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Heatherlea is a wildlife-watching holiday company, founded in 1991 and based in Scotland at The Mountview Hotel, Nethy Bridge. We have enjoyed showing the birdlife of Scotland to well over ten thousand people on guided holidays during the last 27 seasons, in locations throughout the mainland and most of the accessible islands, including the Inner and Outer Hebrides and all corners of Orkney and Shetland.

We feel there is a need for a 'Scottish Checklist' for use in the field, and decided to produce this little booklet for your personal use. It is consistent with both the British and Scottish Birdlists and contains all those species in Categories A, B and C.

We hope this little Checklist is useful to you, and that you enjoy rewarding and responsible birdwatching in Scotland.

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The Heatherlea Scottish birding year 2016

What a superb year of birding we enjoyed around the Highlands and Islands! Here is a brief extract from our Birding Report.

We started in January with lovely Little Auk (in good numbers), and American Wigeon, Glaucous Gull and Iceland Gull on the coast amid thousands of waders and wildfowl. February and March saw us head to the north during 'Highland Winter Birding', featuring Sutherland and Caithness. Our rarity finding record here is excellent, and in 2016 we saw Ring-billed and Bonaparte's Gulls. With Green-winged Teals and Smew closer to home we were already building a big yearlist! Towards the end of March our trips started visiting the West Coast, with superb Otter and Eagle views. This quote sums it up nicely:

> *'Everything about today was breath-taking! We finished with 11 White-tailed Eagle, 10 Golden Eagle, 10 Hen Harrier and 6 Short-eared Owl. Not bad at all!'*

The Moray coast continued to produce scarcities, and for three weeks on the bounce we recorded White-billed Diver. Our two 'North Ronaldsay in Spring' holidays both started with White-billed Diver too – a lifer for many and lifetime best views for even the guides. These holidays proved popular, with Rough-legged Buzzard, Bluethroat, Thrush Nightingale and Red-throated Pipit too.

During May we visited the Uists and Barra on our 'Outer Hebrides in Spring' tours. We usually run three departures, and this year all featured good birds, with Dotterel, White-winged Tern, Garganey, Common Crane and numerous displaying Ruff. Best bird though was the American Black-billed Cuckoo that showed for Toby and Dave on North Uist – what a cracker! All of these trips gave good

Corncrake views for all guests, indeed all trips to the Inner, Outer and Southern Hebrides in May and June gave good Corncrake views.

June and July are often a bit quieter for scarce birds, but we still managed Great White Egret, Little Gulls, King Eider, Ruff, Red-necked Phalarope, Ring-necked Duck, Common Crane and Yellow Wagtails on our tours around the Highlands and Islands. Our best find in June was by Ian – singing Icterine Warbler as we travelled to the West Coast. It showed well for the next few groups too, what a smart bird! July's best bird was in Aberdeenshire where Mark identified a White-rumped Sandpiper at Loch of Strathbeg.

In late summer and early autumn, the west coast is alive! Highlights included Sabine's Gulls, Skuas, Storm Petrels and Sooty Shearwaters, one trip gave us over 500 Sooties! Our 'Orkney in High Summer' holiday gave us a rare opportunity to see Storm Petrels being ringed and released. On 'Outer Hebrides in Early Autumn', we enjoyed great views of very rare Western Sandpiper, and found Lesser Yellowlegs and American Golden Plover on the same day! Later Western Isles trips in the form of 'Outer Limits Adventure' and 'Outer Hebrides for Birders' did well also, seeing American Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Yellow-browed Warbler, Mediterranean Gull, Lapland Bunting and Surf Scoter, along with all of the special resident birds including Eagles, Hen Harrier, Merlin and Twite.

Our rarity-finding Autumn Birders' trips produced great birding and good fun on all weeks. On 'North Ronaldsay in Autumn' Toby and Mark enjoyed Barred Warbler, Lapland Buntings, Common Rosefinch and numerous Yellow-browed Warbler. Mark's group also had a confiding Grey Phalarope at close quarters and the added bonus of a great show of the aurora!

On Shetland we have an amazing record of rarities, finding our own birds and enjoying our liaison with other birders working all corners, between us unearthing all sorts of rare and scarce birds.

This year, stand-out bird was Lanceolated Warbler, with Brown Shrike and Greenish Warbler close behind. The supporting cast of Bluethroat, Little Buntings, Rose-coloured Starling, Common Crane, Turtle Dove, Hoopoe, Barred and Icterine Warbler, Red-breasted Flycatcher, Olive-backed Pipit and dozens of Yellow-browed Warblers meant everyone went home happy! Many birders from the second 'Shetland Birders' week went on to Fair Isle with Dave, and saw Pine Bunting, Red-flanked Bluetail, Pechora Pipit, Dusky Warbler, Bluethroat and both Lapland and Little Buntings.

