

The species listed on this and the next page are all rare visitors to the reserve, covering the period 1990 to July 2021.

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RARE SPECIES

Greylag Goose	2 on 13th April 1997.
Pink-footed Goose	1 on 7th May 2018.
Brent Goose	1 on 30th Nov. 2018.
Whooper Swan	Up to 8 during Nov./Dec. 1997.
Garganey	1 on 25th Oct. 2009.
Northern Shoveler	13 records, Oct. to mid-April.
Gadwall	1 on 28th Nov. 2019.
American Wigeon	1 Dec 2014 – Feb 2015.
Tufted Duck	2 records, Feb. 2011 and Oct. 2012.
Goosander	2 records, Feb. 2011 and Nov. 2018.
Red-breasted Merganser	4 on 16th January 2011.
Common Pheasant	1 on 7th May 2017.
Collared Dove	6 records, Feb, April, June - Sept.
Common Swift	5 records, May - Aug.
Common Moorhen	10 records, Jan., March, April, Sept., Oct.
Eurasian Coot	2 records, March and July.
Grey Plover	18 records, Jan., Feb., April, Sept., Oct.
American Golden Plover	2 records, Sept, Oct.
Common Ringed Plover	15 records, Jan., March - Sept.
Little Ringed Plover	8 records, March-June 2018-2020
Ruddy Turnstone	3 records, January, Aug. and Oct.
Sanderling	1 on 17th Aug. 2020.
Little Stint	2 records, Oct. and Nov.
Pectoral Sandpiper	1 on 23rd Oct. 2015.
Long-billed Dowitcher	1 in Nov./Dec. 2001.
Jack Snipe	5 records, Jan., Feb., Oct. and Dec.
Green Sandpiper	23 records. All months except May and June.
Lesser Yellowlegs	1 on 9th May 2020.

Wood Sandpiper	3 records, Aug. and Sept.
Little Gull	2 records, June 2018 and May 2021
Ring-billed Gull	1 on 19th July 2019.
Glaucous Gull	1 on 23rd May 2020.
Little Tern	1 on 30th April 2013.
Sandwich Tern	2 records, 17th Aug. 2016, 17th Sept. 2020.
Great White Egret	1 on 2nd March 2011.
Glossy Ibis	1 on 13th Sept. 2020.
Osprey	1 Aug-Sep 2019, 1 on 20th Sep 2020
Barn Owl	1 on 18th Sept. 2019.
Merlin	8 records, Oct. - Jan.
Eurasian Jay	3 records, April, May and Oct.
Common Raven	11 records, January - March, May, Sept., Oct.
Coal Tit	4 records, March, April Aug. and Oct.
Eurasian Skylark	7 records, April, May, Oct. and Nov.
Mistle Thrush	5 records, Oct. - Feb.
Redwing	7 records, Feb., March, Nov. and Dec.
Fieldfare	1 on 4th March 2018.
Black Redstart	1 on 7th Dec. 1995.
Northern Wheatear	8 records, April, Aug. and Sept.
House Sparrow	4 records, June - Nov.
Rock Pipit	4 records, Sept. - Dec.
Lesser Redpoll	5 records, Jan., April, May, Nov. and Dec.
Common Crossbill	2 on 2nd Oct. 2020.
Eurasian Siskin	2 records, Sept. and Nov. 1995.

Record Additional Species here:



Bird Checklist

127 bird species have been recorded on the nature reserve up to 2021.

This checklist will contain all the bird species confirmed as occurring on the reserve since 1990.

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Scan the QR Code below with your phone camera to bring you to the Harper's Islands eBird Hotspot to find out more and to submit records.

Harper's Island Wetlands nature reserve was opened in 2017 and is owned by Cork County Council. It is managed by a steering group comprising Cork County Council, BirdWatch Ireland and Glounthaune Community.



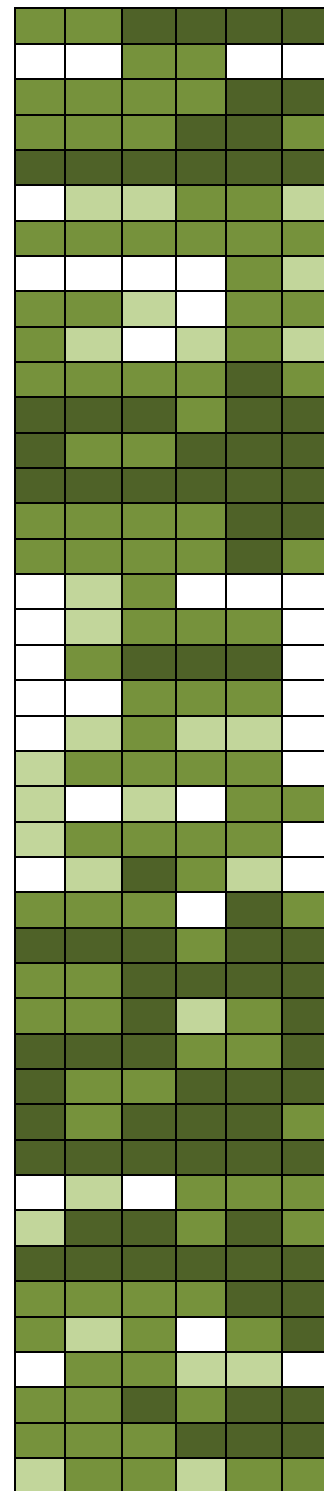
The information here is based on all eBird records for the reserve, the majority since 2015. The graphics are for species frequently recorded on the reserve. Note that for the waterbirds in this list it applies mainly to high tide visits. The year is divided into 2 month intervals.



