

Iceland

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Harlequin Duck



Brunnich's Guillemots



Whooper Swan



Snow Bunting

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Day 1

Tuesday 22nd May

UK - Mývatn

Bright & sunny, temp 10°C

Departure from Heathrow was on schedule and 3hrs later we descended into Keflavik airport where a coach was waiting for our transfer to Reykjavik. The 45 min drive along the barren Reykjanes Peninsula gave us our first insight of the Icelandic landscape. With plenty of time before our internal flight we made a detour to visit the Álfane Peninsula, home of Icelandic Presidents. We enjoyed a breath of fresh arctic air while doing a spot of bird-watching before continuing onto the domestic city-airport. In no time at all we were soon on board our flight north, leaving the capital bathed in warm evening sunlight.

The 40-min flight was uneventful and once in Akureyri we wasted little time in loading our luggage on board the bus before heading off north-easterly to Narfastiðir. We hadn't travelled far before our list of birds began to grow rapidly. We even managed to see a very obliging Ptarmigan together with a Short-eared Owl that flew parallel to the bus for some distance to provide the most amazing views before it settled on a roadside post. It posed for a while highlighted by the beautiful evening sun, unfortunately no one had had time to unpack a camera!! We also had several species of waders and ducks either side of the causeway across Eyafjörður.

Since it was already early evening we pressed on to our accommodation, pausing briefly to photograph some amazing landscape reflections on a lake and to take full advantage of the wonderful light to capture the very photogenic Godafoss Waterfall before arriving at the farm house, Narfastaðir. The air was a cacophony of evocative sounds; bubbling Whimbrels, wick-a-wack calls of Black-tailed Godwits, the plaintive cries of Golden Plover and the incessant drumming and chipping of Snipe - wow this was an incredible reception.

Since the buffet dinner had already started by the time we had arrived, we quickly made our way straight to the dining room where we enjoyed our first taste of Icelandic cuisine. The reindeer plate and fresh salmon followed by roast ham and vegetables with apple cake, skyr and blueberry source for desert was delicious and appreciated by all! After supper we all enjoyed an evening stroll to the small pool by the road and had our first encounters with one of Iceland's speciality birds, the Barrows Goldeneye before eventually retiring to our cosy rooms to unpack and mentally prepare for some wonderful days that lay ahead.

Day 2

Wednesday 23rd May

Mývatn

Bright & sunny, temp 18°C

After breakfast Malcolm held a short briefing before we departed Narfaðaðir to spend the day by the shores of Lake Mývatn and its environs. From a vantage point over-looking the lake, Malcolm explained the importance of Lake Mývatn and aided by the information map we managed to orienteer ourselves as to the day's itinerary.

First we drove alongside the famous River Laxá, one of Iceland's premier salmon fishing rivers, looking for Harlequin Duck. We didn't have to search long before we encountered several pairs bobbing like corks on the rapids. They were joined by many handsome Barrow's Goldeneye, both these species belong to the New World order and have managed to colonise this tiny part of Europe. The recently erected roadside barriers made it impossible to pull-off to take photographs, so we next visited the Laxá Bridge in search of more photogenic Harlequins. With only one bird present, and that soon flew back down river, we drove back along the river this time making frequent stops to take photograph and simply enjoying some amazing close views of these dapper ducks. The quality of the light was perfect and made our encounter even more magical.

Travelling in a clockwise direction we continued to circum-navigate the lake using the bus as a mobile hide. We saw several new species of duck and a few Red-throated Divers, but it was the smallest and daintiest of waders that stole the show. A small flock of Red-necked Phalaropes, so engrossed in feeding by the water's edge and enjoying a spot of courtship, allowed us to approach to within a few metres. We all sat speechless while enjoying this wonderful spectacle!

After a coffee stop at Reykjahlíð we temporarily left the lake's shores and headed in amongst the old lava fields to visit the 'little rift' at Grjotagja, where Malcolm prepared our first picnic lunch while we explored this unusual landscape.

