

Barnacle Goose *Branta leucopsis*. **SV**

(Breeds East Greenland, Svalbard, Novaya Zemlya and Baltic Sea. Winters western Scotland, western Ireland, Solway Firth, Scotland / England and Netherlands).

Unpublished records:

1993

Antrim

20: Skerries, Portrush, 8th January (David Steele).

One: Larne Lough, Larne, 11th to 31st December (Paul McCullough, Cameron Moore).

Armagh

One: Reedy Flats, Lough Neagh, Derrytrasna, 9th February (David Knight).

Down

Two: Grey Point, Belfast Lough, Crawfordsburn, 6th October (Anthony McGeehan).

Three: Juveniles. Dundrum Inner Bay North, Newcastle, 9th to 16th October (David Nixon).

Londonderry

13: Barr Mouth, Bann Estuary, Coleraine, 25th January (David Steele).

Two: Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle, 9th to 24th October (Stephen Foster *et al.*).

1994

Antrim

One: Larne Lough, Larne, 1st to 2nd January (Paul McCullough, Cameron Moore).

Armagh

One: Lough Shark, Poyntzpass, 14th September (Joe Devlin).

Down

One: Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, 23rd to 27th September (A. Rowley *et al.*).

Londonderry

One: Bann Estuary, Coleraine, 2nd to 4th May (David Nixon *et al.*).

One: Longfield Point, Lough Foyle, Eglington, 29th June (Matthew Tickner).

One: Faughanvale, Lough Foyle, 18th September (Stuart McKee).

One: Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle, 26th September to 23rd October (Matthew Tickner *et al.*).

1995

Antrim

Five: Ramore Head, Portrush. Three, 24th September with two recorded 17th October (Anthony McGeehan, David Steele).

1996

Antrim

Seven: Ramore Head, Portrush, 6th October (Walter Veale).

1998

Antrim

One: Portmore Lough RSPB Reserve, Aghagallon, 5th November (Matthew Tickner).

One: Langford Lodge, Crumlin, 9th November (Dave Allen).

Londonderry

One: Bann Estuary, Coleraine, 1st February (Matthew Tickner).

One: Donnybrewer, Lough Foyle, 8th December (Dave Allen, Matthew Tickner).

2000

Antrim

One: Lady Bay, Lough Neagh, Aghalee, County Antrim, 23rd January (Dave Hadrick, Orcilla Hadrick).

Down

One: Ballystockart River, Comber Estuary, Comber, 25th March (Martin Garner).

2001

Antrim

One: Portmore Lough RSPB Reserve, Aghagallon, County Antrim, 29th January to 12th February (Vernon Carter *et al.*).

Londonderry

One: Cranagh, River Bann, Coleraine, 28th November (J. Clark).

2003

Antrim

18: Ramore Head, Portrush. Five 20th September, two 3rd October, one 6th October, five 10th October, five 15th November (Walter Veale Davy Hunter Anthony McGeehan, Gerard McGeehan *et al.*).

Londonderry

32: Portstewart, 3rd October (Derek Charles, Colin Guy).

2004

Londonderry

Two: Brighter Road, Ballykelly, 12th January (Matthew Tickner, Anthony McGeehan).

One: Black Braes, Lough Foyle, 23rd April (Matthew Tickner).

2009

Antrim

250: Portballintrae, 16th September (Flightline).

50: Rathlin Island. 15 8th October and 35 on 11th October (Neal Warnock, Geoff Campbell).

Down

Nine: Lighthouse Island, Copeland Bird Observatory, Copeland Islands, 6th October (CBO).

Londonderry

One: Bann Estuary, Coleraine, 2nd November (Neal Warnock).

2010

Antrim

Ten: Ballintoy, 13th October (Neal Warnock).

11: Rathlin Island, 14th October (Neal Warnock).

210: Ramore Head, Portrush, 14th October (Matthew Tickner).

600: "North Coast", 17th October (Colin Guy).

Londonderry

One: Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle, 13th November (Derek Charles).

2011

Antrim

One: Lady Bay, Lough Neagh, Aghagallon, 19th January (Stephen Hewitt).

One: Gawley's Gate, Aghagallon, 6th March (Comghall McQuillan).

Two: Portmore Lough RSPB Reserve, Aghagallon, 20th March to 7th April (Mark Killops, Ed O'Hara).

133: Ramore Head / East Strand, Portrush. 100 6th October, 13 7th October, 20 18th October (Matthew Tickner Colin Guy *et al.*).

One: Ballycarry, Larne Lough, 12th October into 2012 (Cameron Moore *et al.*).

2012

Antrim

One: Ballycarry, Larne Lough, from 2011 remained to 15th January (Cameron Moore).

