

Long-tailed Skua *Stercorarius longicaudus* (14, 187, 44). **RV**

(Breeds in high Arctic of Europe and North America with populations in Russia, Alaska and Canada. Winters in South Atlantic and Pacific).

Published records:

1822

One: Holywood, County Down, 12th September. *Thompson* 1851.

One: Kinnegar, Holywood, County Down, 21st October. *Thompson* 1851.

1824

Two: Dundrum, Newcastle, County Down, August. *Thompson* 1851.

1831

One: Shot. Holywood, County Down, 13th September. *Thompson* 1851.

1841

One: Belfast Lough, County Down / Antrim, autumn. *Thompson* 1851.

1845

Two: Belfast Lough, County Down / Antrim, 12th October. *Thompson* 1851.

1848

One: Kinnegar, Belfast Lough, Holywood, County Down, 17th October. *Thompson* 1851.

1869

One: Shot. Crawfordsburn, County Down, 28th August. *Patterson* 1880.

1878

One: Shot. Near Lisburn, County Antrim, 5th or 6th October. *Patterson* 1880.

1891

One: Shot. County Armagh. *Ussher and Warren* 1900.

1892

One: Near Ballymoney / Ballymena, May. *Kennedy, Ruttledge & Scroope* 1954.

1898

One: Shot. County Armagh. *Ussher and Warren* 1900.

1967

One: River Lagan, Ormeau Bridge, Belfast, County Down, 22nd August (J.C. Sinclair). *Ruttledge* 1968.

1971

One: West shore, Lough Neagh, County Tyrone, 26th, 27th or 28th September (C. Coney). *Ruttledge* 1972.

1972

One: Adult. Bann Estuary, Coleraine, County Londonderry, 10th September (Hill Dick *et al.*). *Preston* 1974.

1978

One: Probable third-year. Magilligan Nature Reserve, Magilligan, Lough Foyle, County Londonderry, 6th August (Anthony McGeehan). *Irishbirdwatching* 4: 23

1979

One: Adult. Lough Beg NNR, County Londonderry, 24th May (Raymond Hume). *Preston* 1984.

1985

One: Adult. Murlough NNR, Dundrum Bay, Newcastle, County Down, 6th May (Richard Ellis). *NIBARC* 1987.

Two: Ramore Head, Portrush, County Antrim. One adult-type 25th August with a juvenile on 15th September (Anthony McGeehan). *NIBARC* 1987.

One: Juvenile. Dead. On shoreline of Lough Neagh, between the River Bann and River Moyola, County Londonderry, 10th September (B. Grant *et al.*). *NIBA* 1992.

1987

Two: One juvenile and one second calendar-year. Ramore Head, Portrush, County Antrim, 14th September (Martin Gray, J. Watson). *NIBA* 1992.

1988

Five: Ramore Head, Portrush, County Antrim. One juvenile 20th August, two, one adult and one juvenile 28th September and two adults 2nd October. *NIBA* 1992.

Two: Adults. Killough Harbour, Killough, County Down, 1st October. *NIBA* 1992.

None of the 1988 records published in Irish Bird Report.

1990

One: Adult. Bann Estuary, Coleraine, County Londonderry, 3rd June (Anthony McGeehan). *NIBA* 1992.

13: Ramore Head, Portrush, County Antrim. One adult 16th August, one juvenile 3rd September, four, two adults and two juveniles 19th September, five, three adults, one near adult and one juvenile 21st September and one juvenile on 2nd October. *NIBA* 1992. (Anthony McGeehan, K. O'Kane *et al.*). *NIBA* 1992.

The 2nd October record Not published in Irish Bird Report.

One: Adult. St John's Point, Killough, County Down, 2nd October (Anthony McGeehan). *NIBA* 1992.

One: Juvenile. Longfield Point, Lough Foyle, County Londonderry, 19th September (Anthony McGeehan). *NIBA* 1992.

