

Arctic Skua *Stercorarius parasiticus*

(Breeds northern Europe and North America. Winters at sea in the Tropics and Southern Oceans).

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1993

Antrim

44: Ramore Head, Portrush; two 2nd July, one 26th July, two 7th August, five 9th August, two 10th August, four 12th August, one 14th August, four 21st August, nine 23rd August, one 24th August, one 25th August, one 26th August, three 29th August, six 11th September and two 6th October (Richard Gray, David Steele, Ken Douglas, Paul McCullough, Gerard McGeehan, Matthew Tickner *et al.*).

Five: Greenisland, Belfast Lough, 8th August (Gerard McGeehan).

Six: Blackhead, 22nd August (Paul McCullough).

Armagh

One: Juvenile. Castor Bay, Lough Neagh, Lurgan, 13th September (David Knight).

Down

One: Groomsport, 5th August (Anthony McGeehan).

Two: Killough, 6th August (Anthony McGeehan).

26: St Johns Point, Killough: two 22nd May, one 8th August, seven 5th September, one 7th September, one 13th September, 11 19th September and three on 18th September (David Steele, Gary Wilkinson, Jim Nicholl, George Gordon, Anthony McGeehan, Stephen Foster *et al.*).

Four: Newcastle, 13th August (K. O'Kane).

One: Bangor Bay, Bangor, 1st September (Anthony McGeehan).

15: Ballymacormick Point, Groomsport; 14 1st September with a single the next day (Anthony McGeehan).

17: Grey Point, Belfast Lough; seven 5th September, two 6th September, six 12th September, one 19th September and one 6th October (Anthony McGeehan, Richard Woods *et al.*).

Seven: St Johns Island, Copeland Islands, 4th September (Dave Allen *et al.*).

Seven: Victoria Channel, Belfast Lough; two 4th September with five on 10th September (Oscar Campbell *et al.*).

Londonderry

One: Bann Estuary, Coleraine, 15th September (Matthew Tickner).

1994

Antrim

One: Dark phase. Blackhead, 6th August Paul McCullough).

77: Ramore Head, Portrush; one 8th July, one 19th August, five 27th August, two 29th August, 15 9th September, 34 10th September, one 17th September, one 18th September, six 20th September, seven 28th September, three 2nd October and one 4th October (Matthew Tickner, Anthony McGeehan, Ken Douglas, Richard Gray, David McCreedy, Stephen Foster, Ivor McDonald, Walter Veale *et al.*).

Two: Rathlin West, 20th August (George Gordon).

Six: Black Head, Whitehead; three 11th September and three 1st October (Paul McCullough).

Three: Seapark, Belfast Lough, Antrim 1st October (Gerard McGeehan).

Armagh

Two: Oxford Island NNR, Lurgan, 29th August (Oscar Campbell)

These were different birds than those published for Oxford Island on 28th August.

Down

14: St Johns Point, Killough; one 24th April, one 1st May, one dark phase 25th May, one 11th June, one 26th June, two dark phase 24th July, one immature 31st July, one 6th August, one 16th August, one 20th August and three 27th August (Jim Nicholl, David Steele, Gerard McGeehan, Anthony McGeehan, Ken Douglas, Tony Marr *et al.*).

Two: Light House (Johns) Island, Copeland Islands, 14th May (Colin Guy).

One: Adult dark phase. Rossglass, 28th July (Oscar Campbell, Kerry Leonard).

Six: Ballymacormick Point, Groomsport; three 17th August, one 31st August, and two 4th September (Anthony McGeehan).

17: Grey Point, Belfast Lough, Crawfordsburn; five 20th August, one 22nd August, two 26th August, two 27th August, one 4th September, one 6th September, three 8th September, one 11th September and one 17th September (Anthony McGeehan, B. Meharg).

Nine: Irish Sea South; eight 3rd September with a single on 12th September (George Gordon Anthony McGeehan).

One: Cairnlea, 4th September (B. Meharg).

Four: Crawfordsburn, 5th September (Anthony McGeehan).

Two: Briggs Rocks, Groomsport, 10th September (Anthony McGeehan).

Three: Burr Point, Ballyhalbert, 15th September (Stephen Foster).

Three: Harbour Estate, Belfast, 15th September (Stuart McKee).

One: Orlock Point, Groomsport, 8th October (Anthony McGeehan).

Londonderry

Two: Barmouth, Bann Estuary, Coleraine; singles on 25th June and 19th August (Gerard McGeehan, Anthony McGeehan, Ken Douglas).

Three: Magilligan, Lough Foyle; one, pale phase, 3rd July with two on 13th September (Seamus Burns).

