

Ring-necked Duck *Aythya collaris* (0, 10, 36). **RV**

(Breeds Northwest boreal forest territories in northern United States and Canada. Winters southern North America).

Published records:

1960

One: Male. Lurgan Park Lake, Lurgan, County Armagh. 20th March to 1st May, 25th September to 30th October and 5th December into 1961 (R.W. Culbert L. Kersley *et al.*). *IBR* 8: 7. *Ennis* 1961.

One: Male. Kinnego Bay, Oxford Island NNR, Lurgan, County Armagh, 4th December (R.W. Culbert *et al.*). *IBR* 8: 7. *Ennis* 1961.

1961

One: Male. Lurgan Park Lake, Lurgan, County Armagh, from 1960 remained to March ("several observers"). *IBR* 8: 7. *Ennis* 1961.

1963

One: Male. Lurgan Park Lake, Lurgan, County Armagh, 5th October to November (R.W. Culbert *et al.*). *IBR* 11: 12.

1964

One: Male. Lurgan Park Lake, Lurgan, County Armagh, 10th October to December ("numerous observers"). *IBR* 12: 12.

1965

One: Male. Lurgan Park Lake, Lurgan, County Armagh, November ("several observers"). *IBR* 13: 17.

1966

One: Male. Lurgan Park Lake, Lurgan, County Armagh, 13th March. *IBR* 14: 18.

One: Male. Derryadd Bay, Lough Neagh, Derrytrasna, County Armagh, 13th March to 24th April (Willie McDowell, F. T. Carroll, J.H. Dearden, J.K. Lovatt). *IBR* 14: 18.

This bird considered additional to above records from Lurgan Park Lake and Oxford Island NNR.

1967

One: Male. Lurgan Park Lake, Lurgan, County Armagh, "seen on various dates". *IBR* 15: 20.

One: Male. Derryadd Bay, Lough Neagh, Derrytrasna, County Armagh "seen on various dates". *IBR* 15:20. *IBR* 15:20 incorrectly states that both County "Down" birds were still present (Northern Ireland Ornithologists Club), this should have been County Armagh. It also states that the male at Lurgan Park on 4th March 1967 is clearly not mated to any Tufted Duck (Frank King, Ken Preston, R.G. Wheller).

1968

One: Male. Lurgan Park Lake, Lurgan, County Armagh, "seen on various dates". *IBR* 16: 19.

One: Male. Derryadd Bay, Derrytrasna, Lough Neagh, County Armagh, "seen on various dates". *IBR* 16: 19. *IBR* 16: 19, states that at times two were present at Lurgan Park Lake as on 24th March 1968. Also, one or more were offshore in Lough Neagh, County Armagh (Northern Ireland Ornithologists Club). *IBR* 16: 19.

1969

One: Male. Lurgan Park Lake, Lurgan, County Armagh, 14th October to the end of the year (J.F. Watson *et al.*). *IBR* 18: 21.

1970

One: Male. Lurgan Park Lake, Lurgan, County Armagh, from 1969 remained to 14th May (J.F. Watson *et al.*). *IBR* 18: 21.

Two returning males were involved in the series of records from 1960 to 1970.

1979

One: Male. Lurgan Park Lake, Lurgan, County Armagh, 23rd November to 3rd December (J.H. Wells). *Preston* 1980.

1981

One: Male. Closet Bay, Oxford Island NNR, Lurgan, County Armagh, 1st June (R. Davidson, Miss P. McGill, F. Watson). *NIBRC* 1982.

1982

One: Male. Lough Beg NNR, County Londonderry, 14th April (David Steele, C. Bracken). *NIBRC* 1987.

1988

One: Female. Corbet Lake, Banbridge, County Down, 24th January to 2nd March (Graham McIlwaine *et al.*). *NIBA* 1992.

One: Female. Shanrod Lake, Banbridge, County Down, 13th March (Graham McIlwaine *et al.*). *NIBA* 1992.

1989

One: Male. Craigavon Balancing Lakes, Lurgan, County Armagh, 22nd October. *NIBA* 1992. Not published in an Irish Bird Report.

1990

One: Male. Ellis's Gut, Lough Neagh, Lurgan, County Down, 12th to 27th May (Oscar Campbell). *Irish Birds* 1993.

