

Dark-bellied Brent Goose *Branta bernica bernicla* (2, 22, 106).

(Breeds Arctic coasts of central and western Siberia, winters in southern England, northern Germany and northern France).

1938/1939

One: Shot. Strangford Lough, County Down, during the winter 1938-39 and sent to Peter Scott for identification. *Kennedy, Rutledge & Scroope* 1954.

1916

One: Shot. Ballyholme Bay, Bangor, County Down, 24th November. *Deane* 1954.

1954

One: Strangford Lough, County Down, 21st November (C.D. Scotland, D. Wolsey). *Rutledge* 1955.

1985

Two: Adults. Greyabbey, Strangford Lough, County Down, 8th - 9th November (Anthony McGeehan). *Irish Birds* 1986.

1986

One: Adult. Lough Foyle, County Londonderry, 3rd - 24th October (Dave Allen, Martin Gray). **Record not published.**

1992

Two: Killough, County Down, 5th - 9th April. *NIBA* 1993.

One: Ballykelly, Lough Foyle, County Londonderry, 16th October (Theo Campbell). *NIBA* 1993.

1993

Four: Adults. Killough, County Down, 14th March with three to 14th April (Anthony McGeehan *et al.*). *NIBA* 1994.

Two: Adults. Castle Espie WWT, Strangford Lough, Comber, County Down, 30th October (Anthony McGeehan). *NIBA* 1994.

1994

One: Adult. Killough, County Down, 29th March - 17th April (Matthew Tickner, Anthony McGeehan *et al.*). *NIBA* 1996.

One: Juvenile. Ballykelly, Lough Foyle, County Londonderry, 23rd November (Matthew Tickner). **Record not published.**

1995

One: Killough Harbour, Killough, County Down, 25th March - 16th April (Dennis Doherty *et al.*). *NIBA* 1997.

One: Belfast Harbour Estate / Kinnegar Pools, County Down, 1st October (Matthew Tickner *et al.*). *NIBA* 1997.

1997

One: Cloughey Rocks, Cloughey, Strangford Lough, County Down, 16th March (Drew Brown *et al.*). *NIBA* 1999.

One: Tully Hill Bay, Strangford, Strangford Lough, County Down, 11th April (Geoff Campbell). *NIBA* 1999.

One: Tyrella Beach, Tyrella, Downpatrick, County Down, 22nd April (Mathew Tickner). *NIBA* 1999.

1998

One: Adult. Killough Harbour, Killough, County Down, 26th January - 19th April (Anthony McGeehan, George Gordon). *NIBA* 2000.

One: Portaferry, County Down, 21st March (Martin Garner). *NIBA* 2000.

One: Floodgates, Newtownards, Strangford Lough, County Down, 22nd November (Eric Randall, Walter Veale). *NIBA* 2000.

One: Greyabbey Bay, Strangford Lough, Greyabbey, County Down, 26th November (Martin Garner). *NIBA* 2000.

1999

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

One: Floodgates, Strangford Lough, Newtownards, County Down, 18th September - 31st October (Anthony McGeehan, Gerard McGeehan *et al.*). *NIBA* 2001.

2000

Two: Groomsport, County Down, 30th January (Wilton Farrelly). *NIBA* 2002.

One: Killough Harbour, Killough, County Down, 22nd April (Chris Murphy). *NIBA* 2002.

One: Whitehead, County Antrim, 26th September (Ian Enlander). **Record not published.**

2001

One: Longfield, Eglington, Lough Foyle, County Londonderry, 15th February (Matthew Tickner). *NIBA* 2003.

Two: Adults. Newcastle Beach, Newcastle, County Down, 19th February (Martin Garner). *NIBA* 2003.

One: Adult. Ballywalter, County Down, 14th March (George Gordon, Jim Whitla). *NIBA* 2003.

One: Killough, County Down, 21st April (Martin Garner). *NIBA* 2003.

2002

Two adults at Ballykelly on 13th October and probably same seen at Faughanvale on 2nd November, where they remained to 22nd November (Davy Hunter *et al.*). *NIBA* 2003.

One: Brent Hide, Castle Espie WWT, Strangford Lough, Comber, County Down, 18th November (Wilton Farrelly). *NIBA* 2003.

One: Killough Harbour, Killough, County Down, 24th March (Anthony McGeehan). *NIBA* 2004.

One: Tide Bank, Strangford Lough, Newtownards, County Down, 29th September (Dot Blakely). *NIBA* 2004.

One: Roe Estuary, Lough Foyle, County Londonderry, 3rd October (Davy Hunter). *NIBA* 2004.

One: Greyabbey, Strangford Lough, County Down, 20th October (Anthony McGeehan, Ken Douglas). *NIBA* 2004.

