

Curlew Sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea*

(Breeds on Arctic coasts of Russia. Winters in Africa and coasts of Asia and Australia).

Unpublished records:

1996

Down

Two: Juveniles. Rossglass, 18th August (Jim Whitla).

Four: Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast. Four 10th October, with a single remaining to 26th October (Ken Douglas, Dave Allen).

One: Juvenile. Dundrum Inner Bay North, Newcastle, 11th September (Oscar Campbell).

One: Juvenile. Quoile Pondage NNR, Downpatrick, 11th to 14th September (Oscar Campbell *et al.*).

Two: Juveniles. Dundrum Inner Bay South, Newcastle, 17th September (Oscar Campbell).

Three: Groomsport Marsh, Groomsport, 15th to 22nd September (Kerry Leonard *et al.*).

Londonderry

One: Lough Beg NNR, 22nd September (Anthony McGeehan).

One: Roe Estuary, Lough Foyle, 27th October to 17th November (George Gordon *et al.*).

1998

Down

Three: Juveniles Sydenham Conservation Area, Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, 8th September (David Steele).

2000

Londonderry

One: Bann Estuary, Coleraine, 27th July (J. Clark).

2001

Down

Two: Groomsport Marsh, Groomsport, 1st to 9th September (G. Henderson *et al.*).

One: Juvenile. Dundrum Inner Bay, Newcastle, 1st to 4th September (David Nixon *et al.*).

One: Quoile Pondage NNR, Downpatrick, 27th September (J. Whitla).

Londonderry

Up to two: Bann Estuary, Coleraine, 4th August to 10th September (David Nixon *et al.*).

One: Juvenile. Lough Beg NNR, 14th September to 26th October (Davy Hunter *et al.*).

One: Longfield Point, Lough Foyle, 8th October (Matthew Tickner).

2002

Down

Three: Juveniles. Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast, 29th August to 3rd September (Joe Lamont, David Nixon *et al.*).

2003

Antrim

One: North Fore-shore Lagoon, Belfast, 6th to 11th October (Cameron Moore *et al.*).

One: Whitehouse Lagoon, Belfast, 11th October (Joe Lamont).

Down

One: Floodgates, Strangford Lough, Newtownards, 5th October (W. Hawthorne, J. Whitla).

One: Green Island, Dundrum, 11th October (Andrew Crory).

Londonderry

Three: Lough Beg NNR, 7th September (David Steele).

Three: Two juveniles and one adult. Bann Estuary, Coleraine, 25th to 2nd October (David Steele).

2005

Antrim

Two: Juveniles. Carnfunnuck Bay, Larne, 21st September (Flightline).

One: Ballycarry, 8th October (Flightline).

Armagh

One: Juvenile. Reedy Flats, Lough Neagh, Derrytrasna, 31st August (Flightline).

Up to seven: Juveniles. Derrytrasna, Lough Neagh, 1st to 11th September (Flightline).

Down

Up to 24: Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, 31st August to 21st October (Anthony McGeehan *et al.*).

Two: Sandeel Bay, Groomsport, 10th September (Flightline).

One: Cranfield Point, Cranfield, 10th September (Flightline).

One: Juvenile. Dundrum Inner Bay South, Newcastle, 17th September (Flightline).

Two: Juveniles. Dundrum Inner Bay North, Newcastle, 28th September (Flightline).

One: Groomsport Marsh, Groomsport, 24th to 25th September (Flightline).

One: Killough, 25th September (Flightline).

One: Ann's Point, Strangford Lough, Greyabbey, 28th September to 4th October (Flightline).

One: Floodgates, Strangford Lough, Newtownards, 5th October (Flightline).

Londonderry

Up to six: Lough Beg NNR, 3rd to 23rd September (David Steele *et al.*).

Up to 14: Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle, 9th September to 4th October (Flightline).

Up to three: Roe Estuary, Lough Foyle, 11th to 19th September (Flightline).

Up to three: Juveniles. Ballykelly, Lough Foyle, 19th September to 8th October (Flightline).

One: Donnybrewer, Lough Foyle 25th September (Flightline).

2006

Antrim

One: Juvenile. Ballycarry, Larne Lough, County Antrim, 11th to 20th September (Flightline).

