW,VW).

Autumn-winter reports included 38 Carron Valley Reservoir 16 July, 20 Cashel 30 July (AKMcN), 35 Strathclyde Country Park 18 Sep, a total of 210 S over there on 16 Dec (IL), 20 Greenhead Pond 26 Sep (JCM), 20 Barscube Hill 28 Sep, 68 Knockmountain 3 Nov, 51 Linwood Moss 21 Nov, 125 on 28 Nov, 44 on 30 Dec (DSF), 30 Linn Park 29 Nov (SAW), 50 Dalzell Estate 10 Dec (JCM), max 17 in a Marjory Rd, Renfrew garden on 21 Dec (ECD), 8 Shilton Lane, Erskine 28 Dec (ACMB), and 8 in a Netherlee Garden on 30 Dec (SAW).

## Crossbill *Loxia curvirostra*

Winter-spring reports were of 6 at Carbeth Loch on 2 Jan, 3 at Craigallian Plantation 2 Jan, 2 on 19 Mar (AKMcN), 11 at Muirshiel Country Park on 6 Jan, 6 on 16 Jan, 4 on 18 Jan, 5 on 21 Jan, 4 on 6 Feb (CMRS), 1 at Ladymuir Forest 26 Jan, 1 Locherwood Community Woodland 18 Feb (DSF), 2 Queen's View 2 Mar (ECD), 3 at Carron Valley Forest on 23 Mar (ECD), 2 on 21 May (AKMcN), 1 at Killoeter on 24 Mar (FL), 2 Balloch Country Park 27 May (DH), and 6 at Gryfe Forest on 28 May, 2 on 31 May (MMcG).

Probable breeding records included 2 ads and 2 juvs at Muirshiel Country Park on 10 June, and 13 including some juvs there on 19 June (CMRS), and later in the year a pair, the ♀ nest-building, at the southeast corner of Thornlybank Forest (NS36L) on 18 Dec (IPG).

Summer-winter reports were of 3 at the southeast corner of Gryfe Forest on 9 June (IPG), 1 over Muirhouse Muir on 18 June, 1 on 7 Aug (AKMcN), 10 at Creigarestie on 19 June (ECD), 3 at Hogganfield Park LNR on 22 June (GCC), 30 Gryfe Forest 27 June (MMcG), 6 on 5 Oct (MMcG), 20 on 11 Oct (CJMcI), 10 on 14 Oct (DSF), 40 on 18 Oct (*per* IPG), 20 on 20 Oct (FG), 8 on 23 Oct, 50 at SW corner 27 Oct (*per* IPG), 5 over Killearn 30 June (RAB), 2 Carron Valley Forest 2 July, 20 on 16 July, 2 in sub-song on 9 Oct (AKMcN), a singing ♂ there on 28 Oct (ECD), 27 on 9 Dec (IF), 2 SW over Alexandra Park at 0630 hrs on 9 July (JJM), 3 at Muirshiel Country Park on 21 July, 2 on 7 Aug, 5 on 12 Aug, 4 on 8

Oct, 9 on 13 Oct, 12 on 19 Nov, 20 on 23 Nov, 8 on 24 Dec, 6 on 28 Dec (CMRS), 1 Dungavel 17 Aug (ECD), 5 Cathkin Braes 27 Sep, 20 on 3 Oct (SK), 2 Craigallian Plantation 12 Oct (AKMcN), 8 on 30 Nov (ECD), 25 on 23 Dec (AKMcN), 13 on 14 Nov (TPD), 4 Dumbrook Muir 28 Oct (CJMcI), 8 on 11 Nov (DO'B), 3 at Baron's Haugh 2 Nov (JCM), 2 Muir Park Resr 11 Nov (JTT), 11 at Barcraigs Resr 11 Nov (IPG), 25 including several singing ♂♂ Corse Hill 15 Nov (JSW,VW), 6 Heathfield Farm 18 Nov (CMRS), 3 W over Dumbrook Muir 29 Nov (AKMcN), 4 Cathkin Braes 11 Dec (SAW), a pair, the ♀ nest-building, at the southeast corner of Thornlybank Forest (NS36L) on 18 Dec (IPG), 6 at Queen's View on 29 Dec, birds heard calling Craigmaddie Wood 30 Dec (AKMcN), and 12 at the Black Law windfarm on 30 Dec (JND).

## Goldfinch *Carduelis carduelis*

Winter-spring reports included 60 at feeder in a Killearn garden Jan-6 Mar, during the year a total of 125 trapped and ringed there (RAB), 25 Craigallian Plantation 2 Jan, 45 Allander Water at Milngavie 4 Jan, and 34 at Ballochruin Bridge on 25 Feb (AKMCN).

