

King Eider *Somateria spectabilis* (4, 5, 1). **RV**

(Breeds from Kanin Peninsula East across Arctic Siberia, including Novaya Zemlya and West Svalbard, Arctic Alaska, North Canada and Northern Greenland. European population winters along ice-free coasts of White Sea, North Norway and Iceland. Pacific population winters Bering Sea).

1850

One: Female. Shot. Belfast Lough, County Down, 11th March. *Thompson* 1851.

1861

One: Female. Shot. Rathlin Island, County Antrim, 20th November. *Deane* 1954.

1891

Two: One male and one female. The female was shot. Rathlin Island, County Antrim, February. *Deane* 1954.

1971

One: Male. Off Portstewart and Castlerock, County Londonderry, 17th March to 25th May (Tom Ennis, D.S. Melville and S.P. Harris). *Ruttledge* 1972.

1972

One: Adult male. Portstewart Point, Portstewart, County Londonderry, 1st, 2nd and 4th April (P.J. Marsh *et al.*). *Ruttledge* 1973.

1982

One: Adult male in full breeding plumage. Downhill, County Londonderry, 11th June (Dave Allen, A. Marrion *et al.*). This bird was last seen at the Skerries, Portrush, County Antrim on 4th August, having also been seen at Castlerock, County Londonderry, between these two dates. *NIBRC* 1987.

1997

One: Kinramer, Rathlin Island, County Antrim, 24th to 27th April (Matthew Tickner *et al.*). *Milne & O'Sullivan* 1998.

1999

One: Adult Male. Brigg's Rocks, Groomsport, Belfast Lough, County Down, 20th March to 5th April (Joe Lamont, Ivan Quail *et al.*). *NIBA* 2001.

2001

One: First-summer female. Greenisland, Belfast Lough, County Antrim, 25th to 29th June and 24th to 28th July (David Steele *et al.*). *NIBA* 2003.

One: First-summer female. Carrickfergus, Antrim, 21st to 22nd July (Martin Garner *et al.*). *NIBA* 2003.