After lunch we visited Namafeld and Hverir, a hot temperature zone where the Earth's crust is a mere 2km thick, so no jumping for joy then! Once we had driven over the mountain road the landscape changed quite dramatically. The grey-yellow, sulphurous hillside was punctuated with plumes of white steam escaping from numerous fumaroles and the presence of several gurgling pools of boiling mud gave the landscape a surreal appearance. To walk around this landscape was an amazing 'otherworldly' experience like no other.

On returning back to the lake we enjoyed a short stroll around the tranquil headland at Hofði. The ungrazed headland and presence of mature woodland gave us an insight as to what Iceland's climax vegetation might have once look-like before its clearance and subsequent over-grazing after the settlement period.

Continuing our journey around the lake we enjoyed some spectacular views, while keeping one eye cocked skywards in the hope of seeing a Gyr Falcon. Just before the hamlet at Skútustaðir we had our first views of a Great Northern Diver very close to the shore and to the delight of all. Later we stopped for coffee and the opportunity to walk through a landscape of pseudo-craters and added Snow Bunting to our growing list of birds before returning back to Narfastaðir.

Malcolm held a pre-dinner birdlog before we enjoyed another delightful buffet supper. Although only 9:00pm, and the sun was still high in the sky, most were more than happy to retire for the night with many wonderful memories of our first full day in this amazing land.

Day 3

Thursday 24th May

Húsavík

Overcast am, sunny pm with strong southwesterly winds, temp 10°C

Catastrophe befell Gordon this morning when his camera fell off its tripod as he waited to board the bus and not wishing to dwell too much on a painful experience, we now know what the inside of a Canon 500mm lens looks like.. Once safely on board the bus we headed down the Laugar Valley en-route to Húsavík for a day of whale watching. The valley contained several wetland bodies and we were soon enjoying more delightful views of Great Northern Divers on one side of the road with several Red-throated Divers on the opposite side. Slavonian Grebes were common on the sedge fringed pools and Black-tailed Godwits equally plentiful on the damper pool margins.

We stopped by the outflow of the River Laxá and found Ptarmigan on the heaths and a pair of Common Scoter on the river while Malcolm organised a temporary replacement lens for Gordon. Arriving in Húsavík we first visited the Culture House Museum before heading down to the harbour to find both Iceland and Glaucous Gulls. We found several of each species feeding alongside Fulmars, Kittiwakes and Black-headed Gull by the fish processing plant's effluence pipe. Once Malcolm had explained the subtle identification differences between the two 'white-winged gulls' life suddenly became much easier distinguishing the two species apart!

The strong south-westerly winds whipped up the waves in the harbour making it difficult to locate the presence of any King Eiders and also raised concern for the forthcoming whale-watching cruise! Nevertheless, by 1:30pm we were soon boarding the traditional clinker build ship for a 3-4 hrs whale-watching cruise. Surprisingly as it may seem, seabirds were relatively few to begin with, the odd Guillemot and Puffin making a presence. We had sail to for an hour or so, crossing Skjálfandi Bay when we saw a blow, followed by an energetic leap from the first of 3 Humpback Whales. One was very curious, approaching within a few metres of the boat and allowing some wonderful and privileged views of these magnificent creatures. Next we had 3 Minke Whales very close to boat and just as we started our return back to Húsavík a pod of 5 or 6 White-beaked Dolphins suddenly appeared and started riding the bow-wave and generally performing around the ship. It was 16:50 by the time we returned to the harbour and with the road to Dettifoss still closed we decided to take the desolate mountain road back to the lake and headed straight for Dimmerborgie. The wind was as strong as it had been at any point during the day, which made scanning for Gyr Falcon very difficult and as it was already getting late we returned to Narfastaðir and another delightful supper. After the birdlog we had a final walk to the pond before retiring to pack in preparation of our departure the following morning.

