

Pomarine Skua *Stercorarius pomarinus* **SV**

(Breeds northern Europe and North America. Winters Southern Oceans).

Unpublished records:

1992

Down

Four: St Johns Point, Killough, 6th September (Ed O'Hara, Ken Douglas).

1994

Antrim

Nine: Ramore Head, Portrush. Two 29th August, one 1st September, two 11th September, one 20th September, one 28th September, one 4th October and one juvenile 1st November (Matthew Tickner David Steele *et al.*).

Down

One: Irish Sea South, 3rd September (George Gordon).

Three: St Johns Point, Killough. Two 4th September with a juvenile on 8th November (Anthony McGeehan *et al.*).

One: Adult. Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, 4th September (Ivor McDonald).

Londonderry

One: Juvenile. Magilligan, Lough Foyle, 26th October (Matthew Tickner).

1995

Down

Two: St Johns Point, Killough. Singles on 29th April and 23rd July (Ed O'Hara, Anthony McGeehan *et al.*).

1996

Antrim

One: Ramore Head, Portrush, 6th October (Walter Veale).

Down

Two: Grey Point, Belfast Lough, Crawfordsburn. One juvenile 8th September and one 26th September (Eric Randall, Anthony McGeehan).

1997

Antrim

Five: Ramore Head, Portrush. One 24th August, two 7th September and two 10th October (Jeff Larkin Anthony McGeehan, Ken Douglas).

Two: Seapark, Belfast Lough, 20th September (Gerard McGeehan).

Down

Five: St Johns Point, Killough. One adult 16th August, two 26th August, one 28th August and one 11th September (Anthony McGeehan, Gerard McGeehan, Martin Garne,r Geoff Campbell).

Londonderry

One: Magilligan, Lough Foyle, 24th August (Gary Wilkinson).

2003

Londonderry

One: Portstewart, 4th October (Derek Charles).

2005

Antrim

Seven: Ramore Head, Portrush. Two 19th August, four 23rd September and one 28th September (Geoff Campbell, Derek Charles, Laurence Morgan *et al.*).

One: Juvenile. Rathlin Sound, 13th October (Flightline).

Down

One: Adult. Copeland Bird Observatory, Copeland Islands, 1st September (Flightline).

2006

Antrim

One: Ramore Head, Portrush, 29th August (Flightline).

One: Adult. Carrickarede Island, Bushmills, 4th September (Flightline).

Down

One: Copeland Bird Observatory, Copeland Islands, 18th September (Flightline).

One: Adult. Bangor Bay, Bangor, 22nd September (Flightline).

Two: Briggs Rocks, Groomsport, 30th September (Flightline).

Londonderry

Three: Adults. The Maidens, Larne, County Antrim, 4th August (Flightline).

2009**Down**

Two: St Johns Point, Killough, 17th May (Derek Charles).

20: Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, 30th September (Chris Sturgeon).

Three: One adult and two sub adults. Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, 30th September (Keith Bennett).

Two: Copeland Bird Observatory, Lighthouse Island, Copeland Islands. Singles on 5th and 6th October (Copeland Bird Observatory).

Londonderry

One: Magilligan, Lough Foyle, 28th September (Chris Murphy).

2010**Antrim**

One: The Gobbins, Islandmagee, 28th May (Irishbirding).

2011**Antrim**

161: Ramore Head, Portrush. One 29th May, two 6th September, one 18th September, 67 6th October, 50 7th October, one 16th October, 39 18th October (Ian Dickey, Ronald Surgenor, Matthew Tickner, Colin Guy *et al.*).

11: East Strand, Portrush, 6th October (Colin Guy).

One: Rathlin Island, 9th October (Neal Warnock).

One: Portballintrae, 8th December (Colin Guy).

Down

Nine: Copeland Bird Observatory, Lighthouse Island, Copeland Islands. One 12th September, five 14th September, one 16th September and one 6th October (Neville McKee).

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

Two: Ballymacormick Point, Groomsport, 18th October (Richard Weyl).

Ten: St John's Point, Killough. Five 25th September and five 22nd October (Eric Randall, Walter Veale).

One: Ballyquintin, Outer Ards Peninsula, 13th November (Richard Weyl).

One: Juvenile. Rossglass, 20th November (Chris Murphy).

One: Burial Island, Portavogie, 17th December (Richard Weyl).

Fermanagh

One: Lower Lough Erne, 20th October (Peter Taylor).

Londonderry

One: Portstewart, 18th October (Colin Guy).

