

Snowy Owl *Bubo scandiacus* (10, 2, 1). **RV**

(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).

Published records:

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.

2005

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

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