

S. E. Hampshire

Nature Notes



Two weeks ending 2nd January 2022.

BIRDS

A **barnacle goose** was among Brents on Northney Common on 2nd.

A pair of **goldeneyes** was seen in Langstone Harbour from Southmoor on 2nd.

There was a **long-tailed duck** in the south of Langstone Harbour on 20th. On Jan 1st it was fairly close inshore off Southmoor.

On 27th there were 6 **velvet scoters** off Hill Head by the Darling Buoy.

Four 'red-head' **goosanders** were in the Chichester Harbour entrance on 21st. On 1st **red-breasted mergansers** were displaying at Langstone.

A **Slavonian grebe** was seen from the sea wall at Hill Head on 27th.

There have been up to 18 **purple sandpipers** at Southsea Castle up to 29th. On New Year's Day up to 22 **sanderlings** were on the Southsea beaches.

A **jack snipe** continued to be seen from the Spurgin Hide at Titchfield Haven up to Christmas.

An adult **kittiwake** flew from the direction of The Kench just inside Langstone Harbour mouth on 28th.

A smart adult **little gull** flew out of the Chichester Harbour on 21st and was lingering in the entrance on 29th.

Birds seen from Castle Shore Park Portchester this week included 2 **Mediterranean gulls** and **Sandwich** and **common terns**. There were also 2 Mediterranean gulls on the Posbrook Floods on 2nd.

Five **common terns** were seen in Langstone Harbour on 2nd.

A **razorbill** and another unidentified auk were seen near the wrecked mulberry harbour in

Langstone Harbour midday on 20th. Three razorbills were present on 28th. On 31st a **great northern diver** and a **Slavonian grebe** were in the Chichester Harbour entrance.

A spectacular flock of around 200 **gannets** was at the mouth of Chichester Harbour on 28th.

A **black-throated diver** was on the sea in Hayling Bay late afternoon on 20th. Two were in the Chichester harbour entrance on 29th.

Cattle egrets have been seen on the Posbrook and Bridge Street Floods over the holiday period. On New Year's Day 6 were flighty in the fields around the Pook Lane/Church Lane junction at Warblington and 2 were in a different Church Lane at Northney. There were 14 at Warblington on 2nd.

A female **hen harrier** flew west over Chichester Harbour to Gutner Point, then back the other way to Thorney half an hour later on 2nd.

There was a **grey wagtail** feeding in the Lymebourne Stream between the A27 bridge and Langstone p.m. on 21st and one was on the wet field north of Langstone Pond on New Year's Day.

OTHER WILDLIFE

A **white squirrel** was seen in Sandy Dell Purbrook on 27th December and over the New Year Weekend.

A few bats have been flying during the recent mild nights. A static detector in a Wade Court garden has picked up **common** and **soprano pipistrelles** and a **myotis bat (probably Natterer's)** over the nights from 31st to 1st and 1st to 2nd.

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