

**Red-necked Grebe** *Podiceps grisegena* (2, 44, 10).

(Breeds southern Sweden, Denmark through central and eastern Europe, east to western Siberia. Winters North and Baltic Seas, with smaller numbers in the Adriatic, Black Sea, Caspian Sea and the Mediterranean).

**1831**

**Off the coast of Down in autumn. Thompson 1851.**

**1850**

One: Shot. Belfast Lough, County Antrim/Down, 23rd February. *Thompson 1851.*

**1954**

One: Belfast Lough, County Down/Antrim, 27th November (S. Penny, A. Thompson). *Ruttledge 1955.*

**1955**

One: Mahee Island, Strangford Lough, Lisbane, County Down, 30th October (G.R. Humphreys, Lance Turtle). *Ruttledge 1956.*

**1956**

One: Acton Lake, Poyntzpass, County Armagh, 13th to 17th January (R. Chambers, Joe Furphy *et al.*). *Ruttledge 1957.*

One: Castlerock, County Londonderry, 2nd April. *Ruttledge 1957.*

**1957**

Two: Portavo Reservoir, Groomsport, County Down, 6th January (Hill Dick, A.J. Tree). *Ruttledge 1958.R*

**1969**

One: Duncrue Street, Belfast Lough, Belfast, County Antrim, 19th January (Hill Dick). *Ruttledge 1970.*

**1976**

One: St. John's Point, Killough, County Down, 8th February (Colin Guy *et al.*). *NIBRC 8/1977.*

**1977**

One: Portrush Harbour, Portrush, County Antrim, 30th December (Mervyn Guthrie). *NIBRC 61/1978.*

**1978**

One: Bangor, County Down, 9th December. *NIBRC 8/1979.*

**1979**

One: Newcastle and Bloody Bridge, County Down, 3rd March (D. Fisher). *NIBRC 47/1980.*

**1981**

One: Kinnego, Oxford Island NNR, Lurgan, County Armagh, 4th July (R.W Culbert, Joe Furphy). *NIBRC 1982.*

**1982**

One: Bangor Harbour, Bangor, County Down, 13th to 28th November (H. Craig *et al.*). *NIBRC 1987.*

**1983**

One: Dundrum Bay, Newcastle, County Down, 29th January (Richard. J. Ellis). *NIBARC 1987.*

**1984**

One: Oxford Island NNR, Lurgan, County Armagh, 11th February to June. *AFNS Report 1984.* Not published by NIBA / NIBARC.

**1985**

One: Mahee Island, Strangford Lough, Lisbane, County Down, 14th December, remained in the vicinity to the end of the year (Anthony McGeehan *et al.*). *NIBARC 1987.*

**1987**

One: Groomsport, County Down, 24th January. *NIBA 1992.*

One: Larne Lough, County Antrim, 10th to 12th February. *NIBA 1992.*

One Red Bay, Waterfoot, County Antrim, 28th February to 11th March. *NIBA 1992.*

**1989**

One: Ballyholme and Bangor Bays, Bangor, County Down, 26th February to 11th March. *NIBA 1992*

**1990**

One: In summer plumage. Oxford Island NNR, Lurgan, County Armagh, 12th July. *NIBA 1993.*

**1991**

Two: Kircubbin and Greyabbey, Strangford Lough, County Down, 2nd December to the end of the year. *NIBA 1993*

**1992**

Two: Kircubbin and Greyabbey, Strangford Lough, County Down, from 1991 remained to 22nd March. *NIBA*

**1993.**

One: Adult in full summer plumage. Castle Caldwell, Lower Lough Erne, Leggs, County Fermanagh, 23rd May to 25th November. *NIBA* 1993.

One: St. John's Point, Killough, County Down, 15th November. *NIBA* 1993.

One: Kircubbin, Strangford Lough, County Down, 20th December into 1993 (Stuart McKee *et al.*). *NIBA* 1993.

**1993**

One: Kircubbin, Strangford Lough, County Down. One from 1992 remained to 15th February and presumed same 10th October into 1994 (Stephen Foster *et al.*). *NIBA* 1994. *Irish Birds* 1994 published "Two, Strangford Lough 17th December into 1994".

