

Scops Owl *Otus scops* (2, 1, 0). **RV**

(Breeds North Africa and southern Europe, from Iberia to northern and central France and east to Greece. Also breeds Ukraine, southern Russia and southern Siberia to western Mongolia, Kazakhstan and Iran. Most winter northern equatorial Africa, but some remain southern Europe).

Published records:

1853

One: Shot. Hillsborough, County Down, in March. This specimen was procured for the Dublin Museum. *Ussher & Warren* 1900.

1883

One: Old County Down Railway Station, Belfast, County Down. Present for several days around 15th November. It was eventually captured on 17th November. It is in the collection of the Ulster Museum. *Ussher and Warren* 1900.

1974

One: Heard and sound-recorded calling. Lisnarrick, County Fermanagh, 18th June (Joe Magee *et al.*). *Preston* 1977.