1995

Antrim

20: Ramore Head, Portrush; one 22nd May, one 14th August, four 2nd September, four 8th September, four 26th September, three 27th September and three 28th September (Dave Allen, Geoff Campbell, David Steele, David Knight, Davy Hunter, Stephen Foster, Colin Davidson *et al.*).

Three: Seapark, Belfast Lough, Antrim 16th August (Gerard McGeehan).

Two: Fisherman's Pier, Carrickfergus, 14th September (Oscar Campbell).

Armagh

At least seven: Oxford Island NNR, Lurgan; seven birds observed on both 25th and 27th August (Oscar Campbell, Ed O'Hara).

Down

22: St John's Point, Killough; one 23rd July, one 27th July, three 30th July, one 9th August, one 14th August, two 20th August, five 6th September, one 29th September, four 30th September and three on 8th October (Anthony McGeehan, Nicholas Veale, Ed O'Hara *et al.*).

20: Grey Point, Belfast Lough, Crawfordsburn; three 22nd August, two 24th August, one 26th August, four 3rd September, one 5th September, two 7th September, four 9th September, one 13th September and two on 19th September (Anthony McGeehan, George Gordon, Jim Whitla, Ken Douglas, Geoff Campbell, J. Piper).

Two: Briggs Rocks, Groomsport; singles on 23rd August and 23rd September (George Gordon, Anthony McGeehan).

One: Ballymacormick Point, Groomsport, 24th September (Walter Veale).

Two: Harbour Estate, Belfast, 7th October (J. Piper).

Five: Light House (John's) Island, Copelands; four 16th September with a single on 20th October (Seamus Burns, Colin Guy).

Londonderry

Three: Magilligan, Lough Foyle, 9th September (David Nixon).

1996

Antrim

21: Ramore Head, Portrush; two 3rd April, one 29th June, three 3rd August, three 10th September, two 11th September, one 26th September, two 3rd October and seven on 5th October (Geoff Campbell, Gerard McGeehan, Dave Allen, Matthew Tickner, David Steele, Anthony McGeehan).

Two: Seapark, Belfast Lough, Antrim 6th September (Gerard McGeehan).

Four: Black Head; three 11th September with a single on 14th September (Paul McCullough).

One: Black Arch, 12th September (Davy Hunter).

Five: Bonneyfore Bay, Carrickfergus, 13th September (Paul McCullough).

Down

Ten: Light House (John's) Island, Copelands; one 27th April, one 16th August, one 14th September and seven 12th October (Colin Guy, Anthony McGeehan).

35: St John's Point, Killough; two 9th May, two 18th July, one 12th July, two 27th July, nine 10th August, two 11th August, five 17th August, one 18th August, one 8th September, one 15th September, two 16th September, three 17th September, one 21st September and three 13th October (Colin Davidson, George Gordon, Anthony McGeehan, Jim Whitla, Oscar Campbell, Philip McHaffie, Davy Hunter *et al.*).

Three: Belfast Harbour Estate, 14th August (Stuart McKee).

85: Grey Point, Belfast Lough, Crawfordsburn; one 28th August, five 5th September, six 5th September, nine 6th September, two 9th September, eight 10th September, five 11th September, six 13th September, two 14th September, eight 15th September, four 16th September, five 18th September, seven 19th September, seven 21st September, seven 22nd September, five 23rd September, eight 26th September and one 30th September (Anthony McGeehan, J. Piper, David Clarke, Eric Randall, George Gordon, Dave Allen *et al.*).

One: Copeland Islands, 1st September (Anthony McGeehan).

12: Briggs Rocks, Groomsport; six 9th September and six on 26th September (Anthony McGeehan).

One: Ballymacormick Point, Groomsport, 10th September (Colin Guy).

One: Kearney, Outer Ards Peninsula, 12th September (Geoff Campbell).

One: Bangor Bay, Bangor, 22nd September (George Gordon).

Two: Victoria Chanel, Belfast, 29th September (Willie McDowell).

Londonderry

Six: Barmouth, Bann Estuary, Coleraine: two 3rd June, one 24th May, one 10th September and one on 26th October (Matthew Tickner David Steele Oscar Campbell, Kerry Leonard Davy Hunter, Gerard McGeehan).

Four: Magilligan, Lough Foyle, 10th September (Oscar Campbell, Kerry Leonard).

1997

Antrim

Four: Blackhead: one 15th June, two 7th September and one on 22nd September (Jeff Larkin, Ian Enlander, Paul McCullough).

16: Ramore Head, Portrush; two 15th August, three 8th September, seven 9th September, one 14th September and three on 1st October (Matthew Tickner, Ian Enlander).

11: Seapark, Belfast Lough; two 15th August, three 20th September and six on 27th September (Gerard McGeehan).

