

Sedge Warbler songs and syllables. January 2026.

30th April 2025, Waternish, Isle of Skye. Recording by Audiomoth during daytime.

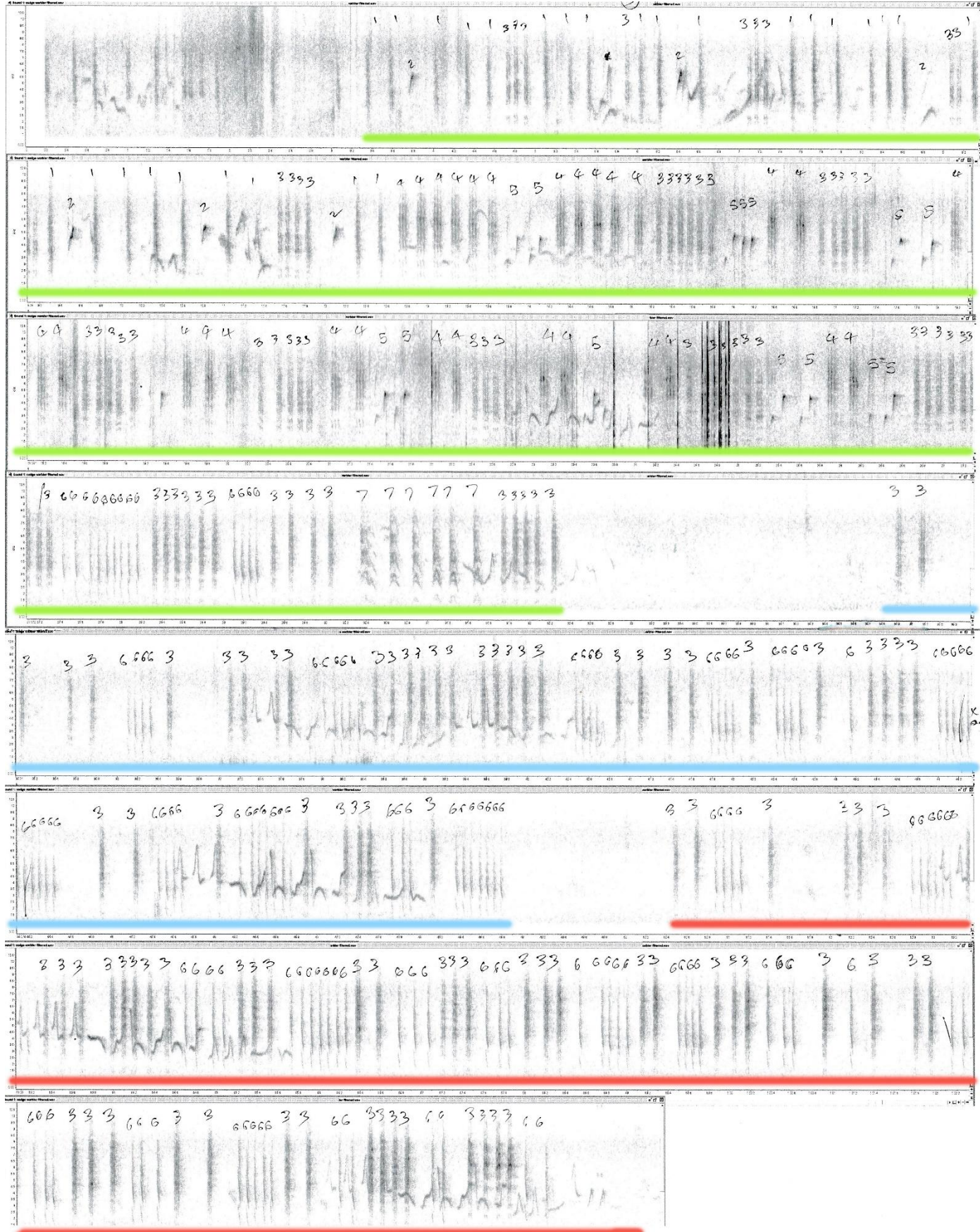
Song 1, 26 seconds, 154 syllables, 7 syllable types

