

# The wandering Walrus and other Arctic vagrants

## Appendix

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### Provisional list of Walrus sightings in Britain and Ireland

Area	Year	Season	Locality	Notes/sources
London	1456	Unknown	Erith	From Caxton, W. 1480. <i>Chronicles of England</i>
Orkney	1536?	Unknown	Unknown	From Boece, H. <i>Historia Gentis Scotorum</i>
Isle of Bute	1736	Unknown	Unknown	From Arnold, H. R. 1993. <i>Atlas of Mammals</i>
Shetland	1815	Summer	Fetlar Isle	Animal shot. From Edmonton. 1839. <i>Mem. Wernerian N.H. Soc.</i>
Outer Hebrides	1817	December	Harris	From Macgillivray, W. 1818. <i>Edinb. Phil. Journ.</i>
Orkney	1825	June	Pentland Firth, Stromness etc.	From Scarth. 1825. <i>Edinb. Phil. Journ.</i>
Orkney	1827	June	Hoy Sound	From 1891. <i>Vert. Fauna of Orkney Islands</i>
Shetland	1828	Summer	Balta Sound	From Edmonton. 1839. <i>Mem. Wernerian N. H. Soc.</i>
River Severn	1839	June / July	Mouth of the Severn	From Macgillivray, W. 1839. <i>Edinb. Journ. Nat. Sci.</i>
Shetland	1840?	Summer	Near Uyea, North Roe	From Tudor. 1883. <i>The Orkneys and Shetland</i>
Outer Hebrides	1841	April	East Heiskar	From Brown, R. 1871. <i>Ann. Mag. N. H.</i>
Orkney	1849–50	June	Walls	From Harvie-Brown, A. 1881. <i>P. N. H. Soc. Glasgow</i>
Orkney	1855	June	Eday	From 1891. <i>Vert. Fauna of Orkney Islands</i>
Orkney	1856	June	Walls	From 1891. <i>Vert. Fauna of Orkney Islands</i>
Shetland	1857	Summer	Northern Isles	Brown, R. 1868. <i>P. Zoo. Soc. Lond</i>
Orkney	1863–4	June	Longhope	From 1891. <i>Vert. Fauna of Orkney Islands</i>
Shetland	1870?	Summer	Out Skerries	From 1920. <i>Scot. Nat.</i>
Shetland	1875?	Summer	Papa Sound	From Tudor, I. 1883. <i>The Orkneys and Shetland</i>
Isle of Skye	1877	April	Sound of Sleat	From Harvie-Brown, A. <i>P.N.H. Soc. Glasgow</i> 1881
Isle of Skye	1879	December	Western shore	From communication in <i>Land and Water</i>
Isle of Bute	1884	August	Ettrick Bay	From <i>Glasgow Naturalist</i> XV: 104
Shetland	1895?	Summer	Out Skerries	From 1920. <i>Scot. Nat</i>
Limerick	1897	Summer	Mouth of the Shannon	From Millais, J. G. 1904. <i>Mammals of Great Britain and Ireland</i>
Isle of Bute	1884	August	Ettrick Bay	Watched for some time

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Orkney	1902	Autumn	Northern Isles	From Millais, J. G. 1904. <i>Mammals of Great Britain and Ireland</i>
Swansea	1905	May	Mumbles / Bracelet Bay	From <i>The Cambrian</i>
Swansea	1906	July	Near Mumbles Lighthouse	From <i>The Cambrian</i>
Swansea	1907	April	Off Swansea West Pier	From <i>The Cambrian</i>
Shetland	1920	July - Oct	Out Skerries	From 1920. <i>Scot. Nat.</i>
Banffshire	1920	Summer	Moray Firth	Based on a rumour among fishermen
County Kerry	1922?	Unknown	Dursey Sound	Animal shot off County Kerry
Shetland	1926	September	Near Uyea, North Roe	Male with tusks, also at Bressay and Whalsay
Wester Ross	1928	May	Dead animal at Gairloch	From <i>The Scotsman</i>
North Aberdeenshire	1954	Unknown	Collieston	Press reports and photographs
Shetland	1976	Unknown	Sumburgh Head	An unsubstantiated record
County Donegal	1979	July	East side of Innisfree	Close and accurate sighting by kayaker
Shetland	1981	July	Gutcher and Mid Yell	Male with tusks
Norfolk	1981	September	River Ouse	From <i>Eastern Daily Press</i>
County Donegal	1985	April	Horn Head, near Dunfanaghy	Seen by four wildlife rangers
Shetland	1986	June	Fetlar Lunna Ness, and Papa Stour	Male with 40cm long tusks
County Donegal	1986	August	Dundoan Beach	An animal the size of a cow on the beach
Carmarthenshire	1986	November	Cefn Sidan	Dead animal found on the beach
County Sligo	1988	July	Offshore rocks near Rathlee	Sighting by four fishermen of animal with tusks
Shetland	1988	Unknown	Near Malin Head	Sighting by five wildlife rangers
Aran Islands	1993	July	Inishmaan	Head of animal in water observed from sea kayaks
County Donegal	1994	June	Gola Island, Gweedore Bay	Observed feeding among rocks
County Kerry	1995	January	Near Sybil Head	Animal found dead on a beach
County Kerry	1997	January	Great Basket Island	Description of diving and feeding behaviour
County Mayo	1999	April	Near Old Head	From Press reports and photographs
Hebrides	1999	April	Flodda Bheag off Eabhail	From <i>Hebridean Naturalist</i>
Shetland	2002	July	Hascosay	Male with tusks
Orkney	2013	March	North Ronaldsay	Photographed by staff of North Ronaldsay Bird Observatory
Orkney	2018	March	North Ronaldsay	Photographed by staff of North Ronaldsay Bird Observatory
Orkney	2018	March	Sandquoy, Sanday	Press reports and photographs
Skye	2018	March	Armadale	Press reports and photographs
Caithness	2018	March	Dunnet Head	Press reports
Caithness	2018	May	Wick Harbour	Mammal Society record
Sutherland	2018	May	Oldshoremore	Press reports
Shetland	2018	June	Boat of Breigo	Press reports
Shetland	2018	June	Out Skerries	Male with tusks

NB The multiple sightings in 2018 are assumed to be of the same animal, but this is not confirmed and there is a possibility that more than one individual was involved.