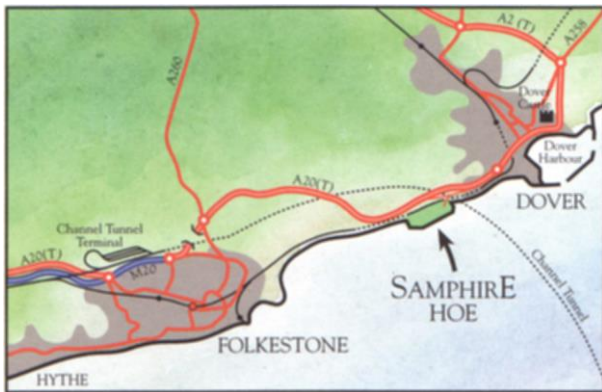


Folkestone & Hythe Birds

Site guide: Samphire Hoe

Location: Access is via a tunnel through the cliffs, which is located off the A20 between Dover and Folkestone, on the Folkestone-bound side of the dual carriageway. Samphire Hoe is sign-posted.



There is a pay and display car park. Charges for cars are £1 for one hour or £2 for all day. The Hoe is open from 7 a.m. to dusk every day.

Facilities: Refreshments are available from the Tea Kiosk, which is open every day between Easter and September, and Saturdays and Sundays at other times. Details of recent sightings are posted on a chalkboard, in a sightings book and are available from the information centre. There are toilets on site.

Access/route: Much of the Hoe is "accessible for all": the recommended route is shown in a free site leaflet (available from the visitor centre at the Hoe, or via the warden on 01304 225649).

Birds: Rock Pipit, Black Redstart and Stonechat are resident. Peregrines and Ravens are frequent along the cliffs and Mediterranean Gulls can usually be seen offshore.

Firecrests, Ring Ouzels and commoner migrants are regular, and the growing rarity list includes Long-tailed Duck, Black Kite, Long-eared Owl, Bee-eater, Shore



Lark, Wryneck, Red-rumped Swallow, Water Pipit, Icterine Warbler, Dartford Warbler, Subalpine Warbler, Asian Desert Warbler, Greenish Warbler, Yellow-browed Warbler, Pallas' Warbler, Dusky Warbler, Short-toed Treecreeper, Red-backed Shrike, Great Grey Shrike (above), Rose-coloured Starling and Serin.

The small pools attract the occasional wader and duck and even Cattle Egret on one occasion, and Water Rails are regular in winter.

Over the last few years the site has emerged as a seawatching site in the spring, with March seeing an up-channel passage of Brent Geese, ducks - including Garganey, and Sandwich Terns, and Black-throated Divers, Common Scoters, waders, Great and Arctic Skuas, and other terns joining in April, and Pomarine Skuas in May. Shelter is limited in the autumn but Manx, Balearic, and Sooty Shearwaters, Leach's Petrel, and Little Auk have been recorded.

Flyover raptors have included Honey Buzzard, Red Kite, Marsh, Montagu's and Hen Harriers, Osprey and Common Buzzard, and White Stork and Spoonbill have also been seen passing over.