Read more on our website!

All pictures with thanks to Neil McIntyre except for Crested Tit (Toby Green), White-tailed Eagle (Chrys Mellor)', Staffa (Rob Jordan).

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Using this checklist

The Scottish Birdlist contains over 520 species in categories A, B and C, as defined here.

A – recorded in an apparently natural state at least once since 1 January 1950.
B – recorded in an apparently natural state at least once between 1 January 1800 and 31 December 1949, but not recorded subsequently.
C – although introduced, now derive from resulting self-sustaining populations.

This Checklist contains all these species.

KEY

The booklet is laid out with 4 columns: English Name, Scientific Name, Scottish Status and Heatherlea Status.
The 'Scottish Status' is a list of codes to help ascertain the status of the species in Scotland;

RB – Resident Breeder	PM – Passage Migrant. Occurs at least annually on passage.
MB – Migrant Breeder	
CB – Casual Breeder	SM – Scarce Migrant. Occurs less than annually, but there have been more than 20 Scottish records.
NB – Naturalized Breeder	
HB – Hybrid Breeder	
FB – Former Breeder	V – Vagrant. 20 or fewer Scottish records.
WM – Winter Migrant	

Eg: Lapwing is given as RB, MB, PM and WM, as we have large numbers of birds breeding and staying through the year (RB), plus others that breed here but winter elsewhere (MB), those passing through (PM) and those that come from elsewhere to winter here (WM).

The 'Heatherlea Status' is a list of codes to indicate how frequently and where we expect to find each species. Each entry has been carefully considered by our expert Guides, and is a reflection of our experience over recent years.

1 – Seen regularly on Mountview Hotel based holidays
2 – Seen infrequently on Mountview Hotel based holidays
3 – Seen regularly on Scottish Island holidays
4 – Seen infrequently on Scottish Island holidays

Eg: Corncrake is a '3', being predominantly seen on the Inner and Outer Hebrides, whilst Treecreeper is 1 + 4, being seen regularly from the Mountview and sometimes on the islands. Some species are only seen on a limited number of holidays – please ask Heatherlea for details!

All birds recorded to date by Heatherlea (over 340 species) are in bold. Species not recorded by Heatherlea are in grey type.

The Heatherlea Scottish Birdlist

This list is consistent with the official British List, and also with the 'Scottish List'. All three lists follow the taxonomic order, up-to-date scientific names, status codes and species acceptance as recognised by the British Ornithologists' Union. We are very grateful for the hard work that has gone into these lists, and thank the Scottish Ornithologists' Club for their co-operation. All content was checked as correct at the time of publication (March 2017). You can keep more detailed records by using 'Birdtrack', an exciting web-based bird recording project that looks at migration movements and distributions of birds throughout Britain and Ireland. 'Birdtrack' is run in partnership between the BTO, the RSPB, BirdWatch Ireland and the SOC. See inside the back cover for useful contact details.

	English Name	Scientific Name	Scottish Status	Heatherlea Status	
1.	Mute Swan	*Cygnus olor*	RB	1 + 3	○○○
2.	Bewick's Swan	*Cygnus columbianus*	WM PM	2	○○○
3.	Whooper Swan	*Cygnus cygnus*	CB WM	1 + 3	○○○
4.	Bean Goose	*Anser fabalis*	WM PM	2	○○○
5.	Pink-footed Goose	*Anser brachyrhynchus*	WM	1 + 3	○○○
6.	White-fronted Goose	*Anser albifrons*	PM WM	2 + 3	○○○
7.	Lesser White-fronted Goose	*Anser erythropus*	V		○○○
8.	Greylag Goose	*Anser anser*	RB NB WM	1 + 3	○○○
9.	Snow Goose	*Anser caerulescens*	NB WM	2 + 4	○○○
10.	Greater Canada Goose	*Branta canadensis*	NB SM	1 + 3	○○○
11.	Cackling Goose	*Branta hutchinsii*	V	4	○○○
12.	Barnacle Goose	*Branta leucopsis*	WM	2 + 3	○○○
13.	Brent Goose	*Branta bernicla*	PM WM	1 + 3	○○○
14.	Red-breasted Goose	*Branta ruficollis*	V	4	○○○
15.	Egyptian Goose	*Alopochen aegyptiaca*	V		○○○

