

Turtle Dove *Streptopelia turtur* (at least 27, 70, 29).

(Southern Palearctic range covering most of Europe, Middle East, Turkey and north Africa).

Historical data incomplete, will be updated during 2020.

Prior to 1820

One: Cranmore, Belfast, County Down. *Thompson* 1850.

One: Shanes Castle, Antrim, County Antrim. *Thompson* 1850.

1820

One: Fisherwick Lodge, County Antrim. *Thompson* 1850.

1841

One: Killed. Tollymore, Newcatsle, County Down, "autumn". *Thompson* 1850.

1842

Two: A pair bred near Downpatrick, County Down. *Thompson* 1850.

1845

One: Dowpatrick, County Down, "October". *Thompson* 1850.

1845-1953

Records about 20 times Deane 1954.

1953

Two: A pair bred Downpatrick, County Down. *Deane* 1954.

1954

One: Near Comber, County Down, 12th June. *Ruttledge* 1955.

1956

One: Copeland Bird Observatory, Lighthouse Island, Copeland Islands, County Down, 30th June (CBO).

1958

One: Copeland Bird Observatory, Lighthouse Island, Copeland Islands, County Down, 3d – 4th May (CBO). *Ruttledge* 1959 states 3rd May only.

One: Downpatrick Marshes, Downpatrick, County Down, 29th June. *Ruttledge* 1959.

1960

Three: Ballystridder, Island Magee, County Antrim; one 27th May into June when joined by two further birds. *Ruttledge* 1961.

1962

One: Lighthouse Island, Copeland Islands, County Down, 9th May. *Ruttledge* 1963.

1964

One: Near Connor, County Antrim, 6th June. *Ruttledge* 1965.

One: Copeland Bird Observatory, Lighthouse Island, Copeland Islands, County Down, 6th-7th June. *Ruttledge* 1965.

One: Rathlin Island, County Antrim, 11th – 20th July. *Ruttledge* 1965.

1965

At least seven: Copeland Bird Observatory, Lighthouse Island, Copeland Islands, County Down; four 11th May and then 1-3 birds on eight days thereafter to 27th June (CBO).

A pair were reported from the Lecale district of County Down, June. *Deane 1965g*.

1967

One: Copeland Bird Observatory, Lighthouse Island, Copeland Islands, County Down, 11th-12th May (CBO).

1968

One: Kinnegar, Holywood, County Down, 6th June (Willie McDowell). Record not published.

1969

One: Copeland Bird Observatory, Lighthouse Island, Copeland Islands, County Down, 29th – 30th June (CBO).

1971

Two: Portstewart, County Londonderry, early May. *Bennett et al. 1972*.

One: Ramore Head, Portrush, County Antrim, 7th July. *Bennett et al. 1972*.

1972

One: 14 Mayo Drive, Ballycastle, County Antrim, 20th June. *NIBRC 50/1972*.

1974

Two: Copeland Bird Observatory, Lighthouse Island, Copeland Islands, County Down; singles on 4th May and 16th June. (CBO)

Two: One was joined by another at Oxford Island NNR, Lurgan, County Armagh, prior to 7th June. *AFNS Report 1974*.

One: Lurgan, County Armagh, 2nd July. *AFNS Report 1974*.

1976

One: Duncrue Street, Belfast, County Antrim, 13th July. *NIBRC 10/1977*.

1978

One: Shot. Near Umbra, Downhill, County Londonderry, in late June/early July. *NIBRC 151/1980*.

Three: A maximum of three were at Springfield, Parkgate, County Antrim, 16th -24th May. *NIBRC 124/1979*.

1979

One: Near Bann Estuary, Coleraine, County Londonderry, 30th May. *NIBRC 39/1980*.

One: Near Fair Head, Ballycastle, County Antrim, Co. Antrim 3rd June. *NIBRC 141/1979*.

One: Between the Cushendun to Torr Head Road, County Antrim, 16th June. *NIBRC 133/1979*.

One: Silverhill, Enniskillen, County Fermanagh, 19th June. *NIBRC 140/1979*.

