

## **Little Stint** *Calidris minuta* **SV**

(Breeds arctic Europe and Asia. Winters Africa and southern Asia).

### **Unpublished records:**

**1993**

#### **Down**

Four: Dundrum Inner Bay South, Newcastle, 15th September (Gary Wilkinson).

Two: Blackstaff River, Dundrum, Newcastle, 26th September (Oscar Campbell).

**1995**

#### **Down**

One: Quoile Pondage NNR, Downpatrick, 28th September (Colin Davidson).

#### **Londonderry**

Two: Juveniles. Bann Estuary, Coleraine, 8th September (Davy Hunter, Gerard McGeehan).

**1996**

#### **Down**

One: Juvenile. Strand Lough, Killough, 1st September (Anthony McGeehan).

Two: Groomsport Marsh, Groomsport, 15th to 21st September (Orcilla Hadrick, Dave Hadrick *et al.*).

One: Quoile Pondage NNR, Downpatrick, 21st September (Jim Whitla).

One: Warrenpoint, 22nd September (Joe Devlin).

One: Killough, 22nd October (Anthony McGeehan).

#### **Londonderry**

Up to 19: Bann Estuary, Coleraine, 10th September to 31st October (Oscar Campbell, Kerry Leonard *et al.*).

Peak count of 19 birds on 23rd September.

**1998**

#### **Down**

Six: Sydenham Conservation Area, Belfast, 13th September (Anthony McGeehan).

Up to five: Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, 3rd to 18th October (R. Woods *et al.*).

**2001**

#### **Down**

Four: Juveniles. Groomsport Marsh, Groomsport, 23rd August (G. Henderson *et al.*).

One: Kinnegar Pool, Belfast Lough, Holywood, 30th November (Anthony McGeehan).

**2006**

#### **Antrim**

One: Ballycarry, Larne Lough, 11th to 24th September (Flightline).

One: Lady Bay, Lough Neagh, County Antrim, 24th September (Flightline).

#### **Down**

One: Juvenile. Blackstaff River, Dundrum, 17th September (Flightline).

Up to three: Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, 18th September to 19th October (Anthony McGeehan *et al.*).

Two: Juveniles. Killough Harbour, Killough, 25th September to 1st October (Richard Weyl *et al.*).

One: Kinnegar Shore, Belfast Lough, Holywood, 8th October (Derek Charles).

#### **Londonderry**

One: Juvenile. Lough Beg NNR, 23rd September to 11th October (Flightline).

Two: Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle, 25th September to 8th October (Dave Allen *et al.*).

#### **Tyrone**

Two: West shore of Lough Neagh, between Curran and Ardboe, 18th September (Flightline).

**2007**

One: Whitehouse Lagoon, Belfast, County Antrim, 1st January. (Flightline).

Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, County Down:

One: Adult summer. 23rd August (Flightline).

One: Juvenile. 29th September to 2nd October (Joe Lamont *et al.*).

One: Adult summer. Kinnegar Shore, Belfast Lough, Holywood, County Down, 26th August (Flightline).

One: Quoile Pondage NNR, Downpatrick, County Down, 31st August to 29th September (Flightline).

One: Green Island, Dundrum Bay, Dundrum, County Down, 2nd September (Flightline).

Two: Juveniles. Ann's Point, Strangford Lough, Greyabbey, County Down, 29th September to 3rd October (Flightline).

Four: Juveniles. Bann Estuary, Coleraine, County Londonderry, 7th to 13th October (Flightline).

Two: Juveniles. Lough Beg NNR, County Londonderry, 8th to 14th October with three on 15th October (Flightline).

One: Juvenile, Sandy Bay, Larne, County Antrim, 8th to 15th October (Cameron Moore *et al.*).

#### **2008**

Up to two: Lough Beg NNR, County Londonderry, 11th to 15th September (David Steele *et al.*).

One: Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, County Down, 12th to 26th September (Keith Bennett *et al.*).

One: Whitehead, County Antrim, 14th September (Flightline).

One: Clanrye River, Newry Estuary, Newry, County Down, 15th September (Flightline).

One: Juvenile. Ballykelly, Lough Foyle, County Londonderry, 25th September (Flightline).

Up to seven: Bann Estuary, Coleraine, County Londonderry, 28th September to 8th October (Flightline).

#### **2009**

##### **Down**

One: Juvenile. Devonshire Bridge, Dundrum Inner Bay North, Newcastle, 17th to 19th September (Flightline).

One: Juvenile. Dundrum Inner Bay South, Newcastle, 25th to 28th September (Flightline).

One: Juvenile. Keel Point, Dundrum Inner Bay South, Newcastle, 29th to 30th September (Flightline).

##### **Londonderry**

Two: Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle, 5th September (Derek Charles).

One: Juvenile. Mullagh, Lough Beg NNR, 16th to 21st September (David Steele).

#### **2010**

##### **Antrim**

One: Larne Lough, 5th August (Ian Enlander).

##### **Down**

Up to two: Juveniles. Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, 6th to 12th September (Chris Sturgeon *et al.*).

One: Tullyhill Bay, Killard, Strangford, 10th to 12th September (Craig Nash *et al.*).

##### **Londonderry**

Up to two: Bann Estuary, Coleraine, 24th August to 2nd October (Derek Charles, Geoff Campbell *et al.*).

Up to three: Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle, 10th to 26th September (Derek Charles *et al.*).

Two: Lough Beg NNR, 7th October (David Steele).

#### **2011**

##### **Down**

One: Ann's Point, Greyabbey, Strangford Lough, 29th August (Richard Weyl).

Two: Juveniles. Dundrum Inner Bay, South, Newcastle, 29th August, one remaining to 7th September (Andrew Crory).

