

EC Directive 79/409 on the Conservation of Wild Birds

CITATION FOR SPECIAL PROTECTION AREA (SPA)

**CALF OF EDAY
(UK9002431)**

INCLUDING MARINE EXTENSION

Site description:

Calf of Eday Special Protection Area (SPA) is a small maritime island to the north of Eday in Orkney. Calf of Eday has a rocky shoreline with cliffs to the north and the west. The island is covered by maritime heath and grassland.

The boundary of the Special Protection Area encompasses the boundary of the Calf of Eday SSSI, and the seaward extension extends approximately 2 km into the marine environment to include the seabed, water column and surface.

Qualifying interest (N.B. All figures relate to numbers at the time of classification except where amended by the 2001 SPA Review):

Calf of Eday SPA qualifies under **Article 4.2** of the EC Wild Birds Directive by regularly supporting **in excess of 20,000 individual seabirds**. It regularly supports 30,000 seabirds including nationally important populations of the following species: **great cormorant** *Phalacrocorax carbo carbo* (223 pairs, 3% of the GB population), **great black-backed gull** *Larus marinus* (938 pairs, 5% of the GB population), **common guillemot** *Uria aalge* (12,645 individuals, 1% of the GB population), **Northern fulmar** *Fulmarus glacialis* (1,955 pairs, 0.4% of the GB population) and **black-legged kittiwake** *Rissa tridactyla* (1,717 pairs, 0.4% of the GB population).

Area: 2,668.91 ha

Grid Ref.: HY 581391

Latitude & Longitude: 59°14'14", 2°44'1"

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Classified on 29th June 1998, with marine extension classified on 25th September 2009

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