

2026 Skye Corncrake bioacoustic summary. PPD analysis.
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In 2026, like 2025, I have analysed 3 syllables in each recording rather than 5 to make less work. Recordings with unanalysable pulses are mapped and labelled Rec26-99.

162 recordings were analysed (63 recorded by SP), recorded by 33 people.

I estimate there were 28 calling males. There were two females recorded.

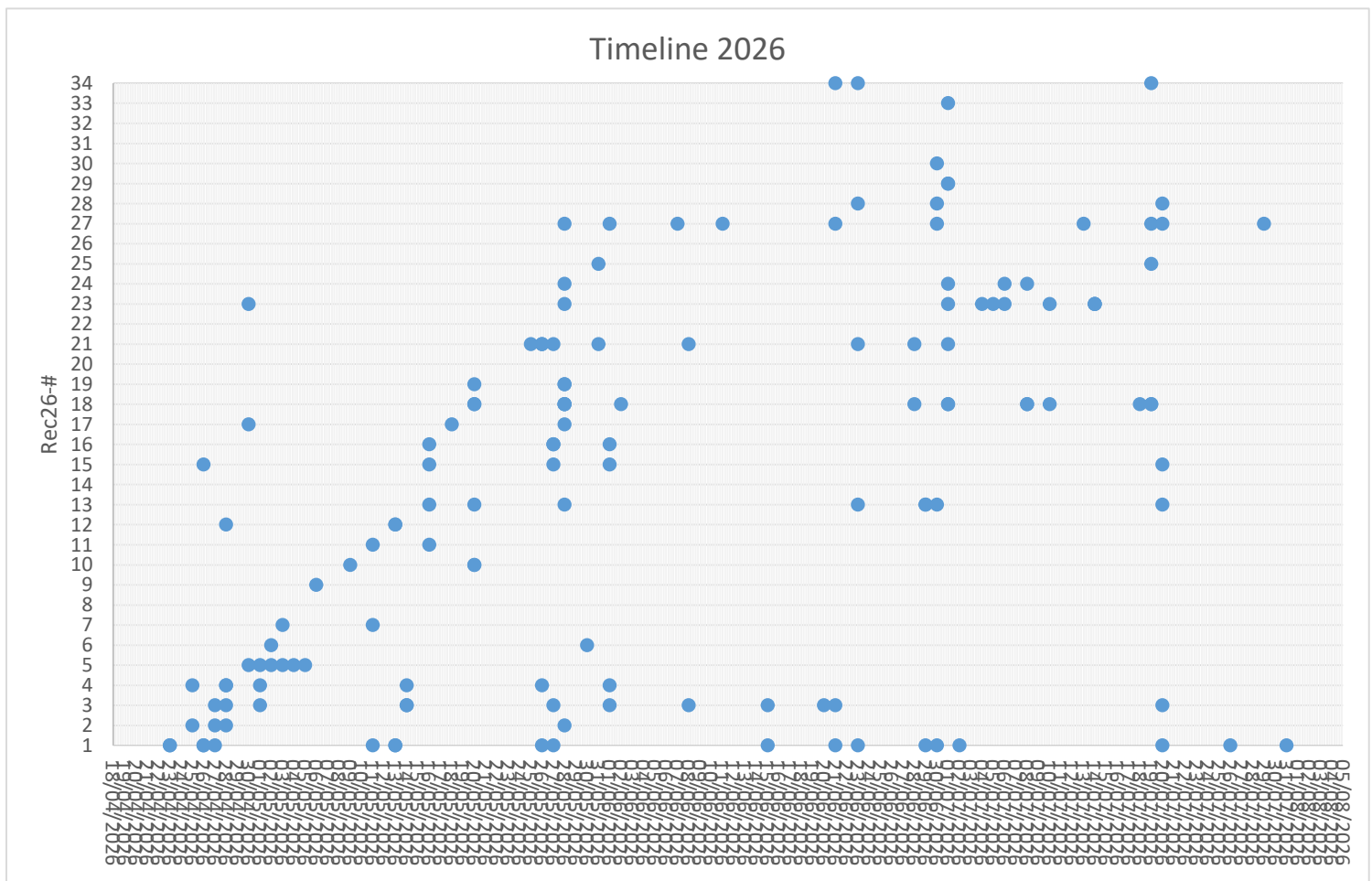
Two adults together, 'soft calling' and 'parental calling' were recorded briefly and identified with camera trap images. See ["The variety of Corncrake calls"](#). Some infra-red images and [videos of calling males](#) were obtained.

There were 20 to 30 calling males detected by PPD analysis in 2025. Of these calling males from 2025 there are 11 patterns in 2026 which could be returning birds and so there were about 10-20 non-returners, which is approximately 50% of the 2025 males.

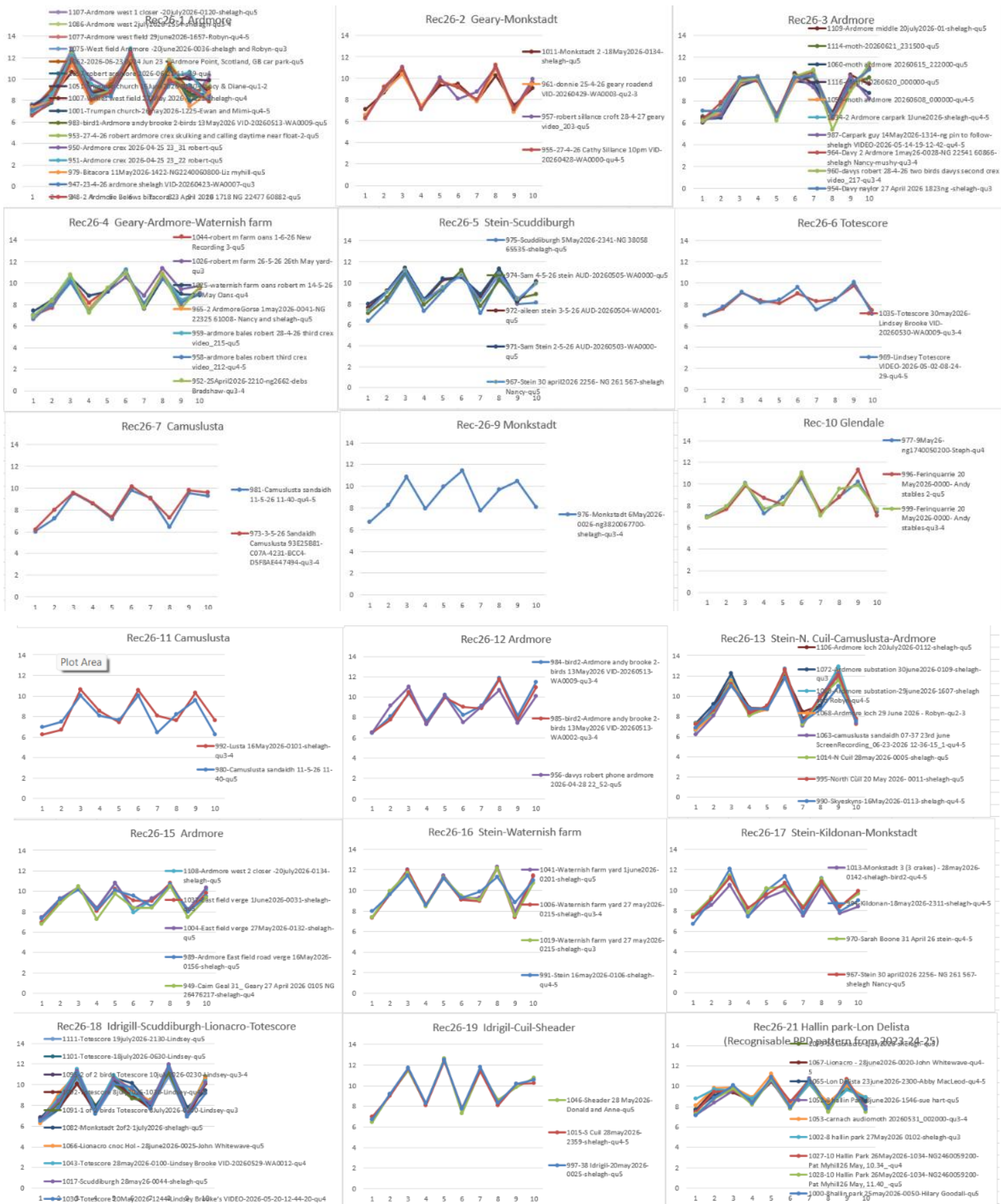
For information on method and theory see;

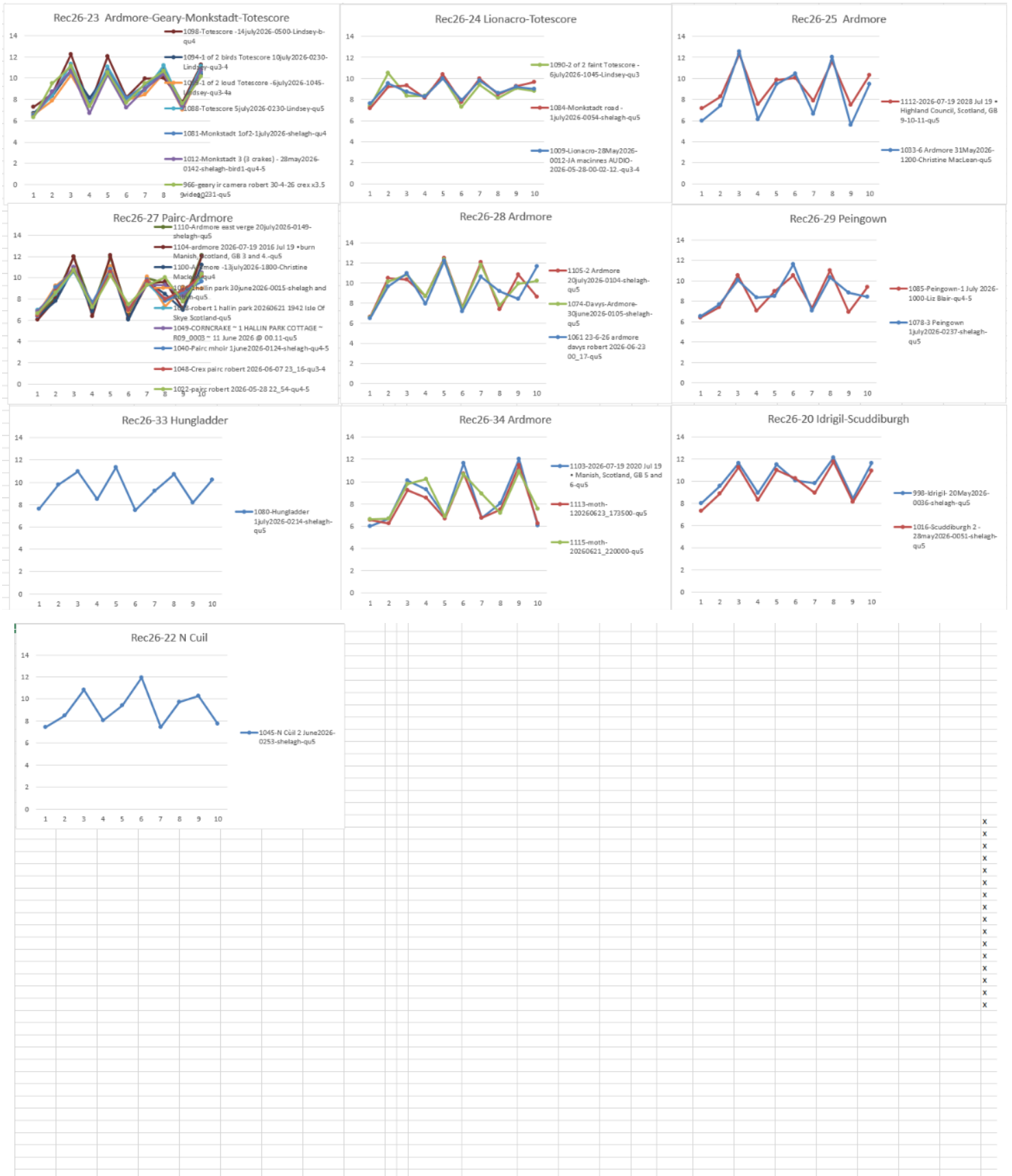
[Scottish Birds paper on bioacoustic tracking Corncrakes on Skye \(March 2025\)](#)

