

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

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

### **Published records:**

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. Thomspon). *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. **R**

#### **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 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 to 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.