Two: Rathlin Sound; singles on 22nd and 25th October (Anthony McGeehan, Dennis Doherty, Walter Veale).

Armagh

Two: Juveniles. Ardmore, Lough Neagh, 13th September (David Knight).

Down

42: St John's Point, Killough; one 3rd May, two 7th May, one 24th May, one 21st July, three 29th July, two 9th August, one 15th August, two 16th August, one 17th August, eight 27th August, two 2nd September, three 6th September, three 11th September and ten on 21st September (Walter Veale, Orcilla Hadrick, Davy Hunter, Dennis Weir, D. Clarke, D. Reid, Anthony McGeehan, Gerard McGeehan, George Gordon, Ivor McDonald, Geoff Campbell, Martin Garner *et al.*).

Five: Groomsport; one 8th June, one 28th August and three on 5th September (George Gordon, Oscar Campbell).

One: Killard, Strangford, 6th July (Anthony McGeehan).

125: Grey Point, Belfast Lough, Crawfordsburn; one 3rd August, five 5th August, one 6th August, two 7th August, one 13th August, one 16th August, one 17th August, seven 19th August, one 20th August, two 24th August, four 27th August, three 31st August, one 1st September, three 3rd September, nine 8th September, 14 9th September, eight 10th September, ten 14th September, ten 15th September, three 16th September, four 17th September, four 18th September, ten 19th September, seven 20th September, one 21st September, ten 22nd September, ten 24th September and two on 22nd November (Anthony McGeehan, J. Piper, George Gordon, Jeff Larkin, Dennis Weir, Willie McDowell, Ed O'Hara, Ken Douglas, Geoff Campbell, Ken Douglas, Richard Woods, Eric Randall, Colin Guy *et al.*).

One: Crawfordsburn, 24th August (Stuart McKee).
Two: Copeland Sound, 30th August (George Gordon).
One: Victoria Channel, Belfast, 2nd September (D. Carter).
One: Kearney, 11th September (Geoff Campbell).
25: Light House (Johns) Island, Copeland Islands; six: 12th September 14: 13th September Five: 14th September (Colin Guy, Kerry Leonard).
Two: Belfast Harbour, Belfast; singles on 19th September and 30th November (Oscar Campbell *et al.*).
Three: Macedon Point, Belfast Lough, 21st September (George Gordon).

Londonderry

15: Magilligan, Londonderry: one 18th July, two 10th August, one 20th August, eight 30th August, one 17th September, one 28th September (Mervyn Guthrie, Colin Guy, Seamus Burns, Theo Campbell, Jeff Larkin).

1998

Antrim

40: Ramore Head, Portrush; two 13th July, five 31st July, ten 12th August, two 17th August, five 11th September, six 12th September, six 13th September and four 9th October (David Steele, Matthew Tickner, Christopher Veale, Orcilla Hadrick, Dave Hadrick, Anthony McGeehan, W. Voles *et al.*).
One: Rathlin Sound, Antrim 30th September (Dave Allen).

Down

26: Grey Point, Belfast Lough, Crawfordsburn; one sub-adult 5th July, one dark phase adult 5th August, one dark phase 19th August, one juvenile 21st August, four [three pale phase and one dark phase adult] 29th August, one pale phase adult 1st September, ten 2nd September. two dark phase adults 6th September, three 8th September, one 13th September and one pale phase adult 16th September (Anthony McGeehan, George Gordon, Jim Whitla *et al.*).

22: St John's Point, Killough; two adults [one dark and one pale phase] 12th July, seven 19th July, three pale phase, 26th July, five 31st August, one 4th September, three 6th September, one pale phase adult 20th September (Eric Randall, Ted Rolston, Walter Veale, Martin Garner, Stephen Foster *et al.*).

One: Juvenile. Victoria Chanel, Belfast Lough, 6th August (Anthony McGeehan).

Two: Strickland's Glen, Bangor, 31st August (H. Craig).

One: Ballyholme, Bangor, 5th September (George Gordon).

Two: Ballymacormick, Groomsport. Singles on 11th September and 17th October (Kerry Leonard).

One: Drumfad Bay, Millisle, Down 24th October (W. Curry).

Londonderry

Six: Magilligan, Lough Foyle; four 9th August, one 22nd August and four 10th October (Seamus Burns, Davy Hunter)

One: Barmouth, Bann Estuary, Coleraine, 22nd August (Seamus Burns).

1999

Down

Three: Grey Point, Belfast Lough, Crawfordsburn, 29th August (J. Whitla).

2000

Down

Four: Grey Point, Belfast Lough, Crawfordsburn; three 2nd September with a single on 21st September (Joe Lamont, Ivan Quail, George Gordon).

2001

Antrim

One: Blackhead, 21st August (Ian Enlander).