Timeline chart



PPD patterns for 2026



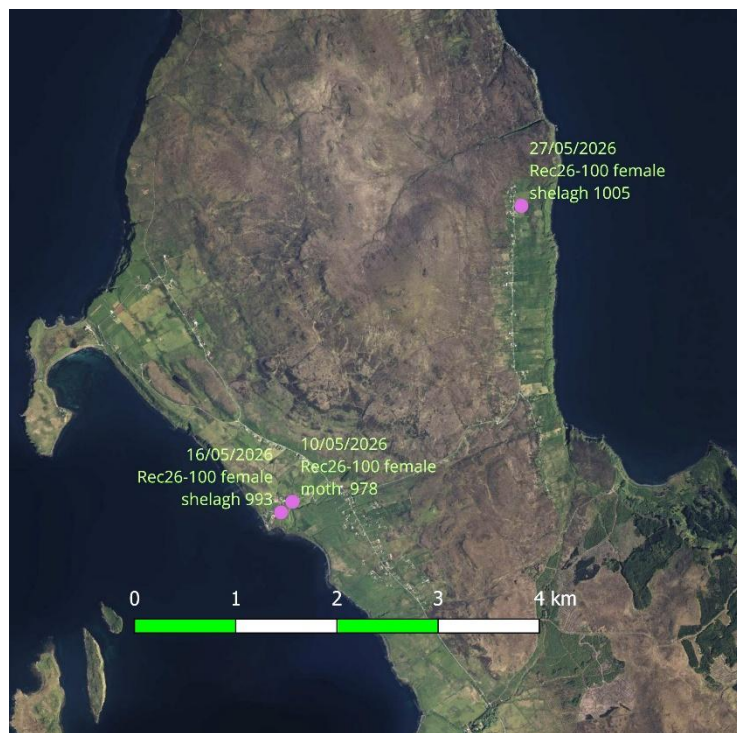


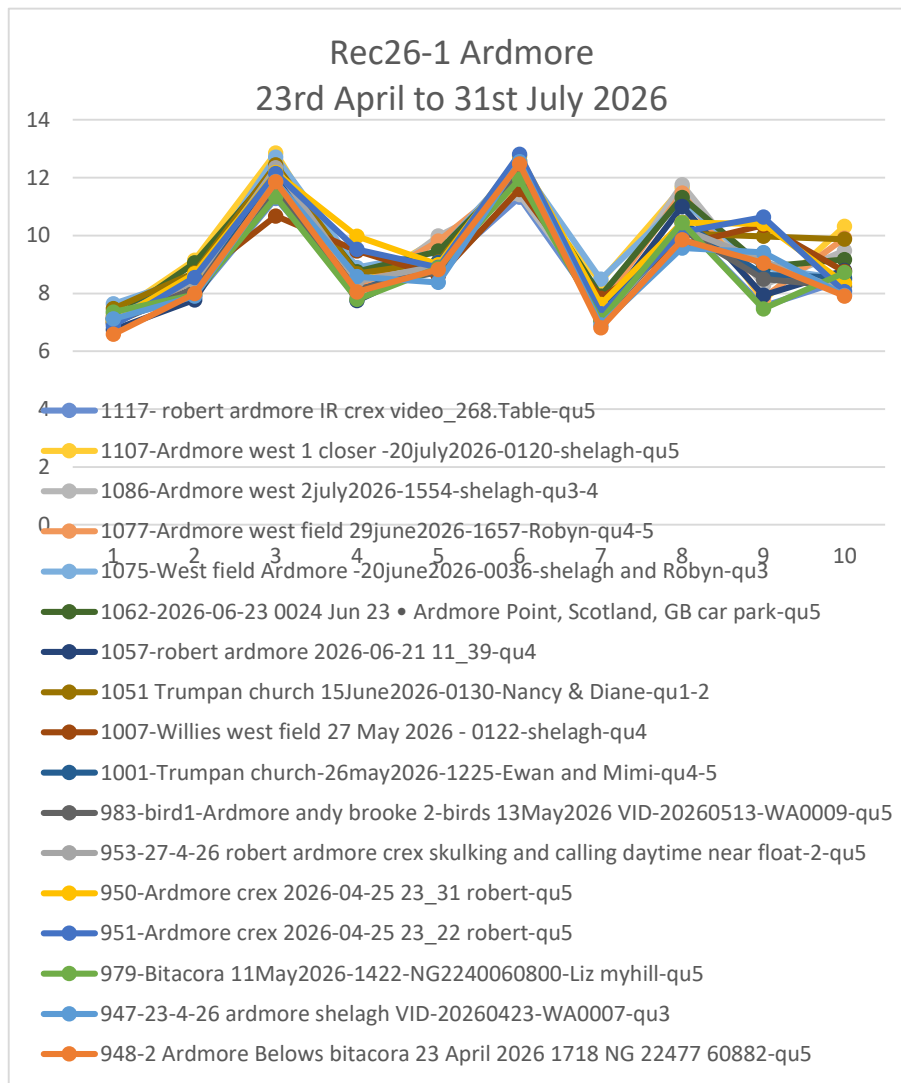
Maps for 2026

North Skye Showing all recordings

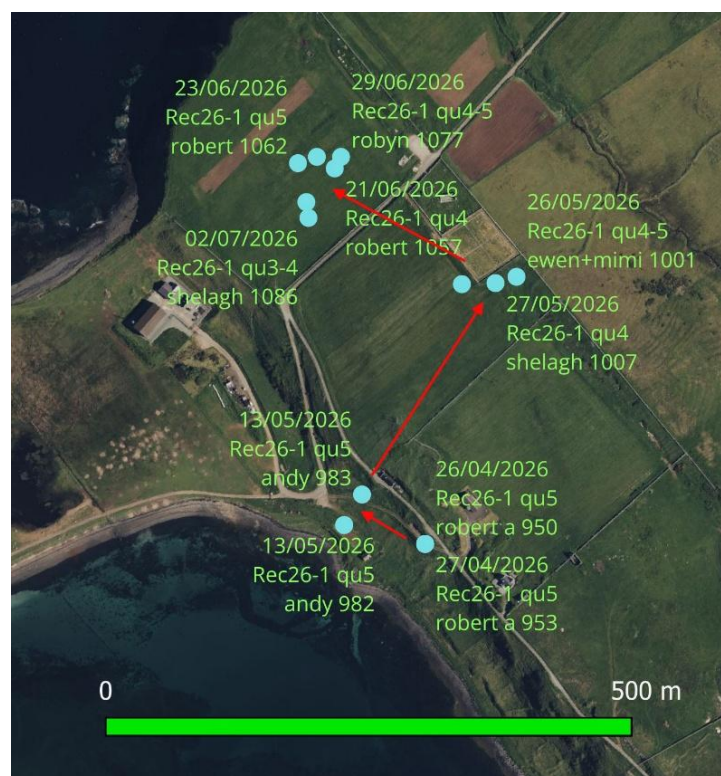


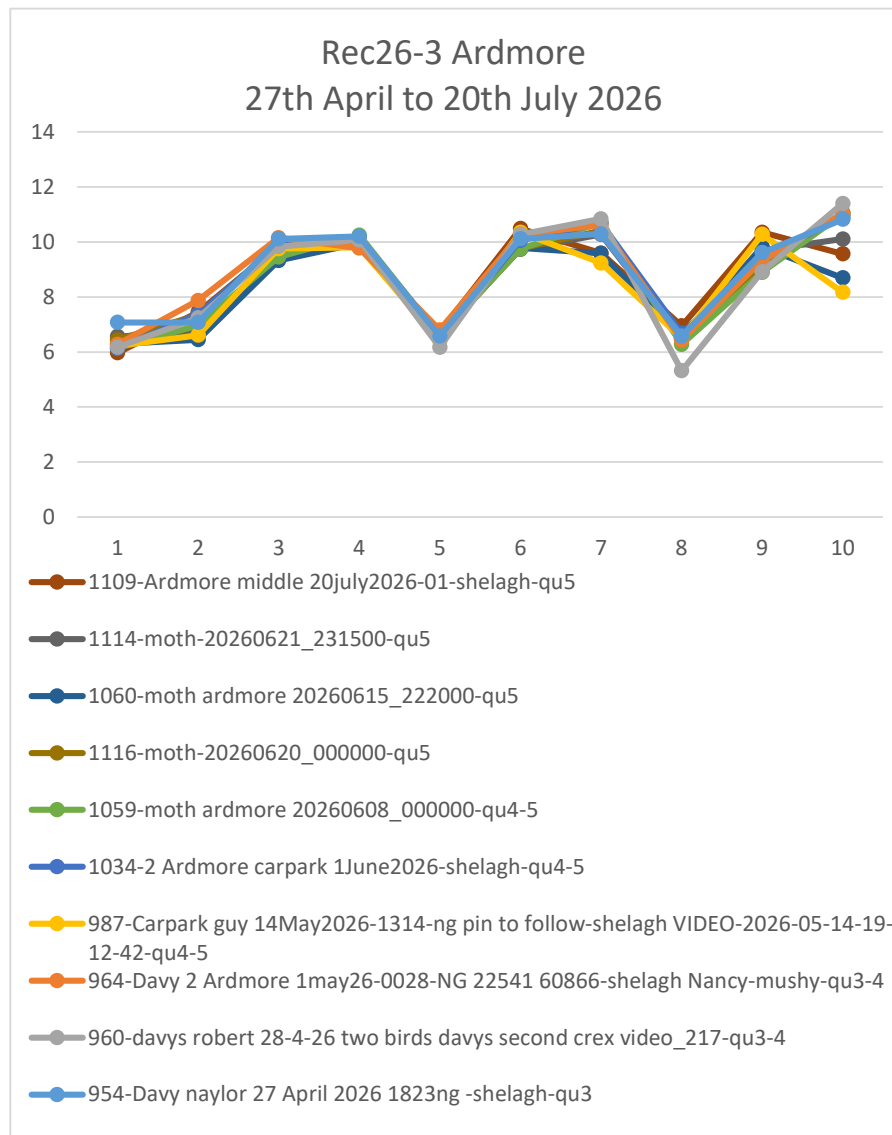
Females calling



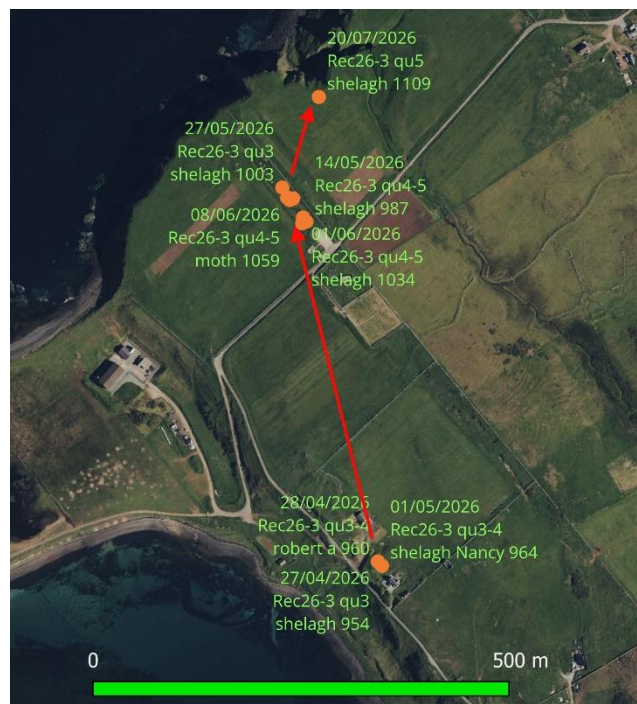


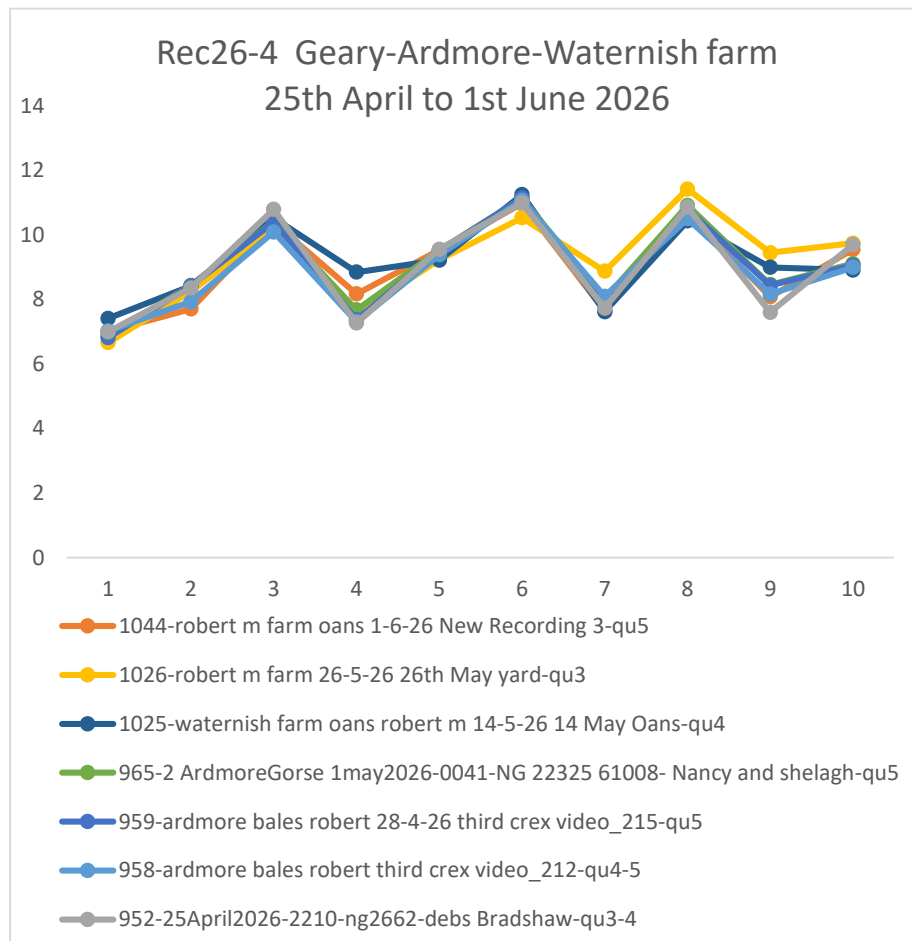
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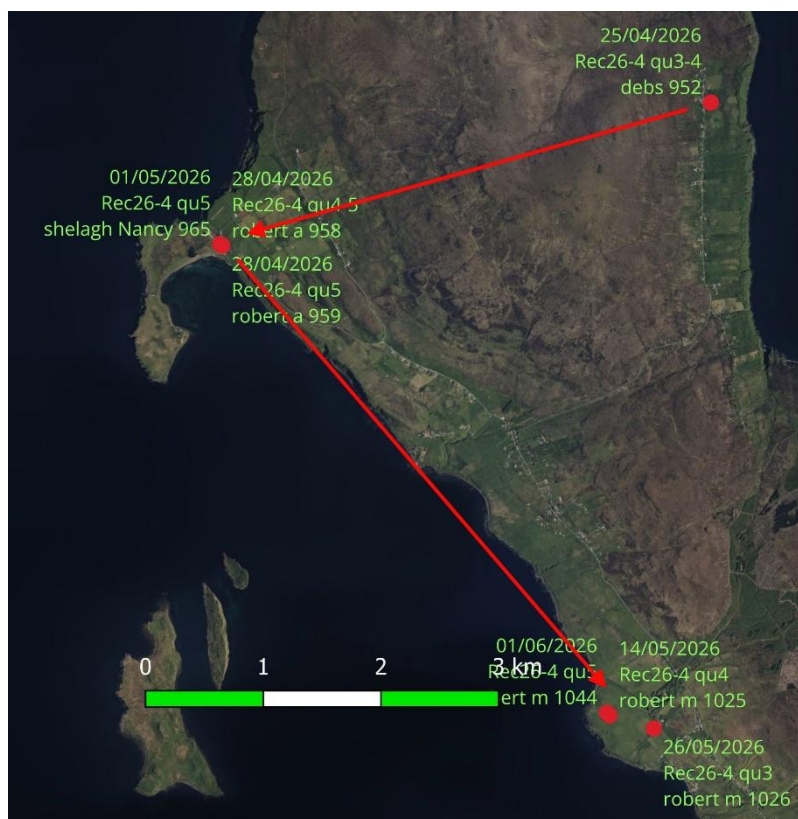


