

Black-throated Diver *Gavia arctica*. **SV**

(Breeds freshwater lakes in Northern Europe and Asia).

Unpublished records:

1991

Fermanagh

One: Found injured. Castle Caldwell, Leggs, "December" (Joe Magee).

1993

Down

Three: St John's Point, Killough, 29th November (Stephen Foster).

1995

Antrim

One: Macedon Point, Whiteabbey, Belfast Lough, 10th December (Geoff Campbell).

Down

One: Greyabbey Bay South, Greyabbey, Strangford Lough, 2nd January (Stephen Foster).

11: St John's Point, Killough. One, 15th January, three, 8th October, two, 4th November, with a single recorded 5th November. Two birds were observed on two dates, 12th November and 31st December (Anthony McGeehan, Nicholas Veale, Davy Hunter *et al.*).

One: Bangor Bay, Bangor, 21st March (Colin Davidson).

One: Kearney, Outer Ards Peninsula, 29th October (Geoff Campbell).

One: Greencastle Point, Greencastle, 10th December (Frank Carroll).

Londonderry

One: Magilligan, Lough Foyle, 14th February (Richard Gray).

One: Myroe, Lough Foyle, 10th December (Walter Veale, Nicholas Veale).

1996

Down

One: Adult. Newcastle Harbour, Newcastle, 12th May (Richard Gray *et al.*).

One: Newcastle Bay South, Newcastle, 29th October (Nicolas Veale).

One: St John's Point, Killough, 31st October (Nicolas Veale).

One: Killough Coastguard Station, Killough, 3rd November (Eric Randall).

1997

Antrim

Two: Carnlough, 3rd December (Matthew Ticker).

Down

One: Ballyholme, Bangor, 7th to 8th March (Tony Marr, Colin Guy).

One: Minerstown, 28th December (Walter Veale, Eric Randall).

One: Newcastle Bay South, Newcastle, 29th December (Ken Perry *et al.*).

Two: St John's Point, Killough, 30th December (Anthony McGeehan).

Londonderry

One: Ballykelly, Lough Foyle, 9th November (D. Sherlock).

Two: Magilligan, Lough Foyle, 30th November, one remaining to 30th December (D. Sherlock).

1998

Antrim

One: Carnlough Bay, Carnlough, 16th to 18th November (D. McCreedy *et al.*).

Down

Two: Bloody Bridge, Newcastle, 25th to 26th January (Ivor McDonald, W. Voles *et al.*).

One: Adult. Gransha Point, Kircubbin, Strangford Lough, 27th December (A. Creal *et al.*).

Londonderry

One: Magilligan, Lough Foyle, 2nd January (D. Sherlock).

Two: Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle, 2nd April (R. Bashford *et al.*).

1999

Antrim

One: Cushendall Bay, Cushendall, 31st January (Colin Guy).

Two: Red Bay, Waterfoot, 31st January (Colin Guy).

Down

Eight: St John's Point, Killough. Two, 3rd January, five on 9th May, with a single on 31st October (Dennis Weir, Willie McDowell, Walter Veale, Eric Randall, Joe Lamont *et al.*).

One: Gransha Point, Kircubbin Strangford Lough 10th to 24th January (Ivan Quail).

One: Reagh Island, Strangford Lough, Comber, 24th February (Anthony McGeehan).

One: Groomsport, 22nd March (Clifford Sharpe *et al.*).

One: Murlough High Dunes, Murlough, Newcastle, 9th May (Walter Veale, Eric Randall, Dennis Weir, Willie McDowell, Dave Allen).

One: Grey Point, Crawfordsburn, Belfast Lough, 27th November (Brad Robson).

Two: Rockport, Crawfordsburn, Belfast Lough, 27th November (Ian Enlander).

One: Crawfordsburn Bay, Crawfordsburn, Belfast Lough, 11th December (Jim Whitla).

2000**Antrim**

One: Carnlough Bay, Carnlough, 4th February (Colin Guy).

One: Whitehead, 12th November (Ian Enlander).

Three: Cushendall Bay, Cushendall, 16th to 18th November (Colin Guy).