Frequently Seen Species

	JF	MA	MJ	JA	SO	ND
Mute Swan	Light Green	Light Green	White	White	Light Green	Light Green
Common Shelduck	Medium Green	Medium Green	Medium Green	Medium Green	Medium Green	Medium Green
Eurasian Wigeon	Medium Green	Medium Green	White	White	Medium Green	Medium Green
Mallard	Medium Green	Medium Green	Medium Green	Medium Green	Medium Green	Medium Green
Northern Pintail	White	White	White	White	Light Green	Light Green
Eurasian/Green-winged Teal	Medium Green	Medium Green	Light Green	Light Green	Medium Green	Medium Green
Little Grebe	Dark Green	Light Green	White	Medium Green	Dark Green	Dark Green
Rock Dove	Light Green	White	Light Green	Light Green	Medium Green	Light Green
Stock Dove	White	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green
Common Woodpigeon	Dark Green	Dark Green	Dark Green	Dark Green	Dark Green	Dark Green
Eurasian Oystercatcher	Medium Green	Medium Green	Medium Green	Medium Green	Medium Green	Medium Green
European Golden Plover	Medium Green	Light Green	White	White	Medium Green	Medium Green
Northern Lapwing	Dark Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Medium Green	Medium Green
Whimbrel	White	Medium Green	White	White	Light Green	Light Green
Eurasian Curlew	Dark Green	Dark Green	Dark Green	Dark Green	Dark Green	Dark Green
Bar-tailed Godwit	Medium Green	Medium Green	Medium Green	Medium Green	Medium Green	Medium Green
Black-tailed Godwit	Medium Green	Medium Green	Medium Green	Medium Green	Medium Green	Medium Green
Red Knot	White	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Medium Green	Medium Green
Ruff	White	White	White	Light Green	Light Green	White
Curlew Sandpiper	White	White	White	White	Light Green	Light Green
Dunlin	Dark Green	Medium Green	Medium Green	Medium Green	Medium Green	Medium Green
Common Snipe	Medium Green	Medium Green	White	Light Green	Medium Green	Medium Green
Common Sandpiper	White	White	Light Green	Dark Green	Medium Green	White
Spotted Redshank	Light Green	Light Green	White	White	Light Green	Light Green
Common Greenshank	Medium Green	Medium Green	Medium Green	Medium Green	Medium Green	Medium Green
Common Redshank	Dark Green	Dark Green	Dark Green	Dark Green	Dark Green	Dark Green
Black-headed Gull	Dark Green	Dark Green	Dark Green	Dark Green	Dark Green	Dark Green
Mediterranean Gull	Light Green	White	White	Light Green	Light Green	White
Common Gull	Medium Green	Light Green	Light Green	Medium Green	Medium Green	Medium Green
Herring Gull	Light Green	Medium Green	Medium Green	Medium Green	Medium Green	Medium Green
Yellow-legged Gull	White	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green
Lesser Black-backed Gull	Dark Green	Dark Green	Dark Green	Dark Green	Dark Green	Dark Green

- Great Black-backed Gull
- Common Tern
- Great Cormorant
- Grey Heron
- Little Egret
- Eurasian Sparrowhawk
- Common Buzzard
- Common Kingfisher
- Common Kestrel
- Peregrine Falcon
- Common Magpie
- Eurasian Jackdaw
- Rook
- Hooded Crow
- Eurasian Blue Tit
- Great Tit
- Sedge Warbler
- Sand Martin
- Barn Swallow
- Common House Martin
- Willow Warbler
- Common Chiffchaff
- Long-tailed Tit
- Eurasian Blackcap
- Common Whitethroat
- Goldcrest
- Eurasian Wren
- Common Starling
- Song Thrush
- Eurasian Blackbird
- European Robin
- European Stonechat
- Dunnock
- Grey Wagtail
- Pied Wagtail/White Wagtail
- Meadow Pipit
- Common Chaffinch
- Eurasian Bullfinch
- European Greenfinch
- Common Linnet
- European Goldfinch
- Common Reed Bunting



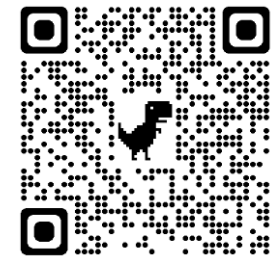
About Harper's Island Wetlands.

Harper's Island is a small (30 ha) low-lying island in the Glounthaune Estuary/Slatty Water complex, in the northern section of Cork Harbour. The low-lying northern section of the island is influenced by the surrounding tidal estuary through an old sluice point and hence the immediate vegetation is of brackish grasslands developing into successional saltmarsh.

Although Harper's Island is only a small component, in terms of land-mass, within the Glounthaune Estuary/Slatty Water complex, the island is an extremely important safe feeding and roosting refuge for many species of wintering waterbirds. Nearly half of the Cork Harbour Icelandic Black-tailed Godwit population roost on the island on spring high tides. At times, during the spring months, peak Black-tailed Godwit counts can exceed 2,000 birds representing over 4% of the global population. The Glounthaune Estuary/Slatty Water complex also supports populations of national importance of Shelduck, Teal, Little Grebe, Golden Plover, Dunlin, Redshank, Greenshank and Black-headed Gull with Harper's Island supporting significant components of these populations.

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