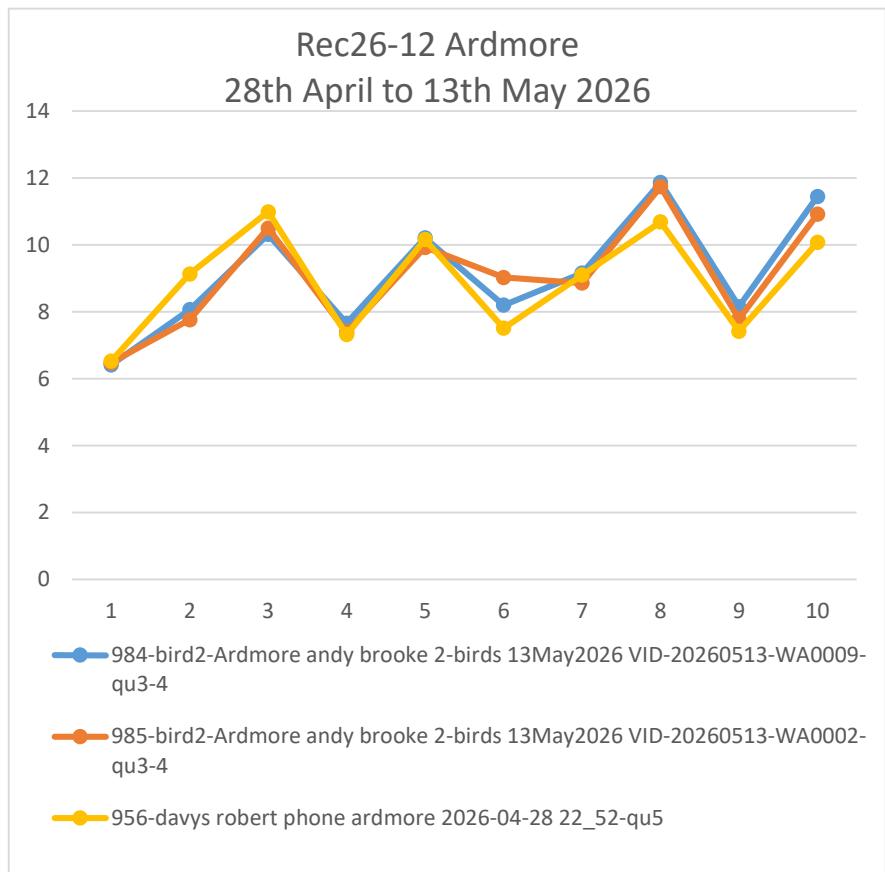
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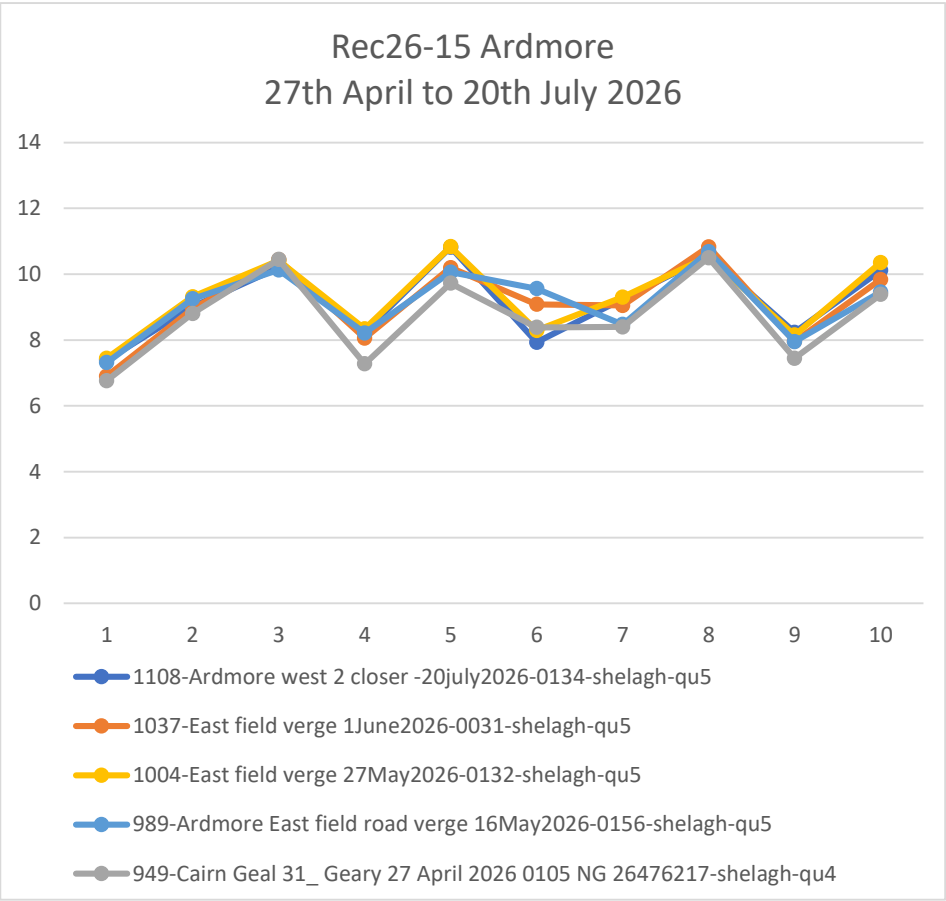
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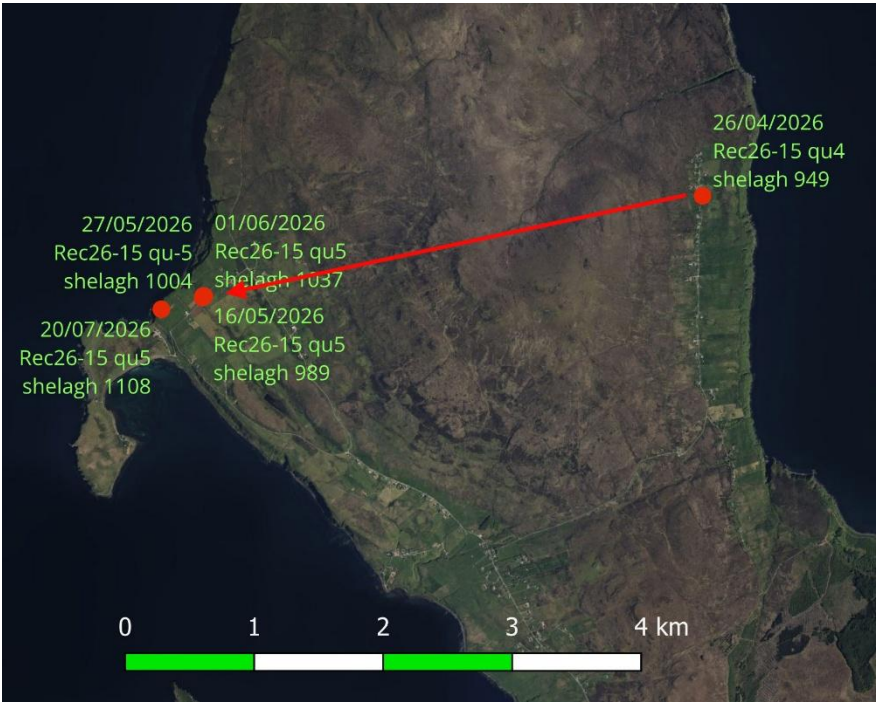
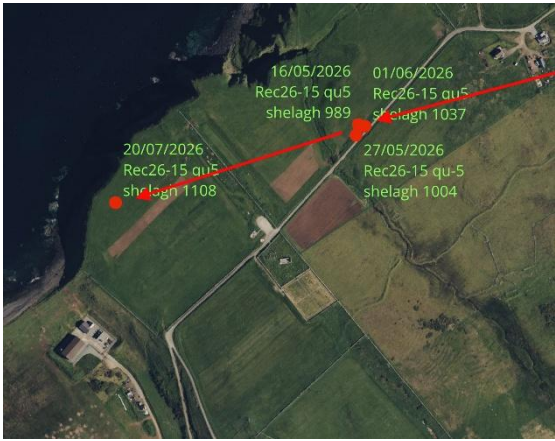


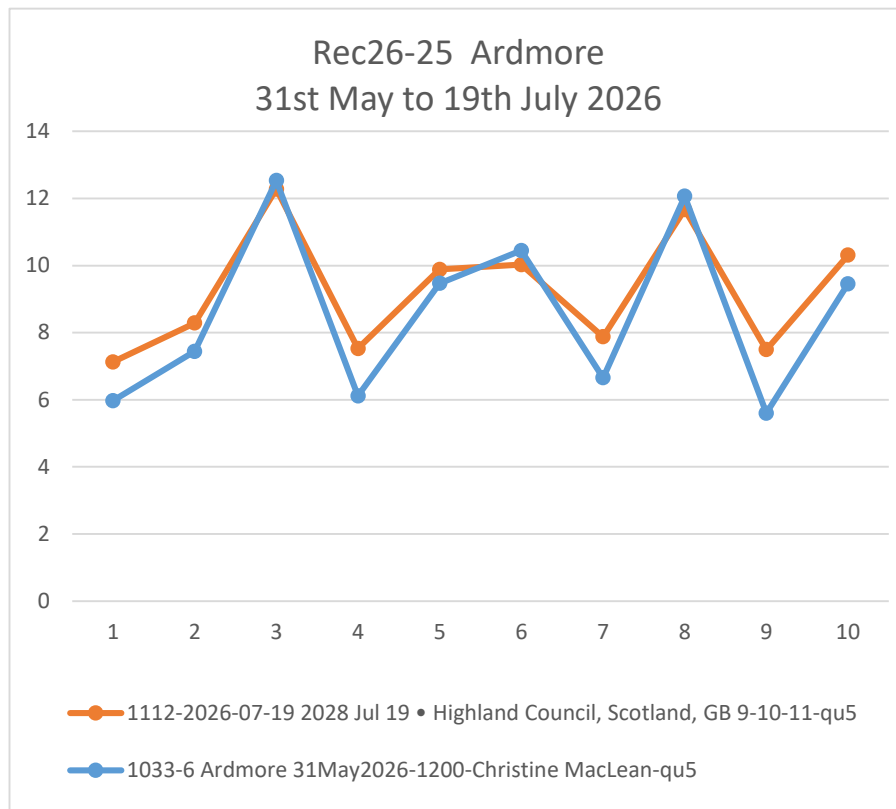
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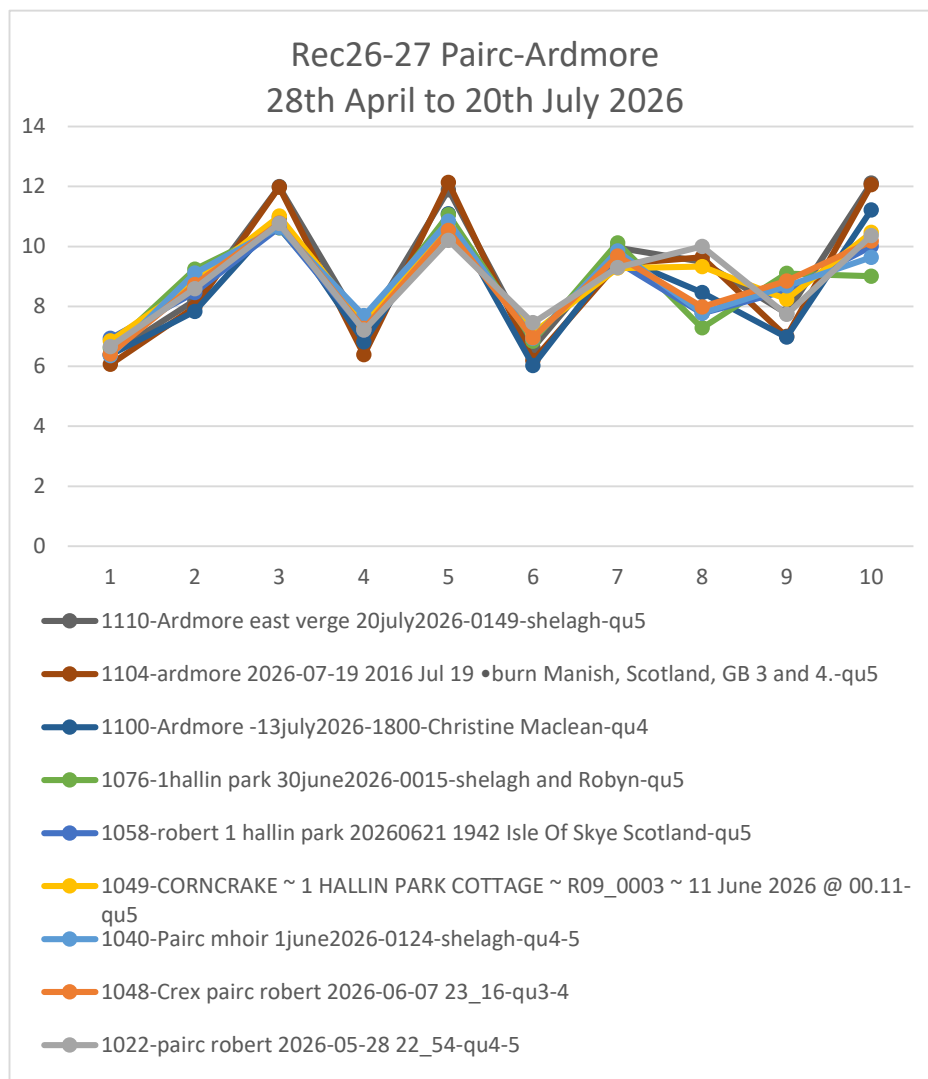
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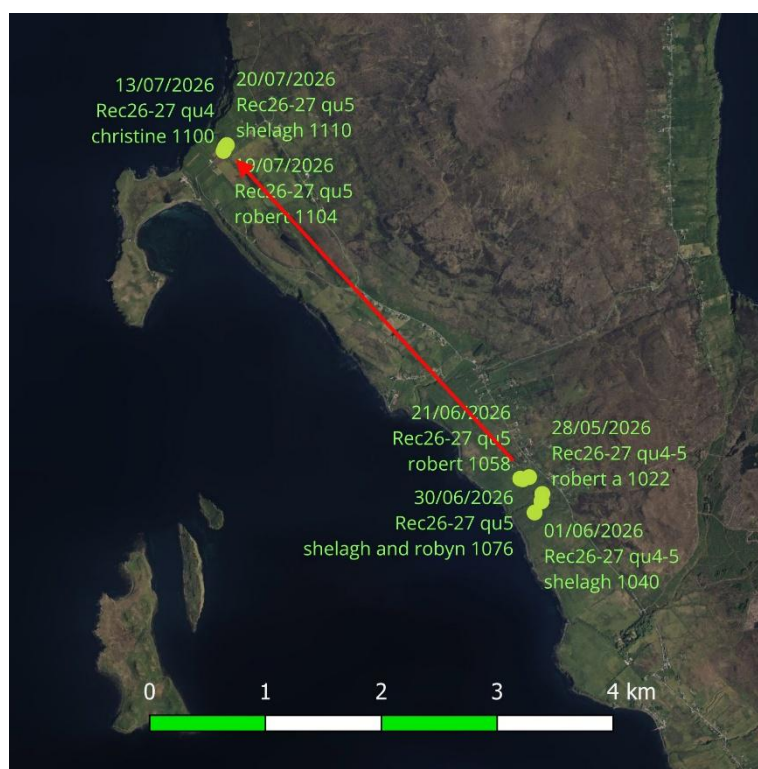


