

## **Great White Egret (*Egretta alba*).**

The first accepted record was of one flying NE from Pegwell on Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> 2003. One flew SW over the Observatory on Nov 27<sup>th</sup> 2007, but 2009 was *the* year for a species steadily increasing its range northwards. Singles were seen over Pegwell on April 3<sup>rd</sup> and July 10<sup>th</sup>, on Backsand Scrape on Aug 30<sup>th</sup> and on Worth/Roaring Gutter from Dec 27<sup>th</sup> to Apr 21<sup>st</sup> 2010. Subsequently, singles were seen on Oct 18<sup>th</sup> and sporadically on Worth in winters 2010/11, 2011/12 and 2012/13, with occasional records in September and November 2012 and June and September 2013.