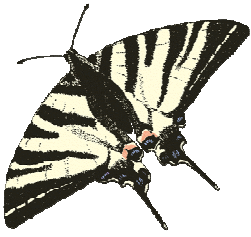


WILDLIFE TRAVEL



Mull 2011

26th May to 1st June



Puffins on Lunga, Nick Owens

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#	DATE	LOCATIONS & NOTES
1	26 th May	Tobermory with botanical cliff walk. Heard wood warbler well.
2	27 th May	Otter watch am. 2 seen. Loch Frisa Eagle Watch, then to Loch Na Keal – saw white-tailed eagle fly out and take a fish from the loch. Walk on Ulva in continuous rain. Many of the plants and trees burnt brown and shredded by the gales and sea spray of last week. Then to Am Birlinn Restaurant.
3	28 st May	Otter watch am. 3 seen. Torosay and Duart Castle visit, then to Loch Buie standing stones and walk to beach. Superb views of short-eared owl. Weather mixed.
4	29 nd May	Otter watch am. 4 seen. Two separate buses with stand-in guides. Visited Dervaig Church and walked beside reed bed. Windy with showers. Calgary gallery for lunch followed by walk through woods and a sand-blasting on the dunes. Found sword-leaved helleborine. Wonderful views of golden eagle stooping and white-tailed eagle nearby. Then to white-tailed eagle nest by Loch Scridain – saw eagle at nest with two chicks. Also had lovely views of a great northern diver in summer plumage.
5	30 th May	Otter watch am. None seen – tide low. To Iona via Lake Assapol. Nice pigs but few birds there. Heard corncrakes well on Iona – and at least one person saw one. Lovely day! White-tailed eagles displaying in Glen More on return, high over crags in full sun.
6	31 st May	Otter watch am. None seen. Boat trip to Staffa and Iona. Beautiful day!! Amazing views of Fingal's Cave, grey seals, fulmars, kittiwakes, puffins, guillemots, razorbills, manx shearwaters, gannets and skuas. Outstanding trip, much enjoyed by all, with the bonus of another otter on the way back.
7	1 st June	Stopped at Garmony Point on way to ferry. Raining and blowing again!

Notes:

This was an amazingly successful week, with a knowledgeable and enthusiastic group. The weather was less extreme than the previous week, with only one continuously wet day. We had fantastic views of otters, mostly in Salen Bay, including a pair of cubs, a dog otter and a female - fishing, playing and grooming on and around the small islands (10 sightings in all). Views of the eagles were remarkable and inspiring and it was good to hear about individual birds we had seen from David Sexton (RSPB) in the evening. The travellers included some keen botanists and we managed to add some species to the plant list from the previous week. The day on Staffa and Lunga was an excellent finale.

