

Glaucous Gull *Larus hyperboreus* **SV**

(Breeds in Arctic regions of the Northern Hemisphere and winters south to shores of the Holarctic).

Unpublished records:

1993

Down

One: Second-winter. Portavogie, 17th December to 4th March 1994 (Anthony McGeehan, Ken Douglas *et al.*).

1998

Antrim

One: Seapark, Belfast Lough, 1st March (Gerard McGeehan).

One: Adult. Antrim Road Waterworks, Belfast, 15th March (Anthony McGeehan).

One: Whitehouse Lagoon, Belfast, 12th April (Anthony McGeehan).

Down

One: Adult. Ballyholme Bay, Bangor, 17th January (George Gordon).

One: Crawford's Point, Derroge, 26th January (Matthew Tickner).

One: Juvenile. Ballymacormick Point, Groomsport, 17th March (Ivor McDonald).

One: Adult. Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, 3rd November to 8th December (Anthony McGeehan *et al.*).

2000

Antrim

Two: Belfast Waterworks, Antrim Road, Belfast. One adult 14th January, one 13th February (Martin Garner, Anthony McGeehan).

One: Whitehouse Lagoon, Belfast, 25th April (Joe Lamont).

Armagh

One: Ballyfodrin Tip, Armagh City, 1st March (David Knight).

2001

Down

One: Briggs Rocks, Groomsport, 17th February (R. Price).

One: Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, 17th May (Anthony McGeehan).

2003

Antrim

One: Ramore Head, Portrush, 13th February (J. Clark).

One: Dargan Bay, Belfast Lough, Belfast, 29th December (J. Whitla *et al.*).

2005

Antrim

One: Juvenile. Ballymena Tip, Lisnavenagh Road, Antrim, 5th January (Flightline).

Seven: North Foreshore Tip, Dargan Road, Belfast. Up to four juveniles 9th January to 27th May, two first-years 18th June, one remaining to 26th June and a juvenile 26th November to 31st December (Flightline).

One: Juvenile. East Strand, Portrush, 11th January (Flightline).

One: Juvenile. Ramore Head, Portrush, 19th to 25th January (Flightline).

One: Juvenile. Giants Causeway, Bushmills, 21st January (Flightline).

One: Second-winter / second-summer. Whitehouse Lagoon, Belfast, 23rd January to 11th June (Flightline).

Two: One juvenile and one adult. Ballintoy, 25th January (Flightline).

One: Third year. Ballycastle Bay, Ballycastle, 26th to 27th January (Flightline).

One: Second-winter. Blackhead, 31st January (Flightline).

Up to two: Steeles Point, Larne Lough, Islandmagee, 2nd to 16th February (Flightline).

One: Juvenile. Ballycarry Bridge, Larne Lough, Ballycarry, 7th 23rd February (Flightline).

One: Second-winter. Glenarm, 28th February (Flightline).

One: Belfast Container Port, Dargan, Belfast, 17th March (Flightline).

One: Second-winter. Colliery Bay, 2km north east of Ballycastle, 27th March (Flightline).

One: Juvenile. Portballintrae. 8th September (Flightline).

Three: Dargan Bay, Belfast Lough, Belfast. One second-winter 30th October with two juveniles 29th December (Flightline).

One: Juvenile. Sea Park, Whiteabbey, 9th December (Flightline).

Down

Up to four: Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, 5th January to 14th May (Flightline).

Two: Kilkeel. One juvenile 16th January and one second-winter 6th to 17th February (Flightline).

Two: Kinnegar, Belfast Lough, Holywood. One adult 23rd January and a second-winter 6th February (Flightline).

Two: Portavogie. One juvenile 26th January with one second-winter 30th January (Flightline).

One (or two): Juveniles. Titanic Quarter, Queens Road, Belfast, 19th to 20th January (Flightline).

One: Juvenile. Ballyhalbert. 6th February (Flightline).

One: Juvenile. Killough, 5th March (Flightline).

One: Ardglass, 6th March (Flightline).

One: Juvenile. Rossglass, 28th March (Flightline).

Two: Mill Bay, Carlingford Lough. One, second-year, 26th May and one 1st August (Flightline).

One: Juvenile. Ardilea, 28th December (Flightline).

Fermanagh

One: Juvenile. Enniskillen Tip, 11th to 23rd January (Flightline).

