

Booted Warbler

Iduna caligata

Category A

Very rare vagrant

1 record

Breeds in mid-latitude Russia east to extreme western China, south to northern Oman. Migrates south or south-east to winter chiefly in India.

There had been 124 records in Britain to the end of 2010, ten of which were in Kent. Following the first county record at Foreness in 1984, there were others in 1987 (at Dungeness) and 1988 (at Pegwell Bay), before a run of five in four years in the mid-1990s (North Foreland and the Isle of Grain in 1993, Reculver in 1994, Capel-le-Ferne in 1995 and St. Margaret's Bay in 1996). However there have been just two records since, both at Bockhill, in 2000 and 2008. Seven were recorded in September, with others in August, October and November.

The only Folkestone and Hythe record relates to one seen briefly by Dale Gibson in brambles in the Orchid Field at Capel-le-Ferne at 15:15 hours on the 4th September 1995.

The only area record is as follows:

1995 Capel-le-Ferne Orchid Field, one, 4th September (D. A. Gibson)