

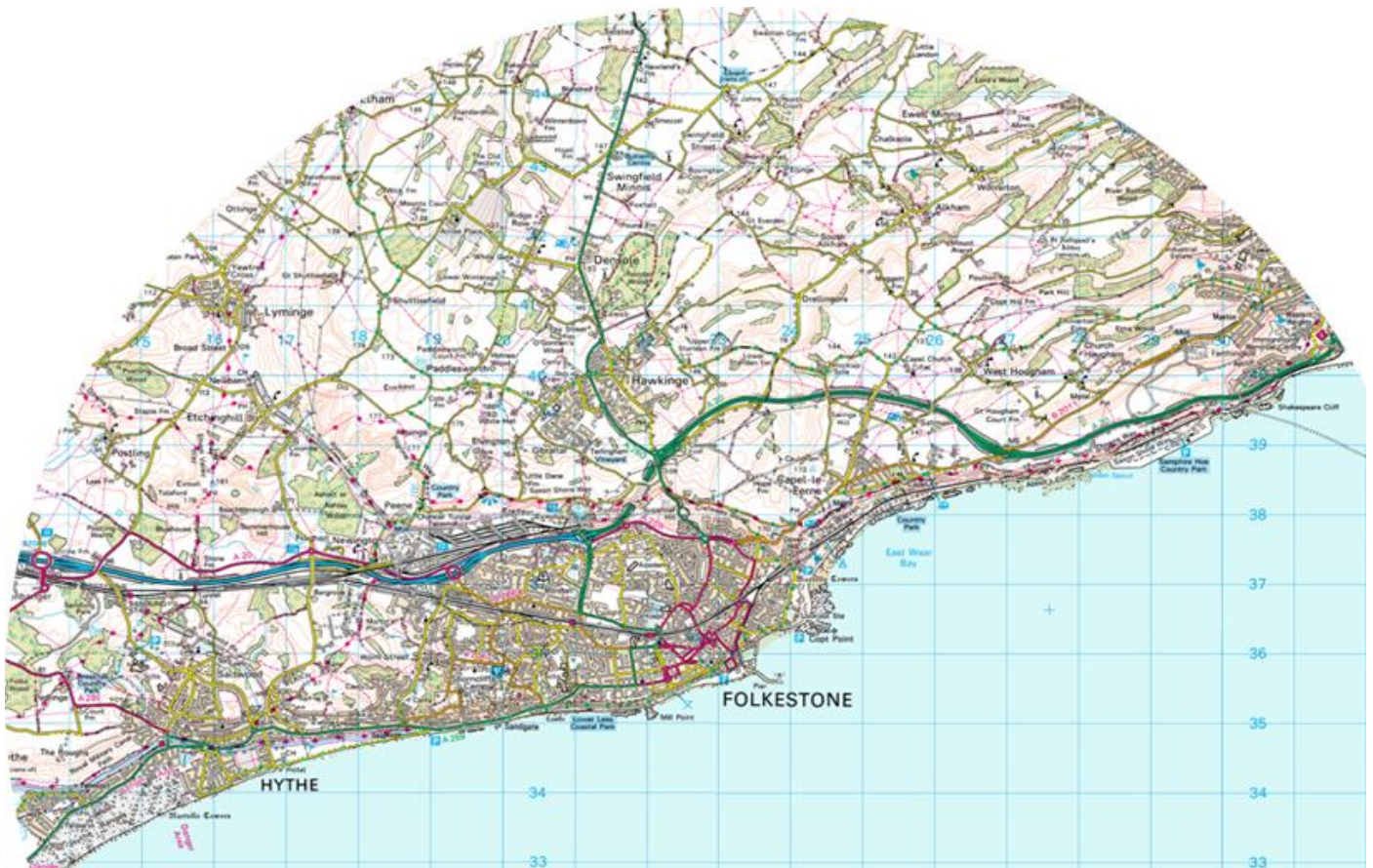
LIST OF BIRDS OBSERVED IN FOLKESTONE AND ITS IMMEDIATE NEIGHBOURHOOD

Foreword

This list first appeared in the Folkestone Natural History Society's fourth annual report, published in 1871, and was later included by Henry Ulyett (the society's Founding Secretary) in his book "*Rambles of a Naturalist round Folkestone*", published in 1880.

It was stated that the society was "indebted to the kindness of Messrs. V. Knight and F. Tolputt" for the list. Little is known for certain of these members but it appears that both were born in Elham; Valentine Knight in 1924 and Frederick Tolputt in 1934. Valentine is known to have been a collector of bird specimens as he lent a Black-throated Diver and a Little Auk, both taken at the entrance to Folkestone Harbour, (as well as a Great Bustard from Northumberland), to one of the society's evening meetings. It is also known that Frederick shot the diver in question off Folkestone Harbour.

"Folkestone and its immediate neighbourhood" was defined by the society as "a radius of six miles from the Town Hall". The approximate extent of this area is shown below. There is much overlap between this and the current Folkestone and Hythe recording area (the 10km squares TR13 and TR23) but the society's range extends further inland to encompass the villages of Lyminge, Elham (part), Hawkinge, Densole and Alkham, and does not reach as far west as Botolph's Bridge, Lympe or Westenhanger.