**Breeding summary** (table overleaf): 93 pairs reported from 34 sites in 2007. Other breeding season notes included: (i) now commoner than Linnet during breeding season along rural roadside verges/hedges in Renfrewshire, Linnets having declined markedly during the past 10-15 years (IPG); (ii) can be difficult to record territories as family parties wide-ranging immediately after fledging, but appears to be increasing, judging by number of sightings made from car on country roads in Renfrewshire (IPG); (iii) a pair flew west over the summit of Misty Law (507m asl, open moorland) 26 June (IPG); (iv) first fledged young Renfrew 14 June (FH); (v) first fledged young Bargarran 16 June (MMcG); (vi) first fledged young noted in a Netherlee garden 19 June (SAW).

**Breeding** reports (prs = recorded nest sites or territorial singing ♂♂)

Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs
Ardmore Point	3	IPG	Erskine Harbour	1	FH	Locherwood Com. Wood	4	DSF
Ballochruin	1	AKM	Erskine, Boden Boo	6	DSF	Lochwinnoch Reserve	9	RSPB
Bargarran	1	MMcG	Finlaystone Estate	2	DSF	Lochwinnoch, Balgreen	1	IPG
Barscube Hill	12	DSF	Glasgow, Cathkin Braes	2	DWM	Longhaugh Point	5	DSF
Blackwater Farm	2	IPG	Glasgow, Provan Hall	2	CRS	Merryton/Carbarns	2	AIE
Braehead, M&S carpark	1	IPG	Glasgow, Tollcross Park	2	CRS	Millichen Farms	2	SL
Cathkin Marsh	1	JJM	Hamilton, North Haugh	2	IL	Parklea	6	DSF
Colgrain	3	DHM	High	1	IPG	Reivoch Farm	1	IPG

			Woodhead					
Eaglesham, High Dam	1	Sri	Hogganfield Park LNR	3	GCC	Renfrew, Marjory Road	2	ECD
Easter Auchinloch	1	IPG	Kilmacolm, Birkmyre Pk	1	IPG	SCP, Roman Fort	1	IL
Endrick Mouth	1	AKM	Langbank	6	DSF	Windyhill (near Rowbank)	1	IPG
Erskine Bridge-Bowling	1	DSF	Loch Lomond, Midross	5	SL			

Autumn-winter flock counts included 50 Balgray Resr 30 Aug (JSW,VW), 120 on 12 Sep (ECD), 106 Blackstoun Farm 1 Sep (GTW), 150 Lamington 13 Sep (JSW,VW), 80 Gleniffer Braes 16 Sep (GTW), 50 Hogganfield Park LNR 18 Sep (GCC), 35 Ardmore Point 19 Sep (AKMcN), 100 at Darleith on 21 Sep (FL), 42 Gleddoch Golf Course 24 Sep (DSF), 30 Clovenstone 26 Sep (ECD), 200 Greenhead Pond 26 Sep, 120 on 31 Oct (JCM), 70 Cathkin Braes 26 Sep (SK), 40 on 20 Nov (DWM), 25 Ardmore Point 30 Sep (IPG), 50 Cornalees Bridge 3 Oct (FG), 80 Mansfield 6 Oct (AB,IPG), and 20 at Baron's Haugh on 23 Dec (JCM).

The ten largest flocks reported in autumn-winter averaged 101 birds (*cf.* mean flock size 54 birds during 1987-2007), suggesting that 2007 was another highly productive breeding season (*ed.*).

### **Siskin** *Spinus spinus*

Winter-spring reports included 30 Lennox Park, Milngavie 1 Jan, 50 Carbeth Loch 2 Jan, (AKMcN), 70 on alders by A737 at Howwood 5 Jan (IPG), 45 Allander Water at Murray Park 13 Jan, 20 Braeside Ave, Milngavie 17 Feb, 25 Ballochruin 25 Feb (AKMcN), 20 in a Netherlee garden 4 Mar (SAW), and a max of 37 in a Muirlees Crescent, Milngavie garden 5 Mar (SJL).

**Breeding** reports (prs = territorial pairs or singing ♂♂)

Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs
Burncrooks Reservoir	3	FH	Hardridge Plantation	1	IPG	Locherwood Com. Wood	3	DSF
Darleith	1	FL	Kilmacolm, Birkmyre Park	1	IPG	Muirshiel Country Park	1	CMRS
Finlaystone Estate	1	DSF	Loch Lomond, Midross	2	SL	Myres Hill	4	JVW

**Summary:** 17 pairs reported from 9 sites in 2007, considerably under-recorded (*ed.*).

Autumn-winter counts included 50 (mostly juvs) feeding on shore of Loch Arklet at Corriearklet on 9 July (JTT), 20 Linn Park 10 Aug (SAW), 50 Mugdock Country Park 27 Aug, 20 Bishop Loch 7 Dec, 20 Craigallian Plantation 12 Oct, 35 Loch Ardinging 14 Oct (AKMcN), 58 Merryton 14 Oct, 180 on 16 Dec (AIE), 40 Gryfe Resrs 19 Oct (CJMcI), 28

Langbank 22 Oct (DSF), 60 on alders by A737 at Howwood 20 Nov (IPG), 23 Waulkmill Glen 25 Nov (JJS), 25 Renfrew Golf Course 26 Nov, 33 Gartocharn 27 Nov (ECD), 37 Linwood Moss 9 Dec, 212 on 30 Dec (DSF), 35 S over Strathclyde Country Park 16 Dec (IL), 30 Denholm Terrace, Greenock 29 Dec (ADW).

