

Semipalmated Sandpiper *Calidris pusilla* (0, 6, 2). **RV**

(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).

Published records:

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.



Semipalmated Sandpiper *Calidris pusilla*,
Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, County Down, 31st August 2005.
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Semipalmated Sandpiper *Calidris pusilla*,
Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, County Down, 10th May 2007.
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