Bathing Mermaid

Location: Aberystwyth (Dyfed) - Cliffs near the town
Type: Cryptozoology
Date / Time: July 1826
Further Comments: Twelve people watched a beautiful pale woman washing herself in the sea, with what appeared to be a black tail splashing around behind her.

Shape Changers

Location: Bantry (County Cork) - Bay cliffs
Type: Cryptozoology
Date / Time: Unknown
Further Comments: The mermaids said to live in this area would be capable of changing their shape as they came on to land. They would also be seen sitting on the rocks play harps.

Women with Child

Location: Barra (Outer Hebrides) - Reef in Caolas Cumhan
Type: Cryptozoology
Date / Time: Pre twentieth century
Further Comments: Crofter Colin Campbell raised his rifle to fire at what he thought was an otter eating a fish, but stopped when he realised the creature was actually a mermaid holding a child. The creature dived into the sea after Campbell made a noise.

Swan Eater

Location: Burscough (Lancashire) - Martin Mere
Type: Cryptozoology
Date / Time: 2002
Further Comments: An unknown large creature was seen to attack several swans from beneath the water of the lake - it is believed to be a type of large catfish, which can grow up to sixteen feet in length. There has also been at least one mermaid sighting in the lake, and Sir Lancelot's body is supposed to be buried nearby.

Mer Children
Location: Calf of Man (Isle of Man) - Rocky area, exact location not known  
Type: Cryptozoology  
Date / Time: 1810  
Further Comments: Three men from Douglas found two merchildren on the rocks. One was already dead, but they saved the second child and took it to their town. The creature was described as around 60.3 centimetres in length and brown in colour, although the scales around its tail were slightly violet, and the hair on its head light green.

Shorted Armed Mermaid

Location: Campbeltown (Argyll and Bute) - Kintyre Peninsula  
Type: Cryptozoology  
Date / Time: 18 October 1811  
Further Comments: Watched by a farmer for two hours, this mermaid had a pale upper body and a red/grey tail covered in hair. Its face was human, with deep-set eyes and short neck. The creature combed the hair on its head with what looked like short, stubby arms before diving into the water and washing its torso.

Teenager

Location: Castlemartin (Dyfed) - Off the coast in the area  
Type: Cryptozoology  
Date / Time: Circa 1782  
Further Comments: Henry Reynolds spotted a merman off the coast which he initially believed to be a pale skinned teenager before noticing its brown tail which waved about. While the body and arms looked human, the arms and hands looked too short and thick, while the creature's nose was long and sharp. Reynolds went to find other witnesses, but by the time he returned, the merman had gone.

Mermaid

Location: Child's Ercall (Shropshire) - Pool  
Type: Cryptozoology  
Date / Time: Unknown  
Further Comments: This mermaid was so upset at the way she was treated by onlookers, she drove to the bottom of the pool and never returned. It was thought that she guarded a mass of treasure.
Mermaids

Location: Cudden Point (Cornwall) - Off coast
Type: Cryptozoology
Date / Time: Unknown
Further Comments: This area is another haunt for the Cornish merfolk.

Mermaids

Location: Deerness (Orkney) - Off coast
Type: Cryptozoology
Date / Time: Late nineteenth century
Further Comments: These women of the water were seen dozens of times during the last twenty years of the nineteenth century.

Treasure Guardians

Location: Duncansby Head (Highland) - Cave system off coast
Type: Cryptozoology
Date / Time: Unknown
Further Comments: A team of mermaids and mermen are reported to guard a hidden cave full of treasure.
Captured Fisherman

Location: Dunnet Bay (Highland) - Underwater sea cave
Type: Cryptozoology
Date / Time: Unknown
Further Comments: A good looking fisherman once caught the eye of a mermaid who fell in love with him - she kidnapped the fellow and held him in a secret cave under the sea, where he remains to this day...

Vanishing Twitchers

Location: Eynhallow (Orkney) - Exact location unknown
Type: Cryptozoology
Date / Time: 14 July 1990
Further Comments: Two birdwatchers that vanished without trace on the island after arriving with 86 other people were thought by locals to have been taken by merfolk. An extensive search by the coastguard could find no trace of the missing people.

Mermaid

Location: Hayfield (Derbyshire) - Mermaid's Pool, near Kinder Reservoir
Type: Legend
Date / Time: Every midnight, the eve of Easter Sunday
Further Comments: Anyone who sees the creature is said to gain immortality. One man who came here once a year lived to be 104!

Halibut-Tailed creature

Location: Isle of Yell (Shetlands) - Thirty miles off the coast
Type: Cryptozoology
Date / Time: 1833
Further Comments: Three (or six) fishermen claimed to have caught a ninety centimetre long mermaid while at sea. The creature had arms around 23 centimetres in length with webbed fingers, and while it had blue eyes and nostrils, no ears or chin could be seen. It possessed a tail similar to a halibut and also had two fins on its shoulders. After listening to the creature wail for three hours, the fishermen threw it back into the sea.
Mermaid?

Location: Kilconly Point (County Kerry) - Sea
Type: Cryptozoology
Date / Time: 1960 - 1962
Further Comments: A mermaid which was spotted several times in this area was described as a 'normal' woman.

Bloodied mermaid

Location: Killone Lake (County Clare) - Waters of the lake
Type: Cryptozoology
Date / Time: Every forty years, exact date unknown
Further Comments: A mermaid who frequented the lake would often steal wine from the crypt beneath the church (or the cellar of Newhall, depending on the storyteller).

