

# Nature Notes



November 19th to 25th 2018

## BIRDS

A **white-fronted goose** flew into the hay field at Farlington a.m. on 23<sup>rd</sup>.

A **pale bellied Brent goose** flew into Chichester Harbour on 22<sup>nd</sup>.

A **barnacle goose** was with the Canadian geese on Farlington Marshes on 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Hill Head sea duck fest.** There were 2 female **goosanders** feeding close in off the harbour entrance at Hill Head at dusk on 21st and one on 22nd. On 22nd there were 2 male **eiders**, a **long-tailed duck**, **Slavonian grebes** from 19th to 23rd and **great northern** and **red-throated divers** from 20th to 22nd. Most of these species were still present on 25<sup>th</sup>.

Six **eiders** were in Langstone Harbour on 23<sup>rd</sup>, a group of 5 towards long island and a single towards Southmoors viewed from the Hayling oyster beds.

There were also 2 **common scoters**.

A female/immature **velvet scoter** was in Chichester Harbour north of HISC in the evening of 22<sup>nd</sup>. One was seen the next day south of the trig point on Chilling Cliffs. It was around from 08:50 and later with fem common scoters.

A 'red head' **goosander** was present in Fishery Creek Hayling Island on 24<sup>th</sup>.

A **red-throated diver** and 2 **shags** were seen at Southsea Castle on 23<sup>rd</sup> and a **black-throated**, a **great northern** and 7 red-throated divers were off Sandy Point Hayling Island on the same day.

There was a **red-necked grebe** east of the point at Farlington Marshes on 23<sup>rd</sup>.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> a **Slavonian grebe** was off the oyster beds in Langstone Harbour.

An immature **marsh harrier** flew east over Langstone Bridge on 23<sup>rd</sup> and one was seen hunting over the Farlington Marshes reed beds on 25<sup>th</sup>.

There were 52 **avocets** on the lake at Farlington Marshes on 25<sup>th</sup>.

A flock of 38 **golden plovers** were seen at Black Point Hayling Island on rising high tide before they were flushed by sailing activity. There was a single on the south scrape at Titchfield Haven the same day.

A **jack snipe** was on the southern edge of the Farlington Marshes lake on 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Sandwich terns** have been seen this week on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> at Hill Head and on 25<sup>th</sup> at Farlington Marshes.

A **peregrine** was seen attempting to steal food from second bird on the ground before both flew off. One sped off to hunt over Langstone harbour high tide roost.

A flock of at least a dozen **bearded tits** were seen in Meon Marsh at Hill Head on 25<sup>th</sup>.

A female **blackcap** was seen in a Southsea garden on 24<sup>th</sup>.

There was a **jay** present in the Eastern Road/ Stride Avenue area on 24<sup>th</sup>.

Two **Dartford warblers** were at Gilkicker Point on 23<sup>rd</sup>.

A male **stone chat** was at the top of Compartment 4 on Portsdown on 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Two **water pipits** were feeding in corner of field just west of the Titchfield canal path at SU538040 and another was calling by the Posbrook Flood.

Two **marsh tits** were seen at North Boarhunt on 21<sup>st</sup>. One, maybe 2, **snow buntings** were on the beach and mud at Titchfield Haven on 22<sup>nd</sup>. At least 1 was still present in the area near the toilet block on 25<sup>th</sup>.

## PLANTS

There were a few **yellow wort** flowers hanging on on Portsdown this week.

## FUNGI

A ring of **giant funnel fungi** were seen in the usual site in Tempest Ave, Waterlooville on 21<sup>st</sup>.

There were 2 **amethyst deceivers** in a Portsdown garden this week.

**Fly agarics**, washed orange and free of spots, were seen at The Rowans on 24<sup>th</sup>.

