

Spotted Redshank

Tringa erythropus

Category A

Rare passage migrant

25 records

Breeds in Fenno-Scandia and Russia, wintering from western Europe and West Africa east into Asia.

A passage migrant to Kent, which is more numerous in autumn than spring. Small numbers overwinter.

First recorded at Folkestone and Hythe at Nickoll’s Quarry in 1953, with subsequent records in 1957, 1960 and 1964, before a thirty-five year gap until the next in 1989. However it occurred thereafter with some regularity, including records in seven consecutive years from 2000, as shown in figure 1. At this time an area of shallow water, islets and mud existed at Nickoll’s Quarry, attracting a range of migrant waders. However the habitat has since been altered and is no longer attractive to the species, so there has been only one (fly-over) record there since 2004.

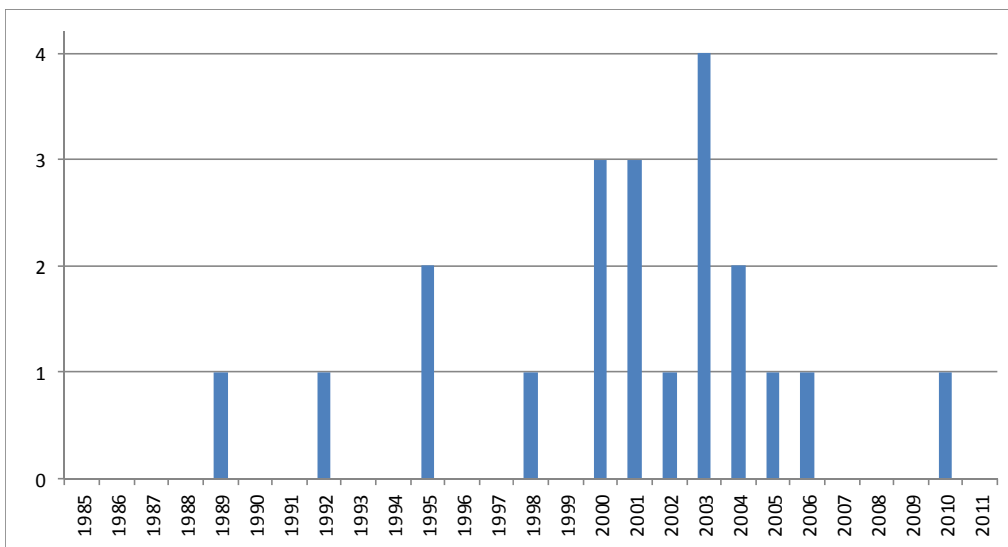


Figure 1: Spotted Redshank records since 1985 at Folkestone and Hythe

Records appear to fall into three arrival periods, as demonstrated by figure 2, with ten in spring (between the 23rd March and 8th May), five in late June and early July, and the others in August and early September, except for a single on 30th October (2006).

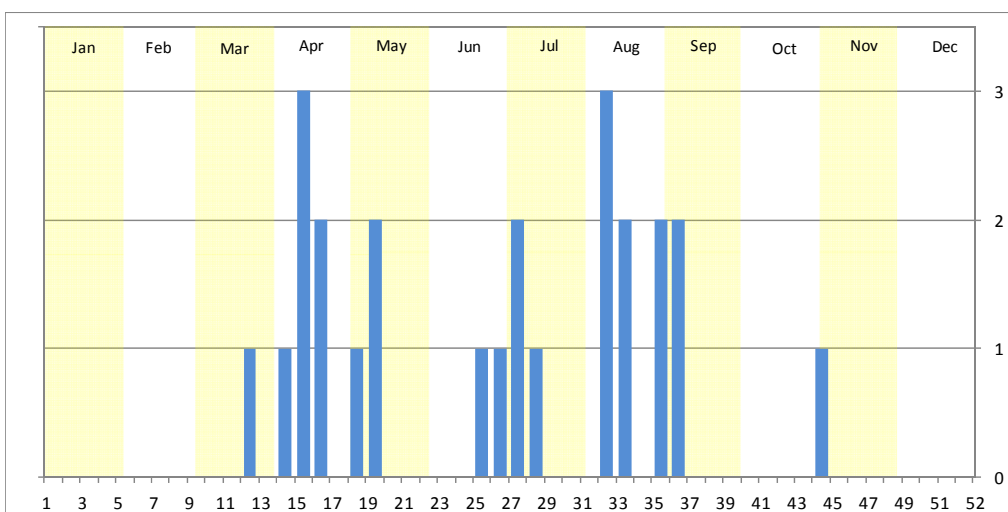


Figure 2: Spotted Redshank records at Folkestone and Hythe by week

80% of records are from Nickoll’s Quarry with the others at Copt Point (2), Capel-le-Ferne, Folkestone and the most recent at Samphire Hoe.

The full list of records is as follows:

- 1953** Nickoll's Quarry, one in the old pit, 16th August (R. K. Norman)
- 1957** Nickoll's Quarry, one in the old pit, 4th to 5th September (R. K. Norman)
- 1960** Nickoll's Quarry, one in the old pit, 23rd March (R. K. Norman)
- 1964** Nickoll's Quarry, one flew high south-west, 2nd September (R. K. Norman)
- 1989** Nickoll's Quarry, three in the west pool, 28th August (I. A. Roberts)
- 1992** Copt Point, four, 3rd July (D. A. Gibson)
- 1995** Capel-le-Ferne, one flew over calling at night, 3rd July (I. A. Roberts)
- 1995** Nickoll's Quarry, one, 11th August (R. K. Norman)
- 1998** Nickoll's Quarry, three, 14th April (R. K. Norman)
- 2000** Nickoll's Quarry, one flew north-west, 2nd April (R. K. Norman)
- 2000** Nickoll's Quarry, one flew north-west, 30th April (R. K. Norman)
- 2000** Nickoll's Quarry, one, then flew west, 14th July (I. A. Roberts)
- 2001** Nickoll's Quarry, one, 22nd April (R. K. Norman)
- 2001** Copt Point, one flew east with Common Redshanks, 7th May (I. A. Roberts)
- 2001** Nickoll's Quarry, one, 12th August (R. K. Norman)
- 2002** Nickoll's Quarry, one, 14th April (R. K. Norman)
- 2003** Nickoll's Quarry, one flew north-west, 8th May (R. K. Norman)
- 2003** Nickoll's Quarry, one flew west, 22nd June (R. K. Norman)
- 2003** Nickoll's Quarry, one, 27th June (I. A. Roberts)
- 2003** Nickoll's Quarry, one, 6th August (R. K. Norman)
- 2004** Nickoll's Quarry, one, 20th April (R. K. Norman)
- 2004** Nickoll's Quarry, one, 14th August (R. K. Norman)
- 2005** Folkestone, two flew over calling at night, 10th April (D. A. Gibson)
- 2006** Nickoll's Quarry, one flew south-west, 30th October (R. K. Norman)
- 2010** Samphire Hoe, one on beach at western end, 30th August (L. Collins)