



**Irish Wetland Bird Survey
1998 - 99**

Results of
the fifth season of the
Irish Wetland Bird Survey

Including summarised
results from
Northern Ireland

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Table 1. Total numbers of waterbirds counted by I-WeBS in the Republic of Ireland, 1998-99.

Species name	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
<i>Number of sites visited</i>	119	168	219	200	289	217	192
<i>Number of count units visited</i>	202	272	359	352	637	369	361
Red-throated Diver	27	38	105	77	126	111	110
Black-throated Diver	0	0	61	7	64	0	31
Great Northern Diver	7	33	247	181	433	95	167
Pied-billed Grebe	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
Little Grebe	813	764	678	444	636	348	273
Great Crested Grebe	260	384	782	515	1,509	659	394
Red-necked Grebe	0	0	0	1	1	1	1
Slavonian Grebe	0	0	5	5	23	8	3
Black-necked Grebe	0	2	3	2	5	2	0
Cormorant	3,041	2,070	2,206	1,691	2,719	2,332	1,657
Bittern	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Little Egret	66	37	34	47	42	45	37
Grey Heron	454	518	524	436	685	338	384
Spoonbill	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Mute Swan	2,145	2,877	3,565	3,010	4,155	3,156	2,175
Bewick's Swan	0	16	77	99	62	120	10
Whooper Swan	4	685	1,973	2,726	4,589	2,195	2,649
Pink-footed Goose	0	4	13	13	20	47	16
Greenland White-fronted Goose [§]	9	6,207	9,685	8,944	11,547	11,252	10,221
Greylag Goose ^{§§}	519	304	3,818	2,391	4,302	3,490	3,371
Canada Goose ^{§§}	120	37	299	14	213	78	13
Barnacle Goose [§]	1	60	562	580	2,009	626	845
Light-bellied Brent Goose [§]	701	3,867	5,257	9,983	9,281	8,128	6,962
Feral/hybrid Goose [§]	7	7	104	63	116	101	48
Shelduck	711	977	3,686	5,869	9,579	5,794	4,097
Wigeon	6,763	23,209	27,287	41,623	55,667	31,083	10,224
American Wigeon	0	1	4	1	1	0	0
Gadwall	130	247	249	430	538	168	90
Teal	3,191	6,824	14,385	20,662	31,183	14,918	7,058
American Green-winged Teal	0	2	1	3	3	0	0
Mallard	12,023	10,643	11,190	11,050	12,816	5,745	3,278
Pintail	19	94	991	1,043	1,080	268	222
Garganey	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Shoveler	176	683	1,197	1,312	1,716	1,083	435
Red-crested Pochard	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pochard	142	302	14,491	3,068	8,493	2,083	441
Ring-necked Duck	0	0	2	0	2	1	1
Ferruginous Duck	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Tufted Duck	763	860	9,723	2,711	7,696	5,489	2,027
Scaup	6	84	1,225	487	328	171	155
Lesser Scaup	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Eider	0	24	133	17	20	0	0
Long-tailed Duck	0	1	44	35	51	11	19
Common Scoter	5,576	2,573	4,948	6,573	5,897	5,143	1,674
Surf Scoter	0	2	4	1	1	0	0
Velvet Scoter	0	0	1	4	4	0	0
Goldeneye	2	21	820	699	2,271	1,182	543
Smew	0	1	2	1	5	3	1
Red-breasted Merganser	144	347	769	600	1,146	495	644
Goosander	0	0	1	0	5	0	1
Ruddy Duck	3	0	2	0	1	2	6
feral/hybrid Mallard type	9	9	9	11	17	9	2
Water Rail	12	28	19	27	30	22	18
Moorhen	457	604	516	430	647	528	411
Coot	4,051	4,857	25,230	5,255	7,692	3,440	994
TOTAL WILDFOWL & ALLIES [#]	41,834	69,748	146,371	132,658	188,701	110,388	61,288

Table 1. (continued)

Oystercatcher
Ringed Plover
American Golden Plover
Golden Plover
Grey Plover
Lapwing
Knot
Sanderling
Little Stint
Baird's Sandpiper
Pectoral Sandpiper
Curlew Sandpiper
Purple Sandpiper
Dunlin
Buff-breasted Sandpiper
Ruff
Jack Snipe
Snipe
Woodcock
Black-tailed Godwit
Bar-tailed Godwit
Whimbrel
Curlew
Spotted Redshank
Redshank
Greenshank
Lesser Yellowlegs
Green Sandpiper
Common Sandpiper
Turnstone
Grey Phalarope
TOTAL WADERS
TOTAL WATERFO
Mediterranean Gull
Little Gull
Black-headed Gull
Ring-billed Gull
Common Gull
Lesser Black-backed Gull
Herring Gull
Iceland Gull
Glaucous Gull
Great Black-backed Gull
Kittiwake
Unidentified Gull
TOTAL GULLS ^{**}
Sandwich Tern
Roseate Tern
Common Tern
Black Tern
TOTAL TERNS ^{**}
Kingfisher

