

## **Ross's Gull** *Rhodostethia rosea* (0, 6, 0). **RV**

(Breeds North East Siberia from Lena River east to Kolyma River. In Canada, rare and local breeder West Hudson Bay region, perhaps elsewhere. Siberian birds migrate east past Point Barrow, Alaska in September to unknown wintering area assumed to lie near edge of pack ice in Bearing Sea or North Pacific, south to North Japan).

### **Published records:**

#### **1981**

Two: Portavogie, County Down. Adults in winter plumage observed 1st to 2nd January and 22nd to 23rd February, photographed (Guy Hamilton, Richard Woods *et al.*). *NIBRC* 1982.

One: Adult in winter plumage. Ramore Head, Portrush, County Antrim, 1st February (Tom Ennis, Denis Weir, Anthony McGeehan, Dave Allen, Joe Doolan, Bill Laird, Gerard McGeehan, Willie McDowell). *NIBARC* 1982.

#### **1983**

One: First-winter. Garron Point, Waterfoot, County Antrim, 12th February, photographed (Jack Malins). *NIBRC* 1987

One: First-winter. Ramore Head, Portrush, County Antrim, 19th to 20th February (Davy Hunter, Dave Allen *et al.*). *NIBRC* 1987.

#### **1998**

One: Second-winter. Watched for 20 minutes. Black Head outfall, Whitehead, County Antrim, 8th February (Ian Enlander). *NIBA* 2000.

One: Second-winter. Brigg's Rocks, Groomsport, County Down, 9th February to 12th February, photographed (Anthony McGeehan *et al.*). *NIBA* 2000. Same bird in both sightings.