Day 4

Friday 25th May

Blönduós

Overcast with strong blusterly SW winds, temp 12°C

We left the homely ambience of Narfaðaðir this morning and set off for Akureyri, pausing our journey briefly to take a distant photograph of the impressive waterfalls of Goðafoss. While Malcolm shopped for lunch provisions and washed the bus, we had enough time to wonder around the streets of this 'Jewel of the North', enjoy a coffee and even visit the church! Before leaving Akureyri we visited the Botanical Gardens, which is an absolute must 'thing to do', and added a new albeit still a scarce resident to our list of species; a Blackbird singing its heart out in competition with its more numerous rivals the Redwings.

The drive today took us through some of Iceland's most impressive and dramatic highland scenery. Soon after leaving the northern capital we ascended the long incline up the Óxandalsheiði Valley. Although the bus was being buffeted by strong winds we did manage to find 3 Goosanders. The scenery was quite simply spectacular, the high mountains still capped in snow contrasting with green valley below. Beyond the mountain range we descended into a broad glacial valley where we began to see many Pink-footed Geese that had recently returned to their natal breeding grounds. Various species of waders were also present dotted on the braided glacial rivers, while roadside lagoons held occasional pairs of Slavonian Grebe and Red-throated Divers.

By late afternoon we had reached Blönduós and before checking-in at our overnight hotel we called at a local restaurant to book an evening meal. Next we visited the nearby river-mouth and small harbour, which often proves very fruitful for finding late high Arctic migrants and we were not disappointed. In the tiny harbour, a small group of Long-tailed Ducks were very confiding and allowed us to approach very close. A Grey Seal also put in a brief appearance. Small flocks of Knots, complete in their fine red summer plumage, were present along with Turnstone and Redshank feeding on rocks amongst the kelp.

After checking-in at the hotel we had time to relax before dining out this evening. Although the restaurant in town was very busy the quality of food was excellent, which is of course to be expected in Iceland these days.

Day 5

Saturday 26th May

Stykkishólmur,

Extreme SE wind, temp 9°C

We had a late-ish breakfast after some good early morning birding. Seven species of waders were noted feeding on the shore just behind the hotel along with 34 Harlequin Duck, a couple of Arctic and a single Great Skua further out to sea. Both Knot and Sanderling were resplendent in full summer plumage and busily engaged taking on more fuel before the final leg of their migration that will take them further north to their Arctic breeding grounds. Just when we thought the strong winds had relented, by the time we were on the road the bus was once more being buffered to and fro. The first leg of our journey was fairly uneventful, sitting enjoying the changing scenery while keeping a sharp eye open in case an Arctic Fox should suddenly appear. After a late morning coffee stop at the new service station at Staðarskáli we were soon heading down the 'haunted valley', scene of 'Eric the Red's murderous crimes.

Further along the road a cry resonated from the back of the bus that would have given even Eric the Red a scare, “Arctic Fox”! Although we only saw the animal briefly before it disappeared into the landscape (it was impossible to turn round and give chase towing a trailer), it was the classic image one might expect of an Arctic Fox carrying a Ptarmigan in its mouth! Even this brief encounter had its magical moment!

Soon after the sighting the weather started to deteriorate and it began to rain! Lunch was therefore improvised and served out of the back of the bus, but no less enjoyable than any other picnic! We had arrived in Stykkisholmur by mid-afternoon and went immediately down to the harbour only to find the Særun office closed and the ferry service still on its winter schedule! Given the inclement conditions we decided to check-in at the hotel, at least it was dry and warm, with a chance we could see White-tailed Eagle from our bedroom window! We held the evening birdlog in the hotel lounge before departing in separate ways to dine out at the various local restaurants in town. By late evening the weather pattern showed definite signs of change, so we retired to our rooms in an optimistic mood.

Day 6

Sunday 27th May

Snæfellsnes

Warm and sunny, temp 16°C

We left the hotel this morning to make a circular tour of the Snæfellsnes Peninsula, taking in the seabird colony at Önderverðarnes. The weather was glorious, the strong winds of previous days had passed and the scenery was spectacular. We made frequent stops to search for King Eiders and failed to find any, but it didn't seem to matter, it was a joy simply to admire the northern breeding birds in their fresh summer plumages. With plenty photo opportunities it took 2hrs before we reached Ólasvík and after a quick coffee stop we checked the pools at Rif for any American vagrants that may have been blown here, but found none...

