

Caspian Gull *Larus cachinnans* (0, 2, 10).

(Breeds Black and Caspian Seas, Poland and eastern Germany extending eastwards across Central Asia to north-west China. Winters Red Sea, Persian Gulf and small numbers into Western Europe).

1998

One: Third-winter. North foreshore Tip, Dargan Road, Belfast, County Antrim, 13th February (Richard Millington, Anthony McGeehan). *NIBA* 2000.

1999

One: Adult. Culmore Tip, Culmore, Londonderry, County Londonderry, 12th - 18th February, photographed (Anthony McGeehan *et al.*). *NIBA* 2001.

2002

One: Adult. Culmore Tip, Culmore, Londonderry, County Londonderry, 16th December (David Steele, Davy Hunter). *NIBA* 2004.

2003

One: Adult. Culmore Tip, Culmore, Londonderry, County Londonderry, 27th January (Davy Hunter, David Steele). *NIBA* 2006.

2005

One: First winter. Whitehouse Lagoon, Belfast, County Antrim, 23rd December, photographed (Derek Charles). *Milne & McAdams* 2009.

One: First winter. Dargan Bay, Belfast, County Antrim, 26th - 28th December, photographed (Derek Charles *et al.*). *Milne & McAdams* 2009.

One: First winter. Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast, County Down 30th December, photographed (Derek Charles *et al.*). *Milne & McAdams* 2009.

Same individual in all three above sightings.



Caspian Gull *Larus cachinnans*,
Dargan Bay, Belfast, County Antrim, 28th December 2005. Photo courtesy of Derek Charles.

2006

One: First- winter. Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, County Down, 16th March, photographed (Anthony McGeehan). *Milne & McAdams* 2009. Same individual as 2005.

One: Adult. Dargan Bay, Belfast, County Antrim, 17th March (Paul Kelly). *Milne & McAdams* 2009.

2007

Two: Culmore Tip, Culmore, Londonderry, County Londonderry; one third-winter 31st January, photographed (David Steele) *NIBA* 2008b. [Not published in Irish Bird Report, published photo appears to be a Herring Gull] and one first-winter [ringed] 23rd February, photographed (Derek Charles). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

One: First-winter. Whitehouse Lagoon, Belfast, County Antrim, 16th to 18th June, photographed (Derek Charles). *Charles and Crory* 2019.



Caspian Gull (middle bird) *Larus cachinnans* Culmore Tip, Culmore, Londonderry, County Londonderry, 23rd February 2007, photo Derek Charles.



Caspian Gull (middle bird) *Larus cachinnans* Whitehouse Lagoon, Belfast, County Antrim, 16th June 2007 photo Derek Charles.

2018

One: Fourth-winter. Enniskillen Tip, Derrygonnelly Road, Enniskillen, County Fermanagh, 23rd February, photographed (Brad Robson). *Charles and Croy 2019*.

While it may have been a pure bird some features like the lack of prominent mirrors on p9 and p10 may be suggestive of a hybrid.

One: Juvenile / first-winter. Donnybrewer, Lough Foyle, County Londonderry, 4th November, photographed (Derek Charles). *Charles and Croy*



Fourth-winter. Enniskillen Tip, Derrygonnelly Road, Enniskillen, 23rd February 2018 photo. Brad Robson.



Juvenile / first-winter. Donnybrewer, Lough Foyle, 4th November 2018, photo Derek Charles.

2019

One: First-winter, ringed [X86A]. Mill Quarter Bay, Strangford Lough, Strangford, County Down, 10th May, (Graham McElwaine).

This bird had been ringed near Leipzig, Saxony, Germany on 3rd June 2018. It was first re-sighted at Ashworth Moor Reservoir, Greater Manchester on 25th November 2018 and again at Altham, Lancashire on 23rd January 2019 before its appearance at Mill Quarter Bay.