



S. E. Hampshire

Nature Notes

Week ending 25th August 2024.

BIRDS

There were 5 **whimbrels** in the harbour off Castle Shire Park Portchester at low tide on 21st and 2 at the Hayling oyster beds on 23rd. There was also a juvenile **knot** at the oyster beds on 23rd.

A **green sandpiper** dropped onto Frying Pan at Titchfield Haven for 10 minutes on 25th then flew off north.

There were around 170 **sanderlings** at Sandy Point a.m. on 19th.

There were 56 **Mediterranean gulls** roosting on saltmarsh at Northney Common on 23rd.

A **little tern** was on the yacht club beach at Hill Head and an **arctic skua** flew east low across the road bridge at Titchfield Haven on 24th.

A **white stork** flew west over the lake at Farlington p.m. on 20th.

Nine **glossy ibises** were seen on the Titchfield Bridge St floods a.m. and p.m. on 24th and one was at the haven on 25th.

A **great white egret** landed in front of the Suffern hide at Titchfield Haven p.m. on 24th and was still around next day.

Up to 5 **cattle egrets** have been seen in the fields of the NE of Farlington Marshes this week. There was still one around on 25th.

An **osprey** was fishing in the Emsworth channel of Chichester Harbour p.m. on 19th; one circled over Southmoor before flying east midday on 23rd, and one was feeding and drifting south in the afternoon of 23rd.

Two **ravens** flew NE across Farlington Marshes midday on 21st.

A **kingfisher** seen on the Hermitage Stream in Leigh Park Havant was reported as first of the autumn at that site.

An obliging **garden warbler** was seen in the Hawthorn & Elder clump beside the sheep-pen and gates at the Old Winchester Hill hill-fort entrance on 25th.

A **garden warbler** and 4 **whitethroats** were at Fort Purbrook on 20th; and 4 more whitethroats at Fort Widley. Among many warblers at Old Winchester Hill on 25th there was another garden warbler.

There was a **pie flycatcher** and 3 **spotted flycatchers** on Catherington Down on 20th and 3 more spotted flycatchers on Old Winchester Hill on 25th..

Redstarts were seen on Portsdown and Catherington Down (3) on 19th and at the oyster beds, a juvenile, on 23rd. A male was on Old Winchester Hill and 2 at Fort Widley on 25th.

OTHER WILDLIFE

A ***Haminoea navicula*** shell was found in Langstone Harbour. These are often associated with seagrass beds.



Some clumps of **rock samphire** have been flowering along the seawall at Eastney prom.

Hedgehogs have been seen this week in Eastney and Portsdown gardens.

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