

Checklist of the birds of the mainland Fife recording area (5th Edition)

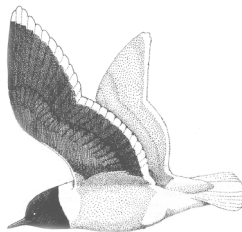
Includes all accepted records to the end of September 2014



Status

RB	resident breeder
rb	scarce or irregular resident breeder
fb	feral breeding population
SB	common summer (migrant) breeder
sb	scarce or irregular summer (migrant) breeder
NB	regular non-breeding visitor
nb	scarce or irregular non-breeding visitor
PM	common passage migrant
pm	scarce passage migrant (annual in small numbers)
Rpm	rare passage migrant (not quite annual in last 10 years)
(s)	denotes passage (predominantly in spring)
(a)	denotes passage (predominantly in autumn)
WV	regular winter visitor
wv	scarce winter visitor (annual but in small numbers)
Rwv	rare or irregular winter visitor
X	previous population now believed to be extinct in Fife (with year of last record in brackets)
Int	sightings almost certainly include individuals from species re-introduction schemes (e.g. Red Kite, White-tailed Eagle)
SV	scarce vagrant – several records per decade
V	vagrant – recorded very infrequently
<1950	number of individual birds recorded pre-1950
>1950	number of individual birds recorded since 1950
Last Year	last year of occurrence

Allocation of status is generally based on the main seasonal pattern and level of occurrence of each species in the last ten years. Allocation of status for a species as a rare passage migrant, scarce vagrant or vagrant is based on the number of formally accepted records where the respective species are deemed to be BBRC, SBRC or FLRC description species.



Species	Breeding	Status	<1950	>1950	Last Year
Mute Swan	RB	WV	~	~	~
Bewick's Swan	~	Rwv	~	~	~
Whooper Swan	~	WV	~	~	~
Taiga Bean Goose	~	Rwv	~	~	2012
Tundra Bean Goose	~	V	0	10+	2012
Pink-footed Goose	~	WV	~	~	~
European White-fronted Goose	~	Rwv	~	~	~
Greenland White-fronted Goose	~	WV	~	~	~
Greylag Goose	fb	WV	~	~	~
Snow Goose	~	Rwv	~	~	~
Greater Canada Goose	fb	pm	~	~	~
Barnacle Goose	~	pm/wv	~	~	~
Dark-bellied Brent Goose	~	Rwv	~	~	~
Pale-bellied Brent Goose	~	pm/wv	~	~	~
Red-breasted Goose	~	V	0	3	2011
Shelduck	RB	~	~	~	~
Mandarin Duck	~	V	1	24+	2012
Wigeon	~	PM/WV	~	~	~
American Wigeon	~	V	2	10+	1997
Gadwall	sb	PM/WV	~	~	~
Teal	~	PM/WV	~	~	~
Green-winged Teal	~	V	0	13	2012
Mallard	RB	WV	~	~	~
Pintail	~	WV	~	~	~
Garganey	~	pm(s)	~	~	~
Shoveler	sb	PM/wv	~	~	~
Red-crested Pochard	~	V	1	23+	2008
Pochard	~	pm/wv	~	~	~
Ring-necked Duck	~	V	0	16	2010
Ferruginous Duck	~	V	0	3+	2009
Tufted Duck	rb	PM/WV	~	~	~
Scaup	~	wv	~	~	~
Lesser Scaup	~	V	0	1	2007
Eider	rb	WV	~	~	~
King Eider	~	V	many	8+	2014
Long-tailed Duck	~	WV	~	~	~
Common Scoter	~	NB/PM/WV	~	~	~
Surf Scoter	~	wv	~	~	~
Velvet Scoter	~	nb/WV	~	~	~
Goldeneye	~	nb/WV	~	~	~
Hooded Merganser	~	V	0	1	2008

