

Lapland Bunting *Calcarius lapponicus* (1, 58, 60). **RV**

(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).

Published records:

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, Killough, County Down, 26th April (Neal Harrison, Eric Randall). *NIBA* 2000.

One: Male. Brigg'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, Killough, 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.

Unpublished records:

2010

Antrim

One: Keeble Nature Reserve, Rathlin Island, 29th August (Brad Robson).

Nine: Ramore Head, Portrush. One 4th to 18th September, two 20th to 21st September, with a single remaining to the 22nd. Nine birds were observed on 25th September with a single from 26th to 27th September, increasing to two on 28th September and finally four on 6th October (Matthew Tickner *et al.*).

Two: Upper path, Giants Causeway, Bushmills, 20th September (Colin Guy).

One: Fair Head, Ballyvoy, 27th September (Patrick Barton).

Down

Seven: Kearney Village, Outer Ards Peninsula. One 8th September, with three birds observed on both the 19th September and 10th October (Ron Price, Michael Taylor, Richard Weyl *et al.*).

One: Slieve Meelbeg (650m above sea level!), Mourne Mountains, Newcastle, 3rd October (Dan Bailie).

One: Orlock Point, Groomsport, 25th October (Richard Weyl).

Fermanagh

One: Lower Lough Erne, 12th September (Brad Robson).

Londonderry

One: Bann Estuary, Coleraine, 16th September (Theo Campbell).

Two: Mullagh, Lough Beg NNR, 19th September (David Steele).

One: Donnybrewer, Lough Foyle, 15th October (Brad Robson).

Tyrone

Two: "Omagh", 2nd October (Bert Davis).

2011

Antrim

One: Rathlin Island, 27th October to 5th November (Colin Guy *et al.*).

One: Starbog Road, Agnew's Hill, Larne, 10th November (Clive Mellon).

Down

One: Kirkistown, Portavogie, 24th September (Richard Weyl).

Londonderry

Two: Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle, 22nd September (Davy Hunter).

2012

Down

One: Briggs Rocks, Groomsport, 2nd to 5th October (Colin Guy).

2013

Antrim

Two: Rathlin Island, 8th October (Colin Guy).

2014

Antrim

One: Ramore Head, Portrush, 1st November (Matthew Tickner).

Down

One: Mullaghmore, Hilltown, 5th November (Dave Allen, Clive Mellon).

Londonderry

One: Castlerock Beach, Castlerock, 12th October (John Edwards).

2016

Antrim

One: Ramore Head, Portrush, 15th to 16th September (Matthew Tickner).

Down

One: Ballywalter, 3rd to 8th October (Marty McClenaghan *et al.*).

Londonderry

One: Bann Estuary, Coleraine, 3rd September (Derek Charles).

One: Ballykelly, Lough Foyle, 17th September (Theo Campbell *et al.*).

2017

Antrim

One: Giants Causeway Coast path, near Runkerry Point, Portballintrae, 19th to 20th September (Colin Guy).

Three: Fair Head, Ballyvoy, 21st September (Richard Donaghey).

One: Ramore Head, Portrush, 4th to 13th October (John Clarke *et al.*).

One: Rathlin Island, 9th October (Neal Warnock).

Londonderry

Up to three: Ballykelly. Two 20th September, one remaining to 30th September (Claes Wikstrom, Marten Wikstrom, Erik Rask, Derek Charles).

Three: Myroe Levels, Lough Foyle, 30th September (Derek Charles).



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