

# PELAGIC BIRD MONITORING

Status Update – 2015-16





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# SUMMARY OF TRIPS

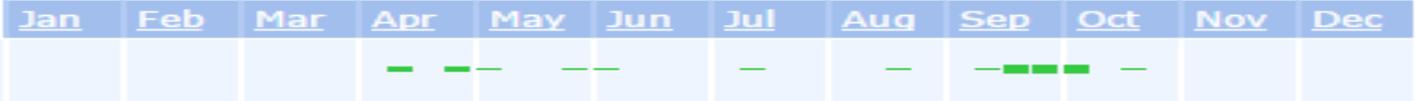
Date	Place	District	Organizers	Dept Assistance	eBird Lists
20-Sep-15	Kochi	Ernakulam	KFD, CNHS	KFD	Yes
26-Sep-15	Beypore	Kozhikode	KFD, MNHS	KFD + Fisheries	Yes
4-Oct-15	Azheekkal	Kannur	KFD, MNHS	KFD	Yes
21-Nov-16	Kasaragod	Kasaragod	KFD, MNHS	KFD + Fisheries	-
10-Apr-16	Ponnani	Malappuram	KFD, Praveen E S	KFD?	Yes
30-Apr-16	Beypore	Kozhikode	KFD, MNHS	KFD + Fisheries	To be checked
22-May-16	Fort Kochi	Alappuzha	KFD, KNHS	KFD	To be checked
18-Oct-15	Punnapra	Alappuzha	Jinesh P S	NIL	-
24-Oct-15	Munambam	Ernakulam	Anish A	NIL	-
14-Nov-16	Punnapra	Alappuzha	Jinesh P S	NIL	-
27-Dec-16	Punnapra	Alappuzha	Jinesh P S	NIL	-
16-Jan-16	Punnapra	Alappuzha	Jinesh P S	NIL	-
6-May-16	Arthunkal	Alappuzha	P J George	NIL	-

# ANALYSIS – FLESH-FOOTED SHEARWATER

1 species (+0 other taxa)

Flesh-footed Shearwater (*Ardenna carneipes*)

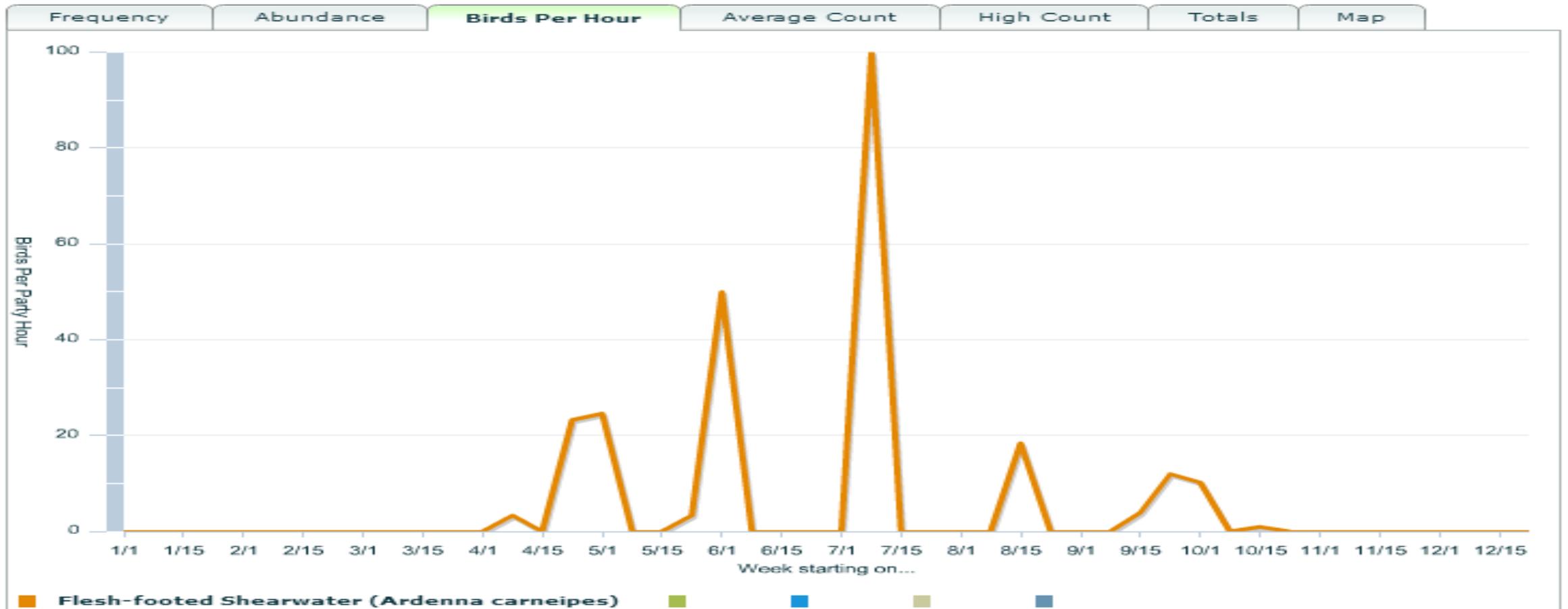
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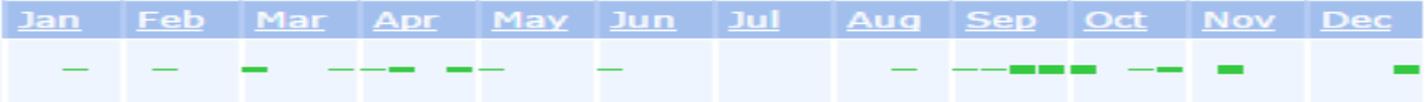