Mermaid

Location: Kinlochbervie (Highland) - Craigmore
Type: Cryptozoology
Date / Time: Mid twentieth century
Further Comments: A report exists of a mer-creature being seen here.

Sailor

Location: Kinlochbervie (Highland) - Sandwood Bay
Type: Haunting Manifestation
Date / Time: 1953
A red-headed mermaid has been reported in the area.

Mermaid

Location: Leek (Staffordshire) - Blakemere, the Mermaid's Pool
Type: Legend
Date / Time: Midnight (reoccurring)
Further Comments: The fish woman surfaces to comb her hair at midnight.
Singing
Location: Lemorna (Cornwall) - Mermaid's Rock
Further Comments: Although this creature has not been seen, it can be heard singing.

Mermaid
Location: Loch Duich (Highland) - Waters of the loch
Type: Cryptozoology
Date / Time: Unknown
Mermaids been reported, as have sea serpents.

Angry Mermaid
Location: Lornty (Perth and Kinross) - Waters between town and Loch Benachally
Type: Legend
Date / Time: Unknown
Further Comments: These waters were once the swimming area of a mermaid who was renowned for her bad temperament.

Thieving Mermaid
Location: Marden (Hereford & Worcester) - River Lugg
Type: Legend
Date / Time: Unknown
Further Comments: An accident sent a church bell into the waters of the local river - a passing mermaid took the opportunity to steal the bell and can sometimes be heard ringing it.

Mermaid

Location: Mersey Estuary (Lancashire) - Black Rock
Type: Cryptozoology
Date / Time: Unknown
Further Comments: A sailor once fell in love with a mermaid here. The woman gave him a golden ring, informed the sailor that she would be back in five days to meet him.

Mermaid

Location: Morridge Moor (Derbyshire) - The Black Mere, also known as the Blake Mere
Type: Cryptozoology
Date / Time: Appears at midnight, daily
Further Comments: This fishy female comes to the surface of the pool at night.

Upset Mermaid

Location: Newport (Shropshire) - Aqualate Mere
Type: Legend
Date / Time: Unknown
Further Comments: The last time this area of water was cleaned, a mermaid popped up out of the water and threatened to do something if the pool was emptied.

Merman
Location: Orford (Suffolk) - Coast near to Orford Castle
Type: Legend
Date / Time: 1197, or 1161
Further Comments: A man from the sea was caught and held in the castle for a period of six months before escaping back into the ocean. He never talked, and appeared to have a preference for fish over other types of food.

Angry Mermaid

Location: Padstow (Cornwall) - Padstow Harbour
Type: Legend
Date / Time: Unknown
Further Comments: A local tale states that the harbour here was silted up by a mermaid, more than a little upset after she was shot at by a fisherman. The area has also been home to sea serpents.

Merman and Mermaid

Location: Portgordon (Moray) - Off coast
Type: Cryptozoology
Date / Time: 15 August 1814
Further Comments: This figures normally warned of ill fortune at sea - if the crew of a fishing
vessel spotted them, they would return to port for the day. Two fishermen spotted two of the creatures in 1814 - one they described as black in colour, with curly hair and long arms, while the other was female with long hair.

Mermaid

Location: Portland (Dorset) - Church Ope Cove
Type: Cryptozoology
Date / Time: Unknown
Further Comments: One story says that a mermaid came ashore here, but died soon after being found by local people heading to church.

Mermaid

Location: Rotherne Mere (Cheshire) - General area
Type: Cryptozoology
Date / Time: Easter Sunday (reoccurring)
Further Comments: Her reasons unknown, this mermaid returns once a year to ring a bell hidden deep underwater and sing.

Dark Haired Mermaid

Location: Snettisham (Norfolk) - Snettisham Beech & The Wash
Type: Legend
Date / Time: Unknown
Further Comments: Little is known about the
sighting of a mermaid with long dark hair who was once spotted here.

Glassy Eyed Mermaid

Location: Sound of Mull (Argyll and Bute) - Sea
Type: Cryptozoology
Date / Time: Pre twentieth century
Further Comments: Becalmed in their skiff after setting out from the Sound of Mull, two men spotted a creature in the water which had the head, neck and upper torso of a woman, although the hair was more coarse and the eyes glassy.

Naked Mermaid?

Location: Thurso (Highland) - Sandside Bay
Type: Cryptozoology
Date / Time: 1798
Further Comments: William Munro, a schoolmaster from Thurso, watched a naked woman combing her hair on a rock in the bay. After a few minutes she diving under the water and vanished.

Mermaid

Location: Unst (Shetlands) - Unknown beach
Type: Cryptozoology
Date / Time: Unknown
Further Comments: A farmer who stole the seal skin of a mermaid as she danced naked on the beach forced her to marry him. Many years passed and the mermaid bore the farmer several children, although she would spend many hours down on the beach staring at the sea. Finally, one of the children found her seal skin and took it to the mermaid, wondering what it was. The
Saxi and Herman

Location: Unst Island (Shetlands) - General area
Type: Legend
Date / Time: Unknown
Further Comments: Saxi and Herman, two giants who were brothers, once lived on the island. They both fell in love with a mermaid who said she would marry whoever would swim to the North Pole with her. Both brothers began the trip, but neither returned.

mermaid took the skin and was never seen again.