1991

One: Male. Oxford Island NNR, Lurgan, County Armagh, 23rd April (Brian Nelson). *NIBA* 1993.

One: Male. Ellis's Gut, Lough Neagh, Lurgan, County Down, 5th to 6th May (Chris Murphy). *NIBA* 1993.

One: Female or first-winter. Ballyronan, Lough Neagh, County Londonderry, 24th October. *NIBA* 1993. Not published in an Irish Bird Report.

1993

One: Male. Lough Acrussel, Tamlaght, Enniskillen, County Fermanagh, 18th February to 24th March (R.J.H. Hamill *et al.*). *NIBA* 1994. Published as 18th to 19th February only in *Irish Birds* 1994.

1994

One: Male. Lough Acrussel, Tamlaght, Enniskillen, County Fermanagh, 27th February (Anthony McGeehan, Gerard McGeehan *et al.*). *NIBA* 1996.

One: Oxford Island NNR, Lurgan, County Armagh. One: Male. 25th March and 10th to 25th September (Oscar Campbell *et al.*). *NIBA* 1996.

1997

One: Adult male. Lough Island Reavy, Castlewellan, County Down, 5th January (Hugh Thurgate). *NIBA* 1999.

One: Male. Lough Money, Downpatrick, County Down, 14th February to 5th March (Geoff Campbell *et al.*). *Milne & O'Sullivan* 1998.

One: Male. Oxford Island NNR, Lough Neagh, Lurgan, County Armagh, 22nd to 23rd May (Dennis Doherty *et al.*). *Milne & O'Sullivan* 1998.

One: Male. Ellis Gut, Lough Neagh, County Down, 23rd May (David Knight). *NIBA* 1999. Same as Oxford Island.

1998

One: Male. McCauley's Lough, Dromara, County Down. 6th February and 15th to 25th December (Ian Jackson *et al.*). *NIBA* 2000.

One: Female. Darkley Lake, Darkley, County Armagh, 7th February to 5th April (Joe Devlin *et al.*). *NIBA* 2000.

One: Female. Gentle Owen's Lake, Keady, County Armagh, 15th March (Joe Devlin). *NIBA* 2000.

One: Male. Oxford Island NNR, Lough Neagh, County Armagh, 18th to 20th April (Oscar Campbell *et al.*). *NIBA* 2000.

1999

One: Male. Begny Lough, Dromara, County Down, 1st to 23rd January (David Nixon *et al.*). *NIBA* 2001.

One: Male. McAuley's Lough, Dromara, County Down, 10th January (David Nixon). *NIBA* 2001.

One: Male. Reedy Flats, Lough Neagh, Derrytrasna, County Armagh, "April" (David Knight *et al.*). *NIBA* 2001.

One: Male in eclipse. Kinnego Bay, Oxford Island NNR, Lough Neagh, County Armagh, 24th August to 10th October (Stephen Foster, Ed O'Hara *et al.*). *NIBA* 2001.

2000

One: Lough Beg NNR, County Londonderry, 14th February (Matthew Tickner).

One: Male. Oxford Island NNR, Lurgan, County Armagh. 25th to 26th March, 2nd to 24th June and 25th August to 4th September (Ed O'Hara, Stephen Foster *et al.*). *NIBA* 2002.

2001

One: Male. Oxford Island NNR, Lurgan, County Armagh. 3rd April to 11th May, 26th August to 3rd September (when in eclipse), and 19th to 22nd December (David Knight, Oscar Campbell *et al.*). *NIBA* 2003.

2002

One: Male. Drumgay Lough, Enniskillen, County Fermanagh, 6th January to 13th February (Brian Nelson, David Knight *et al.*). *NIBA* 2004.

One: Male. Ballysaggart Lake, Dungannon, County Tyrone. 27th January to 9th April and 26th October to end of November (David Knight, J. Rooney *et al.*). *NIBA* 2004.

One: Male. Oxford Island NNR, Lurgan, County Armagh. 27th March and 19th May to 6th June (Dermot Hughes, Ed. O'Hara *et al.*). *NIBA* 2004.

