
I-WeBS

Report

1996-97

Irish Wetland Bird Survey **1996 - 1997**

Results of
the third season of the
Irish Wetland Bird Survey
including summarised
results from Northern Ireland

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Table 1: Total numbers of waterfowl counted in the Republic of Ireland I-WeBS scheme, winter 1996-97.

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
<i>No. of sites covered</i>	176	167	191	191	310	195	193
<i>No. of sub-sites covered</i>	339	256	291	279	651	287	312
Red-throated Diver	83	149	147	314	312	42	175
Black-throated Diver	0	0	2	0	13	0	8
Great Northern Diver	13	41	180	95	357	81	200
Little Grebe	787	517	530	547	578	281	257
Great Crested Grebe	990	399	919	434	1,253	379	1,066
Red-necked Grebe	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Slavonian Grebe	1	1	12	3	19	18	26
Black-necked Grebe	1	4	4	3	4	1	0
Cormorant	2,943	2,229	2,197	1,980	4,426	1,291	1,710
Grey Heron	863	503	646	354	754	215	333
Little Egret	33	48	27	27	40	25	29
Mute Swan	3,693	1,989	2,384	2,127	5,319	1,896	2,299
Bewick's Swan	0	1	78	287	1,025	335	13
Whooper Swan	13	334	2,531	2,206	5,814	1,825	2,104
Pink-footed Goose	1	1	26	8	22	8	12
European White-fronted Goose	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Greenland White-fronted Goose	0	955	7,909	8,407	9,459	7,448	10,224
Greylag Goose	634	256	3,015	2,193	4,753	2,688	2,261
Canada Goose	143	61	91	15	141	177	159
Barnacle Goose	2	1	197	1,178	3,387	603	826
Light-bellied Brent Goose	33	905	4,900	7,189	9,725	6,325	4,103
Feral/hybrid Goose	3	0	6	72	63	0	27
Ruddy Shelduck	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
Shelduck	199	393	3,034	4,975	13,129	6,488	4,333
Wigeon	14,982	18,135	21,700	30,812	53,388	23,946	13,217
American Wigeon	0	1	1	1	3	0	4
Gadwall	80	104	178	186	361	112	417
Teal	8,965	6,245	13,894	14,986	23,995	8,109	7,341
Mallard	17,945	10,923	11,124	9,836	16,339	5,464	3,062
Pintail	84	249	633	622	1,642	173	112
Garganey	6	1	0	0	0	0	0
Shoveler	168	397	1,127	1,611	2,082	718	669
Pochard	8,244	162	10,024	3,909	13,402	1,207	2,192
Ring-necked Duck	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
Ferruginous Duck	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
Tufted Duck	5,864	994	2,685	3,307	13,496	3,779	4,572
Scaup	5	1,164	107	252	2,906	261	421
Eider	3	3	1	3	11	2	9
Long-tailed Duck	0	0	20	1	81	59	90
Common Scoter	4,842	12,729	11,944	6,335	7,463	1,064	2,506
Surf Scoter	0	1	0	0	2	0	0
Velvet Scoter	0	0	0	2	4	1	4
Goldeneye	3	7	785	690	2,390	907	1,246
Smew	0	0	0	0	2	1	0
Red-breasted Merganser	634	380	805	581	1,340	376	614
Goosander	16	0	6	16	7	1	4
Ruddy Duck	0	0	4	1	11	1	1
Hybrid/Feral Mallard type	0	0	15	18	23	4	10
Hybrid <i>Aythya</i>	0	0	0	2	0	0	1
Water Rail	25	28	16	25	37	11	20
Moorhen	658	503	470	444	575	369	535
Coot	12,576	2,599	5,210	5,843	14,688	1,113	2,382
Total wildfowl & allies	85,535	63,412	109,584	111,900	214,848	77,807	69,596

Table 1. (continued)

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
Oystercatcher	22,675	20,355	12,722	11,444	27,256	9,936	9,681
Ringed Plover	3,528	2,274	2,201	1,732	3,051	1,080	567
Golden Plover	1,443	53,478	51,062	63,741	79,612	36,853	26,402
Grey Plover	1,420	1,199	2,531	2,643	5,107	1,802	773
Lapwing	3,550	11,494	46,601	66,549	200,376	52,955	2,530
Knot	953	2,710	5,102	5,937	27,180	5,285	1,904
Sanderling	899	959	1,309	629	1,473	422	524
Little Stint	422	10	0	1	1	0	0
Baird's Sandpiper	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Curlew Sandpiper	395	44	2	2	3	1	0
Purple Sandpiper	0	0	97	16	452	29	39
Dunlin	11,373	17,326	45,094	48,858	98,570	22,318	14,538
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ruff	48	16	20	7	7	2	4
Jack Snipe	1	1	16	19	18	3	16
Snipe	318	341	1,131	647	1,441	527	519
Woodcock	1	0	0	9	21	0	1
Black-tailed Godwit	5,779	7,786	4,051	4,703	6,551	4,690	4,319
Bar-tailed Godwit	2,888	4,062	3,576	6,199	16,423	3,244	3,191
Whimbrel	6	3	2	2	3	5	0
Curlew	13,761	10,732	11,635	11,832	23,542	14,300	7,220
Spotted Redshank	28	31	34	21	23	13	7
Redshank	11,455	10,206	7,689	5,719	11,648	8,574	6,316
Greenshank	522	353	253	141	338	113	163
Green Sandpiper	11	4	0	1	6	10	7
Wood Sandpiper	12	1	0	0	0	0	0
Common Sandpiper	14	3	4	3	3	5	10
Turnstone	1,073	1,208	1,504	1,086	2,434	1,231	892
Total waders	82,577	144,597	196,636	231,941	505,539	163,398	79,623
Mediterranean Gull	1	4	3	3	9	8	2
Little Gull	1	0	0	0	32	22	5
Sabines Gull	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Black-headed Gull	24,850	15,768	14,826	13,170	38,527	18,199	13,634
Ring-billed Gull	1	2	3	2	4	2	3
Common Gull	3,654	2,168	5,048	3,127	8,259	1,790	930
Lesser Black-backed Gull	8,607	2,489	3,594	2,018	9,981	1,652	1,243
Herring Gull	3,995	6,277	5,379	6,339	9,361	10,769	5,390
Iceland Gull	0	0	1	0	4	0	2
Glaucous Gull	0	0	0	2	8	1	0
Great Black-backed Gull	1,989	2,270	1,686	1,055	2,152	1,768	749
Kittiwake	321	11	451	55	115	9	125
Total Gulls	43,420	28,989	30,991	25,771	68,452	34,220	22,083
Sandwich Tern	1,353	14	0	0	0	0	4
Common Tern	53	1	0	0	0	0	0
Arctic Tern	14	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forster's Tern	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total Terns	1,420	15	0	0	0	0	5
Kingfisher	22	17	12	11	15	2	11
TOTAL WATERFOWL	212,952	237,013	337,211	369,612	788,839	275,425	171,307

Table 2: Total numbers of waders

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Shelduck	
Mandarin	
Wigeon	
Gadwall	
Teal	
Mallard	
Pintail	
Shoveler	
Pochard	
Tufted Duck	
Scaup	
Eider	
Long-tailed Duck	
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Velvet Scoter	
Goldeneye	
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