16.	Ruddy Shelduck	*Tadorna ferruginea*	SM		○○○
17.	Shelduck	*Tadorna tadorna*	MB RB PM	1+3	○○○
18.	Mandarin Duck	*Aix galericulata*	NB	2	○○○
19.	Wigeon	*Anas penelope*	RB WM PM	1+3	○○○
20.	American Wigeon	*Anas americana*	SM	2+4	○○○
21.	Gadwall	*Anas strepera*	NB RB WM PM	1+3	○○○
22.	Teal	*Anas crecca*	RB WM PM	1+3	○○○
23.	Green-winged Teal	*Anas carolinensis*	SM	2+4	○○○
24.	Mallard	*Anas platyrhynchos*	RB WM	1+3	○○○
25.	Black Duck	*Anas rubripes*	V	2	○○○
26.	Pintail	*Anas acuta*	RB/MB WM	2+3	○○○
27.	Garganey	*Anas querquedula*	MB PM	2+4	○○○
28.	Blue-winged Teal	*Anas discors*	SM		○○○
29.	Shoveler	*Anas clypeata*	MB WM PM	2+3	○○○
30.	Red-crested Pochard	*Netta rufina*	SM		○○○
31.	Canvasback	*Aythya valisineria*	V		○○○
32.	Pochard	*Aythya ferina*	RB/MB WM PM	2+4	○○○
33.	Ring-necked Duck	*Aythya collaris*	HB? SM	2+4	○○○
34.	Ferruginous Duck	*Aythya nyroca*	V		○○○
35.	Tufted Duck	*Aythya fuligula*	RB MB WM PM	1+3	○○○
36.	Scaup	*Aythya marila*	CB WM PM	1+3	○○○
37.	Lesser Scaup	*Aythya affinis*	SM	2+4	○○○
38.	Eider	*Somateria mollissima*	RB WM	1+3	○○○
39.	King Eider	*Somateria spectabilis*	SM	2+4	○○○
40.	Steller's Eider	*Polysticta stelleri*	V		○○○
41.	Harlequin Duck	*Histrionicus histrionicus*	V	2+4	○○○
42.	Long-tailed Duck	*Clangula hyemalis*	WM	1+3	○○○
43.	Common Scoter	*Melanitta nigra*	RB/MB WM PM	1+3	○○○
44.	Black Scoter	*Melanitta americana*	V	2	○○○
45.	Surf Scoter	*Melanitta perspicillata*	WM PM	2+4	○○○
46.	Velvet Scoter	*Melanitta fusca*	WM PM	1+3	○○○
47.	White-winged Scoter	*Melanitta deglandi*	V		○○○

48.	Bufflehead	*Bucephala albeola*	V		○○○
49.	Barrow's Goldeneye	*Bucephala islandica*	V	2	○○○
50.	Goldeneye	*Bucephala clangula*	RB WM PM	1+3	○○○
51.	Hooded Merganser	*Lophodytes cucullatus*	V		○○○
52.	Smew	*Mergellus albellus*	WM	2	○○○
53.	Red-breasted Merganser	*Mergus serrator*	RB WM	1+3	○○○
54.	Goosander	*Mergus merganser*	RB WM	1+3	○○○
55.	Ruddy Duck	*Oxyura jamaicensis*	NB	2	○○○
56.	Quail	*Coturnix coturnix*	MB PM	2+4	○○○
57.	Red-legged Partridge	*Alectoris rufa*	NB	1+3	○○○
58.	Red Grouse	*Lagopus lagopus*	RB	1+3	○○○
59.	Ptarmigan	*Lagopus muta*	RB ENDEMIC	1	○○○
60.	Black Grouse	*Tetrao tetrix*	RB	1	○○○
61.	Capercaillie	*Tetrao urogallus*	FB NB	1	○○○
62.	Grey Partridge	*Perdix perdix*	FB	1	○○○
63.	Pheasant	*Phasianus colchicus*	NB	1+3	○○○
64.	Golden Pheasant	*Chrysolophus pictus*	NB/FB?		○○○
65.	Red-throated Diver	*Gavia stellata*	MB RB WM PM	1+3	○○○
66.	Black-throated Diver	*Gavia arctica*	MB RB WM	1+3	○○○
67.	Pacific Diver	*Gavia pacifica*	V		○○○
68.	Great Northern Diver	*Gavia immer*	CB WM	1+3	○○○
69.	White-billed Diver	*Gavia adamsii*	SM	2+4	○○○
70.	Black-browed Albatross	*Thalassarche melanophris*	V		○○○
71.	Fulmar	*Fulmarus glacialis*	RB MB PM	1+3	○○○
72.	Cory's Shearwater	*Calonectris diomedea*	PM	2+4	○○○
73.	Great Shearwater	*Puffinus gravis*	PM	2+4	○○○
74.	Sooty Shearwater	*Puffinus griseus*	PM	2+4	○○○
75.	Manx Shearwater	*Puffinus puffinus*	MB PM	1+3	○○○
76.	Balearic Shearwater	*Puffinus mauretanicus*	PM	2+4	○○○
77.	Macaronesian Shearwater	*Puffinus baroli*	V		○○○
78.	Wilson's Petrel	*Oceanites oceanicus*	V		○○○
79.	Frigate Petrel	*Pelagodroma marina*	V		○○○

