



**S. E. Hampshire**

# Nature Notes

Week ending January 21<sup>st</sup> 2024.

## Birds

Four **black swans** were seen in the south east of Langstone Harbour on 21<sup>st</sup>,

Two **greylags** were seen on the Posbrook floods this week.

A **ferruginous duck** was among pochards and tufteds on the Posbook floods on 20<sup>th</sup> and was still around next day.

There was a **black-necked grebe** seen in the distance from Portchester in the middle of the harbour on 16<sup>th</sup>. The local **long-tailed duck** was still around.

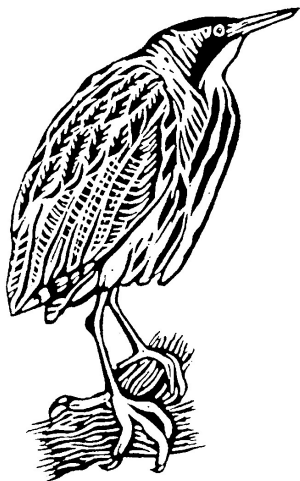
Ten **avocets** were by the stream and shoreline near the sewage pipe at Budds Farm on 18<sup>th</sup>.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> there were around 10 **avocets** by the eastern Road bridge in Langstone Harbour and 51 were just off the west sea wall of Farlington Marshes on 17<sup>th</sup>.

There were 70 **sanderlings** and 30 **turnstones** on Eastney Beach on 17<sup>th</sup>.

There were 3 **purple sandpipers** at Southsea Castle on 15<sup>th</sup>.

Two **yellow-legged gulls** were in Old Portsmouth on 15<sup>th</sup>.



On 20<sup>th</sup> a **bittern** flew from the Spurgin Hide area at Titchfield Haven east towards the Suffern hide and dropped into the Reed bed opposite the Suffern hide.

The 3 **glossy ibises** at Titchfield were on the Bridge St floods on 15<sup>th</sup>. They are now at times on the river north of the bridge.

There was a **spoonbill** on the 'Frying Pan' at

Titchfield Haven on 21<sup>st</sup>.

Three **red kites** were over Butser Hill on 15<sup>th</sup>.

A **Siberian chiffchaff** was active over the canal just north of the church yard bridge north of Bridge Street on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. NB Wellies essential if walking from Bridge St Car park

A **Dartford warbler** was flitting in and out of cover at [SU681037](#) on 16<sup>th</sup>.

There was a **firecrest** feeding in the bushes and the gardens by the canal on the north of the Titchfield canal path on 20<sup>th</sup>.

Two **water pipits**, maybe more, were on the river north of Bridge St in Fareham on 17<sup>th</sup>.

One was in the 'ibis' field at Warblington this week.

There were 15 **magpies** in a single tree on the Ladies Mile on Southsea common on 18<sup>th</sup>.

Ten **redwings** were on Butser Hill on 15<sup>th</sup>.

A bright male **black redstart** was on the ramparts east of Southsea Castle midday on 15<sup>th</sup>.

A **redpoll** was seen near Forestside ([SU763116](#)) on 16<sup>th</sup>.

Six, possibly more, **crossbills** were feeding in pines in the 100 acre car park on 17<sup>th</sup> and at least 2 were there next day.

## Other Wildlife

A white squirrel was seen at the bottom of Common Lane, Southwick on 21<sup>st</sup>.



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