

Birds Visible from the Lochside and Dam



Osprey
Lochside
Seen fishing by the fishfarm, numbers on the rise since reintroduction last century.



Sparrow Hawk
Low flying hunters.



Hooded Crow
Lochside & Dam
Perhaps the most common carrion birds in the area. Quite cheeky, have been known to peck the rubbers off windscreen wipers! Feed on mussels from Loch Etive in the winter.



Great Tit
Office Gardens
The bigger black ones.



Buzzard
Lochside & Dam
Most common raptors in Argyll often seen 'dog fighting' with crows. Commonly confused with Golden Eagles, these live high on Cruachan but are rarely seen at lower levels.



Collared Dove
Lochside
Numbers on the increase.



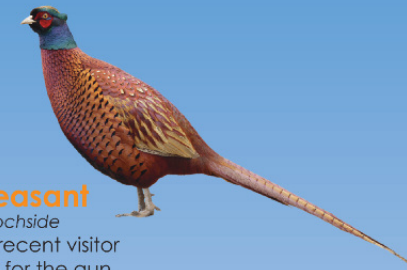
Rook
Lochside
More toward Taynuilt over arable ground.



Northern Wheatear
Dam
Likes open moorland. Flies from rock to rock. Distinctive black bars on wing and head.



Raven
Dam
Listen for the cronk.



Pheasant
Lochside
A fairly recent visitor reared for the gun on local estates.



Greenfinch
Lochside
At the office feeders.



Common Cuckoo
Dam & Lochside
Often heard from mid April to mid Summer, seldom seen.



Grey Heron
Lochside
There's a Heron over there, somewhere. Great fishermen.



Ring Ouzel
Dam
Feeds in the burn (stream) below the dam.



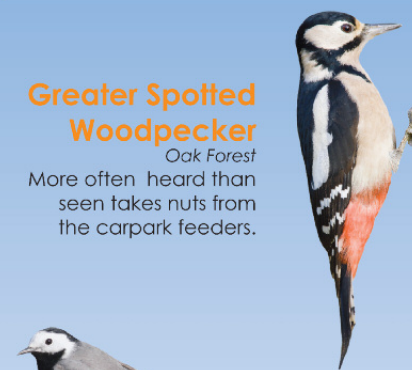
Siskin
Lochside
Wee brown birds with yellow bits.



Blue Tit
Office Gardens
The wee blue ones.



Grey Wagtail
Lochside
Seen feeding around the shore, pale yellow chest, not to be confused with the Yellow Wagtail.



Greater Spotted Woodpecker
Oak Forest
More often heard than seen takes nuts from the carpark feeders.



Meadow Pipit
Dam
Rises for short flights from the ground. A wee brown bird.



Herring Gull
Lochside
An opportunistic carrion eater, and great bully of smaller birds.



Peregrine Falcon
Dam
High around the crags, recovering well from DDT poisoning and gamekeeper persecution last century.



Great Black Backed Gull
Lochside
Seen harrying Ospreys for their catch. Nests around inland Lochs.



Dipper
Lochside
Feeds around the shore. An indicator of good water quality and healthy insect life.



Chaffinch
Probably the most common bird in this area.



Swallow
Lochside
Nesting in the workshop. One Swallow can eat 10,000 midges a day, top birds!



Stonechat
Dam
Onomatopoeia personified, listen out for someone knocking small pebbles together.



Great Northern Diver
Lochside
Early visitor, fishes mid loch, sits low in the water, shy.



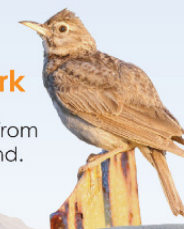
Mute Swan
Lochside
Perform very impressive fly-pasts.



Cormorant
Lochside
Fishing around the fishfarms. Flies low over the water



Oyster Catcher
Lochside
Winters in Merseyside, nests on the Tailrace arc most years.



Skylark
Dam
Rising up from Moorland.



Coal Tit
Office Gardens
The wee black ones.



Goosander
Lochside
Fishing towards the pass, quite common.



Snipe
Dam
Rises up from heather with a jinking style of flight.