LIST OF TRAVELLERS

Leaders

Nick and Frankie Owens
David Greenhalgh

Holt, Norfolk
Mull

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ENGLISH NAME	LATIN NAME	26 th May	27 th	28 th	29 th	30 th	31 st	1 st June
Family Gaviidae (Divers)								
Great Northern Diver	<i>Gavia immer</i>				x	x		
Red-throated Diver	<i>Gavia stellata</i>					x		
Family Podicipedidae (Grebes)								
Slavonian Grebe	<i>Podiceps auritus</i>					x		
Family Procellariidae (Shearwaters)								
Fulmar	<i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>						x	
Manx Shearwater	<i>Puffinus puffinus</i>						x	
Family Sulidae (Gannets)								
Gannet	<i>Morus bassanus</i>	x		x	x	x	x	
Family Phalacrocoracidae (Cormorants)								
Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i>	x		x	x	x	x	
Family Ardeidae (Hérons)								
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Family Anatidae (Swans, geese and ducks)								
Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>				x			
Whooper Swan	<i>Cygnus Cygnus</i>		x					
Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Canada Goose	<i>Branta Canadensis</i>					x	x	
Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>				x		x	
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Eider	<i>Somateria mollissima</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Red-breasted Merganser	<i>Mergus serrator</i>		x	x	x			
Family Accipitridae (Hawks and Eagles)								
White-tailed Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>		x		x	x	x	
Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>		x		x			
Hen Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>					x		
Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>		x	x	x	x		
Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>			x				
Family Phasianidae (Pheasants and Partridges)								
Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>		x		x			
Family Rallidae (Rails and Crakes)								
Corncrake	<i>Crex crex</i>					x	x	
Family Himantopidae (Oystercatchers)								
Oystercatcher	<i>Himantopus ostralegus</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Family Scolopacidae (Sandpipers)								
Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>				x	x	x	
Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>			x				
Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>	x	x	x	x	x		
Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>			x		x		
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>		x	x	x	x	x	
Family Charadriidae (Plovers)								
Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>			x	x	x	x	
Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>	x	x	x	x	x		
Family Stercorariidae (Skuas)								
Arctic Skua	<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>						x	
Great Skua	<i>Catharacta skua</i>						x	
Family Laridae (Gulls)								
Common Gull	<i>Larus canus</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>				x	x	x	
Great Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus marinus</i>		x	x	x	x	x	
Kittiwake	<i>Rissa tridactyla</i>					x	x	

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Family Sternidae (Terns)								
Arctic Tern	<i>Sterna paradisaea</i>						x	x
Family Alcidae (Auks)								
Puffin	<i>Fratercula arctica</i>						x	
Black Guillemot	<i>Cephus grylle</i>	x	x	x		x	x	
Guillemot	<i>Uria aalge</i>				x	x	x	
Razorbill	<i>Alca torda</i>						x	
Family Columbidae (Pigeons and Doves)								
Rock Dove/Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	x					x	
Woodpigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>		x	x				
Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Family Cuculidae (Cuckoos)								
Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>	x	x		x	x		
Family Tytonidae (Barn Owls)								
Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>					x		
Family Strigidae (Owls)								
Tawny Owl	<i>Strix aluco</i>					x		
Short-eared Owl	<i>Asio flammeus</i>		x	x	x			
Family Picidae (Woodpeckers)								
Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>		x					
Family Alaudidae (Larks)								
Skylark	<i>Alda arvensis</i>			x		x	x	
Family Hirundinidae (Swallows and Martins)								
Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	
House Martin	<i>Delichon urbica</i>	x			x	x		
Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Family Motacillidae (Pipits and Wagtails)								
Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>			x	x	x	x	
Rock Pipit	<i>Anthus petrosus</i>						x	
Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Family Troglodytidae (Wrens)								
Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Family Prunellidae (Accentors)								
Dunnock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>	x		x		x		
Family Turdidae (Thrushes and Chats)								
Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	x	x	x	x			
Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>			x				
Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>					x		
Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquata</i>		x					
Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>		x	x	x	x	x	
Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>		x	x	x	x		
Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>				x	x		
Family Sylviidae (Warblers)								
Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>			x	x	x		
Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>		x	x	x	x	x	
Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	x	x		x	x		
Wood Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	x						
Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>						x	
Family Muscipidae (Flycatchers)								
Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>		x			x		

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Family Paridae (Tits)								
Coal Tit	<i>Parus ater</i>		x	x			x	
Blue Tit	<i>Parus caeruleus</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>		x	x	x	x	x	
Family Certhiidae (Treecreepers)								
Treecreeper	<i>Certhia familiaris</i>		x		x			
Family Corvidae (Crows)								
Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>		x			x		
Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>					x		
Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>		x	x	x	x	x	
Family Sturnidae (Starlings)								
Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Family Passeridae (Sparrows)								
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Family Fringillidae (Finches)								
Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Greenfinch	<i>Carduelis chloris</i>	x	x	x	x			
Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Siskin	<i>Carduelis spinus</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Twite	<i>Carduelis flavirostris</i>					x		
Lesser Redpoll	<i>Carduelis cabaret</i>		x	x				
Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>	x	x			x	x	
Family Emberizidae (Buntings)								
Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citronella</i>		x					
Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>				x			

