



S. E. Hampshire Nature Notes

March 5th to 11th 2018

BIRDS

A drake **garganey** was on the stream at Farlington Marshes then flew up-stream and dropped in by the building on 7th. It was still around but elusive on 11th. On 9th a **velvet scoter** was seen with mergansers south west of the point field at Farlington Marshes.

Ten **black-necked grebes** and a **great northern diver** were seen from the oyster beds on 5th. Several of the grebes were in summer plumage and on 6th the count was up to 18.

A **black-throated diver** swam out of the harbour entrance at Sandy point Hayling Island on 7th but was showing well off the lifeboat station on 8th & 9th.

A **spoonbill** flew high over Titchfield Haven from the sea on 5th and, presumably, the same bird was then on the Posbrook Floods before heading away south. It or another was on the meadow near the Knights Bank Hide on 11th.

A **water rail** was seen at Titchfield Haven on 11th. Three **marsh harriers** were at Titchfield Haven on 5th and one was over the stream at Farlington on 7th before it headed off east.

There was a single **avocet** off of the Ship car park at Langstone midday on 6th and 6 on the shore between Langstone and Warblington on 7th. One was in the harbour west of Farlington on 8th.

Greenshanks have been seen at Farlington Marshes, Castle Shore Park, Fareham and Tipner Lake, Portsmouth this week.

Thirty **curlews** were in fields east of Church Lane Northney Hayling Island on 5th.

Six **bar-tailed godwits** were seen on the south scrape at Titchfield Haven on 5th & 6th and 3 on 9th & 11th.

The usual flocks of **sanderlings** and **turnstones** around the Hill Head harbour were up to 30 and around 50 respectively on 6th.

There were 12 **purple sandpipers** at Southsea Castle on 6th and 15 on 9th.

A **ruff** was among black-tailed godwits at Titchfield Haven on 5th and 2 on 11th.

An **Iceland gull** landed on

the Posbrook Floods for 15 minutes on 5th then flew east with a herring gull.

There were around 300 **Mediterranean gulls** at the Hayling Oyster Beds on 5th.

An **kittiwake** flew out of Chichester Harbour on 8th.

An early report of a **sand martin** was of a single bird flying north up Swanmore Rd Leigh Park on 5th.

A **grey wagtail** was in the field north of the Langstone Mill Pond on 7th.

A **short-eared** and a **barn owl** were hunting along the sea wall on the east side of the Thorney Island between Prinsted Point and Stanbury Point on 4th. On 8th and 10th there were at least 3 in the same area.

Two **redwings** and 2 thrushes were in the field north of Langstone Pond on 7th and 3 in Castle Shore Park, Fareham on 10th.

There were 18 **fieldfares** on a field at Creech Wood, Denmead on 5th and 17 west of Fort Widley on Portsdown on 8th.

A single **black redstart** was on a lawn in front of flats just west of the council yard at Eastoke Hayling Island on 6th.

Four **corn buntings** were in a mixed feeding flock of linnets, chaffinches and yellowhammers at Cheesefoot Head on 7th.

Three **stonechats** were in fields east of Church Lane Northney on 5th.

Four **Cetti's warblers** were at Farlington Marshes on 10th and 6 at Titchfield Haven on 11th.

Two **chiffchaffs** were at Titchfield Haven on 11th and 1 at Castle Shore Park, Fareham on 10th.

Blackcaps were heard singing in Castle Shore Park, Fareham and Titchfield Haven on 10th.

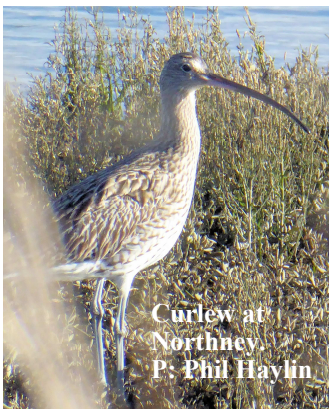
A goldcrest was a first time visitor to a Bedhampton garden on 7th.

A **firecrest** emerged from a rose bush in front of a window into a Langstone garden on 5th. It had first appeared a couple of days earlier. There was also 1 near the Suffern Hide at Titchfield Haven the next day.

A **raven** was seen at Titchfield Haven and Posbrook Floods on 5th.

There were still around 120 **hawfinches** at Kingley Vale on 9th.

A pair of **bullfinches** were on Titchfield canal path on 11th.



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