Two: One adult and one juvenile. Red Bay, Waterfoot, 23rd December (Davy Hunter).

Down

One: Rostrevor Bay, Rostrevor, 5th to 11th February (Frank Carroll *et al.*).

Two: Newcastle Bay South. One, 27th February, with one observed from 30th September to 26th November (Eric Randall, Dave Hadrick, Orcilla Hadrick *et al.*).

One: St John's Point, Killough, 29th October (Eric Randall).

2001**Antrim**

Two: Ramore Head, Portrush. Singles on 8th and 16th September (Matthew Tickner, J. Dick, Eric Randall).

One: Whitehead, 17th October (Ian Enlander).

Down

One: Burr Point, Ballyhalbert, 2nd January (Colin Guy).

One: Bloody Bridge, Newcastle, 13th January (Orcilla Hadrick, Dave Hadrick).

Two: St John's Point, Killough, 4th February (Anthony McGeehan).

One: Grey Point, Belfast Lough, Crawfordsburn, 4th November (Eric Randall).

One: Briggs Rocks, Groomsport, 4th November to 16th December (Eric Randall *et al.*).

2002**Down**

One: St John's Point, Killough, 13th January (George Gordon *et al.*).

One: Briggs Rocks, Groomsport, 16th October (Neville McKee).

2004**Down**

One: Kilclief Bay, Kilclief Village, Strangford, 13th January (Clifford Sharpe, Joe Devlin).

Four: St John's Point, Killough. One, 14th February, two 15th April, with a single on 30th May (Dave Hadrick, Orcilla Hadrick, Ivor McDonald, Eric Randall).

2005**Antrim**

One: Ramore Head, Portrush, 26th December (D. Clarke, J. Pyper).

Down

One: Killough Bay, Killough, 2nd January (Jim Whitla).

One: Greyabbey Bay South, Strangford Lough, Greyabbey, 13th January (Dave Allen, Clive Mellon).

One: Mill Quarter Bay, Strangford, 15th January (J. Pyper, D. Clarke).

Three: Kircubbin Bay, Strangford Lough, Kircubbin. One, 22nd January, with two, 27th to 28th December (Joe Lamont, Michael Ruddock, Richard Weyl).

One: St John's Point, Killough, 17th April (Stephen Foster, Walter Veale, Eric Randall).

Londonderry

One: First-summer. Magilligan, Lough Foyle, 29th May (C. Coney).

2006**Antrim**

One: Glenarm Bay, Glenarm, County Antrim, 24th February (N. Telford).

Down

Six: Kircubbin Bay, Strangford Lough, Kircubbin. Up to three, 7th to 14th January, with three on 21st October (Joe Lamont, Richard Weyl *et al.*).

Two: Bloody Bridge, Newcastle, 14th January (Dave Hadrick, Orcilla Hadrick).

Two: Dundrum Inner Bay, Newcastle, 16th to 17th January. (Andrew Crory).

One: Orlock, Groomsport 18th February to 25th March (Richard Weyl).

One: Groomsport, 4th March (Richard Weyl).

Three: Knockinelder Bay, Kearney, 5th March (Richard Weyl).

One: Gransha Point, Strangford Lough, Kircubbin, 5th March (Richard Weyl).

Seven: St John's Point, Killough. Four, 7th May, with three observed on 14th May (Walter Veale, Eric Randall *et al.*).

Three: Greyabbey Bay, Strangford Lough, Greyabbey, 29th October (Ian Patience *et al.*).

Up to two: Newtownards Sailing Club, Strangford Lough, Newtownards, 29th October to 26th November (Dennis Weir *et al.*).

Two: Seapark Coastal Strip, Crawfordsburn Country Park, Crawfordsburn, 2nd November (Richard Weyl).

2007

Antrim

One: Red Bay, Waterfoot, 7th March (Davy Hunter).

One: Portrush Harbour, Portrush, 14th March (Colin Guy).

One: Glenarm Bay, Glenarm, 23rd November (Colin Guy).

Down

One: Dundrum Bay, Newcastle, 24th February (Andrew Crory).

One: St John's Point, Killough, 11th November (Garry Armstrong).