We had reached the sea bird cliffs at Önderverðarnes shortly after midday and while Malcolm prepared lunch everyone went to look for Brúnnich's Guillemots. Several were seen some very close providing the photographers with a rare opportunity to take images of these specialist high Arctic species, perhaps on their most southerly breeding ground. Unfortunately the idyllic scene changed when a 4X4 drove across the rough lava field to the very edge of the cliff, where members of a family party began to rig harness and ropes to a winch mounted on front of the vehicle and proceeded to descend down the cliff collecting the guillemot's eggs. Although this act is generally frowned upon in Iceland these days it isn't unlawful and certain people believe it's their birth-right to a free harvest of seabird eggs!

We moved location and enjoyed the birds while keeping one eye out to sea in case a pod of Orca came by and Simon spotted a Minke Whale which most of the group managed to see before it disappeared. A pair of Snow Buntings that were pre-engaged in nuptial activities were particularly confiding and allowed a close approach; the male continually singing his heart out. After an enjoyable couple of hours at the seabird colony we boarded the bus rejoined the main road on our anticlockwise circuit of the peninsula, stopping to take images of the impressive Snæfellsjökull before arriving at the hamlet of Helnar. The coastal scenery was spectacular and we welcomed the opportunity to stretch our legs on a short walk over the cliffs to the next hamlet of Arnastapi where Malcolm had taken the bus to meet us. After a delightful cup of coffee/hot chocolate we set off to complete our journey back to the northern shores of Snæfellsnes and Stykkishólmur in time for dinner.

Day 7

Monday 28th May

Reykjavik/Northern Light Inn

Bright and sunny, temp 16°C

Our drive from Stykishólmur this morning took us over the mountains and along the south coast, through a more agricultural landscape. The green rectangular fields were sub-divided by wet dykes and contain flocks of sheep with newly born lambs and where cattle almost out-numbered the horses! There were many roadside lagoons with beautiful mountain scenery reflected in the water and on one such pool a Red-throated Diver sat patiently on her nest much to the joy of the photographers. Later a light-phased Arctic Skua sitting on a rock was not so obliging! The sun was shining and the scenery looked wonderful as we relaxed until a sudden shout of “Arctic Fox” came from the back of the bus that had us all alert! We stopped and scanned the landscape to glimpse our second fox. Unfortunately, as before, we just happened to have a trailer in tow that made manoeuvring difficult. Inevitably, once more, by the time we had turned around to where it was last seen it had disappeared into the landscape not to be seen again!

We had a brief comfort/coffee stop in Borganes, while Malcolm bought provisions for a picnic lunch, after which we drove up Borgarfjórður looking for White-tailed Eagle and Shelduck. We found the latter quiet easily, but the eagle proved more elusive! Rather than take the much shorter tunnel road to Reykjavik we decided on the more scenic fjord option given it was a beautiful day. The road hugged the shore-line of Hvalfjórður, once the strategic anchorage of the North Atlantic Fleet during WW11. We reached the head of the fjord where we enjoyed our picnic lunch against a backdrop of spectacular scenery, where flowers were emerging on the shingle banks and many insects were taking full advantage of the warm weather. Although it was idyllic to sit and enjoy the moment, we had to continue on our journey to the capital.

We eventually arrived in Reykjavik about 3:00pm and Malcolm gave us a brief city tour before letting us loose for a couple of hours. Although downtown Reykjavik was in carnival mood, with music and street performing artists, we mingled with the crowds and managed to find our way to the new and impressive Harpa (Opera House) building before walking through the busy street uphill to the church. The keen birdwatchers in the group went on to the Seltjarnarnes, before returning to the marine lake.

Leaving Reykjavik in its festive atmosphere we travelled along the Reykjanes Peninsula to the Northern Light Inn, our accommodation for the last two nights stay in Iceland.

