



**S. E. Hampshire**

# Nature Notes

Week ending October 6<sup>th</sup> 2024.

## BIRDS

A pair of **common scoters** were off the Hayling oyster beds on 2<sup>nd</sup>.

There was a **goosander** on the river at Titchfield Haven on 6<sup>th</sup>.

Two **water rails** were chasing each other at Titchfield Haven on 4<sup>th</sup>.

Three **whimbrels** and 3 **bar-tailed godwits** were on the oyster beds on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 2 of the whimbrels were on the NE lagoon bund next day..

A **little stint** was among 200 dunlin and 80+ ringed plovers at Black Point in Chichester Harbour on 2<sup>nd</sup> and was still present on 6<sup>th</sup>.

Waders at the oyster beds on 2<sup>nd</sup> included the usual **spotted redshank** and 7

**greenshanks**.

**Sandwich terns** were seen on 2<sup>nd</sup> October at Gunner Point on Hayling Island (6) and in Langstone Harbour (11).

There were 140 **common gulls** in the valley south of Old Winchester Hill on 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Three **razorbills** were on the sea together off Sandy Point Hayling Island on 4<sup>th</sup>.

On 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> there were 3 **glossy ibises** on the Titchfield Bridge St floods.

There were 11 **cattle egrets** with the cattle on Farlington Marshes on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9 on 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Great white egrets** have been seen this week on 3<sup>rd</sup> at Hayling Island north and on 5<sup>th</sup> at Titchfield Haven.

**Swallows** and **house martins** continue to be seen on migration sometimes in big flocks.

An **osprey** with a blue ring flew east over the Knight's Bank hide at Titchfield Haven on 1<sup>st</sup> and there was also one over the reserve on 5<sup>th</sup>.

Three were present on Thorney Island on 6<sup>th</sup>.

There was also a **marsh harrier** at Titchfield Haven on 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Hobbies** were seen chasing house martins over the Titchfield Bridge St floods and over the Haven reserve on 4<sup>th</sup>.

There was a **kingfisher** in the ditch along the east side of Castle Meadow Portchester on 1<sup>st</sup>.

Others have been seen on Hayling Island north and at Hill Head..

Ten **jays** were in la oose flock making their way north and west at Fort Widley on 1<sup>st</sup>.

A **raven** was calling overhead at Portchester Castle mid-morning on 1<sup>st</sup>.

A **yellow-browed warbler** was found on the Hayling Sandy Point reserve on 1<sup>st</sup> and was joined by a second bird the next day. Both were still present on 6<sup>th</sup>.

Single **Dartford warblers** were on Farlington Marshes on 3<sup>rd</sup> and at Titchfield Haven on 5<sup>th</sup>.

Two **redwings** were in trees to north of Crooked House Lane Portsdown on 5<sup>th</sup> and 4 **stonechats** on Portchester Common.

Five **yellow wagtails** were with cattle at Farlington on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 2 on 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Three **hawfinches** were feeding in hawthorns near the access gate of Old Winchester Hill before flying into nearby beeches.

## BUTTERFLIES

There were two **small coppers** feeding on the last few blooms of hemp agrimony on 28<sup>th</sup> September.

### **8th October -'30 years of Conservation.**

Richard Jones reflects on the habitats of Portsdown. 7.30 p.m. in the main hall of the Church of the Resurrection Drayton (PO6 2AW) £3 at the door includes refreshments.



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