Five: Magilligan, Lough Foyle, County Londonderry. Four juveniles 19th September and two, one adult and one juvenile 22nd September (Anthony McGeehan). *NIBA* 1992.

1991

Three: Groomsport, County Down. One adult 10th September, one adult 25th September and one juvenile 29th September. *NIBA* 1993.

16: St John's Point, Killough, County Down. Six juveniles 11th September, three juveniles 12th September, one near adult 20th September, five, four adults and one juvenile 21st September with a juvenile on 2nd October. *NIBA* 1993.

Eight: Ramore Head, Portrush, County Antrim. Two adults 18th September, two juveniles 19th September, one adult 22nd September and three, one adult and two juveniles 5th October. *NIBA* 1993.

1992

One: Second-colander year. St John's Point, Killough, County Down, 15th August *NIBA* 1993.

1993

28: Ramore Head, Portrush, County Antrim, recorded as follows:

One: Adult. 9th August (David Steele). *Irish Birds* 1994. Not published in *NIBA* / *NIBRC* reports.

15: One adult and 14 juveniles. 23rd August (Joe Hobbs *et al.*). *Irish Birds* 1994.

Ten: Seven juveniles, one first-summer and two adults. 24th August (David Steele, Anthony McGeehan). *Irish Birds* 1994. *NIBA* 1994 published just eight birds (unaged).

One: Dark phase juvenile. 25th August (David Steele). *Irish Birds* 1994.

One: Adult. 11th September (Anthony McGeehan). *Irish Birds* 1994.

Five: St John's Point, Killough, County Down. Two adults 29th August, one juvenile 4th September and two juveniles on 19th September (David Steele, Anthony McGeehan, Stephen Foster). *Irish Birds* 1994/*NIBA* 1994.

37: Grey Point, Belfast Lough, Crawfordsburn, County Down. One, dark phase juvenile 8th September, eight juveniles 13th September, 22, 21 juveniles and one immature 14th September with six juveniles on 15th September (George Gordon, Anthony McGeehan). *Irish Birds* 1994 / *NIBA* 1994.

1994

Three: St John's Point, Killough, County Down. Two adults 16th August with an adult on 9th October (Anthony McGeehan, Ken Douglas). *NIBA* 1996.

Nine: Ramore Head, Portrush, County Antrim. Two juveniles, one pale phase and one dark phase, 9th September, three juveniles 11th September, three, one adult and two juveniles 28th September with a juvenile on 26th October (Anthony McGeehan, Ken Douglas, David Steele). *NIBA* 1996.

Four: Juveniles. Grey Point, Belfast Lough, Crawfordsburn, County Down, 14th September (Anthony McGeehan, Ken Douglas). *NIBA* 1996.

1996

Two: St John's Point, Killough, County Down. One adult 15th September with one on 22nd September (Anthony McGeehan). *NIBA* 1998.

Six: Grey Point, Belfast Lough, Crawfordsburn, County Down. One dark phase juvenile 10th September, three, one adult and two juveniles 12th September and one juvenile with an adult on 23rd September (Anthony McGeehan, Eric Randall, Dave Allen). *NIBA* 1998.

1997

Three: Adults. St John's Point, Killough, County Down, 10th May (Davy Hunter). *NIBA* 1999.

Three: Two and adults and one juvenile. Grey Point, Belfast Lough, Crawfordsburn, County Down, 9th September (Anthony McGeehan). *NIBA* 1999.

Six: Adults. Ramore Head, Portrush, County Antrim, 10th October (Anthony McGeehan). *NIBA* 1999.

1998

One: Dark phase juvenile. St John's Point, Killough, County Down, 31st August (Anthony McGeehan). *NIBA* 2000.

1999

Two: St John's Point, Killough, County Down. One juvenile 24th August with an adult on 8th September (Ken Douglas, David Steele, Anthony McGeehan). *NIBA* 2002.