One: Tide Bank, Strangford Lough, Newtownards, County Down, 21st October (Ivan Quail). *NIBA* 2004.

2003

One: Carrickhugh, Faughanvale, Lough Foyle, County Londonderry, 19th September (David Steele). *NIBA* 2006.

One: Maltings, Strangford Lough, Newtownards, County Down, 16th November (Anthony McGeehan). *NIBA* 2006.

2004

One: Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle, County Londonderry, 13th - 23rd April (Stuart McKee *et al.*). *NIBA* 2006.

One: Dargan Bay, Belfast, County Antrim, 8th May (Michael Ruddock). *NIBA* 2006.

Two: Carrickhugh, Lough Foyle, County Londonderry, 9th October. *NIBA* 2006.

One: Maltings, Strangford Lough, Newtownards, County Down, 17th - 21st October. *NIBA* 2006.

One: Runkerry Point, Portballintrae, County Antrim, 24th October. *NIBA* 2006.

2005

One: Enniskillen Castle, Enniskillen, County Fermanagh, 13th - 15th March (Brad Robson *et al.*). *NIBA* 2008a.

Records 2006-2019 not published.

2006

Down

Two: Dundrum Inner Bay South, Dundrum, Newcastle; one 21st April with two observed from 22nd - 23rd April (Stephen Foster).

Two: Killough Harbour, Killough; two 27th April - 6th May with one adult remaining to 21st May (Chris Murphy).

One: Castle Espie WWT, Comber, Strangford Lough, 6th November (K. Hamilton).

Two: The Maltings, Newtownards, Strangford Lough, 12th November (Wilton Farrelly).

One: Gasworks Bay, Greyabbey, Strangford Lough, 12th November (Wilton Farrelly).

2007

Down

One: Lagnagoppope, Kilclief, Strangford, 16th April (Graham McIlwaine).

Two: Killough Harbour, Killough; two 20th - 26th April with one remaining to 1st May (Graham McIlwaine).

One: Newcastle Beach, Newcastle, 28th - 29th April (Graham McIlwaine).

Londonderry

Two: Ballykelly, Lough Foyle, 18th February (Dermot Breen).

2008

Down

One: Portavogie, Outer Ards Peninsula, 29th March (Richard Weyl).

One: Mill Quarter Bay, Strangford, 30th April (Graham McIlwaine).

One: Dundrum Inner Bay South, Dundrum, 7th May (David Nixon).

One: Kearney Point, Outer Ards Peninsula, 8th May (Ian Mitchell).

One: Copeland Islands. Copeland Bird Observatory, Lighthouse Island, 9th May with the same individual, Mew Island, 10th - 18th May (Neville McKee).

One: Tide Bank, Newtownards, Strangford Lough, 26th August (Graham McIlwaine).

Two: Castle Espie WWT, Comber, Strangford Lough, 16th September (Graham McIlwaine).

2009

Down

One: Dundrum Inner Bay North, Newcastle, 15th March (Frank Carroll).

One: Adult. Cloughey Beach, Cloughey, Outer Ards Peninsula, 4th April (Derek Charles).

Two: Newcastle Beach, Newcastle, 11th May (Flightline).

2010

Down

Six: Four adults and two juveniles. Killough Harbour, Killough, 3rd - 7th May (Derek Charles *et al.*).

One: Dundrum Inner Bay South, Dundrum, Newcastle, 8th May (Flightline).

Two: The Floodgates / Ballyreagh, Newtownards, Strangford Lough, 23rd October with one remaining to 31st October (Derek Charles, Dennis Weir, Walter Veale *et al.*).

Two: Finlay Road Bay, Strangford Lough, 4th November (Graham McIlwaine).

One: The Gasworks, Greyabbey, Strangford Lough, 14th November (Keith Bennett).

Londonderry

Three: Roe Estuary, Lough Foyle, 16th February (Neal Warnock).

One: Adult. Longfield Point, Eglington, Lough Foyle, 19th September (Derek Charles).

2011

Antrim

One: Larne Lough, 6th February - 2nd April (Neal Warnock *et al.*).

Down

Two: Floodgates / Maltings, Strangford Lough, Newtownards; one adult 22nd September - 12th October with two adults present on 2nd October only (Derek Charles, Majella Callaghan, Keith Bennett *et al.*).

One: Adult. Greyabbey, Strangford Lough, 8th October - 20th November (Derek Charles *et al.*).



Dark-bellied Brent Goose *Branta bernicla bernicla*,
Strangford Lough, County Down, 2010. Photo Derek Charles.

2012

Antrim

One: Larne Lough, 11th January - 13th February (Cameron Moore *et al.*).

