

## **Appendix 11.3**

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Appendix 11.3 Table 1. Waterbird counts of the shoreline and coastal waters at Arklow

Species/ count date	24.11.16	8.12.16	28.01.17	24.02.17	29.11.17	13.02.18
Red-throated Diver		<b>1</b>				
Little Grebe						
Cormorant		<b>13</b>		2	1	2
Grey Heron						
Mute Swan						
Greenland White-fronted Goose						
Greylag Goose						
Mallard						
Moorhen						
Ringed Plover					1	
Turnstone			4		1	<b>12</b>
Mediterranean Gull					<b>3</b>	
Black-headed Gull		<b>67</b>	30	9	28	16
Common Gull		3			<b>21</b>	12
Lesser Black-backed Gull			2		<b>3</b>	
Herring Gull	42	3	17	12	<b>150</b>	
Great Black-backed Gull		2			<b>4</b>	
Guillemot					<b>4</b>	
Harbour Seal			1			
Grey Seal				1	<b>5</b>	

Note: Peak counts of each species are shown in **bold** type. Seals observed during waterbird counts are also recorded

**Appendix 11.3 Table 2. Waterbird counts of the Avoca River estuary at Arklow**

Species / count date	16.09.16	25.10.16	24.11.16	8.12.16	8.12.16	28.01.17	28.01.17	24.02.17	24.02.17	26.04.17	29.11.17	13.02.18
Tide	Low	Low	Low	Low	High	High	Low	High	Low	Low	Low	Low
Little Grebe												
Cormorant	7	<b>9</b>	7	2		4	3	2	1		1	8
Grey Heron	1	2	2	1		2	1	<b>3</b>	1			
Mute Swan	2	2	2				2	2			2	2
Greenland White-fronted Goose					1							
Greylag Goose (feral)	30	7	5	8	<b>43</b>	13		9		5	1	7
Mallard	28	44	<b>49</b>	35		48	6	8	14	8	2	31
Moorhen	1	1	2	<b>4</b>			2		1		1	
Oystercatcher				1		3						
Common Sandpiper										1		
Turnstone			10	4		11		<b>12</b>				
Kingfisher								1		1		
Black-headed Gull	268	246	487	193	156	95	305	153	329		<b>512</b>	332
Common Gull		45	15	10			24	2	3		<b>50</b>	3
Lesser Black-backed Gull	<b>10</b>	4	4						1	2	2	1
Herring Gull	262	88	100	60	6		120	60	135	147	<b>390</b>	49
Great Black-backed Gull	6	1	4	7			6		5	<b>40</b>	12	1

Note: Peak counts of each species are shown in **bold** type

**Appendix 11.3 Table 3. Waterbird counts of Arklow Pond, at Seaview Avenue, Arklow**

Species / count date	16.09.16	24.11.16	8.12.16	28.01.17	24.02.17	26.04.17	29.11.17	13.02.18
Little Grebe		2	1	1	4	4		2
Grey Heron						1		
Mute Swan	4	5	6	6	6		2	2
Greenland White-fronted Goose			1	1	1	1	1	1
Greylag Goose (feral)	1	28	29	26	25	21	27	19
Teal				1				
Mallard	51	40	33	25	19	23	22	21
Moorhen	5	2	3	3	3	4	1	4
Coot				1	1			
Black-headed Gull		81	47	53	13		56	101
Herring Gull								2

Note: Peak counts of each species are shown in **bold** type