Londonderry

Two: Culmore Tip, Culmore, Londonderry City. One, 24th November and an adult 15th December (Flightline).

One: Adult. Benone. 27th January (Flightline).

One: Adult. Castlerock, 1st February (Flightline).

One: Adult. Portstewart Strand, Portstewart, 8th February (Flightline).

Tyrone

One: Juvenile. Brookend, Killycanavan Lane, Ardboe, 14th February (Flightline).

One: Juvenile. Kiltagh Point, Lough Neagh, Ardboe, 14th March (Stephen Foster).

2006

Antrim

Up to three: North Foreshore Tip, Dargan Road, Belfast, 7th January to 16th April (Flightline).

Four: Dargan Bay, Belfast. Up to three, 17th March to 29th May and a juvenile 17th December (Flightline).

Two: Whitehouse. One, first-year 29th to 30th August and a juvenile 10th to 25th December (Flightline).

One: Juvenile. Craigahullier, 2KM south east of Portrush, 6th December (Flightline).

Down

One: Juvenile. Briggs Rocks, Groomsport, 19th March (Flightline).

Two: Belfast Lough RSPB Rerve, Belfast Harbour Estate. Single juveniles on 8th April and 12th December (Flightline).

Single juveniles at Groomsport on 8th April and 15th December (Flightline).

One: Third-winter. Mill Bay, Carlingford Lough, 9th April (Flightline).

One: Juvenile. St Johns Point, Killough, 6th May (Flightline).

One: Second-winter. Dundrum Inner Bay South, Newcastle, 21st October (Flightline).

Londonderry

Four: Culmore Tip, Culmore, Londonderry City. One juvenile 25th March and up to three juveniles 6th to 29th December (Flightline).

Tyrone

One: Second-winter. Killywoolaghan, Ardboe, 18th March (Flightline).

2009

Antrim

Two: East Strand, Portrush. One juvenile 8th January and one third-winter 22nd March to 22nd May (Matthew Tickner *et al.*).

Two: Corbally Reservoir, Portrush. One third-winter 10th January and one second-winter 26th January (Keith Bennett *et al.*).

Three: Ballycastle. One juvenile 14th February, one third-winter 10th March and one second-winter 9th May (Geoff Campbell *et al.*).

One: Juvenile. Glynn, Larne Lough, 15th February to 14th March (Neal Warnock *et al.*).

One: Juvenile. Swan Island, Larne Lough, 23rd February (Neal Warnock).

One: Juvenile / first-summer. Whiteabbey, Belfast Lough, 15th April (Flightline).

Down

One: Juvenile. Cranfield, Carlingford Lough, 16th February to 2nd March (Joe Devlin *et al.*).

Two: Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast. One juvenile 10th to 14th April with a first-summer 13th to 15th June (Ed O'Hara, Derek Charles *et al.*).

One: Juvenile. Kinnegar, Belfast Lough, Holywood, 18th April (Derek Charles).

One: Juvenile. Ardglass, 21st April (Flightline).

Londonderry

One: Juvenile. Faughanvale, Lough Foyle, 18th March (Flightline).

2010

Antrim

One: Adult. Whitehouse Lagoon, Belfast, 8th May (Flightline).

Down

One: Juvenile. Annalong, 17th March (Flightline).

One: Adult. Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast, 14th April to 20th April (Chris Sturgeon, Gerard McGeehan *et al.*).

One: Third-summer. Millisle, 17th April (Flightline).

One: Third-winter. Ballyhalbert, 25th April (Keith Bennett).

Londonderry

One: Juvenile. Lough Beg, 6th April (Flightline).

One: Juvenile. River Bann, Coleraine, 11th April (Flightline).

One: Juvenile. Londonderry City, 12th April (Flightline).

2011

Antrim

Three: Ramore Head, Portrush. One: Second-winter 22nd February, one 8th August and a juvenile 13th to 31st December (Colin Guy, Matthew Tickner *et al.*).

One: Adult. Greenisland, Belfast Lough, 2nd April (Gerard McGeehan).

Two: Corbally Dam, Portrush. Single juveniles on 17th April and 20th December (Colin Guy, Matthew Tickner).

One: Juvenile. East Strand, Portrush, 13th to 17th December (Matthew Tickner *et al.*).

Down

One: Juvenile. Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, 6th February (Ian Mitchell).