Down

One: Adult. Collectors Bay, Quoile Pondage NNR, Downpatrick, 7th June (Flightline).

Four: Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast; one adult summer 9th June - 2nd July and up to three 30th August - 24th September (Derek Charles *et al.*).

Up To two: Killough, 13th September to 1st October (Flightline).

Up to two: Dundrum Inner Bay South, Newcastle, 16th to 18th September (Flightline).

Three: Dundrum Inner Bay North, Newcastle, 17th September (Flightline).

One: Newry Estuary, Newry, 19th September (Flightline).

One: Floodgates, Strangford Lough, Newtownards, 24th September (Flightline).

One: Maltings, Strangford Lough, Newtownards, 16th October (Flightline).

Londonderry

Four: Bann Estuary, Coleraine. One, adult summer 3rd June and up to three, juveniles, 10th to 14th September (Flightline).

2007

Antrim

One: Juvenile. Portballintrae, 27th September (Flightline).

Down

One: Killough, 9th to 11th September (Flightline).

One: Kilclief Bay, Kilclief Village, 12th to 13th September (Flightline).

Up to two: Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, 17th September to 8th October (Flightline).

One: Ann's Point, Greyabbey, 3rd October (Flightline).



Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, 2nd September 2006. Photo courtesy of Derek Charles.

Londonderry

Up to two: Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle, 16th September to 14th October (Flightline).

One: Balls Point, Bellarena, Lough Foyle, 30th September (Flightline).

Up to three: Bann Estuary, Coleraine, 30th September to 13th October (Flightline).

One: Longfield Point, Eglington, Lough Foyle, 2nd October (Flightline).

2008

Down

Five: Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast; two 18th May and up to three 16th - 28th September (Flightline).

Two: Juveniles. Green Island, Dundrum Bay, Newcastle, 15th September (Flightline).

One: Juvenile. Ardiles House, Dundrum Bay, Newcastle, 15th September (Flightline).

Londonderry

Four: Bann Estuary, Coleraine; one adult summer 8th June and up to three 12th September - 18th October (Flightline).

2009

Down

Two: Juveniles. Newry Estuary, Newry, 9th to 14th September (Frank Carroll).

One: Anne's Point, Greyabbey, Strangford Lough, 26th September (Richard Weyl).

One: Juvenile. Dundrum Inner Bay North, Newcastle, 28th September to 4th October (Andrew Croy *et al.*).

Londonderry

Up to five: Juveniles. Bann Estuary, Coleraine, 10th August to 18th October (Derek Charles *et al.*).

Three: Roe Estuary, Lough Foyle, 18th September (Derek Charles).

2010

Antrim

Up to three: Ballycarry, Larne Lough, 3rd to 14th September (Cameron Moore *et al.*).

Three: Lady Bay, Lough Neagh, Aghagallon, 3rd September (Paul Toner).

One: East Strand, Portrush, 8th September (Richard Hoy)

Down

Up to seven: Tullyhill Bay, Killard NNR, Strangford, 29th August to 19th September (Craig Nash *et al.*).

Up to 11: Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, 1st September to 9th October (Keith Bennett *et al.*). Peak of 11 birds on 11th September

One: Killard NNR, Strangford, 3rd September (Jason Starbuck).

One: Kilclief, Strangford, 4th September (Andrew Croy).

Two: Anns Point, Greyabbey, 5th September (Richard Weyl).

Two: Dundrum Bay, Newcastle. One 9th September, with two on 17th September (Dan Bailie, Andrew Croy).

Londonderry

24: Lough Beg NNR; one south west corner 3rd - 6th June and up to 23 Mullagh, 8th September - 7th October (David Steele *et al.*). Peak of 23 birds observed on 10th September.

Up to 21: Bann Estuary, Coleraine, 1st - 18th September (Dennis Weir, Matthew Tickner, Derek Charles *et al.*). Peak of 21 individuals on 12th September

Up to ten: Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle, 5th September - 2nd October (Jeff Larkin, Derek Charles *et al.*).

2011

Antrim

One: Islandmagee, 27th August (Bill Guiller).

