

## **Broad-billed Sandpiper** *Calidris falcinellus* (1, 6, 0). **RV**

(Nominate race breeds northern Norway, Sweden and Finland and Arctic Russia where distribution uncertain. Migrates through eastern Mediterranean, Black and Caspian Seas to winter Persian Gulf and western India to Sri Lanka with small numbers coastal east Africa. Eastern race breeds from Taimyr Peninsula east to Kolyma River Delta and winters Bay of Bengal through coastal South East Asia to Australia).

### **Published records:**

#### **1844**

One: Male. Shot: Belfast Bay, County Down/Antrim, 4th October. *Thompson* 1844.

#### **1963**

One: Adult. Duncrue Street Marsh, Belfast, County Antrim, 11th May (Joe Donaldson, P. Watson, B.S. Doherty). *Ruttledge* 1964.

One: Lough Beg NNR, County Londonderry, 15th to 16th June (Joe Donaldson, P. Watson, B.S. Doherty). *Ruttledge* 1964.

#### **1995**

One: Bann Estuary, Coleraine, County Londonderry, 1st August (Matthew Tickner, Dennis Weir). *NIBA* 1997.

#### **1996**

One: Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, County Down, 13th to 14th May (Chris Murphy *et al.*). *Milne & O'Sullivan* 1998.

One: Adult. Bann Estuary, Coleraine, County Londonderry, 21st to 24th May (David Steele *et al.*). *Milne & O'Sullivan* 1998.

#### **1999**

One: Adult in breeding plumage. Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, County Down, 12th May (Martin Garner, Anthony McGeehan *et al.*). *NIBA* 2001.