

Spotted Crane (*Porzana porzana*).

There were eight records of this highly secretive species at the Bay from 1964 to 1975, scattered through all the seasons. Records since include singles on Feb 4th 1977 (Worth), Dec 10th 1978, a male flushed from a ditch on the Reserve on Apr 24th 1980, one flushed from the Pegwell saltmarsh on Dec 16th 1983, one seen on the riverbank on Nov 4th 1988, a well-watched juvenile on New Downs New Pool from Aug 18th to at least Sep 15th 1995, and one found by the postman on the sea-front on Sep 6th, 1996 (ringed and released in Middle Field).