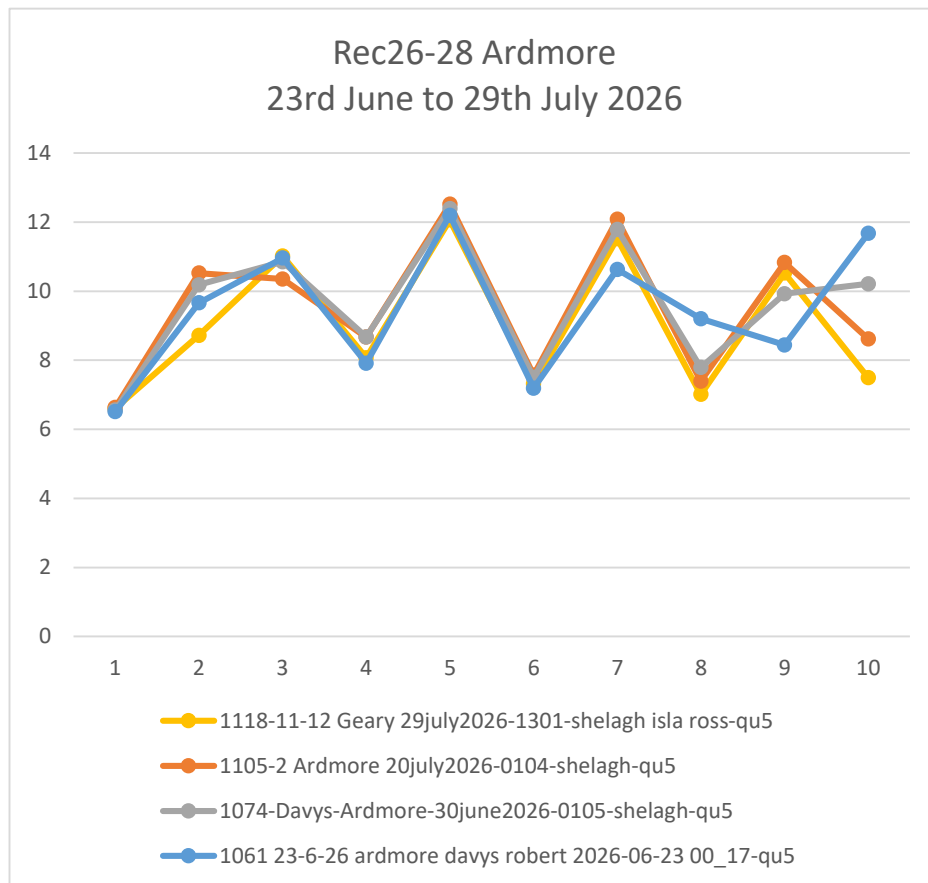
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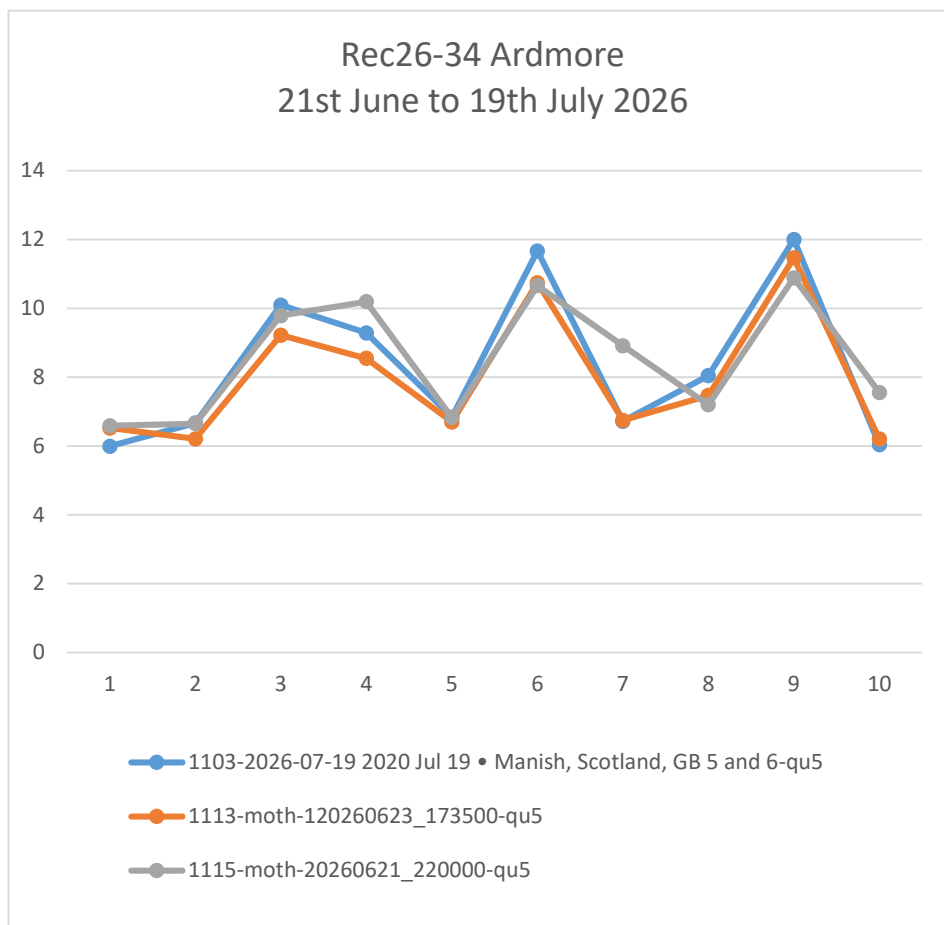
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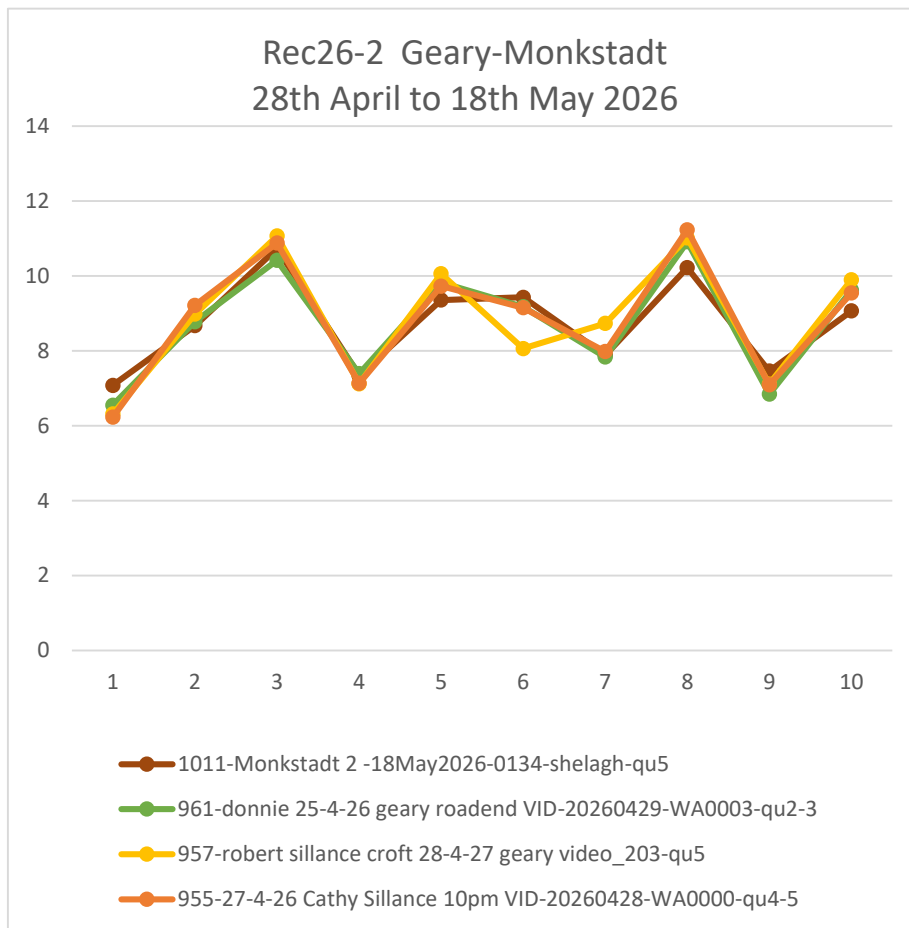
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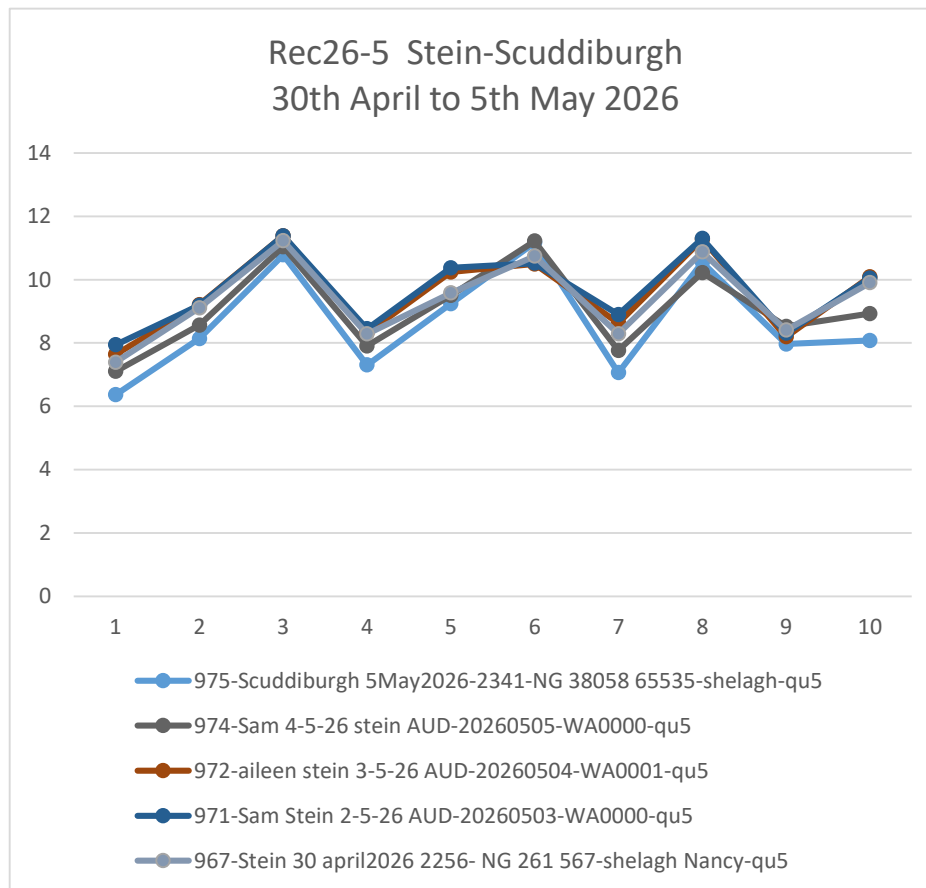
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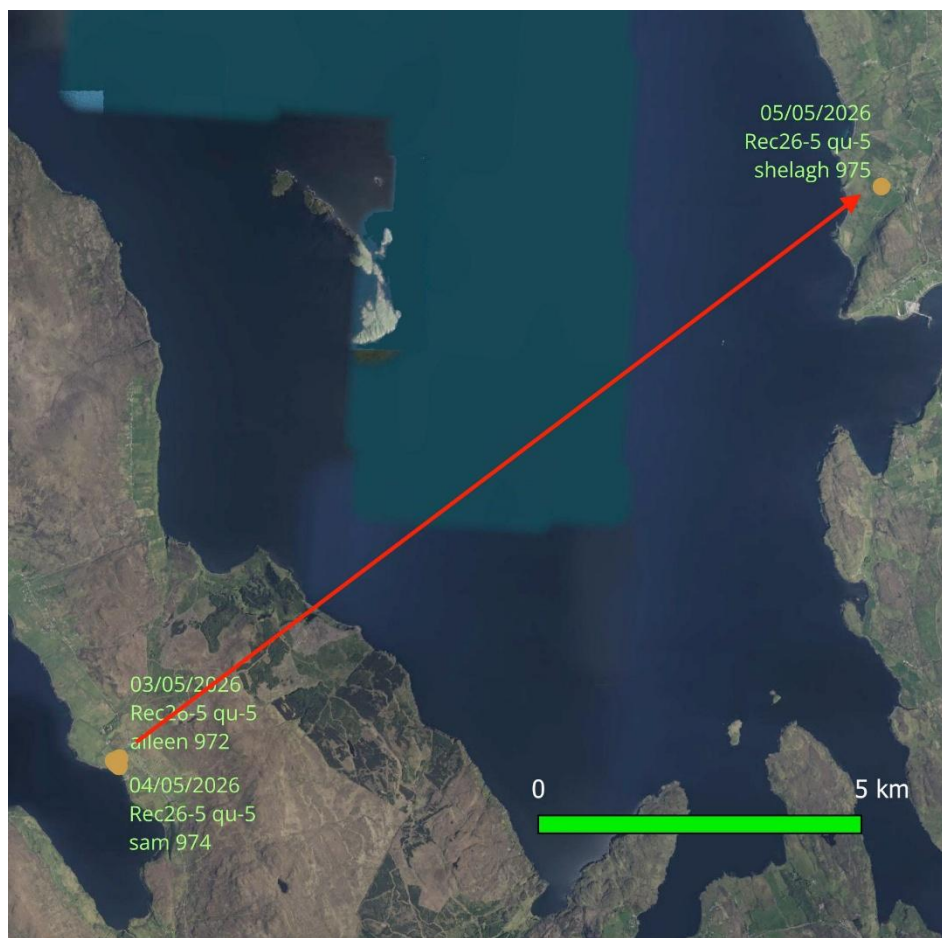


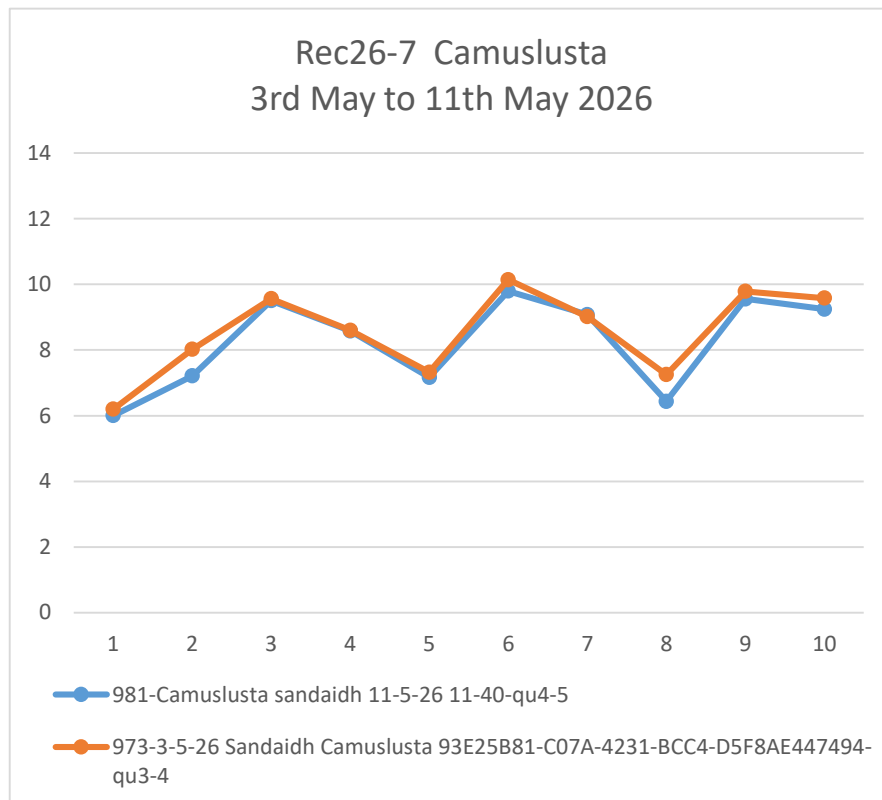
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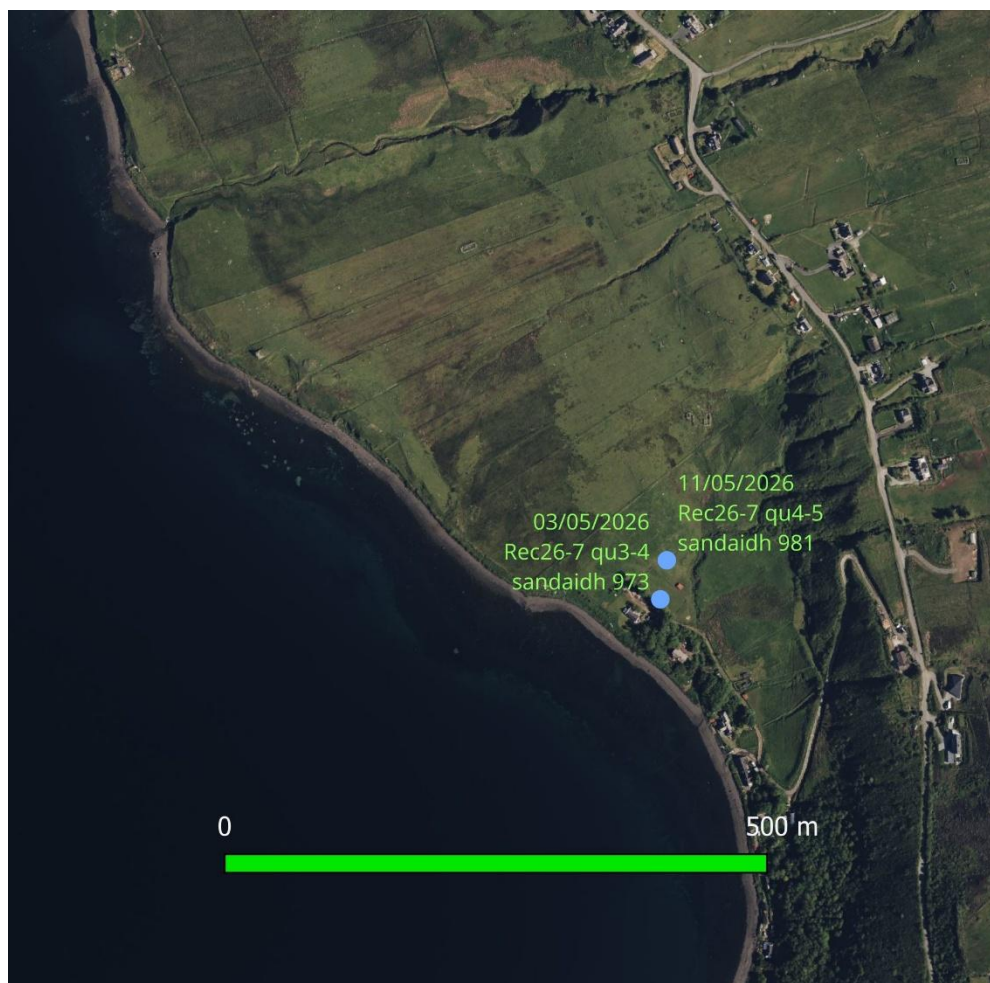


