

# MAP

## WHERE TO SEE SEABIRDS IN SCOTLAND

There are many locations around the country to see seabirds but some places stand out. Here are a few hotspots, identified for their importance. Click on the locations to learn more about each site.

The map shows Scotland with several orange stars marking key seabird hotspots. Callout boxes provide details for each location, accompanied by photographs of the sites and illustrations of seabirds. The hotspots are: Shetland Islands, Fair Isle, St Kilda, Shiant Islands, Mingulay, Canna, Staffa, Isle of May and Bass Rock, and St Abb's Head.

**Shetland Islands:** Great skua, gannets, puffins, guillemots, razorbills, fulmars, kittiwakes and shags across many locations.

**Fair Isle:** from April to August, the cliffs here are packed with seabirds such as razorbills, storm petrels, fulmars, kittiwakes and guillemots. A world-renowned bird observatory was established in 1948.

**St Kilda:** Uninhabited St Kilda is a haven for wildlife with 210 species of bird and an estimated one million seabirds, including gannet, puffin, fulmar, shearwater, petrel, kittiwake and shags.

**Shiant Islands:** These islands are a **Special Protection Area** for birds, huge numbers of puffins nest here as do thousands of kittiwakes, guillemots, razorbills and fulmars.

**Mingulay:** Puffins, kittiwakes, razorbills and more nest in the cliffs of Mingulay.

**Canna:** Canna's craggy coastlines support some 11,000 seabirds, who build their nests and raise their young on the cliffs, sea caves and offshore stacks.

**Staffa:** hosts many seabird species including puffins, fulmars, shags and great skuas.

**Isle of May and Bass Rock:** At the height of the breeding season the Isle of May can host around 200,000 seabirds. Bass Rock is home to the world's largest colony of Northern gannets.

**St Abb's Head:** National Nature Reserve has several seabird colonies including guillemot, razorbill and fulmar.

Bass Rock © Charlotte Foster

Guillemot colony, Isle of May © Susan Davies