One: Juvenile. Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, 6th to 17th September (Kerry Leonard, Guy Hamilton *et al.*).

One: Coney Island, Killough, 15th September (Andrew Crory).

##### **Londonderry**

Up to two: Bann Estuary, Coleraine, 8th August to 17th September (Theo Campbell, Dennis Weir *et al.*).

One: Juvenile. Lough Beg NNR, 29th August to 9th September (David Steele *et al.*).

Two: Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle. Singles observed on 3rd September and 5th October (Neal Warnock, Gerry Bond).

One: Ballykelly, Lough Foyle, 10th September (Derek Charles, Majella Callaghan).

#### **2012**

##### **Down**

One: Kinnegar Pool, Belfast Lough, Holywood, 29th July (William Smyton).

##### **Londonderry**

Two: Bann Estuary, Coleraine, 19th August (Keith Bennett).

Two: Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle, 24th August (Matthew Tickner).

#### **2013**

##### **Antrim**

One: Ballycarry, Larne Lough, 7th September to 26th September (Cameron Moore, Ian Enlander, Nicky Lynn, Ivan Quail *et al.*).

One: Juvenile. Sandy Bay, Larne, 4th to 9th October (Cameron Moore *et al.*).

One: Juvenile. Browns Bay, Islandmagee, 9th October (Kerry Leonard).

#### **Down**

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

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

Two: Killard NNR, Strangford, 21st September (Dot Blakely).

One: Ballyquintin Point, Outer Ards Peninsula, 22nd September (Wilton Farrelly *et al.*).

#### **Londonderry**

One: Juvenile. Bann Estuary, Coleraine, 14th to 21st September (Derek Charles, Majella Callaghan *et al.*).

#### **2014**

##### **Antrim**

One: Juvenile. Lough Mourne, Carrickfergus, 20th to 30th August (Richard Weyl *et al.*).

##### **Down**

Two: Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast. One, juvenile. 30th August to 1st September, with another single observed, 19th to 20th September (Gerard McGeehan *et al.*).

One: Floodgates, Strangford Lough, Newtownards, 30th August (Wilton Farrelly).

One: Juvenile. Kilclief, Strangford, 24th October to 2nd November (David Nixon *et al.*).

One: Inner Dundrum Bay, Newcastle, 25th October (Jim Whitla, R. Hart, M. Richardson, Fulton Summerville).

##### **Londonderry**

Three: Lough Beg NNR. One on 8th September, with two on 22nd September (David Steele *et al.*).

Two: Bann Estuary, Coleraine. One 4th to 17th September, with a single juvenile on 17th October (Theo Campbell *et al.*).

#### **2015**

##### **Down**

Four: Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast. One adult summer, 26th to 27th May with up to three juveniles, 17th to 26th August (Stephen Maxwell *et al.*).

##### **Londonderry**

Three: Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle. One juvenile observed, 23rd to 30th August, with two juveniles on 6th September (Derek Charles, Majella Callaghan, Garry Armstrong *et al.*).

#### **2016**

##### **Down**

Three: Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast. One adult, 28th May to 7th June, one 12th to 27th September with a juvenile, 23rd to 31st October (Derek Charles, Gerard McGeehan, Shirley Dunlop *et al.*).

One: Adult. Ringed. Kinnegar Shore, Belfast Lough, Holywood, 28th to 30th May (Derek Charles *et al.*). One: Dundrum Bay, Newcastle, 2nd August (Toni Castello).

One: Clanrye River, Newry Estuary, Newry, 27th August (Frank Carroll).

##### **Londonderry**

Two: Paddy's Dub, Lough Beg NNR, one adult on the 14th May, with two adults observed the next day (David Steele).

Eight: Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle. Two juveniles, 7th to 8th August and up to six, 3rd to 25th September (Jeff Larkin, Derek Charles, Majella Callaghan *et al.*).

Up to two: Bann Estuary, Coleraine. One, juvenile recorded on 4th September, with two birds present on the 7th September (Gerard McGeehan, Richard Donaghey).

#### **2017**

##### **Down**

One: Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, 25th September to 1st October (Tom Ennis *et al.*).

Two: Drumfad Bay, Millisle, 21st October (Richard Weyl).

##### **Londonderry**

Four: Lough Beg NNR. One in summer plumage, south west corner, 2nd June and up to three, Mullagh, 29th September into 2018 (David Steele).

One: Barmouth, Bann Estuary, Coleraine, 27th to 28th August (Wilton Farrelly *et al.*).

One: Juvenile. Ballykelly, Lough Foyle, 13th September (Brad Robson, Matthew Tickner, Matthew Bareham).

One: Bann Estuary, Coleraine, 23rd September to 22nd October (Theo Campbell, Richard Donaghey *et al.*).

Up to five: Juveniles. Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle, 30th September to 26th October (Derek Charles, Majella Callaghan *et al.*).

**2018**

**Down**

One: Adult. Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, 24th August (Daniel Newtown).

**Londonderry**

Five: Lough Beg NNR. Three from 2017 remained to 3rd April, with an adult summer at Paddy's Dub on 4th May and the final bird of the year was one in south west corner, 11th November to 28th December (David Steele *et al.*).

One: Bann Estuary, Coleraine, 28th September (Theo Campbell).



Little Stint *Calidris minuta*,  
Kinnegar Shore, Belfast Lough, Holywood, 8th October 2006. Photo courtesy of Derek Charles.



Little Stint *Calidris minuta*,  
Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle, 30th September 2017. Photo courtesy of Derek Charles.



Little Stint *Calidris minuta*,  
Kinnegar Shore, Belfast Lough, Holywood, 28th to 30th May 2016. Photo courtesy of Derek Charles.