LARGER MAMMALS								
Family Leporidae (Rabbits and Hares)								
Rabbit	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	x	x	x	x		x	
Mountain Hare	<i>Lepus timidus</i>						x	
Family Phocidae (Seals)								
Grey Seal	<i>Halichoerus grypus</i>						x	
Common Seal	<i>Phoca vitulina</i>	x	x	x	x		x	
Family Phocoenidae (Porpoises)								
Harbour Porpoise	<i>Phocoena phocoena</i>						x	
Family Mustelidae (Mustelids)								
Otter	<i>Lutra lutra</i>	x	x	x	x		x	
Family Cervidae (Deer)								
Red Deer	<i>Cervus elaphus</i>	x	x	x	x		x	
Fallow Deer	<i>Dama dama</i>		x					
BUTTERFLIES								
Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>			x				
Green-veined White	<i>Pieris napi</i>					x	x	
Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>					x		

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Bees recorded:

Bombus magnus White-tailed bumblebee (northern form of *B.lucorum*)

Bombus pascuorum Common carder bumblebee

Bombus hortorum Garden bumblebee

Bombus pratorum Early bumblebee

Bombus muscorum Moss carder bumblebee (Ulva)

Bombus sylvestris Four-coloured cuckoo bumblebee

Bombus bohemicus Gypsy cuckoo bumblebee

Andrena haemorrhoa Solitary bee

Andrena carantonica Solitary bee



Bombus bohemicus Gypsy cuckoo bumblebee female
Tobermory (Nick Owens)

PLANT LIST



Dactylorhiza purpurella Northern marsh orchid
Calgary beach (Nick Owens)

Scientific name	Common name
Ferns and allied plants	
<i>Asplenium marinum</i>	Sea spleenwort
<i>Asplenium ruta-muraria</i>	Wall-rue
<i>Asplenium trichomanes</i>	Maidenhair spleenwort

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<i>Athyrium filix-femina</i>	Lady fern
<i>Blechnum spicant</i>	Hard fern
<i>Dryopteris dilatata</i>	Broad buckler-fern
<i>Dryopteris filix-mas</i>	Male fern
<i>Eleocharis palustris</i>	Common spike-rush
<i>Equisetum palustre</i>	Marsh horsetail
<i>Phyllitis scolopendrium</i>	Hart's tongue fern
<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>	Bracken
Grasses and rushes	
<i>Agrostis capillaris</i>	Common bent
<i>Alopecurus geniculatus</i>	Marsh fox-tail
<i>Alopecurus pratensis</i>	Meadow fox-tail
<i>Ammophila arenaria</i>	Marram grass
<i>Anthoxanthum odoratum</i>	Sweet vernal grass
<i>Arrhenatherum elatius</i>	False oat-grass
<i>Brachypodium sylvaticum</i>	Wood false-brome
<i>Cynosurus cristatus</i>	Crested dog's tail
<i>Dactylis glomerata</i>	Cock's-foot
<i>Deschampsia cespitosa</i>	Tufted hair grass
<i>Eriophorum angustifolium</i>	Common cotton-grass
<i>Eriophorum vaginatum</i>	Hare's-tail cotton-grass
<i>Festuca ovina</i> agg.	Sheep's fescue
<i>Festuca rubra</i> sens. lat.	Red fescue
<i>Holcus lanatus</i>	Yorkshire fog
<i>Juncus effusus</i>	Soft rush
<i>Luzula campestris</i>	Field wood-rush
<i>Luzula multiflora</i>	Heath wood-rush
<i>Luzula sylvatica</i>	Great wood-rush
<i>Molinia caerulea</i>	Purple moor-grass
<i>Poa annua</i>	Annual meadow grass
Sedges	
<i>Carex arenaria</i>	Sand sedge
<i>Carex binervis</i>	Green-ribbed sedge
<i>Carex viridula</i>	Yellow sedge
<i>Carex flacca</i>	Glaucous sedge
<i>Carex nigra</i>	Common sedge
<i>Carex sylvatica</i>	Wood sedge