304. Gyr Falcon	*Falco rusticolus*	SM	2 + 4	○○○
305. Peregrine	*Falco peregrinus*	RB WM PM	1 + 3	○○○
306. Red-eyed Vireo	*Vireo olivaceus*	V	4	○○○
307. Golden Oriole	*Oriolus oriolus*	PM	4	○○○
308. Brown Shrike	*Lanius cristatus*	V	4	○○○
309. Isabelline Shrike	*Lanius isabellinus*	PM	4	○○○
310. Red-backed Shrike	*Lanius collurio*	CB PM	4	○○○
311. Long-tailed Shrike	*Lanius schach*	V		○○○
312. Lesser Grey Shrike	*Lanius minor*	SM	4	○○○
313. Great Grey Shrike	*Lanius excubitor*	WM PM	2 + 4	○○○
314. Southern Grey Shrike	*Lanius meridionalis*	V		○○○
315. Woodchat Shrike	*Lanius senator*	PM	4	○○○
316. Masked Shrike	*Lanius nubicus*	V		○○○
317. Chough	*Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax*	RB	3	○○○
318. Magpie	*Pica pica*	RB	1	○○○
319. Jay	*Garrulus glandarius*	RB	1	○○○
320. Nutcracker	*Nucifraga caryocatactes*	V		○○○
321. Jackdaw	*Corvus monedula*	RB WM	1 + 3	○○○
322. Rook	*Corvus frugilegus*	RB WM	1 + 3	○○○
323. Carrion Crow	*Corvus corone*	RB WM	1 + 4	○○○
324. Hooded Crow	*Corvus cornix*	RB WM	1 + 3	○○○
325. Raven	*Corvus corax*	RB	1 + 3	○○○
326. Goldcrest	*Regulus regulus*	RB PM WM	1 + 3	○○○
327. Firecrest	*Regulus ignicapilla*	PM WM	4	○○○
328. Blue Tit	*Cyanistes caeruleus*	RB SM	1 + 3	○○○
329. Great Tit	*Parus major*	RB PM WM	1 + 3	○○○
330. Crested Tit	*Lophophanes cristatus*	RB	1	○○○
331. Coal Tit	*Periparus ater*	RB SM	1 + 3	○○○
332. Willow Tit	*Poecile montana*	RB	4	○○○
333. Marsh Tit	*Poecile palustris*	RB		○○○
334. Bearded Tit	*Panurus biarmicus*	RB SM	2	○○○
335. Woodlark	*Lullula arborea*	SM WM		○○○

336.	Skylark	*Alauda arvensis*	RB MB PM WM	1 + 3	○○○
337.	Crested Lark	*Galerida cristata*	V		○○○
338.	Shore Lark	*Eremophila alpestris*	CB WM	4	○○○
339.	Short-toed Lark	*Calandrella brachydactyla*	PM	4	○○○
340.	Bimaculated Lark	*Melanocorypha bimaculata*	V		○○○
341.	Calandra Lark	*Melanocorypha calandra*	V		○○○
342.	Sand Martin	*Riparia riparia*	MB PM	1 + 3	○○○
343.	Tree Swallow	*Tachycineta bicolor*	V		○○○
344.	Purple Martin	*Progne subis*	V		○○○
345.	Crag Martin	*Ptyonoprogne rupestris*	V		○○○
346.	Swallow	*Hirundo rustica*	MB PM	1 + 3	○○○
347.	House Martin	*Delichon urbicum*	MB PM	1 + 3	○○○
348.	Red-rumped Swallow	*Cecropis daurica*	SM	4	○○○
349.	Cetti's Warbler	*Cettia cetti*	V		○○○
350.	Long-tailed Tit	*Aegithalos caudatus*	RB	1 + 3	○○○
351.	Greenish Warbler	*Phylloscopus trochiloides*	SM	4	○○○
352.	Arctic Warbler	*Phylloscopus borealis*	SM	4	○○○
353.	Pallas's Warbler	*Phylloscopus proregulus*	PM	4	○○○
354.	Yellow-browed Warbler	*Phylloscopus inornatus*	PM	2 + 4	○○○
355.	Hume's Warbler	*Phylloscopus humei*	SM	4	○○○
356.	Radde's Warbler	*Phylloscopus schwarzi*	SM	4	○○○
357.	Dusky Warbler	*Phylloscopus fuscatus*	SM		○○○
358.	Western Bonelli's Warbler	*Phylloscopus bonelli*	V		○○○
359.	Eastern Bonelli's Warbler	*Phylloscopus orientalis*	V		○○○
360.	Wood Warbler	*Phylloscopus sibilatrix*	MB PM	2 + 4	○○○
361.	Chiffchaff	*Phylloscopus collybita*	MB PM WM	1 + 3	○○○
362.	Iberian Chiffchaff	*Phylloscopus ibericus*	V		○○○
363.	Willow Warbler	*Phylloscopus trochilus*	MB PM	1 + 3	○○○
364.	Blackcap	*Sylvia atricapilla*	MB PM WM	1 + 3	○○○
365.	Garden Warbler	*Sylvia borin*	MB PM	2 + 4	○○○
366.	Barred Warbler	*Sylvia nisoria*	PM	2 + 4	○○○
367.	Lesser Whitethroat	*Sylvia curruca*	MB PM	2 + 4	○○○

