

Collared Pratincole

Glareola pratincola Category A
Very rare vagrant. 1 record

Breeds mainly around the Mediterranean Basin and the Black Sea in Europe, where it is patchily distributed due to its fairly exacting habitat requirements. Its range extends eastwards to eastern Kazakhstan and Pakistan, with a widespread but fragmented population in Africa. Winters along the southern edge of the Sahara from Senegal to Ethiopia, where not readily separable from local breeding populations. (Snow & Perrins, 1998)

There had been 97 accepted British records up to the end of 2018. The first two Kent records in 1976 and 1977 occurred in autumn but the 11 since have all been in spring or early summer (May or June). Records have been fairly well spread from Dungeness (3), Walland Marsh, Hythe, Worth, Pegwell Bay, Minster (Thanet), Grove Ferry, Swale and Cliffe (2) (BBRC, 2021, KOS, 2021).

The only area record involves one seen by Paul Howe flying over North Road in Hythe on the 2nd May 1997.

The record by year is shown in figure 1.

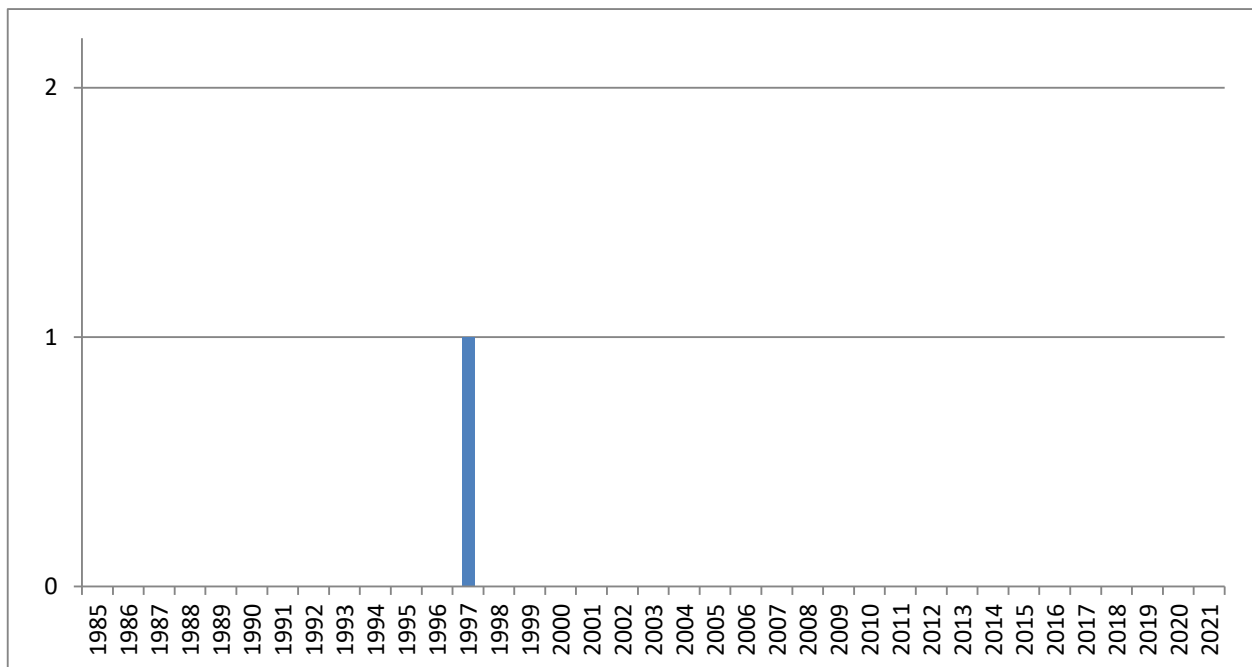


Figure 1: Collared Pratincole record at Folkestone and Hythe

The record by week is given in figure 2

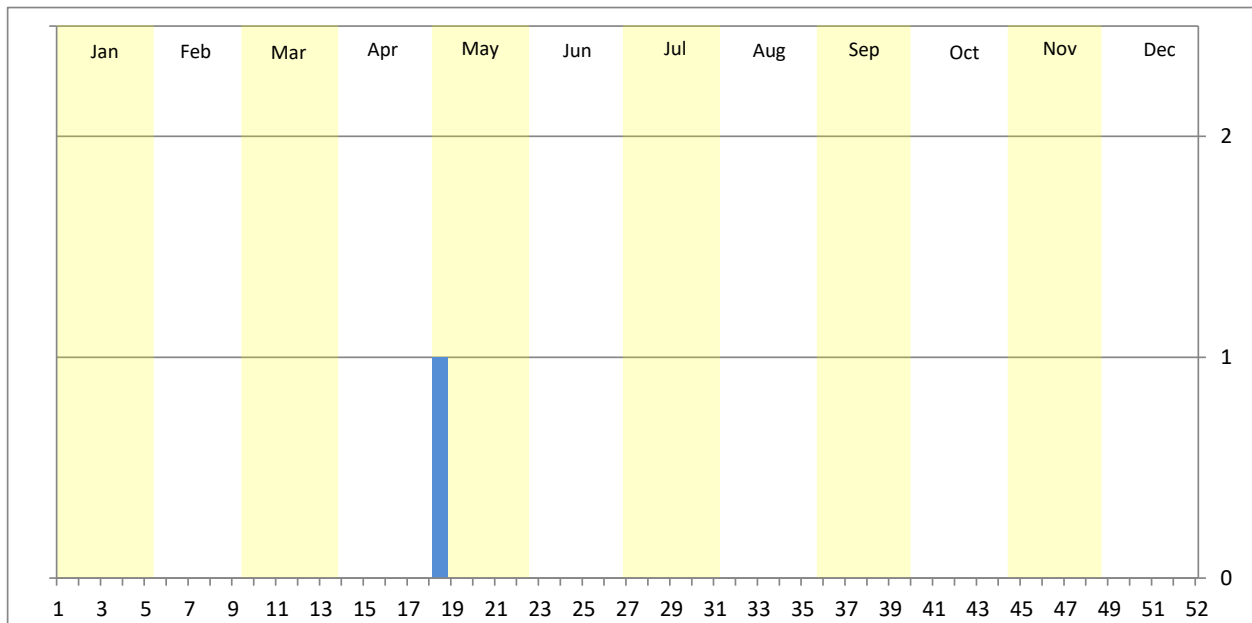


Figure 2: Collared Pratincole record at Folkestone and Hythe by week

Figure 3 shows the distribution of the record by tetrad.



Figure 3: Distribution of all Collared Pratincole record at Folkestone and Hythe by tetrad

Confirmation of the only area records is as follows:

1997 North Road (Hythe), one flew over, 2nd May (P. Howe)

References

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