

Golden Plover

Pluvialis apricaria

Goldregenpfeifer - Chorlito dorado común - Pluvier doré - Piviere dorato – Goudplevier

Fairly common winter, spring and autumn visitor, has increased recently

Recorded most frequently between August and April, with peak counts occurring in winter. There are no June records here. In recent years, the main concentration of birds has been on the flooded area of Flat Beach where they are undisturbed within the electric fencing. Flocks of several hundred birds are also often present at Castle Water or Castle Farm. Golden Plover often feed at night, so during the day they need somewhere safe to roost with good views of their main predator, the Peregrine. When the Golden Plover are flying around in tight flocks it means there is a falcon around. In spring and autumn some birds will have black breeding plumage (as below), whereas in winter they do not.



Peak Counts

3500 on 3 Nov 2004
2500 on 14 Nov 2008
2400 on 3 Jan 2003

Early Dates

2 Jul 1994
15 Jul 2007
19 Jul 1994

Late Dates

28 May 2003
24 May 1970
12 May 1970

Annual Peak Counts of Golden Plover at Rye Harbour