The approximate extent of the neighbourhood of Folkestone, as defined by the Folkestone Natural History Society

The list of birds comprises some 148 species in total. An indication of the changes in fortunes of a number of species over the last 130 years is provided by the inclusion in the list of Quail, Corn Crane, Stone Curlew, Hoopoe, Wryneck, Lesser Spotted Woodpecker and Red-backed Shrike, all of which would have been much more readily found in those days, whilst the omission of Mute Swan, Great Crested Grebe, Fulmar, Redshank, Turnstone, Sandwich Tern, Collared Dove and Yellow Wagtail would be surprising in a modern list for the same area.

LIST OF BIRDS OBSERVED IN FOLKESTONE AND ITS IMMEDIATE NEIGHBOURHOOD

ORDER I – ACCIPITRES

FAMILY – FALCONIDAE

Peregrine Falcon
Hobby
Kestrel
Sparrowhawk
Buzzard
Rough-legged Buzzard
Honey Buzzard

STRIGIDAE

Long-eared Owl
Short-eared Owl
White [Barn] Owl
Brown [Tawny] Owl

ORDER II – PASSERES

FAMILY – LANIIDAE

Red Backed Shrike

MUSCICAPIDAE

Spotted Flycatcher

TURDIDAE

Missel [Mistle] Thrush
Fieldfare
Song Thrush
Redwing
Blackbird
Ring Ouzel
Golden Oriole

SYLVIIDAE

Hedge Sparrow
Redbreast [Robin]
Redstart
Stonechat
Whinchat
Wheatear
Grasshopper Warbler
Sedge Warbler
Reed Warbler
Nightingale
Blackcap
Garden Warbler
Whitethroat
Lesser Whitethroat

Wood Warbler
Willow Warbler
Chiffchaff
Gold Crest
Great Tit
Blue Tit
Cole [Coal] Tit
Marsh Tit
Long-tailed Tit
Pied Wagtail
White Wagtail
Gray Wagtail
Tree Pipit
Meadow Pipit
Rock Pipit

FRINGILLIDAE

Shore Lark
Sky Lark
Wood Lark
Snow Bunting
Common [Corn] Bunting
Black-headed [Reed] Bunting
Yellow Bunting [Yellowhammer]
Chaffinch
Mountain Finch [Brambling]
Tree Sparrow
House Sparrow
Greenfinch
Goldfinch
Siskin
Linnet
Lesser Redpole [Redpoll]
Mountain Linnet [Twite]
Bullfinch

STURNIDAE

Starling

CORVIDAE

Raven
Carrion Crow
Hooded Crow
Rook
Jackdaw
Magpie
Jay

CERTHIDAE

Creeper [Treecreeper]
Wren
Nuthatch

UPUPIDAE

Hoopoe

ALCEDINIDAE

Kingfisher

CYPSELIDAE

Swift

HIRUNDINIDAE

Chimney [Eurasian] Swallow
[House] Martin
Sand Martin

CAPRIMULGIDAE

Goatsucker [Nightjar]

ORDER III – SCANSORES

FAMILY – PICIDAE

Great Spotted Woodpecker
Green Woodpecker
Lesser [Spotted] Woodpecker
Wryneck

CUCULIDAE

Cuckoo

ORDER IV – COLUMBAE

FAMILY – COLUMBIDAE

Ring Dove [Wood Pigeon]
Rock Dove
Turtle Dove

ORDER V – GALLINAE

FAMILY – PHASIANIDAE

Pheasant

TETRAONIDAE

[Grey] Partridge
Red-legged Partridge
Quail

ORDER VI – GRALLAE

FAMILY – CHARADRIIDAE

Great Plover [Stone Curlew]
Golden Plover
Ringed Plover
Lapwing
Oystercatcher

ARDEIIDAE

[Grey] Heron

SCOLOPACIDAE

Curlew
Green Sandpiper
Common Sandpiper
Woodcock
Common Snipe
Jack Snipe
Dunlin
Purple Sandpiper
Gray Phalarope

RALLIDAE

Land Rail [Corn Crake]
Baillon's Crake
Water Rail
Moorhen
Coot

ORDER VII – NATATORES

FAMILY – ANATIDAE

Brent Goose
Wild [Whooper] Swan
Bewick's Swan
Wild Duck [Mallard]
Teal
Wigeon
Velvet Duck [Scoter]
[Common] Scoter
Goldeneye
Red-breasted Merganser

COLYMBIDAE

Little Grebe

Black-throated Diver
Red-throated Diver

ALCIDAE

Guillemot
Little Auk
Razorbill

PELICANIDAE

Cormorant
Gannet

LARIDAE

Common Tern
Lesser [Little] Tern
Black Tern
Little Gull
Black-headed Gull
Kittiwake
Lesser Black-backed Gull
Great Black-backed Gull
Common Gull
Herring Gull
Common [Great] Skua
Richardson's [Arctic] Skua

PROCELLARIDAE

Fork-tailed [Leach's] Petrel
Storm Petrel