

Siberian Chiffchaff *Phylloscopus tristis* (0, 13, 11).

(Breeds in Siberia east of the Pechora River. Winters, lower Himalayas).

1987

One: Redlands, Larne, County Antrim, 6th April. *NIBA* 1992.

One: Bangor, County Down, 3rd December. *NIBA* 1992.

1989

One: Orlock, Groomsport, County Down, 27th December. *NIBA* 1992.

1991

One: St Johns Point, Killough, County Down, 12th October. *NIBA* 1993.

1993

One: St John's Point, Killough, County Down, 7th November (Anthony McGeehan). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

1996

Two: Audley's Castle, Castleward, County Down, 4th December (Geoff Campbell). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

Two: Kelly's Wood, St John's Point, Killough, County Down, 24th October with one bird remaining to 3rd November (Anthony McGeehan, Dave Allen *et al.*). One bird was also seen at the Point itself on 25th October (Davy Hunter, Anthony McGeehan). *NIBA* 1998.

One: Ardmore Point, Lough Neagh, Dunadry, County Antrim, 16th December (Dave Allen). *NIBA* 1998.

1997

One: Rathlin Island, County Antrim, 11th - 12th March (Matthew Tickner). *Charles and Crory* 2019

1999

One: Upper Lake, below the fire station, Belfast Waterworks, Antrim Road, Belfast, County Antrim, 7th - 21st March (Jack Malins *et al.*).

This bird was identified as a Siberian Chiffchaff by Anthony McGeehan on call / plumage on 14th March. Note changes to *NIBA* 2001.

2000

One: Between D2 and D3 at Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, County Down, 5th - 27th December (Anthony McGeehan). *NIBA* 2002.

2004

Two: Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, County Down; singles on 19th November and 9th December (Anthony McGeehan). *NIBA* 2006.

2012

Armagh

One: Craigavon North Lake, Craigavon Balancing Lakes, Lurgan, County Armagh, 26th – 29th November, photographed (Neal Warnock, Dave Allen, Clive Mellon *et al.*).

2013

One: Calling. Rockport, Hollywood, County Down, 30th December into 2014, photographed (Ronald Surgenor, Helen Barnes). *Charles and Crory 2019*.

2014

One: Calling. Rockport, Hollywood, County Down, from 2014 remained to 26th January, sound-recorded and photographed (Ronald Surgenor, Helen Surgenor *et al.*). *Charles and Crory 2019*.

Two: Kinnego, Oxford Island NNR, Lurgan, County Armagh; one [calling] 21st - 27th March, photographed, probably present since 14th March (Ed O'Hara *et al.*) and one 26th December into 2015 photographed (Keith Bennett, Ed O'Hara *et al.*). *Charles and Crory 2019*.

2015

One: Oxford Island NNR, Lurgan, County Armagh, from 2014 remained to 13th January, photographed (Derek Charles *et al.*). *Charles and Crory 2019*.

The NIBARC have accepted an additional non-calling Siberian Chiffchaff at this location during this period per their website but with no other substantive details. *Charles and Crory 2019*.

One: Calling. Annaloiste Lane, Lurgan, County Armagh, 27th December (Derek Charles, Majella Callaghan). *Charles and Crory 2019*.

2016

One: Calling. Enkalon Industrial Estate, Antrim, County Antrim, 26th November (Derek Charles, Majella Callaghan, Mary Charles). *Charles and Crory 2019*.

One: Calling. Oxford Island NNR, Lurgan, County Armagh, 28th November (James O'Neill). *Charles and Crory 2019*.

2017

One: Calling. Ropewalk, Killough, 1st November (Chris Murphy). *Charles and Crory 2019*.



Oxford Island NNR, Lurgan, County Armagh, 1st January 2015, photographed Derek Charles.

"Eastern Chiffchaff" *Phylloscopus tristis / abientinus* (0, 5, 0).

(*Tristas* breeds in Siberia east of the Pechora River. Winters, lower Himalayas. *Abietinus* breeds Scandinavia and northern Russia, winters southeastern Europe and northeastern Africa east to Iraq and western Iran).

1986

One: A bird of the Eastern race. Minnowburn Beeches, Edenderry, Belfast, County Down, 28th December. *NIBA* 1992.

1995

One: *Abietinus* type. Calling. Carrickhugh, Lough Foyle, County Londonderry, 8th February and 23rd March (Matthew Tickner and Dave Allen). *NIBA* 1997.

At the time the observers considered the bird to be either *tristis / abientinus*. On current thinking this bird would be called a *tristas*.

1996

One: Murlough House, Murlough, Newcastle, County Down, 30th November (Chris Murphy). The observer considered it *abientinus*. *NIBA* 1998.

1998

One: Calling. Oxford Island roundabout, Lurgan, County Armagh, 8th - 22nd March (David Steele *et al.*). *NIBA* 2000.

There is one unpublished record of a singing individual at Banagher Coniferous Forest, Dungiven, County Londonderry, 21st April 1999 which was considered one of the eastern races (David Steele).

Eastern Chiffchaff is no longer a term used to describe birds of this type