

**'Mealy' Redpoll** *Acanthis flammea flammea* (1, 19, 19).

(Breeds Scandinavia, Baltic Republics south to Germany, Poland, Russia. Kamchatka, Mongolia, Amurland, Ussuriland, Alaska and Northern Canada).

The nominate race of Common Redpoll.

**1913**

One: Rathlin, County Antrim, September. Considered a Greenland (A.f. rostrate). *NIBA* 1992.

**1965**

One: Duncrue Street, Belfast, County Antrim, 13th November (Joe Donaldson, Tom Ennis). *Rutledge* 1966.

**1977**

One: Larne Lough, County Antrim, 14th October. *Preston* 1978.

**1995**

Two: Belvoir Forest, Belfast, County Down, 20th - 26th December (Chris Murphy). *NIBA* 1997

Two: Crawfordsburn, County Down, 24th - 28th December (Anthony McGeehan). *NIBA* 1997.

**1996**

One: St. Columb's Park, Derry, County Londonderry, 6th January (Theo Campbell). *NIBA* 1998.

Up to eight: Belvoir Close, Belvoir Estate, Belfast, County Down. January to 5th March (Dave Allen, Anthony McGeehan *et al.*). *NIBA* 1998.

**1998**

Two Kilvergan, Craigavon Lakes, Lurgan, County Armagh, January (Dave Allen *et al.*). *NIBA* 2000.

One: Holywood, County Down, 1st February (Ivor McDonald). *NIBA* 2000.

**2001**

Two: Belvoir Close, Belvoir Estate, Belfast, County Down; one [probably a female] 19th January - 15th March with a different individual 20th January and 15th March (Chris Murphy). *NIBA* 2003.

**2002**

One: Videoed. Portadown, County Armagh, 16th March (Dennis Doherty). *NIBA* 2004.

**2003**

Up to five: Newry Canal, Poyntzpass, County Down; five 5th February, three 14th - 16th February with a single remaining to 23rd February (Joe Devlin, Clifford Sharpe). *NIBA* 2006.

One: Belvoir Close, Belvoir Estate, Belfast, County Down, 24th - 25th January (Chris Murphy *et al.*). *Milne & McAdams* 2008a.

One: Oxford Island NNR, Lurgan, County Armagh, 1st March (Garry Armstrong). *Milne & McAdams* 2008a.

**2004**

One: First lock, Newry Canal, Newry, County Down, 5th January. *Milne & McAdams* 2008a.

**2005**

One: Kinnego, Oxford Island NNR, Lurgan, County Armagh, 8th January (Garry Armstrong). *Milne & McAdams* 2009.

One: Belvoir Close, Belvoir Estate, Belfast, County Down, 3rd - 4th March (Chris Murphy). *Milne & McAdams* 2009.

## 2006

Two: Greenisland Road, Portadown, County Armagh, 2nd January (Joe Devlin). *Milne & McAdams* 2009.

## 2007

Two: Belfast Lough RSPB, Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, County Down; singles 24th December and 26th - 27th December (Derek Charles). *Milne & McAdams* 2009.

## 2008

Two: Newry Canal, Poyntzpass, County Armagh, 26th March (Joe Devlin). *Fahy* 2010.

## 2011

One: Magheramason, County Londonderry, 24th January, photographed (John Wray). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

One: Trapped. Private garden, Dunmurry, County Antrim, 31st December, photographed (Chris Acheson). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

## 2012

One: Slievenacloy NNR, Belfast Hills, County Antrim, 6th May, photographed (Mark Elliot). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

## 2013

Two: Maynooth Road, Richill, County Armagh; single birds recorded on 7th January and 29th March, photographed (Andrew Poots). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

One: Trapped. Dunmurry, County Antrim, 17th February, photographed (Chris Acheson). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

One: Belfast Lough RSPB Reserve, Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast, County Down, 28th - 30th March photographed (Ronald Surgenor *et al.*). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

## 2014

One: Maynooth Road, Richill, County Armagh, 23rd - 29th March, photographed (Andrew Poots). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

## 2015

Two: Maynooth Road, Richill, County Armagh; singles 1st February and 31st March, photographed (Andrew Poots). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

## 2018

Two: Maynooth Road, Richill, County Armagh; singles 11th March and 3rd May, photographed (Andrew Poots). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

One: Greenland type. Bangor, County Down, 23rd March (Anthony McGeehan). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

One: Helens Bay, Holywood, County Down, 14th - 20th April, photographed (Helen Surgenor, Ronald Surgenor) *Charles and Crory* 2019.

Four: Scotstown, Ballymena County Antrim; one adult male 24th - 26th April, with a female on 10th - 13th May, a different female 18th May and a male on 23rd May, photographed (Derek Charles, Majella Callaghan). *Charles and Crory* 2019.

## 2019

Two: Maynooth Road, Richill, County Armagh, 10th February with one remaining to 12th February (Andrew Poots).

One: Female. Scotstown, Ballymena, County Antrim, 19th May (Derek Charles, Majella Charles).

One: Scotstown Road, Ballymena, County Antrim, 30th November (Derek Charles, Majella Charles).

## 2020

Two: Scotstown Road, Ballymena, County Antrim; one 2nd February (Derek Charles, Majella Charles) and one 7th – 11th February (Derek Charles, Dave Suddaby).



Scotstown Road, Ballymena, County Antrim 7th February 2020. Photo Derek Charles.

The following published records of Mealy Redpoll we do not include in our totals;

### 1995

One: Reedy Flats, Lough Neagh, County Armagh, 21st March (Dennis Doherty). *NIBA* 1997.

### 1998

One: Craigavon, County Armagh, 14th October (Fulton Summerville). *NIBA* 2000.

### 1999

One: Tannaghmore West, Craigavon, County Armagh, 13th December (Dennis Doherty). *NIBA* 2001.

Published records of Mealy / Arctic Redpoll;

### 1955

Five: Acton Lake, Poyntzpass, County Armagh, 24th December. They were described as "northern" Redpolls and may have been *A. c. flammea* or possibly *A. hornemanni* [Arctic Redpoll]. (R. Chambers, J.S. Furphy, J. Macklin). *Rutledge* 1957.

### 1957

Fifteen: Acton Lake, Poyntzpass, County Armagh, 19th January (R. Chambers, J.S. Furphy). *Rutledge* 1958.

### 1958

Two: Duncrue Street, Belfast, County Antrim, 11th January. They were described as "northern" Redpolls and were either *A. c. flammea* or *A. hornemanni* (Hill Dick, A.J. Tree). *Rutledge* 1959.