# ANALYSIS – PARASITIC JAEGER

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Parasitic Jaeger (*Stercorarius parasiticus*)

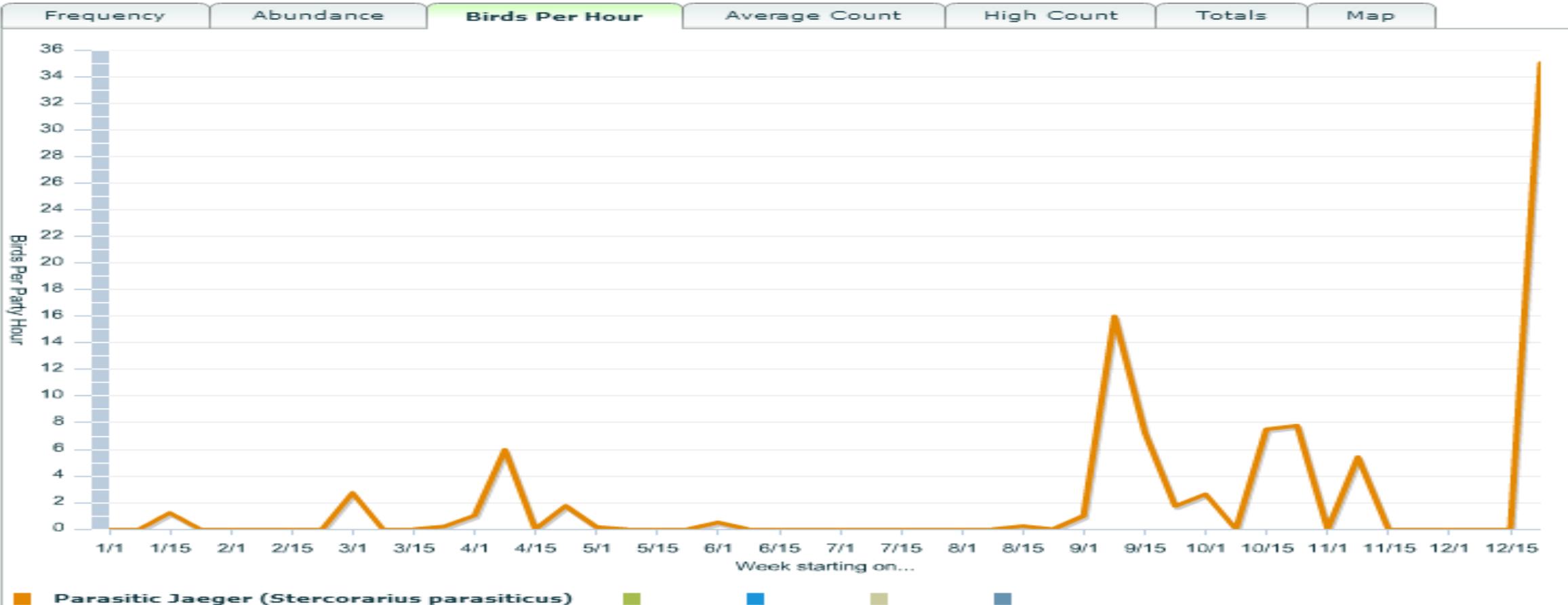
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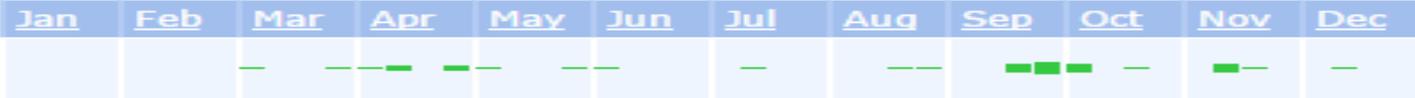


