

# Folkestone and Hythe Birds

## Tetrad Guide: TR13 R

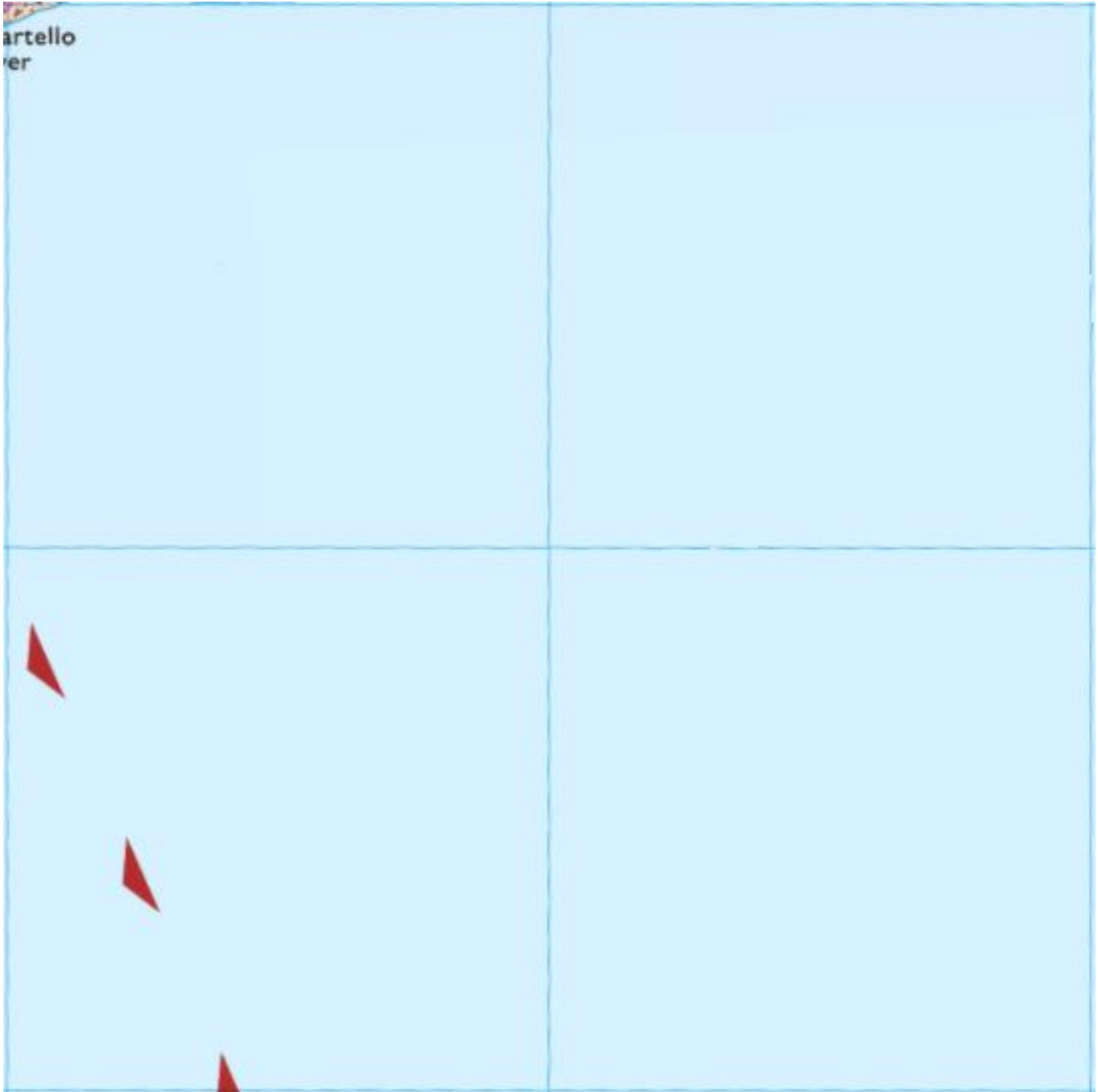
### (Hythe Beach and Hythe Bay)



#### Introduction

The tetrad TR13 R is comprised almost entirely of sea, apart from a tiny stretch of shingle beach in the north-west corner.

#### Map of TR13 R



## Habitats and birds

The rather short bird list relates therefore primarily to species seen on seawatches or on the sea in the bay

Highlights have included Velvet Scoter, Goldeneye, Smew and Goosander, Black-necked Grebe, Avocet, Greenshank, Little Gull, Glaucous Gull, Long-tailed Skua and three species of Shearwater, among the more regular wildfowl, waders and seabirds. Turnstone may be found occasionally on the shingle whilst the few passerine records mainly relate to overhead visual migration.