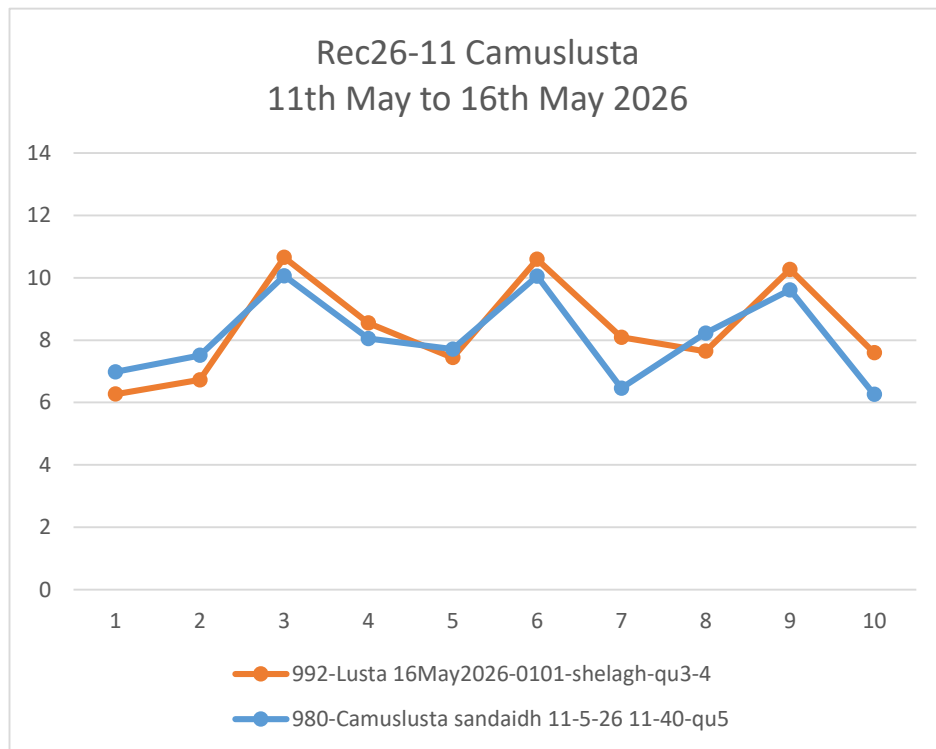
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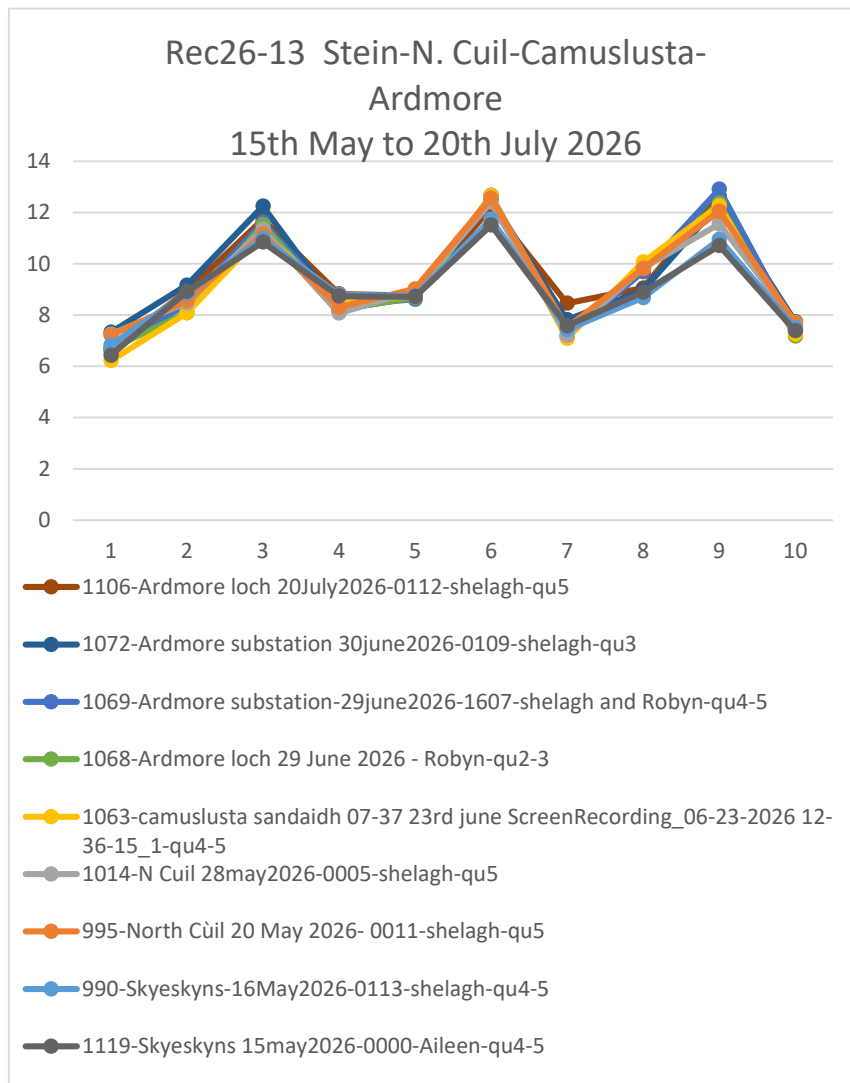
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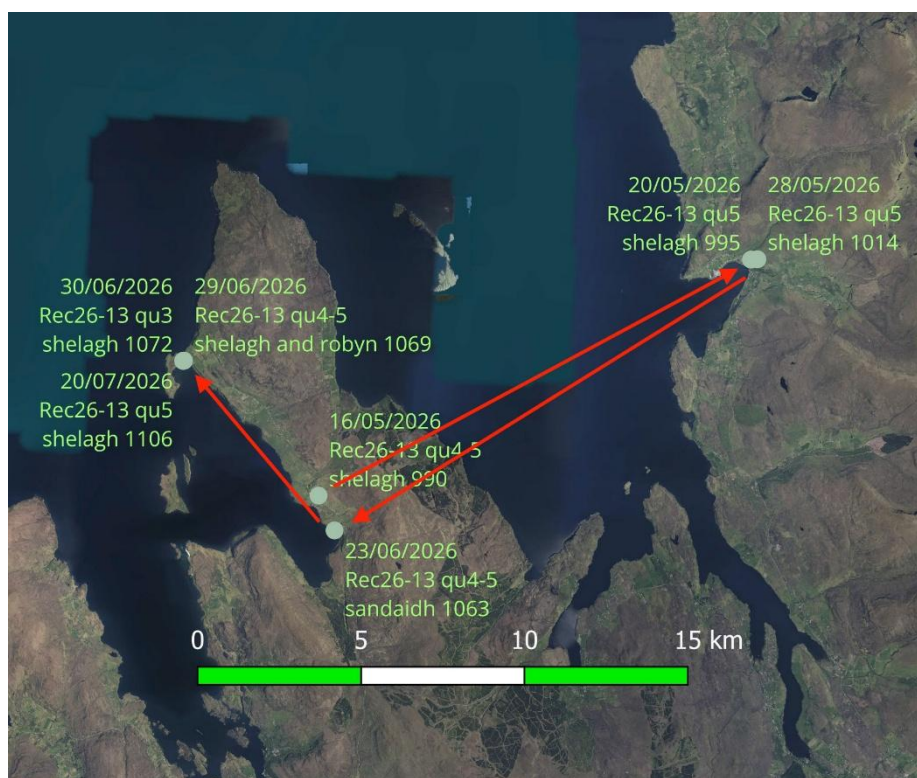


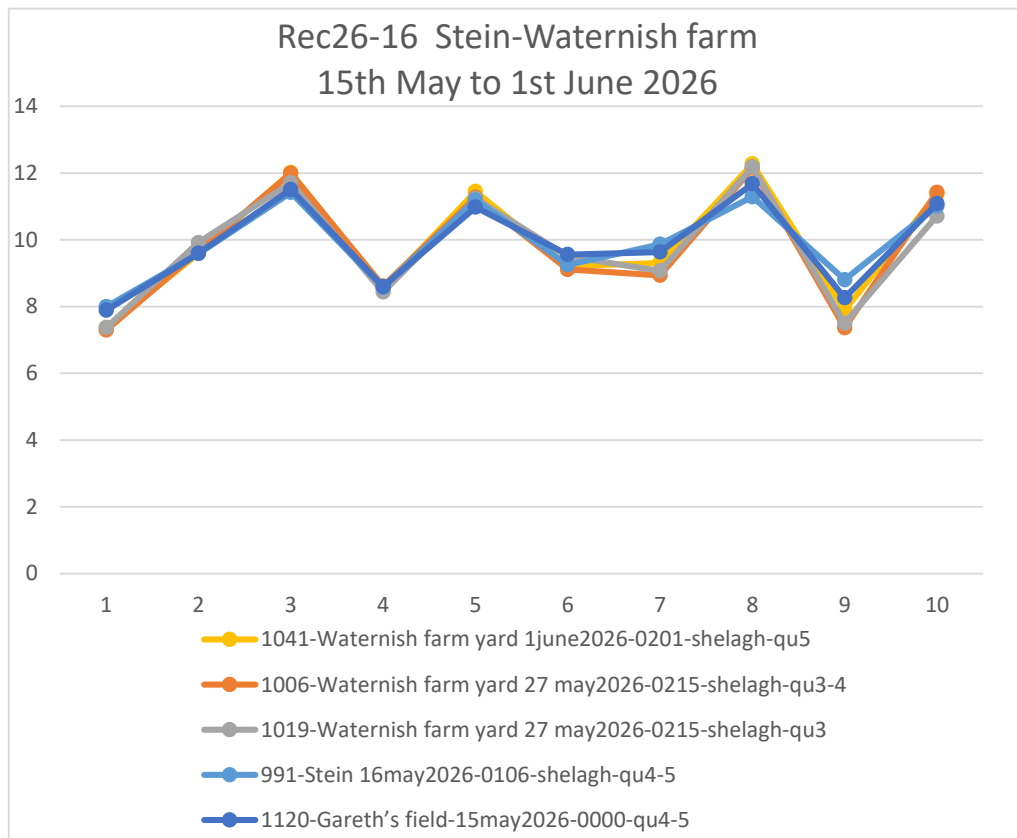
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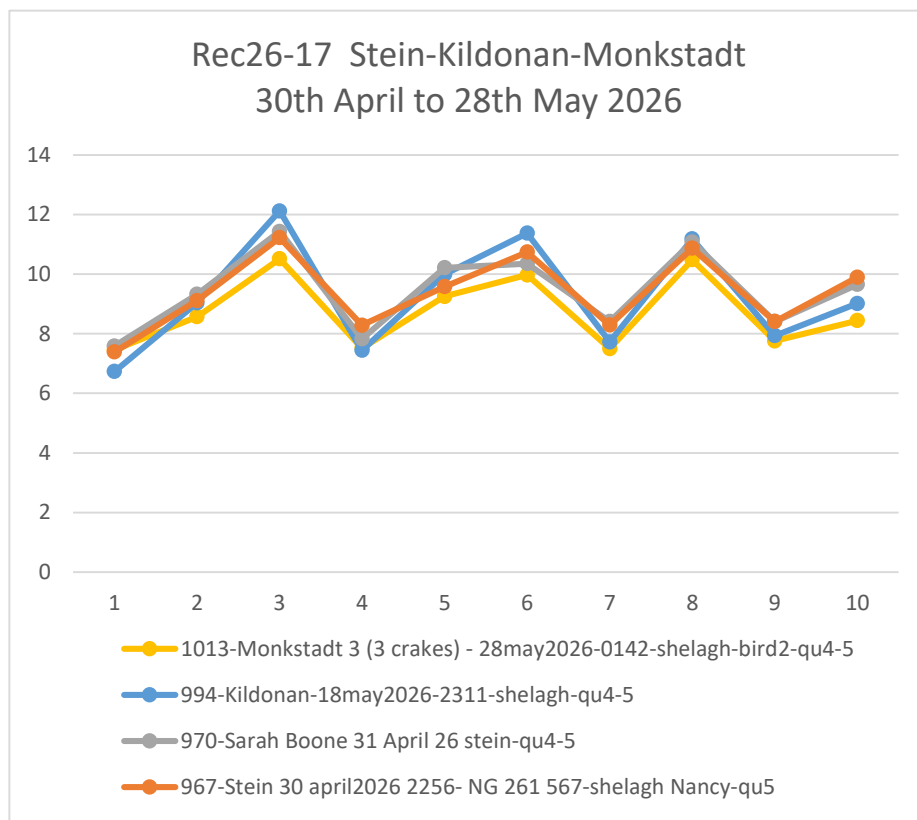
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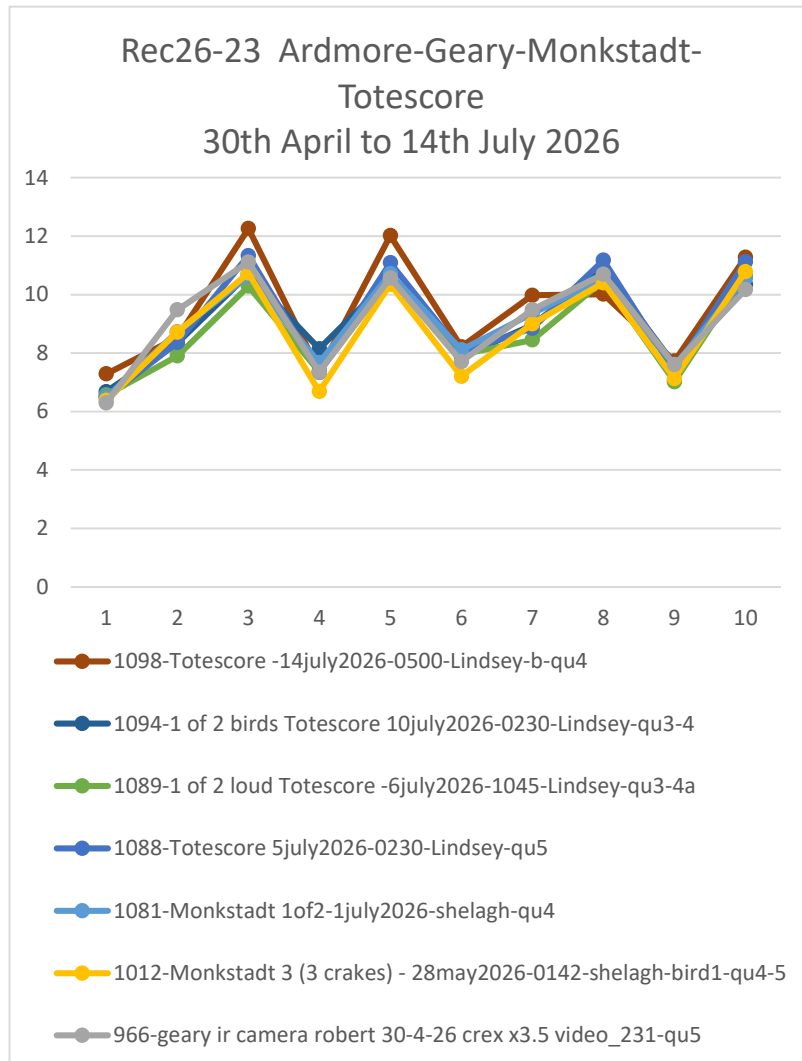
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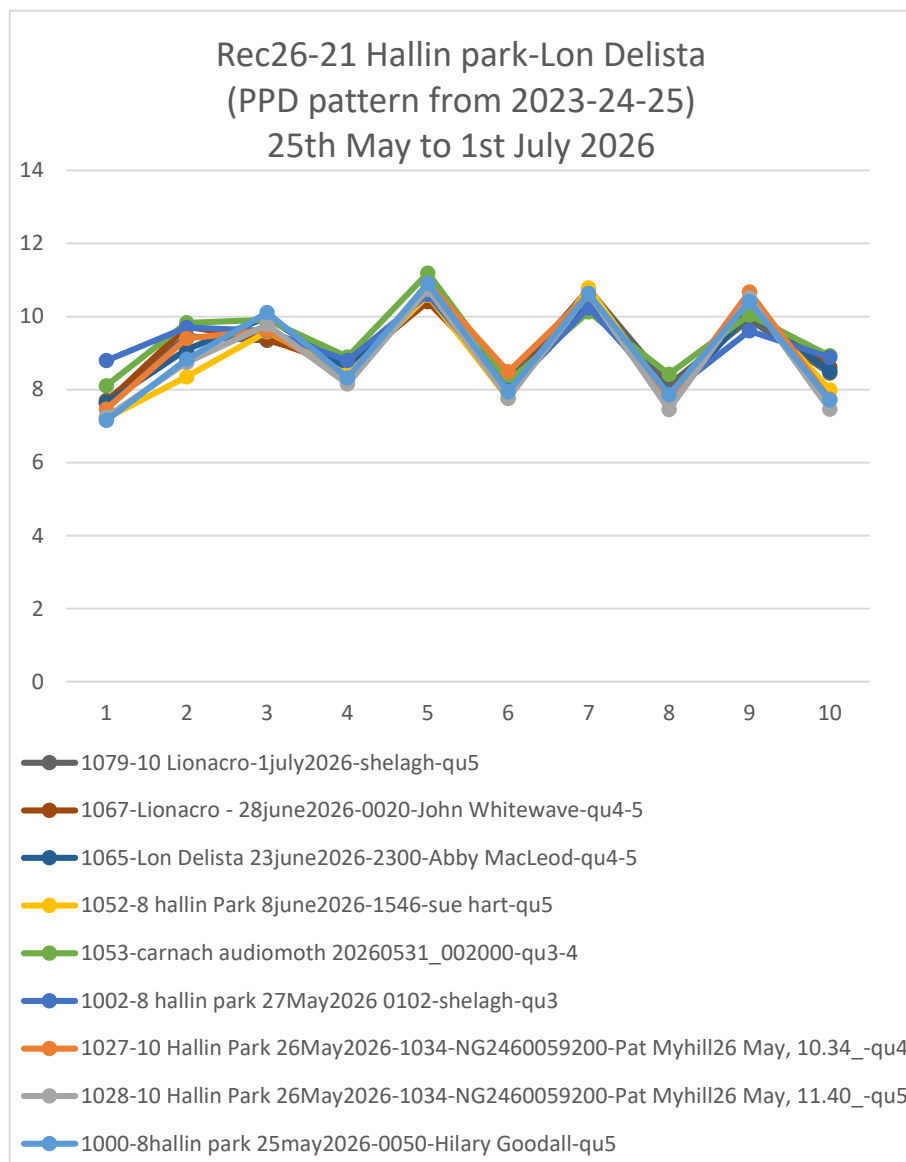
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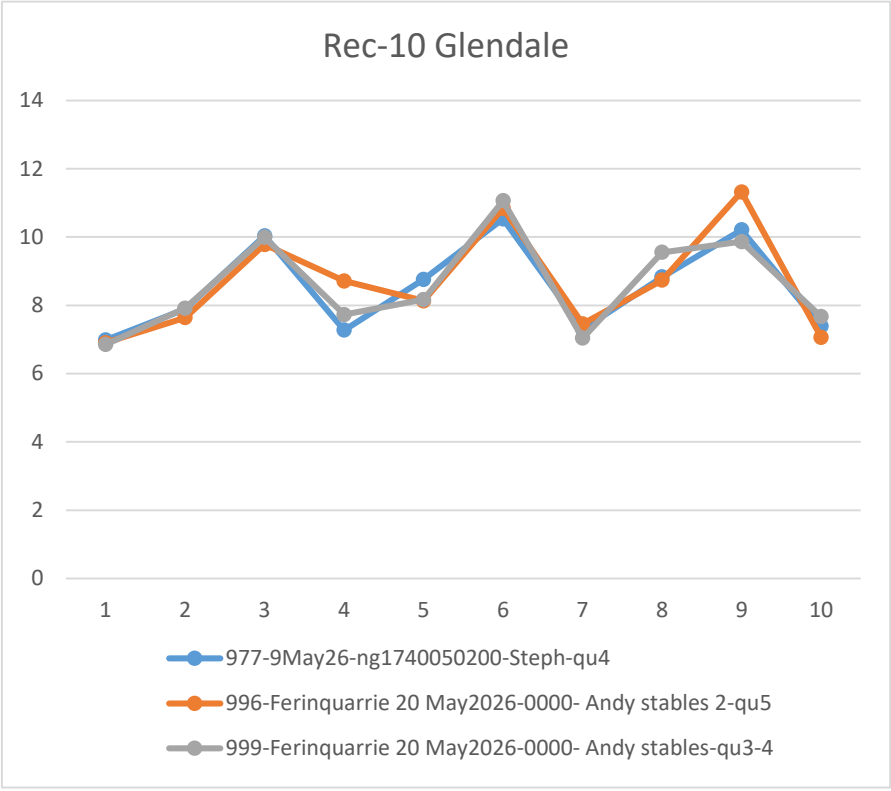
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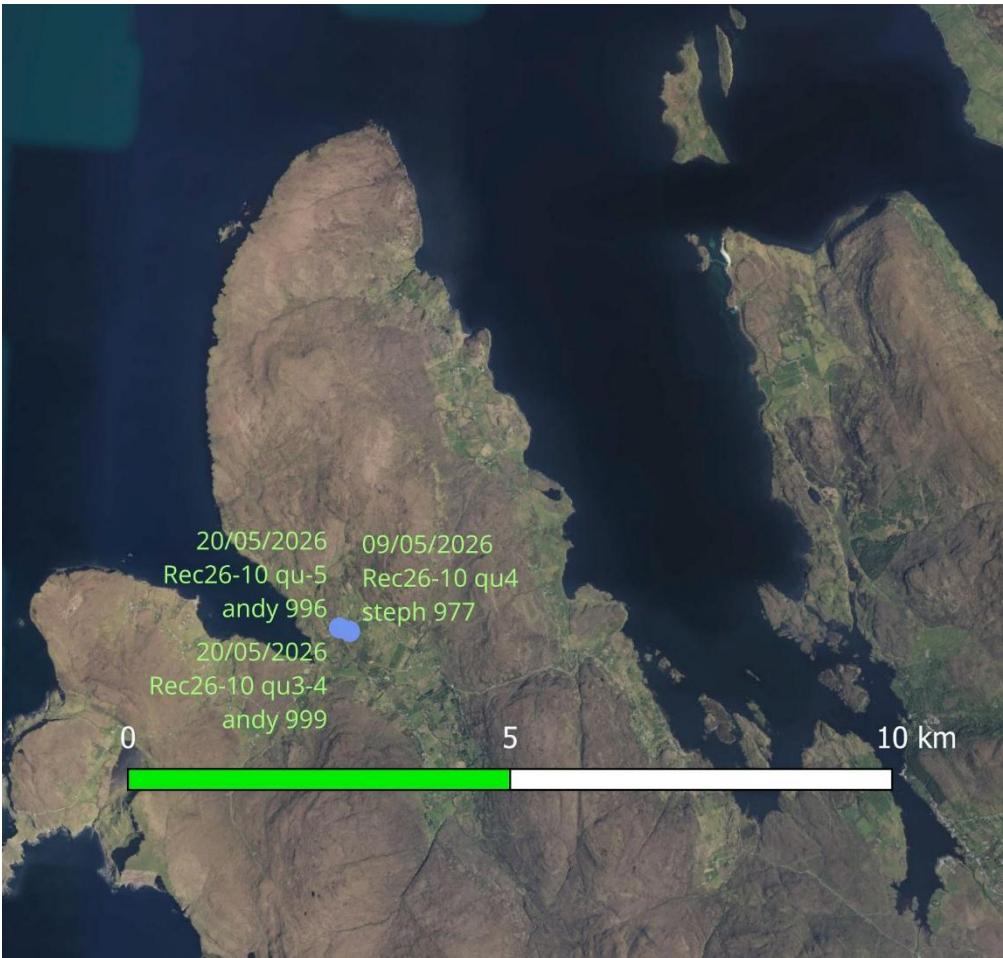


