

## **Common Scoter** *Melanitta nigra* (? , 23, 9).

Inland records only away from Lower Lough Erne.

(Breeds northern Europe and Asia east to the Oliynk River. Winters European coasts as far south as Morocco).

### **Published inland records since 1954 (excluding Lower Lough Erne):**

Prior to 1954: "on Lough Neagh it has occurred not infrequently" *Kennedy, Rutledge & Scroope* 1954.

#### **1959**

Two: One pair. Kinturk Flats, Lough Neagh, Ardboe, County Tyrone, 19th April. *USPB Bull* No. 4.

#### **1963**

Two: One pair. Sand-pits, Lough Beg NNR, County Londonderry, 26th May to 1st June. *D'Arcy* 1978.

#### **1964**

Lough Beg NNR, County Londonderry:

Two: Adult males. 1st March (B.S. Doherty, Joe Donaldson, R.A. Murphy, P.S. Watson). *Rutledge* 1965.

Two: A male and a female. 16th May (Joe Donaldson). *Rutledge* 1965.

#### **1966**

Two: North shore of Lough Neagh, County Antrim, 12th June. *NIOC Wildfowl Count*.

Three: West coast of Lough Neagh (presumably County Tyrone), 17th July. *NIOC Wildfowl Count*.

#### **1987**

Two: Females. Doss Bay, Lough Neagh, Toome, County Londonderry, 14th December. *NIBA* 1992.

#### **1989**

One: Female. Oxford Island NNR, Lurgan, County Armagh, 30th October. *AFNS Report* 1989.

#### **1992**

Two: Ballyronan, Lough Neagh, County Londonderry, 27th October (Dave Allen). *NIBA* 1993.

#### **1993**

Two: One pair. Farris Bay, Lough Neagh, Randalstown, County Antrim, 6th March (John O'Boyle). *NIBA* 1994.

#### **1994**

One: Craigavon Balancing Lakes, Lurgan, County Armagh, 6th to 12th December (David Knight). *NIBA* 1996.

#### **1997**

Two: One pair. Anneter Point, Lough Neagh, Ardboe, County Tyrone, 10th March (Godfrey McRoberts). *NIBA* 1999.

One: Croaghan Island, Oxford Island NNR, Lough Neagh, Lurgan, County Armagh, 15th June. *AFNS Report* 1997.

#### **2000**

One: Female/immature. Lough Beg NNR, County Londonderry, 10th to 20th November (Martin Garner *et al.*). *NIBA* 2002.

#### **2006**

One: Female. Lough Beg NNR, County Londonderry, 24th September. *NIBA* 2008a.

One: Female. Lough Shark, Poyntzpass, County Armagh, 26th to 29th September. *NIBA* 2008a.

#### **2013**

One: Male. Glenanne Lake, Glenanne, Markethill, County Armagh, 1st August (Joe Devlin). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

#### **2015**

Two: One pair. Lough Beg NNR, County Londonderry, 18th January. (David Steele). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

One: Ardmore, Lough Neagh, Derrytrasna, County Armagh, 28th November (James O'Neill). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

#### **2016**

One: Female. Lough Beg NNR, County Londonderry, 13th October (David Steele). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

#### **2019**

A female was at Shallow Flats, Reedy Flats, Lough Neagh, County Armagh on 18th February 2019 (Richard Weyl)

Thirty-two birds at Lower Lough Islands RSPB Reserve, 10th October 2011 (Brad Robson), were the first recorded in Fermanagh since 1999.