

S. E. Hampshire

Nature Notes



Week ending April 30th 2023.

Birds

An **Egyptian goose** was on the Titchfield Bridge St floods on 30th.

Five **eiders** were off Hill Head on 30th.

A **cuckoo** was at Farlington Marshes on 25th and 26th and there was one over the A3M/A27 interchange on 27th. Others have been at Butser Hill and Titchfield Haven.

Swifts have been seen at Butser Hill, Farlington, Southsea and high counts of 15 at Titchfield Haven on 29th and 50 at Posbrook on 30th.

There was a drake **garganey** on the south scrape at Titchfield Haven on 29th.

There were 4 **whimbrels** at Posbrook and 3 flew east at Southsea on 25th and 7 were around Southmoor on 27th.

Greenshanks were seen on 27th at Budds Farm and Southmoor.

A **common sandpiper** was at Sandy Point Hayling Island on 29th.

Two **Arctic terns** flew east close in off Southsea on 25th and a **roseate tern** was off Hill Head on 30th.

Around 100 **Sandwich terns** were fishing off Sandy Point Hayling on 29th.

A **cattle egret** flew north up the Titchfield Haven valley with 2 little egrets on 30th.

A **red kite** flew very low over Fairfield Road in the centre of Havant midday on 22nd. Others have been seen in many places.

On 30th a **short-eared owl** was hunting near the lake and view point at Farlington Marshes.

A **hobby** was seen at Posbrook floods at 1333 and at Titchfield Haven at 1405 on 29th.

Five **house martins** were at Clanfield on 30th.

A **trecreeper** was seen near the lake in Staunton Country Park on 24th and another on the Titchfield Canal path on 29th.

Willow warblers were seen on 29th at Titchfield Haven and Sandy Point.

On 24th a **lesser whitethroat** was in a hedge south of Hammond's Bridge at Titchfield Haven and others were seen or heard on the Titchfield canal path on 25th, by the Meon Shore hide on 27th and at Sandy Point on 29th.

There was also a **redstart** at Sandy Point on 29th.

Eight **wheatears** were at Posbrook on 25th.

There was a **whinchat** seen from the Knightsbank hide at Titchfield Haven on 29th.

A **yellow wagtail** flew north over Southsea beach on 25th.

A **bullfinch** was in the area of the Posbrook floods on 24th.

Plants

There are **early purple orchids** in flower at the Long Copse Hill end of Hollybank Woods but the best are still a week or more away.

Other Wildlife

An **albino squirrel** was with a normal grey squirrel on an oak tree in a Stakes Road, Purbrook garden on 23rd April .



A **barn owl** is still using the holes in the rampart at Fort Cumberland.



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