

Roseate Tern

Sterna dougallii

Category A

Very rare vagrant

4 records

Breeds in Britain and Ireland, with largest populations in Co. Dublin and Co. Wexford, north-west France and the Azores. Winters in West Africa.

A rare summer visitor and passage migrant to Kent, though occasionally breeds at Dungeness.

There have been four Folkestone and Hythe records, but the most recent was in 1984. There have been single records in April, July, August and September, as demonstrated by figure 1.

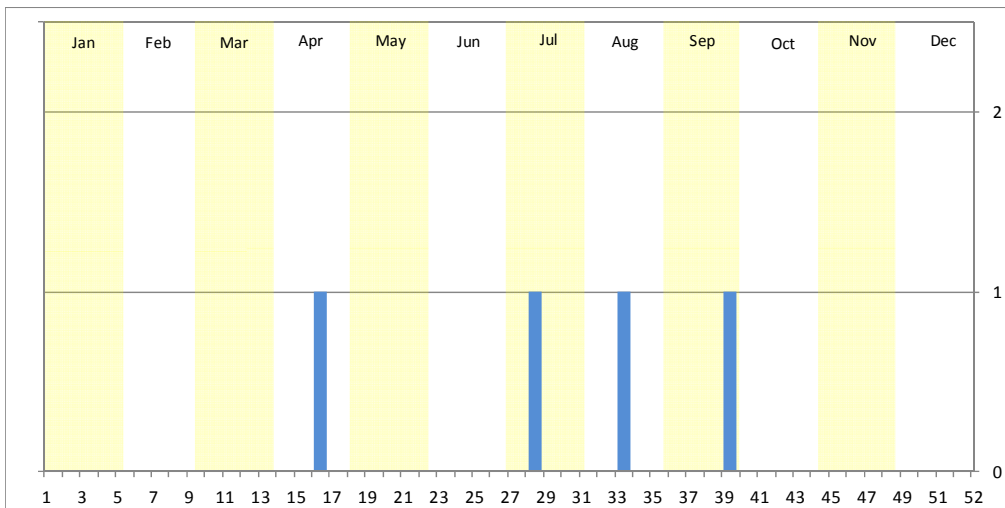


Figure 1: Roseate Tern records at Folkestone and Hythe by week

The full list of records is as follows:

- 1960** Folkestone, one, 20th April (D. F. Musson)
- 1966** Folkestone Harbour, one, 15th July (T. Grant)
- 1968** Folkestone, three flew south-west, 17th August (T. Grant)
- 1984** Copt Point, one, 27th September (R. Hollingsworth)