

Spotted Crane *Porzana porzana* (? 5, 4).

(Breeds temperate Europe into western Asia. Winters Africa and Pakistan).

Spotted Crane appears to have been a commoner bird in the nineteenth century. Three specimens were said to have been recorded by Templeton in the rushy fields of his own farm, near Belfast [dates unknown].

Thompson 1850.

1822

One: Adult. Shot. Brickfields (Sandy Row), Belfast, County Antrim [date unknown]. *Thompson* 1850. A further two were shot in same vicinity on dates unknown but presumably between 1822 and 1849. *Thompson* 1850.

1835

One: Obtained. Clough, County Antrim, 12th September (T.J. Garrett). *Thompson* 1850.

1845

One: Killed. Near Downpatrick, County Down, November. *Thompson* 1850.

1847

One: Obtained. Clough, County Antrim, 27th September (T.J. Garrett). *Thompson* 1850.

1848

One: Obtained. Clough, County Antrim, 28th September (T.J. Garrett). *Thompson* 1850.

1863

One: Killed. Belfast, County Antrim/ Down, no date. *Blake-Knox* 1864.

1872

One: Reported. County Londonderry. *Ross* 1872.

1879

One: Shot. Banbridge, County Down, early October (F. Thomspn). *Benson* 1879.

1881

One: Reported. Newry, County Down, no date. *Marshall* 1881.

1888

One: Reported. Portrush, County Antrim, no date. *Knox* 1888.

One: Coalisland, County Tyrone, 15th September. *Patterson* 1888.

1889

Three: One shot and two or three were seen. Upper Lough Erne, County Fermanagh, October (G. Husbands). *Usser and Warren* 1900.

1898

One: Shot. Cullybackey, County Antrim, 8th October. *Workman* 1904.

One: Seaforde, County Down, 7th November. *Workman* 1904.

1904 / 1906

One: Female. Obtained. Templepatrick, County Antrim, date uncertain but either the 8th October 1904 or 4th June 1906. The specimen is in the Ulster Museum. *Deane* 1938.

1949

One: Killed. Miadens Lighthouse, Larne, County Antrim, 20th September. *Kennedy, Rutledge and Scroope* 1954.

1957

One: Acton Lake, Poyntzpass, County Armagh, 2nd March (Joe Furphy, R. Chambers). *Rutledge* 1958.

1979

One: Found dead. Magherafelt, County Londonderry, mid-September (E. McBride). *Preston* 1981.

1988

One: Juvenile. Quoile Pondage NNR, Downpatrick, County Down, 1st October (Anthony McGeehan). *NIBA* 1992.

1992

One: Knockarevan, Upper Lough Erne, County Fermanagh, 1st May (Richard Gray). *NIBA* 1993. Breeding suspected per *NIBA* 2000.

1998

One: Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, County Down, 16th to 17th August (Anthony McGeehan *et al.*). *NIBA* 2000.

2004

One: Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, County Down, 6th to 9th September (Dave Hadrick, Orcilla Hadrick *et al.*). *Milne & McAdams* 2008a.

2006

One: Singing. Lough Money, Downpatrick, County Down, 9th - 15th May (J. McCullough *et al.*). *Milne & McAdams* 2009.

One: Flushed. Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, County Down, May, date unknown. (Anthony McGeehan). *Milne & McAdams* 2009.

2013

One: Montaigns Moss, Aghagallon, County Antrim, 4th June (Derek Charles, Majella Callaghan). Observed at close range. *Charles and Crory* 2019.

2015

One: Quoile Pondage NNR, Downpatrick, County Down, 28th October (Billy Miskelly). *Charles and Crory* 2019.