

Ringed Bird Observations Needed by Jim Baldwin



Picture: Jim Baldwin

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The importance of reporting colour ringed birds was once again proven when Mediterranean Gull 30P4 was seen and photographed at Ryde East Sands by myself on 16th September. The ringer had not received any sightings since June 2017 and the ring is now damaged so my record may be the last sighting.

It was ringed as an immature bird (i.e less than three years old) on 18th June 2010 in Belgium so it is at least ten years old. It was reported at St Helens Mill Pond on seven occasions between August 2010 and October 2013. The last time it had been reported on the Island was in October 2014 at Bembridge Harbour.

This species is highly mobile so it is not surprising that it has also been recorded in East Sussex, Belgium, Netherlands and France where it was reported with a badly swollen right leg in August 2015. Happily it recovered and the last sighting was in the Netherlands in June 2017.

Please report all colour ringed bird sightings to here <http://www.cr-birding.org/> . A photo of the bird can be helpful along with when and where the bird was seen, plus details of the colour ring(s) and colour ring codes where present (smaller birds only have coloured rings). Alternatively you can contact Jim wightbto@hotmail.com and he can enter it on your behalf.