

Common Rosefinch *Erythrina erythrina* (0, 2, 3).

(Breeds Danube valley, Sweden, Siberia to the Bering Sea, the Caucasus, northern Iran, Afghanistan, western Himalayas, Tibet, China and Japan. Winters southern Iran to southeast China, India, Burma and Indochina).

1977

One: Copeland Bird Observatory, Lighthouse Island, Copeland Islands, County Down, 4th September (J. Gray, Colin Guy). *Preston* 1982.

1989

One: Copeland Bird Observatory, Lighthouse Island, Copeland Islands, County Down, 15th April (Steve Allen, Terry Patton, George Thompson, Larry Donnelly and David Andrews). *O'Sullivan and Smiddy* 1992.

The Common Rosefinch was first noted on the Elder bush in the Heli trap at 09.30 on 15th April. The double whiteish wing bars formed by pale edges on the greater and median coverts were noticed when the bird was flushed. It was trapped and a full description was taken. When released the bird showed the typical undulating flight pattern. At rest it appeared to have a forward and parrot-like stance while perched on branches. The age and sex could not be exactly determined as young males and adult females have very similar plumage.

2003

One: Copeland Island Bird Observatory, Lighthouse Island, Copeland Islands, County Down, 17th May (Willie McDowell *et al.*). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

2005

One: Islandmagee, Larne, County Antrim, 8th October (Anthony McGeehan, Ivan Quail *et al.*). *Milne & McAdams* 2009. Record not published by NIBA / NIABRC.

2012

One: Juvenile. Trapped. Copeland Island Bird Observatory, Lighthouse Island, Copeland Islands, County Down, 8th September, photographed (Richard Donaghey *et al.*). *Charles and Crory* 2019.



Common Rosefinch *Erythrina erythrina* Copeland Island Bird Observatory, Lighthouse Island, Copeland Islands, 8th September 2012, photographed Richard Donaghey