

Canada Goose *Branta canadensis canadensis* (0, 1, 1). Statistics for wild / vagrant individuals only. **RV**

(Breeds Canada and northern USA. Race *B. c. parvipes* breeds West Alaska, east to Yukon Territory. Most winter, Washington and Oregon, some also north-east Texas. Introduced Western Europe).

Records:

1954

One: Downpatrick, County Down, 21st November (J. Kirk, C.D. Scotland, D. Wolsey). *Ruttledge* 1955.

1985

"A flock of seven at Myroe levels, Lough Foyle (Londonderry) from 21st to 28th October (DA) were undoubtedly of wild origin though they were not assigned with certainty to a particular race. All seven were small and dark (smaller than both White-fronted and Pink-footed Geese with which they loosely associated) and are best treated as "small Canada's" as the taxonomy of this group is somewhat confusing and open to debate". *NIBRC* 1987. The IRBC in *Irish Birds* 10(3): 393. Have published these as Cackling Geese, as yet the NIBRC have made no announcement or have published these as Cackling Geese.

1987

One: Lough Foyle, County Londonderry, 2nd November. Was presumed to be of feral origin. *NIBA* 1992. However, it was published in the main body of the report with no explanation of why it wasn't a wild individual. Given the date and location a wild individual must be strongly considered. We are not including it in our totals.

2003

One. Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle, County Londonderry, 12th to 21st December, was also observed at Carrowreagh, Lough Foyle, County Londonderry on 14th December (Anthony McGeehan *et al.*). *NIBA* 2006. This individual was considered a Todd's Canada Goose.

Cackling Goose *Branta hutchinsii hutchinsii* (0, 7, 1). **RV**
(Breeds Canada and Alaska. Winters western Canada, United States and northern Mexico).

Records:

1985

Seven: Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle, County Londonderry, 21st to 28th October (Dave Allen *et al.*). *Irish Birds* 10(3): 393.

This group was not assigned to a particular race and were recorded before Cackling Goose was split from Canada Goose (w.irbc.ie/announcements/announce43.php). *Irish Birds* 10(3): 393.

2007

One: Cackling (Richardson's Canada Goose) *Branta hutchinsii*, Kinnegar Shore, Belfast Lough, Holywood, County Down, 13th September, photographed (Derek Charles). *Milne & McAdams* 2009.

2008

One: Seen in flight. Bann Estuary, Coleraine, County Londonderry, 18th October (Matthew Tickner). *NIBA* 2008b.

NIBA 2008b states that "it may have been a wild bird" and it is unclear if the record was accepted. We are not including it in our totals.



Cackling Goose *Branta hutchinsii hutchinsii*. At the back with Brent *B.b. hrota*, Kinnegar Shore, Belfast Lough, Holywood, County Down, 13th September 2007.
Photo courtesy of Derek Charles.