One: Male. Columbkille Point, Lough Neagh, County Armagh, Bannfoot, 16th May (David Knight). *NIBA* 2004.

2003

One: Male Ballysaggart Lake, Dungannon, County Tyrone. 10th May and 26th October (J. Rooney *et al.*). *NIBA* 2006.

One: Male. Eskra Lough, Dungannon, County Tyrone, 8th January (David Knight *et al.*).

One: Male. Oxford Island NNR, Lurgan, County Armagh, 8th April (Dennis Doherty *et al.*). *NIBA* 2006.

2004

One: Male. Derrymacrow Lough, Newtownbutler, County Fermanagh, 15th to 22nd April (N. Willis, Brad Robson *et al.*). *Milne & McAdams* 2008a.

2005

Two: Craigavon Lake North, Craigavon Balancing Lakes, Lurgan, County Armagh. One, male from 2004 remained to 20th March and 30th December (Derek Charles, David Knight *et al.*), with a female 19th November into 2006 (David Knight *et al.*) *Milne & McAdams* 2009.

One: Male. Knockninny Nature Reserve, Derrylin, County Fermanagh, 9th March photographed (Geoff Campbell). *NIBA* 2008a.

One: Male. Oxford Island NNR, Lurgan, County Armagh. 25th March and 18th June (David Knight, Nigel Moore, Ray Bennett *et al.*). *NIBA* 2008a. *Milne & McAdams* 2009.

One: Female. Quoile Pondage NNR, Downpatrick, County Down, 22nd November into 2006 (David Knight *et al.*). *NIBA* 2008a. *Irish Birds* 8: 373-394. Milne, P. & McAdams, D.G. 2008a. Irish Rare Bird Report 2005, published record as 22nd November to 14th December only.

One: Female. Cornabass Lake, Newtownbutler, County Fermanagh, 15th December (George Henderson). *Milne & McAdams* 2009.

2006

One: Female. Quoile Pondage NNR, Downpatrick, County Down, from 2005 remained to 1st January (David Knight *et al.*). *Milne & McAdams* 2009.

One: Female. Craigavon Lake North, Craigavon Balancing Lakes, Lurgan, County Armagh, from 2005 stayed to 4th March (David Knight *et al.*). *Milne & McAdams* 2009.

One: Male. Oxford Island NNR, Lurgan, County Armagh, 18th April to 18th May (Dennis Weir *et al.*). *Milne & McAdams* 2009.

One: Female. Drumgay Lake, Enniskillen, County Fermanagh, 17th December into 2007 (Brad Robson *et al.*). *Milne & McAdams* 2009.

One: Male. Cornabass Lake, Newtownbutler, County Fermanagh, 27th December (Brad Robson). *Milne & McAdams* 2009.

One: Male. Kilturk Lough, County Fermanagh, Newtownbutler, 27th December (Brad Robson). *Milne & McAdams* 2009.

2007

One: Female. Drumgay Lake, Enniskillen, County Fermanagh, from 2006 stayed to 27th January (Brad Robson, Derek Charles *et al.*). *Milne & McAdams* 2009.

One: Male. Craigavon Lake North, Craigavon Lakes, Lurgan, County Armagh, 1st to 7th April (David Knight, F. Carroll, Derek Charles *et al.*). *Milne & McAdams* 2009.

One: Male. Lough Beg NNR, County Londonderry, 8th October (David Steele). *Milne & McAdams* 2009.

One: Female. Donnybrewer, Lough Foyle, County Londonderry, 17th October (Matthew Tickner). *Milne & McAdams* 2009.

One: Male. Cornabass Lake, Newtownbutler, County Fermanagh, 7th November into 2008 (Brad Robson). *Milne & McAdams* 2009.

One: Female. Racecourse Lough, Enniskillen, County Fermanagh, 24th December into 2008 (Clive Mellon, Brad Robson, Clifford Sharpe, Keith Bennett, Derek Charles *et al.*). *Milne & McAdams* 2009.

2008

One: Male. Cornabass Lake, Newtownbutler, County Fermanagh. From 2007 remained to 1st January and 27th December into 2009 (Brad Robson, Derek Charles). *Fahy* 2010.

