

Seabirds on the South Wexford Coast

As tabulated below, the South Wexford Coast (SWC) is significant for 24 species of seabird [19 breeding (B), 3 overwintering (W), 1 formerly bred (F), and 1 possibly bred but is now extinct (E)]. 20 of the 24 species are qualifying interests in the designation of a Special Protection Area (SPA). The arrangement of species follows the taxonomic order featured on the 'List of Ireland's Birds' page on the BirdWatch Ireland website at <https://birdwatchireland.ie/irelands-birds-birdwatch-ireland/list-of-irelands-birds/>. Other acronyms used in the following table are SI (Saltee Islands), LIL (Lady's Island Lake), KI (Keeragh Islands), HH (Hook Head / Baginbun), SoW (Seas off Wexford), and Q (a qualifying interest in the designation of a SPA).

Species	Status on the SWC	Five Natura 2000 sites				
		SI	LIL	KI	HH	SoW
Red-throated Diver	W					Q
Great Northern Diver	W					W
Fulmar	B	Q				Q
Manx Shearwater	B	B				Q
Gannet	B	Q				Q
Cormorant	B	Q		Q		Q
Shag	B	Q		F		Q
Common Scoter	W					Q
Black-headed Gull	B		Q			Q
Mediterranean Gull	B		B			Q
Herring Gull	B	Q	B	B		Q
Lesser Black-backed Gull	B	Q	B	B		Q
Great Black-backed Gull	B	B	B	B		B
Kittiwake	B	Q				Q
Little Tern	F			F		Q
Sandwich Tern	B		Q	F		Q
Common Tern	B		Q	F		Q
Arctic Tern	B		Q	F		Q
Roseate Tern	B		Q	F		Q
Puffin	B	Q				Q
Black Guillemot	B				B	B
Guillemot	B	Q			B	Q
Razorbill	B	Q				Q
Great Auk	E			?		E
Totals:	24	12	6	10/11	2	24