

Black Brant *Branta bernicla nigricans* (0, 8, 9). **RV**

(Breeds north-west Canada, Alaska and eastern Siberia. Winters west coast of North America from southern Alaska to California, also east Asia).

Published records:

1978

Two: Strangford Lough, County Down, 10th to 18th November, with one remaining to 30th December (Tom Ennis, Dennis Weir *et al.*). *Irish Birds* 1986.

1979

Two: Strangford Lough, County Down. One adult, 20th October with two adults on 17th November (Anthony McGeehan, Dennis Weir *et al.*). *Irish Birds* 1986.

1980

Two: Greyabbey, Strangford Lough, County Down, 25th October to 2nd November (Willie Laird, Anthony McGeehan). *Irish Birds* 1986.

This record in the Northern Ireland Bird Report 1980, states date as 25th October only. *NIBRC* 1982.

One: Faughanvale, Lough Foyle, County Londonderry, 16th October to 2nd November (Anthony McGeehan *et al.*). *NIBRC* 1982.

This record in *Irish Birds* 1986, states dates as 16th to 19th October only.

1981

Two: Adults. Strangford Lough, County Down, 25th October, through November, gone by December (Willie Laird, Anthony McGeehan *et al.*). *NIBRC* 1982.

1982

One: Strangford Lough, County Down. An adult was observed on 15th September and 14th November (Anthony McGeehan). *NIBRC* 1987.

One: Adult. Lough Foyle, County Londonderry, 6th October to 14th November (Dave Allen). *NIBRC* 1987.

1983

One: Strangford Lough, County Down. An adult 2as recorded on 9th January and 24th September (Anthony McGeehan). *NIBRC* 1987

One: Adult. Lough Foyle, County Londonderry, 9th to 14th October (Dave Allen *et al.*). *NIBRC* 1987.

1984

One: Carlingford Lough, County Down, 4th to 10 November (David Knight). *Irish Birds* 1986. This record not published by NIBRC / NIBA.

1985

Two: Carlingford Lough, County Down, 1st to 6th January, one remaining to 12th January (David Knight). *Irish Birds* 1986. This record not published by NIBRC / NIBA.

Two: Greyabbey, Strangford Lough, County Down. One adult 22nd September with two adults observed 3rd to 9th November (Anthony McGeehan *et al.*). *Irish Birds* 1986.

1986

One: Carlingford Lough, County Down. A bird was recorded on 11th January and 28th December (David Knight). *McGeehan* 1992. This record not published by NIBA / NIBARC.

One: Adult. Lough Foyle, County Londonderry, 3rd to 24th October. *NIBA* 1992.

1987

Two: Adults. Castle Espie WWT, Strangford Lough, Comber, County Down, 21st September. *NIBA* 1992.

One: Lough Foyle, County Londonderry, 25th October. *NIBA* 1992.

1988

One: Dundrum Bay / Killough Harbour area, County Down, 1st January to 10th April. *NIBA* 1992.

One: Lough Foyle, County Londonderry, 25th October. *NIBA* 1992.

1989

One: Lough Foyle, County Londonderry, 3rd to 8th October. *NIBA* 1992.

1990

One: Adult. Dundrum Bay and Killough Harbour, County Down, 15th March to 15th April. *NIBA* 1992.

One Adult. Bann Estuary, Coleraine, County Londonderry, 30th September. *NIBA* 1992.

One: Dundrum, Newcastle, County Down, 18th December. *McGeehan* 1992.

1991

One: Adult. Newcastle and Minerstown, County Down, 24th February to 4th March. *NIBA* 1993.

One: Adult. Faughanvale, Lough Foyle, County Londonderry, 25th October. *NIBA* 1993.

One: Newcastle, County Down, 30th December into 1992. *NIBA* 1993.

1992

One: Adult. Newcastle, County Down, from 1991 remained to early April. *NIBA* 1993.

