

## **Snowy Owl** *Bubo scandiacus* (10, 3, 4).

(Breeds northern Scandinavia and Iceland depending on availability of small mammals. Outside Europe, erratic circumpolar breeder across tundra and northern islands of Arctic Russia, Siberia, Alaska, Canada and northern Greenland. Most disperse in winter but some resident or nomadic).

### **1835**

One: Bruslee, County Antrim, 21st March. *Thompson 1849*.

One: Immature. Shot. Portglenone, County Antrim, a few days prior to 26th March. The specimen was presented to the Natural History Society of Belfast. *Thompson 1849*.

One: Shot. Near Omagh, County Tyrone. About 1835. *Thompson 1849*.

### **1837**

One: Male. Shot. Scrabo, Newtownards, County Down, 2nd December. *Thompson 1849*. This specimen is in the collection at the Ulster Museum.

### **1850**

One: Shot. Near Lurgan, County Armagh, 22nd February. *Ussher & Warren 1900*.

The specimen was sent to Trinity College Museum, Dublin.

### **1862**

One: Male. Shot. Near Limavady, County Londonderry, around the 3rd December. *Ussher & Warren 1900*.

### **1876**

One: Near Lack, County Fermanagh, "February". *Ussher & Warren 1900*.

### **1889**

One: Male. Shot. Dundrum, County Down, 18th January. *Ussher & Warren 1900*.

### **1917**

One: Shot. Glenavy, County Antrim, 12th or 13th November. *Workman 1917*.

### **1935**

One: A probable first-winter female. Belmont, Belfast, County Down, 26th January (L.J. Turtle). *Turtle 1935*.

### **1951**

One: Castlewellan, County Down, 26th December (C.D. Deane). *Kennedy, Ruttledge & Scroope 1954*.

### **1956**

One: Carrickfergus, County Antrim, 14th January (D. McDowell). *Ruttledge 1957*.

### **1993**

One: Clare Forest Wood, Ballycastle, County Antrim, 3rd - 27th February (*per* Dave Allen *et al.*). *Charles and Crory 2019*.

## 2005

One: Immature female. Longfield Point, Lough Foyle, Eglington, County Londonderry, 18th - 21st February (M. Wood *et al.*). *NIBA* 2008a.

*Irish Birds* 8: 373-394. Milne, P. & McAdams, D.G. 2008a. Irish Rare Bird Report 2005, have published dates as 13th to 21st February.



Immature female. Longfield Point, Lough Foyle, Eglington, County Londonderry, 18th February 2005.  
Photo courtesy of Derek Charles.

## 2012

One: Altikeeragh, Castlerock, County Londonderry, 30th January - 26th February, photographed (Patrick Dennison *et al.*). *Charles and Crory* 2019.



Altikeeragh, Castlerock, County Londonderry, 16th February. Photo courtesy of Geoff Campbell.

## 2013

One: Immature male, probably first year. Lough Awaddy, Pettigoe, County Fermanagh, 15th February, photographed (Brad Robson, Joe Magee, Marie Magee). *Charles and Crory* 2019.



Immature male, probably first year. Lough Awaddy, Pettigoe, County Fermanagh, 15th February 2013, photo courtesy of Brad Robson.

## 2015

One: Gortalughenny, County Fermanagh, 7th May, photographed (Brad Robson). *Charles and Crory* 2019.



Gortalughenny, County Fermanagh, 7th May 2015, photo courtesy of Brad Robson.