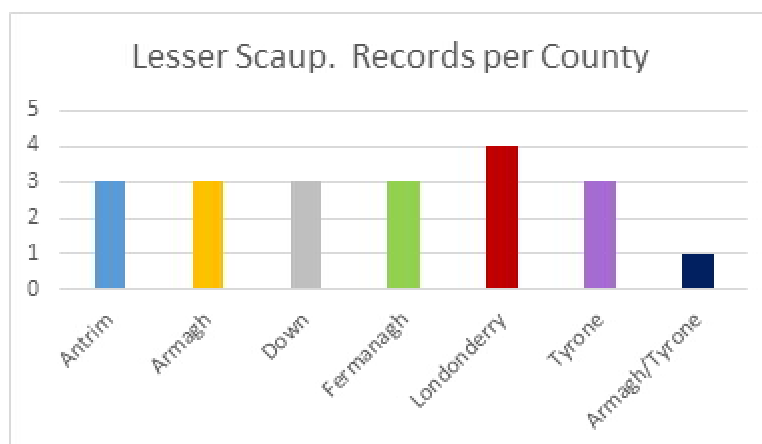


Lesser Scaup *Aythya affinis* (0, 4, 16).

(Breeds from central Alaska through Canada to Hudson Bay, and south to Washington and South Dakota. Isolated populations East of Great Lakes. Winters along both coastlines of USA, in from east New Jersey to Mexico, West Indies and Central America to northern Colombia).



Published records:

1988

One: Male. Corbett Lake, Banbridge, County Down, 13th February to 14th April (Reg Thorpe, Dave Allen, John Young, Adrienne Thorpe *et al.*). *NIBA* 1992. **First Irish Record.**

One: Male. Oxford Island NNR, Lurgan / Lurgan Park Lake, Lurgan, both County Armagh, 27th November into 1989. *NIBA* 1992.

1989

One: Male. Oxford Island NNR, Lurgan, County Armagh / Corbett Lake, Banbridge, County Down, / Hillsborough Park Lake, Hillsborough, County Down, from 1988 remained to 3rd May and 10th December into 1990 (Dave Allen, Anthony McGeehan *et al.*). *NIBA* 1992. *Irish Birds* 4: 434 states that this bird had been present since 4th September 1988 and the record later in the year was from 13th December.

1990

One: Male. Oxford Island NNR, Lurgan, County Armagh / Corbett Lake, Banbridge, County Down, / Hillsborough Park Lake, Hillsborough, County Down, from 1989 remained to 27th April and 17th December into 1991 (Dave Allen, Anthony McGeehan). *NIBA* 1992.

1991

One: Male. Oxford Island NNR, Lurgan, County Armagh, from 1990 remained to 20th January and again from, 17th November to 23rd December (per NIBR). *NIBA* 1993.

One: Male. Hillsborough Park Lake, Hillsborough, County Down, 27th January to 23rd February (per NIBR). *NIBA* 1993.

One: Male. Lurgan Park Lake, Lurgan, County Armagh, 24th December into 1992 (per NIBR). *NIBA* 1993.

1992

One: Male. Lurgan Park Lake, Lurgan, County Armagh, from 1991, remained to 13th January (per NIBR). *NIBA* 1993.

One: Male. Oxford Island NNR, Lurgan, County Armagh, 24th January to 5th February and 15th November into 1993 (per NIBR). *NIBA* 1993.

One: Male. Hillsborough Park Lake, Hillsborough, County Down, 28th February to 17th March (per NIBR). *NIBA* 1993.

1993

One: Male. Oxford Island NNR, Lurgan, County Armagh, from 1992 remained to 15th January. *NIBA* 1994.

One: Male. Hillsborough Park Lake, Hillsborough, County Down, 31st January to 15th March. *NIBA* 1994.

1994

One: Male. Ellis's Gut, Lough Neagh, County Down, 27th to 30th March (David Knight *et al.*). *NIBA* 1997.

One: Male. Oxford Island NNR, Lurgan, County Armagh, 31st March to 7th April (Oscar Campbell). *NIBA* 1997.

1995

One: Male. Washing Bay, Lough Neagh, Coalisland, County Tyrone, 25th to 26th March (David Knight). *NIBA* 1997.

1997

One: Male. Gransha Lake, Londonderry, County Londonderry, 10th May (Theo Campbell, R. Sheppard). *Milne & O'Sullivan* 1998.

1998

One: Adult male. Ardboe Point, Lough Neagh, Ardboe, County Tyrone, 16th March (Stephen Foster, Godfrey McRoberts). *NIBA* 2000.

2000

One: Male. Mullagh, Lough Beg NNR, County Londonderry, 30th October (Anthony McGeehan). *NIBA* 2002.

One: Female. Stoneyford Reservoir, Stoneyford, Lisburn, County Antrim, 12th December (Martin Garner). *NIBA* 2002.

2001

One: Female. McGrogans Hole, Mullagh, Lough Beg, County Londonderry, 21st January (Laurence Morgan, David Steele). *NIBA* 2003.

One: Female. Ellis's Gut, Lough Neagh, County Armagh, 28th March to 1st April (Oscar Campbell). *NIBA* 2003.

2002

One: Male. Oxford Island NNR, Lurgan, County Armagh, 19th January to 6th February (Walter Veale *et al.*). *NIBA* 2004.

