

S. E. Hampshire

Nature Notes



Week ending October 3rd 2021.

BIRDS

Two **black swans** were on the Farlington Marshes lake on 3rd.

Brent geese were seen in Langstone Harbour mid week.

There were 10 **gadwall** on Langstone Mill Pond on 1st.

A **common scoter** was in the north of Langstone Harbour from 28th to at least 3rd.

Greenshanks were seen at Emsworth, Nore barn and Warblington on 1st. The usual colour ringed bird was at Nore Barn.

There was a **curlew sandpiper** at Farlington on 2nd and 3rd when there was also one at Titchfield Haven.

There was a **black-necked grebe** off the oyster beds on 28th.

Sandwich terns were seen in the Langstone Harbour entrance on 28th; roosting off Langstone Mill on 29th and at Warblington on 1st.

An immature **little gull** was feeding off the east sea wall of Farlington Marshes on 3rd.

The Warblington **glossy ibis** was in trees alongside the usual field west of the church and cemetery and north of the footpath until at least 29th.

There were 2 **cattle egrets** by the Great Deeps on Thorney Island on 27th.

There was an **osprey** on North Binness Island on 29th and one flew over Northney towards Langstone Harbour on 3rd.

Kingfishers are becoming common along our shore again. There was one at Farlington and another on the Langbrook Stream on 3rd

An immature male **redstart** was at Fort Widley on 29th.

BUTTERFLIES

Clouded yellows were seen this week at Eastney on 24th and Warblington on 25th.

Also seen at Eastney on 24th were **small**

coppers, common blues and **small heaths**.

On Old Winchester Hill on 29th 15 **Adonis** and 7 **chalk hill blues**, 4 **silver-spotted skippers** with plenty of the more common species.



Wildlife Events

See our events programme at <http://www.havantnature.net/wildlifeevents.html>.

Wednesday 27th October: 7.30 p.m.: The Havant Thicket Reservoir Project

Rebecca Holmes, via ZOOM, will give us the latest news on the planning and construction of a Reservoir with wetlands for wildlife on Gipsies Plain Rowlands Castle. There is no charge for this meeting but to offset speakers fees we invite you to make a donation via the just giving site at https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/havanthaylingandemsworth-localwildlifegroup?utm_term=KXPYj53k.

Please book in at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-havant-thicket-reservoir-project-tickets-166859010793>

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