One: Portmore Lough RSPB Reserve, Aghagallon, 22nd January (Ed O'Hara).

80: Dunseverick, 6th October (Ronald Surgenor).

One: Portballintrae, 6th to 16th October (Ronald Surgenor *et al.*).

One: Rathlin Island, 27th October (Neal Warnock).

Armagh

One: Ardmore, Lough Neagh, Derrytrasna, 19th January (Joe Devlin).

Down

One: Near the Slieve Donard Hotel, Newcastle, 27th to 29th February (Andrew Crory *et al.*).

Londonderry

Four: Longfield, Eglinton, 14th February to 19th March (Matthew Tickner, Brad Robson, Gareth Bareham *et al.*).

Three: Balls Point / Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle. One on 5th October, rising to three by 28th October (Christine Cassidy *et al.*).

One: Lough Beg NNR, 15th to 18th October (Matthew Tickner *et al.*).

One: Creagh, Toomebridge, 3rd to 10th November (Gordon Darcy *et al.*).

2013

Antrim

1618: Ramore Head, Portrush. 28 6th October, 24 8th October, 1450 birds on 9th October, 30 11th October and 86 23rd October (Colin Guy, Ronald Surgenor, Matthew Tickner *et al.*).

Ten: Dunseverick, 6th October (Colin Guy).

24: Rathlin Island, 8th October (Colin Guy).
32: Ballintoy, 23rd October (Colin Guy).
One: Larne Lough, 23rd November (Cameron Moore).

Armagh

One: Derrytrasna, 10th November (Ed O'Hara).

Down

One: Bar Hall Bay, Strangford Lough 12th October (Keith Bennett).
Two: Killard NNR, Strangford, 3rd to 4th November (Craig Nash *et al.*).

Londonderry

Six: Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle. Five on 17th October, with six observed from 26th to 28th October (Hill Dick, Peter Robinson *et al.*).

2014

Antrim

Three: Rathlin Island, 17th October (Neal Warnock).
15: Ramore Head, Portrush. Four 19th October, nine 21st October and two 22nd October (Colin Guy, Ian Dickey, Ronald Surgenor).
Two: Dunseverick, 22nd October (Colin Guy).

2015

Antrim

One: Larne Lough, 25th October (Cameron Moore).

Armagh

One: Ardmore, Lough Neagh, Derrytrasna, 28th March (Derek Charles *et al.*).

Londonderry

65: Bann Estuary, Coleraine, 11th October (Richard Donaghey, John Clarke).

2016

Antrim

One: Ballycarry, Larne Lough, 6th March (Cameron Moore *et al.*).
457: Ramore Head, Portrush. 350 18th October, 107 19th October (Neal Warnock, Dean Woodford-Jones).
Two: Rathlin Island, 20th October (Neal Warnock).

Down

Three: Copeland Bird Observatory, Lighthouse Island, Copeland Islands, 15th May (Richard Donaghey).

Londonderry

Four: Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle. Three, flying North on 25th September, with a single recorded, 30th December (Derek Charles *et al.*).

2017

Antrim

Two: Rathlin Island. Singles observed on 27th February and from 5th to 7th November (Colin Guy Ric Else, Hazel Watson).
114: Ramore Head, Portrush. 58 3rd October, 51 5th October and five 22nd October (Matthew Tickner, Colin Guy, Ian Dickey, Derek Charles *et al.*).
85: Dunseverick. 47, 5th October and 38 9th October (Colin Guy).

Londonderry

One: Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle, 7th February to 28th March (Richard Donaghey *et al.*).

2018

Antrim

39: Rathlin Island. One 19th February to 27th July, one Keeble Lough, 1st to 24th October, 22 6th October, seven 17th October, three 18th October and five 20th October (Clive Mellon, Ric Else, Hazel Watson *et al.*).
62: Ramore Head, Portrush. 58 30th September and four 19th October (Derek Charles, Matthew Tickner, Richard Donaghey *et al.*).
One: Islandmagee, Larne, 9th to 16th December (Cameron Moore *et al.*).

Londonderry

One: Bann Estuary, Coleraine, 15th April (Derek Charles).
16: Magilligan, Lough Foyle, 3rd October (Richard Donaghey).
One: Roe Estuary, Lough Foyle, 5th October (Matthew Tickner).
One: Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle, 26th to 29th October (Richard Donaghey *et al.*).
One: West Shore, South of Church Island, Lough Beg NNR, 28th October (Godfrey McRoberts).



Barnacle Goose *Branta leucopsis*,
Portballintrae, County Antrim, 6th October 2012. Photo courtesy of Ronald Surgenor.