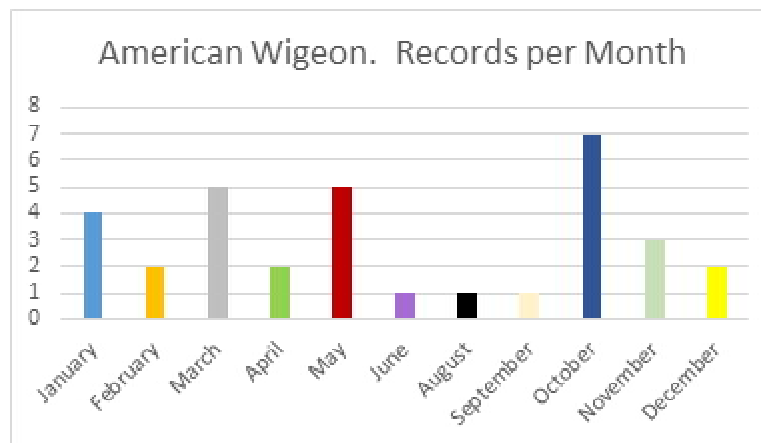
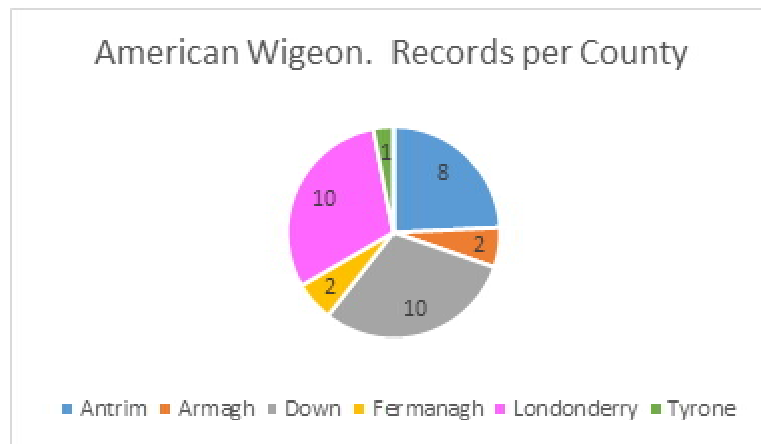


American Wigeon *Mareca americana* (1, 20, 12).

(Breeds north Canada, Alaska, Interior West of the United States, through Idaho, Colorado, Dakotas, Minnesota, Washington and Oregon. Winters California, Puget Sound, Texas and Gulf Coast of Louisiana).



Published records:

1844

One. Shot. Strangford Lough, County Down, "end of February" (Henry Bell). *Thompson* 1851.

1963

One: Male. Shot. Strangford Lough, County Down, 31st January (per C.D. Deane). *Ruttledge* 1964.

1975

One: Male. Castle Espie WWT, Comber, Strangford Lough, County Down, 18th October (L.J. Turtle). *Preston* 1976. Published as a Baldplate.

1979

One: Immature male. Shane's Castle, Antrim, County Antrim, 5th December (Dave Allen, R.W. Culbert, Joe S. Furphy). *NIBRC* 1987.

1984

One: Lough Beg NNR, County Londonderry, 13th October to 8th December (Davy Hunter, Mervyn Patterson). *NIBRC* 1987.

One: Male: Lough Foyle, County Londonderry, 18th October (W. Laird). *NIBRC* 1987.

1986

One: Female. Seen in flight. Carrickhue, Lough Foyle, County Londonderry, 5th October (Dave Allen). *NIBA* 1992.

1987

Two: Males. Lough Foyle, County Londonderry, 10th October to 5th November (Dave Allen). *NIBA* 1992.

1988

One or two males: Lough Foyle, County Londonderry, 5th October to 5th November (Theo Campbell). *NIBA* 1992.

1989

One: Male. Lough Foyle, County Londonderry, 4th to 19th November (Dave Allen). *NIBA* 1992.

1991

Two: One male and one female. Castle Caldwell, Lower Lough Erne, Leggs, County Fermanagh, 16th January to 26th March and 28th October into 1992 (Dave Allen, Joe Magee). *NIBA* 1993.

1992

Two: One male and one female. Castle Caldwell, Lower Lough Erne, Leggs, County Fermanagh, from 1991 remained to 3rd April (Dave Allen, Joe Magee). *NIBA* 1993.

1993

Two: One male and one female. Castle Caldwell, Lower Lough Erne, Leggs, County Fermanagh, 9th February to 3rd April and from 10th to 25th November (Joe Magee, Matthew Tickner *et al.*). *NIBA* 1994.

1994

Two: One pair. Castle Caldwell, Lower Lough Erne, Leggs, County Fermanagh, from 1993 remained to 11th January (Dave Allen, Joe Magee). *NIBA* 1997.

One: Male. Belfast Harbour Pools, Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, County Down, 23rd May (Stuart McKee). *NIBA* 1996.

One: Male. Lough Beg NNR, County Londonderry, 25th to 27th May (Dave Allen, Matthew Tickner *et al.*). *NIBA* 1996.

1995

One: Male. Quoile Pondage NNR, Downpatrick, County Down, 29th May to 1st June (Anthony McGeehan *et al.*). *NIBA* 1997.

One: Male. Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, County Down, 31st May (Stuart McKee). *NIBA* 1997.

1996

Two: Quoile Pondage NNR, Downpatrick, County Down. A female on 4th May with a male 5th May (Dave Allen). *Milne & O'Sullivan* 1998.

1997

One: Male. Quoile Pondage NNR, Downpatrick, County Down, 23rd February - 10th May (Gerry O'Neill, Geoff Campbell *et al.*). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

One: Male. Reedy Flats, Lough Neagh, Derrytrasna, County Armagh, 24th to 29th April (David Knight). *AFNS* Report 1997.

