

# Dotterel

*Charadrius morinellus*

Category A

Very rare vagrant

4 records

Breeds in arctic tundra and arctic-alpine zone, with stronghold in Fenno-Scandia and Russia, and smaller numbers in northern Britain (between 500 and 750 pairs recorded in a survey in 1999) and a handful of pairs on a few mountain peaks across mid and lower-latitude Europe. Winter quarters lie mainly in semi-arid belt of Middle East and North Africa, with a few in Spain.

A scarce passage migrant to Kent in both spring and autumn.

First recorded at Folkestone and Hythe in 1997, with three subsequent records (two of which have occurred in the last two years) as shown in figure 1.

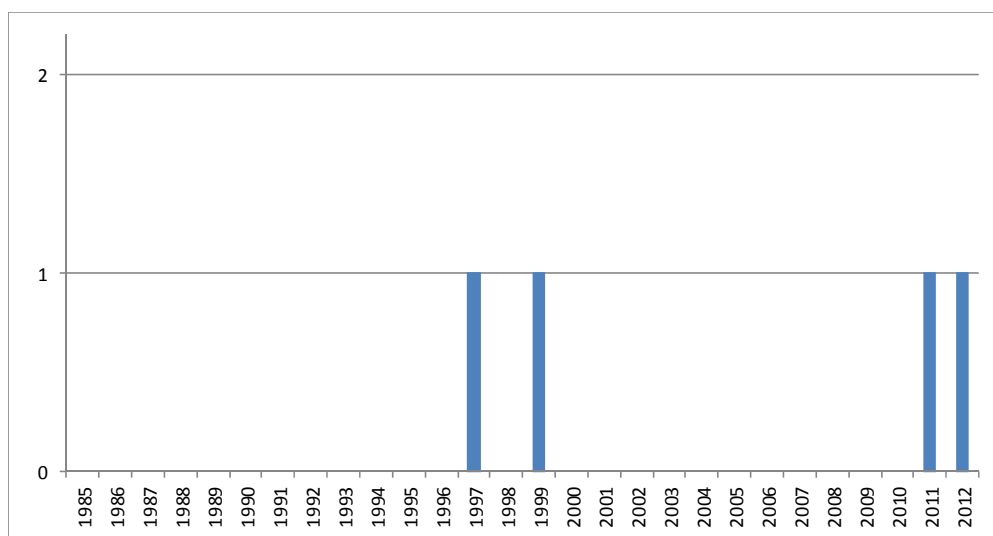


Figure 1: Dotterel records at Folkestone and Hythe

All records have occurred between the 20<sup>th</sup> August (week 34) and 16<sup>th</sup> September (week 37), with three in August, as demonstrated by figure 2.

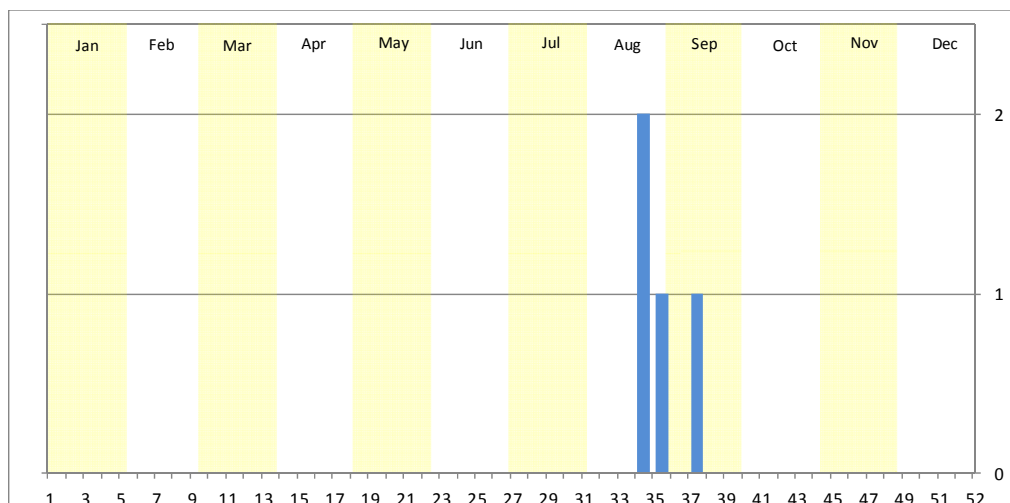


Figure 2: Dotterel records at Folkestone and Hythe by week

The full list of records is as follows:

**1997** Church Hougham, two in a field near Hougham Court, 25<sup>th</sup> August (I. A. Roberts)

**1998** Copt Point, one flew west, 16<sup>th</sup> September (D. A. Gibson, I. A. Roberts)

**2011** Abbotscliffe, two in a field at the eastern end, 31<sup>st</sup> August (M. Kennett)

**2012** Abbotscliffe, one flew over the gully field, 20<sup>th</sup> August (I. A. Roberts)