

APPENDIX 5:

Wintering Bird Evidence

The following should be read in conjunction with Section 2 2022–2026 wintering bird survey mapping in **Appendix 2: Drawings 8-12, 20, 21 and 36-42**.

Section 2 2022/23 Surveys

Table A5-1: Peak Counts of Species Recorded During Vantage Point Surveys

Species	BoCCI Status	VP	23/11/22	30/11/22	14/12/22	19/12/22	11/01/23	13/01/23	09/02/23	22/02/23	08/03/23	31/03/23	Peak
Primary Target Species													
Canada goose	Green	Big-Isle	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
		Airport	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Greenland white-fronted goose*	Amber (W)	Big-Isle	100	140	125	0	200	0	200	120	475	0	475
		Airport	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Greylag goose*	Amber (W)	Big-Isle	460	400	1	223	2,115	610	250	150	145	0	2,115
		Airport	0	45	0	0	19	0	185	230	0	120	230
Secondary Target Species													
Black-headed gull*	Amber (B/W)	Big-Isle	34	48	22	0	0	0	0	0	11	127	127
		Airport	19	126	2	340	0	0	0	0	142	0	340
Buzzard	Green	Big-Isle	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1
		Airport	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2
Common gull*	Amber (B/W)	Big-Isle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Airport	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Cormorant	Amber (B/W)	Big-Isle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
		Airport	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Curlew*	Red (B/W)	Big-Isle	1	0	3	3	0	41	15	0	43	3	43
		Airport	0	0	1	0	0	0	5	0	0	1	5
Dunlin*	Red (B/W)	Big-Isle	0	0	400	312	0	0	0	1,400	0	0	1,400
		Airport	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Species	BoCCI Status	VP	23/11/22	30/11/22	14/12/22	19/12/22	11/01/23	13/01/23	09/02/23	22/02/23	08/03/23	31/03/23	Peak
Eider	Red (B/W)	Big-Isle	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
		Airport	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Golden plover	Red (B/W)	Big-Isle	0	0	0	0	950	0	40	0	0	0	950
		Airport	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Great black-backed gull	Green	Big-Isle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Airport	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Greenshank*	Green	Big-Isle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
		Airport	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grey heron	Green	Big-Isle	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
		Airport	3	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	3
Lapwing	Red (B/W)	Big-Isle	385	400	14	228	1,230	700	38	0	0	0	1,230
		Airport	0	388	0	30	25	0	600	0	0	0	600
Lesser black-backed gull	Amber (B/W)	Big-Isle	4	6	9	1	3	0	0	22	23	0	23
		Airport	0	18	7	13	12	0	162	0	1	0	162
Little egret	Green	Big-Isle	0	3	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
		Airport	1	6	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Mallard*	Amber (B/W)	Big-Isle	0	2	2	10	60	0	4	41	0	0	60
		Airport	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
Oystercatcher*	Red (B/W)	Big-Isle	0	2	35	37	46	93	8	0	1	1	93
		Airport	0	0	0	0	0	0	208	0	0	0	208
Raven	Green	Big-Isle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
		Airport	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Redshank*	Red (B/W)	Big-Isle	2	1	5	12	0	0	8	0	10	6	12
		Airport	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Shelduck*	Amber (B/W)	Big-Isle	0	24	0	20	250	113	70	79	0	6	250
		Airport	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Teal*	Amber (B/W)	Big-Isle	6	14	0	26	0	0	0	0	27	0	27
		Airport	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Species	BoCCI Status	VP	23/11/22	30/11/22	14/12/22	19/12/22	11/01/23	13/01/23	09/02/23	22/02/23	08/03/23	31/03/23	Peak
Tufted duck	Amber (B/W)	Big-Isle	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	0	0	48
		Airport	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whimbrel	Green	Big-Isle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Airport	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24
Wigeon*	Amber (B/W)	Big-Isle	100	24	19	45	0	0	0	0	152	60	152
		Airport	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Key to table: B = BoCCI listed for breeding population; W = BoCCI listed for overwintering population; **BOLD*** = Lough Swilly SPA SCI