One: Adult. Portavogie, 24th March to 15th April (Andrew Crory *et al.*).

One: First-year. Ardilea, Dundrum, 19th July (Spencer Marshall, Joan Marshall).

One: Juvenile. Ardglass, 10th to 28th December (Keith Bennett *et al.*).

Fermanagh

One: Juvenile. Enniskillen Dump, Enniskillen, 21st February (Brad Robson).

Londonderry

One: Third-winter. Lough Foyle, 28th March (Brad Robson).

One: Second-year. River Foyle, Derry City, 20th June (Theo Campbell).

2012

Antrim

One: Second-winter. Sandy Bay, Larne, 5th January (Neal Warnock).

Up to six: Corbally Dam, Portrush, 7th January to 13th April (Derek Charles, Majella Callaghan *et al.*).

Five: Ballycastle. Up to three, one juvenile, one adult and one second-winter 3rd to 8th January, one first-summer 24th July to 10th August and one second-winter 12th October to 8th December. (Colin Guy *et al.*).

One: Rathlin Island, 8th January (Neal Warnock).

One: Juvenile. East Strand, Portrush, 21st January (Neal Warnock).

One: Adult. Ballyvoy, 8th February (Colin Guy).

Three: Portballintrae. One: Second-winter. 24th February One: Juvenile. 4th April

One: Second-winter. 28th August (Colin Guy Robert Taylor Ronald Surgenor *et al.*).

One: Juvenile. Glynn, Larne Lough, 17th to 18th March (Joe Lamont *et al.*).

One: Adult. Whiteabbey, 18th April.

One: Second-summer. River Bush, Portballintrae, 9th July (Colin Guy).

One: First-summer. Ramore Head, Portrush, 25th August (Garry Armstrong, Ed O'Hara).
One: Second-summer / second-winter. Ballintoy, 6th August to 16th October (Colin Guy *et al.*).

Down

Up to four: Ardglass. 1st January to 19th February (Derek Charles, Andrew Crory *et al.*).
Two: Killough. One second-winter 13th January and one juvenile 2nd April (Dan Bailie *et al.*).
One: Second-winter. Murlough, Newcastle, 15th January (Dan Bailie).
One: Juvenile. Ballyquintin, Outer Ards Peninsula, 22nd January (Richard Weyl).
One: Juvenile. Newcastle Harbour, Newcastle, 5th February (Andrew Crory).
One: Juvenile. Groomsport, 8th to 9th April (Colin Guy *et al.*).
One: Second-summer. Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, 16th April (Stuart McKee).

Fermanagh

Two: Enniskillen Tip, Derrygonnelly Road, Enniskillen, 4th February (Brad Robson *et al.*).

Londonderry

Two: Magilligan, Lough Foyle. One: Adult. 7th January One: 19th February (Derek Charles, Majella Callaghan George Henderson).

2013

Antrim

One: Second-winter. Ballintoy, 1st January (Patrick Barton).
One: Second-winter. Ballycastle, 3rd January to 11th April (Michael Barton *et al.*)
One: Juvenile. Whitehouse Lagoon, Belfast, 23rd April to 10th May (Paul McCullough *et al.*).
One: Juvenile. Cushendall, 29th October (Colin Guy).

Down

Two: Ardglass. One: Juvenile. 19th January One: Adult. 26th January (Keith Bennett).
One: Juvenile. Kinnegar, Belfast Lough, Holywood, 26th March to 23rd April (Joe Lamont, Ronald Surgenor).
One: Second-winter. Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast, 1st May (Simon Morton).

Londonderry

One: Juvenile. Timber Quay, Londonderry City, 11th December (Wilton Farrelly).

2014

Antrim

One: Juvenile. Waterfoot, 2nd January (Neal Warnock).
One: Juvenile. East Strand, Portrush, 9th January to 25th March (Colin Guy *et al.*).
Three: Juveniles. Corbally Dam, Portrush. Up to two juveniles, 12th January to 11th February with a juvenile on 31st December (Colin Guy, Derek Charles, Majella Callaghan *et al.*).
One: Juvenile. Lansdowne, Ramore Head, Portrush, 15th January to 11th February (Colin Guy *et al.*).
Three: Juveniles. "Portrush", 15th February (Neal Warnock).
One: Juvenile. Portballintrae, 1st March (Colin Guy).
One: Juvenile. Dunseverick, 22nd October (Colin Guy).

