

Lesser Whitethroat *Sylvia curruca* (1, 14, 4). **RV**

(Breeds in temperate Europe except the southwest. Also breeds in western and central Asia. Winters south of the Sahara, Arabia and India).

Published records:

1915

One: Dead. Struck the Maiden's Lighthouse, Larne, County Antrim, 19th September *Patten* 1915.

1964

One: Lighthouse Island, Copeland Bird Observatory, Copeland Islands, County Down, 13th to 15th September. Anon. in *CBOR* 1964; *Stewart* 1996.

1971

One: Trapped. Caranee Quarry, River Bann, Coleraine, County Londonderry, 27th October (P.J. Marsh). *Preston* 1973.

1976

One: Trapped. Rostrevor, County Down, 22nd October (E.A. Glover). *Preston* 1977.

1981

Two: Trapped and ringed. Copeland Bird Observatory, Lighthouse Island, Copeland Islands, County Down, 13th May (E. Donaldson, J. Gray). *Preston* 1983.

1985

One: Male. In song. Murlough NNR, Newcastle, County Down, 9th to 19th May (Brian Nelson *et al.*). *NIBA* 1887.

Two: Lighthouse Island, Copeland Bird Observatory, Copeland Islands, County Down, 16th May. *Stewart* 1996.

One: The Gobbins, Larne, County Antrim, 1st June (Davy Hunter). *NIBRC* 1987.

1986

One: The Gobbins, Larne, County Antrim, 1st June. *NIBA* 1992. This appears to be published in error as it was also published for the previous year [see above], we do not include in our totals

1987

One: The Gobbins, Larne, County Antrim, 5th July. *NIBA* 1992.

1995

One: Trapped and ringed. Copeland Bird Observatory, Lighthouse Island, Copeland Islands, County Down, 18th September, photographed. *NIBA* 1997.

1997

One: Male in song. Seapark, Crawfordsburn, County Down, 1st to 10th June (Anthony McGeehan). *Milne & O'Sullivan* 1999.

One: Bar Hall Bay, Strangford Lough, County Down, 2nd June (Geoff Campbell). *Milne & O'Sullivan* 1999.

1999

One: Church Bay, Rathlin Island, County Antrim. 24th August (P. Marsh). *NIBA* 2001.

2000

One: Church Bay, Rathlin Island, County Antrim, 30th September (David Steele). *NIBA* 2002.

2006

One: Quoile Pondage NNR, Downpatrick, County Down, 6th August. *NIBA* 2008a.

2007

One: Quoile Pondage NNR, Downpatrick, County Down, 6th August. *NIBA* 2008b. This appears to be published in error as it was also published for the previous year [see above], we do not include in our totals

2008

One: Dargan Road, Belfast, County Antrim, 6th January (Derek Charles, Walter Veale, Eric Randall, Andrew Crory, Garry Armstrong). *NIBA* 2008b.

One: Killough Village, County Down, 6th May (Chris Murphy). *NIBA* 2008b.