



S. E. Hampshire

Nature Notes

February 4th to 10th 2019

BIRDS



A possible **green-winged teal** was seen at a very misty Farlington Marshes on 6th.

Four **eiders** including an adult male landed on the sea off Southsea Castle on 8th.

Three **red-throated divers** were seen off Hayling Island (South) on 4th.

Up to 9 **cattle egrets** have been reported from Castle Farm (Warblington) this week.

Six **red kites** were seen north of East Meon on 10th.

On 9th there were 13 **golden plovers** among the lapwings on Farlington Marshes.

Around 60 **sanderlings** were on the beach at Eastney Point until they were flushed by dog walkers. At Titchfield Haven 27 were on the shore near the entrance to the west side of the reserve.

Eight **purple sandpipers** were at Southsea Castle on 10th.

There was a **common sandpiper** at Broadmarsh on 10th.

A **razorbill** and 2 **Sandwich terns** were at Eastney Point on 8th. There were also 2 **Sandwich terns** at Warblington on 10th.

The usual **barn owl** was in its split tree west of the Titchfield Haven Canal Path 200 yards south of Bridge St on 7th.

A **merlin** was sitting on grass tufts 200m south of the North Binness trees in Langstone Harbour on 7th.

A **peregrine** flew low at everything around the frying pan at Titchfield Haven on 6th before veering off.

A female **black redstart** was seen in Bransbury Road Southsea on 6th. There were 2 on

walls on the west side of Fort Cumberland on 10th.

Two **redwings** and a **fieldfare** were in a Clanfield garden on 3rd.

On 5th there were 4 **chiffchaffs** between Hammonds Bridge on the Titchfield Haven Canal Path and the next small (closed) bridge over to a farm.

A **grey wagtail** was seen where the stream on the right of the Titchfield Haven Canal Path (heading south) starts to flow quickly (SU5305) on the 7th.

Water pipits continue to be seen on the Titchfield canal path. There were at least 10 in the northern half of the path on 9th.

A nice flock of 30 **corn buntings** was seen on Portsdown north of the main road by the junction up from Portchester on 5th.

BUTTERFLIES

A single **brown hairstreak** egg was found on some suckering blackthorn shoots on the north side of Portsdown on 3rd.

A male **brimstone** was seen on 9th in a sheltered spot at East Meon.

OTHER WILDLIFE

The first report of **frog spawn** this year, a bit later than usual, comes from a Cosham garden this week. **Toads** have also been seen in the garden.

Wednesday 27th February

Wildlife through the Seasons in the New Forest

An illustrated talk by naturalist and photographer Andrew Watts about the wildlife of the New Forest.
7.30 p.m. at Warblington School Havant. Suggested donation £3.

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