

S. E. Hampshire

Nature Notes



October 29th to November 4th 2018

BIRDS

Two **black swans** were in Chichester Harbour (Hampshire) on 1st.

Four **light-bellied Brent geese** were reported from Southsea common by the war memorial (SZ638986) on 31st. In a flock of just over 70 **dark-bellied** on HMS Sultan polo field, Gosport on 4th there were around 30 first year birds.

Two **goldeneyes** were seen from the oyster beds on 2nd.

Two **goosanders** visited the lake at Farlington Marshes briefly on 3rd before flying off to the west.

A **red-throated diver**, a **red-necked** and a **Slavonian grebe** were seen in the entrance to Chichester Harbour on 1st. The red-necked was still there on 2nd.

There were 6 **black-necked** and 1 **Slavonian grebe** off the oyster beds on 2nd and 8 black-necked on 4th.

The **great white egret** of last week was still on Heath Pond (Petersfield) on 31st.

A **rough-legged buzzard** flew over Farlington Marshes and Portsea Island on 29th. One was photographed at Rustington in Sussex the following day.

Red kites were seen on 30th in Stansted Park and over Portsdown. One was over Titchfield Haven on 2nd. One appearing regularly at Deanlane End may be from a nearby winter roost.

A **marsh harrier** was seen at Farlington Marshes on 31st, 2nd and 3rd. One was over the lake. A female **hen harrier** flew between the point field and the reeds on the stream on 2nd.

There were 24 **avocets** on the lake at Farlington Marshes on 31st.

A **ruff** was on the south scrape at Titchfield Haven on 2nd.

Three **purple sandpipers** were on the foreshore at Southsea Castle at low tide on 31st.

Single **green sandpipers** were seen on the Frying Pan at Titchfield Haven and The Deeps at Farlington Marshes on 2nd.

The first sighting this winter of the Nore Barn Emsworth **spotted redshank** was on 28th. It was also seen the next day. On 3rd one was seen in Langstone Har-

bour from Farlington Marshes.

Up to 3 **jack snipe** were out in the open feeding and preening around the cut reed area on the lake at Farlington on 31st. Seven **snipe** were wading in the open shallows at the back of the lake on 29th.

A **guillemot** and 20 **Sandwich terns** were in the Chichester Harbour entrance on 1st.

A **barn owl** has been hunting over Deanlane End fields at dusk this week.

A **short-eared owl** was hunting over salt marsh on the eastern edge of Thorney island on 27th and one was on the point field at Farlington for over ½ an hour on 2nd.

A **raven** was seen at Farlington Marshes at 13:30 on 29th.

A lone **swallow** was seen heading south over Hilsea Lines Portsmouth on 3rd.

There were 20 **fieldfares** in Stansted Park woodland on 30th and 10 **redwings** at Deanlane End on 4th.

There was a **rock pipit** on the sea wall where the path from the hut meets the sea wall at Farlington on 29th.

A **Dartford warbler** was still being seen this week around the west entrance to the Titchfield Haven reserve.

A **grey wagtail** was reported feeding on the pavement between Union Rd and West St Havant on 2nd.

BUTTERFLIES

A **red admiral** was in a Portsdown garden on 29th. On Eastney beach on 2nd a rather bedraggled female **small copper** was still sunning itself on the shorter turf. And further along on bare patches there were at least three **clouded yellows**.

OTHER WILDLIFE

Trivia monacha shells, also known as the **European cowrie** or **spotted cowrie**, a species of small sea snail, were seen in the Broom Channel of Langstone Harbour on 30th.