Day 8

Tuesday 29th May

Thingvellir, Gullfoss & Geysir

Showery, temp 7°C

After breakfast we set-off this morning on the ‘Golden Circle’ tour to visit some of Iceland’s most iconic and celebrated landscapes. The spectacular Gullfoss was our next destination and the ‘Queen’ of Icelandic waterfalls didn’t disappoint. Next we visited the phenomena that gave its name to the world; Geysir, where we marvelled at the extraordinary event.

After lunch we returned to the site of Iceland's first parliament, the birth place of Christianity in Iceland and the parting of two of the Earth's great tectonic plates at Þingvellir. After visiting the interactive information centre we drove down to the lower car-park, where we walked to the Alþing. Back on board the bus we travelled the short distance to the lake's shore where we had plenty of time to walk and enjoy the tranquillity of the area. A visit to this remarkable area leaves one 'touched' by a little piece of heaven; its serene atmosphere is overwhelming and its wilderness amplified in the evocative sounds of bubbling Whimbrels, the plaintive calls of Golden Plover and the whaling cries of Great Northern Divers.

Our return to the hotel was via the River Sog where we manage to find Pochard that had eluded us until now before stopping in Selfoss to enjoy supper at a Thai restaurant before driving back to the hotel.

Day 9

Wednesday 30th May

London

Bright & sunny, temp 13°C

On our final morning we had plenty of time to enjoy the Reykjanes Peninsula and soak-up Iceland's sunshine before arriving at the airport for a late afternoon flight back to the UK. After leaving the Northern Light Inn we travelled along the coast road to Hunna, the largest geothermal area in Iceland, before driving to the sea-cliffs. The black volcanic cliff wall contrasted with the azure blue ocean as the white Atlantic surf crashed at its base. Looking out to the distant horizon the island of Elday was clearly visible. This was once home to the flightless Great Auk, before it was beaten into extinction in 1844. Today the white cliffs host one of the largest Gannet colonies in the Northern Hemisphere. During the brief sea watch some of the group were lucky enough to see a Manx Shearwater gliding through the waves. Further along the coast we stopped at the monument 'Bridging Two Continents' and strolled across two of the world's great tectonic plates on the North Atlantic Rift.

We had a delightful lunch by some pools on the outskirts of Keflavik where Golden Plover and Whimbrel were busily feeding on the short grassland and provided some stunning views. Although more waders and duck were plentiful on the shallow lagoons, it was soon time for us to make our way to the airport. After check-in Patricia, Pamela (who stayed on to join the Greenland Tour) and Malcolm bade us bon voyage!

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Species List

Birds (✓ = recorded but not counted H = heard only)