Four: Greenisland, Belfast Lough, 30th August (Gerard McGeehan).

39: Ramore Head, Portrush; five 31st August, four 2nd September, two 3rd September, one 5th September,

three 6th September, six 7th September, four 8th September, six 9th September, seven 10th September and one 12th September (Matthew Tickner, Eric Randall, Laurence Morgan *et al.*).

One: Ballycastle, 1st September (Keith Glasgow).
Three: Seapark, Belfast Lough, 4th September (Gerard McGeehan)

Armagh

One: Oxford Island NNR, Lurgan, 9th September (Ed O'Hara).

Down

Three: Grey Point, Belfast Lough, Crawfordsburn, 5th August (Walter Veale, Ted Rolston *et al.*).

One: Briggs Rocks, Groomsport, 2nd September (George Henderson).

One: St Johns Point, Killough, 9th September (Michael Ruddock).

Londonderry

Five: Magilligan, Lough Foyle; three 9th August, one 8th September and one 9th September (David Steele, Matthew Tickner).

Three: Portstewart, Londonderry 2nd September (Richard Gray).

One: Barmouth, Bann Estuary, Coleraine, Londonderry 8th September (Matthew Tickner *et al.*).

2002

Antrim

Three: Seapark, Belfast Lough, 28th July (Gerard McGeehan).

Five: Ramore Head, Portrush; two 1st September, three 7th September (J. Clark, David Steele).

Down

One: Newcastle Harbour, 27th July (Ian Jackson).

12: St Johns Point, Killough; two 28th July, four 17th August, three 18th August and three 22nd August (Anthony McGeehan, David Nixon).

13: Groomsport / Briggs Rocks; one 30th July, one 14th August, one 25th August, four 26th August, one 31st August, two 9th September and one 21st September, one 28th September, one 29th September (Kerry Leonard, Walter Veale *et al.*).

Eight: Grey Point, Belfast Lough; four 25th August, one 1st September, three 25th September (Anthony McGeehan, Pat Gordon, George Gordon *et al.*).

Light House (John's) Island, Copeland Islands: one 1st September (Ivan Quail *et al.*), four 7th September (Neville McKee) and one 6th October (Kerry Leonard *et al.*).

Londonderry

Bann Estuary, Coleraine: one 4th - 13th September (Davy Hunter *et al.*) and one 3rd - 4th October (David Nixon *et al.*).

Magilligan, Lough Foyle; one 17th August (Godfrey McRoberts), one 5th September (David Steele), one 8th September (Gary Wilkinson), one 16th October (David Steele).

One: Portstewart, 8th September (Colin Guy).

One: Myroe, Lough Foyle, 13th September (Matthew Tickner).

One: Barmouth, Bann Estuary, Coleraine, 19th September (Matthew Tickner)

One: Copeland Sound, Down 22nd September (George Gordon).

One: Greenisland, Belfast Lough, Antrim 5th October (Gerard McGeehan).

2009

Antrim

One: Portballintrae 9th May (Flightline).

40: Ramore Head, Portrush; One 17th July, 22 28th August, seven 4th September, one 1st October, three 3rd October, six 11th October (David Steele *et al.*).

One: Whitehead 29th August (Flightline).

Down

13: St Johns Point, Killough; one 18th April, five 17th May and seven 20th August (Derek Charles, Oscar Campbell, Anthony McGeehan, Jimmy Whitla, Fulton Summerville).

Three: Burial Island, Outer Ards; one 9th May, one 23rd May and one 22nd August (Richard Weyl).

One: Ballyhalbert, 13th May (Keith Bennett).

One: Killough, 19th May (Irishbirding).

Two: Killard Point NNR, Strangford, 26th July (Irishbirding).

One: Bangor Bay, Bangor, Belfast Lough, 2nd August (Irishbirding).

Three: Orlock Point, Groomsport, Belfast Lough, 7th August (Irishbirding).

Singles at Kearney Point, Kearney, Outer Ards Peninsula on 16th August, 13th September and 6th October (Keith Bennett).

Two: Hollywood, Belfast Lough 16th August (Irishbirding).

11: Copeland Bird Observatory, Lighthouse Island, Copeland Islands; three 8th September and eight 6th October (CBO).

Londonderry

Two: Magilligan Point, Lough Foyle; one 26th July and one 28th September (Chris Murphy *et al.*).

2010

Antrim

Six: Whitehead; two 25th July, one 31st July, two 26th August and one on 25th September (Ian Enlander, Paul McCullough).

74: Ramore Head, Portrush; one 8th September, seven 14th September, 56 15th September, ten 16th September (Richard Hoy, Matthew Tickner, Colin Guy, Geoff Campbell, Ronald Surgenor *et al.*).

