

Confirmation of the only record is as follows:

1979 East Cliff, Folkestone, one, white phase, 28th April (J. N. Hollyer, P. R. Laslett)

An account of the first area record is given below, as it appears in the 1979 Kent Bird Report.

**Gyr Falcon at Folkestone
28th April 1979**

The observers were able to watch this bird in flight, at close range, for about ten minutes, and the following points are taken from their field notes: a very pale, large, triangular winged falcon, flying with shallow wing beats like those of a Fulmar. Head snowy white, with no marked moustachial streak, but an eye smudge. Upperparts pale grey, similar to Fulmar. Underparts white, with tiny black dots. Underwing very pale, with fine pale barring and darker primaries. Tail longish, underside appearing grey.

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