

Little Tern *Sternula albifrons* **SV**

(Breeds on coasts and inland waterways of temperate and tropical Europe and Asia. Winters in subtropical and tropical oceans as far south as South Africa and Australia).

Unpublished records:

1998

Down

One: Dundrum Inner Bay, Newcastle, 28th April (Hugh Thurgate).

2006

Armagh

One: Closet Bay, Oxford Island NNR, Lurgan, 6th May (Flightline).

Down

One: Adult. Killough Harbour, Killough, 16th April (Flightline).

One: Adult. Mew Island, Copeland Islands, 2nd July (Flightline).

One: Ballykinler, 3rd July (Flightline).

Two: St Johns Point, Killough. Two 23rd July, with a juvenile recorded on 1st October (Flightline).

Londonderry

Two: Magilligan, Lough Foyle, 16th July (Flightline).

2009

Down

One: Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, 5th August (Flightline).

2010

Down

Two: Adults. Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, 4th June (Keith Bennett).

2011

Down

One: St John's Point, Killough, 22nd October (Walter Veale).

2012

Down

Seven: Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast. Single birds observed on 25th May, 8th June and 19th June, with four birds recorded on 19th August (Gerard McGeehan, Chris Sturgeon, Keith Bennett, Sandy McWilliams *et al.*).

2013

Down

Three: Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast. Two 5th June, with a first-summer on 2nd July (Chris Sturgeon, Keith Bennett *et al.*).

2014

Down

Three: Ballykinler, Murlough, 19th May (Stuart McKee).

2015

Down

One: Murlough NNR, Newcastle, 22nd May (Stuart McKee).

2016

Down

One: Ann's Point, Greyabbey, Strangford Lough, 13th August (Billy Miskelly).

One: Juvenile. Groomsport, 14th September (Philip Watson).

2017

Antrim

One: Lady Bay, Lough Neagh, Aghagallon, 21st July (Suzanne Belshaw).

2018

Londonderry

Four: Bann Estuary, Coleraine. Three, one adult and two juveniles 22nd July, with a single adult on 4th August (Derek Charles, Ian Dickey, Jeff Larkin, Theo Campbell *et al.*). The adult on 22nd July was feeding both juveniles.



Little Tern *Sternula albifrons*,
Bann Estuary, Coleraine 22nd July 2018. Photo courtesy of Ian Dickey.