One: Female. Racecourse Lough, Enniskillen, County Fermanagh, from 2007 stayed to 29th March (Brad Robson, Clive Mellon, Joe Devlin *et al.*). *Fahy* 2010.

Unpublished records:

1967

One: Male. Kinturk Flats, Lough Neagh, Ardboe, County Tyrone, 18th June (Ivor McDonald, Chris Bailey). *NIOO Lough Neagh Basin Wildfowl Count*, 18th June 1967.

1980

One: Male. North Balancing Lake, Craigavon Balancing Lakes, Lurgan, County Armagh, 4th and 7th November. *British Birds* 75: 492 – 495.

One: Male. Lurgan Park Lake, Lurgan, County Armagh, 9th December (Willie McDowell *et al.*).

2004

One: Male. Craigavon Lake North, Craigavon Balancing Lakes, Lurgan, County Armagh, 1st December into 2005 (David Knight *et al.*).

2009

Armagh

One: Male. Oxford Island NNR, Lough Neagh, Lurgan, 16th March to 16th April (Derek Charles *et al.*).

One: Male. Croaghan Island, Oxford Island NNR, Lough Neagh, Lurgan, 25th October (Ed O'Hara, Mark Killops).

Fermanagh

One: Male. Cornabragh Lough, Lisnaskea, from 2009 remained to 29th March and observed again, 16th December (Brad Robson *et al.*).

One: Male. Derrylea, Newtownbutler, 29th March (Wilton Farrelly).

2010

Antrim

One: Male. Portmore Lough RSPB Reserve, Aghagallon, 30th April to 1st May (Derek Charles, Keith Bennett).

Armagh

One: Male. Derrywarragh, Lough Neagh, Derrytrasna, 28th March (David Knight).

Two: Males. Oxford Island NNR, Lough Neagh, Lurgan, 25th April, one remaining to 2nd June (Mark Carmody *et al.*).

Fermanagh

One: Male. Drumgay Lough, Enniskillen, 27th February (Brad Robson).

2011

Armagh

One: Male. Craigavon North Lake, Craigavon Balancing Lakes, Lurgan, 20th to 21st March (Gerard McGeehan, Shirley Dunlop *et al.*).

One: Male. Kinnego Bay, Oxford Island NNR, Lough Neagh, Lurgan, 3rd to 8th April (Garry Armstrong *et al.*).

Down

One: First-winter male. Lough Cowey, Portaferry, 1st January to 21st February, 3rd to 12th March, 14th March, 25th to 27th March and 20th November to 11th December (Keith Bennett *et al.*).

One: Male. Lough Money, Downpatrick, 22nd to 24th January and 28th May (Dan Bailie, Derek Charles, Walter Veale *et al.*).

One: Male. Ballyhurley Lough, Portaferry, 27th February to 2nd March, 13th March, 17th March and 9th to 17th April (Richard Weyl *et al.*).

One: Male. Temple Water, Castleward, 31st March to 28th April and 3rd December into 2012 (Joan Marshall, Spencer Marshall, Derek Charles *et al.*).

One: Male. Quoile Pondage NNR, Downpatrick, 21st to 22nd October (David Nixon *et al.*).

Fermanagh

One: Male. Drumgay Lough, Enniskillen, 22nd January (Wilton Farrelly).

One: Male. Ports, Newtownbutler, 5th March (Derek Charles, Walter Veale).

One: Male. Boa Island, Kesh, 22nd to 29th March (Michael Stinson).

2012

Down

One: Male. Templewater, Castleward, from 2011, remained to 8th January (Keith Bennett).

One: Male. Lough Money, Downpatrick, 17th February to 18th March, and 4th December into 2013 (Richard Weyl, Dan Bailie *et al.*).

2013

Armagh

One: Eclipse male. Oxford Island NNR, Lurgan, 22nd June to 6th July (Ed O'Hara *et al.*).

Down

One: Male. Lough Money, Downpatrick, from 2012 remained to 20th January, and again from 13th to 30th April (Derek Charles, Majella Callaghan, Walter Veale *et al.*).

One: Male. Tullyratty (Great) Dam, Strangford, 27th January to 18th March (Derek Polley *et al.*).

One: Male. Templewater, Castleward, 1st December into 2014 (Craig Nash *et al.*).

