



**S. E. Hampshire**

# Nature Notes

Week ending 17th November. 2024.

## BIRDS

There was a **light-bellied Brent** among the other Brents on the rainbow bar at Hill Head on 17<sup>th</sup>.

Twenty **aiders** with very vocal courting males were seen at Hill Head on 13<sup>th</sup>.

There were still two **black-necked grebes** at the Chichester Harbour entrance p.m. on 13<sup>th</sup>. They were joined briefly by a **Slavonian**.

Nine **avocets** were seen on the scrapes at Titchfield Haven a.m. before they flew away south on 13<sup>th</sup>.

The first report of **purple sandpipers** at Southsea Castle was on one on 13<sup>th</sup>.

Eight **Sandwich terns** were in the Northney area of Chichester Harbour on 15<sup>th</sup>.

Three **glossy ibises** were in horse paddocks by the Titchfield Bridge St floods on 15<sup>th</sup> and in the reed beds behind the Posbrook floods on 17<sup>th</sup>.

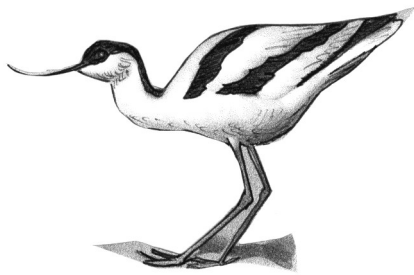
A **great white egret** was seen from the west shore path of Thorney Island on 15<sup>th</sup>.

Two **spoonbills** were on the scrapes early a.m. at Titchfield Haven on 13<sup>th</sup> and one flew south on 17<sup>th</sup>.

A possible **rough-legged buzzard** was with common buzzards and kites between Butser and Ramsdean on 13<sup>th</sup>.

There was a **raven** at Farlington on 17<sup>th</sup>  
Seven **ring-necked parakeets** flew east over Sandy Point Hayling Island on 16<sup>th</sup>.

Up to 18 **bearded tits** were reported on the north west side of Thorney Island on various



days this week.

A **Dartford warbler** was among stonechats at Sandy Point Hayling Island midday on 11<sup>th</sup> and 2 were in bushes north of the Knight's Bank hide at Titchfield Haven on 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Firecrests** have been seen this week at Northney, 1 on 15<sup>th</sup>, and from a Portchester garden, 2 on 16<sup>th</sup>.

There was a **black redstart** on the roof of a house in St Augustine Road Southsea early a.m. on 12<sup>th</sup>.

Two **grey wagtails** appeared together on a puddle on the flat roof of a Portchester house on 14<sup>th</sup>.

A **water pipit** was seen and heard on meadows east of the Knight's Bank Hide at Titchfield Haven on 17<sup>th</sup>.

At Hill Head early on 13<sup>th</sup> there was a **brambling** and just one **stonechat**. Male and female **stonechats** have been seen at Farlington and Titchfield Haven.

## BUTTERFLIES

At the East end of Portsdown Hill immediately below Fort Widley on 13<sup>th</sup> a **speckled wood** was in flight along with a **red admiral** feeding on Ivy blooms and another landing at rest on the path. There was also a red admiral at Farlington on 17<sup>th</sup>.



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