

Green Sandpiper *Tringa ochropus* **SV**

(Breeds subarctic Europe and Asia. Winters southern Europe, Indian subcontinent, Southeast Asia and tropical Africa).

Unpublished records:

1993

Down

One: Castle Island Bay, Quoile Pondage NNR, Downpatrick, 31st December (Garry Armstrong).

1996

Down

One: Tillysburn Stream, Belfast, 25th August (Willie McDowell).

2000

Down

One: Blackstaff River, Dundrum Inner Bay, Newcastle, 12th August (David Nixon).

2001

Down

One: Ardilea, Dundrum, 1st September (Joe Lamont, Clifford Sharpe).

2003

Down

Up to two: Collectors Bay, Quoile Pondage NNR, Downpatrick, 10th July to 13th August (Frank Carroll, Andrew Crory *et al.*).

2006

Down

One: Blackstaff River, Dundrum, 23rd July to 17th August (Ian Mitchell).

Up to three: Collectors Bay, Quoile Pondage NNR, Downpatrick, 24th July to 15th August (Nicholas Veale, Walter Veale *et al.*).

Up to three: Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, 15th to 19th August (Derek Charles, Joe Lamont *et al.*).

One: Killard, Strangford, County Down, 23rd August (Craig Nash).

One: Sydenham Conservation Area, Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, 24th September (Clive Mellon).

Fermanagh

One: South of Monea Village, County Fermanagh, 5th September (Brad Robson).

Londonderry

Two: Lough Beg NNR, County Londonderry. One on 4th August, with two present on the 12th August (David Steele).

2008

Antrim

One: Sixmilwater, Templepatrick, 1st to 11th January (Sandy McWilliams *et al.*).

Down

Two: Blackstaff River, Dundrum. One recorded, 5th to 15th June with one observed 10th to 27th August (Ian Mitchell, Keith Bennett *et al.*).

One: Dundrum Inner Bay North, Newcastle, 8th August (Richard Weyl).

One: Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, 13th to 21st September (Keith Bennett *et al.*)

Londonderry

Up to five: Lough Beg NNR. Three were observed on 15th August, increasing to five birds by 18th August, with one bird remaining to 15th September (David Steele, Matthew Tickner).

Tyrone

One: Corr Road, Coalisland, 4th September (Derek Charles).

2009

Armagh

One: Loughbrickland Lake, Loughbrickland, 6th November (Joe Devlin).

One: Cullyhanna Lake, Newry, 9th November (Frank Carroll).

Down

One: Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, 14th July to 23rd August (Keith Bennett *et al.*).

Four: Blackstaff River, Dundrum. Up to three recorded, 28th July to 17th September with a single bird observed on 10th December (Andrew Crory *et al.*).

2010

Antrim

One: Paradise Walk, Templepatrick, 7th January to 16th March and again on 23rd November only (Joe Lamont, Sandy McWilliams *et al.*).

One: Rathlin Island, 5th July (James Robinson).

Down

Two: Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast. One observed from 20th July to 6th September, with two birds present from 7th to 9th September, one bird remaining to 12th September (Ian Dickey, Keith Bennett *et al.*).

Three: Blackstaff River, Dundrum. One 8th July, with two observed on 5th August, with one remaining to 28th September (Dan Bailie, Andrew Crory *et al.*).

One: Ballyherly Lake, Portaferry, 25th July (Richard Weyl).

Up to three: Quoile Pondage NNR, Downpatrick, 14th to 21st August (Dan Bailie, Andrew Crory *et al.*).

One: Bishops Mill, Strangford, 6th September (Flightline).

One: Curraghgad, Tollymore, Newcastle, 23rd September (Dan Bailie).

One: Upper Reservoir Conlig, Bangor, 9th to 15th December (B. Bullar *et al.*).

Londonderry

Three: Lough Beg NNR, 10th September, with one remaining to 19th September (David Steele)

2011

Antrim

One: Lady Bay, Lough Neagh, Aghagallon, 31st August (Vernon Carter *et al.*).

One: Paradise Walk, Templepatrick, 20th November (Sandy McWilliams).

Down

One: Quoile Pondage NNR, Downpatrick, 6th January (Andrew Crory).

One: Ardilea, Dundrum, 16th January to 27th February (Ronald Surgenor *et al.*).

One: River Lagan, Donaghcloney, 14th April (Ted Rolston).

One: Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, 16th to 17th August (Chris Sturgeon, Brian Douglas, Ronald Surgenor *et al.*).

Londonderry

Singles recorded at Bann Estuary, Coleraine, on 10th April and 13th August (Neal Warnock).

2012

Down

One: Ballylough, Castlewellan, 23rd January (Adam McClure).

