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Ornifolks in Britain

	1-Jun	2-Jun	3-Jun	4-Jun	5-Jun	6-Jun	7-Jun	8-Jun	
Wood Warbler									<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>
Chiffchaff		H 1					2	X	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>
Willow Warbler	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>
Goldcrest	1	FC	H	FC	FC	H			<i>Regulus regulus</i>
Spotted Flycatcher		2			2				<i>Muscicapa striata</i>
Pied Flycatcher						1F			<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>
Bearded Tit								2	<i>Panurus biarmicus</i>
Long-tailed Tit		6					6	X	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>
Crested Tit		2	FC						<i>Parus cristatus</i>
Coal Tit		FC	FC	FC	FC	FC			<i>Parus ater</i>
Blue Tit	3	4	3		2		X	X	<i>Parus caeruleus</i>
Great Tit		3	2	FC	3	3	X		<i>Parus major</i>
Treecreeper		6	3		FC	1	1		<i>Certhia familiaris</i>
Jay							3	1	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>
Maggie	X	1				X	X	X	<i>Pica pica</i>
Jackdaw	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	<i>Corvus monedula</i>
Rook	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>
Carrion Crow	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	<i>Corvus (corone) corone</i>
Hooded Crow		1				1			<i>Corvus (corone) cornix</i>
Starling	X	X	X	1	X	X	X	X	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>
House Sparrow	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	<i>Passer domesticus</i>
Chaffinch	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>
Greenfinch	1		2	10	10		10	X	<i>Carduelis chloris</i>
Goldfinch							4	3	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>
Siskin		2	FC	FC	FC				<i>Carduelis spinus</i>
Linnet	1			4	1		FC	FC	<i>Carduelis cannabina</i>
Twite					2				<i>Carduelis flavirostris</i>
Lesser Redpoll		1	2		FC				<i>Carduelis (flammea) cabaret</i>
Scottish Crossbill		6	20	H					<i>Loxia scotica</i>
Bullfinch		3	2		2			2	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>
Yellowhammer				3				X	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>
Reed Bunting		1					6	X	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>

	1-Jun	2-Jun	3-Jun	4-Jun	5-Jun	6-Jun	7-Jun	8-Jun	
Nightjar								1	<i>Caprimulgus europaeus</i>
Common Swift		FC	FC		X	X	X	X	<i>Apus apus</i>
Green Woodpecker	H							2	<i>Picus viridis</i>
Great Spotted Woodpecker		2	H				2		<i>Dendrocopos major</i>
Woodlark	2								<i>Lullula arborea</i>
Skylark							6	X	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>
Sand Martin			X 30		4			X 30	<i>Riparia riparia</i>
Swallow		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>
House Martin	2		5		X	X	FC	X	<i>Delichon urbica</i>
Tree Pipit		FC	FC						<i>Anthus trivialis</i>
Meadow Pipit		FC	FC	X	X	X	1		<i>Anthus pratensis</i>
Rock Pipit				2		1			<i>Anthus petrosus</i>
Yellow Wagtail							1		<i>Motacilla (flava) flavissima</i>
Grey Wagtail		1			3		2		<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>
Pied Wagtail	1	10	6		X	X	X	X	<i>Motacilla (alba) yarrellii</i>
Dipper		1	3		2	1			<i>Cinclus cinclus</i>
Wren	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>
Dunnock			1			1	X	X	<i>Prunella modularis</i>
Robin	1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>
Nightingale								H	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>
Common Redstart		FC	H	H	H	H			<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>
Whinchat		1							<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>
Stonechat		2	4						<i>Saxicola (torquata) torquata</i>
Northern Wheatear		6	X		4				<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>
Ring Ouzel		1M			1M				<i>Turdus torquatus</i>
Blackbird	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	<i>Turdus merula</i>
Song Thrush	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>
Mistle Thrush	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>
Cetti's Warbler							H	H	<i>Cettia cetti</i>
Grasshopper Warbler							1		<i>Locustella naevia</i>
Sedge Warbler		C			H		FC	FC	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>
Reed Warbler							FC	FC	<i>Acrocephalus (scirpaceus) scirpaceus</i>
Dartford Warbler	1								<i>Sylvia undata</i>
Lesser Whitethroat							3	1	<i>Sylvia (curruca) curruca</i>
Common Whitethroat							FC	FC	<i>Sylvia communis</i>
Garden Warbler							H	2	<i>Sylvia borin</i>
Blackcap							5	1	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>

