

We hope you manage to make it along to some of our branch outings. Don't forget, as an SOC member you're welcome to attend any of the outings listed here - not just those with your local branch. Please speak to the relevant branch beforehand so that they know to expect you.

On our outdoor trips the aim is not just to see the largest number of birds, but to find and watch and enjoy. These are a great opportunity to connect with like-minded individuals whilst bettering your bird ID skills. There will always be someone on hand to help with the trickier aspects of field identification.

Non-members interested in finding out more about the Club, our activities and membership are more than welcome to come along and sample one of these outings. Please contact the branch representative in advance to let them know you're planning to attend.

Want a timely reminder about your branch's upcoming outings? Complete our online consent form at www.the-soc.org.uk/members-area to allow us to send you these (if you haven't done so already).

* Ayrshire

Contact: Jim Thomson (Tel: 01292 571899) or Anne Dick (Tel: 01292 541981, email: a_m_dick@btinternet.com)

All outings are joint with Central Ayrshire RSPB Local Group. For outings and to arrange carshare, contact Jim Thomson or Anne Dick. For coach trips please contact Tony Scott on 01292 281085.

Sat 21 Sep	Loch Ryan. Meet in Ballintrae at 10.30
Sat 19 Oct	Caerlaverock. Meet at the reserve at 11.00am
15-17 Nov	Leighton Moss trip. Full details at meetings or from Tony Scott
Sat 14 Dec	Maidens. Meet at 10.30am
Sat 25 Jan	Greenan. Meet at 10.00am
Sat 22 Feb	Irvine Harbour. Meet at 10.00am
Sat 21 Mar	Auchincruive. Meet at 10.00am
Fri 24 Apr	Dumfries House. Meet at visitor centre at 10.00am (NB Friday to avoid the crowds)

* Borders

Contact: Neil Stratton (Tel: 01573 450695, email: neildstratton@btinternet.com)

Tue 17 Sep	Mire Loch and St Abb's Head. Meet at NTS Visitors' car park (NT913673) at 10.00am
Wed 16 Oct	Musselburgh and Aberlady Bay. Meet at Goose Green Place at 10am
Sat 16 Nov	Birgham Haugh and The Hirsell. Meet at parking spaces off the main road at east end of Birgham (NT793391) at 10.00am
February	RSPB Mersehead. Meet at RSPB Centre (NX925561) at 10.30am, date to be confirmed
Sat 14 Mar	Leithen Water and Thornilee. Meet at lay-by on B709 (NT333402) at 10am
Thu 23 Apr	Folly Loch and Teviot Haugh. Meet at Woodside Garden Centre car park (NT643249) at 10.00am

* Caithness

Contact: Nina O'Hanlon (Tel: 07810 300392, email: caithnesssecretary@the-soc.org.uk)

No outings currently planned. Any updates will be available on the SOC website.

* Central Scotland

Contact: Rick Goater (Tel: 07875 029201, email: rick.goater@btinternet.com)

Please contact Rick Goater for outings details if you don't receive these by email.

Sat 7 Sep	In search of Pirates: In hope of Skuas at Hound Point
Sun 27 Oct	High Tide: Waterfowl and waders at Montrose Basin
Sat 16 Nov	Winter birds in Dunbartonshire: Loch Lomond and the Inner Clyde
Sun 8 Dec	Birding the Bridges: Skinflats, Powfoulis and Higgin's Neuk
Sat 18 Jan	Car-park Birding: Hawfinch & Ptarmigan - Scone Palace & Glenshee
Sun 16 Feb	Low Tide and Local: Birding near Alloa

* Clyde

Contact: David Palmar (Tel: 07904 119047, email: dpalmar2000@yahoo.co.uk)

Meet at the venue at 10.00am unless otherwise specified. If you want a lift or can offer one, please contact David Palmar in advance. Bring a packed lunch except for GMRC visit. Excursion details will be sent by email, if you have signed up for this.

Thu 26 Sep	Baron's Haugh. Meet at the car park (Lang Stewart)
Sun 13 Oct	Musselburgh Lagoons. Meet at the car park (David Palmar)
Sun 17 Nov	RSPB Loch Leven (David Palmar/RSPB)
Thu 13 Feb	Tour of Glasgow Museums Resource Centre. Booking essential. Meet at 10.15am for 10.30am tour (Ann Ainsworth)
Sun 8 Mar	Linlithgow Loch (David Palmar)
Sat 2 May	RSPB Loch Lomond. Booking essential. Meet at 9.30am (Ian Fulton)
Sat 23 May	Great Cumbrae. Meet at Largs ferry slip for 10.15am ferry (Eddie Williams)

* Dumfries

Contact: Lesley Creamer (Tel: 01848 330821, email: dumfriessecretary@the-soc.org.uk)

Sat 5 Oct	South Solway (Duncan Irving)
Sat 23 Nov	Loch Ryan (Alex Banwell)
Sat 11 Jan	Southernness & Mersehead (Edmund Fellowes)
27-30 Apr	Forth coast from Musselburgh to St Abbs (Duncan Irving)

* Fife

Contact: Caroline Gordon (Tel: 01592 750230, email: fifeseecretary@the-soc.org.uk)

Sat 14 Sep	North-east Fife (Eden Estuary) (Caroline Gordon)
Sun 13 Oct	Gartmorn Dam and Torry Bay (Elizabeth and John Irwin)
Sat 16 Nov	Lochs of Kinnordy and Lintrathen (Rob Armstrong)
Sat 11 Jan	Howe of Fife (Norman Elkins)
Sun 16 Feb	Scone Palace and Glen Quaich (Andy Falconer)
Sat 14 Mar	Loch Leven and Portmoak Moss (Caroline Gordon)
Sat 11 Apr	Black Grouse lek in Perthshire - there will be an early start (David Heeley)
15-18 May	Galloway weekend
Sat 20 Jun	Isle of May

* Highland

Contact: Kathy Bonniface (Tel: 01808 511740, email: highlandsecretary@the-soc.org.uk)

Meet at 9.00am (9.15am Thursdays) at Inverness Retail Park, near Burger King. Thursday outings will be led by a committee member.