One: Larne Lough, County Antrim, 21st November into 1994 (Davy Hunter, Stephen Foster). *NIBA* 1994.

**1994**

One: Kircubbin, Strangford Lough was last seen on 22nd February (Dave Allen, Clive Mellon *et al.*). *NIBA* 1996.

Two: Kircubbin Yacht Club, Strangford Lough, Kircubbin, 12<sup>th</sup> [November], (Anthony McGeehan *et al.*). *NIBA* 1996.

One: Larne Lough, County Antrim, from 1993 remained to 2nd January (Davy Hunter, Stephen Foster). *NIBA* 1996.

One: Magheramourne spit, Larne Lough, Antrim, 6th November (Davy Hunter, B. Hamill). *NIBA* 1996.

One: Ringburr Point, Strangford Lough, Kircubbin, County Down, 10th November (Stephen Foster). *NIBA* 1996.

One: Kinnego, Oxford Island NNR, Lurgan, Lough Neagh, County Armagh, 8th December. *AFNS* Report 1994. Not published by NIBA/NIBARC.

**1995**

One: Newtownards Sailing Club, Strangford Lough, Newtownards, County Down, 2nd January (Anthony McGeehan). *NIBA* 1997.

One: Kircubbin, Strangford Lough, County Down, 29th January to 20th April (Anthony McGeehan *et al.*). *NIBA* 1997.

Two: Magheramourne, Larne Lough, County Antrim, 19th March (Paul McCullough). *NIBA* 1997.

One: Macedon Point, Belfast Lough, County Antrim, 15th November (Geoff Campbell). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

**1996**

One: Killough, County Down, 20th February to 3rd March (Dave Allen, Anthony McGeehan *et al.*). *NIBA* 1998.

One: Tyrella, Downpatrick, County Down, 7th to 15th March (David Steele *et al.*). *NIBA* 1998.

One: Reagh Island, Strangford Lough, Comber, County Down, 30th March (Anthony McGeehan). *NIBA* 1998.

One: Kircubbin, Strangford Lough, County Down, 24th March to 6th April (Anthony McGeehan *et al.*). *NIBA* 1998.

One: Marlfield Bay, Strangford Lough, Portaferry, County Down, 16th October (Geoff Campbell). *Milne & O'Sullivan* 1999.

One: Greyabbey Bay South, Strangford Lough, Greyabbey, County Down, 12th November (Geoff Campbell). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

**1997**

One: Kircubbin Bay, Strangford Lough, Kircubbin, County Down, 26th January to 23rd March (Anthony McGeehan *et al.*). *NIBA* 1999.

One: Greyabbey Bay, Strangford Lough, Greyabbey, County Down, 6th April (Geoff Campbell). *NIBA* 1999.

One: Kinnego, Oxford Island NNR, Lurgan, County Armagh, 16th October (A. Navan). *AFNS* Report 1997. Not published by NIBA / NIBARC.

One: Ballywhite Bay, Strangford Lough, Portaferry, 23rd November stayed to January 1998 (Chris Murphy). *NIBA* 1999.

**1998**

One: Bloody Bridge, Newcastle, County Down, 7th February (Dave Hadrick, Orcilla Hadrick). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

One: Juvenile/first-winter. Dargan Bay, Belfast Lough, Belfast, County Antrim, 21st to 29th November (Anthony McGeehan *et al.*). *NIBA* 2000.

One: Greyabbey Bay South, Strangford Lough, Greyabbey, County Down, 22nd November (Ivan Quail). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

**1999**

One or two: Kircubbin Bay, Kircubbin, Strangford Lough, County Down; singles on 14th February and 21st November (Eric Randall *et al.*). † *Charles and Crory* 2019.

One: Summer plumage adult. Stoneyford Reservoir, Stoneyford, Lisburn, County Antrim, 20th May to 20th June (N. White *et al.*). *NIBA* 2001.

One: Reedy Flats, Lough Neagh, Derrytrasna, County Armagh, 25th to 30th June (David Knight *et al.*). *NIBA* 2001.