The Itinerary

- 01-June-99 Heathrow to Thursley Common. Thursley Common to Aviemore via Stokenchurch
- 02-June-99 Speyside Abernethy Forest, Grantown-on-Spey, Lochindorb, Cairngorm, Insh Marshes
- 03-June-99 Speyside Grantown-on-Spey, Abernethy Forest, Findhorn Valley, Grantown-on-Spey
- 04-June-99 Deeside Glen Tanar. Fowlsheugh, Ythan Estuary
- 05-June-99 Deeside Linn of Dee, Braemar
- 06-June-99 Aboyne, Aboyne to Norwich (Norfolk)
- 07-June-99 Sweet Briar Marsh (Norwich), Great Yarmouth, Hickling Broad
- 08-June-99 Norwich, Stodmarsh (Kent), Church Wood, Clowes Wood.

Ornifolks in Britain

	1-Jun	2-Jun	3-Jun	4-Jun	5-Jun	6-Jun	7-Jun	8-Jun	
Moorhen			1			1	X	X	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>
Coot								X	<i>Fulica atra</i>
Oystercatcher		FC	FC	FC	FC	FC	X		<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>
Little Ringed Plover								2	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>
Ringed Plover							5		<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>
Dotterel		1F							<i>Charadrius morinellus</i>
Golden Plover			12						<i>Pluvialis apricaria</i>
Lapwing		FC	FC	1 FC	FC	FC	FC	FC	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>
Knot				1					<i>Calidris canutus</i>
Sanderling				12					<i>Calidris alba</i>
Curlew Sandpiper				1					<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>
Dunlin				20					<i>Calidris alpina</i>
Common Snipe		1 FC			H	1 H			<i>Gallinago (gallinago) gallinago</i>
Woodcock		1 FC				1 1		4	<i>Scolopax rusticola</i>
Curlew		3 FC	15	4	1 FC	1			<i>Numenius arquata</i>
Redshank		3			1				<i>Tringa totanus</i>
Common Sandpiper		1	4						<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>
Turnstone				1					<i>Arenaria interpres</i>
Black-headed Gull	X	X	6 FC	X	X	X	X	X	<i>Larus ridibundus</i>
Common Gull				X	X				<i>Larus canus</i>
Lesser Black-backed Gull						3		2	<i>Larus (fuscus) graellsii</i>
Herring Gull						X	X	X	<i>Larus argentatus</i>
Great Black-backed Gull							1		<i>Larus marinus</i>
Kittiwake				X			1		<i>Rissa tridactyla</i>
Sandwich Tern				3		1			<i>Sterna sandvicensis</i>
Common Tern			1				6	15	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>
Arctic Tern				X					<i>Sterna paradisaea</i>
Little Tern				6			X		<i>Sterna albifrons</i>
Guillemot				X					<i>Uria aalge</i>
Razorbill				X					<i>Alca torda</i>
Puffin				6					<i>Fratercula arctica</i>
Rock Dove	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	<i>Columba livia</i>
Stock Dove		2					2	X	<i>Columba oenas</i>
Woodpigeon		4 FC	2 FC	X	FC	X	X	X	<i>Columba palumbus</i>
Collared Dove		4		X	X	X	X	X	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>
Turtle Dove								4	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>
Cuckoo		1	3		H	H	1		<i>Cuculus canorus</i>
Little Owl							1		<i>Athene noctua</i>
Tawny Owl					1				<i>Strix aluco</i>

