

Nature Notes



November 26th to December 2nd 2018

BIRDS

The wildfowl at Hill Head may have dispersed with just a **long-tailed duck**, 2 **Slavonian grebes** and a **red-throated diver** reported on 26th. Two **common scoters** flew in from the west on 29th and a single Slavonian grebe was at SU5102 on 2nd.

A **velvet scoter**, 3 **common scoters** and a **drake eider** (left) were on the sea opposite Brownwich on 1st.



A male **marsh harrier** was seen at Titchfield Haven on 27th and a female on 30th.

Two were seen on 2nd.

There were 85 **golden plovers**, a **ruff** and a **jack snipe** at Titchfield Haven on 27th.

A flock of 104 **black-tailed godwits** flew into Cams Bay as the tide fell on 2nd.

Greenshanks were seen at Titchfield Haven (11) and Fareham Creek Town Quay (1) on 2nd.

There were 5 **purple sandpipers** and a **sanderling** at Southsea Castle on 26th. There were 8 sandpipers on 1st.

On 30th there were 70 **common gulls** at Farlington Marshes, 50 on mud opposite the main lake & 20 on the main lake.

Three **Sandwich terns** roosted on the intertidal at Paulsgrove Lake, Portsmouth on 1st.

A **razorbill**, possibly the same one seen earlier at Milford Shelter, landed on the sea at Hill Head at 08:46 on 29th. A **guillemot** was quite happily fishing in amongst the berthed trawlers in Camber Dock, Portsmouth p.m. on the same day.

A **kingfisher** flew upstream to perch at Swan Quay in Fareham Creek on 2nd.

Wintering **blackcaps** are now being seen in a Cosham garden. (Please see note below about colour ringed blackcaps)

A first winter **white wagtail** stood out among a large flock of piers seen on the Titchfield canal path on 2nd.

Ten **bearded tits** were in the reeds behind the chalets north of the toilets at Hill Head on 25th.

Rock pipits were seen at Southsea castle and Paulsgrove Lake on 1st.

Ten **water pipits** were feeding in a flooded section of the field just south (& east) of Hammond's Bridge on the Titchfield Canal Path at SU535031 on 30th. Nineteen were seen on 1st and at least 14 on 2nd.

Last week's **snow bunting** was still on the beach east of the chalets on 26th but has not been reported since.

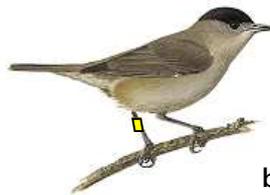
BUTTERFLIES

A female **brimstone** was flying in the early afternoon sun at Denvilles, Havant on 30th.

On 29th a **red admiral** was seen in Locksway Road, Portsmouth.

Colour ringed Wintering Blackcaps

If you spot a wintering blackcap in your garden with coloured rings on its legs and can let us know it would help build up knowledge of the movements of these birds in our gardens.



An e mail to the address at the bottom of this page would be appreciated. We will let you know what we can of the bird's history.