

**Crane** *Grus grus* (1, 5, 13).

(Breeds Russia, Germany, Poland, Greece, Romania, Denmark Czech Republic, Estonia and Scandinavia. Winters Portugal, Spain, France, Sudan, Ethiopia, Tunisia, Eritrea, Turkey, northern Israel, Iraq, Iran, Indian subcontinent, Burma, Vietnam, Thailand and eastern China).

**1882**

One: Male. Shot. Near Killyleagh, County Down, 10th May. *Kennedy, Ruttledge & Scroope* 1954.

**1958**

One: Shot. Lough Beg NNR, County Londonderry, about the 24th July (Hill Dick, A.J. Tree). *Ruttledge* 1959.

**1977**

One: Boardmills, County Down, 16th November (J. McMurray). *Preston* 1980.

**1985**

One: Boa Island, Lower Lough Erne, Letterkeen, County Fermanagh, 8th July, was apparently still in the area until late summer (R.J. Hanna, D.P. McAllister). *NIBRC* 1987.

**1997**

Two: South west corner, Lough Beg NNR, County Londonderry, 20th April (Davy Hunter, Gerard McGeehan). *Milne & O'Sullivan* 1999. Not published by NIBA / NIBRC.

**2000**

One: In flight. Glenwherry River, Larne, County Antrim, 9th May, photographed (T. Barry). *NIBA* 2002.

**2005**

One: Portmore Lough RSPB Reserve, Aghagallon, County Antrim, 23rd to 24th April, photographed. *Milne & McAdams* 2009.

One: Oxford Island NNR, Lurgan, County Armagh, 25th April. *Milne & McAdams* 2009.

One: Manoo, County Fermanagh, 7th September. *NIBA* 2008a. Not published in Irish Bird Report.

**2006**

Two: Church Island, Lough Beg NNR, County Londonderry, one adult, 28th July to to 4th September, with a second adult found on the 5th August, it too remained to the 4th of September (Derek Charles, Davy Hunter, David Steele *et al.*). *NIBA* 2008b.

*Irish Birds* 8: 395-416. Milne, P. & McAdams, D.G. 2008b. *Irish Rare Bird Report* 2006, published: Two: Adults. 28th July to 4th September, this is incorrect.



Church Island, Lough Beg NNR, County Londonderry, 5th August 2006. Photo. Derek Charles.

**2012**

One: In flight. Nutts Corner, Antrim, County Antrim, 25th November (Bob Watts). *Charles and Croy* 2019.

**2013**

One: In flight. Capanagh, Antrim Hills, County Antrim, 5th May (Gerard McGeehan *et al.*). *Charles and Croy* 2019.

One: Derryvoe, Crom, County Fermanagh, 28th May, photographed (Ian Morris). *Charles and Croy* 2019.  
Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle, County Londonderry; one, 29th September to 8th October, photographed (Keith Bennett *et al.*) and one feeding with a flock of Whooper Swans, 1st November, photographed (Lynne Gillespie). *Charles and Croy* 2019. We are treating the Myroe birds as the same individual but there could well have been two individuals involved.



Derryvoe, Crom, County Fermanagh, 28th May 2013. Photo. Ian Morris.



Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle, County Londonderry, 30th September. Photo Geoff Campbell.

**2014**

One: Garron Point, Carnlough, County Antrim, 11th February, photographed (Ian Dickey *et al.*). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

This individual was also seen the same day at Ballygally Holiday Apartments, Bear Rock, Ballygally at 12 noon, Glynn Station, Larne at 12:52pm and Whitehead after 1pm.

One: Murlough NNR, Newcastle, County Down, 16th February (Garry Armstrong *et al.*). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

One: Paddy's Dub, Lough Beg NNR, County Londonderry, flew off to the south-east, 11th May (David Steele). *Charles and Crory* 2019.



Crane *Grus grus* Garron Point, Carnlough, 11th February 2014. Photo courtesy of Ian Dickey.

**2016**

One: Lough McNea, Belcoo, County Fermanagh, 9th October, photographed (Brad Robson *et al.*). *Charles and Crory* 2019.



Lough McNea, Belcoo, County Fermanagh, 9th October 2016. Photo. Brad Robson.