One: Juvenile. Derryclone, Bartins Bay, Lough Neagh, 13th January (David Nixon).

Down

One: Ganaway Bay, Ballywalter, Outer Ards Peninsula, 12th May (Richard Weyl).

One: Cloughey Beach, Cloughey, Outer Ards Peninsula, 13th May (Keith Bennett).

Londonderry

Two: Adults. Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle; singles observed on 18th February and 18th December (Derek Charles, Walter Veale, Majella Callaghan).

One: Adult. Ballykelly, Lough Foyle, 27th September (Theo Campbell, Christine Cassidy).

One: Adult. Balls Point, Lough Foyle, Bellarena, 29th September (Derek Charles, Walter Veale, Majella Callaghan).

2013

Antrim

Two: Glynn, Larne Lough, 27th April (Neal Warnock).

Down

Two: Adults. Killard NNR, Strangford, 11th May (Derek Charles, Majella Callaghan, Walter Veale).

One: Adult. Dundrum Inner Bay South, Newcastle, 1st - 3rd December (Derek Charles *et al.*).

Londonderry

One: Adult. Roe Estuary, Lough Foyle, 6th October (Derek Charles *et al.*).

One: Adult. Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle, 29th December (Derek Charles, Majella Callaghan).

2014

Down

One: Adult. Dundrum Inner Bay North, Dundrum, Newcastle, 21st February (Andrew Crory).

One: Adult. Killough, 6th April (Derek Charles, Majella Callaghan, Walter Veale).

One: Adult. Greyabbey, Strangford Lough, 20th September - 18th October (Derek Charles, Dave Allen *et al.*).

One: Adult. Mill Bay, Carlingford Lough, 1st November (David McIlwaine).

2015

Antrim

One: Loughshore Park, Newtownabbey, 26th April (Stuart McKee).

Down

One: First winter. Tyrella Beach, Tyrella, Downpatrick, 8th April (Chris Murphy).

Two: One adult and one juvenile. Killough Harbour, Killough, 10th - 13th April, the juvenile remained to 16th April (Chris Murphy).

One: Cloughey, Outer Ards Peninsula, 19th April (Philip West).

One: Adult. Mill Quarter Bay, Strangford, 22nd April (David Nixon).

Two: One adult and one juvenile. Dundrum Inner Bay South, Newcastle, 23rd - 24th April (David Nixon *et al.*).

One: Adult. Kinnegar Shore, Belfast Lough, Holywood, 26th April (Stuart McKee).

One: Adult. Floodgates, Strangford Lough, Newtownards, 19th September - 7th October (Derek Charles, Walter Veale *et al.*).

One: Adult. Castle Espie WWT, Strangford Lough, Comber, 6th November (Derek Charles, Walter Veale *et al.*).

Londonderry

One: Adult. Ballykelly / Balls Point / Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle, 25th September - 10th November (Theo Campbell, Ronald Surgenor, Ian Dickey).



Dark-bellied Brent Goose *Branta bernicla bernicla*,
Balla Point County Londonderry, 2012. Photo Derek Charles.



Dark-bellied Brent Goose *Branta bernicla bernicla*,
Killard, County Down, 2013. Photo Derek Charles.



Dark-bellied Brent Goose *Branta bernicla bernicla*,
Myroe Levels, County Londonderry, 2015. Photo Ronald Surgenor.

2016

Down

One: Dundrum Inner Bay North, Dundrum, Newcastle, 23rd - 26th April (David Nixon).

Two: Greyabbey, Strangford Lough, 29th October (Stuart McKee).

Londonderry

One: Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle. Singles observed on 7th March and presumed same, 30th December (Ivor McDonald, Neal Warnock).

2017

Antrim

One: Rathlin Island, 26th April (Ric Else).

One: Juvenile. Dargan Bay, Belfast Lough, Belfast, Antrim, 30th April, photographed (Derek Charles).

Two: Larne Lough; singles recorded at Glynn on 28th May and at Drains Bay on 16th October (Ian Graham, Neal Warnock).

Down

One: Juvenile. Killough Harbour, Killough, 17th to 29th April (Chris Murphy *et al.*).

Three: Kinnegar Shore, Belfast Lough, Holywood, 30th April - 15th May with two remaining from the 16th - 22nd May, photographed (Derek Charles, Daniel Newtown *et al.*).

Three: Dundrum Inner Bay South, Newcastle; one adult and one juvenile 2nd May, one juvenile observed on 5th May, three were present on 6th May, with one adult remaining to 26th May (David Nixon *et al.*).

One: Adult. Mill Quarter Bay, Strangford Lough, 3rd May (David Nixon).

