Solway Firth SPA



Upper Solway Flats and Marshes was designated as an SPA in November 1992. In December 2020 there was a marine extension to the existing SPA and the site was re-named Solway Firth SPA which it is known as today. The SPA is 1357.5km² in size and sits in both English and Scottish waters. Solway Firth SAC overlaps with the SPA site.

SPA Designated features: Northern pintail; Northern shoveler; Eurasian teal; Pink-footed goose; Ruddy turnstone; Greater scaup; Barnacle goose; Sanderling; Dunlin; Red knot; Whooper swan; Eurasian oystercatcher; Bar-tailed godwit; Eurasian curlew; Eurasian golden plover; Grey plover; Common Shelduck; Common redshank.

New features added in 2020: Red-throated loon; Common ringed plover; Common scoter; Common merganser; Northern lapwing; Great cormorant; Black-headed gull; Common gull; European herring gull.

Natural England Advice - Marine site detail (naturalengland.org.uk)

Standard data form - UK9005012.pdf (jncc.gov.uk)

Magic map: Magic Map Application (defra.gov.uk)

Management: Solway Firth SPA is managed by Natural England, RSPB, Nature Scotland and

Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust