

Long-tailed Duck *Clangula hyemalis*. **SV**

(Breeds Alaska, northern Canada, northern Europe and Russia. Winters western and eastern coasts of North America, the Great Lakes, coastal northern Europe and Asia. The most important wintering area is the Baltic Sea where 4.5 million birds are present).

Unpublished records:

1990

Down

One: Lough Island Reavy, Castlewellan, November (Hugh Thurgate, Graham McIlwaine).

1991

Fermanagh

One: Castle Caldwell, Leggs, "May" (Joe Magee).

1993

Antrim

Five: Greenisland Shore, Belfast Lough, 21st November (Gerard McGeehan).

Down

11: Rostrevor Bay, Carlingford Lough, Rostrevor. Ten 2nd February, with a single on 28th December (David Knight, Joe Devlin).

Two: Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, 4th March to 12th April (Anthony McGeehan *et al.*).

Two: Lighthouse Island, Copeland Bird Observatory, Copeland Islands. One 21st October, and a different bird to previous day on 22nd October (Dave Allen, Anthony McGeehan). These are the first records for the Observatory.

Two: Ballyholme Bay, Bangor, 1st November (Kerry Leonard).

Londonderry

Ten: Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle. Nine 13th April with one on 17th October (Matthew Tickner).

1994

Antrim

32: Greenisland / Seapark, Belfast Lough. Up to 21, 23rd January to 20th March, with up to 11, 30th October to 31st December (Gerard McGeehan).

One: Female. Ramore Head, Portrush, 28th October to 1st November (David Steele *et al.*).

One: Female. Magheramorne, Larne, 30th October (Davy Hunter).

Two: Males. Fisherman's Quay, Belfast Lough, Carrickfergus, 29th December (Oscar Campbell).

Down

Five: Murlough NNR, Newcastle, 2nd January (Chris Murphy).

Ten: Rockport, Belfast Lough, Holywood, 3rd December (Jim Wells).

Londonderry

Four: Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle, 16th February (Dave Allen).

1995

Antrim

One: Male. Ramore Head, Portrush, 6th February (David Steele).

Two: Seapark, Belfast Lough, 17th December (Gerard McGeehan).

1996

Down

Two: Groomsport, 10th April (Chris Acheson).

Two: Crawfordsburn Bay, Crawfordsburn, 26th October (Jim Whitla).

One: Female. Ballyhalbert, 1st December (George Gordon).

1997

Down

Three: St John's Point, Killough, 14th December (Ivor McDonald, Dennis Doherty).

1998

Antrim

One: Female. Glynn, Larne Lough, 14th February (Ralph Sheppard).

Two: Females. Swan Island, Larne Lough, 8th May (Dave Allen).

One: Female. Glenarm Bay, Glenarm, 31st October (Colin Guy).

Down

Three: Newcastle Bay South, Newcastle, 25th January (Ivor McDonald, Warren Voles).

One: Male. Killough Harbour, Killough, 24th November (Matthew Tickner).

One: Female. Briggs Rocks, Groomsport, 27th December (George Gordon).

Londonderry

One: Female. Myroe, Lough Foyle, 1st November (Godfrey McRoberts, Seamus Burns).

One: Female. Bann Estuary, Coleraine, 3rd November to 31st December (Davy Hunter *et al.*).

1999**Londonderry**

Three: Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle, 21st October (Larry Toal).

2000**Tyrone**

Four: Blackers Rock, Lough Neagh, Ardboe, 21st July (C. Coney).

2001**Down**

Strangford Lough:

One: Male. Sands Rock, 2nd February (Hugh Thurgate).

Two: One male and one female. North end, 8th December (Hugh Thurgate).

2002**Londonderry**

One: Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle, 13th September (Davy Hunter).

Down

One: Female. Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, 13th October (Anthony McGeehan).

One: Male. Groomsport, 28th to 29th October (Colin Guy *et al.*).

2003**Londonderry**

One: Black Braes, Lough Foyle, 12th January to 12th March (Davy Hunter *et al.*).

Two: Portstewart Point, Portstewart, 23rd September (Richard Gray).

2004**Down**

One: Female. Ballyhalbert, 1st January to 7th March (Joe Lamont *et al.*).

Seven: Dundrum Bay, Newcastle, 18th January (A.J. Bradley *et al.*).

Two: Killowen Point, Carlingford Lough, 5th March (Frank Carrol).

Tyrone

One: Male. Killywoolaghan Point, Lough Neagh, Ardboe, 22nd April (Ken Perry).

2007**Antrim**

Two males and one female. Carrickfergus, Belfast Lough, 27th November (Derek Charles *et al.*).

Down

Two: One male and one female. Bortrees Bay, Strangford Lough, 20th November to 18th December (Hugh Thurgate).

2009**Antrim**

27: Carrickfergus, Belfast Lough. Up to 18: 1st January to 29th March and up to nine, 4th November to 24th December (Dave Allen, Derek Charles *et al.*).

One: Dargan Bay, Belfast Lough, Belfast, 5th January (Flightline).

Up to five: Jordanstown, Belfast Lough, 23rd to 24th January (Flightline).

Down

One: First winter male. Loughbrickland Lake, Loughbrickland, 17th January to 4th February (Joe Devlin).

One: Tara, Ballyquintin, Outer Ards Peninsula, 26th January (Flightline).

Three: Mill Bay, Carlingford Lough, 22nd February (Flightline).

Two: Kinnegar Shore, Belfast Lough, Holywood, 10th April (Derek Charles).

One: Female. Ballyhalbert, Outer Ards Peninsula, 25th December (Keith Bennett).

Two: Newtownards Yacht Club, Strangford Lough, Newtownards, 31st December (Keith Bennett).

2010

Antrim

13: Carrickfergus, Belfast Lough. Seven, 3rd January to 16th March and up to six, 25th October to 27th December (Gerard McGeehan *et al.*).

Two: Females. Dargan Bay, Belfast Lough, Belfast, 26th to 28th March (Derek Charles). (Gerard McGeehan).

Two: One pair. Macedon Point / Loughshore Park, Belfast Lough, 25th October to 16th November (Stuart McKee).

Two: Sandy Bay, Larne, 28th October (Neal Warnock).

Two: Kilroot, Larne, 31st October (Neal Warnock).

One: First-winter male. Dargan Bay, Belfast Lough, Belfast, 1st November (Derek Charles).

One: Male. Ballycastle, 19th to 20th November (Colin Guy, Geoff Campbell).

One: Male. Ballintoy, 20th November (Ian Dickey).

One: Greenisland, Belfast Lough, 31st December (Stuart McKee).

Down

Up to 14: Killowen Point, Rostrevor, Carlingford Lough, 5th to 8th March (Flightline).

One: Female. Ballyhalbert, Outer Ards Peninsula, 21st March (Keith Bennett).

One: Kearney Point, Kearney, Outer Ards Peninsula, 9th October (Keith Bennett).

One: Male. Hollywood, Belfast Lough, 16th November (Stuart McKee).

Two: One pair. Downshire Bridge, Dundrum Inner Bay South, Newcastle, 2nd December (Dan Bailie).

Two: Murlough NNR, Newcastle, 31st December (Oscar Campbell *et al.*).

Londonderry

One: Donnybrewer, Lough Foyle, 9th November (John Wray).

2011

Antrim

One: Macedon Point, Belfast Lough, Greenisland, 6th January, Stuart McKee).

Six: Carrickfergus, Belfast Lough. Up to four, 22nd January to 2nd March and two 13th October (David Nixon H. McCullough Gerard McGeehan *et al.*).

18: Greenisland Belfast Lough. Up to 15, 17th February to 10th April and up to three, 7th to 15th November (Gerard McGeehan).

One: Glynn, Larne Lough, 28th February to 2nd March (Cameron Moore).

One: Ramore Head, Portrush, 7th October (Neal Warnock).

Two: Dargan Bay, Belfast Lough, Belfast, 13th October (Dave Allen).