Down

One: Juvenile. Portavogie, 25th January (Richard Weyl).
One: Adult. Greenore, Carlingford Lough, 22nd February (Alex Corlux).
One: Juvenile. Kilkeel, 4th March (Nicolas Veale).
One: Bangor, 16th March (James O'Neill).
One: Kirkistown, 19th October (Richard Weyl).

Fermanagh

Enniskillen Tip, Derrygonnelly Road, Enniskillen:

One: Juvenile. 26th February (Brad Robson).
One: Third or fourth-winter. 7th to 24th December (Brad Robson).

2015

Antrim

One: Juvenile. Hazelbank, Belfast Lough, 1st January (Kevin Kirkham-Brown).
One: Adult. Larne, 30th January (Neal Warnock).
One: Juvenile. Ballycastle, 6th February (Kerry Leonard).
One: Second-winter. Corbally Dam, Portrush, 7th February (Derek Charles).
One: Juvenile. Portballintrae, 1st March to 2nd April (Tom Ennis, Alan Gillespie *et al.*).
One: Second-winter. Waterfoot, 10th March (Colin Guy).
Two: Juveniles. Ramore Car Park, Portrush, 21st February (John Clarke).

One: Juvenile. Ramore Car Park, Portrush, 2nd April (Colin Guy).
One: Juvenile. Giants Causeway / Runkerry Point, Portballintrae, 10th April (Colin Guy).
One: Second-winter. White Rocks, Portrush, 11th April (Colin Guy).
One: Adult. Shore Road, Belfast, 23rd December (Stuart McKee).

Armagh

One: Juvenile. Gilmores Point, Lough Neagh, 20th January (Sean McCourt).
One: Juvenile. Kinnego, Oxford Island NNR, Lurgan, 22nd to 27th January (James O'Neill *et al.*)

Down

One: Second-winter. Ballyhalbert, 19th January (Kerry Leonard).
Two: Ardglass. Single juveniles 23rd to 27th January and 28th to 29th March (Chris Shaw *et al.*).
One: Juvenile. Portavogie, 18th to 23rd February (Billy Miskelly *et al.*).
One: Juvenile. Groomsport, 2nd March (David Nixon, Phillip McHaffie).
One: Juvenile. Rossglass, 26th March (Chris Murphy).
One: First-summer. McAuley's Lake, Spa, Ballynahinch, 24th July (David Nixon).

Londonderry

One: Roe Estuary, Lough Foyle, 21st to 22nd May (Joe Furphy).

2016

Antrim

One: Third-winter. Corbally Dam, Portrush, Antrim, 2nd March (Colin Guy).
One: Juvenile. Rathlin Island, Antrim, 20th April (Colin Guy)
Two: Portballintrae. One third-winter 28th April with an adult on 11th September (Colin Guy).
One: Corbally Dam, Portrush, Antrim, 30th December (Neal Warnock).

Down

One: Adult. Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast, 9th January (Stuart McKee).
One: Juvenile. Ballyquintin, Outer Ards Peninsula, 25th March (Richard Weyl).
Two: Juvenile. Killough, 8th April (Tim Murphy)
One: Second winter. McAuleys Lake, Spa, 15th April (David Nixon).
One: Unaged. Briggs Rocks, Groomsport, 2nd May (Colin Guy).

Londonderry

One: Second winter. Crescent playing fields, Coleraine, 6th January (John Clarke).
One: Juvenile. Ballycastle Road, Coleraine. 8th April (John Clarke).

2017

Antrim

Four: Corbally Dam, Portrush. One adult 4th to 25th January, one second-winter 12th January, one sub-adult. 12th February and an adult on 15th March (Garry Armstrong, Gary Wilkinson, Nigel Moore *et al.*).
One: Juvenile. Whiteabbey, Belfast Lough, 7th January (Garry Armstrong *et al.*).
One: Juvenile. Glynn, 15th January (Shirley Dunlop, Gerard McGeehan).
One: Juvenile. Dunseverick, 11th February (Colin Guy).
One: Second-winter. East Strand, Portrush, 2nd March (Colin Guy).
Two: White Rocks, Portrush. One juvenile 8th March with a third-year on 23rd December (Colin Guy).
Two: Rathlin Island. Single juveniles on 9th March and 7th November (Colin Guy, Ric Else, Hazel Watson).
One: Creamery Road, Coleraine, 10th March (Richard Donaghey).
One: Juvenile. Fair Head, 26th March (Colin Guy).
Two: River Bush, Portballintrae. One sub-adult 28th March with a summer adult on 22nd May (Colin Guy).
One: Second-winter. Portrush Harbour, 31st March (Colin Guy).
One: Third-winter. Glenwherry, 13th April (Neal Warnock).
One: Sub-adult. Torr Head, 2nd May (Colin Guy).
One: The Gobbins, 9th June (Kerry Leonard).
One: Second-year. Ramore Head, Portrush, 23rd June (Colin Guy).

