Moray Bird Club – outing to Lossiemouth

Saturday 11th October 2025

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On 11th October, 17 people (including a new face or two) met at Lossiemouth East Beach car park for this Club outing, a remarkable turnout considering the rain. After a brief chat we had a good look at the estuary birds in front of us, identifying over 20 species; unfortunately the long-staying Curlew Sandpiper could not be found. We then moved along towards Station Park; the rain having stopped with sunshine taking its place for the rest of the walk. We paused every so often to study each area. At the first stop, when looking through a gap in the dunes, several diving Gannets could be seen along with Razorbill, Guillemot and a few Eiders. As we watched, a pod of at least 10 Bottlenose Dolphins were noted to the delight of some.

On our approach to Station Park we found the usual flock of Greenfinches feeding on the rose hips with a few Goldfinches. Turnstones were spotted on the wall at the river mouth, and a single Purple Sandpiper flew in very briefly. From the lookout point the usual sea birds were seen with plenty of Gannets fishing, which never fail to impress. Two Red-throated Divers flew past at a distance.

After spending time sea watching we walked the short distance to the harbour for more sea watching until around 13:00 when we headed back to the cars.

A not too shabby 41 species were recorded.

Bar-tailed Godwit      Pied Wagtail    Eider

Redshank                  Woodpigeon          Turnstone

Black-headed Gull        Ringed Plover          Rock Pipit

Herring Gull                          Skylark                    Greenfinch

Great Black-backed Gull      Carrion Crow          Goldfinch

Lesser Black-backed Gull    Magpie                    Red-throated Diver

Common Gull                      Dunlin                      Purple Sandpiper

Goosander                          Feral Pigeon            Common Scoter

Wigeon                                Starling                    Shag

Grey Heron                          Wren

Teal                                      House Sparrow

Jackdaw                              Gannet

Oystercatcher                    Razorbill

Curlew                                Cormorant

Mallard                                Guillemot

Robin Long-tailed Duck