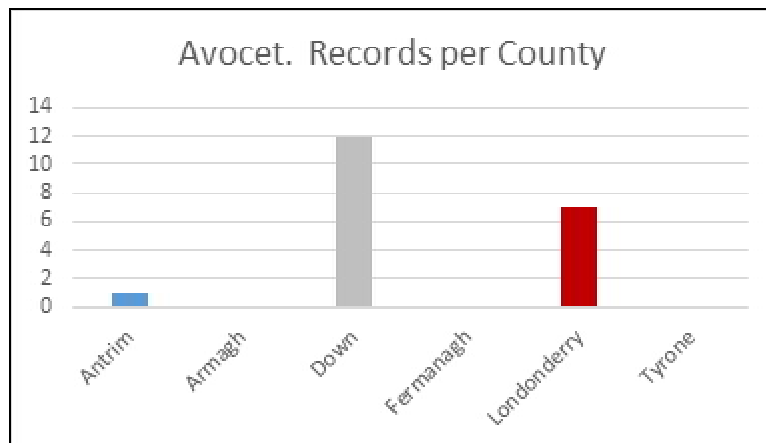


Avocet *Recurvirostra avosetta* (1, 4, 17).

(Breeds temperate Europe and western and Central Asia. Winters Africa and southern Asia).



1946

One: South Island, Strangford Lough, County Down, 15th April (W. McAvoy). *Deane* 1954.

1964

One: Belfast Lough, near Duncrue Street Marsh, Belfast, County Antrim, 20th - 22nd May (Gordon D'Arcy, Joe Donaldson, R. Murphy, H. Portlock, P. Watson). *Ruttledge* 1965.

1984

Two: Bann Estuary, Coleraine, County Londonderry, 24th April (M. Pollock). *NIBRC* 1987.

1997

One: Bann Estuary, Coleraine, County Londonderry, 19th - 25th March (H. Black *et al.*). *Milne & O'Sullivan* 1999.

2002

One: Considered a male on bill shape. Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, County Down, 19th - 24th May (Anthony McGeehan, Dave Hadrick, Orcilla Hadrick *et al.*). *NIBA* 2004.

2013

Three: Probably first-year males. Knockenelder Bay, Kearney, Outer Ards Peninsula, County Down, 10th September, photographed (Keith Bennett *et al.*). *Charles and Croy* 2019.



Knockenelder Bay, Kearney, Outer Ards Peninsula, County Down, 10th September, photo. Ronald Surgenor.

2014

One: Quoile Pondage NNR, Downpatrick, County Down, 5th - 6th May, photographed (Tim Murphy *et al.*). Charles and Crory 2019.



Quoile Pondage NNR, Downpatrick, County Down, 6th May 2014, photo. Tony Donaldson.

2015

One: Ballycarry, Larne Lough, County Antrim, 9th to 12th April, photographed (David Stirling *et al.*). Charles and Crory 2019.

2017

Two: Ringed. Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, County Down; 24th to 26th April (Ronald Surgenor *et al.*) and 6th May to 7th May (Daniel Newtown *et al.*). Charles and Crory 2019.

Three: Ballymorran Bay, Killinchy, Strangford Lough, County Down, 19th April (Marshall Martin). Charles and Crory 2019.



Avocet *Recurvirostra avosetta* Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve 25th April 2017. Photo courtesy of Ian Dickey.

2018

Four: Two pairs. Bann Estuary, Coleraine, County Londonderry, 28th April (Theo Campbell *et al.*). Charles and Crory 2019.



Bann Estuary, Coleraine, County Londonderry, 28th April 2018. Photo. Derek Charles.

2019

Two were observed at Ardmore, Lough Neagh, Derrytrasna, County Armagh on the 24th April (James O'Neill *et al.*) and the same birds were observed on the Tyrone Shore of Lough Neagh around 20th - 25th April (Declan Coney).