

Caspian Gull *Larus cachinnans* (0, 2, 4). **RV**

(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).

Published records:

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 to 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 to 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.

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

One: Third-winter Culmore Tip, Culmore, Londonderry, County Londonderry, 23rd February, photographed (David Steele) *NIBA* 2008b. Not published in Irish Bird Report. Published photo appears to be a Herring Gull.



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

Caspian Gull x Herring Gull *Larus cachinnans* x *L. argentatus* (0, 0, 2).

Published records:

2007

One: First-winter (ringed). Culmore Tip, Culmore, Londonderry, County Londonderry, 23rd February, photographed (Derek Charles). *NIBA* 2008b.

One: First-winter Whitehouse Lagoon, Belfast, County Antrim, 16th to 18th June, photographed (Derek Charles). *NIBA* 2008b.



Caspian x Herring Gull *Larus cachinnans* x *L. argentatus*

Culmore Tip, Culmore, Londonderry, County Londonderry, 23rd February. Photo courtesy of Derek Charles.