Londonderry

One: Female. Mullagh, Lough Beg NNR, 14th July to 18th August (David Steele *et al.*).

2014**Armagh**

One: Male. Oxford Island NNR, Lurgan, 12th January to 1st March (Ed O'Hara).

Down

One: Male. Temple Water, Castleward, from 2013 remained to 2nd March (Derek Charles, Walter Veale, Majella Callaghan *et al.*).

One: Male. Tullyratty (Great) Dam, Strangford, 9th March (Doris Noe *et al.*).

One: Male. Quoile Pondage NNR, Downpatrick, 23rd May to 5th June (Derek Charles, Walter Veale, Majella Callaghan *et al.*).

One: First-winter male. Kinnegar Sewage Works, Holywood, 29th November to 14th December (Wilton Farrelly *et al.*).

Londonderry

Four: Lough Beg NNR. Three, two males and one female, 20th April, with one male and one female, observed to 27th April, with a male remaining to 11th May. Two, a male and a female were at Mullagh, 8th June to 16th July and in the later part of the year a male was at the south end on 24th December (Tim Murphy, David Steele, Derek Charles *et al.*).

2015**Antrim**

One: Female. Portmore Lough RSPB Reserve, Aghagallon, 30th June (Tim Murphy).

One: Eclipse male. Lough Mourne, Carrickfergus, 20th to 25th October (Joe Lamont *et al.*).

Down

One: Male. Ballyherly Lough, Portaferry, 29th March to 18th April (Keith Bennett, Richard Weyl).

One: Eclipse male. Kinnegar Sewage Lagoon, Holywood, 30th October to 17th November (Derek Charles, Majella Callaghan, Walter Veale *et al.*).

Londonderry

Two: Lough Beg NNR. One, male, Mullagh, 3rd to 9th April, with a juvenile male, observed from 18th September to 1st November (David Steele).

2016**Antrim**

One: Male. Lough Mourne, Carrickfergus, 13th to 23rd November (Neal Warnock *et al.*).

One: First winter male. Stoneyford Reservoir, Lisburn, 15th November (Derek Charles).

Down

One: Male. Temple Water, Castleward, 3rd April to 22nd May (Wilton Farrelly *et al.*).

One: Male. Quoile Pondage NNR, Downpatrick, 22nd to 29th November (Chris Murphy, Tim Murphy *et al.*).

Londonderry

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

2017**Armagh**

One: Male. Milltown, Maghery, Lough Neagh, 4th to 5th March (David Knight *et al.*).

Down

One: Male. Temple Water, Castleward, 8th to 17th January (Wilton Farrelly *et al.*).

One: Male. Quoile Pondage NNR, Downpatrick, 19th March to 1st May, and 5th November (Tony Donaldson *et al.*).

2018**Armagh**

One: Female. Closet Bay, Oxford Island NNR, Lough Neagh, Lurgan, 18th to 20th March (James O'Neill).

One: Male. Milltown, Lough Neagh, Maghery, 8th April (David Knight).

Down

One: Male. Temple Water, Castleward, 6th to 28th January (Daniel Newtown *et al.*).

One: Male. Quoile Pondage NNR, Downpatrick, 13th to 29th April, 4th August and 21st November (Tony Donaldson *et al.*).

Fermanagh

One: Male. Shot. Private Lough. Upper Lough Erne, 16th November (per Brad Robson).

Londonderry

Two: Lough Beg NNR. One, female, Church Bay, 30th January, with a male on 28th December (David Steele).



Ring-necked Duck *Aythya collaris*,
Quoile Pondage NNR, County Down, 1st January 2006. Photo courtesy of Derek Charles.



Ring-necked Duck *Aythya collaris*,
Craigavon Lake North, Craigavon Lakes, Lurgan, County Armagh, 3rd April 2007.
Photo courtesy of Derek Charles.



Ring-necked Duck *Aythya collaris*,
Temple Water, Castleward, January 2014. Photo courtesy of Derek Charles.



Eclipse male Ring-necked Duck *Aythya collaris*,
Kinnegar Sewage Lagoon, Holywood, 30th October 2015. Photo courtesy of Derek Charles.