Five: Herring Bay, Greyabbey, Strangford Lough, 16th December (Andrew Crory).

2008

One: Orlock, Groomsport, County Down, 1st to 6th January (Richard Weyl).

Up to six: Kircubbin Bay, Strangford Lough, Kircubbin, 19th January to 16th February (Richard Weyl).

Three: Newtownards Sailing Club, Strangford Lough, Newtownards. Up to two 15th February to 18th March, with one on 15th November (Richard Weyl *et al.*).

Two: One mile south of Kircubbin, Strangford Lough, 16th February (Andrew Crory).

Five: Killyleagh Harbour, Strangford Lough, Killyleagh. Up to two, 1st to 3rd March, with three on 15th December (Keith Bennett, Joe Lamont *et al.*).

One: Templecowey, 3rd May (Richard Weyl).

Two: Copeland Bird Observatory, Lighthouse Island, Copeland Islands, 19th September (Neville McKee).

Two: Drumfad Bay, Millisle, 12th November (James Robinson).

One: Newcastle, 8th December (Gary Wilkinson).

2009

Down

Three: Newtownards Sailing Club, Strangford Lough, Newtownards, 3rd January (Flightline).

One: Grey Island, Strangford Lough, Killyleagh, 6th January (Flightline).

One: Newcastle Harbour, Newcastle, 18th January to 8th March (Andrew Crory *et al.*).

One: Coney Island, Portavogie, 23rd January to 19th February (Flightline).

One: Ballyholme Bay, Bangor, 31st January to 4th February (Flightline).

Three: Kircubbin, Strangford Lough. One, 1st March, two, 12th December (Flightline).

One: St John's Point, Killough, 17th May (Derek Charles).

Up to two: Greyabbey Bay, Strangford Lough, Greyabbey, 18th October to 8th November (Flightline).

One: Whiterock Bay, Strangford Lough, Killinchy, 22nd October (Flightline).

2010

Down

Up to 18: Various locations, Strangford Lough, 3rd January to 20th March (Keith Bennett *et al.*).

Two or three: Newcastle. One 22nd January, one 28th November to 2nd December, with two at Bloody Bridge on 4th December (Andrew Crory *et al.*).

One: Herring Bay, Strangford Lough, Greyabbey, 24th October to 28th November (Richard Weyl, Keith Bennett).

Up to four: Kircubbin, Strangford Lough, 21st November to 29th December (James Robinson *et al.*).

One: Horse Island, Strangford Lough, Kircubbin, 26th December (Richard Weyl).

Four: Greyabbey, Strangford Lough, 28th December (Richard Weyl).

2011

Antrim

One: Whitehead, 6th October (Cameron Moore).

One: Ramore Head, Portrush, 2nd December (Colin Guy).

One: Whitehouse, Belfast Lough, 3rd December (Stuart McKee).

Two: Juveniles. Cushendall, 15th December (Colin Guy).

Down

Up to eight: Gransha Point, Strangford Lough, Kircubbin, 2nd January to 16th April (Richard Weyl).

Up to eight: Kircubbin, Strangford Lough, 10th February to 19th March (H. McCullough *et al.*).

Five: Greyabbey Bay, Strangford Lough, Greyabbey. Up to three 12th February to 20th March, with two on 13th November (Derek Charles, Walter Veale, Majella Callaghan, James Robinson *et al.*).

Three: Ringburr Point, Strangford Lough, Kircubbin. Two 20th February, with one on 11th December (Richard Weyl).

Two: Monaghan Bank, Strangford Lough, Kircubbin, 19th March (Keith Bennett).

One: Briggs Rocks, Groomsport, 21st March (Colin Guy).

Four: St John's Point, Killough. Two adults 9th July, with two on 26th November (Derek Charles, Walter Veale).

One: Copeland Bird Observatory, Lighthouse Island, Copeland Islands, 7th October (Neville McKee).

One: Groomsport, 11th to 13th November (Ivor McDonald *et al.*).

Up to three: Herring Bay, Strangford Lough, Greyabbey, 19th to 20th November (Richard Weyl *et al.*).

