



S. E. Hampshire Nature Notes

February 5th to 11th 2018

BIRDS

A **long-tailed duck** was off Budds Mound Langstone Harbour on 5th and 6th.

A **shag** was on the sea off Old Portsmouth on 11th.

The Warblington **cattle egret** was still present on 10th.

A **water rail** was present at Farlington Marshes on 7th.

There was a **marsh harrier** at Titchfield Haven on 7th.



Raptors at Old Winchester Hill this week have included up to 8 **red kites**, 4 **buzzards**, **peregrine** and **kestrel**. There was also a **raven** on 11th.

There were 18 **avocets** by the Eastern Road Bridge as the tide turned on 8th. Three flew around at Hill Head before landing on the sea on the same day.

The Nore Barn **spotted redshank** was in the usual place on the stream at the west end of Warblington Road Emsworth.

A **ruff** was with black-tailed godwits by the Titchfield canal path on 10th.

Over 150 **lapwings** and 6 **golden plovers** were seen south of Old Winchester Hill on 8th.

A **common sandpiper** and a **greenshank** were in Fareham Creek on 5th. There was also a common sandpiper in the Brockhampton Stream Broadmarsh on 9th.

The highest count of **purple sandpipers** at Southsea Castle this week was 13 on 11th.

There were 30+ **sanderlings** at Hill Head on 6th.

A **snipe** was seen on Milton Common on 4th. The Titchfield canal path **barn owls** were in the usual split tree just south of the car-park on 11th.

There have been **black redstarts** at Eastoke and Old Portsmouth. The 3 Eastoke birds have been mobile along the sea front and 2 were last reported on the Sandy Point reserve. The 3 in Old Portsmouth were in sea buckthorn in Broad St and by 11th just 2 were found.

Two **stonechats** were at Old Winchester Hill on 8th and 11th and 2 more on Milton Common on 10th.

A **raven** was seen at Denmead on 6th. Two were on Old Winchester Hill on 8th.

A **chiffchaff** was in the rock garden at Southsea Castle on 8th.

Firecrests have been seen in Stanley Park Gosport on 8th and at the Suffern Hide at Titchfield Haven on 8th and 10th.

Four **lesser redpolls** have been seen every day since 6th January at North Boarhunt SU603109.

BUTTERFLIES

A **peacock** and male and female **brimstones** were seen on Portsdown (Cmpt 7) on 7th.



PLANTS

There is a single **sweet violet** flower in the patch of the plants in Pook Lane Warblington south of the A27.

OTHER WILDLIFE

There is frogspawn in the pond at Yoells Copse Lovedean.