



*S. E. Hampshire*

# Nature Notes

Week ending December 27<sup>th</sup> 2020.

## BIRDS

Two **black swans** were in Fishery Creek Hayling Island on 27<sup>th</sup>.

Three **Russian white fronted geese** - 2 adult and a juvenile - were on Farlington Marshes on 27<sup>th</sup>.

A drake **mandarin** was in the little harbour at Hill Head on 22<sup>nd</sup>.

A **ringed teal** (South American - assumed escapee) was in the Hilsea Lido on 22<sup>nd</sup>.

There was a **goldeneye** in mid channel off Portchester Castle on 24<sup>th</sup>.

There were 19 male **eiders** at Hill Head on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 52 mixed off shore with 2 **common scoters** on 27<sup>th</sup>.

Three **black-necked grebes** were by 'Darling' buoy off the Meon Shore on 24<sup>th</sup>.

Over 150 **sanderlings** were feeding on the Fort Cumberland shoreline on 27<sup>th</sup>.

There were 13 **purple sandpipers** at Southsea Castle on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 15 next day.

There were 32 **snipe** viewable from the Pumfrett hide at Titchfield Haven on 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Four **Sandwich terns** were seen in Chichester Harbour from Sparkes Marina on 22<sup>nd</sup>.

A **guillemot** flew into Portsmouth Harbour on 24<sup>th</sup> and a **razorbill** was close to the Lee-on-the-Solent shoreline on 27<sup>th</sup>.

There was a **red-throated diver** moving east off Titchfield Haven on 27<sup>th</sup>.

A **great northern diver** and over 30 **cormorants** were in the Emsworth Channel at

[SU737030](#) on 26<sup>th</sup> and a great northern diver in the mouth of Langstone Harbour on 27<sup>th</sup>.

A **Leach's petrel** was in the south of Langstone Harbour from 15:00 till dusk on 27<sup>th</sup>. It or another was in Southampton Water earlier in the day.



A **shag** was off Southsea Castle on 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Two **cattle egrets** were among the cattle with little egrets at Castle Farm Warblington on 26<sup>th</sup>.

A female **marsh harrier** flew low over the north scrape at Titchfield Haven on 22<sup>nd</sup>. A marsh harrier flew from the reed beds over the islands in Langstone Harbour on 25<sup>th</sup>.

A **sparrowhawk** dived into a group of wood pigeons in an Emsworth garden on 23<sup>rd</sup>.

A **peregrine** gave an aerobatic display off Prinsted on 23<sup>rd</sup> and one flew low over Farlington Marshes

and landed among the geese on 25<sup>th</sup>.

There were 2 **little owls** at Fort Cumberland on 27<sup>th</sup>.

Male and female **blackcaps** were seen at Hill Head on 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Black redstarts** were seen at Eastoke Hayling Island and Southsea Castle on 22<sup>nd</sup>. A female was at [SU659022](#) in Copnor on 26<sup>th</sup>.

There were 40 **fieldfares** and a few **redwings** at Catherington [SU682144](#) on 26<sup>th</sup>.

A **rock pipit** was at Southsea Castle on 23<sup>rd</sup>.



Photo R Jones in a Baffins garden

## FUNGI

**White saddle fungi** were photographed in a grass area in Rippon Gardens Waterlooville on 23<sup>rd</sup>.

(Photo: J Vardon)



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