# ANALYSIS – BRIDLED TERN

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Bridled Tern (*Onychoprion anaethetus*)

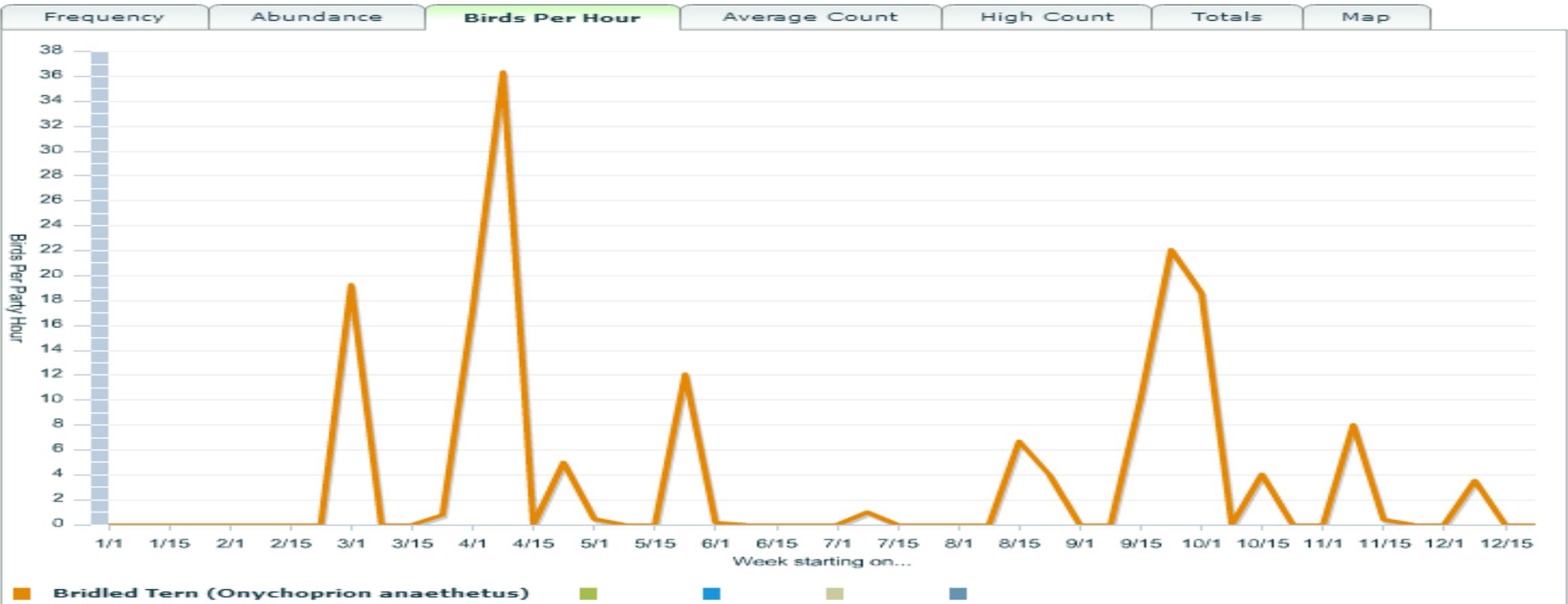
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# ANALYSIS – WILSON'S STORM PETREL

1 species (+0 other taxa)

Wilson's Storm-Petrel (*Oceanites oceanicus*)

