

## **Garganey** *Spatula querquedula*. **SV**

(Breeds Europe and western Asia. Migratory and winters southern Africa, India and Australasia).

### **Unpublished records:**

**1991**

#### **Fermanagh**

One: Castle Caldwell RSPB Reserve, Leggs, "April" (Joe Magee).

**1999**

#### **Armagh**

One: Reedy Flats, Lough Neagh, Derrytrasna, 3rd to 25th May (David Knight *et al.*).

**2009**

#### **Antrim**

Three: Portmore Lough RSPB Reserve, Aghagallon. Two males and a female, from 28th April to 9th May, with two males remaining to 13th June (Ed O'Hara *et al.*).

#### **Armagh**

One: Male. Closet Bay, Oxford Island NNR, Lurgan, 20th to 26th May (Flightline).

#### **Down**

Three: Two males and one female. Quoile Pondage NNR, Downpatrick, 10th May to 3rd June (Frank Carroll *et al.*).

One: Male. Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, 18th to 23rd May (Ted Rolston *et al.*).

#### **Londonderry**

One: Male. Paddy's Dub, Lough Beg NNR, 25th May (Flightline).

One: Female / immature. Ballykelly, Lough Foyle, 26th to 27th September (Chris Murphy, Derek Charles).

**2010**

#### **Armagh**

Two: One pair. Reedy Flats, Lough Neagh, Derrytrasna, 30th May (Flightline).

#### **Down**

Two: One pair. On small pool beside Portavogie Harbour, Portavogie, 11th April (Keith Bennett).

Two: Quoile Pondage NNR, Downpatrick, one female on 3rd May, with a male observed on 30th May (Keith Bennett).

#### **Londonderry**

Six: Lough Beg NNR. Four, two pairs were observed on 14th May, with a male in the south west corner on 6th June. A female/immature was recorded, 12th to 29th August (David Steele, Derek Charles).

**2011**

#### **Antrim**

Five: Portmore Lough RSPB Reserve, Aghagallon. Four, two pairs, observed on 17th April, with one pair remaining to 15th May. A male was recorded on 6th August (Ed O'Hara, Derek Charles *et al.*).

#### **Londonderry**

Six: Lough Beg NNR. Two, males were observed, 15th to 28th May, with one to 4th June. Three, females were in the south west corner, from 3rd July to 7th August with two remaining to 18th August. And finally, a juvenile/female was at Church Island on, 27th September (David Steele).

#### **Tyrone**

Three: Two males and one female. Ardboe Point, Lough Neagh, Ardboe, 8th May (Declan Coney).

**2012**

#### **Down**

One: Male. Comber Estuary, Comber, Strangford Lough, 29th April (Chris Henry). Two: One pair. Billy Neill Playing Fields, Dundonald, 15th May (Stephen Maxwell).

Two: Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast. One, male, recorded, 12th to 16th June, with a female observed from 14th to 18th August (Stephen Maxwell, Joe Lamont *et al.*).

## **Londonderry**

At least nine: Lough Beg NNR. Single males were in the south west corner on 21st April and 8th June. A female was observed, 17th to 19th August, with six birds, four males and two females in the south west corner on 27th August one bird remaining to 14th September (David Steele, Matthew Tickner, Seamus Burns *et al.*).

## **2013**

### **Antrim**

Three: Portmore Lough RSPB Reserve, Aghagallon. One pair 21st April, increasing to two males and one female in the period 23rd April to 1st May, with one male remaining to 26th May (Derek Charles *et al.*).

### **Armagh**

One: Male. Reedy Flats, Lough Neagh, Derrytrasna, 28th May (Derek Charles, Majella Callaghan).

### **Down**

One: Male. Quoile Pondage NNR, Downpatrick, 20th May (Craig Nash).

## **Londonderry**

One: Male. Bann Estuary, Coleraine, 5th to 11th May (Stephanie Hodges *et al.*).

## **2014**

### **Antrim**

Three: Portmore Lough RSPB Reserve, Aghagallon. One male was present 27th April to 3rd May. One pair were observed, 27th to 30th May, increasing to two males and one female in the period 4th to 8th June. One pair, remained 9th to 19th June, with a female to 27th June (Derek Charles *et al.*).

### **Armagh**

Six: Reedy Flats, Lough Neagh, Derrytrasna. One male observed 20th April to 2nd May, with two males present 17th May to 4th June, a female present on one day only, the 17th May. In autumn three juveniles were at the east end of the Flats from 15th to 19th August (Derek Charles, Majella Callaghan, Oscar Campbell *et al.*).

### **Down**

One: Male. Quoile Pondage NNR, Downpatrick, 5th May (D. Clarke, John Pyper *et al.*).

One: Female. Kinnegar Pool, Holywood, 30th November (Gerard McGeehan).

