



**S. E. Hampshire**

# Nature Notes

Week ending 20<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

## BIRDS

An adult male **Long-tailed Duck** flew on to Pilsey lagoon Thorney Island being pursued by a juvenile female **Peregrine** on 20<sup>th</sup>.

Two **whimbrels** were on the northeast bund; and a **bar-tailed godwit** among other waders in the roost at the Hayling oyster beds on 15<sup>th</sup>. Both species were also present on 17<sup>th</sup>. Around 800 **golden plovers** were counted during the Thorney Island WEBS count on 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Common** and **green sandpipers** were seen on the Posbrook floods on 17<sup>th</sup>.

Two **great northern divers** were still in the north of Langstone Harbour on 15<sup>th</sup>. On 17<sup>th</sup> just one was seen but two were seen again on 21<sup>st</sup>.

There were 3 **great white egrets** on Thorney Island on 20<sup>th</sup>.

A **white-tailed eagle** was seen in the morning of 20<sup>th</sup> on the Thorney Island deeps. Two **ospreys** were watched from Black Point Hayling Island hunting over Chichester Harbour at low tide p.m. on 15<sup>th</sup> and 2 were seen during the Thorney Island WEBS count on 20<sup>th</sup>.

A female **marsh harrier** was seen over the oyster beds on 15<sup>th</sup> and 3 were on Thorney Island on 20<sup>th</sup>.

Two **ring-necked parakeets** were in trees behind the Hayling lifeboat station. This 11<sup>th</sup> record was the first multiple occurrence on this site..

**Ring ousels** were present around Fort Southwick and on Butser Hill on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Yellow-browed warblers** were seen on 15<sup>th</sup> in trees behind the carpark at the Hayling Island lifeboat station; and around Hammonds

Bridge on the Titchfield canal path. On 18<sup>th</sup> two were found in an oak in the Hayling Earnley Triangle before they moved into the Hollies caravan park. **Brambling** were also seen.

**Rock pipits** were on the sea wall at Portchester Castle, at the oyster beds and The Kench on 15<sup>th</sup>.

Two **water pipits** were flying and calling among meadow pipits over the field south of the Posbrook floods on 17<sup>th</sup>.

There were briefly 2 juvenile **hawfinches** in trees with chaffinches northwest of the carpark on Butser Hill on 18<sup>th</sup>.

## BUTTERFLIES

**Speckled woods** and a **hawker dragonfly** were active in a Portsdown garden at the end of this week.

## WILD FLOWERS

The **bladder senna** at the Kench has a single late flower now but plenty of seed pods.

## OTHER WILDLIFE

**Golden scalycap** fungi were present on an old tree trunk at Sinah Warren on 15<sup>th</sup>.

## Thursday 24th October -

### A Fungus Foray

Explore the Portsdown countryside searching for fungi. Meet at the east gate of Fort Widley, Portsdown PO6 3LS at 10 a.m. for a walk of about 3 hours.



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