

## **Golden Eagle** *Aquila chrysaetos* (many, 11, 7). **RV**

(Breeds Scotland, Scandinavia, France, Italy, Austria, eastern Europe from Estonia to Romania, Greece, Serbia, Bulgaria, European Russia, Kazakhstan and northern Iran).

### **Published records 1924 to present:**

#### **1924**

One: Reported, County Tyrone. *Jourdain* 1926.

#### **1926 – 1930**

One: A single bird frequented the mountains between Armoy and Ballycastle, County Antrim. *Deane* 1954

#### **1929**

Two: Armoy and Ballycastle, County Antrim, March. *Deane* 1954.

#### **1953 - 1962**

Two: Breeding was re-established at Fair Head, Ballycastle, County Antrim, from 1953-1960. The two birds remained in the area until 1962. *Ruttledge* 1963.

#### **1974**

One: Dead. Rathlin Island, County Antrim. *NIBRC* 1982.

#### **1980**

One: Second year. Garron Plateau, County Antrim, 17th April (A.J. Balbi). *NIBRC* 1982.

One: Immature. Doon, Rathlin Island, County Antrim, 21st June. The bird was observed to fly in from the sea, from the general direction of the Mull of Kintyre, Scotland (R.W. Culbert, R.D. Davidson, F. Dumigan, Joe Furphy, P. McGill). *NIBRC* 1982.

#### **1984**

One: First-year. Lough Island Reavy, Castlewellan, County Down, 27th February (Joe Furphy). *NIBRC* 1987.

#### **1985**

Rathlin Island, County Antrim:

One: First-year. 3rd April, and reported again on the 6th April (G. McDonald). *NIBRC* 1987.

One: Near adult. 10th April (E. MacLochlainn, A. Kelly). *NIBRC* 1987.

Throughout the late winter of 1984-1985 up to two Eagles of undetermined species were reported by islanders to be present on Rathlin Island (J.E Greer). *NIBRC* 1987.

#### **1987**

One: Second year. Rathlin Island, County Antrim, 9th to 14th March. *NIBA* 1992.

#### **1993**

One: Immature. Fair Head, Ballycastle, County Antrim, 3rd March (David Steele). *Irish Birds* 1994.

#### **1996**

One: Immature. Slieveanorra, Antrim Hills, County Antrim, 3rd March (Geoff Campbell *et al.*). *Milne & O'Sullivan* 1998.

#### **1997**

One: Glen Head, Glenwherry, County Antrim, 2nd July (David Steele). *Milne & O'Sullivan* 1999.

#### **2002**

One: Carrickarade / Larrybane, Ballintoy, County Antrim, 20th to 21st April (J. Clark *et al.*). *NIBA* 2004.

One: Cornan, Stewartstown, County Tyrone, 27th August (C. Coney). *NIBA* 2004.

#### **2004**

Two: Antrim Plateau, County Antrim, 15th March. *NIBA* 2006.

One: Sub-adult. Slieveanorra, Antrim Hills, County Antrim, 24th March. *NIBA* 2006.

One: Sub adult. Ballypatrick, Ballycastle, County Antrim, 30th March. *NIBA* 2006.

Two: One adult and one sub-adult. Glendun, Antrim Hills, County Antrim, 3rd April. *NIBA* 2006.

One: Wing tagged. Binevenagh, County Londonderry, 20th April. *NIBA* 2006.

Two: One adult and one sub-adult. Between the summit of Slieveanorra and Glendun, Antrim Hills, County Antrim, 1st May. *NIBA* 2006.

One: Sub adult. Craigagh Wood, Glendun, 5th June. *NIBA* 2006.

The above 2004 records published in *Irish Birds* 8: 373-394. Milne, P. & McAdams, D.G. 2008a. Irish Rare Bird Report 2005 as follows:

"Adult male and sub-adult female, Antrim Plateau, 15th March to 5th June"

**2005**

One: Wing tagged. Murlough Bay NNR and Fair Head, Ballycastle, County Antrim, 25th June (H. McBride). *NIBA* 2008a.

One: Second-year. Altnahinch Dam, Loughguile, County Antrim, 27th December (Dennis Weir, Jim Dowdall *et al.*). *Milne & McAdams* 2009.

One: Wing tagged. Brockley, Rathlin Island, County Antrim, 30th December (Liam McFaul). *NIBA* 2008a.

**2006**

One: Sub adult. Bessy Bell Mountain, Omagh, County Tyrone, 17th March (Dennis Weir). *Milne & McAdams* 2009.

**2008**

One: Wing tagged. Tappanagh Mountain, County Fermanagh, 22nd August (David Steele). *NIBA* 2008b.