

Black-crowned Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax* (3, 2, 1). **RV**

(Breeds southern and southwestern Europe. Winters central and west Africa).

Published records:

Not known

One: Shot. Near Tollbridge, County Armagh between 1834 and 1838 and presented to the Belfast Museum (*Ussher & Warren* 1900).

1866

One: Juvenile. Shot. "People's Park", now Victoria Park, Belfast, County Down, in September and passed into the Collection of H. Blake-Knox. *Blake-Knox* 1866a.

1893

One: Juvenile. Shot. "People's Park", now Victoria Park, Belfast, County Down, 26th October. *Patterson* 1893. This was the same location as the 1866 record.

1950

One: Immature male. Found dead. Finnebrogue Estate, Downpatrick, County Down, 8th December. *Sinton & Deane* 1952. The bird had apparently been frequenting the area for some weeks

1985

One: Immature. River Blackwater, County Armagh/Tyrone, adjacent to the M1 Motorway, 19th to 21st November (R.W. Culbert, P. Davidson *et al.*). *NIBRC* 1987.