Sat 14 Sep	Pelagic trip, Ullapool - Stornoway ferry (Peter Stronach)
Thu 19 Sep	Local birding
11-14 Oct	Weekend trip to Lothian area (Alex Joss)
Thu 17 Oct	Local birding
Sat 9 Nov	Moray coast (Al McNee and Alister Clunas)
Thu 21 Nov	Local birding
Sun 8 Dec	Speyside or Inverness area - weather dependent (Pete Gordon)
Thu 19 Dec	Local birding
Sat 11 Jan	Bird Race (Carol Miller)
Thu 23 Jan	Local birding
Sat 8 Feb	Black Isle (Dave & Mary Galloway)
Thu 20 Feb	Local birding
7 or 8 Mar	An Eagle Hunt (Alex Joss)
Thu 19 Mar	Local birding
Sat 18 Apr	Skye (leader to be announced)
Thu 23 Apr	Local birding (Jonathan Clarke)
Sat 16 May	Small Isles trip for the day on MV Shearwater from Arisaig. Times to be announced (Carol Miller)

* Lothian

Contact: Gillian Herbert (Tel: 0131 339 6479, email: gillianherbert@btinternet.com)

These are full-day trips so please bring packed lunch and stout footwear. Transport is on a carshare basis. Details will be available at indoor meetings, or from Gillian Herbert.

- Sun 6 Oct** Musselburgh (Tom Gillies)
Sun 17 Nov Loch Ore Meadows (John Hamilton)
Sun 15 Dec Christmas lunch and Aberlady/
Gosford (Stephen Hunter and Hilary Maxfield)
Sun 19 Jan Linlithgow Loch & Kinneil (Alison Creamer)
Sun 9 Feb Largo Bay & Ruddons Point (D Atkins)
Sun 15 Mar Gullane to North Berwick (Richard Leslie)
Sun 19 Apr Roslin Glen & Penicuik Estate (Mike Thornton)
Sun 10 May Lammermuirs (Richard Leslie)
Thu 14 May Musselburgh (J & D Main)
Sun 21 Jun Comrie Glens (David Atkins)

* Moray

Contact: Alison Ritchie (Tel: 01309 674379, email: moraysecretary@the-soc.org.uk)

- Sat 21 Sep** Sepymouth to Kingston
Sun 6 Oct Findhorn Bay
Sat 16 Nov Burghead/Roseisle
Sat 18 Jan Lossiemouth
Sat 15 Feb Spey Bay

* North-East Scotland

Contact: John Wills (Tel: 01467 651296, email: grampian.secretary@the-soc.org.uk)

No outings currently planned. Any updates will be available on the SOC website.

* Orkney

Contact: Helen Aiton (Tel: 01856 751482, email: helendavidaiton@hotmail.co.uk)

No outings planned.

* Stewartry

Contact: Joan Howie (Tel: 01644 420280, email: joanospreys1@btinternet.com)

Please phone the night before, as soon as possible after 7pm, to make sure an excursion is taking place as planned - Joan 01644 420280 or Peter 01556 502144.

- Fri 13 Sep** Garlieston
Fri 27 Sep Mersehead RSPB Reserve
Fri 11 Oct Caerlaverock WWT Reserve
Nov-Feb Excursions for these months will be announced at our indoor meetings
Fri 13 Mar/ Corsewall Point/Loch Ryan,
Fri 27 Mar/ Mersehead & Crook of Baldoon.
Fri 3 Apr Confirmation of dates & venues, depending upon weather & bird news, will be announced at indoor meetings and by email
Fri 17 Apr Garroch Estate
Fri 24 Apr Water of Minnoch
Fri 15 May Scaur Glen
Fri 22 May Glenim, Mennoch Pass & Wanlockhead

Please contact Joan Howie ASAP if you are interested in an autumn migration weekend, trip to Leighton Moss or a week to the Western Isles

* Tayside

Contact: Brian Brocklehurst (Tel: 01382 778348, email: brian.brocklehurst1@btinternet.com)

All meets are joint with Angus & Dundee Bird Club; members are urged to carshare wherever possible.

- Wed 18 Sep** Montrose Basin/Usan. Meet at Montrose Basin Visitor Centre at 9.30am (leader to be announced)
Sun 13 Oct Fife migrants. Meet at Riverside Naturepark car park, Dundee at 9.30am (Gus Guthrie)
Sun 17 Nov Kinnordy and Lintrathen Lochs. Meet at Kinnordy Loch at 9.30am (Gus Guthrie)

* West Galloway

Contact: Geoff Sheppard (Tel: 01776 870685, email: geoff.rodzens@btinternet.com)

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Participants are reminded that the Club, its branches and individual leaders of outings cannot accept responsibility for any injury suffered by individuals taking part in these outings, or any loss or damage to their property. For more general information about the SOC, please visit www.the-soc.org.uk or call us on 01875 871 330.

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