One: Saltwater Brigg, Strangford Lough, 1st April (Keith Bennett).

One: Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, 3rd October (Gerard McGeehan).

One: Kircubbin, 20th October (Derek Charles, Walter Veale).

Londonderry

Up to three: Lough Beg NNR. One recorded from, 13th August to 12th September with three observed on the east shore on 17th September (Mathew Tickner, Seamus Burns *et al.*).

2013

Antrim

One: Lady Bay, Lough Neagh, Aghagallon, 23rd August (Derek Charles).

Armagh

One: Shaw's Lake, Glenanne, Markethill, 18th to 28th August (Joe Devlin *et al.*).

One: Maddens Bridge, Tandragee, 20th November to 13th December (Joe Devlin).

Down

Up to two: Creighton's Dam, Holywood, 3rd March to 14th April (Wilton Farrelly, Simon Morton, Billy Miskelly *et al.*).

Singles observed at the Quoile Pondage NNR, Downpatrick, on 15th July and 22nd September (Keith Bennett).

One: Blackstaff River, Dundrum, 12th August (Craig Nash).

One: Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, 21st August to 2nd September (Gerard McGeehan *et al.*).

One: Ballykeel Reservoir, Holywood, 7th December (Julian Greenwood).

Londonderry

Three: Lough Beg NNR. One recorded at Church Island, 18th to 22nd August, with two observed on 4th October (Ciaran Burns, David Steele *et al.*).

Tyrone

Four: Derryloughan, Lough Neagh, 13th August (David Knight).

2014

Antrim

One: Lough Mourne, Carrickfergus, 20th to 21st August (Richard Weyl *et al.*).

One: Portmore Lough RSPB Reserve, Aghagallon, 20th December (Derek Charles).

Down

Single adults observed at Ballykeel Reservoir, Holywood, on 13th January and 1st March (Julian Greenwood).

One: Ardilea Road, Dundrum, 17th January to 27th February (Ronnie Milligan *et al.*).

One: Dundrine Road, Castlewellan, 7th March (Adam McClure).

One: River Lagan, Meadowvale, Waringsford, 5th November (Richard Gray).

One: Newry Canal, Drumbanagher, 13th December (Joe Devlin).

Londonderry

One: Roe Estuary, Lough Foyle, 3rd August (Theo Campbell).

One: Lough Beg NNR, 21st August to 4th September (David Steele).

One: Upperlands Dam, Maghera, 17th September (David Morrow).

Fermanagh

One: Brookeborough, 5th August (John Young).

2015

Down

One: Aughnaskeagh Road, Waringsford, 6th April (Ron Price).

One: Juvenile. Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, 26th to 28th July (Stuart McKee *et al.*).

Londonderry

One: Bann Estuary, Coleraine, 31st July (Hill Dick, Peter Robinson).

One or two: South west corner, Lough Beg NNR, 24th August to 18th October (David Steele *et al.*).

2016

Antrim

Singles birds observed at Slaght, Ballymena, on 8th March and from, 5th August to 6th September (David Steele).

Armagh

Two: Shaw's Lake, Glenanne, 9th August, one remaining to 10th August (David Knight *et al.*).

Down

Three: Quoile Pondage NNR, Downpatrick. Two birds observed on 24th July, with a single bird present on 25th November (Jeff Larkin, Julian Greenwood).

Two: Clea Lakes, Shrigley, Killyleagh, 21st October (Julian Greenwood).

Londonderry

One: River Bann, Toomebridge, 27th July (Matthew Tickner, Gareth Bareham).

One: Lough Beg NNR, 28th August (David Steele).

2017

Antrim

One: Sandy Bay, Lough Neagh, 7th January (Neal Warnock).

One: Heard only. Portrush Golf Club, Portrush, 14th August (Colin Guy).

One: Rathlin Island, 30th August (Ric Else, Hazel Watson).

Armagh

One: Lisleitrim Lough, Cullyhanna, 10th January (Joe Lamont).

Two: Newry Canal. Poyntzpass, 11th August (Joe Devlin).

Londonderry

Two: Lough Beg NNR. Singles at Mullagh on 8th October and at the south end on 20th November (David Steele, Matthew Tickner).

2018

Antrim

One: River Main, Slaght, Ballymena, 23rd March (David Steele).

Armagh

One: Reedy Flats, Lough Neagh, Derrytrasna, 22nd April (Derek Charles).

Down

One: Killough, 23rd August (Chris Murphy).

Londonderry

One: South west corner, Lough Beg NNR, 3rd to 20th August (David Steele).

Two: Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle, 4th August (Derek Charles).



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Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast Harbour Estate, 3rd September 2010. Photo courtesy of Ronald Surgenor.