One: Rathlin Island, 25th September (Ian Enlander).

Two: Bengore Head, Dunseverick; singles on 21st and 22nd September (Ronald Surgenor).

One: Macedon Point, Belfast Lough, 24th October (Paul McCullough).

Armagh

One: Reedy Flat, Armagh 11th August (Oscar Campbell).

Down

Eight: Kearny Point, Outer Ards: one 7th August, one 4th September, four 6th September, one 7th September and one 9th October (Keith Bennett).

14: St Johns Point, Killough: five 19th August, seven 20th August, one 4th September and one 2nd October (Derek Charles, Oscar Campbell, Anthony McGeehan, Jimmy Whitla, Fulton Summerville, Joe Devlin, Clifford Sharpe *et al.*).

Five: Burial Island, Portavogie: one 29th August, three 11th September and one 18th September (Richard Weyl).

One: Ballymacormick Point, Groomsport, 29th August (Richard Weyl).

11: Copeland Bird Observatory, Lighthouse Island, Copeland Islands: two 9th September, two 11th September, five 14th September and two 15th September (Neville McKee).

Two: Belfast Harbour, Belfast Lough, 11th September (Ed O'Hara)

Londonderry

One: Magilligan, Lough Foyle, 24th September (Charles Stewart).

2011

Antrim

89: Ramore Head, Portrush; one 17th July, five 8th August, four 29th August, five 6th September, two 14th September, one 17th September, 19 18th September, 31 6th October, 12 7th October and nine 18th October (Paul McCullough Ronald Surgenor, Matthew Tickner Dermot Hughes, Dee Rainey *et al.*).

Two: Rathlin Island, 28th August (Dermot Hughes).

Two: Dunseverick. Singles on 1st and 18th September (Ronald Surgenor).

Two: Whitehead, 4th September (Ian Enlander).

Five: East Strand, Portrush, 12th September (Matthew Tickner).

One: Macedon Point, Belfast Lough, 1st November (Stuart McKee).

Down

Six: Burial Island, Portavogie: singles 8th and 28th May, two 29th May and singles 4th and 17th September (Richard Weyl).

One: Groomsport, 25th May (Irishbirding.com).

Three: Kearney Point, Kearney, Outer Ards: singles 28th and 29th May and 4th September (Keith Bennett).

18: St John's Point, Killough; singles 3rd and 12th June, two 10th September Five: 25th September, one 16th October, seven 22nd October and one 31st October (Gerard McGeehan, Allen Gillespie, Eric Randall, Walter Veale *et al.*).

One: Sheepland, Ardglass, 3rd June (Chris Murphy).

Three: Orlock Point, Groomsport; one 9th July with two on 19th July (Richard Weyl).

Three: Ballymacormick Point, Groomsport; two 17th July with a single on 18th October (Richard Weyl).

Three: Groomsport; singles on 19th July, 6th and 18th October (George Gordon).

Seven: Briggs Rocks Groomsport; five 8th August with singles on 9th August and 13th September (Richard Weyl *et al.*).

One: Ballywalter, 8th August (Richard Weyl).

One: Newcastle Beach, Newcastle, 19th August (Dan Bailie).

Eight: Grey Point, Belfast Lough, 18th September (Wilton Farrelly).

One: Kinnegar, Belfast Lough, 22nd September (Derek Charles).

38: Copeland Bird Observatory, Lighthouse Island, Copeland Islands; one 8th September, nine 12th September,

four 13th September, four 14th September, two 15th September, five 16th September, five 6th October, one 9th October, five 10th October and two 20th October (Adam McClure, Neville McKee, Larry Toal, Kerry Leonard, David Galbraith).

Londonderry

One: Magilligan, Lough Foyle, 10th September (Nigel Moore).

Two: Barr Mouth, Bann Estuary, Coleraine, 13th September (Tim Murphy).

2012

Antrim

One: Ballintoy, 17th April (Derek McIntyre).

One: Drains Bay, 19th July (Kerry Leonard).

94: Ramore Head, Portrush; two 29th July, four 22nd August, nine 25th August, one 28th August, four 10th September, 36 11th September, six 12th September, four 13th September, 21 14th September, three 17th September, one 18th September, two 19th September and one 20th September (Ronald Surgenor, John Edwards, Geoff Campbell, Ian Dickey *et al.*).

One: Garron Point 15th August (Neal Warnock).

Two: Rathlin Island, 15th September (Neal Warnock).

Two: Wilsons Point, Bunree 23rd August (Ronald Surgenor).

Down

13: Groomsport / Briggs Rocks; singles on 9th July, 21st July, 26th July and 2nd August, two on 18th August with singles again 6th and 17th September, two 18th Sept with singles again 19th September, 30th September and 5th October (Colin Guy George Gordon).

