



S. E. Hampshire Nature Notes

December 11th to 17th 2017

BIRDS

On 15th & 16th there was a flock of around 40 **bar-nacle geese** south of the ridge in North Marsh at Farlington.

A possible **lesser Canada (Cackling) goose** was spotted late on 17th near the Meadow Hide at Titchfield Haven.

A **long-tailed duck** was seen SW of the boat ramp at Broadmarsh on 12th.

A **goosander** was on the Frying Pan at Titchfield Haven on 17th.

A **great northern diver** was north of the Eastney ferry pontoon and a shag near the lifeboat station on 13th. One of three great northern divers in Chichester Harbour on 4th was off the Hayling lifeboat station. Another was seen in a new area for the species in Cams Bay Fareham on 17th.

A **black-throated diver** and 2 **Slavonian grebes** were seen off Sandy Point Hayling looking towards the Emsworth Channel this week.

Female/immature **marsh harriers** were seen at Titchfield Haven on 13th and at Farlington Marshes on 17th.

A **red kite** drifted north east over Posbrook Floods on 15th.

There were 2 **peregrines** over the RSPB islands in Langstone Harbour on 15th.

A **water rail** was seen at Farlington Marshes on 17th.

Four **spoonbills** were reported on Birdguides off Long Island in Langstone Harbour at low tide on 15th.

There were over 20 **avocets** at Farlington on 15th, 40+ on 16th and 25 on 17th.

Up to 11 **purple sandpipers** have been at Southsea Castle this week. On 14th there was also a **sanderling**. On 15th over 100 sanderlings were on the beach in front of Southsea Caravan Park.

A **ruff** was on the east meadows at Titchfield Haven on 15th and 17th.

A 2nd year **gannet** flew into and then out of Chichester Harbour on 14th.

Seven **Sandwich terns** were off Sandy Point Hayling Island, on 11th and 19 off Sandy Point on 14th.

There were 2 **barn owls** in the split tree west of the Titchfield Haven Canal Path on 15th but just one visible on 16th.

A **kingfisher** was busy around the columns of the Wallington viaduct on 16th and 1 in Cams Bay on 17th.

Six **redwings** were in a Southsea garden on 15th. They continue to be daily visitors to Portsdown gardens.

Firecrests have been seen at Titchfield Haven behind the visitor centre and at the north end of the new board walk.

There were 2 **rock pipits** at Southsea Castle on 14th. On 17th there were 13 **bearded tits** at **Farlington Marshes**.

A **marsh tit** was seen at The Rowans Hospice Purbrook on 12th.

The Titchfield Haven **barred warbler** (below) was still around the Visitor Centre on 17th.



There were 20 **hawfinches** and 6 **bramblings** in the woods at West Dean p.m. on 15th.

BUTTERFLIES

The warmer temperature of 16th brought out a **red admiral** in Old Portsmouth.



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