

Movements of the female bar-tailed godwit in 2010

February 2010

On 20th February, after tagging was around Ardersier Bay at 1715GMT and 1735, and then moved to Whiteness Sands, where accurate locations on the tidal flats at 1920 and 2054. On the 24th, it was on the army range shore 2104 and 2118, it was out on Whiteness Sands at 2243, and then moved into the Inverness Firth, being off Dalcross at 2257, off Ardersier at 0130 and then on the shore between Ardersier and Fort George at 0221.

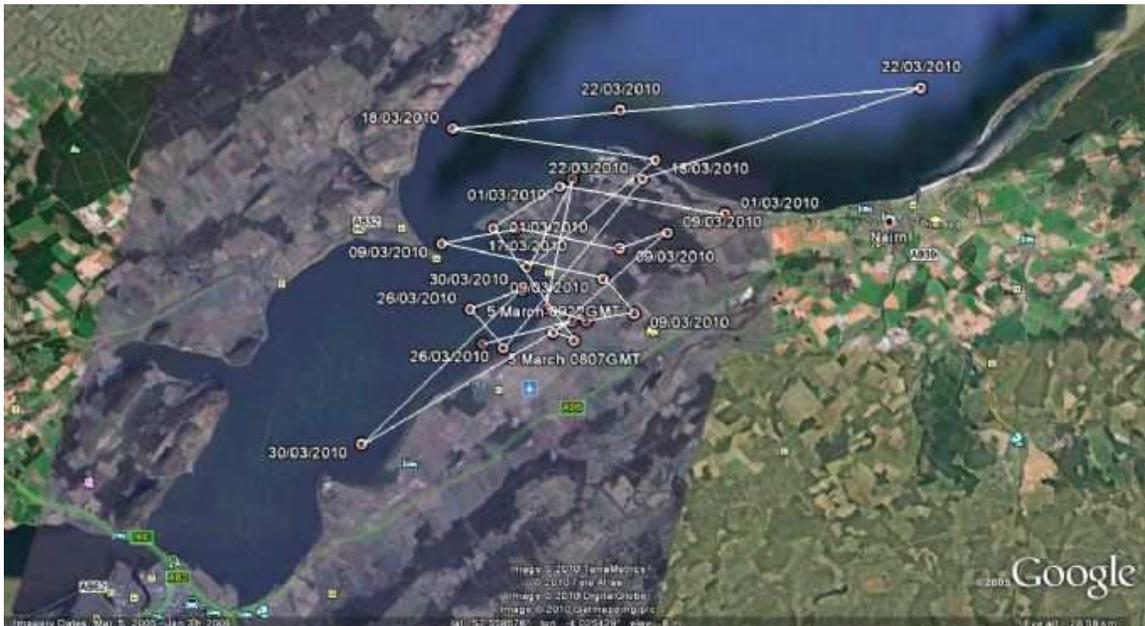


Locations in February 2010

March 2010

On 1st March at 0231, it was on the Carse of Ardersier and then on Whiteness Sands at 0320 and on the south side of Fort George at 0413. On 5 March there were 2 high-quality locations in the large cultivated fields on the farm to the north-east of the end of Inverness airport. Satellite tracking of both the male and female godwits has shown that the flock sometimes roosts on inland fields near the firth. On the 9th, it flew over conifer plantations between Ardersier and whiteness at 1244 and 1332, then on the south shore at Fort George at 1335, over towards Chanonry Point at 1513, west of Ardersier at 1547 and south-west of Ardersier at 1727. On 13th it was in the big field at the end of the airport runway at 1731, at the Ardersier roost beach at 1808 and on Whiteness Sands at 2025.