One: Drains Bay, Larne, 27th October (Kerry Leonard).

One: Female. Abercorn Basin, River Lagan, Belfast, 23rd November to 13th December (Ronald Surgenor *et al.*).

One: Male. Ballintoy, 29th November (Ian Dickey *et al.*).

Two: Whitehead, 11th November (Cameron Moore).

Two: Lady's Bay, Lough Neagh, Aghagallon, 20th March (Paul Toner).

Armagh

One: Male. Oxford Island NNR, Lurgan, 3rd to 19th December (Mark Killops, Jason Starbuck *et al.*).

Down

One: Newtownards Sailing Club, Strangford Lough, Newtownards, 2nd January (Richard Weyl).

Up to two: Murlough NNR, Newcastle, 18th January to 5th March (Keith Bennett, Tim Murphy *et al.*).

One: Mount Stewart, Strangford Lough, 22nd January (Hugh Thurgate).

Three: Greyabbey Bay, Strangford Lough. One, 13th November to 16th December with a male and two females, 20th to 23rd December (James Robinson, Keith Bennett *et al.*).

One: Herring Bay, Strangford Lough, Greyabbey, 16th December (Richard Weyl *et al.*).

Londonderry

One: Female. Bann Estuary, Coleraine, 6th November (Jeff Larkin).

2012

Antrim

One: Male. Whitehouse, Belfast Lough, 2nd January (Stuart McKee).

Ten: Greenisland, Belfast Lough. Up to eight, 18th January to 6th May with two, 21st November (George Henderson, Roger Woodward *et al.*).

Ten: Carrickfergus, Belfast Lough. Three males and one female. 29th February and up to six, four males and two females, 15th November to 15th December (Walter Veale Gerard McGeehan *et al.*).

One: Male. Mill Bay, Islandmagee, Larne, 13th to 14th November (Cameron Moore).

Armagh

One: Juvenile. Ardmore, Lough Neagh, Derrytrasna, 10th November (Neal Warnock *et al.*).

Down

Up to three: Greyabbey, Strangford Lough, 8th to 28th January (Keith Bennett *et al.*).

One: Female. Ballyhalbert, 8th March (Ian Turkington).

One: Male. Big Stone Bay, Greyabbey, Strangford Lough, 20th to 21st October (Derek Charles, Walter Veale, Majella Callaghan *et al.*).

Up to two Males. Murlough NNR, Newcastle. 9th November to 31st December (Andrew Croy, Eric Randall).

Fermanagh

One: Lower Lough Erne Islands RSPB Reserve, Kesh, 22nd December (Brad Robson).

Londonderry

One: Bann Estuary, Coleraine, 14th January (Richard Donaghey).

2013**Antrim**

21: Carrickfergus, Belfast Lough. Up to 13, 24th January to 30th March with eight on 4th November (Paul McCullough, Derek Charles, Majella Callaghan, Walter Veale *et al.*).

Two: Females. Glynn, Larne Lough, 9th to 16th February (Jeff Larkin *et al.*).

One: First winter male. Rathlin Island, 23rd February to 30th March (Ronald Surgenor *et al.*).

Ten: Greenisland / Seapark, Belfast Lough. Up to nine, 6th March to 2nd April, with one, 31st October to 27th November (Gerard McGeehan).

One: Ramore Head, Portrush, 9th October (Neal Warnock).

One: Male. Portballintrae, 11th to 14th October (Colin Guy *et al.*).

Two: Portmore Lough RSPB Reserve, Aghagallon, 22nd November (Amy Burns).

One: First winter male. Dargan Bay, Belfast Lough, Belfast, 26th December (Derek Charles, Majella Callaghan).

Down

Up to 12: Murlough NNR, Newcastle, 6th January to 23rd February (Keith Bennett).

One: Killowen, Carlingford Lough, 23rd February (Joe Devlin).

One: Female. Briggs Rocks, Groomsport, 2nd November (Colin Guy).