One: Burr Point Ballyhalbert, 24th June (Keith Bennett)

Four: Kearny Point, Outer Ards; two 24th June and two on 4th August (Keith Bennett).

One: Wilsons Point, Bangor, 23rd August (Ronald Surgenor).

Three: Ballyhalbert, 25th August (James Robinson).

One: Ballywalter, 25th August (James Robinson).

One: Donaghadee 26th August (James Robinson).

Four: St. John's Point, Killough; singles 12th and 15th August with two on 9th September (Keith Bennett).

Three: Copeland Bird Observatory, Lighthouse Island, Copeland Islands; one 17th September with two on 18th September (Kerry Leonard).

11: Grey Point, Helens Bay, Holywood, 26th September (Eric Randall *et al.*).

Fermanagh

One: Lower Lough Islands RSPB Reserve 16th May (Brad Robson).

Londonderry

18: Bann Estuary, Coleraine; one 19th August, one 21st August, 15 22nd August with a single on 25th August (Jeff Larkin Ronald Surgenor Derek Charles *et al.*).

Two: Magilligan, Lough Foyle 19th August (Jeff Larkin).

32: Portstewart; one 24th August, ten 25th August, six 11th September, ten 12th September and five 14th September (Matthew Tickner *et al.*).

Two: Ringaree Point, Portstewart 14th September (Colin Guy).

2013

Antrim

19: Ramore Head, Portrush; one 3rd May, one 15th June, one 23rd June, two 18th August, one 6th September, three 16th September, eight 9th October and two on 10th October (Ian Dickey, Ronald Surgenor, Dave Hunter, Colin Guy *et al.*).

Two: Portmuck; singles on 25th June and 6th August (Gerard McGeehan, Ian Enlander).

One: The Gobbins, 28th June (Gerard McGeehan).

Two: Muck Island, Islandmagee, 30th June (Jeff Larkin).

One: Five miles NE of Portrush 15th August (Ronald Surgenor).

Three: Belfast Lough 3rd September (Ronald Surgenor).

Two: Lansdowne, Portrush, 7th September (John Clarke, Ken Perry).

Five: Blackhead 15th September (Ian Enlander).

Five: Whitehead 16th September (Gerard McGeehan).

One: Rathlin Island 8th October (Neal Warnock).

Down

One: Ballyquintin, Outer Ards 12th May (Keith Bennett).

One: Marfield, Strangford Lough 2nd June (Richard Weyl).

Four: Briggs Rocks, Groomsport; one 1st July with three on 9th August (Colin Guy).

Five: Copeland Bird Observatory, Lighthouse Island, Copeland Islands; one: 30th July, two 24th August one 28th August with a single on 7th September (Kerry Leonard David Galbraith).

One: Ballyquintin, Outer Ards 3rd August (Keith Bennett).

Four: Kearney Point, Outer Ards 9th August (Billy Miskelly).

Six: Grey Point, Belfast Lough; four 20th August and singles on 16th and 21st September (Brian Meherg George Gordon).

One: Dundrum Inner Bay, 27th August (Andrew Crory).

Six: St. John's Point, Killough; singles 3rd August, 27th September, 30th September with three on 1st October (Derek Charles *et al.*).

Six: Kinnegar, Belfast, Holywood; three 3rd September and singles 4th, 5th and 13th September (Ronald Surgenor *et al.*).

Four: Ballymacormick Point, Groomsport 7th September (Richard Weyl).

One: Groomsport 8th September (George Gordon).

Three: Orlock Point, Groomsport; one 8th September (James Robinson) with two on 15th September (Richard Weyl).

Three: Burial Island, Portavogie; singles on 8th, 15th and 28th September (Richard Weyl).

One: September (Richard Weyl).

One: Murlough, Newcastle, 15th September (Gary Wilkinson).

Londonderry

One: Castlerock, Coleraine, 23rd August (Mervyn Guthrie).

Eight: Magilligan, Lough Foyle; one 1st September, one 6th September, four 7th September and singles on 9th and 16th September (Davy Hunter, Derek Charles, Ian Dickey *et al.*).

Five: Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle, 1st September (David Hunter).

2014

Antrim

13: Ramore Head, Portrush; one 30th July, three 13th August, three 17th August, five 21st October and one 25th October (Colin Guy, Ian Dickey, Ronald Surgenor *et al.*).

Two: Whitehead; singles 30th August and 20th October (Ian Enlander Cameron Moore).

One: Rathlin Island, 27th September (Neal Warnock).

Ten: between Ballycastle and Portpatrick, 28th September (Billy Miskelly).

One: Dunseverick, 9th October (Colin Guy).

One: Fair Head, Ballycastle, 25th November (Kerry Leonard, David Galbraith).

