



S. E. Hampshire

Nature Notes

April 8th to 14th 2019

BIRDS

There were 2 **common scoters** off Hill Head on 12th including at least one close to the Sailing Club. One was at the Eastney Sewage Outfall on 13th.

A **goosander** was at Titchfield Haven on 11th.

There was a **shag** at the Eastney Sewage outfall on 14th.

There was a surprising sighting of a **red-legged partridge** at Titchfield Haven on 9th and 13th.

A **cattle egret** was seen at Langstone Mill Pond on 11th.

A **great white egret** flew north over Titchfield Haven and was seen later in reeds south of the Posbrook floods.

On 10th a **red kite** drifted east over the Titchfield Haven Canal Path. About half an hour earlier a **marsh harrier** was seen by the same observer also drifting east over Newlands Farm Stubbington.

Two **whimbrels** flew east past the Eastney Sewage outfall on 14th.

There was a **common sandpiper** at the north end of the Posbrook Floods on 13th.

There were 2 **green sandpipers** at Titchfield Haven on 10th and one on 11th.

A **spotted redshank** in partial summer plumage was on a pool west of the point field at Farlington Marshes on 13th.

There were 6 **purple sandpipers** at Southsea Castle at dusk on 8th but none on 9th.

A **little gull** was feeding along the stream at Farlington on 13th.

Two **common terns** flew east at the Eastney Sewage outfall on 14th.

Two **fulmars** flew west past the Eastney Sewage outfall on 13th.

Cuckoos were heard on the Titchfield Haven Canal Path and Posbrook Floods on 10th Portsdown on 11th.

There was a **tawny owl** on the Titchfield canal path on 14th.

There were 2 **ravens** south of the Posbrook Floods on 13th.

Flocks of up to 100 **sand martins** have been seen on Thorney Island, Farlington Marshes and the Titchfield Haven Canal Path with the odd **swallow** and **house**

martin among them. Smaller numbers have been seen elsewhere.

A **treecreeper** was in oaks by the tarmac part of the Titchfield Haven Canal Path on 12th.

Fifteen **Cetti's warblers** were reported from Farlington Marshes on 10th.

The first report of a **reed warbler** was from Farlington Marshes on 10th.

A **whitethroat** was on the easy access path behind the car park on the Titchfield Haven canal path on 11th and 50m further south on 13th and 14th.

A **stonechat** was on the Titchfield canal path on 12th.

A **grey wagtail** was seen at Southmoor Havant on 8th.

There was a **firecrest** by the stream on the Titchfield Haven canal path on 9th.

A male **redstart** was on the northern fence line of the water treatment works at Eastney on 8th

A **yellow wagtail** flew over the IBM Lake Cosham heading north, calling on 9th.

Two **rock pipits** were flying about the castle walls at Southsea on 9th.

PLANTS

Storksbill is flowering on road verges on Portsdown.

BUTTERFLIES

On the sheltered south facing slopes of Butser the butterflies were taking advantage of the warm sun on 7th including **orange-tip**, **brimstone**, **peacock**, a pristine **small tortoiseshell** and a **grizzled skipper**.

A Cosham garden has had 10 species including **speckled woods**, **holly blues** and male **orange tips**

OTHER WILDLIFE

On Hazleton Common on 11th a **red-tailed bumblebee** and several **dark-edged bee-flies** were seen as well as a **common lizard** and **palmate newts**.