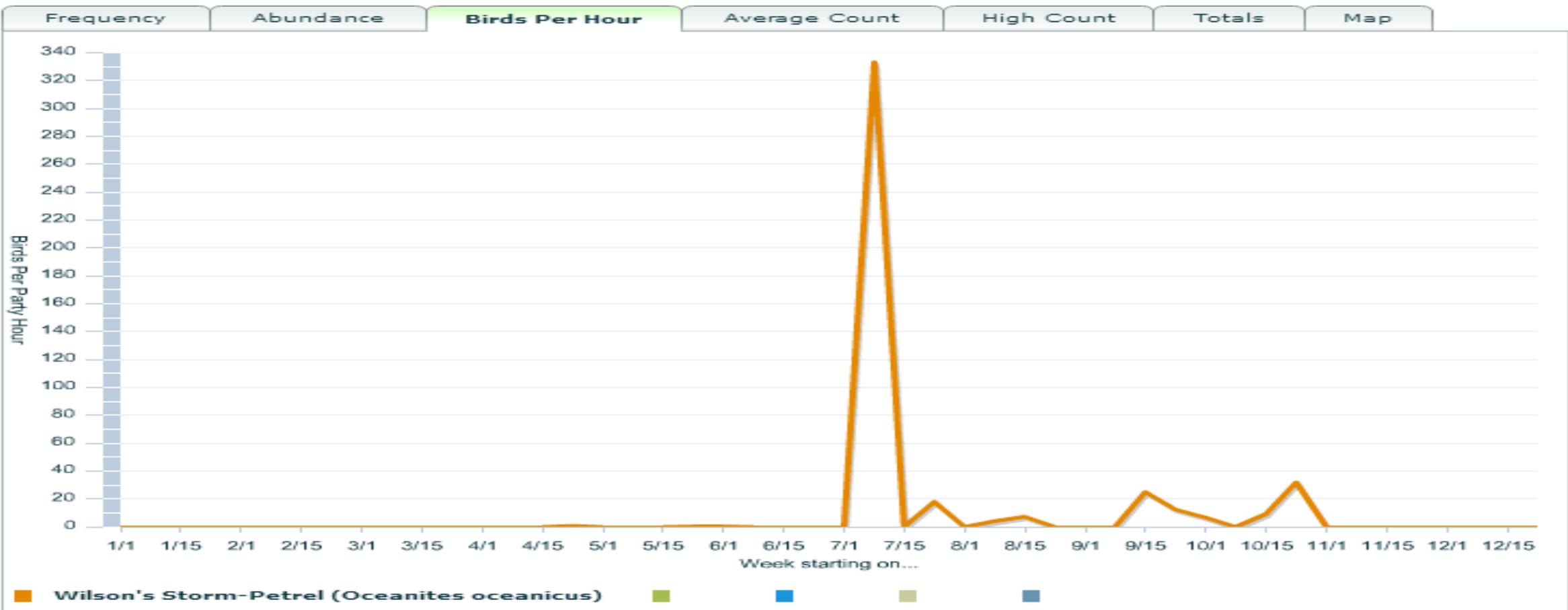
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Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
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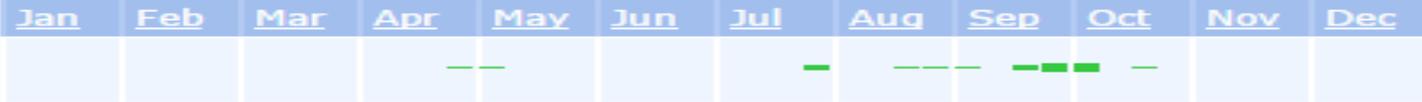


# ANALYSIS – SWINHOLE'S STORM PETREL

1 species (+0 other taxa)

Swinhoe's Storm-Petrel  
(*Oceanodroma monorhis*)

