

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

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

Published records:

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 to 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 to 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 to 24th May (Anthony McGeehan, Dave Hadrick, Orcilla Hadrick *et al.*). *NIBA* 2004.