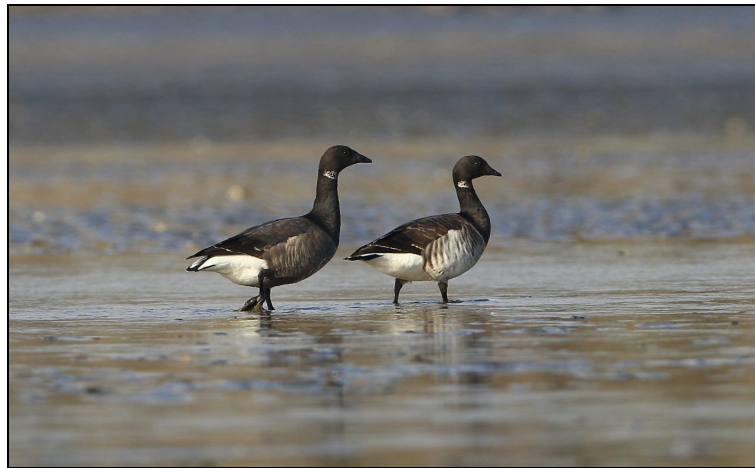
Two: The Maltings, Newtownards, Strangford Lough, 5th November (Walter Veale, Christopher Veale *et al.*).

Londonderry

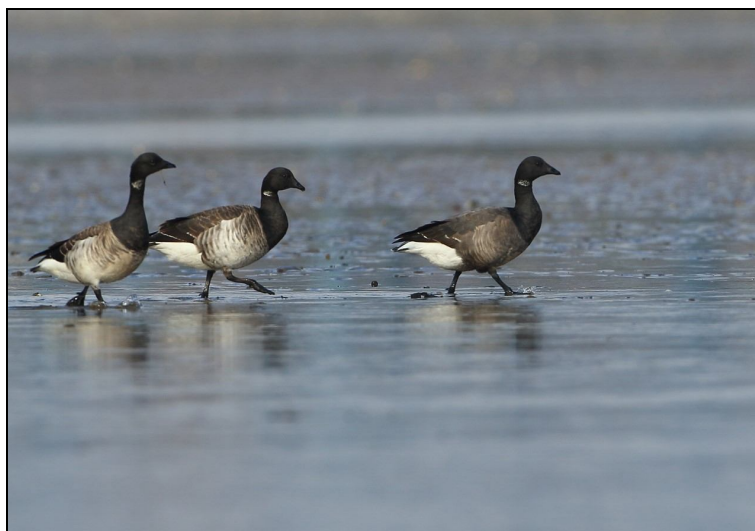
Three: Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle; two adults observed on 19th May with one bird recorded on 16th September (Richard Smith, Theo Campbell *et al.*).



Dark-bellied Brent Goose *Branta bernicla bernicla*,
Mill Bay, County Down, 2017. Photo David Nixon.



Dark-bellied Brent Goose *Branta bernicla bernicla*,
Kinnegar, County Down, 2017. Photo courtesy of Ronald Surgenor.



Dark-bellied Brent Goose *Branta bernicla bernicla*,
Kinnegar, County Down, 2017. Photo courtesy of Ronald Surgenor.

2018

Down

One: Adult. Dundrum Inner Bay South, Newcastle, 19th - 30th April (David Nixon).

One: North end, Strangford Lough, 30th September - 10th November (Richard Weyl *et al.*).

Londonderry

One: Adult. Ballykelly, Lough Foyle, 20th September - 26th October (Theo Campbell, Richard Smith, Steve McQueen, Derek Charles *et al.*).

One: Adult. Balls Point, Lough Foyle, Bellarena, 23rd September - 4th November (Theo Campbell, Richard Smith, Derek Charles *et al.*). Different individual to above at Ballykelly.

One: Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle, 28th September (Neal Warnock). Same as Balls Point bird.

2019

Antrim

One: Rathlin Island, 29th April (Ric Else, Hazel Watson).

Down

One: Floodgates, Strangford Lough, Newtownards, 10th March (Brian Murphy)

One: Killough, 19th April (David Nixon).

One: Dundrum Inner Bay, Newcastle, 14th November (David Nixon).

Londonderry

One: Balls Point, Lough Foyle, Bellarena, 3rd December (David Nixon, Philip MaHaffie).

Five: Two adults and two juveniles. Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle, 19th December (Richard Donaghey) with a different adult, 22nd December (Derek Charles).



Dark-bellied Brent Goose *Branta bernicla bernicla*,
Dundrum, County Down, 2018. Photo courtesy of David Nixon.



Dundrum Inner Bay, Newcastle, 14th November 2019. Photo. David Nixon.