Two or three: Copeland Bird Observatory, Lighthouse Island, Copeland Islands, County Down; singles 2nd June and 9th and 10th June (CBO).

1982

One: Rathlin Island, County Antrim, 8th June - 3rd July, when it was found dead. *NIBRC 1987*.

One: Copeland Bird Observatory, Lighthouse Island, Copeland Islands, County Down, 19th – 20th June. (CBO).

One: Near Greencastle Point, Greencastle, Carlingford Lough, County Down, 20th June. *NIBRC 223/1982*.

1983

One: Copeland Bird Observatory, Lighthouse Island, Copeland Islands, County Down, 4th – 5th June. (CBO).

One: Crawfordsburn Road, Bangor, County Down, 10th June. *NIBRC 1987*.

One: Ballintoy, County Antrim, 15th August. *NIBRC 377/1983* [recorded as 1984 in *NIBRC 1987*].

1985

One: Belvoir Park, Belfast, County Down, 24th January - 10th April, when it was killed by a cat. *NIBRC* 1987.

One: Rathlin Island, County Antrim, 8th June. *NIBRC* 1987.

One: Copeland Bird Observatory, Lighthouse Island, Copeland Islands, County Down, 8th June. (CBO).

One: Crom, County Fermanagh, 23rd October. *NIBRC* 1987.

1987

One: Near Comber, County Down, 11th - 19th January. *NIBA* 1992.

One: Green Island, County Down 7th May. *NIBA* 1992.

One: Greenisland, County Antrim, 24th June *NIBA* 1992.

1988

One or two: Rathlin Island, County Antrim, 12th June with the same or a different bird seen on 15th June. *NIBA* 1992.

1989

One: Castlerock, County Londonderry, 3rd October. *NIBA* 1992.

1990

One: Rostrevor, County Down, 14th May. *NIBA* 1992.

Three: Observed just outside Killough, County Down, 23rd May. *NIBA* 1992.

One: t Ballynahinch, County Down, 12th June. *NIBA* 1993.

One: North Cliffs, Knockans, Rathlin Island, "June", County Antrim, (RSPB Northern Ireland). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

1991

One: Rathlin Island, County Antrim, 26-27th May. *NIBA* 1993.

Two: Near Omagh, County Tyrone, 8th - 29th June. *NIBA* 1993.

1992

Two: Observed flying north over Lough Beg, County Londonderry, 7th June. *NIBA* 1993.

1993

One: Bangor, County Down, 8th - 9th May. *NIBA* 1994.

1994

One: Carnlough, County Antrim, 5th May. *NIBA* 1996.

One or two: Ballintoy, County Antrim, 23rd May; this may have been the same bird as seen at Bushmills, Co. Antrim on 25th May *NIBA* 1996. (*NIBA* 1996).

One: Banbridge, County Down, 2nd - 4th June. *NIBA* 1996.

One: Minerstown, County Down, 19th June *NIBA* 1996.

1995

One: Kinnegar, Holywood, County Down, 1st May. *NIBA* 1997.

One: Fair Head, Bushmills, County Antrim, 26th May *NIBA* 1997.

One: Near the Bann Estuary, Coleraine, County Londonderry 26th May. *NIBA* 1997.

1996

One: Oxford Island NNR, Lurgan, County Armagh, 31st May. *NIBA* 1998.

One: Mount Sandel, Coleraine, County Londonderry, 4th - 10th June *NIBA* 1998.

One: Ballyhenry, Belfast, County Antrim, 12th June *NIBA* 1998.

One: Millan Bay, Portaferry, County Down, 3rd October (Geoff Campbell). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

1997

One: Rathlin Island, County Antrim, 7th June. *Milne & O'Sullivan 1999*.

One: Near St. John's Point, County Down, 25th May. *Milne & O'Sullivan 1999*.

One: Quoile Pondage NNR, Downpatrick, County Down, 26th May. *Milne & O'Sullivan 1999*.

