

Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea* (0, 0, 1).

(Breeds Spain, North Africa eastwards across southern and eastern Europe as far as Lake Balkhash in Kazakhstan. In Africa breeds Senegal, down the east coast of Africa and Madagascar).

2011

Antrim

One: First-summer. Boomer's Reservoir, Lisburn, 17th and 19th May, photographed (Dave Allen, Clive Mellon *et al.*). *Charles and Croy* 2019.

First Northern Ireland record.







Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea* Boomers Reservoir, Lisburn, 17th May 2011. Photos courtesy of Derek Charles.