



**S. E. Hampshire**

# Nature Notes

Week ending November 3<sup>rd</sup>. 2024.

## BIRDS

A **black swan** was present by the Delme Roundabout in Fareham Creek on 1<sup>st</sup>.

There was a **black brant** and 2 **pale bellied** among the Brents north west of Black Point Hayling Island on 29<sup>th</sup>.

There were 16 male and 7 female **aiders** off Hill Head on 31<sup>st</sup>.

There has still been a **black-necked grebe** off the oyster beds this week but the divers seem to have moved on.

Twelve **stock doves** were among the many wood pigeons on the Hayling West Lane fields on 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Two **whimbrels** were on one of the lagoons at the oyster beds on 29<sup>th</sup> and again on the north east lagoon on 2<sup>nd</sup>.

There were 17 **snipe** on one tiny island viewable from the Meon Shore hide at Titchfield Haven on 30<sup>th</sup>.



A **woodcock** was flushed from a path at the west end of the IBM lake at Cosham on 29<sup>th</sup>.

On 30<sup>th</sup> there were 150 **sanderlings** and 8 **ringed plovers** on the beach at Sandy Point Hayling Island.

Two **green sandpipers** were on Farlington playing fields (Probably the playing fields behind the Holiday Inn) a.m. on 30<sup>th</sup>. There was one on the Titchfield Bridge St floods on 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Approx 30 **sanderlings** were in a high tide roost at Hill Head on 2<sup>nd</sup>.

There were 2 **greenshanks** at the oyster beds on 2<sup>nd</sup>.

A **shag** was seen off Sandy Point HI on 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.

A **great white egret** was on the stream between the hut and the lake at Farlington Marshes on 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Three **glossy ibises** were on the Titchfield Bridge St floods on 30<sup>th</sup>.

Two **marsh harriers** were seen from the canal path quartering the reed beds at Titchfield Haven on 28<sup>th</sup>.

A **short-eared owl** seen over the Solent from Hill Head was being mobbed by gulls on 1<sup>st</sup>.

A **merlin** offshore at Hill Head caught a pipit before moving east on 1<sup>st</sup>.

There were at least 15 **skylarks** on the Hayling West Lane fields on 3<sup>rd</sup>.

A **ring ouzel** was among blackbirds and thrushes at Pigeon House Farm Portsdown on 29<sup>th</sup>.

Two **black redstarts** were in the council yard off the eastern sea wall on Hayling Island on 29<sup>th</sup> and one was 250m west of the Sandy Point reserve on 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Two **rock pipits** were on the northern bunds at the oyster beds on 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Two **hawfinches** flew over the Bridge St Titchfield car-park a.m. on 31<sup>st</sup>.

A **snow bunting** was on the beach west of the reserve at Sandy Point from 28<sup>th</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>.



There were 11 **yellowhammers** on Pigeon House Farm hedges on 29<sup>th</sup>.

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