

S. E. Hampshire

# Nature Notes



Week ending November 14th 2021.

## BIRDS

A **lite-bellied Brent goose** was seen off Langstone Pond midweek and another off Black Point Hayling Island on 14<sup>th</sup>.

There were 37 **aiders** off Hill Head and **common scoters** of Hill Head and Hayling Island on 13<sup>th</sup>. A **goldeneye** and 4 **goosanders** were in Langstone Harbour on 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>.

Two **velvet scoters** have been in the Chichester Harbour entrance visible in the distance from Black Point since 8<sup>th</sup>.

Four **water rails** were seen on Farlington Marshes on 8<sup>th</sup>.

A **red-necked grebe** was off Eastoke Hayling Island on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Slavonian grebes** were offshore at Hill Head from 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> and Hayling Island on 14<sup>th</sup>. **Black-necked grebes** were seen in Langstone Harbour on 9<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>.

There were 4 **avocets** on Farlington Marshes on 8<sup>th</sup>.

A **spotted redshank** seen at Nore Barn this week is thought to be a different bird to the regular winter resident.

A **green sandpiper** was on the flooded field north of Langstone Mill Pond on 12<sup>th</sup>.

There were 22 **bar-tailed godwits** on the mud off Warblington on 9<sup>th</sup> and 6 at Black Point Hayling on 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Sanderlings** were seen at Hill Head, Hayling Island and Eastney on 8<sup>th</sup>. At Hill Head there were up to 150 on 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>.

Up to 16 **purple sandpipers** have been at Southsea Castle this week.

A **jack snipe** continued to show well from the Spurgeon Hide at Titchfield on 8<sup>th</sup>. On the same day 64 **snipe** were counted at Farlington and similar numbers were seen at Titchfield on 11<sup>th</sup>.

Three **greenshanks** were on the flooded fields of Southmoor on 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Sandwich terns** have been seen at Eastney on 8<sup>th</sup>, Warblington on 9<sup>th</sup> and at Black Point on 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Razorbill** and a **red-throated diver** were seen leaving Chichester Harbour on 8<sup>th</sup>. **Razorbills** and **guillemots** have been seen off Hill Head on 9<sup>th</sup>, off the Salters car-park on 10<sup>th</sup> and in the Chichester harbour entrance on 14<sup>th</sup>.

A **marsh harrier** was at Farlington Marshes on 13<sup>th</sup>.

Four **white-tailed eagles** were seen over the Solent from Hill Head on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Little owls** were seen at Fort Cumberland and Sandy Point on 8<sup>th</sup>.

Two **ravens** were together over The Kench on Hayling Island on 9<sup>th</sup>.

A late **swallow** flew over west Hayling on 13<sup>th</sup>.

Twelve **bearded tits** were showing well at the lake at Farlington on 8<sup>th</sup> and 2 were in the reeds by the Meon hide at Titchfield Haven on 10<sup>th</sup>.

A **Dartford warbler** was on the fence behind the lake at Farlington Marshes with a **stonechat** on 14<sup>th</sup>.

A male **black-redstart** was present around Copperfield House Buckland Portsmouth from Monday to Tuesday this week.

There were 2 **rock pipits** at Southsea Castle on 8<sup>th</sup> and a **water pipit** at Castle Farm Warblington on 9<sup>th</sup>.

Up to 8 **snow buntings** have been on the Sinah beach area this week.

There were 4 **yellowhammers** and 6 **reed buntings** at Pigeon house Farm Widley on 14<sup>th</sup>.

## BUTTERFLIES

**Beautiful plume moths** were seen on 6<sup>th</sup> at Dornmere Lane Waterlooville and 10<sup>th</sup> on Portsdown.

## OTHER WILDLIFE

Trooping funnel fungi were seen at the wood at end of Dornmere Lane Waterlooville on 12<sup>th</sup>.

A **necklace shell** was washed up on Eastney Beach on 12<sup>th</sup>

A **smokey red fox** seen this week on Farlington Marches.

(Photo: Brett Martin.)



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