

BIRDS

Anatidae (Ducks, Geese, and Waterfowl)

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE (*Anser albifrons*) – Hundreds at Wexford Slobs.

GRAYLAG GOOSE (*Anser anser*) – Close to a dozen at Lady's Island Lake.

BRANT (*Branta bernicla*) – Thousands scattered along east coast of Ireland. All of the "pale-bellied race" *B. b. hrota*. Most of these birds summer in the eastern Canadian arctic and Greenland and winter in Ireland.

MUTE SWAN (*Cygnus olor*) – Hundreds.

WHOOPEER SWAN (*Cygnus cygnus*) – Saw over 100 individuals at Wexford Slobs and North Slob.

COMMON SHELDUCK (*Tadorna tadorna*) – Dozens along coast and on mudflats--mainly during low tide.

GADWALL (*Anas strepera*) – Over a couple dozen found at Middleton Pond.

EURASIAN WIGEON (*Anas penelope*) – Dozens.

MALLARD (*Anas platyrhynchos*) – Quite common.

NORTHERN SHOVELER (*Anas clypeata*) – Several individuals at Lough Neagh.

GREEN-WINGED TEAL (*Anas crecca*) – Hundreds.

TUFTED DUCK (*Aythya fuligula*) – A few on the first day at Santry Park and at Lough Neagh.

GREATER SCAUP (*Aythya marila*) – Found a few dozen at Lough Neagh.

COMMON SCOTER (*Melanitta nigra*) – Found on days five and six. Rosslare Harbor and beach at Ravenwood.

COMMON GOLDENEYE (*Bucephala clangula*) – Found mainly at Wexford Slobs.

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER (*Mergus serrator*) – Found several individuals at Dungarvan Harbor.

Phasianidae (Pheasants, Grouse, and Allies)

RING-NECKED PHEASANT (*Phasianus colchicus*) – Found most days. First introduced into Ireland from China in the 16th century. These dark forms of the "torquatus group" are very dark with a white neck collar.

Gaviidae (Loons)

RED-THROATED LOON (*Gavia stellata*) – Found on Dundalk Bay and Clogher Head.

COMMON LOON (*Gavia immer*) – Found on three different days. A winter migrant from Greenland and Iceland.

Podicipedidae (Grebes)

LITTLE GREBE (*Tachybaptus ruficollis*) – Found on five of the eight days in the field. Excellent looks on day 1.

GREAT CRESTED GREBE (*Podiceps cristatus*) – Found on a minimum of four of the eight days in the field.

Procellariidae (Shearwaters and Petrels)

NORTHERN FULMAR (*Fulmarus glacialis*) – Found at Dunmore East and Youghal.

Sulidae (Boobies and Gannets)

NORTHERN GANNET (*Morus bassanus*)

Phalacrocoracidae (Cormorants and Shags)

GREAT CORMORANT (*Phalacrocorax carbo*) – Found seven of the eight days in the field.

EUROPEAN SHAG (*Phalacrocorax aristotelis*) – Found on day seven-Dungarvan Harbor.

Ardeidae (Herons, Egrets, and Bitterns)

GRAY HERON (*Ardea cinerea*) – Found every day-quite common.

GREAT EGRET (EURASIAN) (*Ardea alba alba*) – Great Egret- a great find for Ireland. The bird flew in front of the group at relatively close range. Found on Ravenwood beach near Raven's Wood Reserve.

LITTLE EGRET (*Egretta garzetta*) – Quite regular the further south we traveled in Ireland. Found on three of the eight days in the field.

Accipitridae (Hawks, Eagles, and Kites)

NORTHERN HARRIER (*Circus cyaneus*) – A lone individual at Wexford Slobs on day five.

COMMON BUZZARD (*Buteo buteo*) – Seen every day.

Rallidae (Rails, Gallinules, and Coots)

EURASIAN MOORHEN (*Gallinula chloropus*) – Found on six of the eight days in the field.

EURASIAN COOT (*Fulica atra*) – Found on five of the eight days in the field.

Haematopodidae (Oystercatchers)

EURASIAN OYSTERCATCHER (*Haematopus ostralegus*) – Numerous-found on five of the eight days in the field.

Charadriidae (Plovers and Lapwings)

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER (*Pluvialis squatarola*) – Called the "Grey Plover" in Europe. Found on day seven at Dungarvan Harbor. A winter visitor most likely from breeding grounds in western Siberia.

EUROPEAN GOLDEN-PLOVER (*Pluvialis apricaria*) – Found on three of the eight days in the field. Notable areas include: Dundalk Bay, Wexford Slobs, North Slob.

NORTHERN LAPWING (*Vanellus vanellus*) – Found on five of the eight days in the field. Standout areas include: Belfast Harbor, Dundalk Bay, Wexford Slobs, North Slob, Dungarvan Harbor.

COMMON RINGED PLOVER (*Charadrius hiaticula*) – Found on two of the eight days in the field, mainly at Belfast Harbor and Dundalk Bay.

Scolopacidae (Sandpipers and Allies)

COMMON SANDPIPER (*Actitis hypoleucos*) – One individual found at Wexford Harbor.

