

Great Grey Shrike *Lanius excubitor* (10, 3, 2).

(Breeds temperate to subarctic continental Europe and north west Siberia).

Not known

One: Shot. "County Down" at the beginning of the 19th century. *Thompson* 1849.

1824

One: Adult male. Killed. Beechmount, Belfast, County Antrim, "November". *Thompson* 1849.

Not known

One: Obtained. "A bird in mature plumage". Echlinville, County Antrim prior to 1829. *Thompson* 1849.

1835

One: Near Beechmount, Belfast County Antrim, at the end of January. Another bird is said to have accompanied it. *Thompson* 1849.

"In a neighbouring locality" [to the birds mentioned for 1835], one was shot in January. *Ussher & Warren* 1900.

1845

One: Adult male. Shot. Kilmore, County Down, 15th January. *Thompson* 1849.

1846

One: Taken by a bird-catcher. Between Kilrea and Garvagh, County Londonderry, prior to 16th November. *Thompson* 1849.

1877

One: Female. Shot. Carnmoney, near Belfast, County Antrim, 3rd January. *Ussher & Warren* 1900.

1883

One: Male. Obtained. Lisburn, County Antrim, 27th December. *Ussher and Warren* 1900.

1885

One: Female. Obtained. Waringstown, County Down, 10th March [dated as 4th March in *Irish Naturalists' Journal* 8: 243]. *Kennedy, Ruttledge & Scroope* 1954.

1967

One: Found dying. Near Ahoghill, County Antrim, 20th March. The specimen was examined by Tom Ennis. *Ruttledge* 1968.

1970

One: Kinnegar, Holywood, County Down, 13th December into 1971 (H. Portlock). *Ruttledge* 1972.

1971

One: Kinnegar, Holywood, County Down, from 1670 remained to 4th April (H. Portlock). *Ruttledge* 1972.

1983

One: Brackagh Moss, County Armagh, during March (D. Bailie). *NIBRC* 1987.

2011

One: Slievenacloy, Belfast Hills, Lisburn, County Antrim, 30th March - 8th April, photographed (Dermot Hughes *et al.*). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

One: Binevenagh, near Castlerock, County Londonderry, 10th April. Grid reference C717311 (Larry Toal). *Charles and Crory* 2019.



Great Grey Shrike *Lanius excubitor* Slievenacloy, Belfast Hills, Lisburn, 2nd April 2011.
Photo courtesy of Geoff Campbell.