Looking south-east from Hythe Beach

## Access and parking

The tetrad can be viewed from the seawall where there is free parking.

## Bird species diversity

The tetrad does not support any breeding species and also had the lowest diversity of wintering species amongst the 31 local tetrads in the 2007-2013 BTO/KOS atlas fieldwork, as the table below demonstrates.

	Total	Rank/31
Breeding species	0	31 <sup>st</sup>
Wintering species	34	31 <sup>st</sup>
Species recorded	76	30 <sup>th</sup>

The full list of species that have been recorded is provided as Appendix 1.

## **Other Natural History**

The lists of other taxa are extremely modest and lacking some of the more regular marine species.

A list of all species recorded in the tetrad is provided below in Appendix 2.

## **Acknowledgements**

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The photograph of Hythe Beach was taken by Ian Roberts.

Lists of the other fauna and flora which have been recorded in the tetrad were kindly provided by the Kent and Medway Biological Records Centre ([www.kmbrc.org.uk](http://www.kmbrc.org.uk)).

**Appendix 1: Species Lists – Birds: 76 species**

- Recorded in winter survey 2007-2012
- Recorded in breeding survey 2008-2013 – Confirmed breeding
- Recorded in breeding survey 2008-2013 – Probable breeding
- Recorded in breeding survey 2008-2013 – Possible breeding
- Recorded in breeding survey as a non-breeder or recorded outside of survey period
- ★ Rare migrant or vagrant (less than 50 area records)

TR13 R - Bird List	Breeding	Wintering	Other
Brent Goose		●	
Mute Swan			●
Shelduck		●	
Shoveler			●
Gadwall			●
Wigeon		●	
Mallard		●	
Teal		●	
Pochard		●	
Tufted Duck		●	
Eider			●
Velvet Scoter			●
Common Scoter		●	
Goldeneye		●	
★ Smew			●
Goosander		●	
Red-breasted Merganser			●
Swift			●
Feral Pigeon		●	
Great Crested Grebe		●	
★ Black-necked Grebe			●
Oystercatcher			●
Avocet			●
Lapwing			●
Grey Plover			●
Ringed Plover			●
Whimbrel			●
Curlew			●
Bar-tailed Godwit		●	
Turnstone		●	
Knot		●	
Sanderling		●	
Dunlin		●	
Snipe		●	
Common Sandpiper			●
Redshank		●	
Greenshank			●
Kittiwake		●	
Black-headed Gull		●	
Little Gull		●	
Mediterranean Gull		●	

TR13 R - Bird List	Breeding	Wintering	Other
Common Gull		●	
Great Black-backed Gull		●	
★ Glaucous Gull			●
Herring Gull		●	
Lesser Black-backed Gull			●
Sandwich Tern			●
Little Tern			●
Common Tern			●
Arctic Tern			●
Great Skua			●
Arctic Skua			●
★ Long-tailed Skua			●
Guillemot		●	
Razorbill		●	
Red-throated Diver		●	
Fulmar			●
★ Sooty Shearwater			●
Manx Shearwater			●
★ Balearic Shearwater			●
Gannet		●	
Cormorant		●	
Grey Heron			●
Little Egret			●
Merlin			●
Carrion Crow		●	
Skylark		●	
Sand Martin			●
Swallow			●
House Martin			●
Starling			●
Yellow Wagtail			●
Grey Wagtail			●
Meadow Pipit			●
Rock Pipit			●
Siskin			●
Total	0	34	
Confirmed breeding	0		
Probable breeding	0		
Possible breeding	0		
Total species recorded in tetrad			76

## Appendix 2: Species Lists – Other Natural History

Information on other natural history has been kindly provided by the Kent and Medway Biological Records Centre ([www.kmbrc.org.uk](http://www.kmbrc.org.uk)), with particular thanks to Tony Witts. A few additional records from other sources are also included.



### **Cnidaria (Jellyfishes, Sea Anemones etc.): 1 species**

Common name	Scientific name	Last recorded
Compass Jellyfish	<i>Chrysaora hysoscella</i>	2014

### **Mammalia (Mammals): 1 species**

Common name	Scientific name	Last recorded
Harbour Porpoise	<i>Phocoena phocoena</i>	2018