

S. E. Hampshire

Nature Notes



Week ending March 12th 2023.

BIRDS

There were 2 adult and 3 first winter **white-fronted geese** on the Thorney Island deeps on 12th.

There were 2 **light-bellied geese** in the north of Langstone Harbour, and the long staying **barnacle goose** was still on Farlington Marshes on 11th.

A **ringed teal**, a South American forest duck so presumably an escape, was on the Bridge Street floods a.m. on 12th.



On 8th there were 3 male and a female **mandarin duck** on the Staunton Park Lake.

A **long-tailed duck** was quite close in at Black Point Hayling on 10th.

Three **black-necked grebes** were off the oyster beds on 10th.

The WEBS count on the Thorney Island deeps on 12th found 4 **water rails**.

Seven **avocets** flew east over the oyster beds on 10th while a **whimbrel** was on one of the lagoons. There were 15 avocets and 300 **golden plovers** on Thorney Island on 12th.

A **green sandpiper** flew south along the

stream and appeared to land near the Farlington Marshes scrape on 11th.

There were 98 **black-tailed godwits** at Nore Barn Emsworth on 10th. Some were beginning to show breeding plumage.

Twenty **sanderlings** were on Eastney Beach on 10th.

Over 1000 **Mediterranean gulls** were at the oyster beds on Hayling Island on 9th and 50 or more on fields along Copse Lane Hayling.

On 12th there were at least 75 **common gulls** in Fareham Creek and 37 in Cams Bay.

There are still 4 **glossy ibises** in the north of the Titchfield Haven valley. On 10th they were on the footpath north of Bridge Street.

A **barn owl** was found by an observer looking for little owls at Fort Cumberland on 12th.

Two **grey wagtails** were on the Bridge St floods on 12th.

There were at least 85 **fieldfares** at Posbrook on 8th.

BUTTERFLIES

Of a number of **brown hairstreak eggs** located on Portsdown earlier only 3 or 4 were relocated recently and at least one of them had been predated.

PLANTS

Abraham Isaac and Jacob, a borage like plant, and **alpine squill** (right) are flowering well in Catherington Lith.



Moths of the Meon Valley

Thursday 23 March 2023 7:30pm - 9:30pm

Warblington School, Drama Studio, Southleigh Road, Havant, Hampshire, PO9 2RR.

An illustrated talk on local moths, a diverse group of fascinating insects which play very important roles in ecology, including plant pollination and providing food for birds and mammals. Tickets available to book online, tickets price £4 will also be available on the door.

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