

Goshawk *Accipiter gentilis* (1, approx. 24, approx. 76).

(Breeds temperate parts of Europe and North America)

Published records:

1919

One: Shot. Near Strabane, County Tyrone, 24th February [was believed to be of the American race, *Accipiter g. atricapillus*]. Kennedy, P.G., Rutledge, R.F. & Scroope, 1954.

1956

One: Adult female. Lough Beg, County Londonderry, 12th August and 16th September. Rutledge 1957.

One: Duncrue Street, Belfast, County Antrim, 1st October Rutledge 1957.

1968

One: Gortin, County Tyrone, 1st October (Joe Furphy, F. Hamilton). Rutledge 1959.

1980

One: Female. Shanes Castle, Antrim, County Antrim, observed on three occasions in the period May to August. NIBRC 1982.

1981

One: Cave Hill, Belfast, County Antrim, 28th and 30th March (Tom Ennis, Ivor McDonald, Anthony McGeehan, Joe Doolan *et al.*). NIBRC 1982.

1982

One: Lough Beg, County Londonderry, 10th October (Jim Nicholl, Stuart McKee). NIBA 1987.

1985

One: Springwell Forest, Coleraine, County Londonderry, 24th February to 10th March (Raymond Hume, Willie McDowell, Anthony McGeehan *et al.*). NIBA 1987.

1991

Two: Belvoir Park Forest, Belfast, County Down. One female 9th January with two, a male and a female 12th February to 31st March (Willie McDowell *et al.*). NIBA 1993.

1992

One: Reported, Loughgall, County Armagh, 14th November. AFNS 1992. Not published by NIBA/NIBRC. We do not include in our totals.

One: Male. Slievanorra, Antrim Hills, County Antrim, 29th March (Don Scott, Philip McHaffie). NIBA 2001.

1994

One: Peatlands Park, Loughgall, County Armagh, early February. AFNS 1994. Not published by NIBA/NIBRC. We do not include in our totals.

1994

One: Clare Wood, County Antrim, 2nd February. NIBA 1996.

Two: Northeast Antrim. One male 10th April, with a female 3rd May, both birds remaining to 31st July (Don Scott, Philip McHaffie). NIBA 2001.

One: Glynn, Larne, County Antrim, 22nd December. NIBA 1996.

1995

Two: Northeast Antrim "April to June" (Don Scott, Philip McHaffie). NIBA 2001.

1996

One: Female. Craigtlet, Holywood, County Down, 24th April (Eric Randall, Walter Veale *et al.*). NIBA 2000.

Two: Northeast Antrim, May and June (Don Scott, Philip McHaffie). NIBA 2001.

1997

One: Tullcall, Cookstown, County Tyrone, 6th July (Godfrey McRoberts). NIBA 2000.

1998

One: Male. Capanagh Forest, Antrim Hills, County Antrim, 7th April to 3rd May (Don Scott, Philip McHaffie). NIBA 2001.

One: "County Londonderry", 10th April (David Steele). NIBA 2000.

Two: Northeast Antrim, 3rd May (Don Scott, Philip McHaffie). NIBA 2001.

One: Male. Ardilea, Newcastle, County Down, 30th August (Eric Randall, Walter Veale, Ted Rolston). NIBA 2000.

1999

Three: One male and the juveniles, north Antrim, 31st July (Don Scott, Philip McHaffie). *NIBA* 2001.

2000

Three: One adult and two juveniles, north Antrim, 14th July (Don Scott). *NIBA* 2002.

Four: Two adults and two juveniles, County Londonderry, 14th August (Philip McHaffie). *NIBA* 2002.

One: Female. Bishops Road, Downhill, County Londonderry, 6th October (Godfrey McRoberts, J. Scott). *NIBA* 2002.

2001

One: Male. Displaying. County Down, 6th February. *NIBA* 2003.

Two: One pair. Newry, County Down, 5th May. *NIBA* 2003.

Two: One pair north Antrim, 26th May to 30th June. *NIBA* 2003.

2002

One: Male. Shandon Park Golf Course, Belfast, County Down, 6th January. *NIBA* 2004.

One: Male. Capanagh Forest, Antrim Hills, County Antrim, 4th May (Don Scott). *NIBA* 2004.

Four: Two adults and two juveniles. North Antrim forest [dates unknown] (Don Scott). *NIBA* 2004.

2003

One: Immature. Craighill Quarry, Craigantlet Hills, County Down, 11th January. *NIBA* 2006.

One: Displaying. County Down, 23rd January. *NIBA* 2006.

One: Female. Portmore Lough RSPB Reserve, Aghagallon, County Antrim, 17th March (Jeff Larkin). *NIBA* 2006.

One: Pair. South Antrim, 6th April (Don Scott, Phillip McHaffie, L. McAleavy). *NIBA* 2006.

Two: North Antrim, 23rd March and 5th April. *NIBA* 2006.

One: Lighthouse Island, Copeland Bird Observatory, Copeland Islands, County Down, 26th to 27th August. *NIBA* 2006.

One: Carrickhugh, Lough Foyle, County Londonderry, 16th October. *NIBA* 2006.

One: Sperrin Mountains, County Londonderry, 7th December. *NIBA* 2006.

2004

One: Sperrin Mountains, County Londonderry, 20th January and 18th March. *NIBA* 2006.

Seven: North Antrim. Two pairs raising three chicks [dates unknown]. *NIBA* 2006.

2005

One: Antrim Plateau, County Antrim, 6th February. *NIBA* 2008a.

One: Drum Bridge, Lisburn, 17th March. *NIBA* 2008a.

One: Male. Altarichard, County Down, 30th April. *NIBA* 2008a.

One: Male. Beaghs Forest, Slieveanora, Antrim Hills, County Antrim, 8th May. *NIBA* 2008a.

One: Male. Portora, County Fermanagh, 9th September. *NIBA* 2008a.

One: Female, Hillsborough, County Down, 2nd October. *NIBA* 2008a.

Two: Altnahinch Dam, Antrim Hills, County Antrim, 31st December. *NIBA* 2008a.

2006

One: Belvoir Park Forest, Belfast, County Down, 26th January. *NIBA* 2008a.

One: Aghnaleck, County Down, 29th March. *NIBA* 2008a.

One: Female. Slieveanora, Antrim Hills, County Antrim, 9th May. *NIBA* 2008a.

One: Silverhill, County Fermanagh, 22nd December. *NIBA* 2008a.

2007

One: Male. Larchfield, Aghnaleck, County Down, 25th January to 23rd March. *NIBA* 2008b.

One: Male. Cappanagh Forest, Antrim Hills, County Antrim, 21st April. *NIBA* 2008b.

One: Derrymacash, Lurgan, County Armagh, 13th October (Ed O'Hara, Garry Wilkinson). *NIBA* 2008b.

2008

Two: One male and one female. University of Ulster, Coleraine, County Londonderry, 1st to 2nd February (Ken Perry, J. Clarke). *NIBA* 2008b.

Two: One male and one female. Belvoir Park Forest, Belfast, County Down, 17th to 28th March (Eric Randall, Derek Charles *et al.*). *NIBA* 2008b.

One: Male. Quoile Pondage NNR, Downpatrick, County Down, 31st March (Gary Wilkinson). *NIBA* 2008b.

One: Greenmount College, Antrim, County Antrim, 20th April (Sandy McWilliams). *NIBA* 2008b.

19: County Antrim. Six pairs raised fledged seven juveniles (Don Scott). *NIBA* 2008b.

There have been no reliable reports since 2008.