



# ISLE OF MAY BIRD OBSERVATORY

Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation  
Scottish Charity Number SC001783

## Booking Form 2023

Any keen naturalist may stay at the observatory but preference is given to ornithologists, particularly at migration times when a balance of competent birdwatchers and qualified bird ringers is preferred.

### Booking window

Booking is open to members of the Isle of May Bird Observatory Trust from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022, booking periods are outlined below:

<b>Period 1: Nov 1<sup>st</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>IOMBOT members only</b>
Requests for bookings will be considered from all “ornithologist” members of the IOMBOT who are willing, competent and able to both record the island’s birds and complete the necessary ornithological paperwork and logs.	
<b>Period 2: Nov 16<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Non-member ornithologists</b>
Requests will be considered from non-member “ornithologists” who are willing and able to fulfil the duties in 1 above.	
<b>Period 3: December 1<sup>st</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Other IOMBOT members</b>
Bookings may be requested by “Other” (photographers, artists etc) members of the IOMBOT, but who cannot or do not wish to fulfil the ornithological duties of the Observatory.	
<b>Period 4: Dec 16<sup>th</sup> – Onwards</b>	<b>Bookings open to all</b>

Bookings for the first three periods will be allocated in accordance with appropriate criteria. Successful applicants will be notified of the outcome after the final day of each booking period and sent a booking form for completion. Competent birdwatchers who are willing and able to competently record the island’s birds and complete the necessary ornithological paperwork and logs, will receive priority. The IOMBO Trust reserves the right to accept, reject or alter bookings as may, in the view of the committee, be required to benefit the safe and proper operation of the Observatory.

**It is a condition of booking that all parties agree to maintain the daily census and chatty logs and that immediately after leaving the island the party leader shall e-mail a brief report of their visit to the Booking Secretary to include: an account of birds seen, photographs for the website and to report on maintenance, breakages, water or electricity issues during their stay.**

### Membership

The annual subscription (calendar year) for a member of the Trust is currently £25 for 2023. For this you get an excellent annual report, two newsletters by pdf, access to a members resources page on the website containing past reports etc and booking priority as detailed above. For more information, contact Sheila Russell on 0141 956 3871 or [Sheila.russell@rocketmail.com](mailto:Sheila.russell@rocketmail.com).

### Charges

- Standard charge (adults) is £185 per person per week (Saturday to Saturday)
- School children (16 or under): £85/per person per week
- Full-time students and those age 17 to 25: £100 per person per week

People staying for part-weeks pay £30/day, plus a fee of £20 for any journey in the Observatory weekly scheduled "Saturday" run. Non-Saturday part-week sailings on the May Princess are down to the individual(s) to arrange and pay for as are non-scheduled RIB runs.

**Bookings are available on a Saturday to Saturday beginning on Sat 1 Apr 2023 ending Sat 11 Nov 2023.**

## Leader/Contact

Name	
Address	
Tel	
Mobile	
Email address	
Are you a member of IOMBOT?	
<b>Ringer in Charge</b>	
Permit (grade & no.)	
Permit restrictions (list all that apply)	

What week would you like to book?

Preference 1 Sat..... to Sat.....  
 Preference 2 Sat..... to Sat.....  
 Preference 3 Sat..... to Sat.....

How many people will be in your party? .....

How many are ringers? \_\_\_ **Please note license numbers and grades alongside their details below**

Have you stayed at the observatory before? Yes/No

Main reason for visit: Birding/Ringing/Photography/other.....

**Confirm that you are happy for contact details to be passed to the RIB skipper and leader name displayed in the Obs and passed to NatureScot.....Yes/No**

Please fill in the details of the other members of your party on the accompanying sheet and return this **booking form to Mark Newell** (preferably by email) at [bookings@isleofmaybirdobs.org](mailto:bookings@isleofmaybirdobs.org) or posted to East Lodge, Stobo, Peebles EH45 8NX

### Payment

A deposit of £60 per person is due when the booking is confirmed. Remaining payment due three months before booking date. Payment can be made by bank transfer or by cheque:

<b>Bank Transfer</b>	<b>Cheque</b>
To: Isle of May Bird Observatory and Field Station Trust	Payment by cheque made out to <b>“The Isle of May Bird Observatory Trust”</b>
Sort Code is 83-19-08 Account Number 00115739	Send to: N. Campbell (Hon. Treasurer), IOMBO, 16 Mayville Gardens, Edinburgh, EH5 3DB
Please make a single payment on behalf of the group as a whole unless otherwise arranged and quote leaders name and date of visit in reference	

**Details of All Other Visitors in Your Party**

(Please ensure you note ringing permit details for any ringing members of your party)

1.	
Name	
Address	
Tel/mob	
Email	
IOMBO member?	YES/NO
Ringing permit no.	

2.	
Name	
Address	
Tel/mob	
Email	
IOMBO member?	YES/NO
Ringing permit no.	

3.	
Name	
Address	
Tel/mob	
Email	
IOMBO member?	YES/NO
Ringing permit no.	

4.	
Name	
Address	
Tel/mob	
Email	
IOMBO member?	YES/NO
Ringing permit no.	

6.	
Name	
Address	
Tel/mob	
Email	
IOMBO member?	YES/NO
Ringing permit no.	

**To be signed by the party leader:-** I agree to follow the Observatory rules and instructions, as listed in the manuals and on the notice-board, read the Health and Safety document, and advise other members of my party as required.

Signed.....

Date.....