

S. E. Hampshire

Nature Notes



Week ending October 10th 2021.

BIRDS

Two **black swans** were in Fareham Creek by the Delme Arms on 6th and 1 was in Fishbourne Creek on 10th.

There were around 1000 **dark-bellied Brent geese** on the east shore of Hayling Island and a smaller flock off Warblington on 8th.

Two **shovelers**, 5 **wigeon** and 7 **gadwalls** were on Langstone Mill Pond on 8th.

Over 1,000 **wigeon** were on Thorney Island on 9th.

There were 5 **aiders** close inshore at Hill Head on 7th.

Red-breasted mergansers are back. There were around 20 in Langstone Harbour on 10th.

The Warblington **glossy ibis** was still there on 6th.

Waders at Farlington Marshes on 5th included 4 **bar-tailed godwits**, a **ruff**, a **curlew sandpiper** and 4 **greenshanks**. There were also +curlew sandpipers at Titchfield Haven and Farlington on 10th.

There were 230 **golden plovers**, 350 **black-tailed godwits**, 750 **curlews**, 240 **redshank**, a **spotted redshank** and 36 **greenshanks** on Thorney on 9th.

On 8th there were 9 **Sandwich terns** off Warblington and there were more in the south of Chichester harbour.

A **razorbill** was drifting off the Rainbow Bar at Hill Head on 5th. There was also one in Chichester Harbour on 9th.

A **great white egret** that had been around for a few days was on the 11-acre scrape at Titchfield Haven on 5th. Three on the lake at Farlington on 8th left and flew west at 18:15.

On 4th 3 **spoonbills** sheltered on the east side of the Thorney Great Deeps. They were still on Thorney Island on 9th.

A **red-throated diver** was off the Salterns carpark at Hill Head on 7th.

An **osprey** was seen in Langstone Harbour on 10th.

An adult **marsh harrier** was foraging over the deeps on Thorney Island on 4th and 1 was at Farlington on 10th.

There was a **kingfisher** over Baffins Pond Portsmouth on 7th and 9th.

A **wryneck** was in bushes northwest of the sailing

club at Black Point Hayling Island on 7th.

There were 2 **peregrines** on Stakes Island in Chichester Harbour on 8th and 3 in Langstone Harbour on 10th.

Two **ravens** flew north over Warblington on 8th.

Warblers on Farlington Marshes on 10th included 7 **chiffchaffs**, a **lesser whitethroat** and a **Dartford warbler**.

A **Cetti's warbler** was singing at Langstone Mill Pond on 8th.

A lone **house martin** was seen flitting about on Portsdown on 4th. Three flew over a Havant garden on 5th and around 75 with a few **swallows** over Warblington on 8th.

There was a **firecrest** in the trees around the church at Warblington on 6th.

Around 20 **bearded tits** were seen in the Thorney reed beds on 8th.

There were migrant thrushes, including **redwings**, **mistle thrushes** and **blackbirds** at Fort Widley on 8th. On the same day over 20 **fieldfares** were in trees east of Warblington church

A **brambling** and a **redpoll** were seen at Sandy Point Hayling on 10th.

BUTTERFLIES



A **pale tussock caterpillar** seen in a Denmead garden this week. [Photo S Frampton]

Among the other butterflies on Portsdown this week a **clouded yellow** was seen on 9th.

OTHER WILDLIFE

There were 27 **seals** off the southern tip of Thorney Island on 8th.

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