One: Male. Knockenluder Bay, Kearney, Outer Ards Peninsula, 16th November (Derek Charles, Walter Veale, Majella Callaghan).

One: Ballyhalbert, Outer Ards Peninsula, 16th to 23rd November (Richard Weyl *et al.*).

Two: Quoile River, Downpatrick, 26th November to 23rd December (Tony Donaldson *et al.*).

One: Warrenpoint, Carlingford Lough, 29th November (Stephen Dunstan).

Two: Bortrees Bay, Strangford Lough, 9th December (Hugh Thurgate).

Two: Males. Newtownards Sailing Club, Strangford Lough, Newtownards, 26th to 30th December (Richard Weyl *et al.*).

Londonderry

Two: Longfield Point, Lough Foyle, Eglington, 25th November (Matthew Tickner, Gareth Bareham).

Tyrone

One: Female. Blackers Rock, Lough Neagh, 7th April (Godfrey McRoberts).

2014**Antrim**

Nine: Carrickfergus, Belfast Lough. Up to five, 4th February to 2nd March with four, two males and two females, 29th November (Adam McClure, Joe Lamont *et al.*).

Two: Bartins Bay, Lough Neagh, Aghagallon. One, female, 8th February with an adult winter male on 22nd November (Brian Nelson, Derek Charles, Walter Veale).

13: Greenisland, Belfast Lough. Up to eight, 19th March to 11th May and up to five, 4th November to 30th December (Gerard McGeehan *et al.*).

Two: Rue Point, Rathlin Island. One, male, 1st July and one, 8th November (Colin Guy, Neal Warnock).

One: Ramore Head, Portrush, 25th October (Neal Warnock).

Two: Flying into Belfast Lough, Whitehead, 6th November (Cameron Moore).

One: Portmore Lough RSPB Reserve, Aghagallon, 27th November (Simon Gray).

One: Glynn, Larne Lough, 30th December (Neal Warnock).

Armagh

One: Female. One mile west of Reedy Flats, Lough Neagh, Derrytrasna, 17th March (Stuart McKee).

One: Adult male. Reedy Flats, Lough Neagh, Derrytrasna, 18th April (James O'Neill).

Down

Up to 23: Dundrum Bay, Newcastle, 18th January to 27th February (Ronald Surgenor, Keith Bennett *et al.*).

Two: Ballyhalbert, Outer Ards Peninsula, 2nd February (Richard Weyl).

Two: Seaforde, 11th May (Andrew Crory).

One: Immature. Corbett's Lough, Banbridge, 30th October to 2nd November (Joe Furphy *et al.*).

One: Knockenelder Bay, Kearney, Outer Ards Peninsula, 9th November (Richard Weyl).

One: Killough, 17th November to 2nd December (Tim Murphy *et al.*).

Three: Seahill, Holywood, Belfast Lough, 29th November (Derek Polley).

Fermanagh

Two: Lower Lough Islands RSPB Reserve, Kesh, 29th January (Fionbarr Cross).

Londonderry

One: Juvenile. Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle, 26th October to 10th November (Derek Charles, Majella Callaghan *et al.*).

One: Male. Portstewart, 19th November (Colin Guy).

2015**Antrim**

One: Dargan Bay, Belfast Lough, Belfast, 3rd January (Joe Lamont).

Seven: Greenisland / Loughshore Park, Belfast Lough. Up to six, 4th January to 4th April with one on 3rd November (Gerard McGeehan *et al.*).

Three: Carrickfergus, Belfast Lough. One, female, 1st February with two, 11th to 21st November (Keith Bennett, Dot Blakely *et al.*).

One: Ramore Head, Portrush, 11th October (Matthew Tickner).

Down

Eight: Cultra, Belfast Lough. Up to five: 4th January to 7th February, with three, two male and two females on 10th December (Ronald Surgenor, Dermot Hughes *et al.*).

One: Female. The Promenade, Newcastle, 16th February (Stuart McKee).

One: Crawfordsburn, Belfast Lough, 10th November (Stuart McKee).

