

Education Programme

Coastal Birds ID



True sea birds only visit the coasts in the spring and summer months.

This is to lay their eggs and raise their chicks.

Below is a list of birds that can be found around the coasts of the Isle of Man throughout spring and summer.



Fulmar



Razorbill



Guillemot



Kittiwake



Arctic Tern



Little Tern



Puffin



Manx Shearwater



Great Skua



The colour of the circle, Green, Orange and Red represents the UK conservation status of the bird populations.

Red = The highest conservation priority with species needing urgent action.

Populations on the Red list are in a serious way.

If a bird is on the Red list it means populations have either declined very fast, the species is at risk of going extinct around the world or the species has much lower levels of birds than what it has in the past.

Orange = Orange, or Amber as it is know is the nest most critical group.

To be on the Amber list birds have to meet lots of different criteria. Some of this includes:

- Historical population declines
- 25-50% decline in UK breeding population in the last 25 years
- Rare breeding bird, only 1-300 breeding pairs

(to see the full list: <https://www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/wildlife-guides/uk-conservation-status-explained/>)

Green = Include species that are least critical.

Many birds can be seen in and around the coastal waters of the Isle of Man throughout the year. These birds venture onto land in the spring and summer so they can lay their eggs and raise their chicks.



Shag



Eider



Black Guillemot



Cormorant



Shelduck



Gannet



Other birds you can see around the coasts are wading birds. Many can be seen all year round.



Oystercatcher



Curlew



Redshank



Ringed Plover



Common Sandpiper



Dunlin



Knot



Bar-tailed Godwit



Turnstone



Golden Plover



Lapwing



Greenshank