### **Snow Bunting** *Plectrophenax nivalis*

The only reports were of 30 on Glas Bhealach (NN2509) on 2 Feb (FH), and 2 near Dumgoyne on 13 Dec (JM).

### **Yellowhammer** *Emberiza citrinella*

Winter-spring reports were of 100 at Westraw Mains on 16 Jan (JSW,VW), 19 at Millichen track supplementary feeding station on 19 Jan, 29 on 19 Feb, 21 at Millichen uphill supplementary feeding station on 2 Feb (SL), 30 at Cathkin Braes, Carmunnock on 24 Jan (SAW), nearby 41 at Windlaw Farm lower feeding station on 31 Jan, 53 on 12 Feb, 50 on 26 Feb, 25 at Windlaw Farm upper feeding station on 6 Feb, 55 on 7 Feb, 51 on 10 Feb, 45 on 14 Feb, 35 on 26 Feb, nearby max 13 at Mid Netherton feeding station 26 Feb (SL,CRS), 15 at Meiklehill Farm feeding station on 4 Feb, 47 on 11 Mar (FC), 11 at Millichen Steadings on 18 Feb, 18 at West Millichen Farm on 18 Feb, 11 on 7 Apr (JC), and 12 at Fannyside Mill on 23 Mar (MMcG).

**Yellowhammer breeding** reports (prs = territorial pairs or singing ♂♂)

Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs
Auchendores Reservoir	1	IPG	Cardross, Brooks	2	DHM	Glasgow, Rosshall	2	FH
Balgray Reservoir	1	SAW	Cardross, west side	1	IPG	Kilmacolm, Cloak Rd	1	FG
Balgreen, Lochwinnoch	3	IPG	Dargavel Burn	4	DSF	Leperstone Reservoir	1	FG
Balmuildy Bridge	1	CRS	Erskine Golf Course	1	ECD	Lower Carbarns	1	AIE
Bardrainey Marsh	1	DSF	Erskine STW	2	ECD	Meikle Corseford	3	DHM
Bargarran	6	MMcG	Erskine, Shilton Lane	5	FH	Millichen Farms	15	SL
Barscube Hill	10	DSF	Finnich Glen	1	AKM	Muirshiel Country Park	1	CMRS
Bishopton Pond (by M8)	1	FH	Gadloch	7	DHM	Old Inchinnan Church	1	FH

Black Cart, Inchinnan	1	FH	Garvald Quarry	4	AMcA	
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**Summary:** 77 pairs reported from 26 sites in 2007. Notes included: (i) continuing decline noted in Renfrewshire (IPG,JSW,VW); (ii) worrying decline in Merryton/Carbarns area (AIE).

Autumn-winter reports included 8 Balmuildy Bridge 10 Oct, 10 The Steadings, West Millichen 10 Oct (CRS), 12 at Cathkin Braes 3 Nov (SAW), 5 at Wallace's Well, Glasgow 15 Nov (GCC), 65 Meiklehill Farm 25 Nov (FC), and 35 at Cardross throughout Dec (JBB).

## Reed Bunting *Emberiza schoeniclus*

Winter-spring reports included 6 West Millichen Farm 2 Jan (JC), 10 on 16 Feb (CRS), 9 at seed in garden Kenmure View, Howwood 9 Jan, 8 on 11 Jan, 11 (4 ♂♂, 7 ♀♀) on 15 Mar (IPG), 12 at Ballevoulin, Glen Fruin on 16 Jan (ANi), max 8 at Windlaw lower feeding station 30 Jan (SL), 25 at Windlaw Farm 7 Feb (CRS), 37 at the Carnbooth Farm wild bird cover plot on 30 Jan, 13 at the Pedmyre Farm wild bird cover plot on 12 Feb (SL), 8 in the Millichen area 18 Feb (JC), 10 on 11 Mar (FC), 10 Bishop Loch 28 Feb, and 10 at Tod's Well, Easterhouse on 28 Feb (CRS).