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Smew	~	wv	~	~	~
Red-breasted Merganser	~	NB/WV	~	~	~
Goosander	rb	WV	~	~	~
Ruddy Duck	~	pm	~	~	~
Quail	sb	sb	~	~	~
Red-legged Partridge	rb	rb/Int	~	~	~
Red Grouse	rb	rb	~	~	~
Black Grouse	X	~	~	~	(1996)
Capercaillie	X	~	~	~	(1993)
Grey Partridge	RB	RB	~	~	~
Pheasant	RB	RB/Int	~	~	~
Red-throated Diver	~	PM/WV	~	~	~
Black-throated Diver	~	pm/wv	~	~	~
Great Northern Diver	~	pm/wv	~	~	~
White-billed Diver	~	V	0	4	2003
Black-browed Albatross	~	V	0	2	1972
Fulmar	RB	RB/PM	~	~	~
Cory's Shearwater	~	V	0	27	2005
Great Shearwater	~	V	1	5	2003
Sooty Shearwater	~	pm(a)	~	~	~
Manx Shearwater	nb	nb/PM	~	~	~
Balearic Shearwater	~	V	1	48+	2013
Storm Petrel	~	nb/pm(a)	~	~	~
Leach's Petrel	~	V	1	20+	2012
Gannet	NB	NB/PM	~	~	~
Cormorant	RB	RB	~	~	~
Shag	RB	RB/pm	~	~	~
Bittern	~	V	5+	1	2001
Little Bittern	~	V	1	2	1979
Night-heron	~	V	0	1	1992
Squacco Heron	~	V	0	1	2005
Little Egret	~	nb	~	~	~
Great White Egret	~	V	0	3	2009
Grey Heron	RB	RB	~	~	~
Purple Heron	~	V	0	1	2011
White Stork	~	V	0	8	2012
Glossy Ibis	~	V	1	0	1842
Spoonbill	~	V	0	10	2013
Little Grebe	RB	RB	~	~	~
Great Crested Grebe	RB	RB/wv	~	~	~
Red-necked Grebe	~	wv	~	~	~

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Slavonian Grebe	~	pm/wv	~	~	~
Black-necked Grebe	~	SV	~	~	~
Honey-buzzard	~	Rpm	5	17	2010
Red Kite	~	V/Int	1+	13	2013
White-tailed Eagle	rb	rb/Int	1	1	2000
Marsh Harrier	sb	sb/pm	~	~	~
Hen Harrier	~	pm/wv	~	~	~
Goshawk	rb	rb/wv	~	~	~
Sparrowhawk	RB	RB/pm	~	~	~
Buzzard	RB	RB/pm	~	~	~
Rough-legged Buzzard	~	V	5+	9	1997
Golden Eagle	~	V	c5	5	2012
Osprey	~	NB	~	~	~
Water Rail	rb	rb/pm	~	~	~
Spotted Crake	~	V	several	3	1989
Corncrake	~	V	bred	15+	2008
Moorhen	RB	RB	~	~	~
Coot	RB	RB/WV	~	~	~
Crane	~	Rpm	several	21	2012
Little Bustard	~	V	1	0	1840
Stone-curlew	~	V	1	1	1965
Avocet	~	V	1	16	2008
Oystercatcher	rb	rb/PM/WV	~	~	~
American Golden Plover	~	V	0	3	2011
Golden Plover	~	PM/WV	~	~	~
Grey Plover	~	pm/wv	~	~	~
Lapwing	rb	rb/PM/WV	~	~	~
Little Ringed Plover	sb	sb/Rpm	~	~	~
Ringed Plover	rb	rb/PM/wv	~	~	~
Kentish Plover	~	V	0	2	1985
Dotterel	~	Rpm	~	~	~
Whimbrel	~	PM	~	~	~
Curlew	rb	rb/PM/WV	~	~	~
Black-tailed Godwit	nb	nb/PM/WV	~	~	~
Bar-tailed Godwit	nb	nb/PM/WV	~	~	~
Turnstone	~	nb/PM/WV	~	~	~
Knot	~	PM/WV	~	~	~
Ruff	~	pm/wv	~	~	~
Broad-billed Sandpiper	~	V	2	0	1946
Curlew Sandpiper	~	pm(a)	~	~	~
Temminck's Stint	~	V	0	9	2014

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Sanderling	~	PM/WV	~	~	~
Dunlin	~	nb/PM/WV	~	~	~
Purple Sandpiper	~	pm/wv	~	~	~
Little Stint	~	pm	~	~	~
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	~	V	0	10	2013
Pectoral Sandpiper	~	V	0	10	2013
Wilson's Phalarope	~	V	0	4	1996
Red-necked Phalarope	~	V	0	1	2011
Grey Phalarope	~	V	1	27	2013
Common Sandpiper	sb	sb/pm	~	~	~
Green Sandpiper	~	pm/wv	~	~	~
Spotted Redshank	~	pm	~	~	~
Greenshank	~	nb/PM/wv	~	~	~
Lesser Yellowlegs	~	V	0	1	2008
Wood Sandpiper	~	pm	~	~	~
Redshank	rb	rb/PM/WV	~	~	~
Jack Snipe	~	pm/wv	~	~	~
Long-billed Dowitcher	~	V	1	1	2009
Woodcock	rb	rb/pm/wv	~	~	~
Snipe	rb	rb/PM/WV	~	~	~
Pomarine Skua	~	pm	~	~	~
Arctic Skua	~	PM	~	~	~
Long-tailed Skua	~	Rpm	~	~	~
Great Skua	~	PM	~	~	~
Puffin	SB	SB/wv	~	~	~
Black Guillemot	~	SV	~	~	~
Razorbill	SB	SB/NB/WV	~	~	~
Little Auk	~	wv	~	~	~
Common Guillemot	SB	SB/NB/WV	~	~	~
Little Tern	~	Rpm	~	~	~
Caspian Tern	~	~	0	1	1985
Black Tern	~	pm	~	~	~
White-winged Black Tern	~	V	0	7	2009
Sandwich Tern	~	NB/PM	~	~	~
Common Tern	sb	sb/PM	~	~	~
Roseate Tern	~	nb	~	~	~
Arctic Tern	~	nb/PM	~	~	~
Ivory Gull	~	V	1	0	1904
Sabine's Gull	~	V	1	35+	2012
Kittiwake	SB	SB/PM	~	~	~
Bonaparte's Gull	~	V	0	3	2006

