

## **Semipalmated Sandpiper** *Calidris pusilla* (0, 6, 6).

(Breeds on tundra of west Alaska, east across Arctic Canada south to Baffin Island and coastal Labrador. Has bred extreme north-east Siberia. Migrates across Great Plains and eastern seaboard of USA to winter Central America and coasts of tropical South America to Brazil and Peru).

### **1982**

One: Bann Estuary, Castlerock, County Londonderry, on an unknown date in September, photographed (R. Crothers). *NIBRC* 1987.

### **1998**

One: Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, County Down, 13th to 18th August, photographed (Anthony McGeehan *et al.*). *NIBA* 2000.

### **1999**

Two: Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, County Down. Single juveniles were observed from 13th to 19th August, and 8th to 20th September (Anthony McGeehan *et al.*). *NIBA* 2001.

Two: Bann Estuary, Coleraine, County Londonderry. One juvenile, was recorded on 19th to 25th September, with a moulting adult from 25th to 26th September (Davy Hunter, David Steele *et al.*). *NIBA* 2001.

### **2005**

One: Juvenile. Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, County Down, 31st August to 7th September, photographed (Anthony McGeehan *et al.*). *Milne & McAdams* 2008a.

### **2007**

One: Adult. Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, County Down, 9th to 15th May, photographed (Anthony McGeehan, Derek Charles, D. Savage *et al.*). *Milne & McAdams* 2009.

Photos below 1-5. Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, County Down, 2nd September 2005.



Semipalmated Sandpiper *Calidris pusilla*,  
Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, County Down, 31st August 2005.  
Photo courtesy of Derek Charles.





Semipalmated Sandpiper *Calidris pusilla*,  
Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, County Down, 10th May 2007.  
Photo courtesy of Derek Charles.



Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle, County Londonderry, 10th July 2011. Photo courtesy of Derek Charles.

**2011**

One: Adult. Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle, County Londonderry, 10th-11th July, photographed (Derek Charles, Davy Hunter). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

One: Juvenile. Bann Estuary, Coleraine, County Londonderry, 28th-30th August (Dennis Weir *et al.*). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

**2012**

One: Juvenile. Ballykelly, Lough Foyle, County Londonderry, 15th September (Derek Charles, Majella Callaghan). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

**2016**

One: Juvenile. Turf Lawn fields, Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle, County Londonderry, 24th September (Derek Charles, Majella Callaghan). *Charles and Crory* 2019.