368.	Rüppell's Warbler	*Sylvia rueppelli*	V		○○○
369.	Sardinian Warbler	*Sylvia melanocephala*	V		○○○
370.	Moltoni's Subalpine Warbler	*Sylvia subalpina*	V		○○○
371.	Subalpine Warbler	*Sylvia cantillans*	SM	4	○○○
372.	Whitethroat	*Sylvia communis*	MB PM	1 + 3	○○○
373.	Marmora's Warbler	*Sylvia sarda*	V		○○○
374.	Dartford Warbler	*Sylvia undata*	V		○○○
375.	Pallas's Grasshopper Warbler	*Locustella certhiola*	SM		○○○
376.	Lanceolated Warbler	*Locustella lanceolata*	SM	4	○○○
377.	Grasshopper Warbler	*Locustella naevia*	MP PM	2 + 4	○○○
378.	River Warbler	*Locustella fluviatilis*	SM		○○○
379.	Savi's Warbler	*Locustella luscinioides*	V		○○○
380.	Thick-billed Warbler	*Iduna aedon*	V	4	○○○
381.	Booted Warbler	*Iduna caligata*	SM	4	○○○
382.	Sykes's Warbler	*Iduna rama*	V		○○○
383.	Eastern Olivaceous Warbler	*Iduna pallida*	V		○○○
384.	Olive-tree Warbler	*Hippolais olivetorum*	V		○○○
385.	Icterine Warbler	*Hippolais icterina*	CB PM	2 + 4	○○○
386.	Melodious Warbler	*Hippolais polyglotta*	SM		○○○
387.	Aquatic Warbler	*Acrocephalus paludicola*	SM		○○○
388.	Sedge Warbler	*Acrocephalus schoenobaenus*	MB PM	1 + 3	○○○
389.	Paddyfield Warbler	*Acrocephalus agricola*	SM		○○○
390.	Blyth's Reed Warbler	*Acrocephalus dumetorum*	SM	4	○○○
391.	Marsh Warbler	*Acrocephalus palustris*	CB PM	4	○○○
392.	Reed Warbler	*Acrocephalus scirpaceus*	MB PM	4	○○○
393.	Great Reed Warbler	*Acrocephalus arundinaceus*	SM		○○○
394.	Cedar Waxwing	*Bombycilla cedrorum*	V		○○○
395.	Waxwing	*Bombycilla garrulus*	WM	1	○○○
396.	Nuthatch	*Sitta europaea*	RB	2	○○○
397.	Treecreeper	*Certhia familiaris*	RB SM	1 + 4	○○○
398.	Wren	*Troglodytes troglodytes*	RB PM	1 + 3	○○○
399.	Starling	*Sturnus vulgaris*	RB WM PM	1 + 3	○○○