Down

One: Juvenile. Bangor Central Station, Bangor, 17th January (Derek Polley).

Fermanagh

Two: Enniskillen Dump, Derrygonnelly Road, Enniskillen. Single juveniles on 11th January and 28th December (Brad Robson).

Tyrone

One: Second-winter, Ballysaggart Lough, Dungannon, 3rd to 17th December (Derek Charles, Majella Callaghan *et al.*).

2018

Antrim

Five: Rathlin Island. At least four 5th January to 21st April with a juvenile on 3rd November (Ric Else, Hazel Watson *et al.*).

Two: Corbally Dam, Portrush One adult 6th to 20th January with a juvenile on 10th March (Neal Warnock, Garry Armstrong *et al.*).

One: Juvenile. Glenarm, 12th January (Ian Dickey).

Up to three: Garron Point, Carnlough, 20th January to 20th May (Neal Warnock *et al.*).

One: Juvenile. Ballygally, 21st January (Neal Warnock).

One: Juvenile. Larne Harbour, Larne, 21st January (Neal Warnock).

One: Adult. Lansdowne Car Park, Portrush, 26th January (John Clarke).

Three: Juveniles. "East Antrim Coast", 28th January (Neal Warnock).

One: Second-winter. Causeway head, Port Moon, 30th January (Patrick Barton).

Four: Not aged. Between Glenarm and Garron Point, 3rd February (Neal Warnock).

Up to two: Carnlough, 4th February to 17th March (Daniel Newtown *et al.*).

Two: Runkerry Point, Portballintrae. One third-winter 17th February with a juvenile on 1st April (Colin Guy).

One: Juvenile. Waterfoot, 17th February (Derek Charles).

One: Second-winter. Downshire, Carrickfergus, 26th February (Gerard McGeehan).

Two: Dunseverick. One juvenile 10th March and one third-year 5th May (Colin Guy *et al.*).

One: Adult. Portrush, 13th March (Stuart McKee).

One: Second-winter. Moribund. Ballintoy, 23rd March (Colin Guy).

One: Coleraine. One: Second-calendar year. Ballycastle Road and Gateside Road, 15th May (Colin Guy).

One: Second-winter. Portrush East Strand, Portrush, 9th December (Derek Charles).

Down

One: Juvenile. Ardglass, 18th February (Kevin Kirkham-Brown).

One: Juvenile. Cloughey, Outer Ards Peninsula, 15th April to 28th May (Garry Armstrong *et al.*).

One: Juvenile. Killard NNR, Strangford, 22nd April (David Stirling).

One: Second-calendar year. Knockenelder Bay, Kearney, Outer Ards Peninsula, 20th May (Richard Weyl).

Londonderry

Three: Bann Estuary, Coleraine. Up to two juveniles 14th to 21st January with a second-winter recorded 5th to 13th March (Richard Donaghey Ken Perry, Tyrone Nelson *et al.*)

One: Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle, 14th March (Hill Dick, Peter Robinson).

Two: Bay Road, Londonderry. One second-winter 18th March with a juvenile on 25th March (Derek Charles, Majella Callaghan).

One: Third-winter. Donnybrewer, Lough Foyle, 23rd March (Brad Robson).

One: Juvenile. Magilligan, Lough Foyle, 11th April (Richard Donaghey)

Tyrone

Two: Ballysaggart Lough, Dungannon. One juvenile and one second-winter 7th January with the juvenile remaining to 8th January (Derek Charles, Brian McCloskey).

A number of juveniles in early 2018 were almost white individuals and these are believed to originate from the North America populations.



Glaucous Gull *Larus hyperboreus*,
Ballysaggart Lough, Dungannon. second-winter 7th January 2018. Photo courtesy of Derek Charles.