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Golden eagle
A few pairs of this majestic bird of prey are present on Rum. They are normally shy of people and are usually spotted soaring high over the island’s mountains and ridges, often being mobbed by hooded crows and ravens.

Common sandpiper
This small wader is a summer visitor and breeds close to water such as rivers and lochs. It has a distinctive ‘tee wee wee’ call and often stands on a prominent perch bobbing away.

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Raven
This is the largest of the crow family and about nine pairs nest on the island. They are the acrobats of the skies and often turn completely upside down when flying. Eggs are laid early in March and young are on the wing by May.