



Scottish Ornithologists' Club
Scotland's Bird Club
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Clyde branch outing to Ardmore Point

16th October 2021

Leader: Sandy McNeil

Ten of us met on a dull but dry day to walk round Ardmore Point, on the north shore of the Firth of Clyde between Cardross and Helensburgh, for the first SOC Clyde outing since early 2020.

From the car park in the South Bay we could see several species of duck - 30 Shelduck, 2 Wigeon, 14 Teal, several Mallard and two Red-breasted Mergansers.

Walking round the peninsula, 220 Oystercatchers made an impressive sight. Other waders included the odd Curlew and a few Bar-tailed Godwits. A flock of at least 53 Eiders was counted as we rounded the south end of the peninsula. From the west side, 53 Great Crested Grebes, 7 Slavonian Grebes, about 30 Red-throated Divers and 4 Guillemots were noted in the distance. Flying past were a Red-throated Diver, a Curlew and several Cormorants.

Once in sight of the North Bay, the most interesting find was of 3 Little Egrets on the far shore towards Craigmendoran. Amongst waders were a flock of 23 Curlew flying in to the bay, small numbers of Lapwing and the odd Bar-tailed Godwit and Dunlin.

Amongst passerines, a flock of 11 Goldfinches, 4 Linnets and 3 Greenfinches were noted, together with the usual corvids and gulls to complete the morning's birding with a very satisfactory total of 37 species.

Our thanks go to Sandy McNeil for leading the outing.

David Palmar (Clyde Branch Outings Organiser)

Species List (Count: 38)

Shelduck	Buzzard	Carrion Crow
Wigeon	Oystercatcher	Blue Tit
Teal	Lapwing	Wren
Mallard	Curlew	Starling
Eider	Bar-tailed Godwit	Blackbird
Red-breasted Merganser	Dunlin	Robin
Red-throated Diver	Guillemot	Dunnock
Cormorant	Black-headed Gull	Pied Wagtail (<i>yarrellii</i>)
Shag	Common Gull	Meadow Pipit
Little Egret	Lesser Black-backed Gull	Greenfinch
Grey Heron	Magpie	Linnet
Great Crested Grebe	Jackdaw	Goldfinch
Slavonian Grebe	Rook	