



S. E. Hampshire Nature Notes

February 26th to March 4th 2018

BIRDS

A pair of **garganey** was in the channel opposite the info building at Farlington Marshes with Teal on 28th. They flew down towards the scrape.

A **long-tailed duck**, **goldeneyes** and a single **black-necked grebe** were seen in the north of Langstone Harbour on 4th.

A mixed flock of 17 **eider** flew around close in at Titchfield Haven on 3rd and then settled further out towards Fawley.

Peregrines have been seen at Farlington Marshes and East Meon where there were also 5 **buzzards** and 3 **red kites** this week.

There were a dozen **buzzards** south of Old Winchester Hill on 4th.

A female **marsh harrier** was at Farlington Marshes on 4th.

There was a **water rail** briefly in small pool to the right side of main lake on 4th before it disappeared into the reed bed.

Two **avocets** were bobbing up and down and calling at Baffins Pond (Portsmouth) on 1st at 09:45 before heading off eastwards. On 4th there were 31 at Farlington Marshes.

A **whimbrel** was seen in Cams Bay Fareham on 3rd. A **ruff** was present on the Posbrook Floods on 3rd.

Three **dunlin** and 3 **sanderlings** were seen at Southsea Castle on 1st.

A **green sandpiper** was on the hermitage stream next to Park Community School in Middle Park Way Leigh Park for a couple of hours on 2nd.

On 28th there were 13 **golden plovers** on the east meadow at Titchfield Haven. On 1st there were flocks with **lapwings** on Portsdown, at Southsea and Hill Head and over Hayling Island. At Southsea over 1800 lapwings were with the plovers.

A **woodcock** was flushed from a boardwalk at Titchfield Haven on 1st.

Two adult **little gulls** were feeding at the mouth of Chichester Harbour on 2nd.

The **barn owls** in the split tree west of the Titchfield Haven Canal Path continue to show well.

A **kingfisher** was a real surprise in Staunton country park on 3rd when the lake was frozen.

Four **water pipits**, one at the north of Posbrook flood and 3 halfway down the Titchfield canal path on 4th.

Five **fieldfares** flew west over Hill Head on 1st and others were seen visiting gardens across our area up to 3rd. **Redwings** and increased numbers of thrushes were also widespread on 1st and 2nd. On 3rd 27 redwings and 26 fieldfares were at Cams Bay.

There were at least 20 **skylarks** at East Meon on 4th.

Three **bearded tits** were seen from the reed bed viewing benches at Farlington Marshes on 26th. One smart male was feeding on ground at the back of the lake on 4th. Two were in the reed beds by the roadside viewing area at Hill Head on 1st.

The Eastoke Hayling Island council yard **black redstarts** were still there on 3rd.

A flock of 64 **lapwings** were in the fields between Havant Thicket and Stanton CP (Gipsies Plain) on 4th.

A **chiffchaff** was seen in a Fareham garden on 4th.

A **firecrest** was seen in a Waterlooville front garden on 2nd.

On 3rd 14 **lesser redpolls** were seen at North Boarhunt.

On 4th there were 16 **yellowhammers** at Old Winchester Hill.

A huge flock of over 150 **chaffinches** were on a Stansted Forest track next to a winter feed plot with a minimum of seven **bramblings** and three **reed buntings** in amongst them.

Around 70 **hawfinches** were at snowy Kingley Vale NNR on 3rd and 4th feeding amongst yew trees to the east of the main route. Lots of movement in a small area so true total could be much higher.

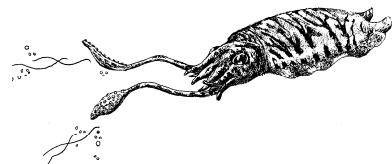
Two **bullfinches**, a male and a female, were seen on the Titchfield canal path on 4th.

Friends of Langstone Harbour Public Meeting

Tuesday 13th March at 7:30 p.m.

Marine wildlife of the Solent and its Conservation

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