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Black-headed Gull	rb	rb/WV	~	~	~
Little Gull	~	pm/wv	~	~	~
Mediterranean Gull	~	nb	~	~	~
Common Gull	~	nb/PM/WV	~	~	~
Ring-billed Gull	~	V	0	2	2014
Lesser Black-backed Gull	sb	sb/PM/wv	~	~	~
Herring Gull	sb	sb/PM/wv	~	~	~
Yellow-legged Gull	~	V	0	1	2002
Iceland Gull	~	Rwv	~	~	~
Glaucous Gull	~	Rwv	~	~	~
Great Black-backed Gull	rb	rb/WV	~	~	~
Pallas's Sandgrouse	~	V	many	0	1888
Rock Dove	rb	rb	~	~	~
Stock Dove	rb	rb	~	~	~
Woodpigeon	RB	RB/PM	~	~	~
Collared Dove	RB	RB	~	~	~
Turtle Dove	~	SV	~	~	~
Cuckoo	sb	sb/pm	~	~	~
Barn Owl	sb	sb/pm	~	~	~
Scops Owl	~	V	1	0	1909
Snowy Owl	~	V	2	0	1936
Little Owl	~	V	1	1	1997
Tawny Owl	rb	rb	~	~	~
Long-eared Owl	rb	rb/pm	~	~	~
Short-eared Owl	~	pm/wv	~	~	~
Nightjar	~	V	bred	1	2002
Chimney Swift	~	V	0	1	1991
Swift	sb	sb/pm	~	~	~
Little Swift	~	V	0	1	1985
Hoopoe	~	V	3+	22	2003
Bee-eater	~	V	0	2	2009
Kingfisher	rb	rb	~	~	~
Wryneck	~	Rpm	~	~	~
Green Woodpecker	rb	rb	~	~	~
Great Spotted Woodpecker	RB	RB/pm	~	~	~
Kestrel	rb	rb/pm	~	~	~
Red-footed Falcon	~	V	2	1	2010
Merlin	~	pm/wv	~	~	~
Hobby	~	Rpm	~	~	~
Peregrine	rb	rb/pm/wv	~	~	~
Golden Oriole	~	V	3	7	1994

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Brown Shrike	~	V	0	1	2013
Isabelline Shrike	~	V	0	1	1993
Red-backed Shrike	~	Rpm	~	~	~
Lesser Grey Shrike	~	V	0	4	1999
Great Grey Shrike	~	SV	~	~	~
Woodchat Shrike	~	V	0	3	2002
Masked Shrike	~	V	0	1	2004
Chough	~	V	?	2	1990
Magpie	RB	RB	~	~	~
Jay	rb	rb	~	~	~
Jackdaw	RB	RB	~	~	~
Rook	RB	RB	~	~	~
Carrion Crow	RB	RB	~	~	~
Hooded Crow	~	SV	~	~	~
Raven	rb	rb	~	~	~
Goldcrest	RB	RB/pm	~	~	~
Firecrest	~	V	0	32+	2014
Blue Tit	RB	RB/pm	~	~	~
Great Tit	RB	RB	~	~	~
Coal Tit	RB	RB	~	~	~
Willow Tit	X	~	bred	~	(1935)
Bearded Tit	rb	rb	~	~	~
Woodlark	~	V	1	0	1924
Skylark	RB	RB/pm	~	~	~
Shore Lark	~	V	7	28	2010
Sand Martin	SB	SB/PM	~	~	~
Swallow	SB	SB/PM	~	~	~
House Martin	SB	SB/PM	~	~	~
Red-rumped Swallow	~	V	0	3	2009
Long-tailed Tit	RB	RB	~	~	~
Greenish Warbler	~	V	0	7	2004
Arctic Warbler	~	V	0	1	1996
Pallas's Warbler	~	V	0	27	2013
Yellow-browed Warbler	~	Rpm	~	~	~
Hume's Warbler	~	V	0	2	2004
Radde's Warbler	~	V	0	3	2012
Dusky Warbler	~	V	0	2	2013
Wood Warbler	~	Rpm	~	~	~
Chiffchaff	SB	SB/PM/Rww	~	~	~
Willow Warbler	SB	SB/PM	~	~	~
Blackcap	SB	SB/PM/Rww	~	~	~

