

BIRD REPORT FOR THE SHIANT ISLANDS 29th June – 13th July 1974

Manx Shearwater	Infrequently seen flying past. Maximum 10 on sea-watch on 5th July.
Fulmar	
Gannet	
Shag	
Heron	One flying eastwards over the sea to the north of Rough Island on 6th July.
Eider	2 females and 6 chicks seen regularly.
Golden Eagle	2 birds apparently resident at the north west of Rough Island on 5th July.
Peregrine	One young bird seen at the north west of Rough Island on 5th July.
Oystercatcher	
Golden Plover	Flock of 19 on 5th July, in bad weather.
Snipe	Maximum of 5 on 30th June.
Curlew	Seen frequently with a maximum of 16 on 10th July.
Common Sandpiper	One or two birds seen infrequently.
Redshank	Maximum 4, but more usually 2, on the north of Rough Island.
Arctic Skua	A few seen regularly offshore, mostly dark phase.
Great Skua	2 seen offshore after rough weather on sea watch on 5th July.
Great Black-backed Gull	
Lesser Black-backed Gull	Colony on top of House Island now numbers 25 pairs, an increase on 1970 and 1971.
Herring Gull	
Common Gull	A few pairs with Herring Gulls on the west coast of House Island. One chick found – first proof of breeding in 5 years.
Kittiwake	

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Razorbill	See detailed counts.
Guillemot	See detailed counts.
Black Guillemot	Maximum 8 in one group. Breeding numbers apparently similar to previous years.
Puffin	Partially albinistic bird in colony in north of Rough Island as in 1972 and 1973. Transect counts in this colony indicate numbers very similar to 1973.
Rock Dove	
Skylark	
Raven	Maximum 5 on 1st July on Rough Island.
Hooded Crow	
Wren	
Blackbird	Male on 29th June and 6th July; pair seen on 10th July.
Meadow Pipit	
Rock Pipit	
Starling	
Twite	

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