One: Ballykelly, Lough Foyle, 19th October (Matthew Tickner, Gerry Bond).

2012**Antrim**

One: 10 miles north-east of the Maidens, 15th July (Richard Woods).

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

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

Ten: Ramore Head, Portrush. Two 29th July, two adults 22nd August, two 11th September and singles on 12th, 24th, 28th and 29th September (Neal Warnock, Ronald Surgenor, Ken Perry, Peter Robinson, Colin Guy, Hill Dick *et al.*).

Down

One: First-year. Burial Island, Outer Ards Peninsula, 21st January (Richard Weyl).

One: Copeland Bird Observatory, Lighthouse Island, Copeland Islands, 17th September (Kerry Leonard).

Londonderry

Six: Portstewart. One adult 25th August, one 11th September, one 12th September, three 14th September (Matthew Tickner *et al.*).

One: Ringree Point, Portstewart, 14th September (Colin Guy).

2013

Antrim

One: Rathlin Island, 22nd May (Alastair Prentice).

18: Ramore Head, Portrush. One 3rd August, one adult 6th September, one 7th September, three 15th September, five 9th October, six 16th October and one 23rd October (Ronald Surgenor, Keith Bennett, Colin Guy, Ian Dickey *et al.*).

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

Down

One: 0.5 miles off Carlingford (from a boat), 10th May (Stephen Dunstan).

One: Sub-adult. Killard NNR, Strangford, 21st July (Craig Nash).

One: Copeland Bird Observatory, Lighthouse Island, Copeland Islands, 30th July (Kerry Leonard).

One: Ballymacomick Point, Groomsport, 7th September (Richard Weyl).

Two: Burial Island, Portavogie, 15th September (Richard Weyl).

Two: St. John's Point, Killough. One adult 26th September and one 27th September (Chris Murphy, Tim Murphy).

One: Burial Island, Portavogie, 21st December (Richard Weyl).

2014

Antrim

Three: At sea, between Ballycastle and Portpatrick, Scotland, 28th September (Billy Miskelly).

41: Ramore Head, Portrush. One 11th October and 40 21st October (Ian Dickey, Ronald Surgenor, Colin Guy).

One: Fair Head, Ballycastle, 1st December (Kerry Leonard, David Galbraith).

2015

Down

11: St. John's Point, Killough. One 15th May, two 5th August, one 8th August, five 29th August and one 15th September (Warren Fowles, Derek Charles *et al.*).

One: Adult pale phase. Ballyquintin, Outer Ards Peninsula, 18th July (Keith Bennett).

Three, "at sea", ten miles off Carlingford, 1st August (Dennis Weir).

Three: Burial Island, Portavogie. Two 19th August with a single on 26th August (Billy Miskelly).

Fermanagh

Six: Flew north-east over Lower Lough Erne, 6th May (Peter Taylor).

2016

Antrim

14: Ramore Head, Portrush. One 7th July, one 21st August and 12 18th October (Ian Enlander, Derek Charles, Neal Warnock).

2017

Antrim

Eight: Ramore Head, Portrush. One 18th August, one 19th August, one 11th September, four 22nd October and one 29th October (Derek Charles, Gerard McGeehan, Shirley Dunlop, Colin Guy *et al.*).

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

One: Marconi's Cottage, Ballycastle, 22nd October (Derek Charles).

Down

One: Burial Island, Portavogie, 10th September (Richard Weyl).

13: St Johns Point, Killough, Down. Three 22nd September with ten on 16th October (Ronald Surgenor *et al.*).

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

2018

Antrim

10: Ramore Head, Portrush. One, juvenile pale phase 24th August, four adults 16th September, one 22nd September, one adult.30th September with three on 2nd October (Derek Charles Richard Hunter *et al.*).

Two: Rathlin Island. One juvenile 9th September, with an adult observed on 2nd October (Ric Else, Hazel Watson).

Down

Four: Copeland Bird Observatory, Lighthouse Island, Copeland Islands. One 11th May, one 19th September with two on 20th September (CBO).

Londonderry

Three: Portstewart Point, Portstewart. Two adults 16th September with an adult on 23rd September (Derek Charles).

One: Pale phase adult. Castlerock, 16th September (Derek Charles).

One: Pale phase adult. Magilligan, Lough Foyle, 21st September (Ian Dickey).



Pomarine Skua *Stercorarius pomarinus*,
Ramore Head, Portrush October 2013. Photo courtesy of Ian Dickey.