	1-Jun	2-Jun	3-Jun	4-Jun	5-Jun	6-Jun	7-Jun	8-Jun	
Red-throated Diver						3			<i>Gavia stellata</i>
Great Crested Grebe							1	2	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>
Fulmar				FC		6	2		<i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>
Gannet				2		15			<i>Morus bassanus</i>
Cormorant				10		1	1	1	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>
Shag				2					<i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i>
Grey Heron		2	1	X		1	3	2	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>
Mute Swan							30	5	<i>Cygnus olor</i>
Greylag Goose								15	<i>Anser anser</i>
Canada Goose							10		<i>Branta (canadensis) canadensis</i>
Shelduck					5			2	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>
Common Teal								2	<i>Anas (crecca) crecca</i>
Mallard		FC	2		2	5	6	10	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>
Garganey								1M	<i>Anas querquedula</i>
Shoveler								6	<i>Anas clypeata</i>
Pochard								1	<i>Aythya ferina</i>
Tufted Duck			6					2	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>
Common Eider				700	15				<i>Somateria mollissima</i>
Common Scoter						6			<i>Melanitta (nigra) nigra</i>
Goldeneye		3							<i>Bucephala clangula</i>
Goosander		1	1	2F+3J					<i>Mergus merganser</i>
Red Kite	3								<i>Milvus milvus</i>
Marsh Harrier								1M	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>
Common Buzzard		3	2	3	3	3			<i>Buteo buteo</i>
Osprey			1	1					<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>
Kestrel	FC				1	2	FC	5	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>
Hobby								2	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>
Peregrine Falcon			1						<i>Falco peregrinus</i>
Red Grouse		1+3y			6ad+y				<i>Lagopus (lagopus) scoticus</i>
Ptarmigan		1							<i>Lagopus mutus</i>
Black Grouse		6	1						<i>Tetrao tetrix</i>
Capercaillie			1			1			<i>Tetrao urogallus</i>
Red-legged Partridge							3	1	<i>Alectoris rufa</i>
Pheasant		2	6		1	1	6	2	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>
Water Rail		H							<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>

Daily Notes

01-June-99 Heathrow to Thursley Common, Thursley Common to Aviemore via Stokenchurch

After an arrival in the UK the previous evening LA, MF, DR and CGB depart from CGB's house in Kent at 6.30am in order to collect MAE, PG and PK from Heathrow airport. After pick-up we head to Thursley Common near Guildford in Surrey in order to search for the first target species - Dartford Warbler. Common birds include European Robin, Goldcrest, Carrion Crow, Stonechat and Linnet. Woodlarks breed at Thursley in reasonable numbers and soon we are enjoying these birds singing and engaging in their aerial displays. After a surprisingly brief search close to the car park we find a single male Dartford Warbler, which gives great looks as it sings from the heather, gorse and young birches. With a long drive ahead of us we soon depart north to Aviemore. We slow the pace briefly near Stokenchurch in order to see three Red Kites circling low over the M40 motorway. These birds, originally from a reintroduction program, now appear to have a self-sustaining population. Stops for food during the day produce a few more species, with Black-headed Gull, Jackdaw, Rook, Kestrel, Great Tit and Greenfinch all performing for us. We reached Aviemore in the mid-evening where we check into the local Youth Hostel for a three-night stay.

02-June-99 Speyside: Abernethy Forest, Grantown-on-Spey, Lochindorb, Cairngorm, and Insh Marshes

After a 4.00am start we make the short drive from Aviemore to the RSPB reserve at Abernethy Forest, pausing briefly en-route for a pair of Black Grouse feeding in roadside heather on Tulloch Moor. We spend the next couple of hours walking the Rynettin loop from Forest Lodge, highlights including numerous Willow Warblers, Redstart, Whinchat, Tree Pipit, Treecreeper, Long-tailed Tit, further views of Black Grouse (this time in flight) and some great looks at our first Crested Tits. We then proceed to the woodlands of Grantown-on-Spey, pausing en-route to enjoy our first Bullfinch and then a Dipper under a bridge over the river Spey. The woodlands produce further views of Crested Tits, a displaying Common Snipe, a flushed Eurasian Woodcock, and a frustrating group of 6 crossbills that refuse to stop and allow identification. However, our main quarry here, the Capercaillie refuses to co-operate and after a brief snack stop we move onto Lochindorb where a family party of Red Grouse perform superbly by the road. Agle Stonechat and Common Buzzard are noted on our way to the Cairngorm chair lift. Electing to walk the first part of the slope and take the lift the second half of the way, we arrive near the summit of the mountain in good shape. DR has a chair to himself and is the only person to see the first Ring Ouzel of the trip. A couple of birders on the mountain point us in the direction of a recent sighting of Ptarmigan, and sure enough, despite its best efforts to pass itself off as a rock, we are soon enjoying superb close views of the third

species of grouse for the day. Satisfied with our views, we form a line and pan out across the plateau to the north of the summit and eventually find a superb female Dotterel which gives great looks until we have taken in all the details of its exquisite plumage. The final site of the day is a short trip down to the Insh marshes RSPB reserve, where a more relaxing couple of hours produce breeding Redshank, Eurasian Curlew, a few Goldeneye, Coal Tit, Sedge Warbler and Reed Bunting. A brief search for Wood Warbler in the woodlands adjoining the marshes soon results in a singing bird that provides good views of this relatively bright member of the phylloscopus warblers. Night in Aviemore.

