

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 22 Sep	RSPB Mersehead
Sat 20 Oct	Loch Ryan
November	Three day/two night coach trip, date and further details to be announced
Sat 15 Dec	Irvine Harbour
Sat 26 Jan	Greenan and Doonfoot
Sat 23 Feb	Maidens and Culzean (or Dipple)
Sat 23 Mar	Fullarton Woods and Troon Harbour
Fri 19 Apr	Loch Doon and Ness Glen
May	Coach holiday week, date and further details to be announced

* Borders

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

Wed 19 Sep	Berwick Pier, Burnmouth and Eyemouth. Meet at Berwick Pier car park (NU005527) at 10.00am
Wed 10 Oct	Kinneil Nature Reserve and Linlithgow Loch. Meet at car park, Snab Lane, Bo'ness (NS985811) at 11.00am
Sat 17 Nov	Dunbar Quarry, Barns Ness and Skateraw. Meet at White Sands car park (NT709772) at 10.00am
Sat 16 Feb	Mellerstain circular. Meet at Mellerstain Mill (NT651381) at 10.00am
Sat 23 Mar	Sprouston to Carham. Meet at Sprouston at 10.00am
Wed 24 Apr	Druridge Bay. Meet at East Ord Garden Centre for car sharing at 9.30am
Sat 18 May	Ashiestiel and Glenkinnon Burn. Meet at Forestry Commission car park (NT437350) at 10.00am

* Caithness

Contact: Angus McBay (Tel: 01847 894663, email: angmcb@btinternet.com)

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

* Central Scotland

Contact: Eilidh McNab (Tel: 07738 851560, email: eilidh.mcnab@gmail.com)

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

* Clyde

Contact: David Palmer (Tel: 07904 119047, email: info@photoscot.co.uk)

Excursions will usually last until mid-afternoon. Car sharing is encouraged, please contact David Palmer by email a week before each outing if you can either offer a lift or need one.

Wed 19 Sep	Baron's Haugh. Meet at 10.00am at RSPB car park (Lang Stewart)
Sun 14 Oct	Aberlady Bay and SOC HQ. Meet at 10.30am at Aberlady Bay car park (Sandy McNeil)
Wed 14 Nov	North Ayrshire coast. Meet at 12 noon at car park at south end of Fairlie (Marco McGinty)
Sun 03 Mar	Kinneil Water Treatment Works and Skinflats. Meet at 10.30am at Kinneil WTW (David Palmer)
Wed 15 May	Dalzell Woods. Meet at 10.00am at RSPB Baron's Haugh car park (Lang Stewart)
Thu 23 May	Inchcailloch. Meet at 10.00am at National Park Centre, Balmaha (Ian Fulton)

* Dumfries

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

November	Loch Ryan (Alex Banwell) - date to be confirmed
January	Southernness (Brian Smith) - date to be confirmed
March	South Solway - date to be confirmed

* Fife

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

Sun 16 Sep	Fife Ness/Kilminning (C Gordon)
Sat 13 Oct	Torry Bay and Gartmorn Dam (Elizabeth and John Irwin)

Sun 18 Nov	Slamannan and Kinneil (Rob Armstrong and Paul Taylor)
Sun 13 Jan	Loch Leven (Caroline Gordon)
Sat 16 Feb	Dalgety Bay to Kinghorn (C Gordon)
15-18 Mar	Islay (leader to be confirmed)
Sun 14 Apr	Ruddons Point (Rob Armstrong)
Sun 12 May	Glen Turret (Elizabeth & John Irwin)

* 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. Weekend excursions are full day, Thursdays are usually mornings only. Contact trip leader for other meeting place options.

Thu 20 Sep	Local birding
Sun 07 Oct	Whiteness Head (Jonathan Clarke)
Thu 18 Oct	Local birding
Sat 10 Nov	Udale Bay (Peter Stronach)
Thu 22 Nov	Local birding
Sun 09 Dec	Geese and waders (Al McNee)
Thu 20 Dec	Local birding
Sat 12 Jan	Bird race (Carol Miller)
Thu 24 Jan	Local birding
Sun 10 Feb	Black Isle (Dave Galloway)
Thu 21 Feb	Local birding
Sat 09 Mar	East coast or Cairngorm (P Gordon)
Thu 21 Mar	Local birding
Sun 14 Apr	Glens south of Inverness (Alex Joss)
Thu 25 Apr	Local birding

* 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 16 Sep	East coast (Richard Leslie)
Sun 14 Oct	Lindisfarne (David Atkins)
Sun 18 Nov	Loch Leven (Hilary Maxfield)
Sun 16 Dec	Christmas lunch/Aberlady Bay/Gosford Estate (Stephen Hunter)
Sun 20 Jan	Musselburgh (Richard Leslie)
Sun 17 Feb	Scone Palace (Alison Creamer)
Sun 17 Mar	Tentsmuir/Morton Lochs (David Atkins)
Sun 28 Apr	Little Glenshee/Loch of the Lowes (John Hamilton)
Thu 9 May	The Borders (James & Doreen Main)
Sun 19 May	The Hirsell (Tom Gillies)

* Moray

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

Sat 15 Sep Speymouth - Kingston, Spey Estuary and the Lein. Meet at 10.00am in Kingston car park overlooking the estuary (NJ340656)

Sun 21 Oct Findhorn Bay. Meet at 7.00am at bird hide car park on the Kinloss-Findhorn road (NJ052632)

Sat 17 Nov Loch Spynie. Meet at 10.00am at car park in Scarffbanks (NJ238662)

Sat 26 Jan Nairn/Kingsteps. Meet at 10.00am at car park at Nairn Links (NH883569)

Sat 16 Feb Spey Bay. Meet at 10.00am at Dolphin Centre car park (NJ348654)

Sat 23 Mar Portgordon to Cullen. Meet at 10.00am at Portgordon Harbour (NJ395644)

* 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)

Should the weather be bad on any date, the excursion will take place the following day OR the same day the following week. Thereafter it will be cancelled if the weather is again adverse.

Fri 14 Sep Garlieston for flocks of waders, including Greenshank which are usually in good numbers

Fri 28 Sep Mersehead RSPB for early arrivals of Barnacles and other geese, plus ducks, waders and birds of prey

Fri 12 Oct Caerlaverock WWT for geese, ducks, waders and birds of prey

13-20 Oct Week on Islay for thousands of Barnacle and other geese, plus waders, predators etc. Please contact Joan Howie as soon as possible if interested

Nov-Feb Excursions for these months will be announced at each indoor meeting

Mar 15 & 29 and April 12 & 26 - it is intended to visit Caerlaverock, Loch Ryan, Newbie and Mersehead in these months. Confirmation of dates and venues, depending upon weather and bird news, will be announced at indoor meetings and by email

* 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. Further outings will be available on the SOC website.

Wed 12 Sep Fifeness trip for migrants. Meet at Riverside Naturepark car park at 9.30am (Gus Guthrie)

Sun 14 Oct Lunan Bay, Montrose Basin & Lurgies. Meet at Lunan Bay car park at 9.30am (Gus Guthrie)

Sun 18 Nov Kinnordy & Lintrathen Lochs. Meet at Kinnordy Loch at 9.30am (Gus Guthrie)

Sun 2 Dec Forfar Loch & Montreathmont Forest. Meet at Forfar Loch at 9.30am (Jonathan Patullo)

* West Galloway

Contact: Geoff Sheppard (Tel: 01776 870685, email: geoff.roddens@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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