Footnotes:

- [#] Total wildfowl and allies
- ^{*} Total waterfowl represented
- [§] Counting gulls and allies
- [^] National surveys of waterfowl
- [§] Includes naturalised

Table 1. (continued)

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
Oystercatcher	13,525	24,330	22,611	20,369	24,824	16,761	13,512
Ringed Plover	2,134	2,152	2,889	2,177	3,594	1,932	355
American Golden Plover	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Golden Plover	580	27,388	60,103	93,225	83,984	62,226	21,018
Grey Plover	318	2,185	1,557	2,197	2,409	1,895	631
Lapwing	1,795	9,005	40,483	94,663	121,820	51,415	2,685
Knot	575	3,935	15,530	6,840	16,204	7,401	6,262
Sanderling	690	887	929	1,033	1,457	691	1,230
Little Stint	107	5	3	1	1	0	0
Baird's Sandpiper	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pectoral Sandpiper	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Curlew Sandpiper	82	13	1	0	0	0	0
Purple Sandpiper	25	2	170	341	225	425	164
Dunlin	4,677	16,019	39,151	49,584	66,420	36,257	7,773
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ruff	21	12	5	5	4	7	6
Jack Snipe	0	4	12	22	24	20	20
Snipe	173	365	883	841	1,434	721	278
Woodcock	0	0	1	2	9	2	0
Black-tailed Godwit	6,971	6,779	6,992	8,246	10,459	7,720	7,740
Bar-tailed Godwit	720	3,332	4,884	7,458	10,470	6,056	2,266
Whimbrel	33	7	3	1	10	2	1
Curlew	14,832	15,545	15,312	20,305	35,028	17,545	6,909
Spotted Redshank	5	14	10	20	21	13	12
Redshank	7,896	13,281	11,572	9,654	13,984	8,250	8,156
Greenshank	384	362	408	299	430	263	245
Lesser Yellowlegs	2	1	0	1	0	0	0
Green Sandpiper	7	5	5	2	12	3	5
Common Sandpiper	12	5	3	3	3	2	4
Turnstone	1,033	2,128	2,171	2,380	2,976	2,369	1,666
Grey Phalarope	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
TOTAL WADERS	56,609	127,762	225,688	319,669	395,803	221,976	80,938
TOTAL WATERFOWL *	98,963	198,066	372,617	452,810	585,231	332,747	142,648
Mediterranean Gull	5	10	4	6	10	7	2
Little Gull	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Black-headed Gull	16,962	23,760	17,255	24,593	39,715	25,286	10,515
Ring-billed Gull	2	3	2	3	7	4	4
Common Gull	2,177	2,610	4,759	8,541	15,011	2,364	4,949
Lesser Black-backed Gull	11,940	2,815	3,271	5,969	4,736	1,867	524
Herring Gull	2,711	4,259	2,561	1,802	4,505	5,552	1,101
Iceland Gull	0	0	0	0	3	0	1
Glaucous Gull	0	2	1	1	10	1	0
Great Black-backed Gull	2,523	990	919	1,183	1,610	827	313
Kittiwake	6,207	18	97	1,649	8,031	135	53
Unidentified Gull	0	0	0	0	670	0	0
TOTAL GULLS **	42,527	34,467	28,870	43,747	74,309	36,043	17,462
Sandwich Tern	462	4	1	0	0	0	32
Roseate Tern	31	0	0	0	0	0	0
Common Tern	320	1	0	0	0	0	0
Black Tern	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL TERNS **	814	5	1	0	0	0	32
Kingfisher	10	10	11	15	18	5	7

Footnotes:

* Total wildfowl and allies represents numbers of all divers, grebes, Cormorant, swans, geese, ducks and rails

* Total waterfowl represents numbers of all species except gulls, terns and Kingfisher

* Counting gulls and terns was optional thus counts are not comparable with that for other species

^ National surveys of these species are periodically undertaken and data are not presented in this table (as they are not I-WeBS Core Counts) but may appear in individual species accounts

§ Includes naturalised population in whole (feral/hybrid goose) or in part (Greylag Goose)