

S. E. Hampshire Nature Notes

July 23rd to 29th 2018



BIRDS

Four **mandarin ducks** were in the pond opposite Hookheath Farm on 24th.

An **osprey** was on the Landing Lights at the Great Deep east side of Thorney Island on 24th.

An adult and a juvenile **little ringed plover** were on the south scrape at Titchfield Haven in the morning of 27th but only a juvenile was seen on 28th and a single bird on 29th.

Two **whimbrels** and 3 **curlews** were seen at Cams Bay Fareham at 19:00 on 29th.

There was a **common sandpiper** at the Hayling Oyster Beds on 23rd and one on the south scrape at Titchfield Haven on 24th and 29th.

A **green sandpiper** flew over the lake at Farlington Marshes on 28th.



Up to 10 **black terns** were at Titchfield Haven/Hill Head on 27th but just 3 on 28th.

On 25th there were over 200 **common terns**, 2 **Sandwich terns** and the lingering **roseate**

terns at Hill Head.

Three **common gulls** were at the Hayling Oyster Beds on 23rd.

An adult **hobby** flew in low along the stream at Farlington Marshes on 28th before heading out onto the marsh on a hunting run. It caught a small bird (a finch?) near the blockhouse and headed off high north with its catch.

Twenty very vocal **swifts** were feeding low at Castle Shore Park, Fareham in the evening on 25th.

A **kingfisher** flew over the south scrape at Titchfield Haven on 24th and one was off shore at HMS Excellent Whale Island the next day.

A flock of 25 **stock doves** were feeding together in recently harvested pea fields at Northney, Hayling Island on 23rd.

Twenty **sand martins** moved through Farlington Marshes on 24th occasionally resting on the eastern sea wall.

A **marsh tit** was seen near the disabled car park at Old Winchester Hill on 25th.

On 28th a **garden warbler** was seen on the Titchfield Haven Canal Path at SU537042.

BUTTERFLIES

A **hummingbird hawk-moth** was in a Castle Street Portchester garden on 23rd.



Six **silver-spotted skippers** and around 30 **chalk hill blues** were on the wing at Oxenbourne Down on 23rd.

Among the many butterflies in the Fort Widley area on 23rd there was a single **painted lady**. One also present on 24th. A painted lady and a **clouded yellow** were on Buddleja in a Cosham garden on 28th.

On Thorney Island there were 2 **clouded yellows** and 150 **small whites** on 25th.

OTHER WILDLIFE

A large **red eared terrapin** was cruising around the south scrape at Titchfield Haven on 27th. This animal was illegally and foolishly released into the wild two or more years ago.