



S. E. Hampshire

Nature Notes

Week ending 27th October 2024.

BIRDS

Two **red-legged partridges** close to the car park were an uncommon sight at Farlington Marshes on 26th.

There were 16 male and 3 female **eiders** off Hill Head harbour on 21st and 3 **common scoters** were close to the Meon shore on 26th. Next day the eider count was 22.

A **water rail** was seen from the road at Titchfield Haven at the late afternoon low tide on 27th.

There were 3 **avocets** at Titchfield Haven on 27th.

There was just a single **black-necked grebe** off the Hayling oyster beds on 21st but the two **great northern divers** were still around until 23rd at least. Both species were seen from the Farlington Point on 26th and there was another GN diver off the chalets at Titchfield Haven on 27th.

Three **glossy ibises** spent the morning of 22nd on the Titchfield Bridge St floods. On 26th they were still there and 2 were on the east meadows in the reserve on 23rd and 3 on 27th. There were 22 **cattle egrets** in fields west of the Castle Farm buildings at Warblington on 26th.

A **spoonbill** was at the back of the reeds at Farlington and there was a **great white egret** mobile about the reserve on 21st. The spoonbill was still around on 22nd, the GWE on 23rd and both on 26th. On 27th 4 GWE landed at Farlington Marshes at 0830 and then 5 flew east over Langstone Harbour and were seen again at 09:30 flying west over Sandy Point Hayling Island. The Farlington resident bird was still there late afternoon.

There was a **marsh harrier** at Titchfield Haven on 23rd and 3 p.m. on 27th. There were

also 4 **red kites** that day.

Three **peregrines** were resting on N Binness Island in Langstone Harbour on 26th.

Ravens were seen over Old Portsmouth and The Kench on Hayling Island on 22nd.

Swallows were seen at Sandy Point and over Portsdown cattle fields on 22nd.

Firecrest were on the Titchfield canal path on 23rd and on the cycle track across the top of Farlington Marshes on 27th.

At least 150 **redwings** were moving through the scrub on the south slope of the Old Winchester Hill hill fort on 27th.

Ring ouzels were seen on 21st around Pigeon House Lane on Portsdown; in scrub south of the hill fort on Old Winchester Hill; and on the northwest slope of Butser Hill. On Butser they were still there on 25th.

A **black redstart** was seen at Sparkes Marina on 22nd and in the council yard near Shearwater Court Hayling Island on 27th.

Bramblings and redpolls were over Sandy Point on 22nd and 3 **bullfinches** including a male on 27th.

There were also 10 **stonechats** and a flock of a dozen **hawfinches** on Old Winchester Hill on 21st.

OTHER WILDLIFE

An orange pore fungus was found in Stansted Park at the weekend. This species was first recorded in the UK in 2012. Bearded tooth has also been found in the park again.

12th November - Save our Sparrows



Harry Munt will talk about the importance of these little brown jobs and what can be done to help them. 7.30 p.m. in the main hall of the Church of the Resurrection Drayton (PO6 2AW) £3 at the door includes

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