

Ruddy Shelduck *Tadorna ferruginea* (4, 1, 10).

(Breeds south-eastern Europe, central Asia and North Africa, winters Indian sub-continent).

Published records:

1888

Three: One of which was shot. Strangford Lough, County Down, March. *Deane* 1954.

1892

One: Shot. Comber, County Down, 21st or 22nd June. The specimen was mounted by Sheals. *Deane* 1954.

1995

One: Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, County Down, 29th October (George Gordon *et al.*). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

2003

One: Ringneill Bay, Lisbane, Comber, Strangford Lough, County Down, 15th February (Joe Lamont, Gerard McGeehan). *NIBA* 2006.

2005

One: Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, County Down, 2nd August (Anthony McGeehan *et al.*). *NIBA* 2008a.

One: Castle Espie WWT, Strangford Lough, Comber, County Down, 27th October to 6th November (Dot Blakely *et al.*). *NIBA* 2008a.

2006

One: Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, County Down, 12th June (Derek Charles *et al.*). *NIBA* 2008a.

2010

One: South west corner, Lough Beg NNR, County Londonderry, 6th June, photographed (David Steele *et al.*). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

2017

One: South west corner, Lough Beg NNR, County Londonderry, 20th - 27th July (Jeff Larkin *et al.*). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

2019

Four birds [one male and three females] were observed at the Bann Estuary, Coleraine, County Londonderry, 6th – 18th July 2019 (Theo Campbell *et al.*). These birds were almost certainly from the German breeding population.



Ruddy Shelduck *Tadorna ferruginea*,
Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, County Down, 12th June 2006.
Video grab courtesy of Derek Charles.



Ruddy Shelduck *Tadorna ferruginea* Lough Beg, County Londonderry, 6th June 2010. Photo courtesy of Geoff Campbell.



Ruddy Shelduck *Tadorna ferruginea* Bann Estuary, County Londonderry, 17th July 2019. Photo courtesy of Ian Dickey.