



Scottish Ornithologists' Club
Scotland's Bird Club
Established 1936

Clyde branch outing to Ardmore Point

23 October 2022 (1000 - 1315)

Leaders: Donald Wilson and Sandy McNeil

Participants: 15

Weather: Overcast with some rain towards end. Temperature: 12.0 °C. - Wind: 3mph, E.

Arriving at Ardmore at 9.45. I was very pleased to see a good few folk already looking at the birdlife, several **Barnacle Geese** had just been found, a fairly scarce bird in the Clyde area and a nice one to see at Ardmore.



Ardmore Point, 23rd October 2022 (Zul Bhatia)

Waiting for any late comers, we then set off for the North Bay. This proved to be a good decision, as the incoming tide was pushing the waders and ducks ever closer to ourselves. Highlights here were a **Golden Plover**, several **Bar-tailed Godwits** and a variety of commoner waders, **Wigeon**, **Teal** and **Shelduck** were nice ducks to see, five **Little Egrets** was also a good count, a species becoming ever more frequent in the Clyde area.



Red-throated Diver (Donald Wilson)

We then continued around the point, highlights here were two **Slavonian Grebes**, a bird with an important wintering population in the Clyde Estuary, several **Red-throated Divers** giving some very good views, a number of **Great Crested Grebe** were also present, as were small numbers of **Guillemot**, **Razorbill** and **Black Guillemots**. One of the highlights from here was fairly distant view of a pod of **Bottle-nosed Dolphins**. Close views were had of a handsome **Red-breasted Merganser**. Continuing around the point, the forecasted rain began to set in, but by then we already seen a very good variety of birds.

Seven of the participants were new to the outings programme which has attracted 107 different people so far.

A total of 57 species of birds were seen. Two (Barnacle Goose and Golden Plover) were new to our outings list which now stands at 144 species since we resumed outings after the Lockdown. Due to a variety of factors, this was our second outing to Ardmore in October 2022 and it is interesting to compare the bird list between the two outings. The first outing on (15th) recorded 48 species, 8 of which were not recorded on the second outing (23rd) which recorded 57 species with 16 of these not recorded on the earlier outing.



Slavonian Grebe (Donald Wilson)

Thanks to Donald Wilson for co-lead this outing, also for his enthusiasm and good advice and tips to our participants, also to Zul Bhatia for his input on the day.

Sandy McNeil

No of bird species recorded: 57

Pink-footed Goose	Golden Plover	Blue Tit
Canada Goose	Lapwing	Wren
Barnacle Goose	Curlew	Starling
Shelduck	Bar-tailed Godwit	Blackbird
Wigeon	Dunlin	Fieldfare
Teal	Redshank	Song Thrush
Mallard	Snipe	Robin
Eider	Black Guillemot	Stonechat
Goldeneye	Razorbill	Duncock
Red-breasted Merganser	Guillemot	House Sparrow
Goosander	Black-headed Gull	Grey Wagtail
Red-throated Diver	Common Gull	Pied Wagtail (yarrellii)
Cormorant	Herring Gull	Meadow Pipit
Shag	Great Black-backed Gull	Rock Pipit
Little Egret	Woodpigeon	Chaffinch
Grey Heron	Magpie	Greenfinch
Great Crested Grebe	Jackdaw	Linnet
Slavonian Grebe	Rook	Goldfinch
Oystercatcher	Carrion Crow	Siskin

Other species recorded

Bottle-nosed Dolphin
Grey Seal