Song 2, 12 seconds, 87 syllables, 2 syllable types

Song 3, 16 seconds, 104 syllables, 2 syllable types

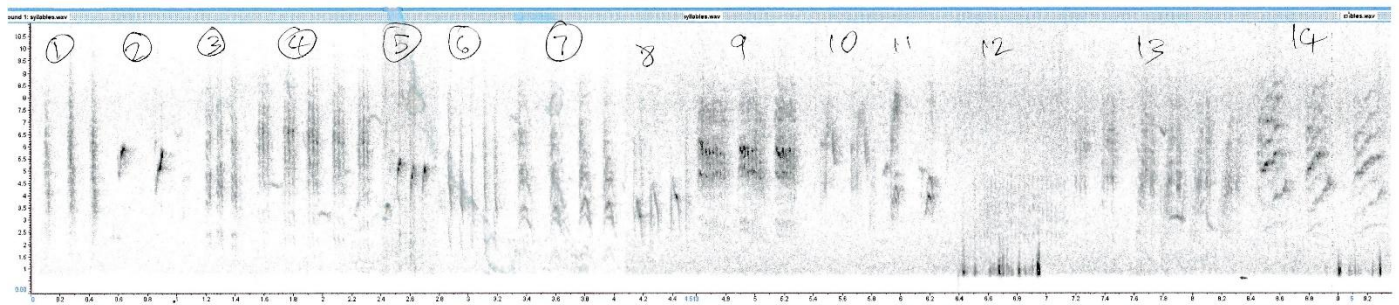
The same seven different syllables are used in all three of the songs.

A Willow warbler is also singing.

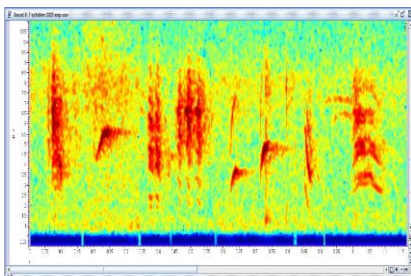


To hear the whole recording at normal speed [click here](#).

Extracting the syllables from all of the recordings made on the 30th April 2025, there are 14 different ones, labelled 1 to 14. 1 to 7 are the ones in the 3 songs above and use the same numbering. [Play the 14 syllables at 1/3rd speed, \(the spectrogram is below\)](#).



7 syllables from song 1 to 3. [Play at 1/3rd speed](#)



24th May 2023, Watnish, Isle of Skye. Recording by J. Hawell during nighttime.

Song 1, 5 seconds, 29 syllables, 8 syllable types. (incomplete)

Song 2, 5 seconds, 30 syllables, 6 syllable types.

Song 3, 7 seconds, 42 syllables, 6 syllable types.

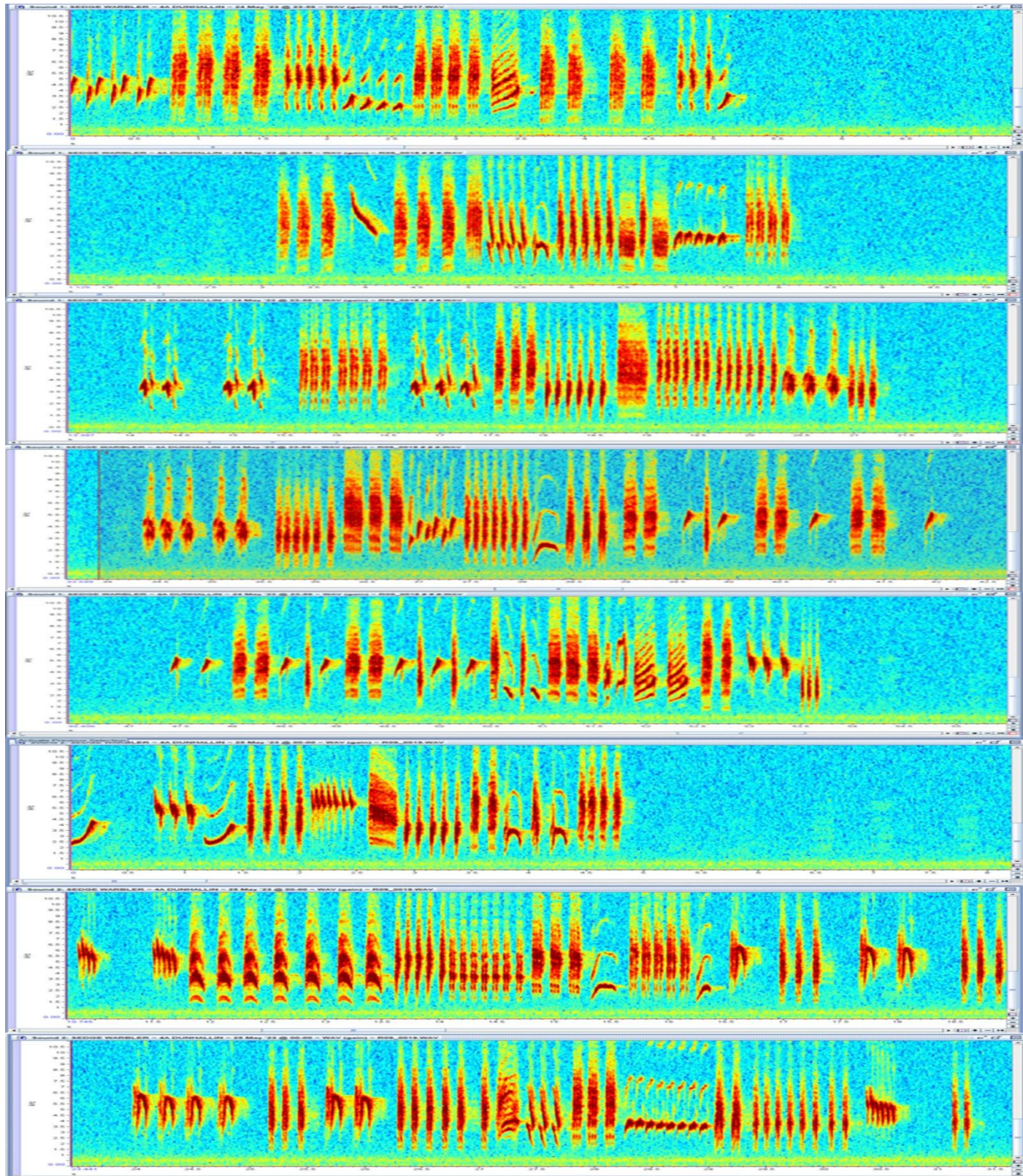
Song 4, 7 seconds, 40 syllables, 7 syllable types.

