

American Bittern *Botaurus lentiginosus* (5, 0, 0). **RV**

(Widespread across Canada, mostly south of 60degrees north. Also, throughout USA except southern states. Northern breeders migrate to winter mostly south of 40degrees north into USA and Central America).

Published records:

1845

One: Llayde Bottoms, near Armagh City, County Armagh, 12th November. *Thompson* 1845.
This specimen was given to the Museum at Belfast.

1883

One: Male. Near Ballynahinch, County Down, 1st November. *Ussher and Warren* 1900. This was included in the collection of H. Blake- Knox.

1889

One: Shot. Ballyronan Moss, near Magherafelt, County Londonderry, "end of October". *Kennedy, Ruttledge & Scroope* 1954. The bird was discovered in a taxidermist's shop.

1921

Two: Caravacaw Bog, County Armagh. One female, shot, 18th October with a male shot on 19th October. *Kennedy, Ruttledge & Scroope* 1954.