



S. E. Hampshire

Nature Notes

January 29th to February 3rd 2019

BIRDS

A 'red head' **smew** was reported with **goldeneyes** off Southmoors late on 29th. The smew was not found on 30th or 2nd when there were up to 23 goldeneyes in the harbour.

A single female **goosander** was seen off the Hill Head sailing club on 3rd.

A **red-throated diver** was seen in the main channel from the Puffing Billy car-park Hayling Island (North) on 29th. This was eclipsed by a count of 36 off Sandy Point Hayling on 1st and 27 off Hill Head on 3rd. Nine were in Hayling bay on 3rd. A **great northern diver** was fishing off Southsea Castle the same day.

There was a **shag** off Southsea Castle on 29th.

The Warblington long staying **cattle egrets** were still present on 2nd.

A **Slavonian grebe** was seen SW of Beachlands HI near a pink buoy on 2nd.

Up to 18 **black-necked grebes** have been seen this week off the Hayling oyster beds.

There was a report of a **red-necked grebe** by a yellow marker buoy on the east side of the bridge onto Hayling Island on 29th.

Three **avocets** were seen at or from Langstone Bridge midday on 28th.

A **whimbrel** was seen on the mud west of the Langstone Bridge on 29th.

There were 220 **golden plovers** and 110 **lapwings** in sheep fields at Upper Posbrook on 2nd. On 1st there were 26 golden plovers on Holme Farm Stansted.



One of two snipe seen at Farlington Marshes this week by Deryn Hawkins

Common sandpipers were seen this week in the Hermitage Stream at Bedhampton on 2nd and Fareham Creek on 3rd.

Up to 9 **purple sandpipers** have been at Southsea Castle this week occasionally with a **sanderling**. Fourteen sanderlings were seen at low tide in Hayling bay on 2nd.

The usual **spotted redshank** and **greenshank** were at Nore Barn Emsworth at high tide on 2nd. They were reported to be at the end of the Slipper Mill Pond at 04:30! There was also a greenshank in Fareham Creek at high tide on 3rd.

A **jack snipe** was flushed from the shore line opposite Town Quay Fareham on 3rd.

The Titchfield Haven Canal Path **barn owl** was asleep in the usual split tree at midday on 29th, 1st and 3rd.

Kingfishers have been seen this week on the Titchfield Haven Canal Path and in Cams Bay Fareham.

A **peregrine** launched an attack on feral Pigeons heading towards IOW off of No Man's Land Fort this week.

On a meadow behind a horse field at Fort Nelson, Portsdown Hill on 29th there were 12 **fieldfares** and 6 on 1st. There were 12 **redwings** in a Widley park on 1st and a number with song thrushes among the Warblington Castle cattle on 2nd.

There were 18 **magpies** in a tree in a field between Crouch Lane and Hams Lane footpath at Catherington on 30th. They were somewhat agitated by the presence of a buzzard in the same tree. The buzzard refused to be moved from its perch.

A **rock pipit** continues to be seen at Southsea Castle and on 29th there were 3 on the shore at Southmoors.

Up to 12 **water pipits** have been seen in fields along the Titchfield Haven Canal Path this week.

PLANTS

Nipple wort has flowers at Bedhampton Station and **dogs mercury** along Mill Lane Langstone.