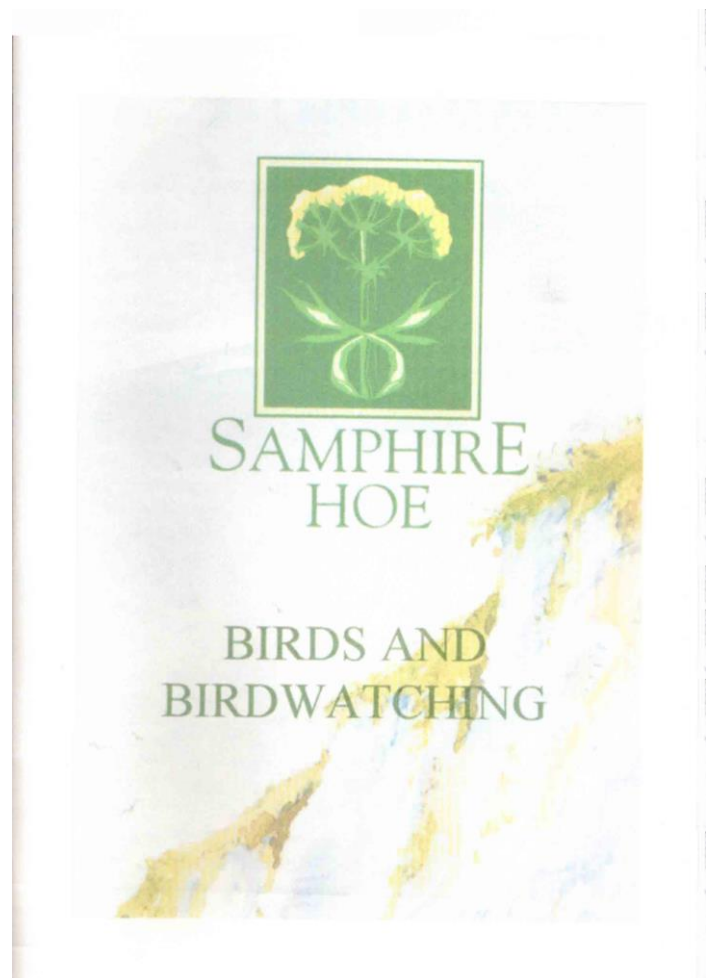
Further information: A leaflet is available (opposite) which provides fuller details of birds and birdwatching at Samphire Hoe. It contains a map and a guide to the different areas of the Hoe, a monthly guide to the species that might be seen and a checklist of the more regular species which occur.

The leaflet is available from the visitor centre at the Hoe, or via the warden on 01304 225649 and costs 80p (+p&p if required).

Samphire Hoe is owned by Eurotunnel and managed in partnership with the White Cliffs Countryside Project.

Full site list:

1. Mute Swan
2. Bewick's Swan
3. White-fronted Goose
4. Greylag Goose
5. Canada Goose
6. Barnacle Goose
7. Brent Goose
8. Egyptian Goose
9. Shelduck
10. Mandarin
11. Wigeon
12. Gadwall
13. Teal
14. Mallard
15. Pintail
16. Garganey

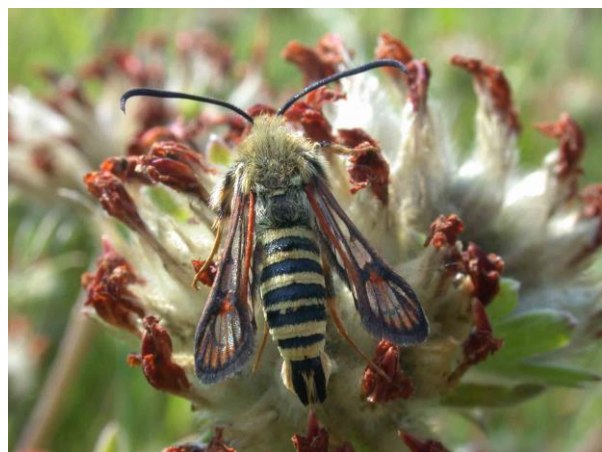


The site is home to a wide range of other wildlife including impressive numbers of Early Spider Orchid (regularly over 10,000 spikes) and moths such as the Six-belted Clearwing. (photos below)

17. Shoveler
18. Pochard
19. Tufted Duck
20. Scaup
21. Eider
22. Common Scoter
23. Long-tailed Duck
24. Velvet Scoter
25. Goldeneye
26. Red-breasted Merganser
27. Goosander
28. Red-legged Partridge
29. Grey Partridge
30. Pheasant
31. Red-throated Diver
32. Black-throated Diver
33. Great Northern Diver
34. Fulmar
35. Sooty Shearwater
36. Manx Shearwater
37. Balearic Shearwater
38. Leach's Petrel
39. Gannet
40. Cormorant
41. Shag
42. Cattle Egret
43. Little Egret
44. Great White Egret
45. Grey Heron
46. White Stork
47. Spoonbill
48. Little Grebe
49. Great Crested Grebe
50. Red-necked Grebe
51. Slavonian Grebe
52. Honey Buzzard
53. Black Kite
54. Red Kite
55. Marsh Harrier
56. Hen Harrier
57. Montagu's Harrier
58. Sparrowhawk
59. Common Buzzard
60. Osprey
61. Kestrel
62. Merlin
63. Hobby
64. Peregrine
65. Water Rail
66. Moorhen
67. Coot
68. Oystercatcher
69. Avocet



