

Western Swamphen *Porphyrio porphyrio* / **American Purple Gallinule** *Porphyrio martinica* (0, 0, 0).

(Western Swamphen: Breeds south west Europe including southern Portugal, south and east Spain north to southern France, Sardinia and Sicily, north west Africa in Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia / American Purple Gallinule:).

1900

One: Shot. Ballyknockan Dam, County Down, 15th September. *Deane* 1954.

1952

One: Found on a ship in Belfast Lough, County Antrim/ Down, "January". *Deane* 1954.

Deane 1954, treated both records as escapes. However, a Western Swamphen at South Girder Pool, Minsmere, Suffolk, England on 31st July 2016 and a [dead] American Purple Gallinule at Carne Golf Links, Belmullet, County Mayo, Republic of Ireland on 3rd February 2014, tie in nicely with the Northern Ireland records. Both the UK and Irish records were accepted by the relevant National Records Committees. At the moment we do include in our totals.