400.	Rose-coloured Starling	*Pastor roseus*	SM	4	○○○
401.	Dipper	*Cinclus cinclus*	RB SM	1 + 3	○○○
402.	White's Thrush	*Zoothera dauma*	SM	4	○○○
403.	Hermit Thrush	*Catharus guttatus*	V	4	○○○
404.	Swainson's Thrush	*Catharus ustulatus*	V	4	○○○
405.	Grey-cheeked Thrush	*Catharus minimus*	V		○○○
406.	Veery	*Catharus fuscescens*	V		○○○
407.	Siberian Thrush	*Geokichla sibirica*	V		○○○
408.	Ring Ouzel	*Turdus torquatus*	MB PM	1 + 4	○○○
409.	Blackbird	*Turdus merula*	RB MB? PM WM	1 + 3	○○○
410.	Eyebrowed Thrush	*Turdus obscurus*	V		○○○
411.	Dusky Thrush	*Turdus eunomus*	V		○○○
412.	Black-throated Thrush	*Turdus atrogularis*	SM		○○○
413.	Fieldfare	*Turdus pilaris*	CB WM PM	1 + 3	○○○
414.	Song Thrush	*Turdus philomelos*	RB MB PM WM	1 + 3	○○○
415.	Redwing	*Turdus iliacus*	CB WM PM	1 + 3	○○○
416.	Mistle Thrush	*Turdus viscivorus*	RB MB? PM WM	1 + 3	○○○
417.	American Robin	*Turdus migratorius*	V		○○○
418.	Brown Flycatcher	*Muscicapa dauurica*	V		○○○
419.	Spotted Flycatcher	*Muscicapa striata*	MB PM	1 + 3	○○○
420.	Robin	*Erithacus rubecula*	RB MB CB PM WM	1 + 3	○○○
421.	Siberian Blue Robin	*Larvivora cyane*	V		○○○
422.	Rufous-tailed Robin	*Larvivora sibilans*	V		○○○
423.	Thrush Nightingale	*Luscinia luscinia*	SM	4	○○○
424.	Nightingale	*Luscinia megarhynchos*	SM		○○○
425.	Bluethroat	*Luscinia svecica*	CB SM	4	○○○
426.	Siberian Rubythroat	*Calliope calliope*	V	4	○○○
427.	Red-flanked Bluetail	*Tarsiger cyanurus*	SM	4	○○○
428.	Red-breasted Flycatcher	*Ficedula parva*	PM	4	○○○
429.	Taiga Flycatcher	*Ficedula albicilla*	V		○○○
430.	Collared Flycatcher	*Ficedula albicollis*	SM		○○○
431.	Pied Flycatcher	*Ficedula hypoleuca*	MB PM	2 + 4	○○○

432. Black Redstart	*Phoenicurus ochruros*	CB PM WM	2 + 4	○○○
433. Redstart	*Phoenicurus phoenicurus*	MB PM	1 + 4	○○○
434. Rock Thrush	*Monticola saxatilis*	V		○○○
435. Blue Rock Thrush	*Monticola solitarius*	V		○○○
436. Whinchat	*Saxicola rubetra*	MB PM	2 + 4	○○○
437. Siberian Stonechat	*Saxicola maurus*	SM	4	○○○
438. Stonechat	*Saxicola rubicola*	RB MB	1 + 3	○○○
439. Wheatear	*Oenanthe oenanthe*	MB PM	1 + 3	○○○
440. Isabelline Wheatear	*Oenanthe isabellina*	V		○○○
441. Desert Wheatear	*Oenanthe deserti*	SM	2	○○○
442. Black-eared Wheatear	*Oenanthe hispanica*	V	2	○○○
443. Pied Wheatear	*Oenanthe pleschanka*	SM		○○○
444. Alpine Accentor	*Prunella collaris*	V		○○○
445. Dunnock	*Prunella modularis*	RB PM WM	1 + 3	○○○
446. Siberian Accentor	*Prunella montanella*	V	2	○○○
447. House Sparrow	*Passer domesticus*	RB	1 + 3	○○○
448. Spanish Sparrow	*Passer hispaniolensis*	V		○○○
449. Tree Sparrow	*Passer montanus*	RB PM	1	○○○
450. Yellow Wagtail	*Motacilla flava*	MB CB PM	2 + 4	○○○
451. Citrine Wagtail	*Motacilla citreola*	SM	4	○○○
452. Grey Wagtail	*Motacilla cinerea*	RB MB PM	1 + 3	○○○
453. Pied Wagtail	*Motacilla alba*	RB MB CB PM	1 + 3	○○○
454. Richard's Pipit	*Anthus richardi*	PM	4	○○○
455. Blyth's Pipit	*Anthus godlewskii*	V		○○○
456. Tawny Pipit	*Anthus campestris*	SM	4	○○○
457. Olive-backed Pipit	*Anthus hodgsoni*	PM	4	○○○
458. Tree Pipit	*Anthus trivialis*	MB PM	1 + 4	○○○
459. Pechora Pipit	*Anthus gustavi*	SM	4	○○○
460. Meadow Pipit	*Anthus pratensis*	MB RB PM	1 + 3	○○○
461. Red-throated Pipit	*Anthus cervinus*	PM	4	○○○
462. Rock Pipit	*Anthus petrosus*	RB PM WM	1 + 3	○○○
463. Water Pipit	*Anthus spinoletta*	PM WM		○○○

