

Common Scoter *Melanitta nigra* (? , 21 , 8). **RI** Inland records away from Lower Lough Erne.
(Breeds northern Europe and Asia east to the Oliinyk 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

Tyrone

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.

Unpublished inland records:

2013

Armagh

One: Male. Glenanne Lake, Glenanne, Markethill, 1st August (Joe Devlin).

2015

Armagh

One: Ardmore, Lough Neagh, Derrytrasna, 28th November (James O'Neill).

Londonderry

Two: One pair. Lough Beg NNR, 18th January. (David Steele).

2016

Londonderry

One: Female. Lough Beg NNR, 13th October (David Steele).

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