Two: Sandy Bay, Larne; single juveniles 21st August and 20th September - 22nd September (Gavin Ferguson *et al.*).

Down

Three: Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast; one adult in partial summer plumage 1st August and up to two 3rd August - 30th September (Chris Sturgeon Ronald Surgenor, Paul Scott, Brian Holloway *et al.*).

Three: Patton's Marsh, Strangford Lough, 29th August (Richard Weyl).

Up to nine: Dundrum Inner Bay North, Newcastle, 29th August to 9th September (Andrew Crory).

Up to 11: Dundrum Inner Bay South, Newcastle, 31st August up 20th September (Andrew Crory, David Nixon *et al.*).

One: Juvenile. Killard NNR, Strangford, 7th September (Craig Nash).

One: Keel Point, Dundrum, Newcastle, 8th September (Andrew Crory).

Up to six: Blackstaff, Dundrum, Newcastle, 10th to 19th September (Jason Starbuck *et al.*).

Two: Floodgates, Newtownards, Strangford Lough, 2nd October (Gerard McGeehan, Shirley Dunlop).

Londonderry

Six: Bann Estuary, Coleraine; one 10th April and up to five 5th August - 3rd September (Theo Campbell, Dennis Weir, Geoff Campbell, *et al.*).

Five: Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle; one adult-summer 5th June to 22nd July and up to four 8th - 24th September (Derek Charles *et al.*).

12: Lough Beg NNR; up to 11 21st August - 31st October and one on 31st December (David Steele, Stephen Hewitt *et al.*).

Up to six: Ballykelly, Lough Foyle, 10th September - 1st October (Derek Charles, Majella Callaghan, Davy Hunter).

Two: Roe Estuary, Lough Foyle, 16th September (Derek Charles).

2012

Down

One: Juvenile. Kinnegar, Holywood, 18th August (Stuart McKee).

One: Juvenile. Dundrum Inner Bay South, Newcastle, 5th September (Adam McClure).

One: Juvenile. Ardilea, Dundrum, Newcastle, 23rd September (Jeff Larkin).

Londonderry

Two: Lough Beg NNR; one west shore, 7th May and one or two observed from 12th September - 18th October (David Steele).

Two: Bann Estuary, Coleraine; one 10th - 14th June and one 10th - 14th October (Gerard McGeehan, Shirley Dunlop, Theo Campbell, Christine Cassidy *et al.*).

One: Roe Estuary, Lough Foyle, 2nd November (Neal Warnock).

2013

Antrim

One: Juvenile. Lady Bay, Lough Neagh, 27th September (Derek Charles).

Down

One: Adult. Dundrum Inner Bay North, Newcastle, 20th May (Ian Jackson, David Nixon).

Up to four: Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast, 3rd September - 2nd October (Ronald Surgenor *et al.*).

Five: Ann's Point, Strangford Lough, Greyabbey, 8th September (Richard Weyl).

Up to two: Juveniles. Ardilea, Dundrum, Newcastle, 10th - 13th September (David Nixon, Clifford Sharpe *et al.*).

One: Juvenile. Newcastle Harbour, Newcastle, 21st September (Ed O'Hara).
One: Floodgates, Strangford Lough, Newtownards, 22nd September (Phillip West *et al.*).

Londonderry

Four: Bann Estuary, Coleraine; one adult 31st May and up to three 5th September - 12th October (Theo Campbell Hill Dick, Peter Robinson *et al.*).

One: Juvenile. Church Island, Lough Beg NNR, 14th September (Ciaran Burns).

One: Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle, 15th - 16th September (Christine Cassidy, Raymond Brogan *et al.*).

Two: Ballykelly, Lough Foyle, 6th October (Ed O'Hara *et al.*).

2014

Antrim

One: Whitehouse Lagoon, Belfast, 8th September (Adam McClure).

One: Sandy Bay, Larne, 24th September (Neal Warnock).

Down

Up to six: Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast, 30th August - 28th September (Tom Ennis *et al.*).

Two: Islandhill, Strangford Lough, Comber, 31st August (Gerard McGeehan, Shirley Dunlop).

One: Kinnegar Pool, Belfast Lough, Holywood, 17th September (Gilly Irwin).