Early Spider Orchid - Samphire Hoe



Six-belted Clearwing - Samphire Hoe

70. Little Ringed Plover
71. Ringed Plover
72. Golden Plover
73. Grey Plover
74. Lapwing
75. Knot
76. Sanderling
77. Purple Sandpiper
78. Dunlin
79. Jack Snipe
80. Common Snipe
81. Woodcock
82. Black-tailed Godwit
83. Bar-tailed Godwit
84. Whimbrel
85. Curlew
86. Common Sandpiper
87. Green Sandpiper
88. Spotted Redshank
89. Greenshank
90. Redshank
91. Turnstone
92. Pomarine Skua
93. Arctic Skua
94. Great Skua
95. Kittiwake
96. Black-headed Gull
97. Little Gull
98. Mediterranean Gull
99. Common Gull
100. Lesser Black-backed Gull
101. Herring Gull
102. Yellow-legged Gull
103. Iceland Gull
104. Glaucous Gull
105. Great Black-backed Gull
106. Little Tern
107. Black Tern
108. Sandwich Tern
109. Common Tern
110. Arctic Tern
111. Guillemot
112. Razorbill
113. Little Auk
114. Feral Pigeon
115. Stock Dove
116. Wood Pigeon
117. Collared Dove
118. Turtle Dove
119. Ring-necked Parakeet
120. Cuckoo
121. Barn Owl
122. Little Owl

123. Tawny Owl
124. Long-eared Owl
125. Short-eared Owl
126. Common Swift
127. Common Kingfisher
128. European Bee-eater
129. Hoopoe
130. Wryneck
131. Green Woodpecker
132. Great Spotted Woodpecker
133. Red-backed Shrike
134. Great Grey Shrike
135. Magpie
136. Jay
137. Jackdaw
138. Rook
139. Carrion Crow
140. Raven
141. Goldcrest
142. Firecrest
143. Blue Tit
144. Great Tit
145. Coal Tit
146. Bearded Tit
147. Wood Lark
148. Sky Lark
149. Shore Lark
150. Sand Martin
151. Swallow
152. House Martin
153. Red-rumped Swallow
154. Long-tailed Tit
155. Greenish Warbler
156. Pallas's Warbler
157. Yellow-browed Warbler
158. Dusky Warbler
159. Wood Warbler
160. Chiffchaff
161. Willow Warbler
162. Blackcap
163. Garden Warbler
164. Lesser Whitethroat
165. Asian Desert Warbler
166. Common Whitethroat
167. Dartford Warbler
168. Subalpine Warbler
169. Grasshopper Warbler
170. Icterine Warbler
171. Sedge Warbler
172. Reed Warbler
173. Common Treecreeper
174. Short-toed Treecreeper
175. Wren

176. Starling
177. Rose-coloured Starling
178. Ring Ouzel
179. Blackbird
180. Fieldfare
181. Song Thrush
182. Redwing
183. Mistle Thrush
184. Spotted Flycatcher
185. Robin
186. Nightingale
187. Bluethroat
188. Red-breasted Flycatcher
189. Pied Flycatcher
190. Black Redstart
191. Common Redstart
192. Whinchat
193. Stonechat
194. Northern Wheatear
195. Dunnock
196. House Sparrow
197. Tree Sparrow
198. Yellow Wagtail
199. Grey Wagtail
200. Pied Wagtail
201. Tree Pipit
202. Meadow Pipit
203. Rock Pipit
204. Water Pipit
205. Chaffinch
206. Brambling
207. Serin
208. Greenfinch
209. Goldfinch
210. Siskin
211. Linnet
212. Twite
213. Lesser Redpoll
214. Common Crossbill
215. Bullfinch
216. Snow Bunting
217. Lapland Bunting
218. Yellowhammer
219. Reed Bunting
220. Corn Bunting