

## **Lapland Bunting** *Calcarius lapponicus* (1, 58, 67).

(Breeds Arctic Europe, Asia, Canada and northernmost United States of America. In Europe winters on the Russian Steppes, Southern Sweden, Denmark, Great Britain and Iceland).

### **1916**

One: Male. Killough, County Down, January. *Deane* 1954.

### **1953**

Two: The coast of County Down, 22nd February. *Ruttledge* 1954.

In September and/or October a small number were reported from Magilligan, County Londonderry. *Ruttledge* 1954.

### **1955**

One: Bann Estuary, County Londonderry, 10th September (S. Penney). *Ruttledge* 1956.

### **1960**

One: Rathlin Island, County Antrim, 6th September (Tom Ennis *et. al.*). *Ruttledge* 1961.

One: Kinnegar, Holywood, County Down, 21st September (Tom Ennis *et. al.*). *Ruttledge* 1961.

### **1962**

Four: Castlerock, County Londonderry, 14th October. *Ruttledge* 1963.

One: Bann Estuary, County Londonderry, 21st October. *Ruttledge* 1963.

### **1979**

One: Groomsport, County Down, 30th September (Ivor.C. McDonald). *Preston* 1980.

### **1980**

One: Belfast Harbour Estate, County Down, 12th September (Dave Allen, Steve Rooke). *NIBRC* 1982.

### **1984**

One: Longfield Point, Lough Foyle, County Londonderry, 5th February (Anthony McGeehan). *NIBRC* 1987.

### **1985**

One: Killard Point, Strangford, County Down, 24th November (Dermot Hughes). *NIBRC* 1987.

### **1986**

Six: Bann Estuary, Coleraine, County Londonderry. Six 2nd November one bird remaining to 16th November. *NIBA* 1992.

### **1987**

One: Ball's Point, County Londonderry, 7th January. *NIBA* 1992.

One: Adult female. Groomsport, County Down, 22nd March. *NIBA* 1992.

Three: Ramore Head, County Antrim, 13th September. *NIBA* 1992.

One: Bann Estuary, County Londonderry, 3rd November. *NIBA* 1992.

One: Ballykelly, County Londonderry, 21st November. *NIBA* 1992.

One: Myroe, County Londonderry, 30th November. *NIBA* 1992.

Three: Longfield Point, County Londonderry, 1st December. *NIBA* 1992.

### **1991**

One: Myroe, Lough Foyle, County Londonderry, 11th October. *NIBA* 1993.

### **1992**

One: Kearney, County Down, 16th November. *NIBA* 1993.

### **1993**

One: Lough Beg NNR, County Londonderry, 24th April. *NIBA* 1994.

One: Reedy Flats, Lough Neagh, Armagh, 28th September (David Knight). *NIBA* 1994.

Two: Copeland Bird Observatory, Lighthouse Island, Copeland Islands, County Down. Separate individuals recorded on 19th and 20th October (Dave Allen, Anthony McGeehan). *NIBA* 1994.

Up to 11: Kearney, Outer Ards Peninsula, County Down. Four 1st to 30th October increasing to 11 by 31st October with five remaining from 1st November to 28th December and into 1994 (Anthony McGeehan *et al.*). *NIBA* 1994.

### **1994**

At least three: Kearney, Outer Ards Peninsula, County Down. Two birds remaining from 1993 were observed on 2nd January, three on 30th January with two on 22nd February. *NIBA* 1996.

### **1995**

One: Ballykelly, County Londonderry, 14th October (Richard Gray). *NIBA* 1997.

### **1996**

One: Faughanvale, Lough Foyle County Londonderry, 7th October (Dave Allen). *NIBA* 1998.

Two: Bann Estuary, Coleraine County Londonderry. Singles recorded on 9th October and 7th November (David Steele). *NIBA* 1998.

One: Killard NNR, Strangford, County Down, 16th October (Geoff Campbell). *NIBA* 1998.

One: Balls Point, Bellarina, County Londonderry, 15th November (Dave Allen, Matthew Tickner). *NIBA* 1998.

### **1998**

One: Fair Head, Ballyvoy, County Antrim, 12th January (Matthew Tickner). *NIBA* 2000.

One: St. John's Point, Killlough, County Down, 26th April (Neal Harrison, Eric Randall). *NIBA* 2000.

One: Male. Briggs's Rocks, Groomsport, County Down, 18th October (Eric Randall, Ted Rolston). *NIBA* 2000.

### **2002**

One: Adult. Briggs Rocks, Groomsport, County Down, 28th September (Kerry Leonard). *NIBA* 2004.

### **2003**

One: Briggs Rocks, Groomsport, County Down, 6th April (Dennis Weir, Willie McDowell). *NIBA* 2006.

