

Honey Buzzard *Pernis apivorus* (8, 2, 2). **RV**

(Summer migrant to most of Europe and western Asia. Winters in tropical Africa).

Published records:

1833

One: Male. Shot. Annadale, Belfast, County Down, 11th June (R.G. Bomford). *Thompson* 1849.

The first record of this species in Ireland.

1839

One: Adult male. Shot. On the County Antrim coast of Belfast Lough, 7th June. *Thompson* 1849.

1860

One: Shot. Near the Belfast Waterworks, Antrim Road, Belfast, County Antrim, "June". *BNFC* 1902.

1868

One: Shot. Near Lurgan, County Armagh, "end of September". *Ussher & Warren* 1900.

1912

One: Male. Shot. Shane's Castle, Antrim, County Antrim, 13th July. *Kennedy, Ruttledge & Scroope* 1954.

1914

One: Immature male. Shot. Knock, Belfast, County Down, 15th November. *Kennedy, Ruttledge & Scroope* 1954.

1920

One: Male. Shot. Suffolk, Dunmurry, County Antrim, 28th June. It had been present for some time. *Kennedy, Ruttledge & Scroope* 1954.

1947

One: Shot. Bushmills, County Antrim, about 16th July. *Kennedy, Ruttledge & Scroope* 1954.

1965

One: Adult male. Shot. Castlecaufield, County Tyrone, 15th April (NIBRC). *Ruttledge* 1968.

Identified in the Ulster Museum by D. Reid-Henry.

1994

One: Observed between junctions eight and nine, on the northside of the M1, near Moira, County Down, 14th May (Dave Allen, Matthew Tickner, Clive Mellon). *Irish Birds* 5: 334.

2000

One: Juvenile. Dark phase. St Johns Point, Killough, County Down, 30th September (Chris Murphy). *NIBA* 2002.

2001

One: Juvenile. Upper Lough Erne, County Fermanagh, 8th September (per Roy Dennis). *NIBA* 2003. The bird was satellite tracked, but the individual was never observed in Northern Ireland. It is unclear if the NIBA / NIBRC have accepted this record although it is published in the Northern Ireland Bird Report 2001, *NIBA* 2003. We do not include it in our totals. It was not observed in the Republic of Ireland either but is included in the species records.