

Great Shearwater *Ardenna gravis* (1, 31, 19). **RV**

(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.

1960

Eight: Rathlin Island, County Antrim. In September four birds were recorded on 4th, one on 7th, two on 11th and one on 14th (Tom Ennis *et al.*). *IBR* 8: 5. *Ruttledge* 1961. These should have been published as "Unidentified Large Shearwater" and the observer was Bob Moss. As yet they remain on the record books as Great Shearwaters.

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.

At sea record:

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.