



S. E. Hampshire Nature Notes

December 18th to 31st 2017

BIRDS

The **barnacle goose** flock at Farlington was still there on 30th.

Three **common scoters** were seen from Broadmarsh in Langstone Harbour on 18th.

A **long-tailed duck** was seen in the distance towards Pilesey Island from Sandy Point on 21st.

Two **goosanders** were fairly close to Bridge Lake sea wall in Langstone Harbour on 21st and one was off the point at Farlington on 21st.

Two **black-necked grebes** were seen off Broadmarsh on 18th.

Two **black-throated divers** were seen in Chichester Harbour on 18th. **Great northern divers** and **guillemots** have been present up to 30th. On 19th & 30th there was also a **razorbill**.

There was a single **great northern diver** fishing off Priddys Hard a.m. on 26th but it disappeared later. Another was off Broadmarsh on 31st.

A **shag** was on the sea west of South Parade Pier Southsea on 19th and 2 were in the same area on 26th.

Two **marsh harriers** were at Farlington Marshes on Christmas Day and 1 quartered the point field on 31st.

Two red kites were on the outskirts of Hambledon 31st and a total of 7 on the road to Winchester.

A **water rail** was on Langstone Mill Pond on 28th.

A **bittern** was seen outside the Suffern hide at Titchfield Haven. It then flew north and was last seen dropping down in the reed bed by the owl boxes.

A **cattle egret** was in a field west of Warblington churchyard on 28th.

Waders seen at or from Farlington on 18th included a **spotted redshank** on the lake and a **whimbrel** on the rising tide west of Farlington point.

There were 47 **avocets** at Farlington Marshes on 21st.

Common sandpipers were seen at Whale Island, HMS Excellent, on the deeps at Farlington Marshes on 20th and 21st and 2 in Fareham Creek on 30th. Up to 16 **purple sandpipers** have been at Southsea Castle recently. On 28th there were 2 **green sandpipers** in fields south of Bedhampton Railway Station.

Eleven **Sandwich terns** were off Black Point Hayling on 30th.

Two **kingfishers** were seen in Fareham Creek on 30th.

Two **barn owls** were in the usual tree west of the Titchfield Haven Canal Path on 28th.

Two **tawny owl** were at Wickham on 19th, 1 seen - calling whilst in flight and 1, heard only, further down the road. There were also a male and a female calling around Great Posbrook the same day.

Seventy **fieldfares** and over 150 **redwings** were on the Titchfield Haven Canal Path on 20th. A single **redwing** and a mistle thrush were in a central Havant garden on 31st.

Four **stonechats** were seen at Farlington Marshes on 21st.

An immature male **black redstart** was at the western end of the chalets by the beach at Titchfield Haven on 22nd and was still around on 27th.

Five **bearded tits** were at Farlington Marshes on 26th.

Two **Dartford warblers** were seen at the south west point at Farlington Marshes on 19th and 1 was on Hayling Common over the Christmas holiday.

Chiffchaffs have been seen at Tipner, 2 in the Southsea Rock Garden, 2 at Baffins Pond (Portsmouth) and 1 in Laburnum Grove Copnor.

Firecrests have been seen in the eastern perimeter scrub at Whale Island, HMS Excellent on 20th, at Heath Pond (Petersfield) on 21st and on the Titchfield Haven Canal Path on 28th.

Four **siskins** were on the Titchfield Haven Canal Path on 20th. Six siskins and a **redpoll** were in a Petersfield garden on 27th.

At last one of the many **hawfinches** that have invaded from the continent this year has appeared in our area. It was seen in Queen Elizabeth Country Park on 30th.

OTHER WILDLIFE

A white squirrel was in a garden near to Fort Purbrook on 28th December until it



was chased off by a couple of grey and headed towards the Crookhorn golf course. Another tried to cross the B2150 Hulbert Road just north of the roundabout with Purbrook Way north of Havant on 30th.