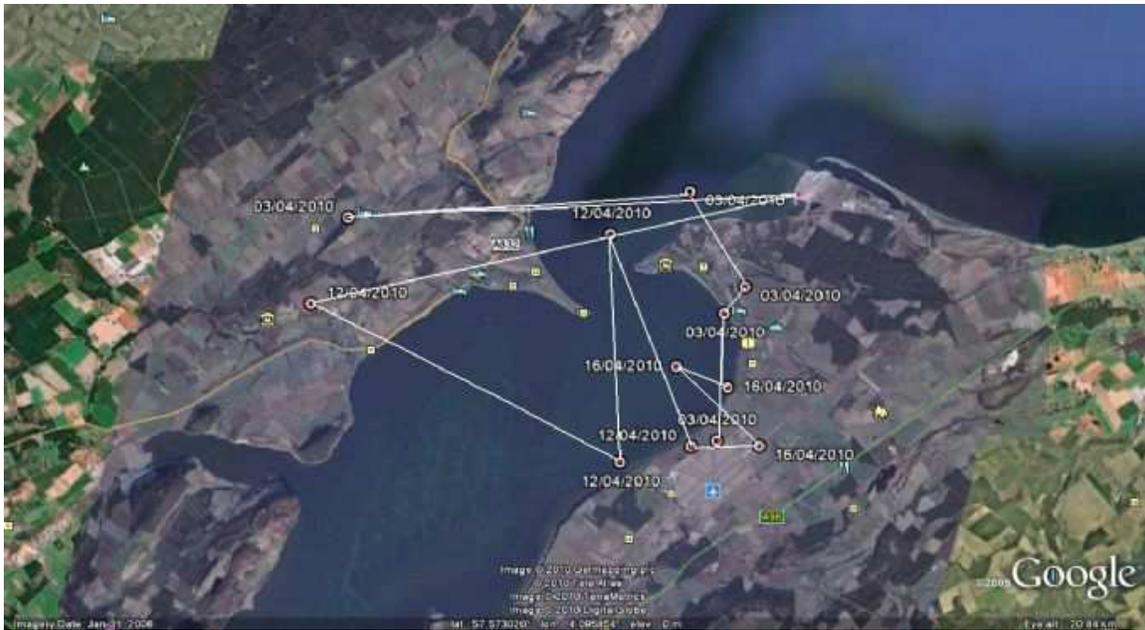
On the 17th, it was north of Ardersier village at 2254, then moved to Whiteness Head, opposite the yard, and then at 0343 on 18th it was out towards the Black Isle near the Riff Bank. On the 23rd, it was north of Whiteness Head over the sea at 0354, offshore of the Nairn bar at 0439 and at the harbour at Whiteness at 0537. On the 26th, it was on the Dalcross shore at 0932 and 1.5 km offshore at 1037. On the 30th, off Ardersier at 1412, in Castle Stuart Bay at 1545, on the fields east of the runway at 1724 and off Dalcross at 1810.



Locations in March 2010

April 2010

On 3 April, it was again in the fields at the end of the runway at 1901, at Ardersier north beach at 2129, over the army ranges at 2118, at the outer part of Whiteness Sands at 2256 and over the Black Isle to the west of Raddery at 2311. On the 8th, there were four poor quality signals between 0138 and 0424 and the most likely location was Whiteness. On the 12th, it was inland near Avoch on the Black Isle at 0522, on the Dalcross shore at 0541, north of Fort George at 0901 and back at Dalcross shore at 0936. On the 16th, it was again in the fields at the end of the airport runway at 0942, in Ardersier bay at 1030 and at the Ardersier roost at 1125. There were no further signals during the month.



Locations in April 2010

May 2010

After a gap in transmissions of one month, 3 signals came in on 14 May; two were poor quality B locations and then a class A (again not an accurate fix) at 2221 near Findochty on the Moray Coast, east of Buckie. Four days later, on 18th May, there were three excellent quality locations between 2026 and 2239 on large fields on a farm south of the coastal road, to the west all Findochty. On the 23rd, there was one poor quality signal on the shore west of Findochty. On 27th May, there were good quality signals on the beach at Strathlene, between Findochty and Buckie at 1442 and on the low tide flats at Strathlene Beach at 0602. This location is 68 km east of Ardersier. There have been no further transmissions.



Locations in May 2010