

S. E. Hampshire

Nature Notes



October 15th to 21st 2018

BIRDS

There was a **black swan** among Brents in the Emsworth Channel on 20th. The usual Fareham Creek bird was by San Quay on 21st.

Among around 750 **Brent geese** in Langstone Harbour on 16th there was at least one first year bird. Over 1000 geese were off Thorney Island. There were also 3 juveniles in a flock of just 19 on the mud off Northney Road Hayling at the week-end.

Two **great white egrets** were at Titchfield Haven on 19th and one briefly on the stream at Farlington Marshes on 20th.

There were still 2 **ospreys** at Thorney Island on 16th.

Male and female **marsh harriers** were seen at Titchfield Haven on 20th.

Two **purple sandpipers** at Southsea Castle on 21st were the first recorded this winter.

On 21st there were 3 **common sandpipers** flying around together in Fareham Creek at high water.

On 15th there were 20 **snipe** flying around the lake at Farlington Marshes.

A **short-eared owl** was at Titchfield Haven from 19th until at least 21st.

Five vocal **redwings** were around the trees by the Fareham train station on 16th.

Two **ravens** were seen at Old Winchester Hill on 19th.

There were **bearded tits** in the reeds by the road at SU531023 Titchfield Haven on 20th.

Three **woodlarks** were feeding on 15th on a site in Stansted Forest being prepared for planting this winter.

A **firecrest** and 6 **marsh tits** were at Old Winchester Hill on 19th.

A **yellow-browed warbler** was calling and showing very well in an oak tree alongside the railway line at the south end of the footbridge at Staunton Road Bedhampton (at the end of gardens on the opposite side of railway to Kingdom Hall) on 15th until 12.00 at least. Another was at Titchfield Haven on 21st.

The **Dartford warbler** and **black redstart** at Titchfield Haven were still around on 15th.



Ring ousels were seen on Butser Hill, near Pigeon House Farm (Widley), on the north slope of Fort Southwick and at Farlington Marshes on 20th.

A **lesser white-throat** was conspicuous in bushes by the Visitor Centre at Titchfield Haven on 16th.

A **yellow wagtail** was on the beach towards chalets at Hill Head with pied wagtails and Meadow pipits on 16th.

Two **lesser redpolls** landed by the walkway pond at Titchfield Haven on 15th and then flew west calling.

There were at least 15 **siskins** close to Hammonds Bridge on the Titchfield Haven Canal Path on 19th.

BUTTERFLIES

Butterflies on Thorney Island on 16th included 4 **clouded yellows**, 3 **red admirals**, 2 **small coppers** and 2 **small whites** all seen at SU7601 in bright sunshine in the morning before the fog rolled in.

A **clouded yellow** was on the landfill fields at Broadmarsh on 19th and there were at least 2 on Portsdown on 21st. **Common blues** were also seen on Portsdown.