Five: In flight. St Johns Point, Killlough, County Down, 12th October (Joe Lamont, Gerard McGeehan, Anthony McGeehan). *NIBA* 2006.

### **2006**

One: Dargan Bay, Dargan Road, Belfast, County Antrim, 7th January (Kieran Fahy). *NIBA* 2008a.

### **2008**

One Copeland Bird Observatory, Lighthouse Island, Copeland Islands, County Down, 11th October (Kerry Leonard). *NIBA* 2008b.

## 2010

One: Keeble Nature Reserve, Rathlin Island, County Antrim, 29th August (Brad Robson). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

At least nine: Ramore Head, Portrush, County Antrim; one 4th - 18th September, two 20th - 21st September, one 22nd September, nine 25th September, one 26th - 27th September, two 28th September and four 6th October (Matthew Tickner, Geoff Campbell *et al.*). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

Up to three: Kearney Village, Outer Ards Peninsula, County Down; one 8th September (Ron Price, Michael Taylor), three 19th September (Richard Weyl *et al.*) and three 10th October (Richard Weyl). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

One: Lower Lough Erne, County Fermanagh, 12th September (Brad Robson). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

One: Bann Estuary, Coleraine, County Londonderry, 16th September (Theo Campbell). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

Two: Mullagh, Lough Beg NNR, County Londonderry, 19th September (David Steele). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

Two: Upper path, Giants Causeway, Bushmills, County Antrim, 20th September (Colin Guy). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

One: Fair Head, Ballyvoy, County Antrim, 27th September (Patrick Barton). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

Two: "Omagh", County Tyrone, 2nd October (Bert Davis). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

One: Slieve Meelbeg (650m above sea level!), Mourne Mountains, Newcastle, County Down, 3rd October (Dan Bailee). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

One: Donnybrewer, Lough Foyle, 15th October (Brad Robson). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

One: Orlock Point, Groomsport, County Down, 25th October (Richard Weyl). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

## 2011

Two: Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle, County Londonderry, 22nd September (Davy Hunter). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

One: Kirkistown, Portavogie, County Down, 24th September (Richard Weyl). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

One: Rathlin Island, County Antrim, 27th October - 5th November (Colin Guy *et al.*). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

One: Starbog Road, Agnew's Hill, Larne, County Antrim, 10th November (Clive Mellon). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

## 2012

One: Briggs Rocks, Groomsport, County Down, 2nd - 5th October (Colin Guy). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

## 2013

Two: Rathlin Island, County Antrim, 8th October (Colin Guy). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

## 2014

One: Castlerock Beach, Castlerock, County Londonderry, 12th October (John Edwards). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

One: Ramore Head, Portrush, County Antrim, 1st November (Matthew Tickner). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

One: Mullaghmore, Hilltown, County Down, 5th November (Dave Allen, Clive Mellon). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

## 2016

One: Bann Estuary, Coleraine, County Londonderry, 3rd September (Derek Charles). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

One: Ramore Head, Portrush, County Antrim, 15th - 16th September (Matthew Tickner). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

One: Ballykelly, Lough Foyle, County Londonderry, 17th September (Theo Campbell *et al.*). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

One: Ballywalter, County Down, 3rd - 8th October (Marty McClenaghan *et al.*). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

## 2017

One: Giants Causeway Coast path, near Runkerry Point, Portballintrae, County Antrim, 19th - 20th September (Colin Guy). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

Up to three: Ballykelly, Lough Foyle, County Londonderry; two 20th September, one remaining to 30th September (Claes Wikstrom, Marten Wikstrom, Erik Rask, Derek Charles). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

Three: Fair Head, Ballyvoy, County Antrim, 21st September (Richard Donaghey). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

Three: Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle, County Londonderry, 30th September (Derek Charles). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

One: Ramore Head, Portrush, County Antrim, 4th - 13th October (John Clarke *et al.*). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

One: Rathlin Island, County Antrim, 9th October (Neal Warnock). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

## 2019

One: Portstewart, County Londonderry, 8th September (John Clarke).

Three: Rathlin, County Antrim; two 19th September with a single on 30th September (Ric Else, Hazel Watson).

One: Ramore Head, Portrush, County Antrim, 9th October (Dennis Weir),

One: Croaghan, Altrichard, County Antrim, 16th October (Clive Mellon).

All 2019 records not published.



Lapland Bunting *Calcarius lapponicus*,  
Ramore Head, Portrush 18th September 2010. Photo f Geoff Campbell.

The following published record we do not include in our totals:

## 2000

One: Fardross, County Tyrone, H514465, 12th March (Dennis Doherty). *NIBA* 2002.