

## **Great Shearwater** *Ardenna gravis* (1, 29, 24).

(Breeds on Nightingale Island, Inaccessible Island, Tristan da Cunha and Gough Island).

### **Published records:**

#### **1887**

One: Seen off Strangford Lough, County Down, 11th June (R. Lloyd Patterson). *Ussher & Warren* 1900.

#### **1957**

Two: Belfast Lough, County Down/Antrim, 22nd August (Joe Furphy). *Ruttledge* 1958. **remove**

#### **1961**

One: Rathlin Island, County Antrim, 30th September (A.J. Tree). *Ennis & Watson* 1961.

#### **1973**

One: Just west of Rathlin Island, County Antrim, 21st September (P. Watson). *Marsh* 1975.

#### **1990**

One: Passed at long range, Ramore Head, Portrush, County Antrim, 16th August. *Irish Birds* 4:326.

#### **1991**

21: Ramore Head, Portrush, County Antrim, 14th September. *Irish Birds* 5: 82.

#### **1994**

One: St. John's Point, Killough, County Down, 23rd August (Anthony McGeehan). *NIBA* 1996.

#### **1997**

One: St. John's Point, Killough, County Down, 2nd September (Anthony McGeehan). *Milne & O'Sullivan* 1998.

#### **1999**

Three: St. John's Point, Killough, County Down. Single birds observed on 22nd August, 25th August and 18th September (Ivan Quail, Anthony McGeehan, Gerard McGeehan). *NIBA* 2002.

#### **2005**

12: Ramore Head, Portrush, County Antrim. One recorded 6th August with 11 birds observed 19th August (Geoff Campbell, Derek Charles *et al.*). *NIBA* 2008a.

#### **2007**

Five. Landed beside boat 0.5 mile from Portstewart, County Londonderry, 25th August (Ken Perry). *NIBA* 2008b. **R**

One: Ramore Head, Portrush, County Antrim, 17th September (Colin Guy). *NIBA* 2008b.

One: Following a fishing boat. Skerries, Portrush, County Antrim, 17th September (Geoff Campbell). *NIBA* 2008b.

#### **2009**

One: Copeland Bird Observatory, Lighthouse Island, Copeland Islands, County Down, 13th August (Kerry Leonard). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

#### **2015**

One: Ramore Head, Portrush, County Antrim, 24th September (Colin Guy). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

#### **2016**

Two: Ramore Head, Portrush, County Antrim, 21st August (Derek Charles). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

One: Rathlin Island, County Antrim, 31st August (Philip Watson). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

### **At sea records:**

#### **1983**

140: 27th and 28th August, birds seen from four miles north of Portrush, County Antrim, Northern Ireland to approximately 60 miles north of County Donegal, Republic of Ireland (Dennis Weir, Anthony McGeehan *et al.*). *NIBRC* 1987.

### **Unidentified large shearwaters originally published as Great Shearwater:**

#### **1960**

The following records were published in error *IBR* 8: 5. *Ruttledge* 1961 as Great Shearwater; "1960 off Rathlin Island, County Antrim, four, Sept. 4th, one on 7th, two, 11th and one, 14th (Tom Ennis *et al.*)".

They should have been published as "Unidentified Large Shearwater". *Charles and Crory* 2019.

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

**1957**

Two: Belfast Lough, County Down/Antrim, 22nd August (Joe Furphy). *Rutledge* 1958.