



S. E. Hampshire Nature Notes

November 27th to December 3rd 2017

BIRDS

An adult **light-bellied Brent goose** was on the marsh behind the deeps at Farlington on 28th.



A **velvet scoter** (left) and a **long-tailed duck** were seen from Budds Farm on 3rd.

Five **goldeneyes** and 10 **black-necked grebes** were seen from the oyster beds on 28th.

Two **goosanders** were briefly on the oyster beds before flying away to the east on 28th. There were also 2 'redheads' on the Thorney Island Great Deeps on 3rd.

A single **black-necked grebe** was seen off the Hayling oyster beds on 1st.

A **great northern diver** was feeding offshore at Sandy Point Hayling Island on 28th. Two were seen in Langstone Harbour from Broadmarsh on 1st, one diving at the end of the slipway and probably the same 2 from Budds Farm on 3rd.

A **red kite** was hunting over the hill fort and down land at Old Winchester Hill on 1st.

Two **peregrines** flew west over Farlington Marshes on 28th and 1 over the scrapes at Titchfield Haven on 1st.

A **merlin** was seen at Titchfield Haven on 30th.

One **marsh harrier** was over the scrapes at Titchfield Haven and 2 over the islands in Langstone Harbour on 1st, 2 on Farlington Marshes on 2nd and a juvenile on Thorney Island on 3rd.

A **whimbrel** was an unexpected sighting at Tipner Lake, Portsmouth Harbour on 30th.

Up to 40 **avocets** have been seen at Farlington Marshes this week either on the lake or on the Broom Channel west of the reserve and up to 5 **snipe** have been seen on the reserve. A **spotted redshank** was on the lake on 2nd.

On 29th a **ruff** was on the east meadows and an **avocet** on the south scrape at Titchfield Haven.

Twenty **golden plovers** were on Farlington Marshes on 2nd.

Eight, possibly more hidden among the rocks, **purple sandpipers** were at Southsea Castle on 28th.

Six **Sandwich terns** were off Black Point Hayling Island on 27th, 12 on 28th and then 31 on 30th. There was also a flock of 12 in the Broom Channel of Langstone Harbour the same day. These are unprecedented winter numbers.

A **short-eared owl** was at Farlington Marshes on 28th.

The Titchfield Haven Canal Path **barn owl** was in the usual split tree just south of the car-park at 16:10 on 30th.

A **grey wagtail** was at Budds farm on 3rd.

A **rock pipit** was at the Hayling Island oyster beds on 1st and a **water pipit** at the back of the lake at Farlington Marshes on 2nd.

At least 60 **fieldfares** came in to roost at Titchfield Haven at dusk on 28th. On 29th 30 were seen at Petersfield Heath Pond and on 1st 20 were on Old Winchester Hill.

A group of around 20 **redwings** have been frequenting Portsdown & Widley gardens since 1st.

Twenty **bearded tits** were seen at Farlington Marshes on 2nd and 10 on 3rd.

The **barred warbler** (right) that was at Titchfield Haven 2 weeks ago was back in bushes behind the visitor centre on 3rd.



Two **blackcaps**, 1 male 1 fem, were feeding on the few remaining pears on a Southsea tree on 2nd. Four

chiffchaffs were at the Budds farm sewage works on 3rd.

There was a **firecrest** at Heath Pond Petersfield on 29th. Two were showing well in a Drayton garden on 2nd.

Two **bramblings** were in a field south of the track off the Titchfield Haven Canal Path leading to Great Posbrook Farm on 30th.

PLANTS

A very unexpected **lesser stitchwort** was flowering in Emsworth and a **yellow flag** iris in Langstone Pond on Nov 28th.