Gannet Morus bassanus (3, 13, 15). Statistics for Inland records only. RI

(Breeds United Kingdom, Ireland, Canada, Faroe Islands, Iceland, France, Chanel Islands, Norway and Heligoland).

Published inland records:

1903/1908

Two: Reported from Portadown, County Armagh, sometime between 1903 and 1908. Patterson 1908.

1932

One: Lough-na-Cranagh, Fair Head, Ballycastle, County Antrim, 19th October. Deane 1960b.

1956

Five: Inland, in County Down. Deane 1960b.

1960

One: Immature. Lough Beg NNR, County Londonderry, 22nd October. D'Arcy 1978.

One: Castleraw, Loughgall, County Armagh, early in the year. Deane 1960b.

1972

One: Lough Beg NNR, County Londonderry, "autumn". D'Arcy 1978.

1976

One: Found dead. Lough Beg NNR, County Londonderry, "October". D'Arcy 1978.

1986

One: Traad Point, Lough Neagh, Ballyronan, County Tyrone, 3rd June. NIBA 1992.

1997

One: Juvenile. In flight. Reedy Flats, Lough Neagh, Derrytrasna, County Armagh, 21st September (Oscar

Campbell). NIBA 1999.

1999

One: Seen from a boat 1.5 miles off Blacker's Rocks, Lough Neagh, Ardboe, County Tyrone, 22nd August. *NIBA* 2001.

2001

Three: Reedy Flats, Lough Neagh, Derrytrasna, County Armagh, 24th August (Oscar Campbell). NIBA 2003.

Three: Oxford Island NNR, Lough Neagh, Lurgan, County Armagh, 9th September (Ed O'Hara). NIBA 2003.

Unpublished inland records:

1999

Tyrone

One: Blacker's Rocks, Lough Neagh, Ardboe, 5th August (C. Coney).

2002

Unknown County

One: Adult. Lough Neagh, probably County Tyrone, 11th February (D. Coney).

2011 Tvrone

One: Sub-adult. River Derg, Killeter, 28th May (Ralph Shepard).

One: Found injured and died in care. Strabane, 29th May (Brian Hegarty).

2013 Armagh

One: Juvenile. In flight. Richill, 13th October, photographed (Andrew Poots).

Fermanagh

One: Devenish Island, Lower Lough Erne, 8th October (Fionbarr Cross).

2015 Armagh

One: Juvenile. Flew east along the south shore. Reedy Flats, Lough Neagh, Derrytrasna, 9th October (James O'Neill).

Fermanagh

One: Adult. Ferny Island, Lower Lough Erne, Beleek, 20th May, photographed (Fionnbarr Cross, Brad Robson). One: Adult. Devenish Island, Lower Lough Erne, Enniskillen, 20th May, photographed (Fionnbarr Cross, Brad Robson). Same bird on both occasions.

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2016

Antrim

One: Sprucefield, Lisburn, 27th September (Stephen Foster).

2018

Fermanagh

One: Juvenile. Colebroke River, Lisnaskea, 6th January, found dead on 10th January (Viscount Brookeborough).

Londonderry

One: Adult. Lough Beg NNR, 3rd April (David Steele).