Down

One: Thompson Island, Carlingford Lough, 16th June (Shane Woresley).

One: Ardglass, 26th July (Chris Murphy, Tim Murphy).

Two: Kearney, Outer Ards Peninsula, 27th August (Keith Bennett).

One: Barr Hall Bay, Outer Ards Peninsula, 27th August (David McCormick).

Two; St. John's Point, Killough; singles 28th September and 7th October (Walter Veale, Chris Veale *et al.*).

Londonderry

One: Magilligan, 17th May (Theo Campbell).

One: Castlerock, 3rd August (Theo Campbell).

2015

Antrim

13: Ramore Head, Portrush; one 31st August, two 1st September, five 3rd September, one 4th September and four on 22nd October (Ronald Surgenor, Ian Dickey, Matthew Tickner, Derek Charles).

12: Whitehead; four 2nd August, one 7th August and seven 23rd August (Gerard McGeehan Stephen Foster).

One: Rathlin Island, 12th August (David Morrow, Neill Smyth).

One: Portmuck, 18th August (Adam McClure).

Down

19: St Johns Point, Killough; one 4th May, two 10th July, three 20th July, four 5th August, four 8th August,

two 23rd August, one 29th August, one 23rd September, one 6th October (Tim Murphy, Warren Fowles, Derek Charles *et al.*).

One: Ballyquintin, Outer Ards Peninsula, 26th July (Keith Bennett).

Six: Burial Island, Portavogie; five 26th August, one 13th September (Billy Miskelly, Richard Weyl).

Five: Grey Point, Belfast Lough, Crawfordsburn; three 24th August, two 30th August (Richard Woods *et al.*).

Two: Kinnegar Shore, Belfast Lough, Holywood, 9th September (Wilton Farrelly).

One: Killyleagh, 17th October (Hugh Thurgate).

Tyrone

One: Flying east. Fivemiletown, 6th July (Declan Coney).

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29: Ramore Head, Portrush; one 26th April, two 6th July, two 18th July, three 4th August, two 8th August, five 21st August and 14 on 18th October (Colin Guy, Norman Milligan, Derek Charles, Ian Dickey *et al.*).

One: Whitepark Bay, 10th May (David Morrow).

One: Larne, 22nd August (Cameron Moore).

Two: Rathlin Island, 31st August (Philip Watson).

Four: Bengore Head, Dunseverik, 29th September (Stephen Foster).

Down

Nine: St Johns Point, Killough; two 24th July, three 19th August, two 23rd August and two the 1st September (Jeff Larkin, Chris Murphy, Doris Murphy).

Copeland Bird Observatory, Copeland Islands; One 10th June, one 26th June, five 8th August, two 14th August, one 4th September (Ollie Padget, Ian Enlander, David Galbraith *et al.*).

Four: Grey Point, Belfast Lough, 23rd August (Wilton Farrelly).

Two: Burial Island, Portavogie, Outer Ards Peninsula, 23rd October (Billy Miskelly).

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One: Barmouth, Bann Estuary, Coleraine, 29th July (Colin Guy).

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One: Isle of Muck, 21st May (Ian Enlander).

Two: Islandmagee, 12th June (Kerry Leonard).

23: Rathlin Island; one West Light 26th June, one Rue Point 28th June, one Ushet Lough 24th July, one Rue Point 7th August, two 16th August, two 24th August, two 6th September, one 11th September, four 14th September, one 18th September, two Rathlin Ferry 26th September and five 9th October (Ric Else, Hazel Watson, Colin Guy *et al.*).

One: The Gobbins, 23rd July (Richard Woods).

37: Ramore Head, Portrush; three 18th August, three 19th August, one 8th September, four 9th September, four 11th September, five 2nd October, five 3rd October, three 5th October, nine 22nd October (Derek Charles, Colin Guy, Gerard McGeehan, Shirley Dunlop, Ian Dickey, Matthew Tickner *et al.*).

Two: Greenisland, Belfast Lough, 28th August (Gerard McGeehan).

One: Whitehead, 30th August (Gerard McGeehan).

One: Larne, 24th September (Neal Warnock).

Three: Ballycastle, 21st October (Neal Warnock).

Five: Maroni's Cottage, Ballycastle, 22nd October (Derek Charles).

Down

Two: Ballymacormick Point, Groomsport; singles on 4th June and 30th September (Jeff Larkin *et al.*).

Three: Burial Island, Portavogie; two 13th August with a single on 10th September (Richard Weyl).

Five: Grey Point, Belfast Lough; four 26th August with a single on 9th September (Philip Watson *et al.*).

One: Ballyhoran, 27th August (Michael Latham).

Six: St Johns Point; five: 12th September with a single on 22nd September (Tim Murphy).

