



S. E. Hampshire

Nature Notes

Week ending October 4th 2020

BIRDS

On 28th there were at least 20 **Brent geese** in Langstone Harbour and near 600 in Chichester Harbour including 2 **light-bellied**. On 29th there were 4 light-bellied and some were still there on 1st.

Over 1,000 **wigeon** were present in Langstone Harbour at range from Hayling Billy Line off South Binness and Baker's Islands. The flock extended at both ends behind islands and shingle banks.

Around forty **pintails** were at Titchfield Haven on 29th.

The Thorney Island **pallid harrier** was showing well, harassed by a crow at midday on 28th but there have been no reports since.

There were sightings of **ospreys** in the north of Langstone Harbour on 28th, 30th and 2nd.

The moulting **American golden plover** in Langstone Harbour was seen in Chaldock Lake in the north of the harbour at low tide on 28th and in the same area on 29th.

A **whimbrel** was at the Hayling Island oyster beds on 3rd.

A **Kentish plover** was showing 'fairly well' on Pilesey Sands Thorney on 29th and was also seen on 1st and 3rd.

A **ruff** was on the lake at Farlington on 28th and around 35 **knots** on 29th. The ruff was on the north marsh near the scrape on 30th.

The **grey phalarope** at Farlington was alternately showing well and hiding against the reeds up till 2nd. There were around 85 **sanderlings** at Titchfield Haven on 1st.

A **little stint** was on the north scrape at Titchfield Haven on 29th and two were on the small islands off the point at Farlington on 3rd.

A **spotted redshank** flew over the deeps at Farlington a.m. on 3rd.

Three **greenshanks** were seen at Farlington Marshes on 28th and 13 on the lake at Farlington on 3rd.

There were 27 **Sandwich terns** in the Hampshire end of Chichester Harbour on 1st.

Over 500 **common gulls** were seen along the stream at Farlington on 30th.

There were 3 **kingfishers** at Farlington on 28th and 1 on 30th and 3rd. There were also 2 on Thorney on 3rd.

Three **swallows** flew over Baffins Portsmouth and around 100 **house martins** over Farlington Marshes on 29th.

Around 30 **bearded tits** were vocal and mobile in the reed beds on the sea wall end of the lake a.m. on 28th and just 2 on 30th.

A **lesser whitethroat** was in brambles north of the deeps at Farlington on 30th.

A **firecrest** and a **Dartford warbler** were reported at Fort Widley on 1st.

There was a **redstart** in Havant Thicket at 1800 on 3rd.

There was a **spotted flycatcher** on the Portchester foreshore east of the salt cafe on 29th and at Northney Hayling Island on 1st.

A **whinchat** was seen at Pigeon House farm Widley on 1st.

A **pied flycatcher** was showing well behind the Rose Garden in Southsea on 3rd.

Six **yellow wagtails** were among the cattle just north of the deeps at Farlington on 30th and 4 on 2nd.

BUTTERFLIES

A **box tree moth** was found on a garage window in Dornmere Lane Waterlooville on 29th. These moths were accidentally introduced to the UK originating from south-east Asia and their lava are a significant pest of box shrubs/hedges. (Photo: John Vardon)



OTHER WILDLIFE

A shoal of over 20 **bass**, between 35 and 50cm, were feeding in the strong current on the east side of South Parade Pier on 28th.

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