One: Greyabbey Bay South, Greyabbey, 5th - 7th November (Ivan Quail, Ken Perry *et al.*). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

## **2000**

### **Down**

One: Killowen Point, Carlingford Lough, Rostrevor, County Down, 10th - 11th February (Frank Carroll *et al.*). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

One: Greyabbey Bay South, Strangford Lough, Greyabbey, County Down, 30th October (Joe Lamont). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

## **2002**

One: Greyabbey Bay South, Strangford Lough, Greyabbey, County Down, 13th January (Jeff Larkin). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

One: Red Bay, Waterfoot, County Antrim, 26th February (Colin Guy). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

## **2003**

One: Kircubbin Bay, Strangford Lough, Kircubbin, County Down, 2nd to 27th March (Dave Allen, Clive Mellon *et al.*). *NIBA* 2006.

## **2004**

One: Kircubbin Bay, Strangford Lough, Kircubbin, County Down, 14th February (Michael Rudduck). *NIBA* 2006.

One: Greyabbey Bay South, Strangford Lough, Greyabbey, County Down, 20th February (Dave Hadrick, Orcilla Hadrick). *NIBA* 2006.

## **2005**

One: Kircubbin Bay, Strangford Lough, Kircubbin, County Down, 27th December into 2006 (Richard Weyl). *NIBA* 2008a.

## **2006**

One: Kircubbin Bay, Strangford Lough, Kircubbin, County Down, from 2005 stayed to 3rd January (Richard Weyl). *NIBA* 2008a.

## **2008**

One: Kircubbin Bay, Strangford Lough, Kircubbin, County Down, 12th to 20th January and 13th December (Richard Weyl). *NIBA* 2008b.

## **2009**

One: Macedon Point, Belfast Lough, Whiteabbey, County Antrim, 15th - 19th October (Keith Bennett *et al.*). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

One: Greyabbey, Strangford Lough, County Down, 3rd January - 19th February (Richard Weyl). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

One: Kircubbin, Strangford Lough, County Down, 13th - 31st December (James Robinson *et al.*). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

## **2010**

One: Adult. Glenshesk River, Ballycastle, County Antrim, 3rd January, photographed (Geoff Campbell, Derek Charles, Walter Veale). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

One: Herring Bay, Strangford Lough, Greyabbey, County Down, 3rd January - 14th February (Richard Weyl *et al.*). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

## **2011**

One: Greyabbey Bay North, Strangford Lough, Greyabbey, County Down, 29th January (Keith Bennett). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

One: Portmore Lough RSPB Reserve, Aghagallon, County Antrim, 18th December (Derek Charles, Majella Callaghan). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

## **2012**

One: Herring Bay, Greyabbey, Strangford Lough, County Down, 13th January - 28th February (Richard Weyl *et al.*) *Charles and Crory* 2019.

## **2013**

One: Greyabbey, Strangford Lough, County Down, 14th October - 24th November (James Robinson *et al.*). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

## **2014**

### **Down**

One: 200 meters north of Kircubbin Yacht Club, Strangford Lough, Kircubbin, County Down, 16th February (Billy Miskelly). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

**2015**

One: Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle, County Londonderry, 1st November (Derek Charles, Majella Callaghan). *Charles and Crory 2019.*

**2017**

One: Juvenile / first-winter. Lough Beg NNR, County Londonderry, 8th September - 11th November (David Steele *et al.*). *Charles and Crory 2019.*

One: Bann Estuary, Coleraine, County Londonderry, 23rd October (Colin Guy). *Charles and Crory 2019.*

**2018**

**Londonderry**

One: Mullagh, Lough Beg NNR, County Londonderry, 25th January (David Steele). *Charles and Crory 2019.*

**The following published records we do not include in our totals:**

**1956**

Three: Mahee Island, Strangford Lough, Lisbane, County Down, 13th January (P. Scott, Lance Turtle). *Ruttledge*

**1957.**

Six: Strangford Lough, County Down, 29th December (J.M.S. Arnott, J. Cunningham, D.I.M. Wallace *et al.*). *Ruttledge 1957.*



Plate 38 (top). Red Necked Grebe *Podiceps grisegena* Ballycastle. 3rd January 2010. Photo courtesy of Derek Charles.