



**S. E. Hampshire**

# Nature Notes

Week ending April 14th 2024.

## BIRDS

There was still a **barnacle goose** on the Farlington Marshes on 13<sup>th</sup>.

A pair of **garganeys** and a female **goosander** were seen in the open on the Posbrook floods on 13<sup>th</sup>.

There were 16 **avocets** on Farlington Marshes on 13<sup>th</sup>.

A **whimbrel** was seen from Milton Common on 8<sup>th</sup>. One was on the south shore of Portchester Castle on 13<sup>th</sup> and 4 in the same area next day.

A **bar-tailed godwit** came in to roost on the Farlington deeps at high tide on 13<sup>th</sup>.

There were 5 **purple sandpipers** at Southsea Castle on 13<sup>th</sup>.

A **common sandpiper** was feeding along edges of ditch (opposite the wreck) at Castle shore park Portchester on 13<sup>th</sup>.

Two **little gulls** were on the north scrape at Titchfield Haven on 8<sup>th</sup>, on the Posbrook floods on 9<sup>th</sup> and Bridge St floods on 11<sup>th</sup>. One was on the reserve on 14<sup>th</sup>.

A **little tern** was at the Hayling oyster beds on 9<sup>th</sup>.

Five **Sandwich terns** flew east past Southsea Castle on 11<sup>th</sup>.

An **osprey** was resting on the SE shore of Bakers Island in Langstone Harbour midday on 8<sup>th</sup>.

Three **red kites** were seen from the Titchfield canal path on 14<sup>th</sup>.

A **short-eared owl** flew in from the south west and then drifted north over Sandy Point Hayling on 13<sup>th</sup>.

There was a **raven** on Farlington Marshes on 13<sup>th</sup>.

On 8<sup>th</sup> a **tawny owl** dropped out of a Judas tree onto the lawn of a Portsdown garden and stayed for at least 2 minutes.

**Sand and house martins** and **swallows** were all seen over the Posbrook floods on 9<sup>th</sup>. A **swallow** was over Second Avenue Farlington on 11<sup>th</sup>. On 13<sup>th</sup> all 3 species were seen in good numbers in the Titchfield Haven area.

Two **nightingales** were heard singing at Marlpit Lane at midday on 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Sedge warblers** were seen on the Titchfield canal path on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>; and **reed warblers** at Titchfield

Haven and Milton Common also on 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Blackcaps** are fairly widespread now with birds seen and heard on 8<sup>th</sup> on Southmoor Havant, Berewood, Portsdown and Milton Common.

A **lesser whitethroat** was in scrub by the Meon shore hide at Titchfield Haven and a **redstart** in a field west of the Posbrook floods on 14<sup>th</sup>.

## BUTTERFLIES and other INSECTS

**Bee flies** were active in a Portsdown garden on 9<sup>th</sup>.

A **red-tailed bumblebee** was seen on Hazleton Common 14<sup>th</sup>.

Two **orange tip** butterflies seen on 13<sup>th</sup> in an Emsworth garden.

## WILD FLOWERS

**Neapolitan garlic** is flowering on the Ferry Lane roadside on Hayling Island just west of the entrance to the golf course maintenance yard.



## OTHER WILDLIFE

A yellow club fungus was seen by the new boardwalks towards the pond on Hazleton Common on 14<sup>th</sup> coming out of the very wet leaf litter. Might be *Calocera cornea* (Small staghorn).

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