03-June-99..... Speyside: Grantown-on-Spey, Abernethy Forest, Findhorn Valley, Grantown-on-Spey

After another even earlier start, the morning is spent searching the woodlands of Grantown-on-Spey for Capercaillie. After an extended search, MAE flushes a male into an isolated area of trees, but further searches fail to provide an acceptable view for the rest of the group and we return to the vehicle beginning to realise just how tough this species is going to be on this trip. We move on to Abernethy Forest where a group of about 20 crossbills are found near the Forest Lodge parking lot. They prove to be very difficult to get views of for over an hour, during which time we obtain glimpses of birds that appear to be Scottish. Finally we nail the flock and get gripping views of at least 12 birds as they feed close to the path on the Rynettin loop trail. The array of bill sizes is bewildering, but at least some birds appear to be in the range of Scottish, whilst others appear to approach Parrot! Pleased with this success we take a brief look at the Loch Garten Osprey watchpoint, where a single Osprey is on view and groups of Siskins and Coal Tits are coming to feeders.

A trip to the Findhorn Valley in steady rain fails to find the hoped for Ring Ouzels but we do find three Dippers, a single Common Tern, breeding Northern Wheatears and some fine breeding plumaged Golden Plovers. With the weather still rather unpleasant we decide to try once again for Capercaillie in the woods at Grantown-on-Spey, but this is again met without success. Night in Aviemore.

04-June-99..... Deeside: Glen Tanar, Fowlsheugh, Ythan Estuary

We decide to leave Speyside and try for Capercaillie in the woodlands of Glen Tanar near Aboyne. We record Red Grouse on the drive over the moors near Tomintoul and arrive at Glen Tanar around 5.30am. We follow the trail alongside the river Tanar, but once again no Capercaillie is found. We do however record a single female Goosander with three young, Redstart and an Osprey. After a few hours we decide to take a break from the woodlands and head down to the coast at Fowlsheugh, a seabird colony near Aberdeen. We enjoy superb point blank range views of Northern Fulmar, Razorbill, Guillemot, Black-legged Kittiwake, whilst Atlantic Puffins and European Shag prove somewhat shyer. A pair of Rock

The Bird List

- fc = Fairly common**
- h = heard only**
- x = quantities undetermined**
- sp = identity uncertain**
- s = seen**

Pipits perform well in the cliff top grass, whilst a party of Gannets passes offshore. Lunch in Stonehaven is followed by a trip up to the Ythan Estuary. Here we spend a relaxing couple of hours enjoying Sandwich, Arctic, Little and Common Terns, a selection of waders that includes Sanderling, Dunlin, Curlew Sandpiper, Red Knot and Ruddy Turnstone. The large flock of at least 700 Common Eider usually holds a single drake King Eider, but despite our searches we are unable to find it. The gorse bushes adjacent to the golf course provide opportunities to watch our first Yellowhammers, whilst Linnets and Stonechats also perform well. A chat with local birder, Harry Scott, points us in the direction of some new areas to search for Capercaillie, whilst Harry also provides us with details of where there is a breeding pair of Ring Ouzels. Night is spent at the Wolf's Hearth Hostel near Aboyne.

05-June-99 Deeside: Linn of Dee, Braemar, Baddoch

Another early start sees us searching one of Harry Scott's 'near certain' sites for Capercaillie - after three hours we conclude that once again we are out of luck. We decide to head south from Braemar to search for Ring Ouzel. After heavy rain shower, the whole group eventually obtains looks of a fine male. PG finds two Twite, but the rest of the group dip and despite exploring some nearby heather moorland and a pine plantation our only success is several family groups of Red Grouse. After lunch in Braemar, another search at the Linn of Dee Capercaillie site fails to produce a sighting. We have an early night at the Wolf's Hearth.

