

Loch Kemp Storage - EIA Report

Appendix 11.2: Ornithological Baseline Survey Results

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1. Upland Breeding Bird Survey Results

A total of 21 species of conservation concern were recorded as breeding within the breeding bird survey area, locations are shown on **Figure 11.4: Breeding Bird Survey: Birds of Conservation Concern**. **Table 11.2.1: Breeding Bird Survey (BBS) Results** below lists the species recorded during upland breeding bird surveys (BBS), number of territories recorded and the conservation status of each species.

Table 11.2.1: Breeding Bird Survey (BBS) Results

Common Name	Scientific Name	Estimated Number of Territories	Conservation Status
Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>	2	Amber
Common redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>	1	Amber
Common sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	2	Amber
Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>	3	Red
Grasshopper warbler	<i>Locustella naivea</i>	3	Red
Grey wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	2	Amber
Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	1	Amber
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	1	Amber
Meadow pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>	48*	Amber
Mistle thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>	5	Amber
Reed bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>	1	Amber
Sedge warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>	1	Amber
Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>	30*	Red
Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	2	Amber
Song thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	6	Amber
Teal	<i>Strix aluco</i>	1	Amber
Tree pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>	24	Red

Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>	2	Red
Willow warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	60	Amber
Woodpigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	7	Amber
Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	12	Amber

2. Raptor and Owl Survey Results

Target species recorded include golden eagle (*Aquila chrysaetos*), osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*), red kite (*Milvus milvus*) and white-tailed eagle (*Haliaeetus albicilla*). Further details are provided in **Appendix 11.4 Confidential Appendix of Sensitive Bird Records**.

Secondary species recorded include buzzard (*Buteo buteo*) and kestrel. Kestrel was recorded as breeding on Torr Paiteag. Buzzard was present in areas around Whitebridge plantation and Torr Cluanie, but no breeding attempts were recorded.

3. Waterbird Survey Results

No target species (black-throated diver (*Gavia arctica*), red-throated diver (*Gavia stellata*) or Slavonian grebe (*Podiceps auritus*)) were recorded during the course of species-specific waterbird surveys across the five identified waterbodies within the Site.

Secondary species recorded on each waterbody are listed below, and documented within the BBS results where breeding behaviour was recorded:

1. Loch Kemp:
 - Common sandpiper;
 - Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax carbo*);
 - Greylag goose (*Anser anser*); and
 - Mallard
2. Lochan a Choin Uire:
 - None.
3. Loch Cluanie:
 - Teal.
4. Loch Paiteag:
 - Mallard.

5. Ponds near Dell lodge:

- None.

4. **Black Grouse Survey Results**

No black grouse (*Lyrurus tetrrix*) was recorded during the course of species-specific black grouse surveys, or incidentally through the course of other survey work carried out within the Site.