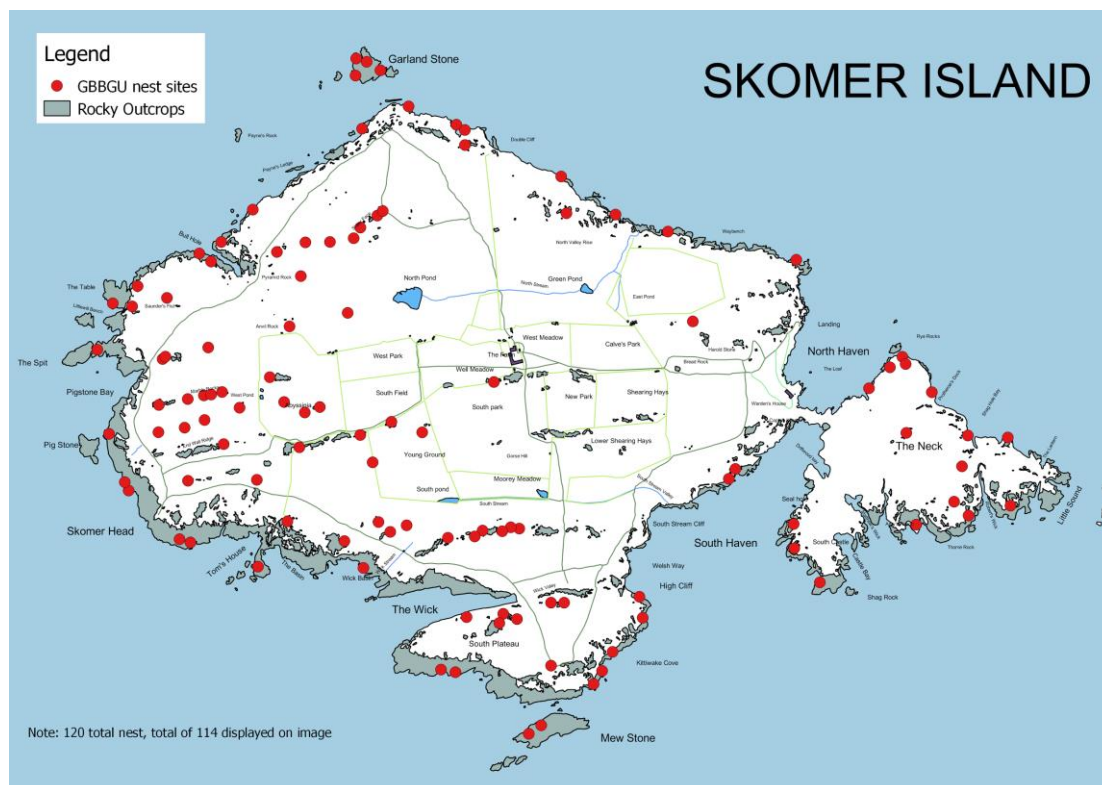


## Great Black-backed Gull (*Larus marinus*) nest mapping

Sources: Skomer bird reports

*“Another great project I was involved in was mapping the locations of all Great Black-backed Gull nests on the island. This was completed by walking across the island identifying nest sites and also by compiling the data collected by other people during Breeding Bird Surveys (BBS) and boat counts. I also had the opportunity to team up with and assist the Field Worker as she monitored the nests for the Great Black-backed Gull productivity and diet study. I also learned how take care around the nests and avoid angry parents!”*

### Results



In total 120 nest were found. The vast majority of nests were limited to bare rocky outcrops across the island, especially the West half of the island in particular. The lowest concentrations being on the North-East coast. The nests typically had three eggs. However out of three chicks often only one survived to fledging age. Work by Julie Riordan showed that breeding success was just over 1.29 for this season.

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