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Appendix A9.3:
Breeding Bird Species Data from
the Desktop Review

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SECTION 1: NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY DATA CENTRE BREEDING BIRD DESKTOP DATA

The below table outlines recent records, obtained from the National Biodiversity Data Centre (NBDC), of breeding bird species of conservation concern (and their respective designations), that have previously frequented the areas within the proposed Scheme's Zone of Influence (Zoi).

Table A9 3.1: Recent NBDC Data Records (10 years) of Breeding Bird Species within the Zoi

Species name	Date of last record	Designation
Arctic Tern <i>Sterna paradisaea</i>	29/04/2023	Wildlife Act EU Birds Directive >> Annex I Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
Black Guillemot <i>Cephus grylle</i>	29/04/2023	Wildlife Act Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
Black-headed Gull <i>Larus ridibundus</i>	27/03/2023	Wildlife Act Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
Black-legged Kittiwake <i>Rissa tridactyla</i>	27/03/2023	Wildlife Act Birds of Conservation Concern - Red List
Common Coot <i>Fulica atra</i>	07/04/2023	Wildlife Act EU Birds Directive >> Annex II, III Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
Common Eider <i>Somateria mollissima</i>	19/04/2020	Wildlife Act EU Birds Directive >> Annex II, III Birds of Conservation Concern - Red List
Common Guillemot <i>Uria aalge</i>	27/03/2023	Wildlife Act Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
Kestrel <i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	05/02/2023	Wildlife Act Birds of Conservation Concern - Red List
Kingfisher <i>Alcedo atthis</i>	23/03/2023	Wildlife Act EU Birds Directive >> Annex I Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
Linnet <i>Carduelis cannabina</i>	01/05/2023	Wildlife Act Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
Common Redshank <i>Tringa totanus</i>	16/04/2023	Wildlife Act Birds of Conservation Concern - Red List
Common Shelduck <i>Tadorna tadorna</i>	14/05/2023	Wildlife Act Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
Starling <i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	20/05/2023	Wildlife Act Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
Common Tern <i>Sterna hirundo</i>	08/05/2023	Wildlife Act EU Birds Directive >> Annex I Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
Wood Pigeon <i>Columba palumbus</i>	24/04/2023	Wildlife Act EU Birds Directive >> Annex II, III

Species name	Date of last record	Designation
Dunlin <i>Calidris alpina</i>	15/01/2023	Wildlife Act EU Birds Directive >> Annex I Birds of Conservation Concern - Red List
Oystercatcher <i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>	22/04/2023	Wildlife Act Birds of Conservation Concern - Red List
Eurasian Teal <i>Anas crecca</i>	27/03/2023	Wildlife Act EU Birds Directive >> Annex II, III Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
Eurasian Wigeon <i>Anas penelope</i>	16/02/2023	Wildlife Act EU Birds Directive >> Annex II, III Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
Golden Plover <i>Pluvialis apricaria</i>	16/03/2021	Wildlife Act EU Birds Directive >> Annex I, II, III Birds of Conservation Concern - Red List
Shag <i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i>	20/05/2023	Wildlife Act Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
Great Black-backed Gull <i>Larus marinus</i>	15/04/2023	Wildlife Acts EU Birds Directive >> Annex II
Cormorant <i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	06/04/2023	Wildlife Act Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
Great Crested Grebe <i>Podiceps cristatus</i>	25/03/2020	Wildlife Act Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
Herring Gull <i>Larus argentatus</i>	08/05/2023	Wildlife Act Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
House Martin <i>Delichon urbicum</i>	22/06/2022	Wildlife Act Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
House Sparrow <i>Passer domesticus</i>	08/05/2023	Wildlife Act Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
Lesser Black-backed Gull <i>Larus fuscus</i>	08/04/2023	Wildlife Act Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
Little Egret <i>Egretta garzetta</i>	14/04/2023	Wildlife Act EU Birds Directive >> Annex I
Little Tern <i>Sternula albifrons</i>	05/07/2016	Wildlife Act EU Birds Directive >> Annex I Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
Mallard <i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	16/04/2023	Wildlife Act EU Birds Directive >> Annex II, III Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
Manx Shearwater <i>Puffinus puffinus</i>	03/06/2016	Wildlife Act Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
Mediterranean Gull <i>Larus melanocephalus</i>	22/12/2022	Wildlife Act EU Birds Directive >> Annex I Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List

Species name	Date of last record	Designation
Mute Swan <i>Cygnus olor</i>	24/03/2023	Wildlife Act Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
Northern Lapwing <i>Vanellus vanellus</i>	14/01/2023	Wildlife Act EU Birds Directive >> Annex II Birds of Conservation Concern - Red List
Northern Pintail <i>Anas acuta</i>	05/02/2023	Wildlife Act EU Birds Directive >> Annex II, III Birds of Conservation Concern - Red List
Northern Shoveler <i>Anas clypeata</i>	05/02/2023	Wildlife Act EU Birds Directive >> Annex II, III Birds of Conservation Concern - Red List
Razorbill <i>Alca torda</i>	05/04/2023	Wildlife Act Birds of Conservation Concern - Red List
Red-breasted Merganser <i>Mergus serrator</i>	14/01/2023	Wildlife Act EU Birds Directive >> Annex II Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
Red-throated Diver <i>Gavia stellata</i>	14/02/2016	Wildlife Act EU Birds Directive >> Annex I Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
Ringed Plover <i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	07/01/2023	Wildlife Act Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
Rock Pigeon <i>Columba livia</i>	18/03/2023	Wildlife Act EU Birds Directive >> Annex II
Sandwich Tern <i>Sterna sandvicensis</i>	06/04/2023	Wildlife Act EU Birds Directive >> Annex I Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
Short-eared Owl <i>Asio flammeus</i>	02/03/2016	Wildlife Act EU Birds Directive >> Annex I Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
Skylark <i>Alauda arvensis</i>	30/04/2023	Wildlife Act Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
Spotted Flycatcher <i>Muscicapa striata</i>	23/08/2021	Wildlife Act Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
Tufted Duck <i>Aythya fuligula</i>	27/03/2023	Wildlife Act EU Birds Directive >> Annex II, III Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List

SECTION 2: IRISH BIRDING WEBSITE DATA

The below table outlines recent records, obtained from the IrishBirding.com, of breeding bird species of conservation concern (and their respective designations), that have previously frequented the areas within the proposed Scheme's Zone of Influence (Zoi).

Table A9 3.2: Recent Irish Birding Data Records (10 years) of Breeding Bird Species within the Zoi

Species name	Date of last record	Designation
Meadow Pipit Anthus pratensis	05/04/2020	Wildlife Act Birds of Conservation Concern - Red List
Spotted Flycatcher Muscicapa striata	16/05/2020	Wildlife Act Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
Mediterranean Gull Larus melanocephalus	28/02/2022	Wildlife Act EU Birds Directive >> Annex I Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
Willow Warbler Phylloscopus trochilus	06/09/2022	Wildlife Act Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
Northern Lapwing Vanellus vanellus	14/12/2022	Wildlife Act EU Birds Directive >> Annex II Birds of Conservation Concern - Red List
Common Kingfisher Alcedo atthis	19/01/2024	Wildlife Act EU Birds Directive >> Annex I Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
Common Sandpiper Actitis hypoleucos	08/04/2024	Wildlife Act Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List

