

Western Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla flava flavissima* **SV**

(Breeds most of temperate Europe and Asia. Resident in the milder parts of its range in western Europe but northern and eastern populations migrate to Africa and south Asia. All records below relate to the British race *Motacilla flava flavissima*).

Unpublished records:

1996

Down

Three: Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast. Single birds recorded 24th to 26th April, 7th June [a female] and 22nd June (Anthony McGeehan, Willie McDowell, Dave Allen *et al.*).

Londonderry

One: Donnybrewer, Lough Foyle, 23rd May (Matthew Tickner).

Tyrone

One: Kinturk Flat, Lough Neagh, Ardboe, 12th May (C. Coney, B. McKeown).

2003

Antrim

One: Runkerry Point, Ardihannon, 20th May (Colin Guy).

Down

One: Male (additional to the bird published in *NIBA* 2006). Copeland Islands, 3rd May (Neville McKee).

2010

Antrim

One: The Giants Causeway, Bushmills, 20th May (Irishbirding).

Down

One: Male (present for 30 minutes). Dundrum Inner Bay North, Newcastle, 26th June (Andrew Crory, Ed McGuigan).

Tyrone

One: Kiltagh Point, Lough Neagh, Ardboe, 14th October (Colm Coney).

2011

Down

One: Female. Portavogie, 1st May (Richard Wyle).

One: Female. Coney Island, Killough, 3rd May (Chris Murphy, Tim Murphy).

2012

Antrim

One: Ballintoy Harbour, Ballintoy, 25th July (Colin Guy).

2013

Antrim

One: Male. Rathlin Island, 20th April (Neal Warnock).

One: Male. Portmore Lough RSPB Reserve, Aghagallon, 27th April (Gerard McGeehan, Shirley Dunlop, Derek Charles, Mark Killops).

Londonderry

One: Male. Lough Beg NNR, 21st April (David Steele).

Down

Two: Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast. Single males observed on 24th to 25th April and 3rd to 4th May (Nicky Lynn, Chris Sturgeon, Ronald Surgenor, Gerard McGeehan *et al.*).

One: Copeland Bird Observatory, Lighthouse Island, Copeland Islands, 5th May (Ian Humphreys).

One: Briggs Rocks, Groomsport, 3rd August (Colin Guy).

Armagh

One: Male, in song. Cabragh Road, Tandragee, 21st to 22nd June (David Knight *et al.*).

2014

Armagh

One: Male. Discovery Centre, Oxford Island NNR, Lurgan, 20th to 21st April (Ed O'Hara *et al.*).

Down

One: Martins Lane, Newry, check date 26th September (Frank Carrol).

2015

Londonderry

One: Lough Beg NNR, 18th September (David Steele).

2016

Armagh

One: Female. Ardmore, Lough Neagh, Derrytrasna, 10th May (Derek Charles)

Down

One: Female. 0.1 kilometers north of Kearney Village, Outer Ards Peninsula, 8th May (Richard Weyl).

2017

Antrim

One: Rathlin Island, 11th May (Ric Else, Hazel Watson).

2018

Londonderry

One: Mullagh, Lough Beg NNR, 11th October (David Steele).



Western Yellow Wagtail, *Motacilla flava flavissima*,
Discovery Centre, Oxford Island NNR, Lurgan, 20th April 2014. Photo courtesy of Derek Charles.