Song 5, 6.5 seconds, 33 syllables, 7 syllable types.

Song 6, 5 seconds, 36 syllables, 6 syllable types.

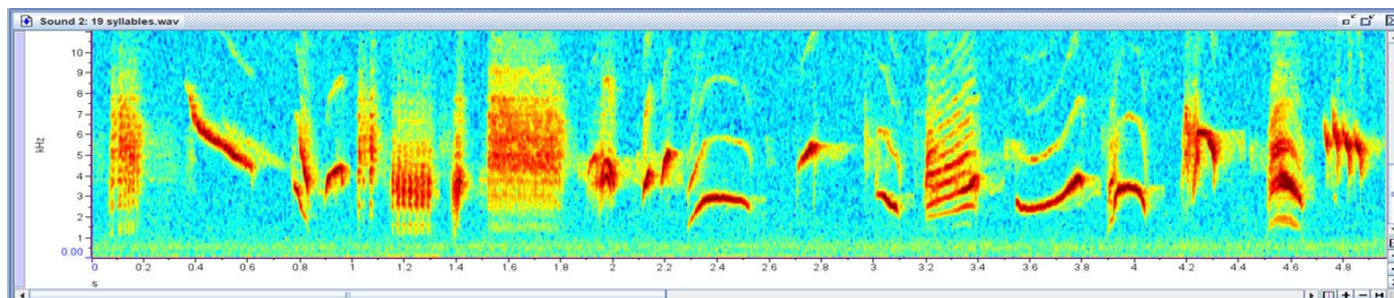
Song 7, 8 seconds, 39 syllables, 8 syllable types.

Song 8, 8 seconds, 42 syllables, 7 syllable types.



To hear the recording of songs 2 to 5 at normal speed [click here](#).

Extracting the syllables from all of the recordings made on the 24th May 2023, there are 19 different ones, labelled 1 to 17. [Play the 19 syllables at 1/3rd speed \(the spectrogram is below\)](#).



Analysis of syllables per second and per song and syllable types per song.

seconds	syllables	types	syllables/sec	song #
2025 day				
26	154	7	5.9	1
12	87	2	7.3	2
16	104	2	6.5	3
2023 night				
5	29	8	5.8	1
5	30	6	6.0	2
7	42	6	6.0	3
7	40	7	5.7	4
6.5	33	7	5.1	5
5	36	6	7.2	6
8	39	8	4.9	7
8	42	7	5.3	8

The paper by Clive Catchpole describing the Sedge warbler song and syllables in detail [\(download\)](#):

Catchpole. C.K. 1976. Temporal and Sequential Organisation of Song in the Sedge Warbler (*Acrocephalus Schoenobaenus*). *Behaviour* 59: 226-246