2016**Antrim**

Nine: Carrickfergus Belfast Lough. Up to four, 14th to 22nd March, with five, 13th to 26th November (Gerard McGeehan *et al.*).

Five: Seapark, Belfast Lough, 14th November (Gerard McGeehan).

Two: Larne Lough, 15th to 27th November (Cameron Moore *et al.*).

Three: Greenisland, Belfast Lough, 26th November (Gerard McGeehan).

Down

One: Newtownards Sailing Club, Strangford Lough, Newtownards, 21st February (Richard Weyl).

One: Female. Kinnegar, Holywood, 29th October to 26th November (Daniel Newtown *et al.*).

One: The Ragheries, Strangford Lough, 23rd November (Hugh Thurgate).

One: Lighthouse Island, Copeland Bird Observatory, Copeland Islands, 25th November (Neville McKee, Wesley Smyth).

Two: Tyrella, Downpatrick, 11th December (Gary Armstrong).

Fermanagh

Two: One pair. Lower Lough Islands RSPB Reserve, Kesh, 7th June (Brad Robson).

Londonderry

One: Male. Bann Estuary, Coleraine, 7th October (Brian Hegarty).

Five: Between Myroe and Ballykelly, Lough Foyle, 25th November (Matthew Tickner).

2017**Antrim**

Five: Dargan Bay, Belfast Lough, Belfast. Two, 3rd to 7th January with up to three, 3rd to 15th December (Adam McClure, Daniel Newtown *et al.*).

Eight: Carrickfergus Belfast Lough. Up to four, 7th January to 5th March and up to four, 18th November to 16th December (Keith Bennett, Brian Sutton *et al.*).

One: Loughshore Park, Belfast Lough, Greenisland, 24th February to 5th March (Gerard McGeehan *et al.*).

One: Cairndu, Larne, 16th to 18th October (Ian Dickey *et al.*).

One: Rathlin Island, 16th November (Ric Else, Hazel Watson).

Two: Greenisland, Belfast Lough, 29th November (Hill Dick, Peter Robinson).

Up to four: Macedon Point, Belfast Lough, Greenisland, 15th to 22nd December (Stuart McKee *et al.*).

Down

One: Newtownards Sailing Club, Strangford Lough, Newtownards, 11th October (Wilton Farrelly).

Two: Groomsport, 29th December (George Henderson).

Fermanagh

Up to three: Lower Lough Erne Islands, RSPB Reserve, Kesh, 31st January to 18th May (Brad Robson).

One: Female. Lough Erne Resort, Enniskillen, 1st April (Wilton Farrelly).

Londonderry

One: Male. Ballyronan, Lough Neagh, 7th November (Ernie Hunter)

2018**Antrim**

Up to five: Macedon Point, Belfast Lough, Greenisland, 5th January to 12th February (Stuart McKee *et al.*).

Five: Two males and three females. Carrickfergus, Belfast Lough, 7th January (Ed O'Hara, Daniel Newtown *et al.*).

Up to four: Loughshore Park, Belfast Lough, Whiteabbey, 17th November to 27th December (Gerard McGeehan, Shirley Dunlop *et al.*).

Two: Dargan Bay, Belfast Lough, Belfast, 16th December (Daniel Newtown).

Armagh

One: Croaghan Hide, Oxford Island NNR, Lurgan, 1st April (Garry Armstrong).

Down

Three: Kinnegar, Belfast Lough, Holywood, 24th March (Daniel Newtown).

Two: Newcastle, 25th March (Garry Armstrong).

Londonderry

Two: One pair in summer plumage. Magilligan, Lough Foyle, 29th April (Derek Charles).

Up to seven: Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle, 24th November to 28th December (Neal Warnock *et al.*).



Long-tailed Duck *Clangula hyemalis*,
Abercorn Basin, River Lagan, Belfast, 23rd November 2011. Photo courtesy of Ronald Surgenor.



Long-tailed Duck *Clangula hyemalis*,
Portballintrae, 12th October 2013. Photo courtesy of Ian Dickey.