



# LOCAL WILDLIFE SPOTTING GUIDE AT MACDUFF & THE MORAY FIRTH

We've put together a handy wildlife spotting checklist with key details on where and when to see each species. Perfect for planning a family trip or just keeping in your backpack!



## BOTTLENOSE DOLPHINS

**Where to spot:** Macduff shoreline, boat tours, Chanonry Point

**Best time to spot/tips:** April–September; rising tide after low, calm weather



## HARBOUR PORPOISES & WHALES

**Where to spot:** Moray Firth, especially via boat tours

**Best time to spot/tips:** Spring to autumn

## SEALS

**Where to spot:** Rocks, shores near Macduff, Port Gordon

**Best time to spot/tips:** Check low tide; bring binoculars



## INTERTIDAL CREATURES

**Where to spot:** Rock pools at Macduff harbour

**Best time to spot/tips:** Low tide; look under rocks

## SEABIRDS

**Where to spot:** Troup Head (via cruise), coastal cliffs

**Best time to spot/tips:** May–August breeding season



## WADERS & OSPREYS

**Where to spot:** Spey Bay, estuaries

**Best time to spot/tips:** April–September; use binoculars





## SPECIAL TIPS

- Go out at low tide. it brings sea creatures into view
- Bring binoculars or a zoom lens, especially helpful for dolphins and seabirds
- Choose calm days, mid-rising tide when dolphins feed
- Stick close to nature. Respect wildlife, keep distance, and minimise disturbance
- Consider local boat tours, many run from Macduff Harbour and operate eco-friendly codes like the Dolphin Space Programme.

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