

University of Glasgow Exploration Society's 2019 Iceland Expedition Team

In the summer of 2019, six students from the University of Glasgow spent six weeks in Iceland undertaking a series of research projects on the eastern edge of the country.

For this year's trip Opticron donated 6 pairs of T4 Trailfinder binoculars to be handed on to next year's group and loaned an MM4 60 GA ED Travelscope c/w HDF T zoom, tripod and USM-2 Smartphone Mount.

MM4 60 GA ED/45 Travelscope with HDF T Zoom Eyepiece



Up in the subpolar north, conditions can be unforgiving even in the height of summer.

Any spotting scope our expedition team took with them would need to hold up to some pretty relentless rainfall and moisture. The MM4 60 GA ED is well protected and functioned continuously without any problems. Its compact size & weight meant it was easy to fit into our luggage and carry across the rocky Icelandic terrain. The 45-degree body meant we could use it sitting down for long periods when we had the need to do so.

One of the stand-out qualities of the MM4 + HDF T zoom eyepiece scope is the image clarity. It was so high we actually got a little addicted to using it! Good enough to see fish's eyes from puffins' hard-earned catches,

there was little noticeable chromatic aberration even when set at maximum zoom. The zoom itself was useful proving very handy when tracking porpoises in and out of the fjord.

The MM4 60 GA ED Travelscope proved itself to be a useful piece of kit for the expedition. Anyone wanting to carry out detailed wildlife observation from a distance should definitely keep this model in mind.

