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SECTION 1: NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY DATA CENTRE WINTERING BIRD DESKTOP DATA

The below table outlines recent records, obtained from the National Biodiversity Data Centre (NBDC), of wintering 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 5.1: Recent NBDC Data Records (10 years) of Wintering Bird Species within the ZoI

Species name	Date of last record	Designation
Black-headed Gull <i>Larus ridibundus</i>	27/03/2023	Wildlife Act Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
Bar-tailed Godwit <i>Limosa lapponica</i>	23/03/2023	Wildlife Act EU Birds Directive >> Annex I Birds of Conservation Concern - Red List
Black-tailed Godwit <i>Limosa limosa</i>	05/03/2023	Wildlife Act Birds of Conservation Concern - Red 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
Dunlin <i>Calidris alpina</i>	15/01/2023	Wildlife Act EU Birds Directive >> Annex I Birds of Conservation Concern - Red List
Curlew <i>Numenius arquata</i>	06/02/2023	Wildlife Act EU Birds Directive >> Annex II Birds of Conservation Concern - Red List
Oystercatcher <i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>	22/04/2023	Wildlife Act Birds of Conservation Concern - Red List
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
Great-crested Grebe <i>Podiceps cristatus</i>	25/03/2020	Wildlife Act Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
Great Northern Diver <i>Gavia immer</i>	01/05/2021	Wildlife Act EU Birds Directive >> Annex I
Grey Plover <i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	05/02/2023	Wildlife Act Birds of Conservation Concern - Red List

Species name	Date of last record	Designation
Herring Gull <i>Larus argentatus</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
Light-bellied Brent Goose <i>Branta bernicla hrota</i>	15/04/2023	Wildlife Act 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
Common Gull <i>Larus canus</i>	01/05/2023	Wildlife Act Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
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
Red Knot <i>Calidris canutus</i>	23/03/2023	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
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 wintering 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 5.2: Recent Irish Birding Data Records (10 years) of Wintering Bird Species within the Zoi

Species name	Date of last record	Designation
Light-bellied Brent Goose Branta bernicla hrota	30/12/2022	Wildlife Act Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
Barnacle Goose Branta leucopsis	31/01/2022	Wildlife Act EU Birds Directive >> Annex I 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
Curlew Numenius arquata	14/12/2022	Wildlife Act EU Birds Directive >> Annex II Birds of Conservation Concern - Red List
Redwing Turdus iliacus	14/12/2022	Wildlife Act Birds of Conservation Concern - Red List

