

Leach's Storm-petrel *Oceanodroma leucorhoa*. **SV**

(In the east Atlantic breeding colonies are confined to a few islands off the coasts of Iceland. Breeds on eight islands archipelagos situated along the Atlantic Frontier of Britain and Ireland).

Unpublished records:

1994

Antrim

15: Rathlin West, 20th August (George Gordon).

14: Ramore Head, Portrush. Six, 28th August, six also observed on 24th September and two on 28th September (Matthew Tickner *et al.*).

1995

Antrim

Three: Ramore Head, Portrush. One, 2nd September with two on 28th September (David Knight, Dave Allen, Matthew Tickner).

2000

Down

One: St John's Point, Killough, 5th August (Dave Hadrick, Orcilla Hadrick).

2001

Antrim

12: Ramore Head, Portrush, 9th September (Garry Armstrong *et al.*).

2002

Antrim

22: Ramore Head, Portrush. One 8th September, six 23rd September, two 26th September, four 3rd October, three 6th October and six 7th October (David Steele Davy Hunter, Joe Lamont, Gerard McGeehan *et al.*).

2003

Antrim

22: Ramore Head, Portrush: One: 8th September Six: 23rd September Two: 26th September Four: 3rd October Three: 6th October Six: 7th October (David Steele, Davy Hunter *et al.*).

Londonderry

Two: Portstewart Point, Portstewart. One: 23rd September One: 4th October (Richard Gray, Colin Guy).

2005

Antrim

29: Ramore Head, Portrush. One 16th September, two 28th September and 26 on 1st October (Matthew Tickner, David Steele).

Londonderry

16: Castlerock, 23rd September (Willie McDowell).

2006

Antrim

Seven: Ramore Head, Portrush. One 9th August, six 6th October (David Steele Derek Charles).

"At Sea record"

One: Five miles east of Portavogie, County Down, 22nd September (Anthony McGeehan).

2007

Antrim

12: Ramore Head, Portrush. One 12th August, two 24th September, four 25th September, three 8th November, two 10th November (Garry Armstrong, Dennis Weir, Richard Weyl, Anthony McGeehan, Derek Charles, Andrew Crory).

One: Portrush Harbour, 25th September (Colin Guy).

One: East Strand, Portrush, 25th September (Anthony McGeehan).

2009

Antrim

Three: Ramore Head, Portrush. Single birds on 4th September, 11th October, 25th October (David Steele *et al.*).

2010**Antrim**

109: Ramore Head, Portrush. Five 14th September, 70 15th September, 34 16th September (Matthew Ticker, Colin Guy, Geoff Campbell *et al.*).

Down

Five: Copeland Bird Observatory, Lighthouse Island, Copeland Islands, 15th September (Neville McKee).

Londonderry

One: Ballykelly, Lough Foyle, 16th September (Brad Robson).

2011**Antrim**

72: Ramore Head, Portrush. Four 14th September, one 18th September, two 6th October and 65 7th October (Dermot Hughes Matthew Ticker *et al.*).

Four: East Strand, Portrush, 6th October (Colin Guy).

Down

One: Copeland Bird Observatory, Lighthouse Island, Copeland Islands, 13th September (Neville McKee, Larry Toal).

2012**Antrim**

150: Ramore Head, Portrush. Six 11th September, 38 12th September, 20 14th September, 48 17th September, 36 18th September and two 29th September (Ken Perry, Peter Robinson, Colin Guy, Hill Dick, Geoff Campbell, Ian Dickey *et al.*).

18: Ballycastle, 17th September (Geoff Campbell, Colin Guy).

Londonderry

Three: Portstewart. Singles on 11th 12th and 14th September (Stuart McKee).

One: Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle, 30th September (Neal Warnock).

2013**Antrim**

12: Ramore Head, Portrush. Two, 7th September with ten on 9th October (Neal Warnock *et al.*).

2014**Antrim**

Seven: Ramore Head, Portrush, 21st October (Colin Guy, Ian Dickey, Ronald Surgenor).

At Sea record 2014.

Two: observed between Ballycastle, County Antrim and Portpatrick, Scotland, 28th September (Billy Miskelly).

2015**Fermanagh**

One: First winter. Found grounded and released. Main Street, Lisnaskea, 22nd to 23rd October (John Young *et al.*).

2016**Down**

One: Burial Island, Portavogie, Outer Ards Peninsula, 23th October (Billy Miskelly).

2017**Antrim**

97: Ramore Head, Portrush. 45 8th September, six 9th September, 28 11th September, two 2nd October, five 3rd October, six 5th October, one 21st October, four 22nd October (Colin Guy, Derek Charles Gerard McGeehan, Shirley Dunlop, Matthew Tickner Ian Dickey *et al.*).

One: Rue Point, Rathlin Island, 11th September (Ric Else, Hazel Watson).

2018**Antrim**

One: Grounded but released. Rathlin Island, 15th September (Ric Else, Hazel Watson).

44: Ramore Head, Portrush. 21 21st September, 13 23rd September, six 30th September, three 2nd October, one 26th October (Matthew Tickner, Ian Dickey *et al.*).

Londonderry

Five: Castlerock. Three, 23rd September and two 27th October (Derek Charles, Richard Donaghey).



Leach's Storm-petrel *Oceanodroma leucorhoa*,
Ramore Head, Antrim, October 2012. Photo courtesy of Ian Dickey.