Table A5-2: Counts and Locations of Species Recorded During Windscreen Surveys

Species	BoCCI Status	18/11/2022	20/12/2022	11/01/2023	01/02/2023	03/03/2023
Primary Target Species						
Greenland White-fronted goose*	Amber (W)	—	57 (620946 912251)	15 (621357 912180)	14 (620891 911720) 42 (620713 912192)	54 (622714 912530)
Greylag goose*	Amber (W)	57 (622716 912544)	6 (621486 912221)	15 (619371 911676)	350 (620891 911720)	56 (619243 911502)
		—	53 (622371 912064)	68 (619109 911502)	148 (621276 911894)	82 (619156 911571)
		—	60 (622453 912005)	56 (621250 911780)	1 (621135 911913)	—
		—	250 (622822 911702)	12 (621152 911775)	—	—
		—	—	31 (621357 912180)	—	—
Whooper swan* (juvenile)	Amber (W)	—	—	2 (622797 911719)	—	—
Secondary Target Species						
Black-headed gull*	Amber (B/W)	—	10 (619254 911633)	17 (619211 911644)	3 (619300 911025) 37 (619214 911642)	13 (623210 911160)
Black-tailed godwit	Red (W)	1 (620425 911317)	100 (622822 911702)	—	—	31 (619156 911571) 9 (622982 911068)

Species	BoCCI Status	18/11/2022 Count (ITM coords)	20/12/2022	11/01/2023	01/02/2023	03/03/2023
Buzzard	Green	1 (623398 911324)	—	—	—	—
Common gull*	Amber (B/W)	—	—	—	—	6 (620396 911070) 8 (623210 911160)
Curlew*	Red (B/W)	85 (620568 911442)	33 (619109 911470)	21 (619109 911502)	8 (621480 912294)	24 (619156 911571)
		93 (620425 911317)	12 (621486 912221)		108 (622792 912392)	94 (622982 911068)
		5 (620255 911257)	150 (622345 912386)		2 (623278 911234)	
		7 (619177 911707)	300 (622826 911702)			
		300 (622716 912544)	32 (622978 911097)			
Dunlin*	Red (B/W)	—	5 (622345 912386)	—	—	—
Greenshank*	Green	1 (623260 911327)	—	2 (621357 912180)	—	—
Grey heron	Green	1 (620568 911442)	—	—	—	—
Herring gull	Amber (B/W)	—	27 (619254 911633) 40 (621342 912211)	4 (619211 911644)	10 (619214 911642)	—
Kingfisher	Amber (B)	1 (623260 911327)	—	—	—	—
Lapwing	Red (B/W)	300 (622560 912565)	43 (619254 911633) 400 (622345 912386) 197 (622816 911131)	52 (619211 911644) 14 (619109 911502) 1 (622879 911984)	43 (619214 911642) 97 (622508 912348) 740 (622792 912392)	—
Lesser black-backed gull	Amber (B/W)	—	1 (619254 911633)	—	—	—
Mallard*	Amber (B/W)	—	—	12 (619311 911040)	—	2 (622576 912374)
Oystercatcher*	Red (B/W)	1 (622908 911214)	1 (619109 911470)	—	27 (622792 912392)	6 (622714 912530)
Redshank*	Red (B/W)	—	25 (621486 912221) 200 (622345 912386) 1 (623373 911280)	1 (621357 912180)	—	—
White-tailed eagle	Red (B)	1 (621173 911768)	—	—	—	—

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Vantage Point Surveys

Table A5-3: VP2.12 High/Low Tide Counts September/October/November/December/January