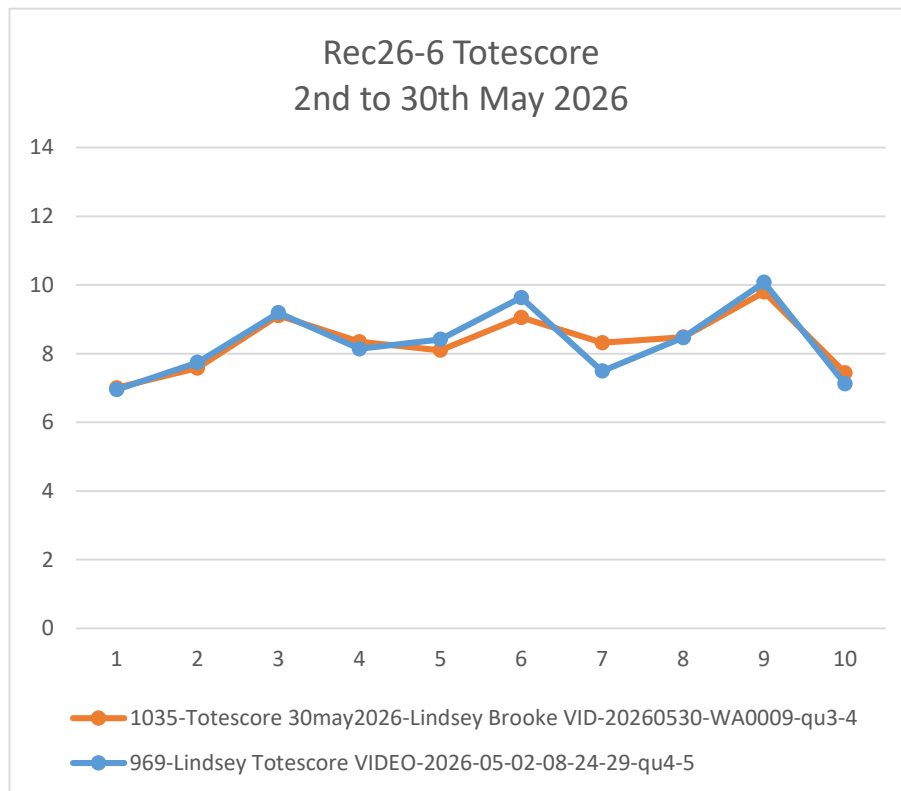
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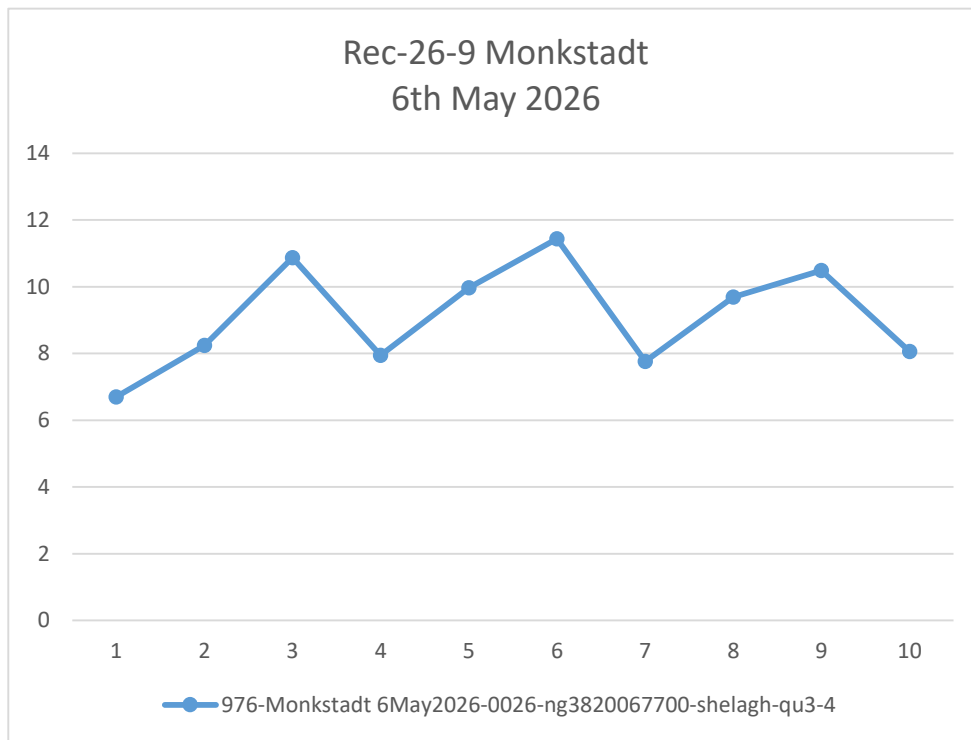
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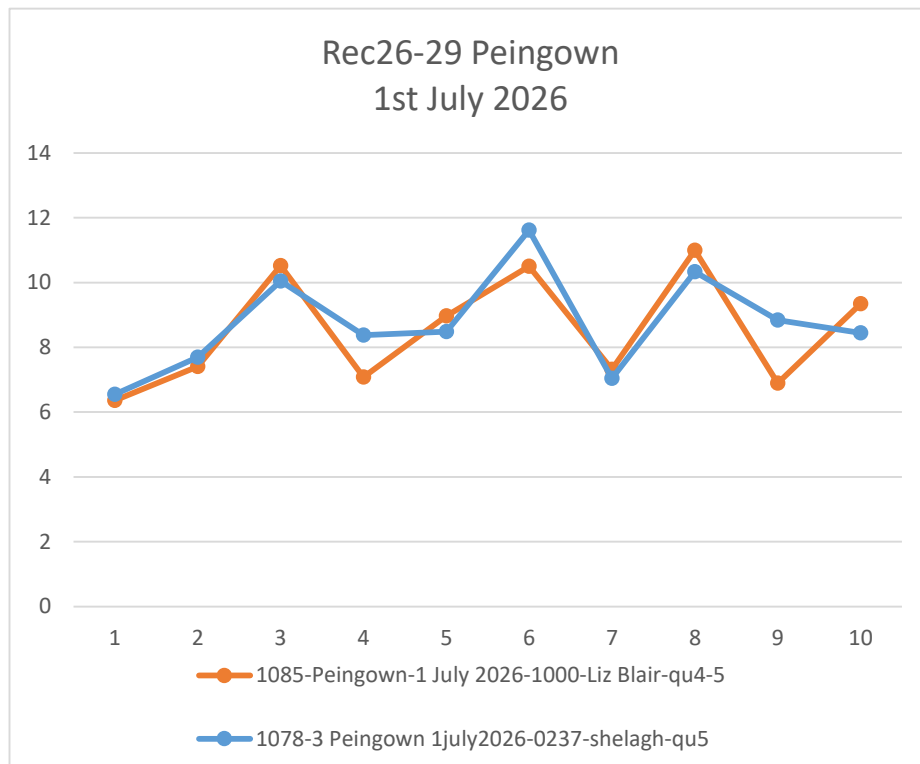
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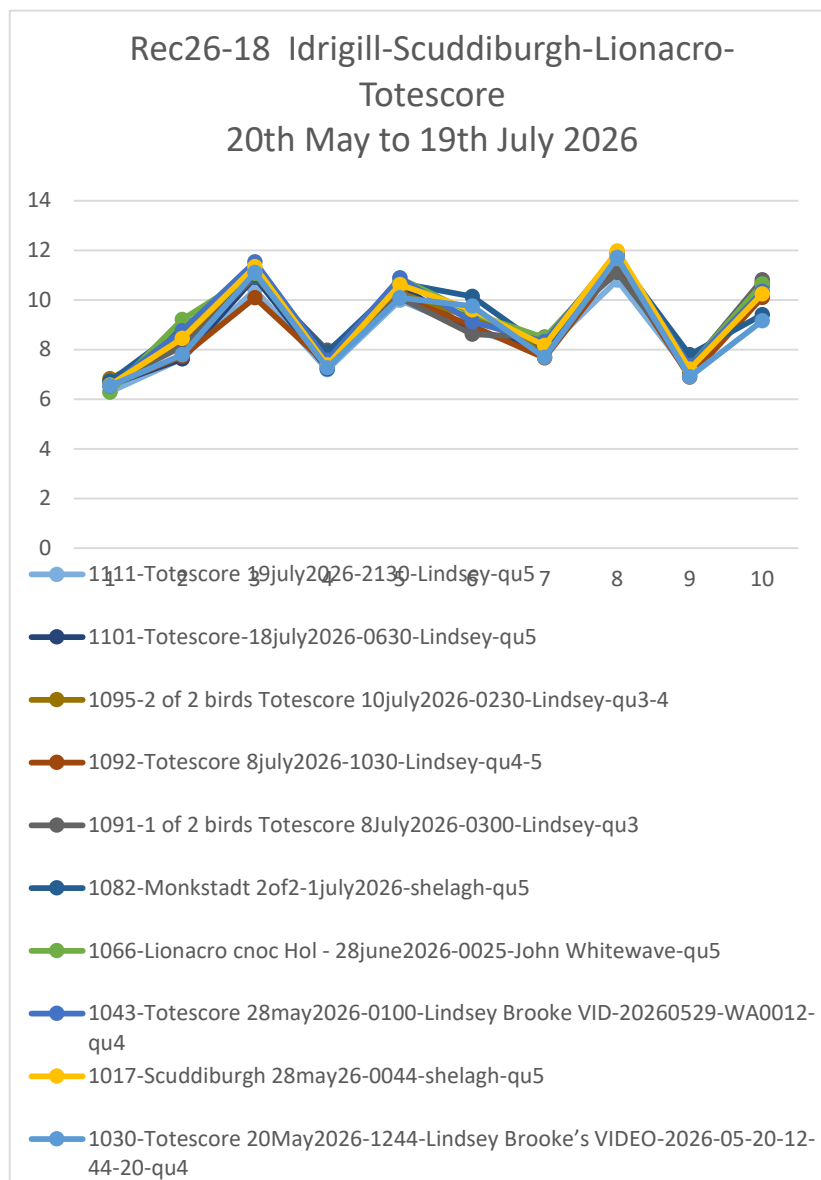
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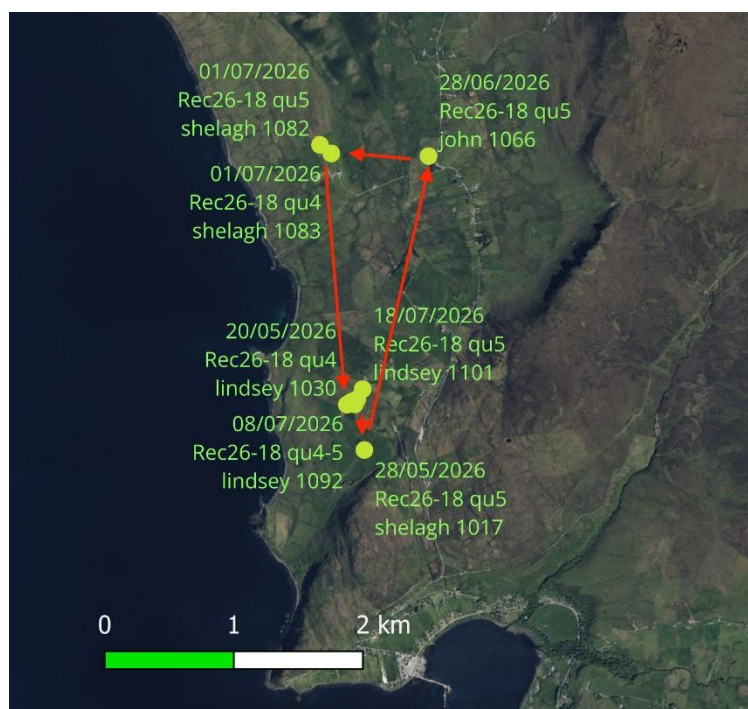


