



S. E. Hampshire Nature Notes

October 2nd to 8th 2017

BIRDS

Around 300 **Brent geese** were off The Kench HI on 6th and on 8th when there were also around 500 **wigeon**. The wigeon took off and flew north.

A **barnacle goose** was at Titchfield Haven on 8th.

On 3rd there were 32 **pintails** at Titchfield Haven.

There was a male **Mandarin duck** in Staunton Country Park on 4th.

A female or immature **marsh harrier** was seen at Titchfield Haven on 3rd.

Seven **buzzards** flew over Lovedean on 8th and 3 over Staunton CP on 4th.

Male and female **peregrines** were seen on Portsdown on 6th.

Two **knot** were at The Kench on Hayling Island, on 6th.

A **snipe** was on the deeps at Farlington on 6th. Waders at Titchfield Haven on 2nd included 5 **snipe**, 3 **ruffs** and 2 **little stints**.

Curlew sandpiper, **little stint** and a **ruff** were seen at Farlington Marshes on most days this week.

A **kingfisher** was in Staunton CP on 4th.

On 2nd there were 13 **yellow wagtails** at Southsea Common and a **wheatear** at the castle. Two yellow wagtails and 6 wheatears were on Farlington Marshes on 6th.

Two **grey wagtails** and a **rock pipit** were at Gunner Point Hayling Island on 6th.



A **stonechat** was in Compartment 9 on Portsdown on 3rd. Eight were in Havant Thicket and 5 at Titchfield Haven on 8th.

A **yellow-browed warbler** (left) was

ringed and released at Titchfield Haven on 6th and 2 on 8th.

There were 2 **firecrests** in a mixed flock of chiffchaff and long-tailed tits in a small park on Althorpe Drive Hilsea Portsmouth on 7th.

Two **siskins** were at Gunner Point Hayling Island, on 6th and 2 flew over Titchfield Haven on 8th.

Four **bullfinches** were at Titchfield Haven on 8th.

PLANTS

On Portsdown **yellowwort**, **harebell** and **centaury** were the best flowers seen on 6th.

BUTTERFLIES

A **painter lady** was among the **red admirals**, **comma** and **peacock** nectaring on Michaelmas daisies in Compartment 9 on Portsdown on 3rd. **Common** and **holly blues** were also present and a single skittish **clouded yellow**.

Small coppers and **clouded yellows** were still present at Eastney on 6th.

OTHER WILDLIFE

A **wasp spider** was in a Clanfield garden on 2nd. Later on 6th a **digger wasp** was seen in the same garden with its prey. (pictures by Mike Berry)

