



Orca Watch day 3 - 30th May 2022

This is a first look at the sightings so far, as yet unverified, reported to us from observers out and about in the Orca Watch region.

Thank you to all those out and about, reporting sightings...

Monday's sightings (30th May 2022)

Time	Species	Number	Where	Direction	Behaviour	Notes
Scottish Mainland						
06:41	Harbour porpoise	2	Gill's Bay WNW of the harbour wall	WNW		
09:15	Risso's dolphin	1	Duncansby Lighthouse	East		
09:15	Minke whale	1	Duncansby Lighthouse			Feeding birds
10:20	Risso's dolphin	Pod	Auckengill	South		
10:33	Risso's dolphin	Pod	Keiss (just north)			
10:35	Risso's dolphin	Pod	Keiss/Sinclairs		slow swimming	
10:36	Risso's dolphin	1	Latheronwheel	North		
10:39	Risso's dolphin	Pod	Keiss/Sinclair Bay	Towards Keiss castle		Splitting into two groups
10:54	Risso's dolphin	Pod	Sinclair Bay			Halfway between Keiss castle and Noss
11:20	Minke whale	1	Duncansby Head			At small stack south of Duncansby Head
11:27	Risso's dolphin	pod	Keiss			Heading towards Noss spotted from Keiss
12:04	Minke whale	1	Duncansby Head	North/West		
12:05	Risso's dolphin	pod	Trinkie (Near Wick)	South		
13:08	Risso's dolphin	pod	Windmills off Trinkie			
13:45	Risso's dolphin	pod	Windmills off Trinkie	North		

16:47	Harbour porpoise	3-5	Duncansby Stacks	South		
17:39	Risso's dolphin	3-4	Auckengill	South		5kms out, some breaches
17:49	Harbour porpoise	1	Duncansby Stacks	Towards Orkney		3km distance
18:18	Harbour porpoise	1	Pentland Skerry	North		
Afternoon	Risso's dolphin	3	Northside, Birsay	South		
19:25	Orca	15	NW from Brough of Birsay			Heading off out to sea, NW from the Brough of Birsay
19:36	Harbour porpoise	lots	Duncansby Head			
19:42 - 19:57	Orca	2-3	Roseheartly, heading to Sandhaven			
20:23	Orca	4	Heading to Belger, moving East past Saint Combs	East		2 males, 1 female
21:37	Harbour porpoise	1	Sinclair Bay			
Orkney						
14:35	Orca	5	Yesnaby	North		Towards Skail Bay and Marwick; at least 2 males and 1 female in group
15:47 - 16:41	Orca	6	Yesnaby & Marwick	North		Blows from Brough of Birsay, off Marwick head
16:56	Orca	15 (2 pods at least)	Marwick	North		
17:07	Orca	15 (2 pods at least)	Approaching Marwick Bay			

17:27	Orca	15 (2 pods at least)	At Marwick Head			
17:44	Orca	2	Right side of Birsay			2 bulls
17:48	Orca	8	Right side of Birsay			Following the 2 bulls
19:25	Orca	15	NW from Brough of Birsay			Heading off out to sea, NW from the Brough of Birsay
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Shetland						
13:15	Minke whale	1	South Nesting Bay			
13:50	Minke whale	1	Muckle Skerry, Out Skerries			
14:20	Risso's dolphin	1	Out Skerries			