

Black Tern *Chlidonias niger*
(Breeds much of Europe and Asia).

Unpublished records: Historical records will be updated.

1995

One: Juvenile. Derrywarragh Island, Lough Neagh, County Armagh, 6th October (David Knight).

1997

One: Dundrum Bay, Newcastle, County Down, 22nd August (Hugh Thurgate).

1999

Up to eight: Barmouth / Bann Estuary, Coleraine, County Londonderry, 13th - 27th September (J. Clark *et al.*).
At least twelve birds involved.

2001

One: Kinnegar Pool, Belfast Lough, Holywood, County Down, 7th October (Anthony McGeehan).

2004

One: St John's Point, Killough, County Down, 16th May (Philip West *et al.*).

2006

One: Adult summer. Victoria Channel, Belfast Lough, Belfast, County Down, 24th May (Flightline).
Two: Barmouth, Bann Estuary, Coleraine County Londonderry, 14th - 18th September, one remaining to 2nd October (Flightline).
One: Juvenile. Ramore Head, Portrush, County Antrim, 17th September (Flightline).
One: Juvenile. Grey Point, Belfast Lough, County Down. Observed from a Ferry, 22nd September (Anthony McGeehan).
Four: Juveniles. Lough Beg NNR County Londonderry, 24th September, one remaining to 18th October (Flightline).
One: Juvenile. Lough Shark, Poyntzpass, County Armagh, 26th - 29th September (Joe Devlin).
One: St John's Point, Killough, County Down, 27th September (Flightline).

2009

Antrim

One: Adult. Portmore Lough RSPB Reserve, Aghagallon, 5th July (Ed O'Hara).

Armagh

One: Juvenile. Reedy Flats, Lough Neagh, Derrytrasna, 27th August (Flightline).

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Antrim

One: Juvenile. East Strand, Portrush, 11th to 13th September (Matthew Tickner).
Up to four juveniles: Portmore Lough, RSPB Reserve, Aghagallon, 12th - 19th September (Paul Toner *et al.*).
Six: Ramore Head, Portrush, 15th September; two juveniles 16th September with four on 17th September (Colin Guy, Geoff Campbell, Matthew Tickner *et al.*).
Four: Skerries, Portrush; three 17th September with a juvenile on 18th September (Matthew Tickner).

Armagh

Two: Shaw's Lake, Glenanne, 28th September (Joe Devlin *et al.*).

Londonderry

Up to five: Bann Estuary, Coleraine, 13th - 19th September (Geoff Campbell *et al.*).
Three: Juveniles. Lough Beg NNR, 15th - 22nd September, one remaining to 7th October (David Steele).
One: Juvenile. Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle, 8th - 11th October (Derek Charles *et al.*).
One: Magilligan, Lough Foyle, 11th - 12th October (Matthew Tickner *et al.*).

Down

One: Juvenile. Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast, 9th September (Ian Mitchell, Gerard McGeehan).

Tyrone

One: Kiltagh Point, Lough Neagh, Ardboe, 20th September (Stephen Foster).

2011

Antrim

One: Juvenile. East Strand, Portrush, 6th September (Matthew Tickner *et al.*).

Two: Whitehead; single juveniles on 11th September and 6th - 7th October (Ian Enlander, Cameron Moore *et al.*).

One: Rathlin Sound, 28th September (Matthew Tickner).

Down

One: Strangford Lough, 19th September (Hugh Thurgate).

One: Juvenile. Portavogie, 7th October (Richard Weyl *et al.*).

Londonderry

Up to two juveniles. Lough Beg NNR, 16th September - 3rd October (David Steele *et al.*).

2012

Down

One: Juvenile. Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast, 21st - 27th August (Walter Veale *et al.*).

Londonderry

Up to two. Bann Estuary, Coleraine, 18th - 21st August (Keith Bennett *et al.*).

2013

Antrim

One: Blackhead, Belfast Lough, 15th September (Ian Enlander).