1998

Two: Males. Shesk River, Ballycastle, County Antrim, 8th March (D. Scarlet). *NIBA* 2000.

One: Quoile Pondage NNR, Downpatrick, County Down, 7th November (Orcilla Hadrick, Dave Hadrick). *NIBA* 2000.

1999

One: Male. Kinturk Flats, Lough Neagh, Ardboe, County Tyrone, 7th to 19th March (C. Coney *et al.*). *NIBA* 2001.

One: Male. Quoile Pondage NNR, Downpatrick, County Down, 18th to 19th April (Willie McDowell, Dennis Weir *et al.*). *NIBA* 2001.

One: Eclipse male. Lough Beg NNR, County Londonderry, 20th - 29th August (David Steele). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

One: Ballyurnanellan, Strangford Lough, Greyabbey, County Down, 13th December into 2000 (Chris Murphy). *NIBA* 2002.

2000**Antrim**

One: Ballyurnanellan, Strangford Lough, Greyabbey, County Down, from 1999 remained to 9th January (Chris Murphy). *NIBA* 2002.

One: Male. Gawley's Bay, Lough Neagh, Aghagallon, County Antrim, 17th January (Brad Robson). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

One: Adult male. Hillsborough Lake, Hillsborough, County Down, 26th February - 27th March (Martin Garner *et al.*). *NIBA* 2002.

One: Male. Lough Beg NNR, County Londonderry, 24th September - 5th October (Davy Hunter, David Steele). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

2001

Three or four: Lough Beg NNR, County Londonderry. One male, 25th May with the same or another now in eclipse observed on two dates, the 16th August and 6th September. In the later part of the year two first-winter males were observed from 11th November to 9th December (Davy Hunter, David Steele *et al.*). *NIBA* 2003.

2002

One: Male. Lough Beg NNR, County Londonderry, 9th May - 2nd June (Davy Hunter *et al.*). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

One: Male. Bann Estuary, Coleraine, County Londonderry, 7th to 8th October. *NIBA* 2004.

2004

One: Male. Lough Beg NNR, County Londonderry, 5th June to 12th August (Davy Hunter). *Milne & McAdams* 2008a.

One: Male. Antrim Bay, Lough Neagh, Dunore Point, Antrim, County Antrim, 30th September (Geoff Campbell). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

2009

One: First-winter male. Ballycarry, Larne Lough, County Antrim, 3rd - 12th May, photographed (Cameron Moore *et al.*). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

2012

One: First-summer male. Portmore Lough RSPB Reserve, Aghagallon, County Antrim, 7th - 11th April, photographed (Keith Bennett *et al.*). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

2013

One: Adult male. Quoile Pondage NNR, Downpatrick, 29th March - 6th April photographed (David Nixon *et al.*). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

One: Adult male. Reedy Flats, Lough Neagh, Derrytrasna, County Armagh, 22nd November into 2014, photographed (Derek Charles *et al.*). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

2014

One: Adult male. Reedy Flats, Lough Neagh, Derrytrasna, County Armagh, from 2013 remained to 23rd March, photographed (Derek Charles, Majella Callaghan *et al.*). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

2017

One: Male. Dundrum Inner Bay South, Newcastle, County Down, 4th - 31st March and presumed same 21st December into 2018, photographed (David Nixon *et al.*). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

One: Male. Ardilea, Dundrum Inner Bay North, Newcastle, County Down, 1st November - 7th December, same as above (Dan Bailie *et al.*). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

2018

One: Male. Dundrum Inner Bay South, Newcastle, County Down from 2017 remained to 4th January, photographed (Derek Charles *et al.*). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

One: Eclipse male. Church Bay, Lough Beg NNR, Londonderry, 16th June and presumed same on 25th August photographed (David Steele). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

2019

A male was at Mullagh, Lough Beg, County Londonderry on 29th January – 21st February 2019 (David Steele, Jeff Larkin).



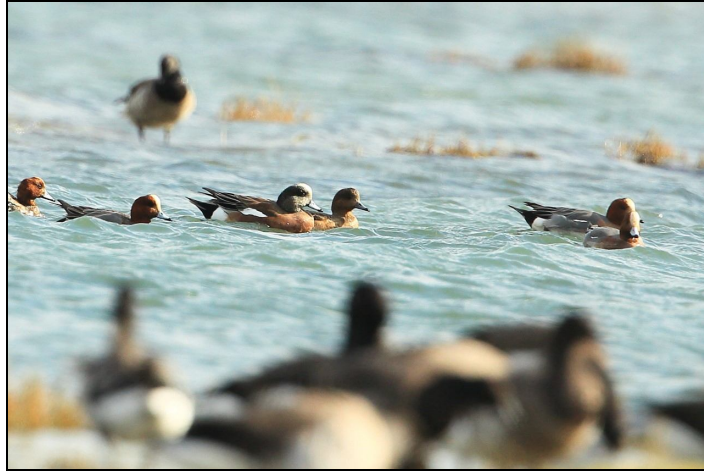
American Wigeon *Mareca americana*. Ballycarry, Larne Lough, 12th May 2009. Photo courtesy of Derek Charles.



American Wigeon *Mareca americana* Quoile Pondage NNR, Downpatrick, 29th March 2013. Photo courtesy of Ronald Surgenor



American Wigeon *Mareca americana* Reedy Flats, Lough Neagh, Derrytrasna, County Armagh, 3rd March 2014. Photo courtesy of Derek Charles.



Above and below. American Wigeon *Mareca Americana* Dundrum Inner Bay South, Newcastle, County Down 2017. Top photo courtesy of Ronald Surgenor, bottom photo David Nixon.

