

Red-backed Shrike *Lanius collurio* (8, 4, 0). **RV**

(Breeds Western Europe east to central Russia. Winters in the western areas of tropical Africa).

Published records:

1878

One: Adult male. Shot from a party of seven in a glen on the Castlereagh Hills, Castlereagh, Belfast, County Down, 10th August. *Deane* 1954.

This was the first Irish record of this species. *Deane* 1938.

1953

One: Male. Shamrock Park, Portadown, County Armagh, 24th May. *Deane* 1954.

1960

One: Male. Near Black Head, County Antrim, 2nd June (W. Hilditch). *Ruttledge* 1961.

1979

One: Female or immature. Near Sydenham, East Belfast, County Down, 21st to 22nd November (S. Penney, A. Thompson *et al*). *Preston* 1980.

1981

One: Trapped. Copeland Bird Observatory, Lighthouse Island, Copeland Islands, County Down, 31st May (Miss M. Coppock, D. Galbraith, Miss B. Shanks). *Acheson* 1982.