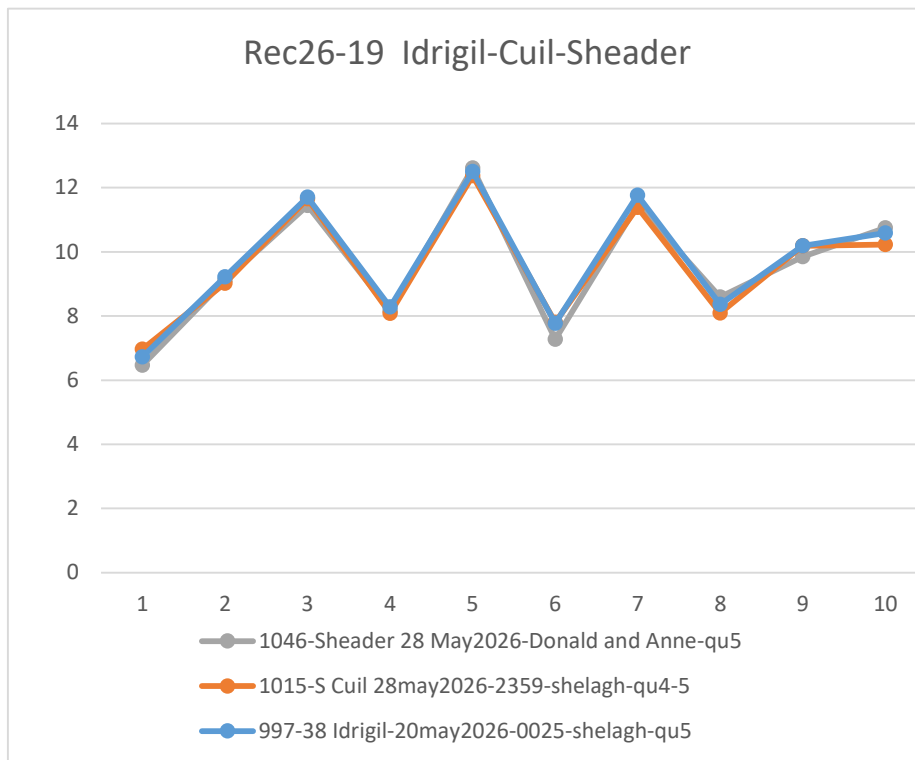
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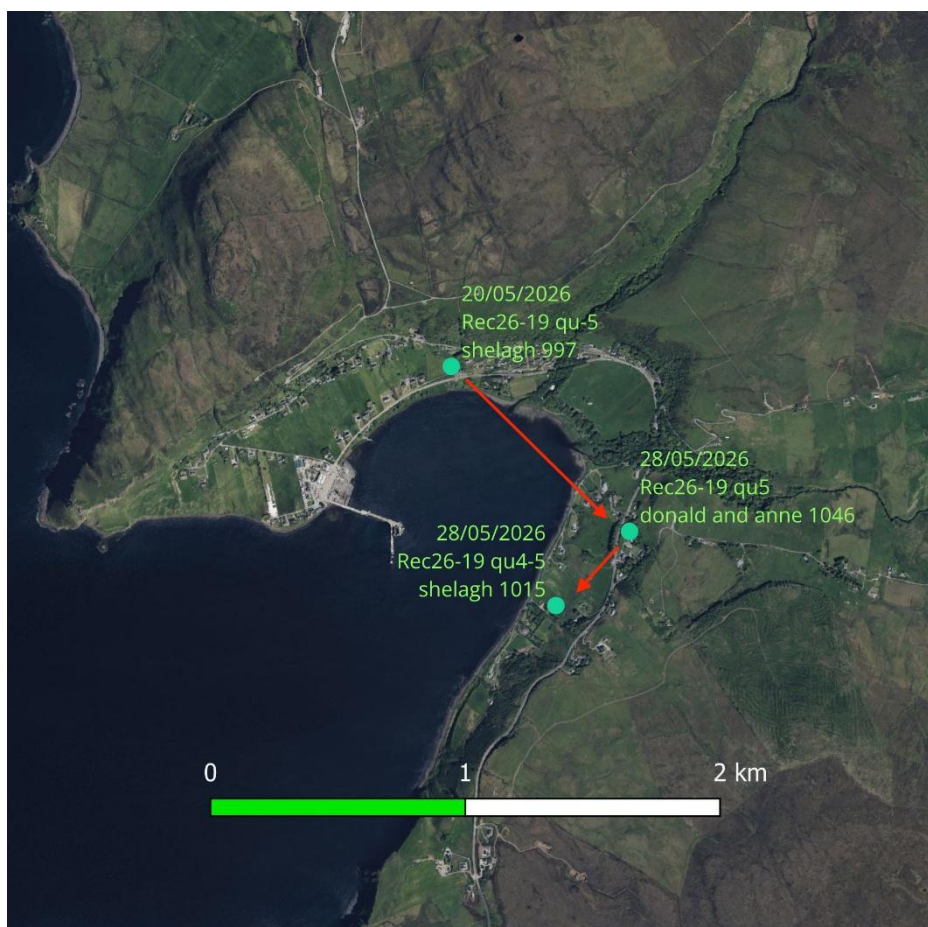


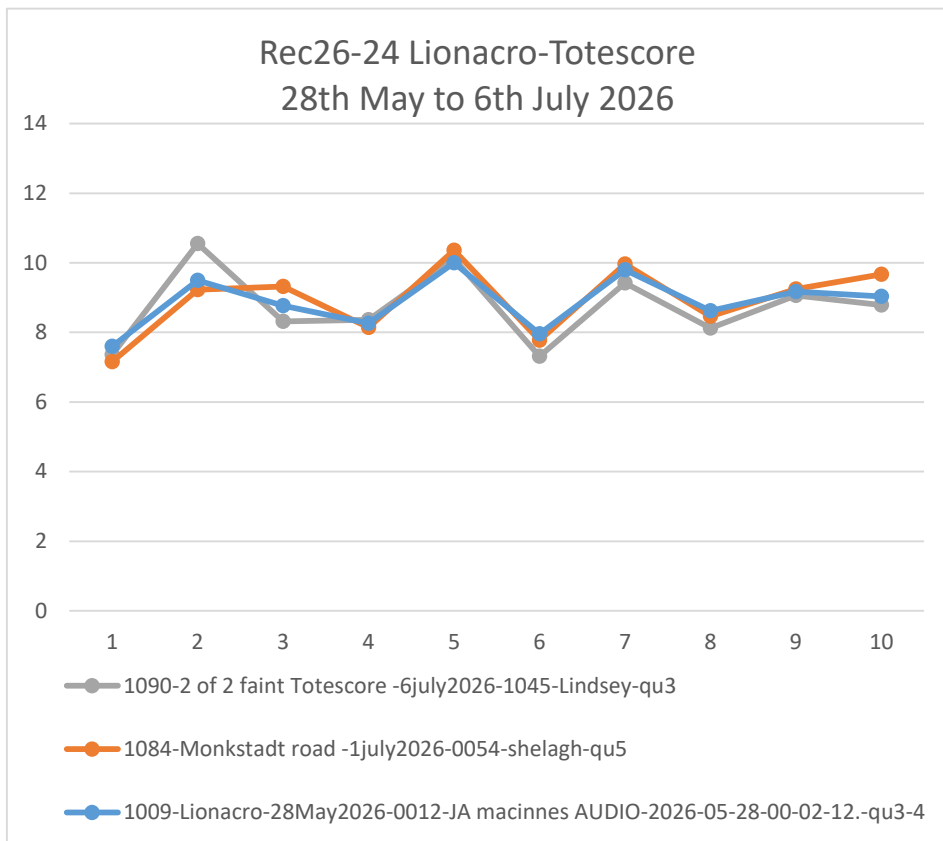
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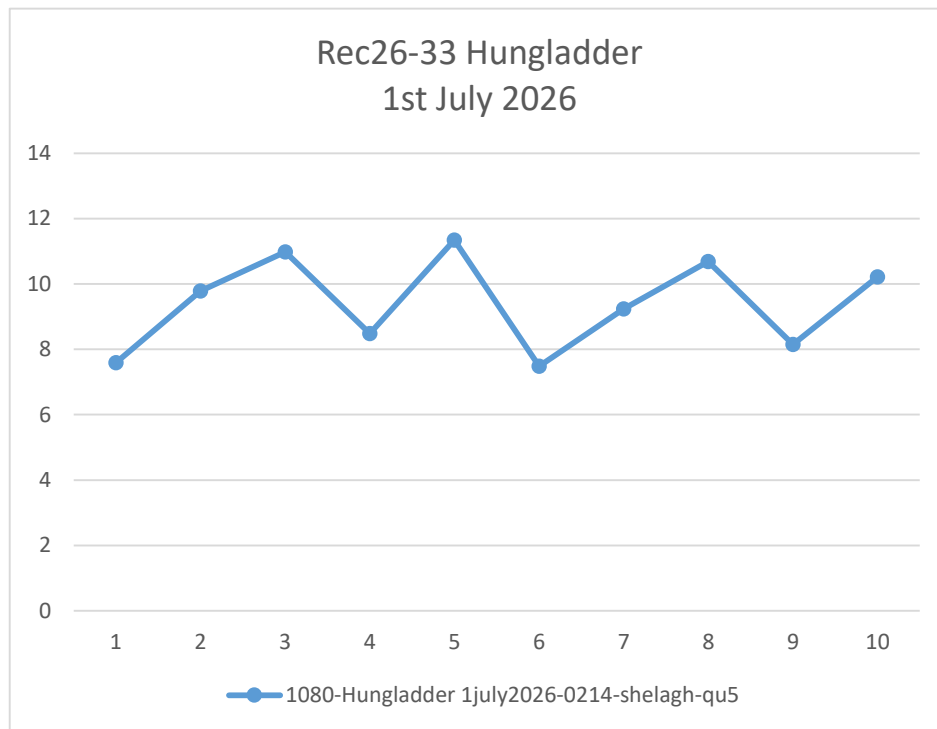
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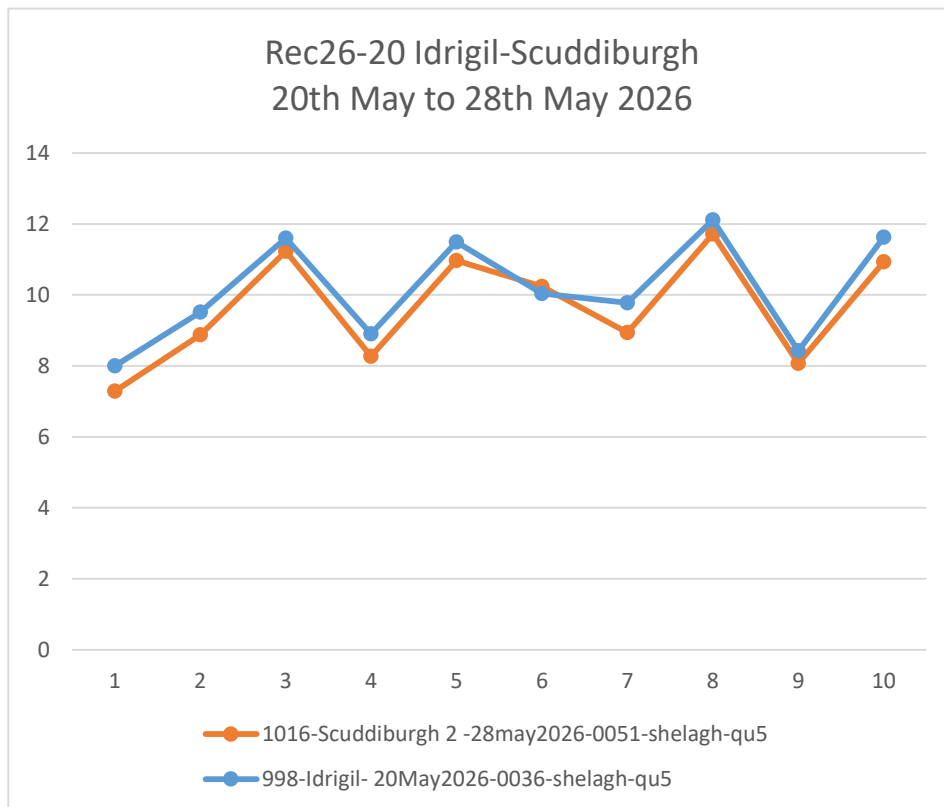
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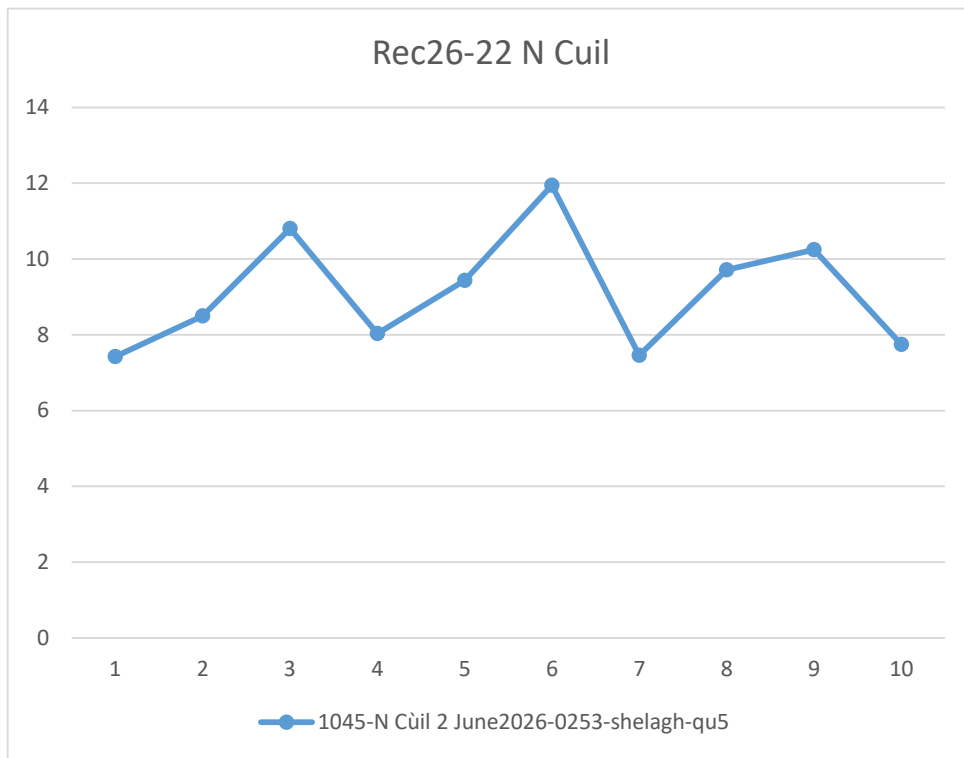
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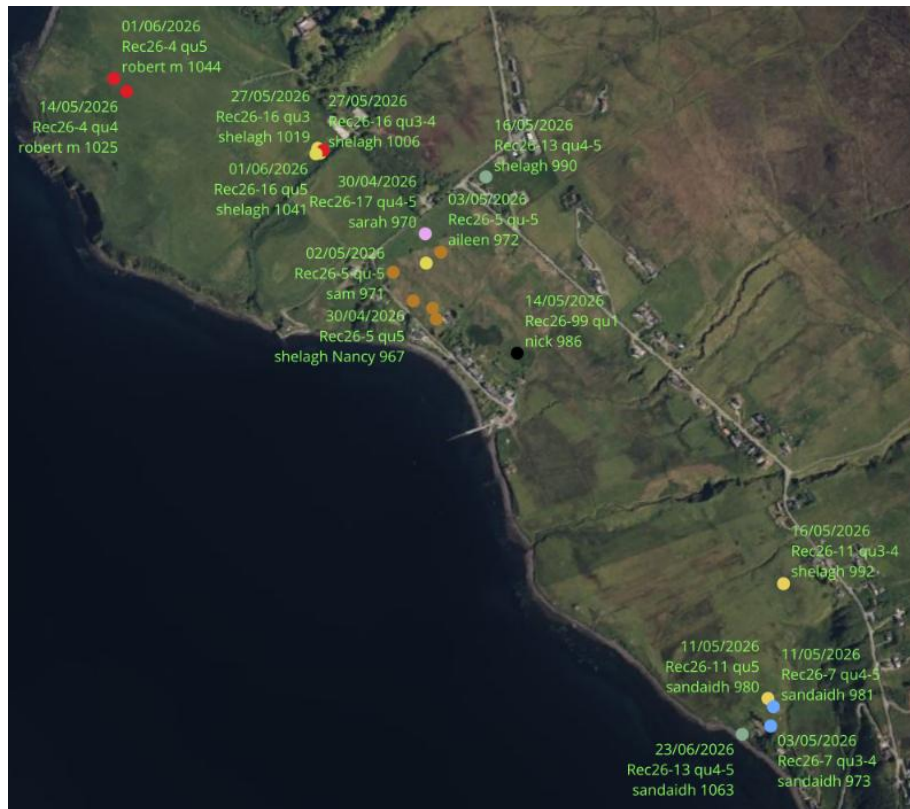
Detail of Ardmore