06-June-99 Deeside: Glen Tanar. Aboyne ⇒ St Andrews, St Andrews ⇒ Norwich (Norfolk)

A 2.00am start sees us leaving the Wolf's Hearth while the rest of the residents are still partying. We try another site for Capercaillie. We walk through the forest and find our way blocked by a stream swollen by recent rains. Walking upstream we find a fallen tree, cross and continue to make our way through the woodland. As we begin to doubt whether we will see our quarry, a fine male finally takes pity on us and erupts from a treetop and gives flight views to all. At last! Following this success we make our way back to the vehicle getting views of a female Pied Flycatcher on the way. The rest of the day is spent on the long drive south to Norwich. A souvenir stop in St Andrews produces Common Scoter, a potential split from Black, from the seafront parking lot. Night staying with local birders in Norwich.

07-June-99 Sweet Briar Marsh Norwich, Great Yarmouth, Potter Heigham

We spend a leisurely morning exploring Sweet Briar Marsh in Norwich. Our main targets are some of the warblers that we have yet to see. We get good looks at most of them, with Common Whitethroat, Lesser Whitethroat, Blackcap and Chiffchaff all performing well. Other highlights include Eurasian Jay, Great-spotted Woodpecker, Grey Wagtail and Long-

tailed Tit. As yet more rain sets in, we take a break and then drive to Great Yarmouth to search for a pair of Roseate Terns that have been frequenting a Little Tern colony. Strong winds and heavy rain are primary reasons for missing our target, but a Great-crested Grebe swims by close in offshore. We decide to search for partridges and better weather inland, and soon we are enjoying both, as a pair of Red-legged Partridges enjoys some rare Norfolk sunshine. We also find a splendid Yellow Wagtail of the British race flavissima. Our final destination, Potter Heigham, produces fine views of the hoped for Grasshopper Warbler, whilst a male Marsh Harrier, and good numbers of Reed Warblers and Reed Buntings oblige. Night in Norwich.

08-June--99..... Norwich ⇒ Stodmarsh (Kent), Church Wood, Clowes Wood.

A short visit to some local gravel pits produces Little Ringed Plover, Pochard, Tufted Duck and Greylag Goose but the group misses the Green Woodpecker seen briefly by local guide Guy Kirwan. Soon we are on our way southwards again, arriving at Stodmarsh National Nature reserve near Canterbury in the early afternoon. Shortly after leaving the parking lot we are enjoying good views of a singing Garden Warbler. A distant Hobby fails to inspire, but later we have great looks of a bird perched on a fence post. Bearded Tits are heard and glimpsed, but strong winds make this species hard to see in this reedbed habitat. Further highlights from our relaxing stroll include male Garganey, Common Teal and Turtle Dove. We spend the last two hours of the trip in Church and Clowes Woods. We repeatedly hear Green Woodpecker and flush two or three birds, but all prove uncooperative. A distant Nightingale is heard, but is too far away to see. As dusk falls we move into position to listen for Nightjar, which soon begins to call from a nearby tree and provides a delightful sound with which to end the trip. Night at CGB's house in Gillingham, Kent.

A 4.00am departure for Heathrow in order to catch flights to Istanbul, Turkey for the next leg of the trip.

Final Notes

Harry Scott helped make this trip a success. Although not necessarily able to accompany birders in the field, he is happy to help visiting birders find the Scottish specialties (family and work commitments permitting) and can be contacted via e-mail at picades@ifb.sco.uk or by telephone on 013398 86450.

Further Reading

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Further information about where to find specific species may be found on the UK400 Club web site at

<http://freespace.virgin.net/dave.walters/blnw/portaluk400.htm>

(Look under UK400 Site Guides)

Information about birding sites in Kent may be found at the Kent Ornithological Society web site

<http://www.kentaccess.org.uk/kos>

and soon on the North Kent Birding Web site

<http://www.northkentbirding.freeserve.co.uk>

Lodging

The hostels we stayed at were as follows:

Aviemore Youth Hostel

25 Grampion Road, Aviemore, Inverness, Ph22 IPR. Tel: 01479810345 (open all year).

The Wolf's Hearth

The Steading, Tornaveen, by Lumphanan, Deeside AB3 4PL. Tel: 01339883460 (open all year).