Three: Dundrum Inner Bay, Newcastle, 8th to 16th September (Andrew Crory *et al.*).

One: Juvenile. Ardilea, Dundrum, 28th September (Derek Charles, Majella Callaghan, Walter Veale).

One: Killough, 4th October (Tim Murphy).

Londonderry

Four: Bann Estuary, Coleraine; two 25th May and up to two 1st - 7th September (Colin Guy, Theo Campbell *et al.*).

Three: Lough Beg NNR; one southwest corner 8th June and up to two 4th - 8th September (David Steele).

One: First calendar-year, Magilligan, Lough Foyle, 8th June (Charles Stewart).

One: Juvenile. Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle, 14th - 27th September (Ian Dickey *et al.*).

Three: "Lough Foyle", 15th September (Brad Robson, Matthew Tickner, Anne Guichard, Laura Smith).

2015

Antrim

One: Opposite Magowan Tyres, Carrickfergus, Belfast Lough, 18th to 20th May (Cameron Moore).

Londonderry

Singles juveniles at Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle on 11th September 4th October (Derek Charles Ian Dickey).

2016

Antrim

One: Juvenile. Sandy Bay, Larne, 26th August (Gavin Ferguson).

One: Juvenile. Portballintrae, 11th September (Colin Guy).

One: Whitehouse Lagoon, Belfast, 16th September (Adam McClure).

One: Glynn, Larne Lough, 16th September (Gerard McGeehan).

Down

Up to 12: Juveniles. Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, 20th August - 23rd September (Derek Charles, Stephen Maxwell *et al.*).

Six: Ardilea, Dundrum, 24th August (Andrew Crory).

One: Juvenile. Sandy Bay, Larne, 26th August (Gavin Ferguson).

One: Juvenile. Killough, 8th to 14th September (Tim Murphy).

Londonderry

Seven: Bann Estuary, Coleraine; one adult summer 1st August and up to six 21st August - 19th September (Derek Charles, Richard Donaghey *et al.*).

Single juveniles at Lough Beg NNR on 20th August and 15th September (David Hunter, David Steele *et al.*).

Up to 12: Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle, 20th August - 25th September (Derek Charles, Majella Callaghan *et al.*).

Two: "Lough Foyle", 8th September (Brad Robson, Matthew Tickner).

Up to four: Ballykelly, Lough Foyle, 17th September - 7th October (Theo Campbell *et al.*).



Curlew Sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea*,
Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle, 14th September 2015. Photo courtesy of Ian Dickey.



Curlew Sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea*,
Sandy Bay, Larne, 26th August 2016. Photo courtesy of Gavin Ferguson.

2017

Londonderry

Five: Bann Estuary, Coleraine; one 20th April and four juveniles 9th - 25th September (Richard Donaghey, Ian Dickey, *et al.*).

Two: Juveniles. Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle, 9th September (Neal Warnock).

One: Mullagh, Lough Beg NNR, 22nd September (David Steele)

One: Juvenile. Ballykelly, Lough Foyle, 30th September (Derek Charles).

2018

Londonderry

Seven: Bann Estuary, Coleraine; one moulting adult 25th July to 29th July and up to six 9th September - 4th October (Jeff Larkin, Derek Charles *et al.*).

Up to two: Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle, 8th - 29th September (Derek Charles, Daniel Newtown *et al.*).

One: Juvenile. Balls Point, Lough Foyle, Bellarena, 20th October (Derek Charles).

2019

Down

Up to four: Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, 28th August – 6th September (Richard Hunter *et al.*).

One: Millan Bay, Portaferry, 2nd September (Dermot Hughes).

Two: Comber Estuary, Strangford Lough, Comber, 14th September (Chris Murphy *et al.*).

Londonderry

One: Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle, 2nd – 7th September (Daniel Newtown *et al.*).

One or two: Bann Estuary, Coleraine 8th – 30th September (Richard Donaghey, Derek Charles, Theo Campbell, Daniel Newtown *et al.*).

One: Juvenile, Lough Beg, 24th September (David Steele).



[bird on the left, with Dunlins] Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle, 7th September 2019. Photo courtesy of Derek Charles.