



S. E. Hampshire Nature Notes

November 20th to 26th 2017

BIRDS

Three **eidler** flew west past Titchfield Haven and up Southampton Water on 25th.

There were still 2 **velvet scoters**, 1 **great northern diver** and 8-10 **black-necked grebes** off Southmoors on 20th. On 21st the velvet scoters flew from the sea off Budds Farm west well into the Chalkdock area of the harbour and on 24th they were off the oyster beds. A great northern diver was feeding around a yellow buoy off Sandy Point Hayling for an hour on 26th.

The Petersfield Pond **goosanders** were still there on 23rd. There were also 2 at Titchfield Haven on 25th.

Eight **red kites** and 2 **buzzards** were soaring east of East Meon on 21st.

A **marsh harrier** (probably female) was quartering the reed beds near the white stilted houses south of the Emsworth Marina on 23rd. There were sightings of a single bird at Titchfield Haven and also flying over Ranvilles Lane fairly high from west towards Fareham. On 26th one was at Farlington Marshes.



A **water rail** was flushed from reeds by the edge of one of the pools on Hilsea Lines on 26th.

An **avocet** was at Titchfield Haven on 25th.

On Tuesday 21st there was a **cattle egret** in the field opposite the junction of Church Lane & Pook Lane Warblington.

One **purple sandpiper** was at Southsea Castle at 15:00 on 21st and 2 at 11:30 on 23rd.

On 25th 24 **sanderlings** were on the beach in front of the harbour at Titchfield Haven including one ringed bird apparently from Thorney Island. Around 70 **golden plovers** circled over the haven towards the north.

A **common sandpiper** was on the Cams Bay

golf course pond on 26th and a **greenshank** was in the nearby Fareham Creek.

A single **avocet** was on the south scrape at Titchfield Haven on 23rd and 25th. There were 20 off Thorney Island eastern footpath on 23rd. Two adult **kittiwakes** moved slowly west past Southsea Castle on 23rd.

There were 5 **Sandwich terns** at Tipner Lake, Portsmouth Harbour on 22nd.

A **black guillemot** was swimming and diving just offshore N of the Hayling Island Lifeboat Station at 13:15 on 23rd before it flew south out to sea.

Kingfishers have been seen at Titchfield Haven and on the Titchfield Haven Canal Path this week.

Six **stonechats** were seen from the Titchfield Haven Canal Path on 25th.

Ten **bearded tits** were seen at Farlington Marshes on 26th.

A male **black redstart** could be viewed from the beach in the derelict Fort Cumberland site at Eastney on 24th.

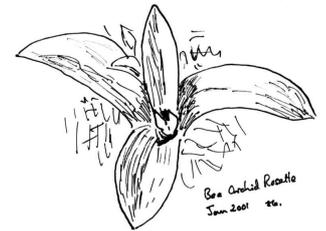
A **raven** saw off jackdaws at Titchfield Haven on 20th and 2 flew over the reserve on 25th.

PLANTS

Rosettes of **Bee orchid** are showing in a Portsdown garden,

early purple at Northney Common and **green veined** in a south Hayling garden.

A single **Nottingham catchfly** flower is hanging on at Gunner Point and a **common centaury** has 'a good head of flowers'



OTHER WILDLIFE

A **water vole** was active in the ditches at Titchfield Haven on 24th.