

Sooty Shearwater *Ardenna griseus*. **SV**

(Breeds south Pacific, New Zealand, Falkland Islands, Tierra del Fuego, Philip Island and Auckland Islands).

Unpublished records:

1993

Antrim

One: Black Head, Whitehead, 22nd August (Paul McCullough).

Down

Four: St John's Point, Killough. Two birds recorded on both 5th and 13th September (Anthony McGeehan).

1994

Antrim

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

One: Rathlin Sound, 20th October (Jim Nicholl).

Down

One: Irish Sea South, 3rd September (Anthony McGeehan).

1995

Antrim

27: Ramore Head, Portrush. Five 8th September, five 26th September, 13 27th September, one 28th September and three on 17th October (Davy Hunter, Stephen Foster, Anthony McGeehan, Colin Davidson, Geoff Campbell *et al.*).

Down

Singles, at St. John's Point, Killough on 23rd April and 19th August (Ed O'Hara, Dave Allen, Anthony McGeehan).

At Sea:

Two: Observed from Larne Starrier Ferry, in Northern Irish waters, 27th August (B.C. Forrester).

1996

Down

One: St John's Point, Killough, 26th August (Walter Veale).

One: Grey Point, Belfast Lough, Crawfordsburn, 15th September (Eric Randall, Terry Jones).

1998

Down

Seven: St John's Point, Killough, 31st August (Stephen Foster, Ivor McDonald, Philip McHaffie).

2001

Antrim

Eight: Ramore Head, Portrush. One 2nd September, five 4th September and singles on 5th and 10th September (Eric Randall, Matthew Tickner, Laurence Morgan *et al.*).

2003

Antrim

26: Ramore Head, Portrush. Five 19th August, three 22nd August, three 29th August, four 8th September, five 22nd September, one 3rd October, three 4th October and one on 6th October (Walter Veale, Davy Hunter, Joe Lamont *et al.*).

2005

Antrim

25: Ramore Head, Portrush. One 5th August, one 6th August, eight 18th August, two 25th August, 11 23rd September and two 28th September (Ivan Quail, Anthony McGeehan, Geoff Campbell, Laurence Morgan, Colin Guy *et al.*).

Down

Two: St John's Point, Killough, 4th September (Walter Veale, Eric Randall *et al.*).

Two: Irish Sea South, between County Down coast and the Isle of Man, 16th September (Anthony McGeehan).

2006

Antrim

Eight: Ramore Head, Portrush. One 1st August, three 9th August and four on 3rd September (Matthew Tickner, Joe Lamont, George Gordon *et al.*).

Down

Six: St John's Point, Killough. Singles on 20th August, 3rd September, 9th September, 23rd September and two on 8th October (Walter Veale, Derek Charles, Dave Hadrick, Orcilla Hadrick *et al.*).

One: Dundrum Bay, Newcastle, 30th August (Andrew Croy).

2007**Antrim**

15: Ramore Head, Portrush. Nine 15th August, five 1st September and one 17th September (Derek Charles, Clifford Sharpe, Joe Devlin, Colin Guy *et al.*).

One: Kinbane Head, Ballycastle, County Antrim, 12th September (Geoff Campbell).

Down

Single birds observed at Copeland Bird Observatory, Lighthouse Island, Copeland Islands, on 25th August and 7th October (Kerry Leonard, Neville McKee).

Three: St John's Point, Killough. Two on 2nd September with one on 9th September (Walter Veale *et al.*).

Londonderry

One: Portstewart Point, Portstewart, 25th August (Ken Perry).

2009**Antrim**

Two: The Gobbins, Islandmagee, 15th July (Flightline).

21: Ramore Head, Portrush. Ten 28th August, one 4th September, one 3rd October and nine 11th October (David Steele *et al.*).

2010**Down**

One: Copeland Bird Observatory, Lighthouse Island, Copeland Islands, 6th September (Neville McKee).

2011**Antrim**

240: Ramore Head, Portrush. Five 17th July, eight 8th August, 210 6th September, one 17th September, eight 18th September, two 6th October, one 7th October and five 18th October (Ronald Surgenor, Matthew Ticker, Derek Charles, Richard Hoy *et al.*).

Down

One: St John's Point, Killough, 10th September (Gerard McGeehan, Allen Gillespie).

2012**Antrim**

63: Ramore Head, Portrush. One 29th July, two 10th September, five 11th September, five 12th September, one 13th September, 47 14th September and two on 29th September (Neal Warnock, Ken Perry, Peter Robinson, Colin Guy *et al.*).

Down

Two: Observed from a boat. Belfast Lough, 10th August (John Pyper, David Clarke).

Londonderry

One: Portstewart, 11th September (Stuart McKee).

2013**Antrim**

One: Observed from a boat. 4 miles NE of the Maidens, Larne, 13th August (David Galbraith).

Seven: Observed from a boat. 5 miles NE of Portrush, 15th August (Ronald Surgenor).

36: Ramore Head, Portrush. 14 18th August, three 15th September, 11 16th September and eight on 9th October (Keith Bennett, Tom Ennis, Ray Bennett, Colin Guy, Davy Hunter, Neal Warnock).

One: Whitehead, Belfast Lough, 16th September (Gerard McGeehan).

Down

Nine: Copeland Bird Observatory, Lighthouse Island, Copeland Islands, 7th September (David Galbraith).

Londonderry

One: Magilligan Strand, Benone, 2nd September (Derek Charles).

2014**Antrim**

24: Ramore Head, Portrush. One 27th July, 19 17th August and four on 21st October (Neal Warnock, Colin Guy).

Down

One: St. John's Point, Killough, 14th September (Chris Murphy).

2015

Antrim

15: Ramore Head, Portrush, 1st September (Ronald Surgenor, Ian Dickey).

2016

Antrim

Singles at Ramore Head, Portrush, 4th and 8th August (Neal Warnock, Colin Guy).

Down

Three: Copeland Bird Observatory, Lighthouse Island, Copeland Islands. One 12th June and two on 13th August (Ollie Padget, Ian Enlander).

2017

Antrim

23: Ramore Head, Portrush. Three 18th August, eight 19th August, four 9th September, four 11th September, two 2nd October and two 8th October (Derek Charles, Gerard McGeehan, Shirley Dunlop, Colin Guy, Hill Dick, Daniel Newtown *et al.*).

Three: Rathlin Island. Two 2nd September with a single on 6th September (Ric Else, Hazel Watson).

One: Marconi's Cottage, Ballycastle, 9th September (Colin Guy).

Londonderry

One: Castlerock, 14th September (Richard Donaghey).

2018

Antrim

68: Rathlin Island. One 13th August, three 14th August, four 19th August, five 27th August, five 2nd September, 12 6th September, 12 9th September, 21 11th September, four 12th September and one 19th September (Ric Else, Hazel Watson).

339: Ramore Head, Portrush. 219 16th September, six 21st September, 44 23rd September, 64 30th September and six on 2nd October (Derek Charles, Matthew Tickner *et al.*).

Londonderry

31: Castlerock. One: 24th August, 21 16th September, five 24th September and four on 27th October (Derek Charles Richard Donaghey).

17: Portstewart Head, Portstewart, 16th September (Derek Charles).



Sooty Shearwater *Ardenna griseus*,
5 miles NE of Portrush, County Antrim, 15th August 2013. Photo courtesy of Ronald Surgenor.