One: Killough, County Down, 11th to 19th April. *NIBA* 1993.

One: Lough Foyle, County Londonderry, 7th to 28th October. *NIBA* 1993.

1993

One: Adult was at Newcastle, County Down between 20th February and 22nd April (K. O'Kane Anthony McGeehan *et al.*). *NIBA* 1994.

One: Killough, County Down, 14th March and 11th April (*NIBA* 1994).

1994

One: Adult. Killough, County Down, 7th March to 5th April (Matthew Tickner *et al.*). *NIBA* 1996.

One: Adult. Ballykelly, Lough Foyle, County Londonderry, 26th October (Dave Allen). *NIBA* 1996.

1995

One: Killough Harbour, Killough, County Down, 8th April (Matthew Tickner). *NIBA* 1997.

One: Ballykelly, Lough Foyle, County Londonderry, 8th September (Davy Hunter). *NIBA* 1997.

One: Faughanvale, Lough Foyle, County Londonderry, 18th December (Dave Allen, Matthew Tickner). *NIBA* 1997.

1996

One: Killough Harbour, Killough, County Down, 20th April (Anthony McGeehan). *NIBA* 1998.

One: Adult. Lough Foyle, was seen at Faughanvale, Carrickhue and Ballykelly from 7th October to 15th November (Dave Allen). *NIBA* 1998.

1997

One: Adult. Ballykelly, Lough Foyle, County Londonderry, 27th November (Matthew Tickner). *NIBA* 1999.

1998

One: Adult. Greyabbey Bay, Strangford Lough, Greyabbey, County Down, 21st October (Martin Garner). *NIBA* 2000.

1999

One: Roe Estuary, Lough Foyle, County Londonderry, 23rd March. *NIBA* 2001.

One: Lough Foyle, County Londonderry, 23rd September and 10th November (R.D. Steele). On the latter date, it was at Longfield Point. *NIBA* 2001.

2000

One: Maltings, Strangford Lough, County Down, 28th October to 5th November (Anthony McGeehan, Eric Randall, Walter Veale *et al.*). *NIBA* 2002.

2001

One: Gasworks, Strangford Lough, Mountstewart Road, Greyabbey, County Down, 2nd January (Derek Polley). *NIBA* 2003.

One: Newtownards Sailing Club, Newtownards, Strangford Lough, County Down, 9th October (Joe Lamont). *NIBA* 2003.

One: Carrickhugh, Lough Foyle, County Londonderry, 16th October (Matthew Tickner). *NIBA* 2003.

One: Castle Espie WWT, Comber, Strangford Lough, County Down, 4th November (George Gordon *et al.*). *NIBA* 2003.

One: Floodgates, Strangford Lough, Newtownards, County Down, 9th December (Willie McDowell *et al.*). *NIBA* 2003.

2002

One: Second-year. Kinnegar, Belfast Lough, County Down, 21st August (Derek Polley, Anthony McGeehan). *NIBA* 2004.

One: Faughanvale, Lough Foyle, County Londonderry, 26th October (Matthew Tickner). *NIBA* 2004.

One: North end Strangford Lough, County Down, 10th to 17th November (Joe Lamont *et al.*). *NIBA* 2004.

2003

One: Myroe, Lough Foyle, County Londonderry, 11th October (Matthew Tickner). *Milne & McAdams* 2008a.

One: Adult. Maltings, Strangford Lough, Newtownards, County Down. One recorded on 16th October and 2nd November (Anthony McGeehan). *NIBA* 2006.

2004

One: Adult. Strangford Lough, 16th October. *Milne & McAdams* 2008a. This is published in error and relates to the 2003 individual. We do not include in our totals.

2005

Two: Adults. Tide Bank, Strangford Lough, Newtownards, County Down, 30th September (S. Bairhall). *Milne & McAdams* 2009.