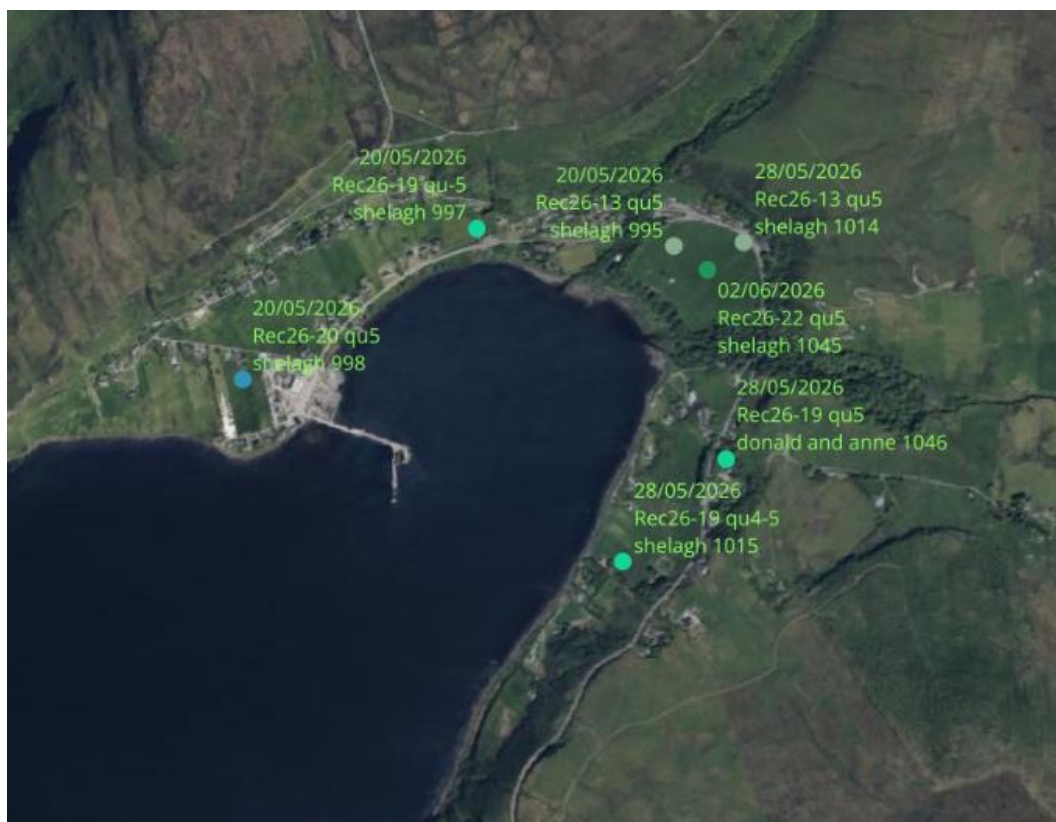
Detail of Hallin and Carnach



Detail of Stein



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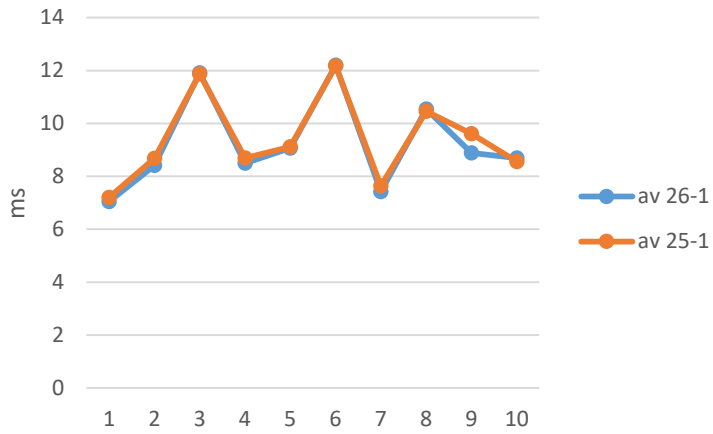


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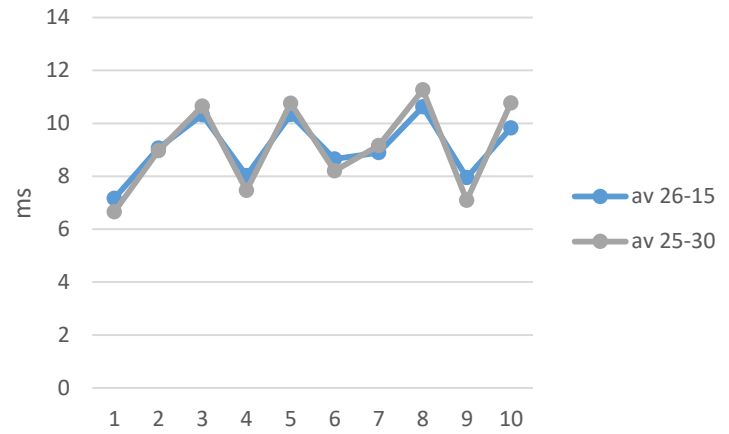


**Possible returning birds, 2025 to 2026,
(11 from about 25 birds, about 40%)**

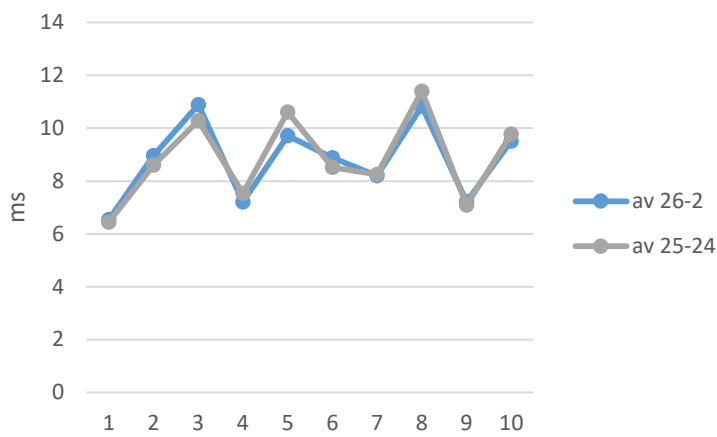
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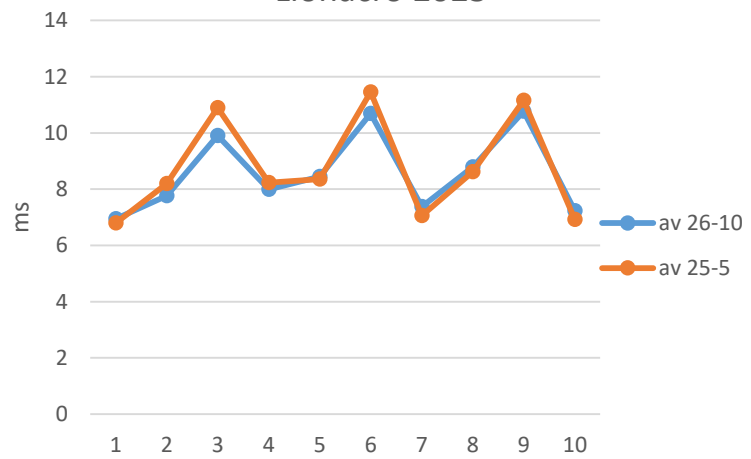
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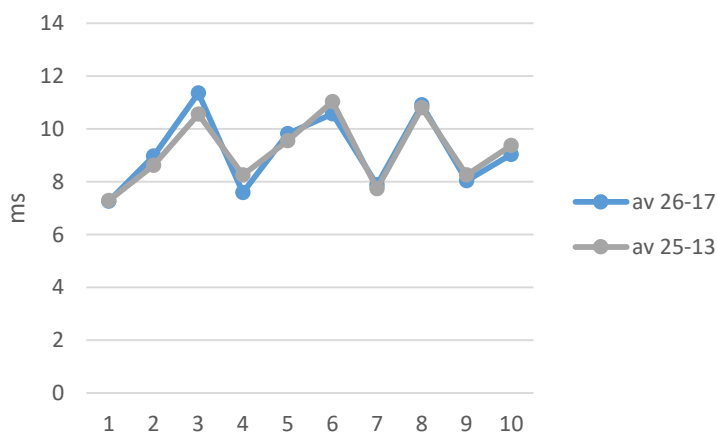
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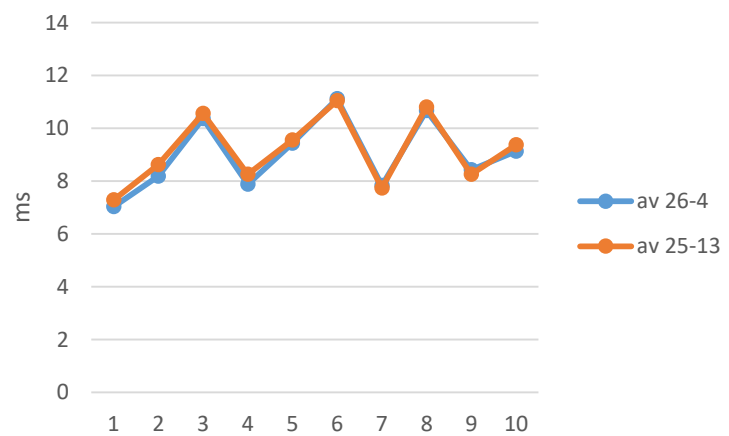
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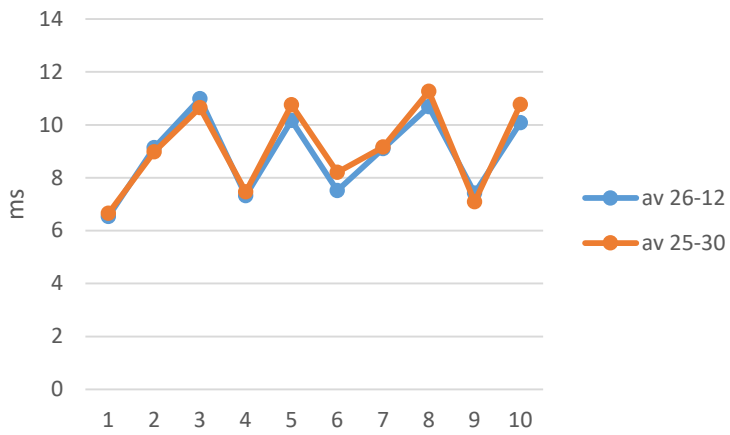
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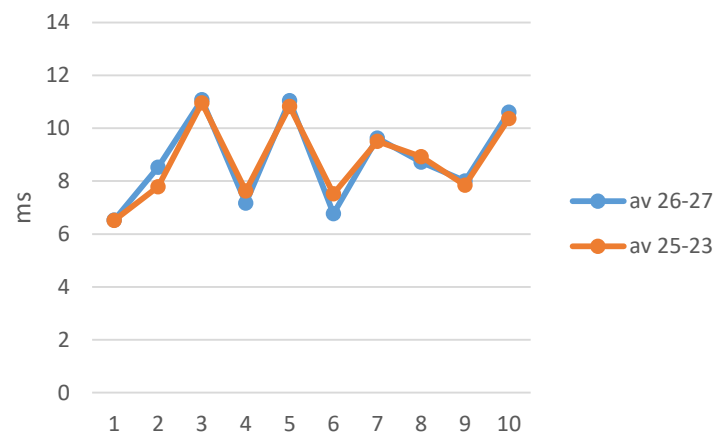
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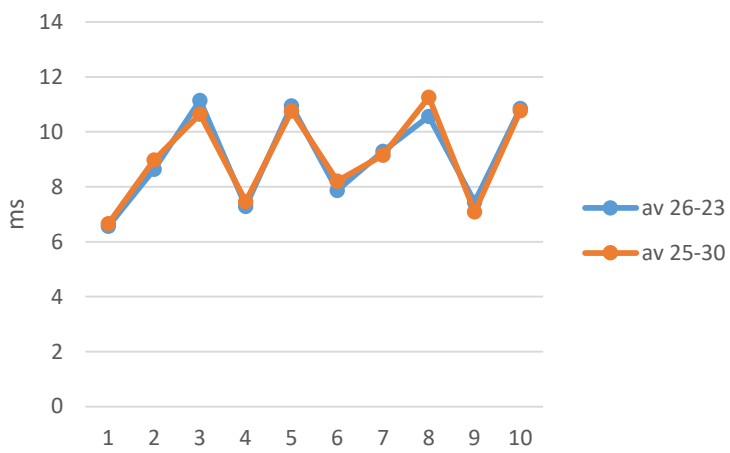
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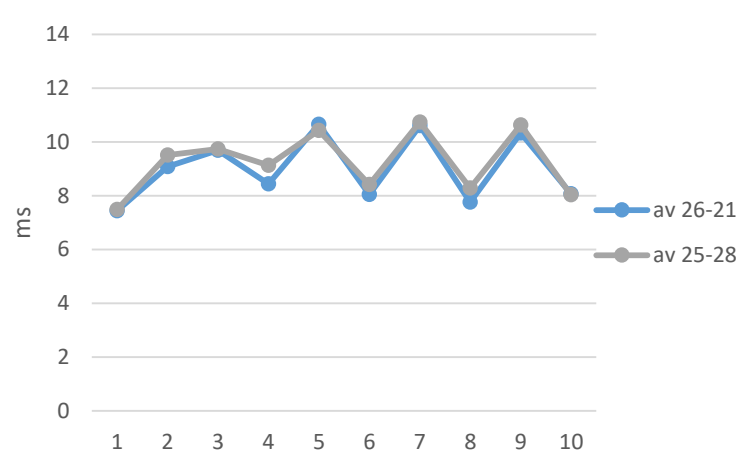
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