Species	BoCCI	02/09/25 (High)	10/09/25 (Low)	07/10/25 (Low)	13/10/25 (High)	03/11/25 (Low)	27/11/25 (High)	01/12/25 (High)	03/12/25 (Low)	07/01/26 (Low)	12/01/26 (High)
Black-headed gull	Amber	93	37	78	40	-	325	98	63	-	124
Buzzard	Green	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Common gull	Amber	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cormorant	Amber	1	-	-	-	-	4	3	-	-	-
Curlew	Red	4	1	8	15	34	30	2	19	15	19
Great Black-backed Gull	N/A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Greenshank	Green	1	-	3 (2)	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Grey heron	Green	1	-	1	1	-	-	1	1	-	1
Herring gull	Amber	3	-	-	-	-	3	-	2	-	-
Lapwing	Red	75	14	-	-	-	14	-	-	-	1
Lesser black-backed gull	Amber	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Little egret	Green	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mallard	Amber	-	-	-	2	-	6	-	-	-	3
Oystercatcher	Red	12	-	-	1	18	5	3	-	-	-
Redshank	Red	6	-	1	9	-	6	1	1	5	3
Sparrowhawk	Green	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
Snipe	Red	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
Spotted sandpiper	Vagrant	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Teal	Amber	2	2	14	14	-	26	42	97	-	28

Species	BoCCI	02/09/25 (High)	10/09/25 (Low)	07/10/25 (Low)	13/10/25 (High)	03/11/25 (Low)	27/11/25 (High)	01/12/25 (High)	03/12/25 (Low)	07/01/26 (Low)	12/01/26 (High)
Wigeon	Amber	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	6

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Table A5-4: VP2.13 High/Low Tide Counts September/October/November/December/January

Species	BoCCI	03/09/25 (High)	09/09/25 (Low)	08/10/20 (Low)	14/10/25 (High)	04/11/25 (Low)	26/11/25 (High)	02/12/25 (High)	04/12/25 (Low)	06/01/26 (Low)	13/01/26 (High)
Black-headed gull	Amber	203	804	-	-	-	228	214	-	-	11
Barnacle Goose	Amber	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Bar-tailed Godwit	Red	-	-	-	-	-	45	-	-	-	-
Black-tailed Godwit	Red	-	-	-	-	-	165	-	-	-	-
Curlew	Red	31	4	4	55	162	45	102	73	27	216
Common Gull	Amber	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Golden Plover	Red	-	-	-	-	-	450	-	-	-	-
Great black-backed gull	Green	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grey heron	Green	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Greylag Goose	Amber	-	-	-	-	9	299	62	105	196	174
Herring Gull	Amber	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Lapwing	Red	-	-	-	106	-	4	-	18	120	55
Little Egret	Green	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1

Species	BoCCI	03/09/25 (High)	09/09/25 (Low)	08/10/20 (Low)	14/10/25 (High)	04/11/25 (Low)	26/11/25 (High)	02/12/25 (High)	04/12/25 (Low)	06/01/26 (Low)	13/01/26 (High)
Lesser black-backed gull	Amber	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oystercatcher	Red	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-
Peregrine falcon	Green	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Redshank	Red	-	-	-	-	-	32	28	-	-	-
White-fronted Goose	Amber	-	-	-	-	-	581	-	-	-	375
Wigeon	Amber	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48

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Table A5-5: VP3.14 High/Low Tide Counts September/October/November/December/January

Species	BoCCI	04/09/25 (High)	11/09/25 (Low)	09/10/20 (Low)	29/10/25 (High)	06/11/25 (Low)	25/11/25 (High)	02/12/25 (High)	04/12/25 (Low)	14/01/26 (High)	30/01/26 (Low)
Black-headed Gull	Amber	-	-	-	-	4	2	66	-	1	108
Buzzard	Green	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Bonaparts gull	Vagrant	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Common Gull	Amber	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Cormorant	Amber	3	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Curlew	Red	-	9	-	8	-	100	-	-	-	109
Dunlin	Red	-	-	-	-	-	25	-	-	-	-
Golden plover	Red	-	-	-	-	-	77	-	-	-	-
Greenshank	Green	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-

Species	BoCCI	04/09/25 (High)	11/09/25 (Low)	09/10/20 (Low)	29/10/25 (High)	06/11/25 (Low)	25/11/25 (High)	02/12/25 (High)	04/12/25 (Low)	14/01/26 (High)	30/01/26 (Low)
Grey heron	Green	3	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Greylag Goose	Amber	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Grey wagtail	Red	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Herring Gull	Amber	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-
Kingfisher	Amber	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
Lapwing	Red	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	18	41
Lesser black-backed gull	Amber	5	1	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-
Little Egret	Green	-	4	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	3
Redshank	Red	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Sparrowhawk	Green	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Teal	Amber	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-
White-fronted Goose	Amber	-	-	-	-	-	535	-	-	-	-

