

'Siberian' Chiffchaff *Phylloscopus collybita tristis* (0, 8, 3). **RV**

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

Published records:

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.

1996

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.

1999

One: Upper Lake, below the fire station, Belfast Waterworks, Antrim Road, Belfast, County Antrim, 7th to 21st March (Jack Malins *et al.*). Note changes to *NIBA* 2001.

This bird was identified as a Siberian Chiffchaff by Anthony McGeehan on call / plumage on 14th March.

2000

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

2004

Two: Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast, County Down. Singles recorded 19th November and 9th December (Anthony McGeehan). *NIBA* 2006.

'Eastern' Chiffchaff *Phylloscopus collybita tristis / abietinus* (0, 4, 0). **RV**

(*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).

Published records:

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* / *abietinus*. 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 *abietinus*. *NIBA* 1998.

1998

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