

Gyr Falcon *Falco rusticolus* (8, 7, 0). **RV**

(In Europe, most numerous Iceland (grey phase) and Norway, smaller populations breeding southern Sweden, Finland and Arctic Russia. To the east, breeds across Arctic Siberia, Alaska, northern Canada and Greenland. European birds mostly resident but high-Arctic breeders from northern Canada and Greenland migratory, occasionally wintering south to north west Europe).

Published records:

1803

One: Shot. Near Randalstown, County Antrim, around or before 1803. *Thompson* 1849.

1865

Two: One of which was shot. Rathlin Island, County Antrim 9th March. *Ussher & Warren* 1900.

1881

One: Shot. Copeland Islands, County Down [no date]. *Deane* 1983.

1906

One: Shot. Knockagh, Greenisland, County Antrim, 12th February. *Patterson* 1906b.

1909

One: Shot. Larne/Islandmagee, County Antrim, 16th December. *Wright* 1910; *Stendall* 1945.

1910

One: The Oaks, seven miles from Londonderry, County Londonderry, about the "New Year". *Campbell* 1910.

1913

One: Shot. Near Dungiven, County Londonderry, 5th or 15th April. *Stendall* 1945.

1957

One: Belfast Lough, County Antrim, 12th October (H. Dick, A.J. Tree). *Ruttledge* 1958.

1958

One: On the shore of Belfast Lough, County Antrim, 23rd March (H. Portlock). *Ruttledge* 1959.

1978

One: Grey phase. Longfield, Lough Foyle, County Londonderry, 17th December (Tom Ennis *et al.*). *Preston* 1981.

1979

One: Giant's Causeway, Bushmills, County Antrim, 12th February (P. Watson). *Preston* 1980.

1981

One: Faughanvale, Lough Foyle, County Londonderry, 15th October (Dave Allen, Doug Radford). *NIBRC* 1987.

1982

One: Juvenile. Longfield, Lough Foyle, County Londonderry 10th October (Anthony McGeehan *et al.*). *Preston* 1983

1983

Longfield, Lough Foyle, County Londonderry:

One: 23rd January (William Laird, Dave Allen *et al.*). *NIBRC* 1987.

One: 14th to 15th October (William Laird, Dave Allen *et al.*). *NIBRC* 1987.

1984

One: Longfield, Lough Foyle, Londonderry 6th to 7th October (Dave Allen, Tony Marr, Chris Brewster). *NIBRC* 1987.

1992

One: Myroe / Magilligan Point / Bellarena, County Londonderry on various dates between early February to April. *NIBA* 1993.

1994

One: White phase. In flight only. Castle Island, Quoile Pondage NNR, Downpatrick, County Down, 17th March, photographed. *NIBA* 1996.