

S. E. Hampshire

Nature Notes



Week ending November 20th 2022.

BIRDS

A **black brant** was on the lake and then south marsh at Farlington on 18th. On 20th it was in the hay field.

There was a male **goldeneye** north of the oyster beds lagoons on 14th and a male and a female were in the area on 15th and 18th.

A **long-tailed duck** was seen from the oyster beds in the NE of Langstone Harbour on 19th and was between Southmoor and Long Island next day.

Up to 8 **red-breasted mergansers** were in the oyster beds area of Langstone Harbour on 15th.

Three **goosanders** were at Hill Head on 14th and 8 were in the Chalkdock area of Langstone Harbour before they flew southeast midday on 20th.

Two **water rails** were showing well in front of the Meon Shore hide at Titchfield Haven on 19th.

Two **black-necked grebes** were in the north of Langstone Harbour on 14th and 15th and 1 on 18th.

Three **purple sandpipers** were seen at Southsea Castle on 14th and 8 on 16th and 20th. Two were at Fort Cumberland on 19th.

An adult winter **Mediterranean gull** and 19 **Sandwich terns** were resting on the mud of Sweare Deep in Chichester Harbour on 14th. A single Sandwich tern was at Farlington on 18th and 2 at Hill Head on 20th.

An immature **kittiwake** was in the Langstone Harbour entrance and **little gulls** on the Southsea sea front on 16th and Hayling Bay on 17th. One was at Hill Head on 20th.

A **red-throated diver** was in the Chichester

Harbour entrance on 14th and at Sandy Point on 16th. **Great northern divers** were in Sweare Deep and in the Langstone Channel on 14th and at Sandy Point on 16th and 17th..

A **shag** was in Hayling Bay on 17th.

There were 4 **glossy ibises** on the south scrape at Titchfield Haven p.m. on 20th.

There was a **bittern** in a pool in front of the west hide at Titchfield Haven on 17th and it was seen from the Meon Shore hide on 19th.

Fifteen **cattle egrets** were in a field west of the church at Warblington at midday on 18th.

A **great white egret** was seen at Southmoor at 1405 and at an unspecified time at the Thorney Islands west deeps on 19th.



Kingfishers have been seen this week at Southmoor and Langstone Mill Pond.

A **firecrest** was on the Billy Trail behind the oyster beds on 14th.

A **Dartford warbler** was in bushes opposite the viewing platform at Titchfield Haven on 18th and 2 were with **stonechats** by the road on 19th.

Last week's **black redstart** was still around Southsea Castle on 14th. One (same one?) was at Halliday Crescent Eastney on 17th.

A **lesser redpoll** and **siskins** were in the trees round the Langstone Mill Pond on 14th.

OTHER WILDLIFE

A **grey seal** was seen from Fort Cumberland on 19th.