

Two-barred Crossbill *Loxia leucoptera* (4, 0, 0). **RV**

(Old World *L.l. bifasciata* is local resident with larch *Larix* forests of North Eurasia from North Russia to Eastern Siberia, reaching Sea of Okhotsk and South to Baikal region. Breeds irregularly in Finland and very occasionally Sweden and Norway. In non-breeding season occasionally disperses as far as North west Europe. Nominate *leucoptera* breeds across North America).

Published records:

1802

One: Female. Shot. Greenville, Bloomfield, near Belfast, County Down, 11th January. The specimen was sketched by J. Templeton and his sketch was seen by Thompson who agreed with the identification. Stendall, J.A.S. 1919. The Two-barred Crossbill. *The Irish Naturalist* 28: 56.

1867

One: Female. Said to have been killed at Templepatrick, County Antrim, was formerly in the Blake-Knox Collection, but was not found there in 1924. *Deane* 1954.

1895

One: Adult male. Shot. Tempo Manor, County Fermanagh, 17th February, (Sir Charles Langham). *Harting* 1895. The specimen was exhibited by H. Saunders on 18th April 1895 at the Linnean Society of London. *Anon.* 1895. According to *Deane* 1954, the specimen is still preserved at Tempo Manor, though it is not clear if he saw it himself.

1927

One: Male. Shot. Near Crumlin, County Antrim, 2nd August from among a flock of 50 Common Crossbills. (*Stendall* 1927). *Deane* (1954) states that this bird's remains were in the Ulster Museum collection. Importantly this means that he did see them. Their present whereabouts are unknown.