

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

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

The nominate race of Common Redpoll.

Published records:

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). *Ruttledge* 1966.

1977

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

1995

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

Two: 2 Crawfordsburn, County Down, 24th to 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.

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

2001

Two: Belvoir Close, Belvoir Estate, Belfast, County Down. One, probably a female, 19th January to 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 to 16th February with a single remaining to 23rd February (Joe Devlin, Clifford Sharpe). *NIBA* 2006.

One: Belvoir Close, Belvoir Estate, Belfast, County Down, 24th to 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 to 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 observed 24th December and 26th to 27th December (Derek Charles). *Milne & McAdams* 2009.

2008

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

Common Redpoll was on the NIBRC rarity description list on 1st January 2009.