464.	Buff-bellied Pipit	*Anthus rubescens*	V	4	○○○
465.	Brambling	*Fringilla montifringilla*	CB WM	1+3	○○○
466.	Chaffinch	*Fringilla coelebs*	RB WM PM	1+3	○○○
467.	Evening Grosbeak	*Hesperiphona vespertina*	V		○○○
468.	Hawfinch	*Coccothraustes coccothraustes*	PB PM	2+4	○○○
469.	Common Rosefinch	*Erythrina erythrina*	CB PM	2+4	○○○
470.	Pine Grosbeak	*Pinicola enucleator*	V		○○○
471.	Bullfinch	*Pyrrhula pyrrhula*	RB PM	1+3	○○○
472.	Trumpeter Finch	*Bucanetes githagineus*	V		○○○
473.	Greenfinch	*Chloris chloris*	RB WM	1+3	○○○
474.	Linnet	*Linaria cannabina*	RB MB PM	1+3	○○○
475.	Twite	*Linaria flavirostris*	RB MB	1+3	○○○
476.	Lesser Redpoll	*Acanthis cabaret*	RB MB	1+3	○○○
477.	Common Redpoll	*Acanthis flammea*	WM PM	2+4	○○○
478.	Arctic Redpoll	*Acanthis hornemanni*	SM	4	○○○
479.	Two-barred Crossbill	*Loxia leucoptera*	SM	4	○○○
480.	Crossbill	*Loxia curvirostra*	RB MB WM PM	1+3	○○○
481.	Scottish Crossbill	*Loxia scotica*	RB ENDEMIC	1	○○○
482.	Parrot Crossbill	*Loxia pytyopsittacus*	RB SM	2	○○○
483.	Goldfinch	*Carduelis carduelis*	RB WM	1+3	○○○
484.	Citril Finch	*Carduelis citrinella*	V		○○○
485.	Serin	*Serinus serinus*	V		○○○
486.	Siskin	*Spinus spinus*	RB MB WM PM	1+3	○○○
487.	Snow Bunting	*Plectrophenax nivalis*	RB PB PM WM	1+3	○○○
488.	Lapland Bunting	*Calcarius lapponicus*	CB PM WM	4	○○○
489.	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	*Pheucticus ludovicianus*	V		○○○
490.	Savannah Sparrow	*Passerculus sandwichensis*	V		○○○
491.	Song Sparrow	*Melospiza melodia*	V		○○○
492.	White-crowned Sparrow	*Zonotrichia leucophrys*	V		○○○
493.	White-throated Sparrow	*Zonotrichia albicollis*	V		○○○
494.	Dark-eyed Junco	*Junco hyemalis*	V		○○○
495.	Black-headed Bunting	*Emberiza melanocephala*	SM		○○○

496. Corn Bunting	*Emberiza calandra*	RB PM WM	1 + 3	○○○
497. Chestnut-eared Bunting	*Emberiza fucata*	V		○○○
498. Cretzschmar's Bunting	*Emberiza caesia*	V		○○○
499. Ortolan Bunting	*Emberiza hortulana*	PM	4	○○○
500. Cirl Bunting	*Emberiza cirlus*	V	4	○○○
501. Yellowhammer	*Emberiza citrinella*	RB PM	1	○○○
502. Pine Bunting	*Emberiza leucocephalos*	V	4	○○○
503. Pallas's Reed Bunting	*Emberiza pallasi*	V		○○○
504. Reed Bunting	*Emberiza schoeniclus*	RB PM WM	1 + 3	○○○
505. Yellow-breasted Bunting	*Emberiza aureola*	PM	4	○○○
506. Yellow-browed Bunting	*Emberiza chrysophrys*	V		○○○
507. Little Bunting	*Emberiza pusilla*	PM	4	○○○
508. Rustic Bunting	*Emberiza rustica*	PM	4	○○○
509. Black-faced Bunting	*Emberiza spodocephala*	V		○○○
510. Bobolink	*Dolichonyx oryzivorus*	V		○○○
511. Brown-headed Cowbird	*Molothrus ater*	V		○○○
512. Baltimore Oriole	*Icterus galbula*	V		○○○
513. Ovenbird	*Seiurus aurocapilla*	V		○○○
514. Black-and-white Warbler	*Mniotilta varia*	V		○○○
515. Tennessee Warbler	*Oreothlypis peregrina*	V		○○○
516. Common Yellowthroat	*Geothlypis trichas*	V		○○○
517. Hooded Warbler	*Setophaga citrina*	V		○○○
518. American Redstart	*Setophaga ruticilla*	V		○○○
519. Cape May Warbler	*Setophaga tigrina*	V		○○○
520. Northern Parula	*Setophaga americana*	V		○○○
521. Magnolia Warbler	*Setophaga magnolia*	V		○○○
522. Blackburnian Warbler	*Setophaga fusca*	V		○○○
523. Yellow Warbler	*Setophaga petechia*	V		○○○
524. Chestnut-sided Warbler	*Setophaga pensylvanica*	V		○○○
525. Blackpoll Warbler	*Setophaga striata*	V		○○○
526. Yellow-rumped Warbler	*Setophaga coronata*	V	4	○○○
527. Wilson's Warbler	*Cardellina pusilla*	V	4	○○○

