

# Ring-necked Parakeet

*Psittacula krameri*

Category C, E

Rare visitor

22 records

Natural range extends from Afghanistan and Pakistan to Burma and south to Sri Lanka, also widespread in sub-Saharan Africa north of Equator. In Europe introduced or escaped birds now breed regularly in several countries, including Britain.

In Kent it is a resident breeding species in Thanet, with occasional records elsewhere.

First recorded at Folkestone and Hythe in 1987, with 21 subsequent sightings, including four in 2000, as shown in figure 1.

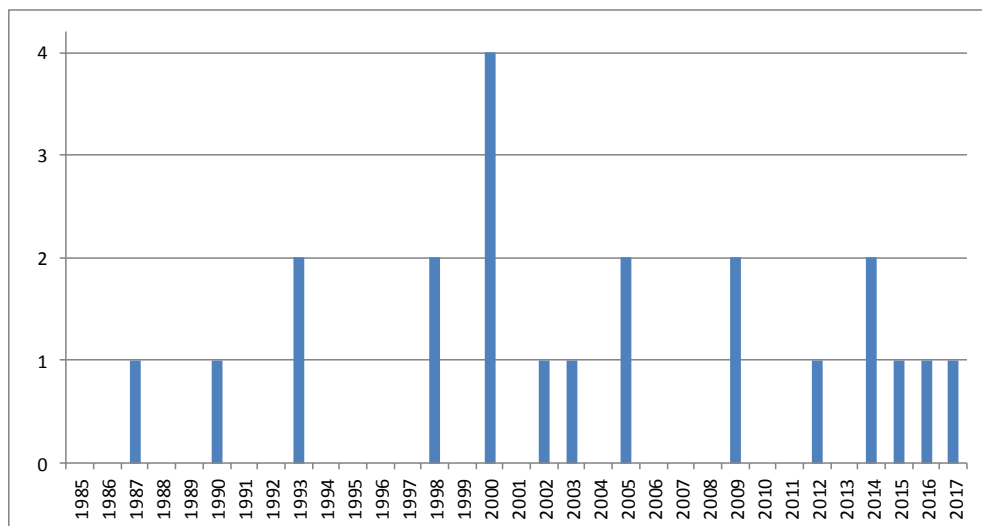


Figure 1: Ring-necked Parakeet records at Folkestone and Hythe

There is little pattern to the dates when this species has been recorded, as demonstrated by figure 2, but there is something of a cluster in spring, with seven between the 19<sup>th</sup> March and 18<sup>th</sup> May (week 12-20) and a rather more protracted series between the 30<sup>th</sup> June and 28<sup>th</sup> November (weeks 26-48). There have been no records in mid-winter (December/January) or mid-summer (19<sup>th</sup> May to 29<sup>th</sup> June).

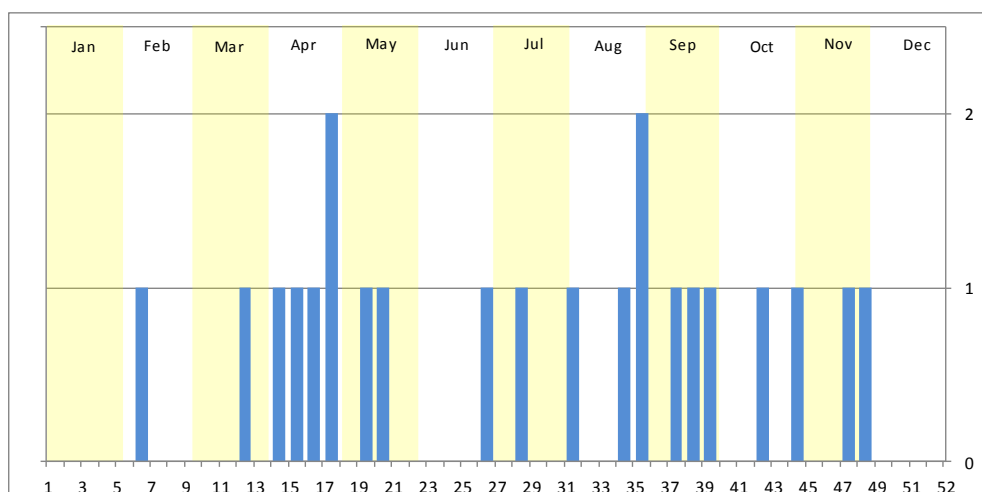


Figure 2: Ring-necked Parakeet records at Folkestone and Hythe by week

Records are well-scattered, with 5 at Hythe, 4 at Folkestone, 3 Capel-le-Ferne, 2 at Abbotscliffe, Cheriton and Samphire Hoe, and singles at Copt Point, Nickoll's Quarry, Palmarsh and Willop sewage works.

The full list of records is as follows:

- 1987** Cheriton, one flew over Cherry Garden Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> April (I. A. Roberts)
- 1990** Copt Point, one, 28<sup>th</sup> August (D. A. Gibson)
- 1993** Folkestone, one, 30<sup>th</sup> June (D. A. Gibson)
- 1993** Folkestone, one flew west, 31<sup>st</sup> August (D. A. Gibson)
- 1998** Hythe, one, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> September (I. A. Roberts)
- 1998** Hythe, one flew over Stade Street, 31<sup>st</sup> October (I. A. Roberts)
- 2000** Hythe Imperial Golf Course, one flew east, 23<sup>rd</sup> April (I. A. Roberts)
- 2000** Nickoll's Quarry, one flew east, 25<sup>th</sup> April (I. A. Roberts)
- 2000** Abbotscliffe, one flew west, 7<sup>th</sup> May (D. A. Gibson, I. A. Roberts)
- 2000** Capel-le-Ferne Gun Site, one flew west, 2<sup>nd</sup> August (D. A. Gibson)
- 2002** Capel-le-Ferne village, one, 19<sup>th</sup> March (I. A. Roberts)
- 2003** Capel-le-Ferne Gun Site, one flew west, 18<sup>th</sup> October (D. A. Gibson)
- 2005** Abbotscliffe, one flew west, 28<sup>th</sup> September (I. A. Roberts), presumed same flew west again on 4<sup>th</sup> October
- 2005** Folkestone, one flew over the Golden Valley, 28<sup>th</sup> November (P. Lightman)
- 2009** Hythe, one flew over Lynton Road on two occasions, 13<sup>th</sup> July (I. A. Roberts)
- 2009** Folkestone, flock of six flew north over Wood Avenue, 25<sup>th</sup> August (M. Vandoen)
- 2012** Samphire Hoe, one heard calling, 18<sup>th</sup> May (per D. E. Smith)
- 2014** Cheriton, one flew over Laurel Close, 13<sup>th</sup> April (S. Lloyd, V. Lloyd)
- 2014** Hythe, one flew over South Road, 22<sup>nd</sup> April (I. A. Roberts)
- 2015** Samphire Hoe, one flew east, 25<sup>th</sup> November (per D. E. Smith)
- 2016** Cinderella Farm (Palmarsh), 19<sup>th</sup> September (A. Johnson)
- 2017** Willop sewage works, 6<sup>th</sup> February (I. A. Roberts)