

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. Projects included the continuation of long-term kittiwake and fulmar nest counts plus an investigation into the factors affecting the fledgling success of the Arctic Tern.

For this years' 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.

Universal Smartphone Mount

The Universal Smartphone Mount is quite simply the perfect tool for those moments where your phone alone won't give you the magnification to do the opportunity in front of you justice. Instead of just a dot in the distance, fixing your phone up to 'scope meant you can high quality record shots and video footage of wildlife at distances well over 100m away.



Having a USM-2 on the group meant everyone on the team could get those much-needed distant shots of puffins without having a pro-level bridge camera to hand. The mount worked with all our phones and with a bit of practice was easy to align onto the target subject.

For us out in the cold and the wind, having the mount meant we didn't have to struggle keeping our hands steady to align the phone each time we wanted to take a photo.

Supplied with a diagram & instructions the USM-2 a simple device that is straightforward to set-up and use.

Here a just a couple of shots taken through the scope using the USM-2 smartphone mount.