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HEATHERLEA SCOTTISH BIRDWATCHING HOLIDAYS - *A brief guide.*

Mainland Scotland

Our base at Mountview Hotel, in Nethy Bridge, at the heart of the Cairngorms National Park, is the perfect location for Scottish birding. We have resident specialities nearby, migrants at the coast and inland, and are often very well placed for the fantastic rarities which make Scottish birding doubly exciting. With 47 consecutive weeks birding every year from Jan – Nov, you can come at any season; birding is always rewarding in this part of the world. Key breeding birds include Capercaillie, Golden Eagle, White-tailed Eagle, Crested Tit, Scottish (Parrot) Crossbill, Black Grouse, Ptarmigan, Dotterel, Osprey, both Red and Black -throated Divers, and Slavonian Grebe. We offer a huge choice of dates and itineraries, with full-week holidays or short breaks for busy birders. Whichever you choose, all include accommodation, food, travel, access fees and ferry charges - everything you need! We are dedicated to showing you wildlife, and above all, we have fun. You won't feel out of place if you have less experience than others, and many of our guests become friends visiting year after year. We take care to make sure everyone enjoys an unforgettable holiday. Heatherlea is a small company run BY birders FOR birders!

Our full-week holidays take you to places where wildlife is special, and many also include a night or two in a second centre, so you can also visit Handa Island, Orkney, the isles of Lewis and Harris, Skye, and Mull. This is a unique way to see the Highlands and islands during one visit, made possible because we own our hotel and keep your room secure, while you enjoy birding the islands.

Scottish island holidays

The Scottish islands are simply stunning, and with Heatherlea the best wildlife experiences are readily available. We offer exciting itineraries between April and November, from remote parts of the Shetlands and Orkneys to bird-rich places on the Inner and Outer Hebrides. From Muckle Flugga to Tiree, from St Kilda to Fair Isle and Islay, Heatherlea have Scotland's island birding well and truly covered.

Some of these holidays are ideal if you want to see the rarest and most difficult-to-find birds of the British Isles. Some are specifically designated 'for birders', so choose Outer Hebrides, North Ronaldsay, Coll and Tiree, Shetland and Fair Isle itineraries to take your British list to new heights as we concentrate on wind-blown rarities and passage species.

Other holidays target sought-after birds, including Corncrake and White-tailed Eagle, and on all trips we are keenly interested in mammals (especially Otter and cetaceans), insects, flora and more. We also take time to enjoy the scenery. After all, we are visiting some of the most beautiful places on the planet!

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Heatherlea Guides

Above all, your holiday includes the services of a Heatherlea Guide, a very valuable asset. We build knowledge each week as the seasons unfold. Where are Capercaillie most active right now? Which Blackcock lek is still going strong? Where are Golden Eagles actually being seen? Your Heatherlea Guide knows where the birds have been showing, and the best way to maximise your chances. We gather an enormous reservoir of information not available anywhere else, and work alongside local landowners and estates to develop brilliant birding close to hand, often with exclusive access. Heatherlea are careful to put the interests of wildlife first at all times, and we conform to the Birdwatchers' Code of Conduct.

We are well-known for great guiding and personal care, usually with a maximum of seven clients per guide, meaning a high level of personal attention, and more time with your Guide to help you get the best possible sightings. Much more than a friend to help you identify birds, a Heatherlea Guide plans your entire holiday, from briefing on the first evening to round-up on the last.

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Useful contacts

British Ornithologists' Union
www.bou.org.uk

Scottish Ornithologists' Club
www.the-soc.org.uk

Scottish Natural Heritage
www.snh.gov.uk

Code of conduct for birdwatchers
www.the-soc.org.uk/birdwatchers-code

Birdtrack
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