Four: Newtownards Sailing Club, Strangford Lough, Newtownards, 20th November (Richard Weyl).

Two: Newcastle. One 10th December to 27th December, with a second bird on 27th December (Dan Bailie, Andrew Croy *et al.*).

2012

Antrim

One: Whitehouse, Belfast Lough, 2nd January (Stuart McKee).

One: Rathlin Island, 15th January (Neal Warnock).

One: Portrush, 13th February (Tim Murphy).

One: Whitehead, 26th February (Gerard McGeehan, Shirley Dunlop).

Down

Two: Chapel Island, Strangford Lough Greyabbey, 28th January (Richard Weyl).

Three: Groomsport / Briggs Rocks. One 30th January to 13th February, and up to two, 15th November to 31st December (George Gordon *et al.*).

One: Murlough / Newcastle, 28th January (Keith Bennett).

One: Gasworks, Strangford Lough, Greyabbey, 24th February (Tim Murphy *et al.*).

Up to seven: Gransha Point, Strangford Lough, Kircubbin, 26th February to 5th April (Richard Weyl *et al.*).

Two: St John's Point, Killough, 7th May (Tim Murphy).

One: Ballyhalbert, 12th August (James Robinson).

One: Monaghan Bank, Strangford Lough, Kircubbin, 20th October (Keith Bennett).

One: Kircubbin, Strangford Lough, 17th November (Richard Weyl).

Three: Greyabbey, Strangford Lough, 21st December (Richard Weyl).

2013

Antrim

One: Whitehead, Belfast Lough, 3rd January (Ian Enlander).

One: Portmuck Island, Larne, 14th February (Ian Enlander).

Down

One or two: Groomsport. One: 10th to 11th January One: 28th December (George Gordon Fulton Summerville *et al.*).

Three: Greyabbey Bay, Strangford Lough, Greyabbey. Up to two 19th January to 24th March with one on 24th November (Richard Weyl, Keith Bennett).

Up to eight: Gransha, Strangford Lough, Kircubbin, 2nd March to 20th April (Keith Bennett *et al.*).

One: Dundrum, Newcastle, 9th November to 29th December (Andrew Croy *et al.*).

Two: Newtownards Sailing Club, Strangford Lough, Newtownards, 30th December (Richard Weyl).

Londonderry

Three: Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle, 3rd March (Derek Charles).

2014

Antrim

- One: Cushendall Beach, Cushendall, 28th January (John McKillop).
- One: Arcadia, East Strand, Portrush, 25th February (Colin Guy).
- One: Portmuck, Islandmagee, Larne, 9th October (Ian Enlander).
- One: Whitehead, 20th October (Cameron Moore).
- One: Ballygally Bay, Ballygally, 25th November (Robert Scott).

Down

- One or two: Groomsport. One 3rd January and one 12th November (George Gordon *et al.*).
- Up to 17: Gransha Point, Strangford Lough, Kircubbin, 4th January to 16th February (Richard Weyl).
- One: Rockport, Belfast Lough, 14th January (Ronald Surgenor, Billy Miskelly).
- Ten: Ringburr Point, Strangford Lough, Kircubbin, 18th January (Richard Weyl).
- Nine: Herring Bay, Strangford Lough, Greyabbey, 16th February (Richard Weyl).
- Up to 12: Greyabbey, Strangford Lough. Up to nine 16th February to 22nd April and up to three, 16th to 28th November (James Robinson, Richard Weyl *et al.*).
- Up to 11: Kircubbin Yacht Club, Strangford Lough, Kircubbin. Up to eight, 21st February to 30th March with three on 9th November (Richard Weyl, Jeff Larkin *et al.*).
- One or two: Newcastle Harbour, Newcastle. One 9th March to 2nd April and one 2nd to 31st December (Andrew Crory *et al.*).
- One: Helens Bay, Bangor, 9th November (Jim Whitla).

Londonderry

- One: Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle, 29th October (David Clarke, John Pyper).

2015

Antrim

- One: Portmuck, Larne, 22nd February (Gerard McGeehan, Shirley Dunlop).
- Two: Summer adults. Shane's Castle, Lough Neagh, Antrim, 16th May (Derek Charles).

