

Red-necked Phalarope

Phalaropus lobatus

Category A

Very rare vagrant.

2 records

Breeds in Iceland, northern Fenno-Scandia and Russia, eastwards across northern Siberia to Alaska, northern Canada and Greenland. Migrates mainly overland but winters pelagically off western South America, in the Arabian Sea and among the East Indies (Snow & Perrins, 1998). A rare breeding species in Britain, mainly in Shetland and the Outer Hebrides, where there has been a recent increase to around 80 'pairs' (Holling *et al*, 2019).



Red-necked Phalarope at Donkey Street (Ian Roberts)

A rare spring and autumn migrant to Kent, with most recorded in August and September (KOS, 2020).

There have been two local records. On the 29th August 2009 David Featherbe saw a juvenile from a boat close inshore off of Folkestone and on the 29th November 2020 Ian Roberts found a confiding individual at Donkey Street, where it remained until the 4th December. The records by year are shown in figure 1.

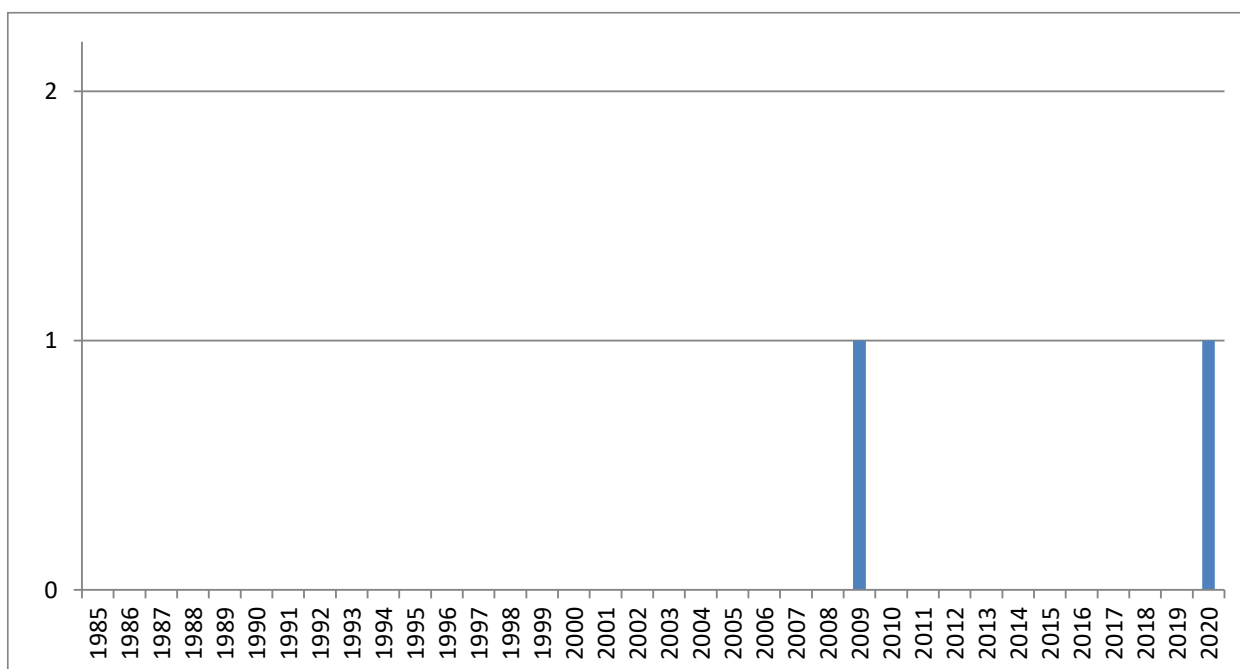


Figure 1: Red-necked Phalarope records at Folkestone and Hythe



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The records by week are given in figure 2. The 2020 sighting was the latest ever in the county (after one at Pegwell Bay from the 15th to the 17th November 2017).

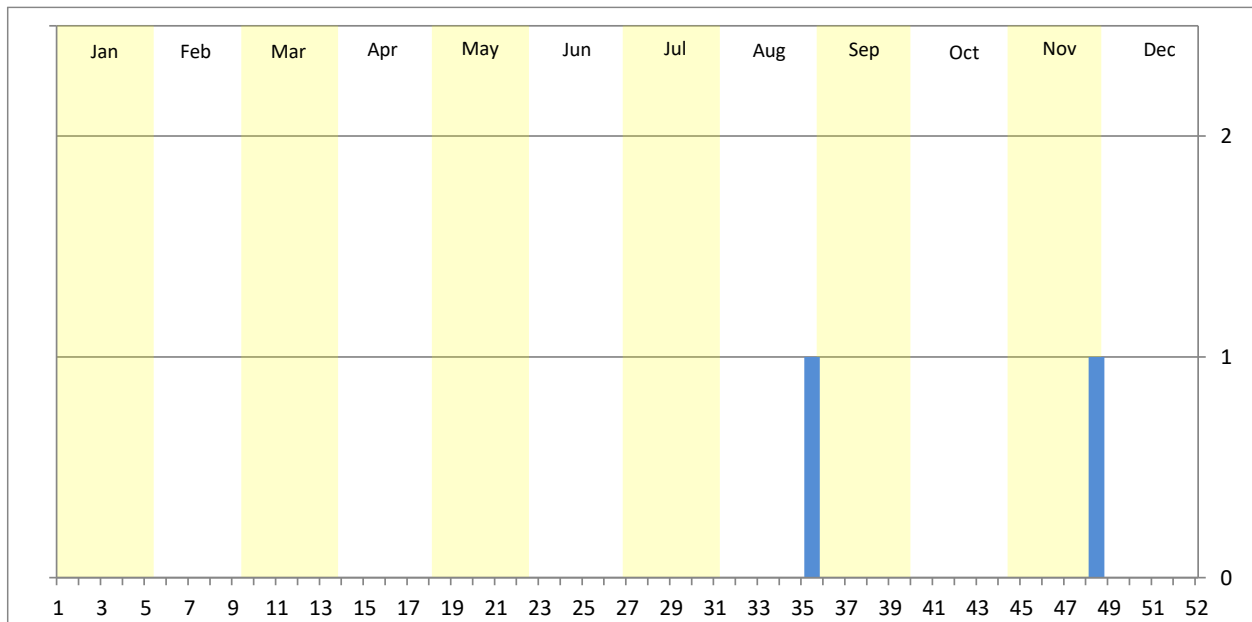


Figure 2: Red-necked Phalarope records at Folkestone and Hythe by week

Figure 3 shows the distribution of records by tetrad.



Figure 3: Distribution of all Red-necked Phalarope records at Folkestone and Hythe by tetrad

The full list of records is as follows:

2009 Folkestone Pier, juvenile seen from a boat close inshore, 29th August (D. Featherbe)

2020 Donkey Street, juvenile, 29th November to 4th December, photographed, video-recorded (I. A. Roberts, B. Harper)

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