

American Wigeon *Mareca americana* (1, 20, 6). **RV**

(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 Baldpate.

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. 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 August (David Steele).

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

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 (Davy Hunter *et al.*).

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*.