One: Tyrella, 16th October (Tim Murphy).

One: Groomsport, 22nd October (Richard Weyl *et al.*).

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One: Barmouth, Bann Estuary, Coleraine, 23rd August (Colin).

Ten: Magilligan, Lough Foyle; five 10th September and five 14th September (Raymond Fulton, Derek Charles).



Magilligan, Lough Foyle, 2017. Photos courtesy of Ian Dickey.



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Rathlin Island. In Spring single adults were observed on 3rd and 18th June. Autumn passage spanned the period 14th August - 16th October, the highest count was five birds on 2nd October (Ric Else, Hazel Watson).

One: Portmuck, Larne, 15th August (Adam McClure).

Two: Mini pelagic off Portrush, 15th September (Richard Donaghey).

87: Ramore Head, Portrush; 63 21st September, 11 23rd September, six 2nd October and seven on 30th October (Matthew Tickner, Ian Dickey, Derek Charles *et al.*).

Down

Three: Copeland Bird Observatory, Lighthouse Island, Copeland Islands; one 11th May and two on 16th September (CBO).

One: Burial Island, Portavogie, 3rd June (Richard Weyl).

Six: Grey Point, Belfast Lough, Crawfordsburn; singles on 3rd and 8th September with four on 21st September (Richard Weyl, Anthony McGeehan *et al.*).

One: Belfast Lough, 7th September (Ronald Surgenor).

Three: St John's Point, Killough; two 9th September with a single on 11th November (Brian Murphy, Brian Sutton).

Five: Groomspoint, 22nd September (Richard Weyl).

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51: Castlerock; two 11th May, one 25th July, one 23rd August, two [one adult dark phase and one juvenile pale phase] 24th August, one dark phase 27th August, 16 1st September, three 2nd September, two 5th September, two 8th September, 12 9th September, seven 16th September, two 24th September (Richard Donaghey, Jeff Larkin, Hill Dick, Peter Robinson, Derek Charles).

63: Magilligan, Lough Foyle; one dark phase adult 13th May, two dark phase 12th August, one 19th August, two 20th August, nine 27th August, three 4th September, three 5th September, eight 8th

September, three 9th September, four 11th September, 12 13th September, ten 16th September, four 21st September, one 30th September (Derek Charles, Theo Campbell, Ian Dickey, Richard Smith, Richard Donaghey, Richard Gray, Daniel Newtown, Mervyn Campbell *et al.*).

23: Barmouth, Bann Estuary, Coleraine; one 9th July, two 19th August, two 5th September, ten 12th September, six 13th September, five 16th September, two 20th September (Colin Guy, Ian Dickey, Jeff Larkin, Richard Donaghey *et al.*).

Two: Benone Strand, Castlerock, 26th August (Michael Savage).

23: Portstewart; 18 1st September, three 16th September, one 23rd September (Derek Charles *et al.*).

Two: Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle, 16th September (Derek Charles).

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Two: Whitehead; singles 31st July (Gerard McGeehan, Shirley Dunlop) and 8th September (Ed O'Hara).

41: Ramore Head, Portrush; four 2nd September (Daniel Newtown), 33 6th September (Dennis Weir, Richard Hunter *et al.*), three 7th September (Billy Miskelly), one 11th September (Richard Donaghey).

One: Rathlin Island, 19th October (Ric Else, Hazel Watson).

Down

Five: Grey Point, Belfast Lough, Holywood: one 24th July (Terry Rankin), two 4th August (Brian Murphy), one 16th September (Paul McCullough *et al.*), one 22nd September (Michael Latham).

Two: Burial Island, Portavogie; singles on 10th August and 15th September (Richard Weyl).

One: Orlock Point, Groomsport, 25th August (Richard Weyl).

Two: Crawfordsburn, 31st August (Richard Weyl).

Three: Helens Bay, 4th September (Philip Watson).

Three: St Johns Point, Killough; one 8th September (Michael Latham) and two 14th September (Chris Murphy).

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Magilligan, Lough Foyle: 10 6th September (Mervyn Campbell *et al.*).

four 9th September (Richard Donaghey), 17 14th September (Derek Charles).

One: Portstewart 9th August (Richard Gray).

Barmouth, Bann Estuary Coleraine; One 10th August, two 11th August (John Spotiswood).



Magilligan, Lough Foyle, 2019. Photo courtesy of Mervyn Campbell.

Arctic Skua *Stercorarius parasiticus* **or Pomarine Skua** *S. pomarinus*

Unpublished inland record:

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Fermanagh

One: Lower Lough Erne Islands RSPB Reserve, 11th September (Brad Robson).

Distance of observation meant identification to species wasn't possible.

We are only publishing this because it is an inland record.