

Collared Pratincole

Glareola pratincola Category A
Very rare vagrant. 1 record

World/British distribution (Snow & Perrins 1998):

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.

Kent status (KOS 2021):

Rare vagrant.

British (BBRC) records to end 2020: 99

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It is a rare but regular vagrant to Britain, currently averaging about one record per annum (BBRC no date; Holt *et al.* 2021). The first two Kent records in 1976 and 1977 occurred in autumn but all sightings since have been in spring or early summer (May or June) (KOS no date).

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.

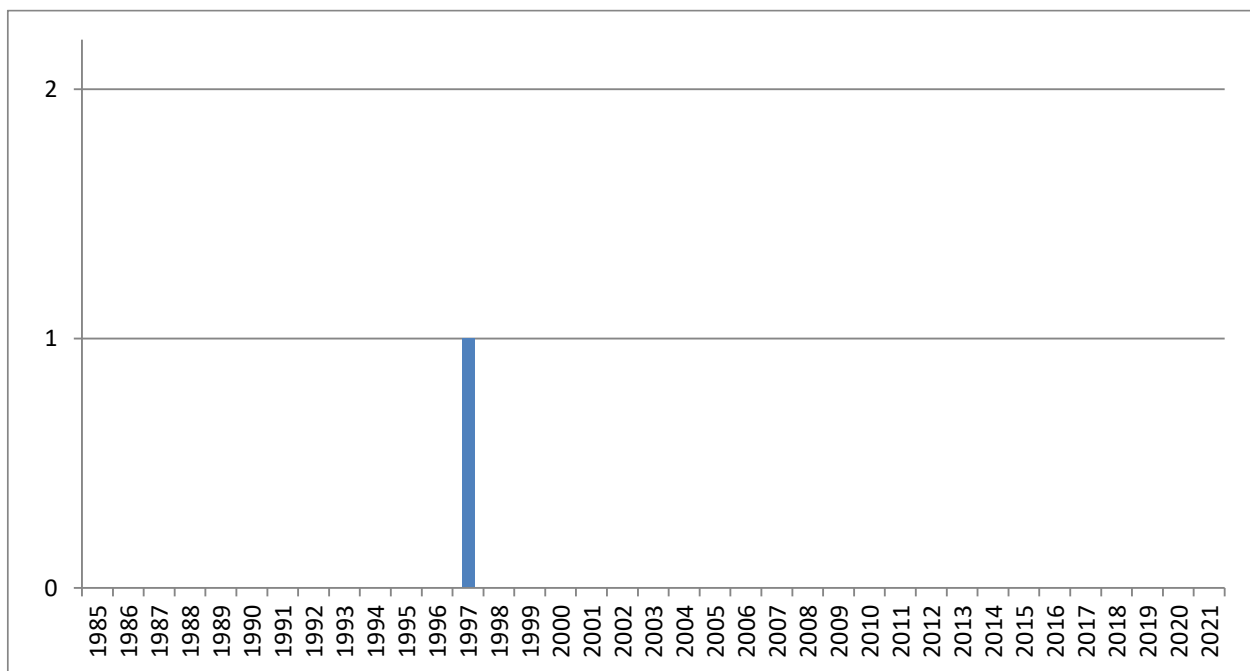


Figure 1: Collared Pratincole records at Folkestone and Hythe

Kent Ornithological Society (KOS). The Kent List. <https://kentos.org.uk/index.php/recording/the-kent-list> (accessed 2022).

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