Four: Grey Point, Belfast Lough, Crawfordsburn, County Down. One light morph juvenile 12th September with three juveniles on 20th September (Eric Randall, David Steele, Anthony McGeehan). *NIBA* 2002.

2000

Two: St John's Point, Killough, County Down. One juvenile 23rd August with an adult on 1st October (Anthony McGeehan, Eric Randall, Walter Veale, Ted Rolston). *NIBA* 2002.

2001

Four: Ramore Head, Portrush, County Antrim. One juvenile 12th September, two, one adult and one juvenile 13th September and one juvenile 16th September (David Steele). *NIBA* 2003.

2003

Two: St Johns Point Killough, County Down. One juvenile 17th August with one on 13th September (Anthony McGeehan, John Scovell, Ivan Quail, Walter Veale, Joe Lamont *et al.*). *Milne & McAdams* 2008a.

One: Juvenile. Grey Point, Belfast Lough, Crawfordsburn, County Down, 26th August (Anthony McGeehan). *Milne & McAdams* 2008a.

Two: Copeland Bird Observatory, Lighthouse Island, Copeland Islands, County Down, 11th September (Neville McKee). *Milne & McAdams* 2008a.

2004

Ten: Ramore Head, Portrush, County Antrim. One juvenile 25th August, seven juveniles 29th August, one juvenile 30th August with one [unaged] 14th September. *Milne & McAdams* 2008a.

One: Juvenile. Magilligan Point, Lough Foyle, County Londonderry, 30th August. *Milne & McAdams* 2008a.

One: Pale phase juvenile. Turf Lawn Fields, Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle, County Londonderry, 15th October. *Milne & McAdams* 2008a.

One: Maidens, Larne, County Antrim, 26th October. *NIBA* 2006.

2006

Two: Ramore Head, Portrush, County Antrim. Single juveniles on 9th August and 3rd September (Joe Lamont). *Milne & McAdams* 2009.

2007

One: Adult. Kenbane Head, Ballycastle, 12th September (Geoff Campbell). *Milne & McAdams* 2009.

One: Juvenile. Ramore Head, Portrush, 14th September (Colin Guy). *Milne & McAdams* 2009.

2008

Three: Copeland Bird Observatory, Lighthouse Island, Copeland Islands, County Down. Two adults 25th September with one on 4th October (Kerry Leonard, Neville McKee). *Fahy* 2010.

Unpublished records:

1995

One: Intermediate phase juvenile. Ramore Head, Portrush, County Antrim, 27th September (Don Hodges).

2000

One: Juvenile. St John's Point, Killough, County Down, 12th August (Anthony McGeehan *et al.*).

2001

One: Ramore Head, Portrush, County Antrim, 8th September (Matthew Tickner *et al.*). Record not published.

Six: One adult and five juveniles. Grey Point, Crawfordsburn, Belfast Lough, County Down, 9th September (Anthony McGeehan).

One: Adult. Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast Lough, County Down, 9th September (Allen Gillespie).

Two: Adults. Light House (St Johns Island) Island, Copelands Islands, County Down, 31st August (Gerard McGeehan, John Scovell, Ivan Quail, Anthony McGeehan).

2009

Antrim

One: Pale morph juvenile. Ramore Head, Portrush, 28th August (David Steele).

2011

Antrim

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

Three: Ramore Head, Portrush. One juvenile 18th September with two birds recorded on 6th October (Matthew Tickner *et al.*).

Down

One: Juvenile. Kinnegar Shore, Belfast Lough, Holywood, 26th August (Derek Charles, Walter Veale).

2017

Antrim

One: Juvenile. Rathlin Island, 6th September (Rik Else, Hazel Watson).

2018

Down

One: Unaged. Grey Point, Belfast Lough, Crawfordsburn, 21st September (Anthony McGeehan).

Londonderry:

One: Second year. Magilligan Point, Lough Foyle, 11th August (Derek Charles).