**Breeding** reports (prs = territorial pairs or singing ♂♂)

Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs	Site	Prs	Obs
Ardmore Point	2	IPG	EK, Heritage Loch	1	JJM	Lenzie, Park Burn	1	DHM
Auchendores Reservoir	1	IP	EK, Langlands	3	DWM	Linwood Moss	4	DSF
Balgray Reservoir	10	JVW	Elvan Water	1	JVW	Linwood, Moss Road	4	DSF
Bardrainney Marsh	4	DSF	Erskine B-Dumbarton Rock	8	DSF	Loch Ardingning	3	AKM
Barscube Hill	5	DSF	Erskine Harbour	3	FH	Loch Libo	2	JVW
Biggar Moss	2	JVW	Frankfield Loch	1	FC	Lochcraig Reservoir	1	JVW
Bishop Loch	9	IF	Fyn Loch	1	ECD	Lochwinnoch Reserve	15	RSPB
Bishopton Pond	1	FH	Garscube Estate	1	TB	Longhaugh Point	5	DSF
Black Cart, Inchinnan	3	FH	Gartloch Pool (S)	9	GCC	Merryton/Carbarns	6	AIE
Caplaw - Mossneuk Fm	3	IPG	Glen Moss	2	IP	Millersneuk Marsh	2	DHM

Carron Valley Reservoir	1	AKM	Hamilton, North Haugh	5	IL	Millichen Farms	5	SL
Cathkin Marsh	5	JJM	Hamilton, Raith Haugh	1	Sri	Muirhouse Muir	1	AKM
Colgrain Marsh	2	DHM	Harelaw Dam	2	JVW	Myres Hill	1	JVW
Craigmarloch Marsh	4	DSF	Heathfield (NS3262)	1	IPG	Nisbet	1	JVW
Dargavel Burn	3	DSF	Helensburgh Reservoirs	1	Ani	Reivoch Marsh	5	IPG
Darleith	1	FL	Hogganfield Park	2	JJM	Rowbank Marsh	2	IPG
Dougalston Loch	1	AKM	Kaim Dam	1	IPG	Shantron Hill	1	DHM
Douglas Estate	4	KS	Knapps Loch	1	DSF	Tinto	1	ECD
Douglas Water Pools	2	KS	Knockenae Moor	1	JVW	Wards Pond	2	ECD
Dumbrock Muir	3	FH	Loch Lomond, Midross	10	SL	Waulkmill Glen Resr	4	JVW
Eaglesham, High Dam	1	Sri	Lamington	2	JVW	West Ferry	1	DSF

**Reed Bunting breeding summary:** 191 pairs reported from 63 sites in 2007. Other breeding season reports included: a singing ♂ at Heathfield 8-15 July was at an unusually high altitude (230 metres) (IPG).

Autumn-winter reports included 41 Barr Loch 8 June (RSPB), 48 Bishop Loch 24 June (IF), 5 Mansfield 6 Oct (AB,IPG), 10 Balgray Resr 15 Oct (JCh), 12 Carron Valley Resr 28 Oct (ECD), 10 Millichen area 3 Nov (JC), 8 Dumbrock Muir 11 Nov (DSF), 22 feeding amongst Purple Moor-grass *Molinia caerulea* at Millerston Moss on 15 Nov (GCC), 6 Knockmountain 30 Nov (DSF), and 14 at Muirhouse Muir on 30 Dec (AKMcN).

## Escapes

### Black Swan *Cygnus atratus*

One Strathclyde Loch 6-7 Aug (IF,GJB *et al*), and the long-staying introduced bird still at Lochend Loch at least to 7 Aug (IF), 1 Baron's Haugh 6 Nov and 11 Nov (GJB).

### Bar-headed Goose *Anser indicus*

One Carbarns Pool 3 Jan (AIE), 8 Apr (GJB), and with Canada Geese there 22 June (AIE), 1 Kilmardinny Loch July-Aug (GJB), 1 with moulting Greylag Goose flock Loch Walton 2-16 July (AKMcN), one Gadloch 12 Aug (*per* JSW,VW).

### Harris's Hawk *Parabuteo unicinctus*



One grappling with a Buzzard at Garscube Estate on 26 Feb (TB), 1 over Wellshot Road, Tollcross on 9 Mar and 30 May (CRS), and one (wearing jesses) at Blackstoun Farm 10-24 Dec (JG,GTW).

**Ring-necked Parakeet** *Psittacula krameri*

One was at Glasgow Cathedral on 20 Oct (Lesley Falconer), and what was presumed to be the same bird at Hogganfield Loch, flying off towards Robroyston, on 24 Oct (JJM).

**[Little Corella** *Cacatua sanguinea*

A flock of 4-5 reported at Auchenkilns junction, Cumbernauld in September. Thought likely to have been misidentified (*ed.*)

**Zebra Finch** *Taeniopygia guttata*

A ♀ at Carntyne Station on 9 May (AKMcN).