One: Greyabbey Bay, Strangford Lough, Greyabbey, County Down, 24th October (S. Bairhall). *Milne & McAdams* 2009.

One: Faughanvale, Lough Foyle, County Londonderry, 4th November (Matthew Tickner). *Milne & McAdams* 2009.

2006

One: Strangford Lough, County Down, 16th October to 28th December (Graham McIlwaine *et al.*). *Milne & McAdams* 2009.

One: Carrickhugh, Lough Foyle, County Londonderry, 27th November (Graham McIlwaine). *Milne & McAdams* 2009.

2007

One: Killyleagh Harbour, Killyleagh, County Down, 26th March (Graham McIlwaine, David Nixon). *Milne & McAdams* 2009.

One: Myra Castle, Strangford, County Down, 10th April (Graham McIlwaine, David Nixon). *Milne & McAdams* 2009.

One: Floodgates, Strangford Lough, Newtownards, County Down, 21st October to 4th November (Derek Charles *et al.*). *Milne & McAdams* 2009.

2008

One: Dundrum Inner Bay North, Newcastle, County Down, 20th January (Dave Allen, Clive Mellon). *Fahy* 2010.

One: Millisle, County Down, 6th to 23rd February (Derek Charles, David Nixon, George Gordon, Keith Bennett, Joe Lamont *et al.*). *Fahy* 2010.

One: Belfast Lough, Counties Antrim / Down, 3rd April to 2nd May (Derek Charles, Cameron Moore *et al.*). *Fahy* 2010. Observed at Whiteabbey and Kinnegar.

One: Floodgates, Strangford Lough, Newtownards, County Down, 5th October (Derek Charles). *Fahy* 2010.

Unpublished records:

1994

One: Tyrella Beach, Tyrella, Downpatrick, County Down, 4th to 9th April (K. O'Kane *et al.*).

1997

One: Greyabbey Bay, Strangford Lough, Greyabbey, County Down, 30th November (Willie McDowell, Dennis Weir *et al.*).

1998

One: Minerstown, County Down, 8th to 14th April (Jack Malins *et al.*).

1999

One: Roe Estuary, Lough Foyle, County Londonderry, 22nd January (Matthew Tickner, Dave Allen).

2004

One: Dundrum Inner Bay, Newcastle, County Down, 4th April (Anthony McGeehan).

2007

One: North end of Strangford Lough, County Down, 1st November (Hugh Thurgate).

2009

Down

One: Adult. Maltings, Strangford Lough, Newtownards, 10th October, photographed (Derek Charles).

2010

Two: Adults. Floodgates / Ballyreagh, Newtownards, Strangford Lough, County Down. One adult 23rd October, two observed on 28th October only, with one remaining to 31st October (Derek Charles, Walter Veale, Dennis Weir *et al.*).

2011

One: Adult. Floodgates, Strangford Lough, Newtownards, County Down, 30th September (Derek Charles).

2012

One: Adult. Ballykelly, Lough Foyle, County Londonderry, 27th September (Theo Campbell, Christine Cassidy *et al.*).

2013

One: Kinnegar Shore, Belfast Lough, Holywood, County Down, 5th to 7th October (Stuart McKee *et al.*).

2016

One: Greyabbey, Strangford Lough, County Down, 29th October (Stuart McKee).

2018

One: North end of Strangford Lough, Newtownards, County Down, 23rd September (Anthony McGeehan).

Intergrades / unidentified:

1994

One: Juvenile. Ballykelly, Lough Foyle, County Londonderry, 23rd November was either Black Brant or Dark Bellied Brent. *NIBA* 1996. We are not including this in our totals.

1995

Two: Dundrum Bay, Newcastle, County Down, 12th March. Were considered intergrades between *nigricans* and *hrota*. *NIBA* 1997. We do not include in our totals.



Black Brant *Branta bernicla nigricans*,
Millisle, County Down, 8th February 2008. Photo courtesy of Derek Charles.