2005

This replaces the Portmore records

One: Male. Portmore Lough RSPB Reserve, Aghagallon, County Antrim, 30th January and 17th March, observed on those two dates only (Anthony McGeehan, J. Wylie). What was presumably the same male was observed at Reedy Flats, Lough Neagh, Derrytrasna, County Armagh, 10th - 12th February (David Knight). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

One: First winter male: Lough Barry, Lisbellaw, County Fermanagh, 30th January to 19th March (Brad Robson *et al.*). *Milne & McAdams* 2009.

2006

One: Male. Ballysaggart Lough, Dungannon, County Tyrone, 1st to 11th March (David Knight *et al.*). *Milne & McAdams* 2009.

One: Male. Eskragh Lough, Dungannon, County Tyrone, 5th March (David Knight, Eric Randall, Walter Veale, Derek Charles, Garry Armstrong *et al.*). *Milne & McAdams* 2009.

One: First winter female. Clea Lakes, Shrigley, Killyleagh, County Down, 8th December into 2007 (Derek Charles *et al.*). *Milne & McAdams* 2009.

2007

One: Clea Lakes, Shrigley, Killyleagh, County Down: First-winter female, from 2006 stayed to 11th April and from 25th December into 2008 when it was an adult female (Derek Charles *et al.*). *Milne & McAdams* 2009.

One: Adult female. Mill Pond, Shrigley, Killyleagh, County Down, 25th November (Derek Charles). *Milne & McAdams* 2009.

2008

One: Adult female. Clea Lakes, Shrigley, Killyleagh, County Down, from 2007 stayed to 15th March and from 15th November into 2009 (Derek Charles, Andrew Crory *et al.*). *Fahy* 2010.

One: First winter male. Quoile Pondage NNR, County Downpatrick, 29th November to 7th December (Derek Charles, Keith Bennett *et al.*). *Fahy* 2010.

One: First winter male. Racecourse Lough, Enniskillen, County Fermanagh, 26th December remained into 2009 (Gavin Thomas, Derek Charles, C. Bell *et al.*). *Fahy* 2010.

2009

One: First-winter male. Racecourse Lough, Enniskillen, County Fermanagh, from 2008 remained to 17th January, photographed (Gavin Thomas *et al.*). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

One: Female. Clea Lakes, Shrigley, Killyleagh, County Down, 14th February - 16th April, photographed, returning individual (Derek Charles *et al.*). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

2013

One: Male. Oxford Island NNR, Lough Neagh, Lurgan, County Armagh, 3rd - 4th February and 19th March - 8th April, photographed (Ed O'Hara, Joe Donaldson *et al.*). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

One: Male. Reedy Flats, Lough Neagh, Derrytrasna, County Armagh, 28th April (Derek Charles). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

One: Male. Lough Shark, Poyntzpass, County Armagh, 1st - 4th May (Joe Devlin, Derek Charles, Majella Callaghan). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

One wide ranging individual could be responsible for all the 2013 sightings.

2014

One: Male. Lough Beg NNR, County Londonderry, 12th - 15th June, photographed (Jeff Larkin *et al.*). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

2016

One: First-winter male. Dargan Bay, Belfast Lough, Belfast, County Antrim, 6th - 23rd February, photographed (Derek Charles *et al.*). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

One: Adult male. Lower Lough Erne Islands RSPB Reserve, Kesh, County Fermanagh, 7th - 10th June, photographed (Brad Robson *et al.*). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

Armagh / Tyrone

One: Adult male. Shot. Lough Neagh (54 35' N 6 25'W), County Armagh / Tyrone, 10th September. Copland, A. and Collins, K. 2017. Irish Ringing Report for 2016. *Irish Birds* 10(4): 582. †

Originally ringed at Sao Jacinto Dunes Nature Reserve, Aveiro, Portugal as a first-winter male on 20th December 2013. It was next sighted at Llangorse Lake, Powys, Wales on 11th October 2014, ten Barr Loch, Lockwinnoch, Renfrewshire, Scotland on 30th April 2016 and the final sighting before its sad demise was at Loch Levan, Perth and Kinross on 30th July 2016. *Charles and Crory* 2019.

2017**Down**

One: Adult male. Airport Road West, Belfast Lough, Belfast, County Down, 18th - 23rd January, returning individual (Stuart McKee *et al.*). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

2018**Armagh**

One: Male. Oxford Island NNR, Lurgan, County Armagh, 12th March - 2nd April, photographed (Ed O'Hara *et al.*). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

Photographs of this bird point towards a hybrid origin. We do not include in our totals.

2019

The male at Dargan Bay, Belfast, County Antrim last observed on 23rd January 2017 was present again on 30th January 2019 (Tom Ennis, Tony Dodds).



First winter female Lesser Scaup *Aythya affinis*,
Clea Lakes, Shrigley, Killyleagh, County Down, 9th December 2007. Photo courtesy of Derek Charles.





Both photos. Adult female Lesser Scaup *Aythya affinis*,
Mill Pond, Shrigley, Killyleagh, County Down, 25th November 2007. Photos courtesy of Derek Charles.



Lesser Scaup *Aythya affinis* Lough Shark, Poyntzpass, County Armagh, 4th May 2013. Photos courtesy of Derek Charles.



Lesser Scaup *Aythya affinis*
Male, Lough Beg NNR, County Londonderry, 12th June 2014, photograph courtesy of Jeff Larkin



Lesser Scaup *Aythya affinis*
Adult male. Lower Lough Erne Islands RSPB Reserve, Kesh, County Fermanagh, 7th June 2016 photograph courtesy of Brad Robson.



Lesser Scaup *Aythya affinis* Adult male. Airport Road West, Belfast Lough, Belfast, County Down, 19th January 2017. Photo courtesy of Ronald Surgenor.