

## **Curlew Sandpiper** *Calidris ferruginea* **SV**

(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### **Unpublished records:**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 Croy).

#### **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 to 2nd July and up to three, 30th August to 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).

#### **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 to 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 to 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 Crory *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 Crory).

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

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

#### **Londonderry**

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

Up to 21: Bann Estuary, Coleraine, 1st to 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 to 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 to 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 to 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 to 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 to 24th September (Derek Charles *et al.*).

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

Up to six: Ballykelly, Lough Foyle, 10th September to 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 to 18th October (David Steele).

Two: Bann Estuary, Coleraine. One 10th to 14th June and one 10th to 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 to 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 to 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 to 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 to 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 to 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 to 7th September (Colin Guy, Theo Campbell Neal Warnock *et al.*).

Three: Lough Beg NNR. One Southwest corner 8th June and up to two, 4th to 8th September (David Steele).

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

One: Juvenile. Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle, 14th to 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 to 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 to 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 to 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 to 7th October (Theo Campbell *et al.*).

**2017**

**Londonderry**

Five: Bann Estuary, Coleraine. One 20th April and four juveniles 9th to 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 to 4th October (Jeff Larkin, Derek Charles *et al.*).

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

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



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.