

## Barred Warbler

*Sylvia nisoria*

Category A

Very rare vagrant.

2 records

Breeds across mid-latitude Europe eastwards from eastern Germany through Russia to Mongolia, and south-east through the Balkans to the Black Sea. Winters in east Africa (Snow & Perrins, 1998).

It is a scarce but increasing migrant to Britain, averaging around 230 records per annum in recent years, with almost all sightings in autumn and the majority on the Northern Isles (White & Kehoe, 2019).

There had been 99 records in Kent to the end of 2018, all in autumn, with the extreme arrival dates of 1<sup>st</sup> August and 17<sup>th</sup> December, but with the vast majority having occurred between mid-August and mid-October, with September accounting for almost half of all sightings (KOS, 2020).

There have been two area records. The first concerned one seen by Neil Frampton at West Hythe on the 30<sup>th</sup> September 1984 and the second was a mobile and elusive individual seen by Ian Roberts at Abbotscliffe on the morning of the 9<sup>th</sup> October 2012.

The records by year are shown in figure 1.



Figure 1: Barred Warbler records at Folkestone and Hythe

The records by week are given in figure 2 and figure 3 shows the distribution of records by tetrad.

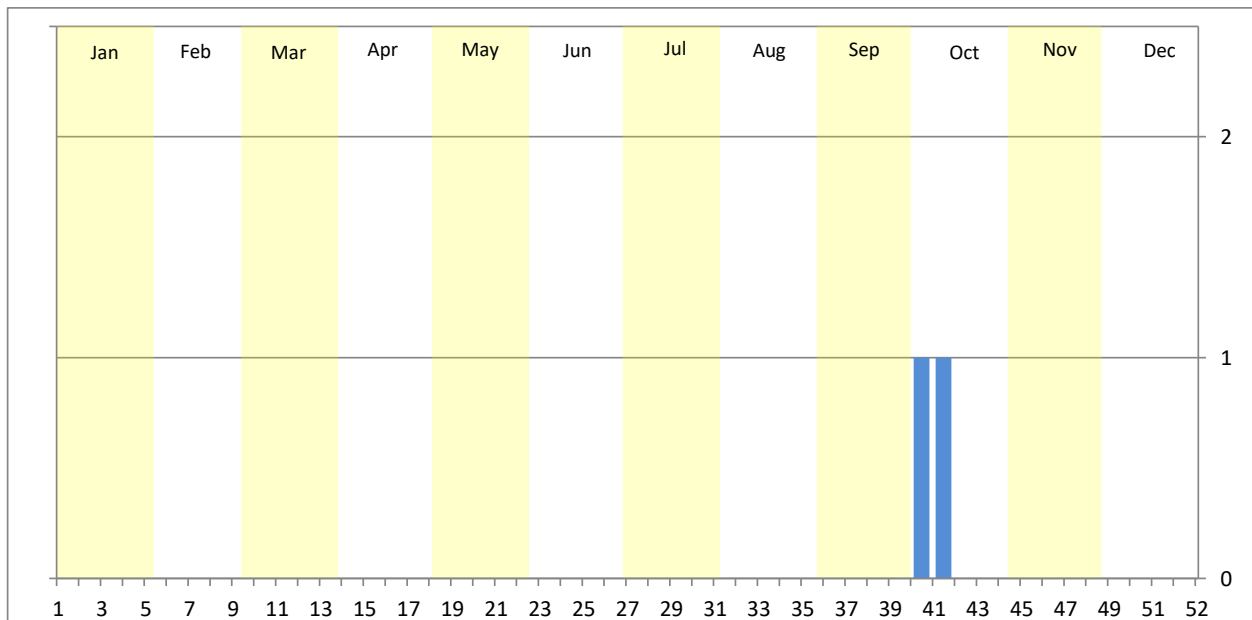


Figure 2: Barred Warbler records at Folkestone and Hythe by week

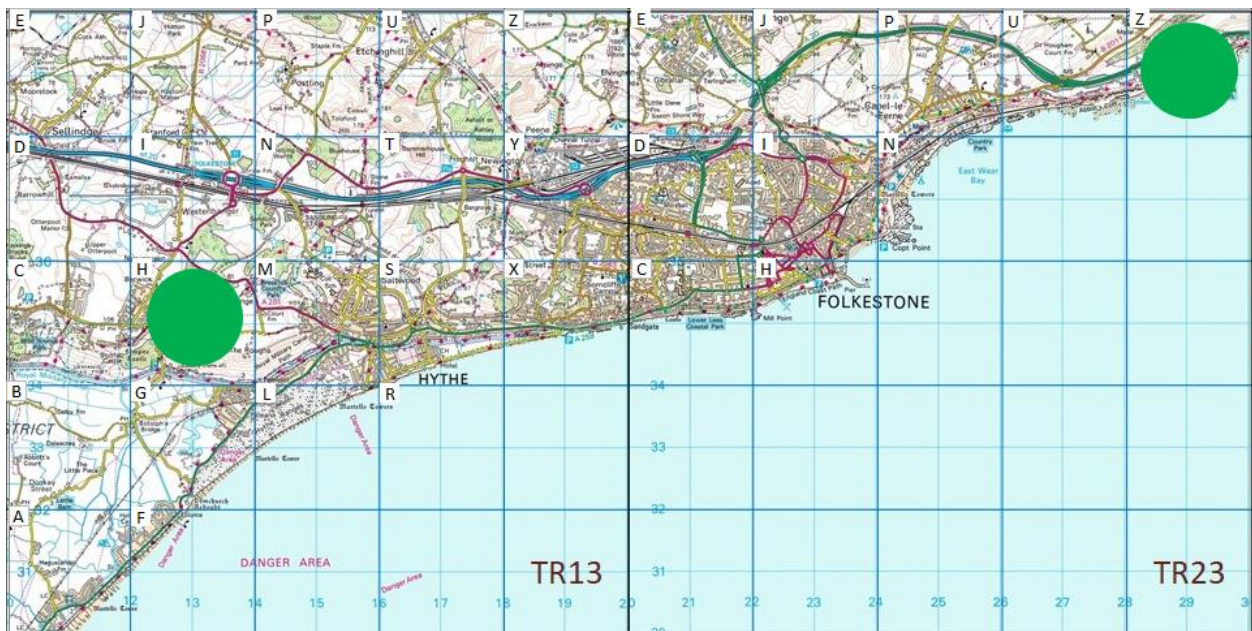


Figure 3: Distribution of all Barred Warbler records at Folkestone and Hythe by tetrad

The full list of records is as follows:

**1984** West Hythe, first-winter, 30<sup>th</sup> September (N. C. Frampton)

**2012** Abbotscliffe, one, 9<sup>th</sup> October (I. A. Roberts)

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