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Garden Warbler	SB	SB/pm	~	~	~
Barred Warbler	~	SV	~	~	~
Lesser Whitethroat	sb	sb/pm	~	~	~
Whitethroat	SB	SB/pm	~	~	~
Subalpine Warbler	~	V	0	2	1996
Sardinian Warbler	~	V	0	1	2005
Grasshopper Warbler	sb	sb/pm	~	~	~
River Warbler	~	V	0	1	1994
Eastern Olivaceous Warbler	~	V	0	1	2012
Icterine Warbler	~	V	0	39	2009
Sedge Warbler	SB	SB/pm	~	~	~
Blyth's Reed Warbler	~	V	0	1	2001
Marsh Warbler	~	V	0	1	2002
Reed Warbler	~	Rpm	~	~	~
Great Reed Warbler	~	V	0	1	1970
Waxwing	~	Rwv	~	~	~
Nuthatch	~	V	0	9	2012
Treecreeper	RB	RB	~	~	~
Wren	RB	RB	~	~	~
Starling	RB	RB/PM	~	~	~
Rose-coloured Starling	~	V	1	12	2011
Black-bellied Dipper	~	V	?	4	2005
Dipper	rb	rb/Rpm	~	~	~
Ring Ouzel	~	pm	~	~	~
Blackbird	RB	RB/PM	~	~	~
Fieldfare	~	PM/wv	~	~	~
Song Thrush	RB	RB/pm	~	~	~
Redwing	~	PM/wv	~	~	~
Mistle Thrush	RB	RB/pm	~	~	~
Spotted Flycatcher	sb	sb/pm	~	~	~
Robin	RB	RB/PM/WV	~	~	~
Thrush Nightingale	~	V	0	1	1985
Nightingale	~	V	0	1	1990
Bluethroat	~	SV	~	~	~
Red-flanked Bluetail	~	V	0	4	2013
Red-breasted Flycatcher	~	SV	~	~	~
Collared Flycatcher	~	V	0	1	2009
Pied Flycatcher	~	pm	~	~	~
Black Redstart	~	pm/Rwv	~	~	~
Redstart	sb	sb/pm	~	~	~
Whinchat	sb	sb/pm	~	~	~

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Stonechat	rb	rb/pm	~	~	~
Wheatear	sb	sb/PM	~	~	~
Desert Wheatear	~	V	0	1	2003
Pied Wheatear	~	V	0	2	2009
Duncock	RB	RB	~	~	~
House Sparrow	RB	RB	~	~	~
Tree Sparrow	RB	RB	~	~	~
Yellow Wagtail	~	SV	~	~	~
Grey Wagtail	rb	rb/pm	~	~	~
Pied Wagtail	RB	RB/PM	~	~	~
Richard's Pipit	~	V	0	8	2000
Tawny Pipit	~	V	0	1	1979
Olive-backed Pipit	~	V	0	1	2005
Tree Pipit	sb	sb/pm	~	~	~
Meadow Pipit	RB	RB/PM	~	~	~
Red-throated Pipit	~	V	0	1	1998
Rock Pipit	rb	rb/pm	~	~	~
Water Pipit	~	V	0	6	2012
Brambling	~	pm	~	~	~
Chaffinch	RB	RB/PM	~	~	~
Hawfinch	~	V	11+	14	2014
Common Rosefinch	~	V	0	8	2013
Bullfinch	rb	rb/pm	~	~	~
Greenfinch	RB	RB	~	~	~
Linnet	RB	RB	~	~	~
Twite	~	pm/wv	~	~	~
Lesser Redpoll	rb	rb/wv	~	~	~
Common Redpoll	~	SV	~	~	~
Arctic Redpoll	~	V	0	2	1996
Crossbill	rb	rb/pm	~	~	~
Scottish Crossbill	~	V	0	1	2001
Goldfinch	RB	RB	~	~	~
Siskin	rb	rb/pm/wv	~	~	~
Snow Bunting	~	pm/wv	~	~	~
Lapland Bunting	~	pm/Rwv	~	~	~
White-crowned Sparrow	~	V	0	1	2008
Yellowhammer	RB	RB	~	~	~
Ortolan Bunting	~	V	0	3	2003
Little Bunting	~	V	2	4	2009
Yellow-breasted Bunting	~	V	0	3	2000
Reed Bunting	RB	RB/pm	~	~	~



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