



*S. E. Hampshire*

# Nature Notes

Week ending 2020

## BIRDS

Eight **eiders** were off Hill Head and 7 **common scoters** off Lee-on-the-Solent on 5<sup>th</sup>.

On 4<sup>th</sup> there was a **long-tailed duck**, a **goldeneye** and a **great northern diver** on the harbour south of Portchester Castle; and on 6<sup>th</sup> 3 **goldeneyes**.

A female **goosander** was reported with red breasted mergansers at the oyster beds on 8<sup>th</sup>.

A **red kite** flew high over Langstone village on 2<sup>nd</sup>; 4 were seen over the A272 west of Petersfield on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6 over Clanfield on the same day. One flew east over the Posbrook floods a.m. on 8<sup>th</sup>.

Two **marsh harriers** quartered the reeds spooking everything close to the frying pan at Titchfield Haven on 8<sup>th</sup>.



A **water rail** was on the Titchfield Haven Canal Path a.m. on 4<sup>th</sup>. On 6<sup>th</sup> one was seen crossing the flooded section of the path.

There was a **little owl** at Fort Cumberland on 6<sup>th</sup> and again on 8<sup>th</sup>.

A **peregrine** circled above dock 14 in the Portsmouth Naval base on 8<sup>th</sup>.

There were 2 **grey wagtails** in gardens and on houses in Castle Street by Castle Shore Park, Portchester on 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Firecrests** were with a flock of long-tailed tits at Titchfield Haven and in the bushes around the sailing club car park at Hill Head on 6<sup>th</sup>.

There was also one feeding around the junction to the Suffern Hide on 8<sup>th</sup>.

A female type **black redstart** was close to the perimeter fence at Fort Cumberland on the

beach side of the Fort by the derelict building.

A **sand martin** was feeding over Posbrook Floods on 6<sup>th</sup> and at time resting on the northern fence line.

## PLANTS

**Lesser celandines** are now showing in many places and there were a few **wood anemones** in the usual place on Hulbert Road Waterlooville on 4<sup>th</sup>.



## BUTTERFLIES

A rather tatty **red admiral** was flying in a Wade Court Havant garden on 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## OTHER WILDLIFE

Toad spawn appeared in a Portsdown garden on 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **March 17th: Global Warming**

At 7.30 p.m. Dr *Nick Pepin*, a Reader in Climate Science in the School of the Environment, Geography & Geosciences at the University of Portsmouth will be giving an illustrated talk for the Friends of Langstone Harbour at the Drayton Centre 238 Havant Road, Drayton, Portsmouth PO6 1PA.

All are welcome. Access to the meeting will be via a staircase from the car-park at the back of the building.

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