

## **Continental Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax carbo sinensis* (0, 18, 0). **RV**

(Atlantic waters and nearby inland waters. On Western European coasts and south to North Africa, the Faroe Islands, Iceland and Greenland).

### **Published records:**

#### **1956**

One: "Showing characteristics of". Reported off County Down, 6th March (C.D. Deane, J. Kirk). *Ruttledge* 1957. **R**

One: "Showing characteristics of". Kinnegar, Holywood, County Down, 20th March (A.R. Thompson). *Ruttledge* 1957. **R**

Ruttledge stated in the 1958 Irish Bird Report that the subspecies *sinensis* and *carbo* were not separable in the field, which would appear to indicate that both earlier records could not be definitely assigned to the Continental form and must remain in the records as "showing characteristic of".

#### **1985**

One: Ringed. Lough Neagh, County Tyrone, 25th October. 2011 Irish Rare Bird Report, *Irish Birds* 9(3): 455. This bird had been ringed in Denmark.

#### **1999**

Up to three: Upper Lake, Seaforde Estate, Seaforde, County Down. Two observed on 10th November, with three [adult, sub-adult and juvenile] recorded from 11th to 20th November (Martin Garner). *NIBA* 2002.

Up to five: Hillsborough Park Lake, Hillsborough, County Down. Two, one adult and one sub-adult, 27th November with five [two juveniles, the other three not aged] on 4th December (Martin Garner). *NIBA* 2002.

#### **2000**

One: Belfast Waterworks, Antrim Road, Belfast, County Antrim, 8th January (Martin Garner *et al.*). *NIBA* 2002.

Six: Two adults and four immatures. Hillsborough Park Lake, Hillsborough, County Down, 6th January (Martin Garner). *NIBA* 2002.

Two: One juvenile and one sub adult. Upper Lake, Seaforde Estate, Seaforde, County Down, 15th November (Martin Garner). *NIBA* 2002.