

## **Corncrake** (*Crex crex*).

The first for the Bay on Aug 26<sup>th</sup> 1960 was followed by singles on Sep 21<sup>st</sup> 1963, Aug 17<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> and Oct 4<sup>th</sup> 1964, Oct 12<sup>th</sup> 1966, Sep 15<sup>th</sup> 1968, Sep 13<sup>th</sup> 1969, Apr 15<sup>th</sup> and Sep 13<sup>th</sup> 1970 and in Pegwell on Sep 14<sup>th</sup> 1976. In 1984 one was flushed on the Reserve on May 23<sup>rd</sup> with another near St. Georges on Sep 16<sup>th</sup>. There were singles at the Point on Sep 21<sup>st</sup> 1990 and in Pegwell on Sep 28<sup>th</sup> 1993 and with the national picture at an all time low, matters here took an exciting turn when one was heard calling from the Hundred Acre Field on June 6<sup>th</sup> 1994 and a male took up residence on set-aside fields near New Downs between July 1<sup>st</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> with two calling on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Breeding may have taken place but could not be confirmed for fear of disturbance. Subsequent records include singles at New Downs from June 6<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> 1995, on New Downs on Sep 14/15<sup>th</sup> 1996 and Sep 5<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> 1997, on the Estate on Sep 11<sup>th</sup> 2005 and in the Country Park at Pegwell on Sep.24<sup>th</sup> 2013.