	Common name	Scientific name	May								
			22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
1	Red-throated Diver	<i>Gavia stellata</i>		6	2	6	3	3	5	2	
2	Great Northern Diver	<i>G. immer</i>		1	4	1		1		2	
3	Slavonian Grebe	<i>Podiceps auritus</i>	1	20	5	6		1			
4	Fulmar	<i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
5	Manx Shearwater	<i>Puffinus puffinus</i>								1	
6	Gannet	<i>Sula bassna</i>					1	5			60
7	Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>									
8	Shag	<i>P. aristotelis</i>					✓	✓	✓		✓
9	Whooper Swan	<i>Cygnus Cygnus</i>	✓	✓	✓	120	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
10	Pink-footed Goose	<i>Anser brachyrhynchus</i>		6		60					
11	Greylag Goose	<i>A. anser</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
12	Canada Goose	<i>Branta Canadensis</i>	1								
13	Brent Goose	<i>B. bernicla</i>	150								
14	Barnacle goose	<i>B. leucopsis</i>						1			
15	Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>						12			
16	Wigeon	<i>Anas penelope</i>	✓	24	12	20			2	8	
17	Mallard	<i>A. platyrhynchus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
18	Gadwall	<i>A. strepera</i>		5	4	2					
19	Pintail	<i>A. acuta</i>		2							
20	Teal	<i>A. crecca</i>	✓	7	4	6	2		2	2	
21	Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>								1	
22	Tufted Duck	<i>A. fuligula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
23	Scaup	<i>A. marila</i>		12	2				2	10	
24	King Eider	<i>Somateria spectabilis</i>									
25	Eider	<i>S. mollissima</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
26	Harlequin Duck	<i>Histrionicus histrionicus</i>		20	10	35	30	20	6	2	
27	Long-tailed Duck	<i>Clangula hyemalis</i>		6	2	15					
28	Common Scoter	<i>Melanitta nigra</i>									
29	Barrow's Goldeneye	<i>Bucephala islandica</i>	1	120	2						
30	Goldeneye	<i>B. clangula</i>									
31	Red-breast Merganser	<i>Mergus serrator</i>	4	10	10	12	2	2	2	6	
32	Goosander	<i>M. merganser</i>				3				2	
33	White-tailed Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>									
34	Merlin	<i>Falco columbarius</i>		1m						1m	
35	Gyrfalcon	<i>F. rusticolus</i>			1m						
36	Ptarmigan	<i>Lagopus mutus</i>	2	6	6	2	1	1		H	
37	Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
38	Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	6		1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
39	Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis apricaria</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
40	Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	✓	1	6	✓	✓	✓	✓		
41	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>					7	10	6		
42	Knot	<i>Calidris canutus</i>				35	300	✓	9		
43	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpine</i>	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓		
44	Purple Sandpiper	<i>C. maritima</i>				12	6		1		1
45	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	6	30	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	20	✓
48	Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>	2	40	20	24	10	12	6	24	2
49	Redshank	<i>Tringa tetanus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

	Common name	Scientific name	May									
			22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
50	Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
51	Red-necked Phalarope	<i>P. lobatus</i>		60	✓	10			2	3	12	2
52	Great Skua	<i>Stercorarius skua</i>				1	1					
53	Arctic Skua	<i>S. parasiticus</i>	2	2		2	4	3	5			4
54	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		6	✓
55	Common Gull	<i>L. canus</i>				30	✓				✓	
56	Kittiwake	<i>Rissa tridactyla</i>			✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
57	Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>			✓		✓	✓	✓			
58	Glaucous Gull	<i>L. hyperboreus</i>			12	✓	15	24				
59	Iceland Gull	<i>L. glaucooides</i>			10	✓	✓	6				
60	Greater Black-b Gull	<i>L. marinus</i>			✓		10	✓	✓	✓	✓	2
61	Lesser Black-b Gull	<i>L. fuscus</i>	✓	✓	✓	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
62	Arctic Tern	<i>Sterna paradisaea</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
63	Guillemot	<i>Uria aalge</i>			1			150				5
64	Brunnich's Guillemot	<i>U. lomvia</i>						24				
65	Razorbill	<i>Alca torda</i>						50				
66	Black Guillemot	<i>Cephus grille</i>			2	5						3
67	Puffin	<i>Fratercula arctica</i>			✓			1				
68	Short-eared Owl	<i>Asio flammeus</i>	1							2		
70	Feral Pigeon/Rock Dove	<i>Columbia livia</i>								9		
69	Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>						2				
71	Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
72	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
73	Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>		H		H					H	
74	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	✓	✓		2	3	5	6	2	2	
75	Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>				1		1	6	1		
76	Redwing	<i>Turdus illacus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
77	Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
78	Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	✓	10	6	4	6	✓	✓	20	6	
79	Redpoll	<i>Carduelis flammea</i>		4		1						
80	Snow Bunting	<i>Plectrophenax nivalis</i>		3	2			4	2			

Mammals

1	Arctic Fox	<i>Alopex lagopus</i>					1		1			
2	Atlantic Grey Seal	<i>Halichoerus grypus</i>				1		1				
3	Common Seal	<i>Phoca vitulina</i>					1	1				
4	Minke Whale	<i>Balaenoptera acutorostrata</i>			3							
5	Humpback Whale	<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>			3							
6	White Beaked Dolphin	<i>Lagenorhynchus albirostris</i>			6							