1998

One: Kiltagh Point, Lough Neagh, County Tyrone, 3rd October. *NIBA 2000*.

2000

One: Between Donaghadee and Newtownards, County Down, 15th June

One: Ballycarry, Larne, County Antrim, 17th July (Cameron Moore).

2001

One: Carryduff, County Down, 6th – 10th June. *NIBA 2002*.

One: 200m north of the Further College of Education, Kilkeel, County Down, 14th July (Joe Furphy). *NIBA 2002*.

One: Rathfriland, County Down, J170351, 14th July (Joe Furphy). *NIBA 2002*.

2002

One: Juvenile. Moulting into adult plumage, Ballyvester, Donaghadee, County Down, 6th February – 17th March (D.Rowell, A. Rowell *et al.*). *NIBA 2003*.

One: Kings Hall, Belfast, County Down, 29th June (D. Morrow). *NIBA 2003*. This was published as Belfast Harbour Estate in *NIBA 2003*, this is incorrect.

2003

One: Dundela Avenue, East Belfast, County Down, 16th January to unspecified date in January (*per* Jim Whitla *et al.*). *NIBA 2004*. Note changes to *NIBA 2004*.

One: Kilkeel, County Down, 22nd September (Mr Webster). *NIBA 2004*.

2004

One: Doagh, County Antrim, 13th May (*per* R. Kirkwood). *NIBA 2006*.

One: Adult. Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, County Down, 25th – 31st May. (Michael Ruddock *et al.*). *NIBA 2006*.

2005

One: Cairn Wood Reservoir, Comlig, County Down, 13th June (Colin Guy)

One: Stormont Estate, Belfast, County Down, 15th August (J. Whitla)

2006

One: Seahill, Holywood, County Down, 8th June (Peter Large).

Two: Craigtantlet Hills, Holywood, County Down, 11th June (Colin Guy).

One: Islandmagee, County Antrim, 12th June (David Galbraith). Note changes to NIBA 2009A

2007

One: Tempo, County Fermanagh, 3rd May (Brad Robson).

2009

One: Carnal Ridge, Portrush, County Antrim, 27th January (Matthew Tickner). *Charles and Crory 2019*.

One: Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle, County Londonderry, 29th October (Richard Smith, Roger Murray). *Charles and Crory 2019*.

2010

One: Ballykelly, Lough Foyle, County Londonderry, 13th August (Derek Charles). *Charles and Crory 2019*.

2011

One: Copeland Bird Observatory, Lighthouse Island, Copeland Islands, County Down, 18th May (CBO). *Charles and Crory 2019.*

2013

One: Mossely Dam, Mossely, Newtownabbey, County Antrim, 10th - 14th November, photographed (Phillip Mahaffie). *Charles and Crory 2019.*



Mossely Dam, Mossely, Newtownabbey, County Antrim, 10th November 2013.
Photo courtesy of Phillip Mahaffie.

2015

One: Hillsborough Road, Moira, County Down, 8th - 10th May (Derek Charles). *Charles and Crory 2019.*
One: Eglington, County Londonderry, 1st June (Jacinta Melaugh). *Charles and Crory 2019.*

2017

One: New Road, Donaghadee, County Down, 8th August (Billy Miskelly). *Charles and Crory 2019.*

2018

One: Brook Meadows, Doagh, County Antrim, 3rd February - 17th March (Tom Abraham, Eleanor Abraham *et al.*). *Charles and Crory 2019.*
One: Glenshesk Road, Ballycastle, County Antrim, 30th September (Geoff Campbell). *Charles and Crory 2019.*



Brook Meadows, Doagh, 10th February 2018. Photo courtesy of Brian McCloskey.



Glenshesk Road, Ballycastle, County Antrim, 30th September 2018. Photo courtesy of Geoff Campbell.

2019

One: Portrush Catering College, Portrush, County Antrim, 23rd September (Denis Weir).

We do not include the following record in our totals:

1986

Four or five: Oxford Island, Lough Neagh, County Armagh, 7th August. *AFNS Report 1986*.