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Table A5-6: VP4.15 High/Low Tide Counts September/October/November/December/January

Species	BoCCI	01/09/25 (High)	03/09/25 (Low)	06/10/25 (Low)	28/10/25 (High)	05/11/25 (Low)	28/11/25 (High)	01/12/25 (High)	03/12/25 (Low)	05/01/26 (Low)	29/01/26 (High)
Bar-tailed godwit	Red	-	3	3	-	-	10	-	-	-	-
Black-headed gull	Amber	67	152	-	-	2	30	-	22	5	13
Black-tailed godwit	Red	8	4	2	-	-	35	-	-	-	-

Species	BoCCI	01/09/25 (High)	03/09/25 (Low)	06/10/25 (Low)	28/10/25 (High)	05/11/25 (Low)	28/11/25 (High)	01/12/25 (High)	03/12/25 (Low)	05/01/26 (Low)	29/01/26 (High)
Common gull	Amber	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Common sandpiper	Amber	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cormorant	Amber	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Curlew	Red	30	129	7	35	1	50	1	48	-	24
Dunlin	Red	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Greenshank	Green	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grey heron	Green	3	2	1	-	-	1	1	-	1	-
Jack snipe	Green	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lapwing	Red	-	-	32	-	-	132	-	-	-	-
Lesser black-backed gull	Amber	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Little Egret	Green	1	-	1	-	-	1	2	-	-	1
Oystercatcher	Red	-	-	9	-	-	17	-	-	-	-
Peregrine	Green	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Redshank	Red	116	8	9	-	-	6	9	-	-	-
Snipe	Red	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sparrowhawk	Green	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Teal	Amber	-	1	-	-	-	29	8	-	-	-
Wigeon	Amber	-	-	-	-	-	-	34	-	-	-
White-fronted Goose	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26

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Windscreen Surveys

Table A5-7: Species Counts for Windscreen Surveys September/October/November/December/January section 2

Species	BoCCI	12/09/25	15/10/2025	18/11/25	05/12/25	15/01/26	Peak Flock Count
Black-headed gull	Amber	337	300	36	3	127	300
Brent Goose	Amber	-	-	-	35	-	35
Buzzard	Green	-	-	-	1	2	1
Cormorant	Amber	-	-	-	-	2	2
Curlew	Red	23	154	160	61	194	132
Golden plover	Red	-	-	456	200	520	520
Great Black-backed Gull	Green	8	-	-	-	-	-
Greenshank	Green	-	-	-	-	1	1
Grey Heron	Green	-	-	-	-	4	2
Greylag goose	Amber	205	-	230	403	337	281
Herring Gull	Amber	-	-	-	5	20	20
Lapwing	Red	-	-	335	60	250	251
Lesser Black-backed Gull	Amber	12	-	-	-	-	12
Little Egret	Green	-	-	-	3	-	3
Oystercatcher	Red	-	-	-	8	25	8
Redshank	Red	-	-	11	-	5	6
Sanderling	Red	-	-	-	-	350	350
Shelduck	Amber	-	-	-	-	36	36
Sparrowhawk	Green	-	-	-	-	1	1
Teal	Amber	-	-	-	-	6	6
White-fronted goose	Amber	-	52	456	19	500	424

Species	BoCCI	12/09/25	15/10/2025	18/11/25	05/12/25	15/01/26	Peak Flock Count
Wigeon	Amber	-	-	-	-	38	38

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Table A5-8: Species Counts for Windscreen Surveys Section 3

Species	BoCCI	12/09/25	15/10/2025	19/11/25	05/12/25	16/12/26	08/01/26	16/01/26	Peak Flock Count
Black-headed gull	Amber	337	300	122	-	-	-	53	300
Common Gull	Amber	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	5
Herring gull	Amber	-	-	46	147	78	152	5	152
Grey Heron	Green	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	7
Greylag Goose	Amber	-	-	-	-	-	287	-	287
Lesser Black-backed Gull	Amber	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4
Whooper swan	Amber	-	-	-	-	-	95	8	51