

Buff-breasted Sandpiper *Calidris subruficollis* (2, 39, 21). **RV**

(Breeds arctic tundra of North America, winters South America, primarily Argentina).

Published records:

1864

Two: Shot. People's Park (now Victoria Park), Belfast, County Down, "October".

One specimen bird, aged as a juvenile, was mounted by Sheals and is in the Ulster Museum collection. The other individual was discarded due to its damaged condition. *Blake-Knox* 1866.

1953

One: Bann Estuary, Castlerock, County Londonderry, 12th September (S. Penney). *Ruttledge* 1954.

1960

One: Belfast Lough, County Antrim, 9th September (H. Dick). *Ruttledge* 1961.

1961

One: Lough Beg NNR, County Londonderry, 13th to 23rd September (W. Finlay, S. Penney, Joe Donaldson *et al.*). *Ruttledge* 1962 / 1963.

1962

One: Kinnegar, Belfast, County Down, 1st to 5th September (P. Watson). *Ruttledge* 1963

1963

Two: Lough Beg NNR, County Londonderry. Singles on 1st June and 25th September. *D'Arcy* 1978.

One: Duncrue Street Marsh, Belfast, County Antrim, 18th September (B.S. Doherty, R.W. Milliken *et al.*). *Ruttledge* 1964.

1965

One: Duncrue Street Marsh, Belfast, County Antrim, 15th September (N.D. McKee). *Ruttledge* 1966.

1967

One: Lough Beg NNR, County Londonderry, 8th October (H. Dick). *Ruttledge* 1968.

1970

Two: St. John's Point, Killough, County Down, 9th September (N.C.W. Sefton). *Preston* 1976.

1974

One: Lough Beg NNR, County Londonderry, 15th to 27th September (Tom Ennis *et al.*) *Preston* 1975.

1975

Six: Lough Beg NNR, County Londonderry. One, 25th August. *D'Arcy* 1978. Five recorded 21st September (Ivor McDonald). *Preston* 1976.

D'Arcy 1978 states five were "present most of September and October".

1976

One: Lough Beg NNR, County Londonderry, 5th September (Tom Ennis *et al.*). *O'Sullivan & Smiddy* 1986.

1977

One: Barmouth. Bann Estuary, Castlerock, County Londonderry, 4th September *NIBRC* 1977. Not published in Irish Bird Report.

One: Lough Beg NNR, County Londonderry, 9th October (Anthony McGeehan). *Preston* 1978.

1982

One: Stoneyford Reservoir, Stoneyford, Lisburn, County Antrim, 21st September (A. McWilliams). *Preston* 1983.

1984

One: Myroe, Lough Foyle, County Londonderry, 4th to 5th October (Dave Allen). *O'Sullivan & Smiddy* 1986.

1986

One: Adult. Kinnegar, Holywood, County Down, 7th to 10th June (C. Murphy *et al.*). *O'Sullivan & Smiddy* 1987.

1993

One: Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle, County Londonderry, 22nd September (Matthew Tickner). *O'Sullivan & Smiddy* 1994.

1994

One: Belfast Harbour Pools, Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, County Down, 4th September. *NIBA* 1996. Not published in Irish Bird Report.

1995

One: Belfast Harbour Pools, Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, County Down, 23rd September (I. Dillon *et al.*). *Milne & O'Sullivan* 1998.

1998

One: Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, County Down, 9th to 10th September (David Steele *et al.*). *NIBA* 2000.

One: Reedy Flats, Lough Neagh, Derrytrasna, County Armagh, 13th to 17th September (Oscar Campbell *et al.*). *NIBA* 2000.

1999

Two: Lough Beg NNR, County Londonderry. An adult was at Paddy's Dub, 29th May to 1st June and a juvenile at Mullagh, 17th to 25th September (David Steele *et al.*). *NIBA* 2001.

2004

Two: Juveniles. Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle, County Londonderry, 19th September to 10th October (David Steele *et al.*). *Milne & McAdams* 2008a.

2005

Six or seven: Myroe Levels/ Roe Estuary / Donnybrewer, Lough Foyle, County Londonderry, 9th September to 2nd October (Matthew Tickner, Dennis Weir *et al.*). *NIBA* 2008a. Unfortunately, no other substantiating details were published. *Milne & McAdams* 2009, have published in Irish Bird Report "at least three, Lough Foyle, 9th September to 2nd October".

One: Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, County Down, 18th September (Drew Brown, Ian Patience *et al.*). *Milne & McAdams* 2009.

2006

Two: Lough Beg NNR, County Londonderry. One adult, 27th May with a juvenile at Mullagh, 23rd to 24th September (Seamus Burns, Davy Hunter). *Milne & McAdams* 2009.

Up to five: Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle, County Londonderry: Two juveniles 24th September increased to five 2nd to 8th October (Jeff Larkin, Mervyn Guthrie, Eric Randall *et al.*). *Milne & McAdams* 2008b.

2007

Three: Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle, County Londonderry, 15th to 21st October (Keith Bennett, Derek Charles, Jeff Larkin *et al.*). *Milne & McAdams* 2009.

2008

One: Juvenile. Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle, County Londonderry, 4th to 12th October (Keith Bennett, Derek Charles, Mervyn Guthrie, Matthew Tickner *et al.*). *Fahy* 2010.