## **Londonderry**

Four: Lough Beg NNR. One male was at Church Island on 29th May, with a female at the South West Corner on 14th July. Two (unaged and unsexed) were observed on 21st August (David Steele).

## **Tyrone**

Two: Blackers Rock, Lough Neagh, Ardboe. One male 27th April to 12th May, with two males observed on 4th May only (Godfrey McRoberts).

## **2015**

### **Antrim**

One: Male. 1.6km north of the east shore Ballycarry, Larne Lough, 4th January (Birdguides).

One: Male. Lough Mourne, Carrickfergus, 14th to 15th February (Neal Warnock *et al.*).

One: Male. Portmore Lough RSPB Reserve, Aghagallon, 9th May to 7th June (Keith Bennett *et al.*).

### **Armagh**

Three: One eclipse male and two juveniles. Lough Neagh, Derrytrasna. First observed at Reedy Flats on 30th July, the same trio were seen at nearby Charlestown on 2nd August (David Knight, Derek Charles).

### **Down**

One: Male. Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, 3rd to 10th May (Gerard McGeehan *et al.*). Two males may have been present.

Two: One adult male and one female/immature. River Quoile, Inch Abbey, Downpatrick, 14th September (Tim Murphy).

### **Fermanagh**

One: Male. Edgepole Island, Upper Lough Erne, 15th May (Brad Robson).

## **Londonderry**

About 12: Lough Beg NNR. Three, two males and one female in the south west corner on 18th April, with a male on 16th June. In the south west corner, two were observed on 16th August, with one on 17th August, increasing to six birds on 21st August with one remaining to 24th August. Three birds, one eclipse male, one female and one female/immature were at Church Island, 7th September, with two remaining to 21st September. The final bird of the year, a female was in the south west corner on the 17th October (Godfrey McRoberts, David Steele *et al.*).

## 2016

### Antrim

Three: Portmore Lough RSPB Reserve, Aghagallon. Two, one pair, 2nd May, with a female observed on 5th June (Derek Charles, Majella Callaghan *et al.*).

### Down

Three: Quoile Pondage NNR, Downpatrick. One, male, 22nd May with two recorded on 16th September (Ian Graham, Tim Murphy *et al.*).

One: Female "type". Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, 10th to 28th August (Neal Warnock *et al.*).

### Londonderry

At least 15, Lough Beg NNR. Three, two males and one female, 17th April, with two pairs at Paddy's Dub on 30th May. Three birds, two males and one female were in the south west corner, 7th June with a female observed at both the south west corner and Church Island on 13th July. Five, females were at the Beg on 28th July, with six, two eclipse males, three females and one juvenile recorded on 5th August. The final record of the year was four, females on 20th August, two remaining to 12th September (David Steele, Godfrey McRoberts, Davy Hunter *et al.*).

One: Male. Bann Estuary, Coleraine, 22nd May (Richard Donaghey).

### Tyrone

Two: One pair. Kiltagh Point, Lough Neagh, Ardboe, 22nd May (Colim Coney, Thomas Quinn, Declan Coney). *British Birds* Vol. III 635-710 published that at one site in County Antrim two pairs possibly bred, and that at one site in Londonderry two pair possibly bred.

## 2017

### Antrim

One: Male. Portmore Lough RSPB Reserve, Aghagallon, 17th April (Garry Wilkinson).

One: Male. Ballymena ECO's Park, Ballymena, 20th May to 4th June (Jeff Larkin *et al.*).

One: Male. Portmuck, Larne, 29th May (Ian Enlander).

### Armagh

One: Male. Kinnego, Oxford Island NNR, Lurgan, 2nd May (Thomas Campbell).

### Down

One: Female. Portavoe Reservoir, Groomsport, 23rd April (Richard Weyl).

### Londonderry

Seven: Lough Beg NNR. Two males, Mullagh / Church Island / Paddy's Dub, 14th to 29th May. Two, a pair were at Annagh on 30th May, with a single female in the south west corner on 29th July. Three birds were in the same area, 15th August to 8th September (David Steele, Jeff Larkin *et al.*).

## 2018

### Londonderry

At least nine: Lough Beg NNR. One, eclipse male, south west corner, 22nd July to 2nd August, with eight recorded, 14th to 18th August, with two, juveniles on 25th August only (David Steele *et al.*).

### Tyrone

One: Male. Kinturk Flats, Lough Neagh, Ardboe, 17th May (John O'Boyle).



Garganey *Spatula querquedula*,  
Portmore Lough RSPB Reserve date unknown. Photo courtesy of Ed O'Hara.



Garganey *Spatula querquedula*,  
Billy Neill Playing Fields, Dundonald, 15th May 2012. Photo courtesy of Stephen Maxwell.