Trees, shrubs and herbs etc	
<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	Yarrow
<i>Ajuga reptans</i>	Bugle
<i>Alchemilla glabra</i>	a lady's mantle
<i>Allium ursinum</i>	Ramsons
<i>Alnus glutinosa</i>	Alder
<i>Anemone nemorosa</i>	Wood anemone
<i>Angelica sylvestris</i>	Wild angelica
<i>Anthriscus sylvestris</i>	Cow parsley
<i>Aphanes arvensis</i>	Parsley piert
<i>Arabis thaliana</i>	Thale cress
<i>Arctium minus</i> sens. lat.	Lesser burdock
<i>Armeria maritima</i>	Thrift
<i>Bellis perennis</i>	Daisy

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<i>Betula pendula</i>	Silver birch
<i>Betula pubescens</i>	Downy birch
<i>Cakile maritima</i>	Sea rocket
<i>Calluna vulgaris</i>	Heather
<i>Caltha palustris</i>	Marsh marigold
<i>Cardamine flexuosa</i>	Wavy bitter-cress
<i>Cardamine pratensis</i>	Cuckoo flower
<i>Centaurea nigra</i>	Common knapweed
<i>Cephalanthera longifolia</i>	Sword-leaved helleborine
<i>Cerastium fontanum</i>	Common mouse-ear
<i>Cerastium glomeratum</i>	Sticky mouse-ear
<i>Cerastium semidecandrum</i>	Little mouse-ear
<i>Chamerion angustifolia</i>	Rosebay willowherb
<i>Circaea lutetiana</i>	Enchanter's nightshade
<i>Cirsium palustre</i>	Marsh thistle
<i>Cochleria anglica</i>	English scurvy-grass
<i>Cochlearia officinalis agg.</i>	Common scurvygrass
<i>Conopodium majus</i>	Pignut
<i>Corylus avellana</i>	Hazel
<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	Hawthorn
<i>Dactylorhiza maculata</i>	Heath spotted orchid
<i>Dactylorhiza purpurella</i>	Northern marsh orchid
<i>Digitalis purpurea</i>	Foxglove
<i>Drosera rotundifolia</i>	Round leaved sundew
<i>Epilobium montanum</i>	Broad-leaved willowherb
<i>Erica cinerea</i>	Bell heather
<i>Erodium cicutarium agg.</i>	Common stork's-bill
<i>Euphrasia officinalis agg.</i>	an eyebright
<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>	Beech
<i>Filipendula ulmaria</i>	Meadowsweet
<i>Fragaria vesca</i>	Wild strawberry
<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>	Ash
<i>Galeopsis tetrahit</i>	Common hemp-nettle
<i>Galium aparine</i>	Cleavers
<i>Galium odoratum</i>	Woodruff
<i>Galium saxatile</i>	Heath bedstraw
<i>Galium verum</i>	Lady's bedstraw
<i>Geranium molle</i>	Dove's-foot crane's-bill
<i>Geranium robertianum</i>	Herb-robert
<i>Geum rivale</i>	Water avens
<i>Geum urbanum</i>	Wood avens
<i>Glechoma hederacea</i>	Ground-ivy
<i>Hedera helix</i>	Ivy
<i>Hesperis matronalis</i>	Dame's violet
<i>Hyacinthoides non-scripta</i>	Bluebell
<i>Hypericum androsaemum</i>	Tutsan
<i>Hypericum pulchrum</i>	Slender St John's-wort
<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>	Holly
<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>	Yellow iris
<i>Lathyrus pratense</i>	Meadow vetchling
<i>Leontodon saxatilis</i>	Lesser hawkbit

