

Long-billed Dowitcher *Limnodromus scolopaceus* (0, 17, 11). **RV**

(Breeds Arctic Siberia west to Lena River Delta and coastal tundra of west and north Alaska, east to Mackenzie River, Canada. Migrates through USA to winter coastal south USA to north and central America).

Published records:

1977

One: Bann Estuary, Coleraine, County Londonderry, 9th October into 1978 (Tom Ennis *et al.*). *NIBR* 1982-85:56.

1978

One: Bann Estuary, Coleraine, County Londonderry, from 1977 stayed to 22nd April (Tom Ennis *et al.*). *NIBR* 1982-85:56.

1984

One: Lough Beg NNR, County Londonderry, 21st to 27th October (Mervyn Patterson, Derek Charles *et al.*). *NIBRC* 1987.

1985

One: In summer plumage. Lough Beg NNR, County Londonderry, 10th April (David Steele, Laurence Morgan). *NIBRC* 1987.

1987

One: Summer plumage adult. Castle Espie WWT, Comber, County Down, 31st May (Anthony McGeehan). *Irish Birds* 3:624.

One: Bann Estuary, Coleraine, County Londonderry, 13th September (Derek Brennan, Theo Campbell). *Irish birds* 4:94.

One: Juvenile. Lough Beg NNR, County Londonderry, 30th September (Anthony McGeehan). *Irish Birds* 3:624.

One: First-winter. Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, County Down, 14th November into 1988 (Anthony McGeehan *et al.*). *Irish Birds* 3:624.

1988

One: Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, County Down, from 1987 stayed to 24th January (Anthony McGeehan *et al.*). *NIBA* 1992.

One: Bann Estuary, Coleraine, County Londonderry, 1st October into 1989. *NIBA* 1992.

1989

One: Bann Estuary, Coleraine, County Londonderry, from 1988 stayed to 30th April. *NIBA* 1992.

1990

One: Juvenile. Lough Beg NNR, County Londonderry, 14th October. *NIBA* 1992

One: Juvenile. Moulting into winter plumage. Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, County Down, from 27th October into 1991. *NIBA* 1992

1991

One: Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, County Down, from 1990 stayed to 14th April. *NIBA* 1993.

1993

One: Adult moulting out of summer plumage. Strand Lough, Killough, County Down, 22nd to 28th August (Ronnie Thompson *et al.*). *NIBA* 1994.

1996

One: In partial summer plumage. Dundrum Inner Bay, Newcastle, County Down, 11th September (Oscar Campbell, Kerry Leonard). *NIBA* 1998.

1999

One: Lough Beg NNR, County Londonderry, 13th to 17th May (David Steele). *NIBA* 2001.

One: Summer plumage adult. Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, County Down, 7th July into 2000 (Stuart McKee *et al.*).

2000

One: Adult. The bird which arrived in 1999 frequented Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve and adjacent area throughout the year (per NIBA)". *NIBA* 2002.

2001

One: Adult. The bird which arrived in 1999 frequented Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve and adjacent area throughout the year (per NIBA)". *NIBA* 2002.

2002

One: Adult. The bird which arrived in 1999 frequented Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve and adjacent area up until 14th April (per NIBA)". *NIBA* 2002.

One: Mullagh, Lough Beg NNR, County Londonderry, 28th October to 7th November (David Hunter). *NIBA 2003*.

2003

Two: Mullagh, Lough Beg NNR, County Londonderry. Singles on 12th October and 13th November (David Steele). *NIBA 2006*.

2004

One: Mullagh, Lough Beg NNR, County Londonderry, 26th January (Matthew Tickner). *Milne & McAdams 2008a*.

2005

One: Lough Beg NNR, County Londonderry, 13th to 15th November (David Steele). *Milne & McAdams 2009*.

2006

Two: Juveniles. Lough Beg NNR, County Londonderry, 30th September to 20th October, and again on 15th November (David Steele). *Milne & McAdams 2008b*.

NIBA 2008a, published the record as: Two, juveniles. from 30th September to 15th November.

One: Juvenile. Bann Estuary, Coleraine, County Londonderry, 11th to 23rd October (Hill Dick, Mervyn Guthrie, David Steele *et al.*). *Milne & McAdams 2008b*.

2007

Three: Lough Beg NNR, County Londonderry. Singles on 1st January (David Steele, Derek Charles), and 10th to 20th April (Matthew Tickner, Stephen Foster). *Milne & McAdams 2009*. The last bird was recorded 8th October into 2008 (David Steele *et al.*). *NIBA 2008b*. However, *Milne & McAdams 2009*, Irish Bird Report, have published the date as 8th October only.

One: Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, County Down, 30th November (Joe Lamont, J. Bradley *et al.*). *Milne & McAdams 2009*.

2008

One: Lough Beg NNR, County Londonderry, from 2007, stayed to 5th February (David Steele, Derek Charles *et al.*). *Fahy 2010*.

Dowitcher sp.

Dowitcher's that could not be specifically identified as either Long-billed or Short-billed *L. scolopaceus/griseus*. The likelihood is that most, if not all are Long-billed Dowitcher.

Published records:

1961

One: Lough Beg NNR, County Londonderry, 28th October (Joe Donaldson, K. Forrest, M.P. McMillan, J. Szwander). *Rutledge* 1962.

One: Brockish Bay, Lough Neagh, County Antrim, 8th November (Joe Donaldson, K. Forrest, M.P. McMillan, J. Szwander). *Rutledge* 1962. According to *D'Arcy* 1978, this bird remained to January 1962.

1963

One: Lough Beg NNR, County Londonderry, 2nd October to 15th October (Dave Branagh, Gordon Darcy *et al.*). *Rutledge* 1964.

1970

One: Lough Beg NNR, County Londonderry, in late autumn, exact date unknown. *D'Arcy* 1978. This record remains unpublished by NIBA / NIBARC / IRBC.

1978

One: Lough Beg NNR, County Londonderry, 9th September to 15th October. *Preston* 1979.

1979

One: Giant's Causeway, Bushmills, County Antrim, 12th February. *British Birds* 73: 508. This record not published by NIBA / NIBRC / IRBC.

One: Castle Espie WWT, Comber, County Down, 7th September (Dougie Gamble). *Preston* 1980.

1985

One: Bann Estuary, Coleraine, County Londonderry, 29th September to 1st October (David Steele). *NIBA* 1987.