The importance of Tory Island to wildlife
In recent years Tory has seen increasing numbers of visitors and, while this is a welcome development, there are implications for the wildlife, for which the island is renowned.

Tory has been designated under European law as a Special Protection Area for birds, while its coastline has been designated as a Special Area of Conservation.

The island currently supports the largest concentration of Corncrakes in Ireland. It also has a nationally important seabird colony, as well as important populations of breeding waders, Little Tern and Chough. Many of these birds nest on the ground, making them particularly vulnerable to disturbance by walkers, dogs, quad bikes, campers and even birdwatchers.

Great care should be taken when walking in an area where birds are nesting - and in Tory this means almost everywhere!

We hope visitors will be happy to follow these guidelines

- Keep your dog on a lead at all times
- Stay on the footpaths as much as possible. If you do leave them, please be careful where you put your feet
- Stay back from the cliff edges, many of them are eroding
- Don’t get too close to nesting birds. If your approach causes a bird to run away or to fly up, move back
- When birdwatching or taking photographs in the villages, please respect the islanders’ privacy
- Keep Tory tidy – please put any litter in the bins provided or, even better, take it home with you

Getting to Tory
Tory can be reached by ferry from Bunbeg during the winter months, with extra services running from Magheraorty during the summer.

Contacts
- Donegal Coastal Cruises (Tuaisceart Teo) 0749332 0/31340
- Toraigh na dTonn 074935920/0868108411

Accommodation on Tory
Tory offers a variety of accommodation - a hotel, a hostel, holiday apartments and several B&Bs. For information on accommodation or on any of the services or facilities, contact Comharchumann Thoraí Teo (Tory Island Co-op) on 0749135502

Other information
- Boat trips: Toraigh na dTonn - 0749135920 / 0868108411
- Bicycle hire: Rothair ar Gós, 0749165614
- Minibus hire (14-seater): Siob Teo Island Tours, 0876748449
- Diving: Dive Tory (Toraigh Faoi Tonn), 0749135613

Where to see birds on Tory Island

Indicates Corncrake nesting areas. Please avoid disturbance

* indicates ground nesting birds which are particularly sensitive to disturbance

Points of interest
1. Tau Cross
2. Round Tower/ bicycle hire
3. Tomb - Holy Clay
4. The Cafè
5. The Social Club
6. The Lighthouse
7. Derek Hill’s Hut
8. Hotel Tory
9. St. Columcille’s Chapel
10. The Shop
11. Art Gallery
12. The Torpedo (WWII)
13. Dún Bhaloir
14. The Wishing Stone

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