

## **Rough-legged Buzzard** *Buteo lagopus* (12, 4, 2).

(Breeds tundra and taiga areas of North America and Eurasia. Winters southern Canada and Central United States and Southern Europe and Asia).

### **1831**

One: Shot. Dundonald, County Down, October. *Kennedy, Ruttledge & Scroope* 1954.

Two: One of which was shot. Killinchy, County Down, around 1831. *Kennedy, Ruttledge & Scroope* 1954.

One: Shot. Castlewellan, County Down, around 1831. *Kennedy, Ruttledge & Scroope* 1954.

### **1875**

One: Shot. New Church Bog, Pomeroy, County Tyrone, in October or November. *Ruttledge & Scroope* 1954. The specimen is in the collection at the Ulster Museum.

### **1883**

One: Shot. Garvagh, County Londonderry, 10th February. *Kennedy, Ruttledge & Scroope* 1954.

### **1891**

One: Shot. Castlerock, County Londonderry, 15th November. *Kennedy, Ruttledge & Scroope* 1954.

### **1895**

One: Male. Shot. Portaferry House, Portaferry, County Down. The specimen was received by Sheals for preservation on the 9th of November. *Kennedy, Ruttledge & Scroope* 1954.

### **1899**

One: Male. Shot. Campsie, County Londonderry, 4th October. *Campbell* 1900.

### **1902**

One: Female. Shot. Fivemiletown, County Tyrone, November. *Williams* 1903.

### **1903**

One: Shot. Hillsborough, County Down, November. *Foster* 1904a.

One: Shot. Horse Hill, Castle Archdale, County Fermanagh, 3rd October. *Deane* 1954. The specimen is in the collection at the Ulster Museum.

### **1984**

One: First-winter. Lighthouse Island, Copeland Bird Observatory, Copeland Islands, County Down, 13th October (CBO).

One: First-winter. Big Copeland, Copeland Islands, County Down, 23rd October remained into 1985 (Anthony McGeehan *et al.*). *NIBRC* 1987.

### **1985**

One: First-winter. Big Copeland, Copeland Islands, County Down, from 1984 was present intermittently to the 2nd of May (Anthony McGeehan *et al.*). *NIBRC* 1987.

Also seen occasionally on the nearby mainland but no details available on dates, locations or observers.

### **1986**

One: Slieveanorra, Antrim Hills, County Antrim, 17th March (Dennis Weir, Anthony McGeehan). *Irish Birds* 3:464.

### **1988**

One: Rathlin Island, County Antrim, 2nd April to 8th June (Martin Gray, Dave Allen *et al.*). *NIBA* 1992.

### **1993**

One: Seen in flight. Ballymena, County Antrim (J119967), 4th April (Geoff Campbell). *Irish Birds* 1994.

Both the 2011 and 2012 birds presumed to be the same individual although no rings were reported on the 2012 individual.

**2011**

One: Juvenile. Ringed. The Gasworks, Mountstewart, Greyabbey, County Down, 2nd December, photographed (Hugh Thurgate). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

Found exhausted in the car park, it was in good condition and released at Mountstewart.

**2012**

One: Juvenile. Chapel Island, Strangford Lough, Greyabbey, County Down, 5th February - 9th March (Richard Weyl *et al.*). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

Both the 2011 and 2012 birds presumed to be the same individual.



Rough-legged Buzzard *Buteo lagopus* The Gasworks, Mountstewart, Greyabbey, 2nd December 2011. Photo courtesy of Hugh Thurgate.

The two below have been moved from the main text to here.

**The following published records we do not include in our totals:****2001**

One: Collectors Bay, Quoile Pondage NNR, Downpatrick, County Down, 28th October (Ian Graham, Philip West *et al.*). *NIBA* 2003.

**2003**

One: Copeland Bird Observatory, Copeland Islands, County Down, 17th to 18th September (Stephen Allen, Terry Patton). *NIBA* 2006.