

## Get Involved

Spending time on the Angus coast is great at any time of year. If you want to contribute towards conserving our fantastic wildlife visit [www.marinelifeangus.co.uk](http://www.marinelifeangus.co.uk) where there are species guides to help you report the animals you see, details of other projects you can become involved in and information on lots of areas of interest on the Angus coast.



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For more information on a wide range of coastal projects included in the new Tayside Biodiversity Action plan 2016-26 visit [www.taysidebiodiversity.co.uk](http://www.taysidebiodiversity.co.uk) and [@taysidebiodiversity](https://www.instagram.com/taysidebiodiversity)

For more information on bottlenose dolphin ecology in North Angus see:  
Dempsey, K (University of Aberdeen) 2009: The ecology of Bottlenose Dolphins in Montrose Bay, North East Scotland at:  
<https://sites.dundee.ac.uk/tef/wp-content/uploads/sites/9/2014/04/Complete-OPKAD1.pdf>



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If you would like to carry out more dedicated watching visit the Sea Watch Foundation and Whale and Dolphin Conservation websites for details on schemes  
<http://www.seawatchfoundation.org.uk/> and <http://uk.whales.org/>

# Whale & Dolphin Watching on the Angus Coast



If you walk the Angus coastline regularly you may be lucky enough to see a bottlenose dolphin, harbour porpoise or even a minke whale. Other species such as common dolphin, orca and humpback whale have also been spotted but are less common.

You can report your sightings on the Marine Life Angus sightings website [www.marinelifeangus.co.uk](http://www.marinelifeangus.co.uk) The website also promotes the beautiful coastal areas of Angus which are in turn perfect for land based whale and dolphin watching opportunities.

Sharing any sightings helps us learn more about the whales and dolphins in our waters. A project called the Angus Cetacean Awareness Project collects information about cetaceans (whales and dolphins) along the coast. The purpose of the project is to learn more about cetacean presence in Angus waters aiding in future conservation.



Carlingheugh Bay

### What can I see on the Angus Coast?

Tayside Biodiversity Priority Species – some of the most frequently seen species  
Bottlenose Dolphin • Harbour Porpoise • Minke Whale

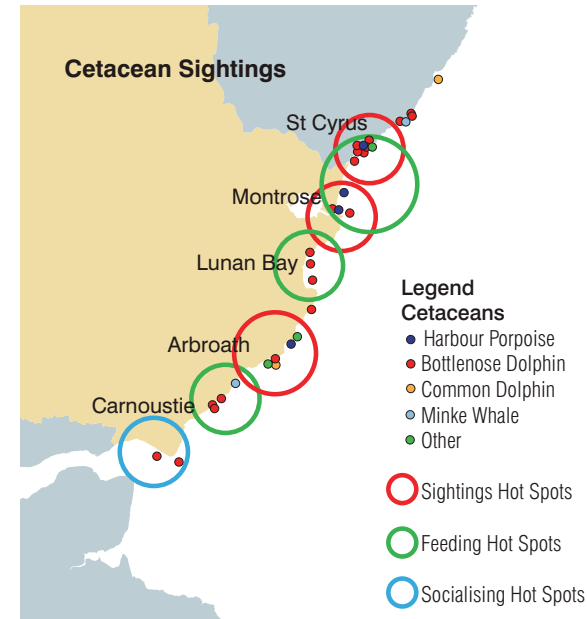
Scottish Biodiversity Priority Species – less frequent or rare visitors to our waters  
Fin Whale • Common Dolphin • Northern Rorqual Whale • Long-finned Pilot Whale • Risso's Dolphin • Northern Bottlenose Whale • Killer Whale • Sperm Whale

*"I was surfing and the Dolphin came within 20m. It appeared to be feeding and was being followed around the bay by 5-10 gulls. The Dolphin was also having fun riding the waves. A great experience!"*

*"Several pods travelling south feeding and playing in different groups. Probably the largest group I have seen this year"*

### Where to Watch

Some spots are better for viewing certain species and different behaviours. Elevated spots on headlands and in river mouths are some of the best areas. Sightings from the public have allowed us to map areas on the Angus Coast that are sightings hotspots.



Common Dolphin



Harbour Porpoise



Minke Whale



Bottlenose Dolphin

### What's Been Observed?

Most common species recorded, Bottlenose dolphin – **73%**

More sightings submitted from North Angus – **66%**

Most sightings were from 0-100ms from shore – **45%**

Most encounters were approximately 15 mins – **34%**

Most common behaviour was traveling – **48%**

Feeding behaviours more commonly seen near river mouths and bays – **59%**

Most common pod sizes are between 1 & 5 animals – **57%**

Calves seen on five occasions

Only two sightings are from boats & one surf board!