

## **Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus ibis* (0, 0, 7).

(In Europe breeds UK, Spain, Portugal, France and Italy).

### **2011**

One: Kinnegar Shore and Kinnegar Pool, Belfast Lough, County Down, 25th October, photographed (Joe Lamont *et al.*). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

#### **First Northern Ireland record.**

One: Hillsborough Park Lake, Hillsborough, County Down, 26th November into 2012, photographed (Jason Starbuck, Drew Middleton *et al.*). *Charles and Crory* 2019.



Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis* Kinnegar, Holywood, 25th October 2011. Photo courtesy of Stephen McCandless.

### **2012**

One: Hillsborough Park Lake, Hillsborough, County Down, from 2011 remained to 19th February (Derek Charles, Walter Veale, Majella Callaghan *et al.*). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

One: Adult. Castle Espie WWT, Comber, County Down, 23rd - 25th March, photographed (Andrew Crory *et al.*). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

One: Ballymagorry, Strabane, County Tyrone, 2nd to 11th November, photographed (Declan McGillian *et al.*). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

The bird at Strabane, County Tyrone in November 2012 was refound across the River Foyle at St Johnstone, County Donegal on 10th December where it overwintered.



Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis* Ballymagorry, Strabane, 2nd November, photo. Declan McGillian

### 2013

One: Adult. Hillsborough Park Lake, Hillsborough, County Down, 16th April - 5th June (Garry Wilkinson *et al.*) and 26th November into 2014 (Billy Miskelly *et al.*). Charles and Crory 2019.

One: Summer adult. Ballylurgan Road, Randalstown, County Antrim, 23rd - 27th July, photographed (Randy Weir *et al.*). Charles and Crory 2019.



Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis* Ballylurgan Road, Randalstown, 25th July, photo. Iris Millar

## 2014

One. Adult. Hillsborough Park Lake, Hillsborough, County Down, from 2013 remained to 28th December (Gary Wilkinson *et al.*). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

The Hillsborough individual remained on and off from 26th November 2011 - 28th December 2014.



Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis* Hillsborough Park Lake, Hillsborough 16th November 2014. Photo courtesy of. Derek Charles.

## 2016

One: Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, County Down, 17th December (Billy Miskelly). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

## 2019

An adult in summer plumage was on Rathlin Island, County Antrim, 16th – 17th May 2019 (Ric Else, Hazel Watson).

An adult in summer plumage was at Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, County Down, on 22nd August 2019 (Derek Polley *et al.*).



Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis* Rathlin Island, County Antrim, 16th – 17th May 2019. Photo courtesy of Ric Else and Hazel Watson.



Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis* Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve. Photo courtesy of Ronald Surgenor.