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<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>	Oxeye daisy
<i>Leycesteria formosa</i>	Himalayan honeysuckle
<i>Lonicera periclymenum</i>	Honeysuckle
<i>Lotus corniculatus</i>	Common bird's-foot-trefoil
<i>Lysimachia nemorum</i>	Yellow pimpernel
<i>Meconopsis cambrica</i>	Welsh poppy
<i>Melampyrum pratense</i>	Common cow-wheat
<i>Mercurialis perennis</i>	Dog's mercury
<i>Myrica gale</i>	Bog myrtle
<i>Oenanthe crocata</i>	Hemlock water-dropwort
<i>Oxalis acetosella</i>	Wood sorrel
<i>Pedicularis sylvatica</i>	Lousewort
<i>Persicaria bistorta</i>	Bistort
<i>Pilosella officinarum</i>	Mouse-ear hawkweed
<i>Pinguicula vulgaris</i>	Butterwort
<i>Plantago coronopus</i>	Buck's-horn plantain
<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>	Ribwort plantain
<i>Plantago major</i>	Greater plantain
<i>Plantago maritima</i>	Sea plantain
<i>Polygala serpyllifolia</i>	Heath milkwort
<i>Potentilla anserina</i>	Silverweed
<i>Potentilla erecta</i>	Tormentil
<i>Primula vulgaris</i>	Primrose
<i>Prunella vulgaris</i>	Selfheal
<i>Prunus avium</i>	Wild cherry
<i>Prunus padus</i>	Bird cherry
<i>Prunus spinosa</i>	Blackthorn
<i>Quercus robur</i>	Pedunculate oak
<i>Ranunculus acris</i>	Meadow buttercup
<i>Ranunculus bulbosus</i>	Bulbous buttercup
<i>Ranunculus ficaria</i>	Lesser celandine
<i>Ranunculus flammula</i>	Lesser spearwort
<i>Ranunculus repens</i>	Creeping buttercup
<i>Rosa pimpinellifolia</i>	Burnet rose
<i>Rubus fruticosus</i> agg.	Bramble
<i>Rubus idaeus</i>	Raspberry
<i>Rubus spectabilis</i>	False salmonberry
<i>Rumex acetosa</i>	Common sorrel
<i>Sagina procumbens</i>	Procumbent pearlwort
<i>Salix caprea</i>	Goat willow
<i>Salix cinerea</i>	Grey willow
<i>Salix repens</i>	Creeping willow
<i>Sambucus nigra</i>	Elder
<i>Sanicula europaea</i>	Sanicle
<i>Sedum acre</i>	Biting stonecrop
<i>Sedum anglicum</i>	English stonecrop
<i>Sedum rosea</i>	Roseroot
<i>Senecio jacobaea</i>	Ragwort
<i>Sherardia arvensis</i>	Field madder
<i>Silene dioica</i>	Red campion
<i>Sorbus aucuparia</i>	Rowan

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<i>Stachys sylvatica</i>	Hedge woundwort
<i>Stellaria holostea</i>	Greater stitchwort
<i>Taraxacum agg.</i>	Dandelion
<i>Teucrium scorodonia</i>	Wood sage
<i>Thalictrum minus</i>	Lesser meadow rue
<i>Thymus polytrichus</i>	Wild thyme
<i>Trifolium dubium</i>	Lesser trefoil
<i>Trifolium pratense</i>	Red clover
<i>Trifolium repens</i>	White clover
<i>Tripleurospermum maritimum</i>	Sea mayweed
<i>Ulex europaeus</i>	Gorse
<i>Ulmus glabra</i>	Wych elm
<i>Urtica dioica</i>	Common nettle
<i>Vaccinium myrtillus</i>	Bilberry
<i>Valeriana officinalis</i>	Common valerian
<i>Veronica arvensis</i>	Wall speedwell
<i>Veronica beccabunga</i>	Brooklime
<i>Veronica chamaedrys</i>	Germander speedwell
<i>Veronica officinalis</i>	Heath speedwell
<i>Veronica serpyllifolia</i>	Thyme-leaved speedwell
<i>Vicia sepium</i>	Bush vetch
<i>Viola canina</i>	Dog viole