

Pectoral Sandpiper *Calidris melanotos* (0, 81, 88). **SV**

(Breeds on Tundra regions of Canada, Alaska and north east Siberia).

Unpublished records:

1962

Two: Lough Beg NNR, County Londonderry, 5th September (Willie McDowell, John Lovett).

1994

One: Paddys Dub, Lough Beg NNR, County Londonderry, 22nd to 25th May (Ed O'Hara, Garry Armstrong *et al.*).

1997

One: Ringmore Point, Quoile Pondage NNR, Downpatrick, County Down, 6th August (Geoff Campbell).

2001

One: Lough Beg NNR, County Londonderry, 12th to 13th September (Davy Hunter).

2009

Londonderry

One: Adult. Roe Estuary, Lough Foyle, 22nd August (Derek Charles).

One: Bann Estuary, Coleraine, 5th September (Jeff Larkin).

Two: South west corner, Lough Beg NNR, 20th September (David Steele).

One: Juvenile. Ballykelly, Lough Foyle, 26th September (Geoff Campbell, Brad Robson *et al.*).

2010

Down

Two: Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast. One juvenile, 29th August with a different juvenile observed, 8th to 10th September (Ed O'Hara, Paul McCullough, Gerard McGeehan *et al.*).

Londonderry

One: Juvenile. Turf Lawn Fields, Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle, 29th August (Derek Charles).

One: Juvenile. Bann Estuary, Coleraine, 5th September (Jeff Larkin).

Up to three: Mullagh, Lough Beg NNR, 12th to 24th September (David Steele, Derek Charles).

2011

Armagh

Two: Ardmore Point, Lough Neagh, Derrytrasna. One juvenile, 12th to 13th November, two juveniles present to the 19th November, with a single remaining to 27th November (Derek Charles, Majella Callaghan *et al.*).

Londonderry

Three: Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle. One adult observed on 20th July, with single juveniles, recorded from 24th to 25th September and 1st October (Derek Charles, Ian Dickey, Keith Bennett, Walter Veale, Derek Charles *et al.*).

Four: Lough Beg NNR. Two birds were present on 21st August, with a single remaining to 23rd August. A juvenile was observed in the south west corner, 7th to 8th September, with another juvenile on 2nd October (David Steele, Derek Charles).

2012

Down

One: Adult. Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, 24th to 29th July (Chris Sturgeon *et al.*).

Londonderry

Three: Lough Beg NNR. Two females, Paddy's Dub, 20th May with a single on 13th August (David Steele, Matthew Tickner, Seamus Burns *et al.*).

One: Juvenile. Bann Estuary, Coleraine, 1st September (Derek Charles, Majella Callaghan).

2013

Armagh

One: Ardmore Point, Lough Neagh, Derrytrasna, 22nd November (Derek Charles).

One: Reedy Flats, Lough Neagh, Derrytrasna, 23rd November to 24th December (Derek Charles, Majella Callaghan, Walter Veale).

Down

One: Adult. Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, 21st to 25th July (Jeff Larkin *et al.*).

Londonderry

One: Juvenile. Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle, 29th to 30th September (Jeff Larkin *et al.*).

2014

Armagh

One: Reedy Flats, Lough Neagh, Derrytrasna, 30th March (Derek Charles *et al.*).

Down

One: Juvenile. Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, 4th to 13th September (Walter Veale, *et al.*).

Londonderry

Two: Lough Beg. Singles, on 2nd May and 21st September (Amy Burns, Tim Murphy).

2015

Antrim

One: Juvenile. Lady Bay's, Lough Neagh, Aghagallon, 30th October (Derek Charles).

Down

One: Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, 22nd July (Gerard McGeehan).

Londonderry

Two: Lough Beg NNR. Singles on 30th May and in the south west corner, 21st September to 6th October (Godfrey McRoberts, David Steele).

2016

Londonderry

One: Lough Beg NNR, 6th September (David Steele).

One: Juvenile. Turf Lawn Fields, Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle, 21st to 25th September (Jeff Larkin *et al.*).

One: Balls Point, Lough Foyle, Bellerena, 25th September (Garry Armstrong *et al.*).

2017

Down

One: Quoile Pondage NNR, Downpatrick, 17th September (Billy Miskelly).

Londonderry

At least four: Lough Beg NNR. One observed in the south west corner on 10th May, with two recorded on 25th May, one remaining to 28th May. An adult was at Mullagh from 6th to 7th August, and finally a juvenile was in the south west corner on 24th August (Davy Hunter, David Steele *et al.*).

2018

Antrim:

One: Adult. Lady Bay, Lough Neagh, Aghagallon, 5th August (Suzanne Belshaw).

Londonderry

One: Long Point, Lough Beg NNR, 7th August (David Steele).

One: Juvenile. Turf Lawn Fields, Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle, 15th to 21st September (Derek Charles, Majella Callaghan *et al.*).



Pectoral Sandpiper *Calidris melanotos*,
Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle. 25th September 2011. Photo courtesy of Derek Charles.



Pectoral Sandpiper *Calidris melanotos*,
Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle, 29th September 2013. Photo courtesy of Derek Charles.



Pectoral Sandpiper *Calidris melanotos*,
Lady Bay's, Lough Neagh, Aghagallon, 30th October 2015. Photo courtesy of Derek Charles.