



*S. E. Hampshire*

# Nature Notes

April 1st to 7th 2019

## BIRDS

The Posbrook Floods **garganey** was showing well p.m. on 1<sup>st</sup> but has not been reported since.

A male **mandarin duck** flew in from the south at Southsea Castle on 7<sup>th</sup> and was lost as it went along shore west of the castle.

Ten **common scoters** were off Stokes Bay Gosport on 6<sup>th</sup>.

There was a **shag** off Southsea Castle on 2<sup>nd</sup>.

An **osprey** was seen over Titchfield Haven and Gosport at midday on 7<sup>th</sup>.

A **red kite** flew east over Bedhampton on 1<sup>st</sup>

A **whimbrel** was on the Rainbow Bar at Hill Head on 3<sup>rd</sup> and possibly the same one was on the beach on 4<sup>th</sup> until disturbed by a dog walker.

A **spotted redshank** was feeding on the south shore of the lake at Farlington Marshes on 1<sup>st</sup>.

On 3<sup>rd</sup> one was in Langstone Harbour adjacent to the Farlington Marshes viewpoint over the lake - showing first small signs of summer plumage

Around 110 **black-tailed godwits** were in Langstone Harbour on 6<sup>th</sup>.

Seven **greenshanks** were off Northney Common Hayling Island on 6<sup>th</sup>.

Eight **purple sandpipers** were at Southsea Castle on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4 on 7<sup>th</sup>.

A **woodcock** was flushed from alongside the Titchfield canal path on 7<sup>th</sup>.

Ten **little gulls** flew west over the Hayling Island oyster beds on 7<sup>th</sup>.

There were 9 **kittiwakes** seen from Hill Head heading up the Solent and a **little gull** close in shore on 4<sup>th</sup>.

The Titchfield canal path **barn owl** was in its usual split tree west of the path.

A **short-eared owl** was at Farlington on 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Two **swallows** and 15 **sand martins** were

seen at Farlington Marshes on 3<sup>rd</sup>.

A **yellow wagtail** was at Farlington Marshes on 1<sup>st</sup>.

There were 2 **willow warblers** at Budds Farm Sewage Farm on 4<sup>th</sup> and one at Mill Rythe Hayling on 6<sup>th</sup>.

On 6<sup>th</sup> a **marsh tit** was seen at North Boarhunt.

Single **sedge warblers** were singing(!) at Titchfield Haven on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> at Farlington Marshes.

On 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> a **ring ouzel** was in the paddock and hedges behind Fort Nelson, Portsdown Hill.

A male **redstart** was in a horse paddock with small black shed half way along the Titchfield canal path on 7<sup>th</sup>.

Two male and a female **bullfinch** were in a Waterlooville garden on 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## PLANTS

**Three cornered leek** is in flower on road verges in Waterlooville and **cowslips** are now flowering on Portsdown.

## BUTTERFLIES

At Havant Thicket on 1<sup>st</sup> there were many **brimstones**, half a dozen **orange-tips**, including a female, and **commas** and **peacocks**.

## OTHER WILDLIFE

There were 2 **hedgehogs** in a Waterlooville garden on 5<sup>th</sup> with possibly two more near by.