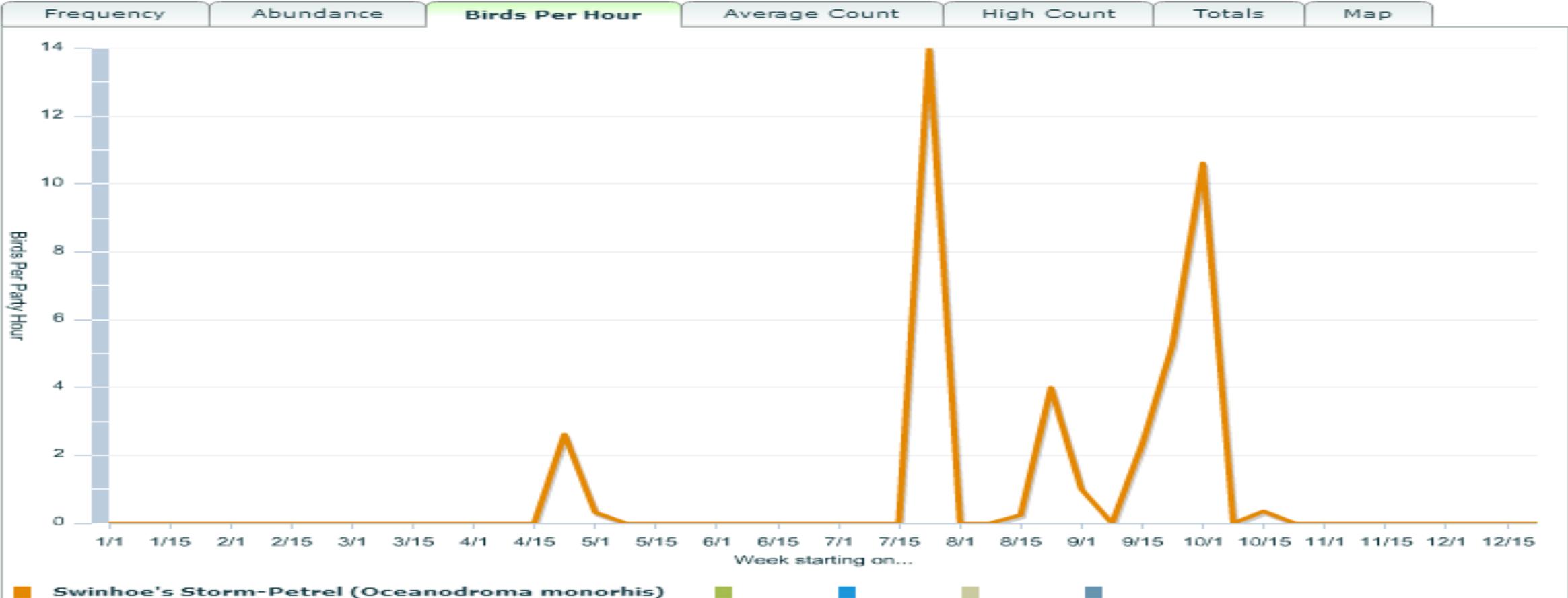
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# OVERALL STATUS



- ▶ MNHS organized 5 trips from the northern districts
- ▶ CNHS, KNHS & Praveen ES conducted one trips each
- ▶ A good number of trips were organized by individuals with NIL/minimal support from KFD (The initiative shown is appreciated - 👉 Jineh P S, Anish A, P J George, Praveen ES)
- ▶ This season saw the coverage increase during the months Nov-Dec and Apr-May
- ▶ Some good records, more information collected on the overall trends



- ▶ No trips from southern districts in this season
- ▶ Coverage during Jan-March & Jun-Aug is still very poor
- ▶ Exploration of areas > 40km from the shore is almost NIL
- ▶ Only a part of the data is in eBird, others yet to be uploaded

# KEY TAKEAWAYS : 2015-16

- ▶ Rare bird records
  - ▶ Presumed Brown Skua
  - ▶ Short-tailed Shearwater
  - ▶ Jouanin's Petrel
  - ▶ Long-tailed Jaeger
- ▶ Interesting observations
  - ▶ Good number of Pomarine Jaegers and Long-tailed (Passage? Good numbers around March-May)
- ▶ Confirmation of our previous understanding of distribution and abundance (which were drawn based on observations in the early pelagic years : 2010-15)

Parasitic Jaeger	"Commonest Jaeger" 😊	Recorded in most trips in winter, in good numbers. All age groups were recorded, with adults being the most numerous
Flesh-footed Shearwater	"Most Probable" Southern Hemisphere breeder 😊	Recorded between April-Oct (with 20+ birds in by April mid itself, confirming that they are one of the early arrivers)
Wilson's Storm Petrel	"Monsoon visitor"	Recorded between May-Oct (starting with very low numbers in End May)
Bridled Tern	"Most Probable Pelagic Bird"	Recorded in most trips, missing in Nov/Dec short trips, need more offshore trips in Nov-Dec to confirm the actual status!

# KEY SIGHTINGS

- ▶ Rare birds records
  - ▶ Presumed Brown Skua
  - ▶ Short-tailed Shearwater
  - ▶ Jouanin's Petrel
  - ▶ Long-tailed Jaeger
- ▶ Interesting observations
  - ▶ Good number of Pomarine Jaegers (relatively high numbers around March-May)
- ▶ Confirmation of trends from previous years
  - ▶ Parasitic Jaegers retained the title of our "Commonest Jaeger" 😊
  - ▶ Flesh-footed shearwaters were recorded between April-Oct (with 20+ birds in by April mid itself, confirming that they are one of the early arriving Southern Hemisphere breeders)
  - ▶ Wilson's Storm-petrels were recorded between May-Oct (with very low number in May)
  - ▶ Bridled Terns were recorded in most trips, missing in short trips during Nov/Dec timeframe

# FEEDBACK FROM COORDINATORS

- ▶ What went well?
- ▶ What went wrong?
- ▶ What can be improved?
- ▶ Action Items:

ID	Item	Owner	Due Date

# Thank You

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