Down:

Three: Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast; one juvenile 3rd August with two juveniles 3rd September, one remaining to 5th September (Stuart McKee, Theo Campbell *et al.*).

One: Juvenile. Big Copeland, Copeland Islands, 29th August (Kerry Leonard).

Three: Briggs Rocks, Groomsport, 9th September one remaining to 15th September (Colin Guy *et al.*).

Fermanagh

Two: Devenish Island, 7th June (*per* Brad Robson).

2014

Antrim

Two: Greenisland, Belfast Lough, 9th September (Gerard McGeehan).

2015

Antrim

One: Juvenile. Ramore Head, Portrush, 4th September (Derek Charles).

Down

One: Juvenile. Burial Island, Portavogie, Outer Ards Peninsula, 4th August (Billy Miskelly).

Two: Juveniles. Minerstown, 25th August, one remaining to 27th August (Tim Murphy Billy Miskelly).

One: St. John's Point, Killough, 26th August (Tim Murphy, Chris Murphy, Doris Noe).

One: Juvenile. Quoile Pondage NNR, Downpatrick, 26th August (Tim Murphy).

One: Juvenile. Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast, 30th August (Derek Charles).

One: Juvenile. Rockport, Holywood, Belfast Lough, 30th August (Ronald Surgenor).

2016

Down

Two: Juveniles. Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast; singles 20th - 28th August and 9th September (Daniel Newtown *et al.*).

One: Juvenile. Kinnegar Shore, Belfast Lough, Holywood, 11th September (Robin Vage).

One: Juvenile. Seahill, Holywood, Belfast Lough, 14th September (Ronald Surgenor).

Fermanagh

One: Lower Lough Erne, 16th September (Brad Robson).

Londonderry

One: Juvenile. Bann Estuary, Coleraine, 4th September (Daniel Newtown, Derek Charles).

Two: Barmouth, Bann Estuary, Coleraine, 11th September (Richard Donaghey *et al.*).

One: Juvenile. Benone Strand, Castlerock, 11th September (Derek Charles).

One: Juvenile. Lough Beg NNR, 15th September (David Steele).

2017

Antrim

One: Sandy Bay, Larne, 7th May (Kevin Kirkham-Brown).

Two: Marconi's Cottage, Ballycastle; one 1st October increasing to two birds 2nd October (Colin Guy, Michael Latham).

One: Juvenile. Ballycastle, 21st October (Neal Warnock).

One: Rathlin Island, 2nd November (Ric Else, Hazel Watson).

Down

One: Juvenile. Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, 20th - 22nd August (Billy Miskelly *et al.*).

Three: First winters. Minerstown, 29th September (Tim Murphy).

Londonderry

One: Juvenile. Mullagh, Lough Beg NNR, 3rd - 6th October (David Steele).

2018

Armagh

Two: Reedy Flats, Lough Neagh, Derrytrasna, 11th September (Richard Weyl).

One: Juvenile. Lough Shark, Poyntzpass, 15th - 16th October (Joe Devlin).

Down

One: Juvenile. Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast, 3rd - 7th August (Daniel Newtown *et al.*).

One: Juvenile. Kinnegar, Belfast Lough, Holywood, 18th August (Gary Armstrong).

Londonderry

One: Barmouth, Bann Estuary, 2nd to 3rd September (Richard Donaghey, Jeff Larkin).

One: Juvenile. Lough Beg NNR, 11th to 13th September (David Steele).

2019

Antrim

One: North Channel, Larne, 25th August (Ronald Surgenor).

Down

Two: Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast; single juveniles 22nd – 23rd August and 29th August (Ian Enlander *et al.*).

Londonderry

At least four: Bann Estuary, Coleraine; one 24th August and four 28th August (Richard Donaghey, Theo Campbell, Derek Charles *et al.*).

At least three: Magilligan, Lough Foyle; one 2nd September, three 4th September, one 9th September and two 14th September (Jeff Larkin, Richard Donaghey, Derek Charles, Mervyn Campbell *et al.*).



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