Down

- Up to five: Ringburr Point, Strangford Lough, Kircubbin, 4th January to 5th April (Richard Weyl).
- Up to four: Greyabbey Bay, Strangford Lough, Greyabbey. Two 25th January to 14th March, and up to two 22nd November to 25th December (Richard Weyl, Keith Bennett).
- One: Cloughy Bay, Cloughy, Outer Ards Peninsula, 8th to 14th February (Keith Bennett *et al.*).
- Two: Rossglass, 14th February (Tim Murphy).
- Two: Ann's Point, Strangford Lough, Greyabbey, 14th March (Richard Weyl).
- Up to seven: Gransha Point, Strangford Lough, Kircubbin, 22nd March to 5th April (Richard Weyl).
- One: St. John's Point, Killough, 10th May (Chris Murphy).
- One: Strangford Narrows, Killard, 13th December (James O'Neill).

2016

Down

- Up to six: Greyabbey, Strangford Lough. Up to five, 2nd to 16th January, with a single on 20th November (Richard Weyl).
- One: Adult. Portavogie, 8th January (Derek Charles).
- Up to six: Gransha Point, Strangford Lough, Kircubbin, 9th January to 13th March (Richard Weyl).
- Four: Horse Island, Strangford Lough, Kircubbin, 28th February (Richard Weyl).
- Three: Newtownards Sailing Club, Strangford Lough, Newtownards, 13th March (Richard Weyl).

2017

Antrim

- One: Ramore Head, Portrush, 5th November (Derek Charles).

Down

- Seven: Gransha Bay, Strangford Lough, Kircubbin, 7th January to 5th March (Richard Weyl).
- One: Greyabbey, Strangford Lough, 20th January (Richard Weyl).
- Two: Horse Island, Strangford Lough, Kircubbin, 20th January to 18th February (Richard Weyl).
- One: Juvenile. Groomsport, 30th October to 23rd December (Colin Guy *et al.*).
- One: Kinnegar Shore, Belfast Lough, Holywood, 19th November (Daniel Newtown).
- One: Juvenile. Dundrum Inner Bay, Newcastle, 1st to 27th December (Wilf Swain *et al.*).
- One: Strickland's Glen, Bangor, 13th December (Philip Watson).
- One: Kircubbin Yacht Club, Strangford Lough, Kircubbin, 23rd December (Garry Armstrong *et al.*).

2018

Antrim

One: Runkerry Bay, Portballintrae, 30th January (Patrick Barton).

One: 300metres west of Portballintrae Harbour, 17th February (Derek Charles).

One: Adult winter. Ballygally, 24th to 27th March (Nelly Warnock *et al.*).

Two: Whitehead, 4th April (Ian Enlander).

Up to two: Carnlough Bay, Carnlough, 28th October to 10th November (Jeff Larkin *et al.*).

Down

Two: Groomsport. One adult on 5th January with two birds observed from the 7th to 17th January (George Gordon *et al.*).

Up to seven: Greyabbey, Strangford Lough. Up to six: 5th January to 9th March with a single on 16th December (Richard Weyl).

Three: Gransha Point, Strangford Lough, Kircubbin. Two 17th February with a single on 23rd December (Richard Weyl).

One: Kircubbin Yacht Club, Strangford Lough, Kircubbin, 18th February (Garry Armstrong).

One: Portaferry, Strangford Lough, 18th February (Michael Latham).

Up to four: Kircubbin, Strangford Lough, 21st February to 25th March (Richard Weyl *et al.*).

One: Marfield, Portaferry, Strangford Lough, 25th February (Richard Weyl).

Two: Ann's Point, Greyabbey, Strangford Lough, 24th March (Richard Weyl).

One: Ballyquintin Point, Portavogie, 14th October (Richard Weyl).

One: Horse Island, Kircubbin, Strangford Lough, 16th December (Richard Weyl).

Londonderry

One: Adult. Magilligan, Lough Foyle, 29th April (Derek Charles).

One: Castlerock, 24th November (Derek Charles).