

S. E. Hampshire

Nature Notes



October 22nd to 28th 2018

BIRDS

First year **Brent geese** are easier to find this year than last. There were over 20 in a flock at Brownwich on 28th.

There was a late report last week of 3 **great white egrets** at Broadmarsh. This week they have been seen at Hayling Island, Sandy Point and Heath Lake, Petersfield.

A juvenile **gannet** flew into Chichester Harbour on 27th in the morning, then along Hayling sea front. What was probably the same bird flew unusually close along the shore at Titchfield Haven.

Red kites were seen at Titchfield Haven (2) and Petersfield on 22nd.

There was a **marsh harrier** at Farlington Marshes on 24th and a juvenile flew west over Langstone Harbour on 27th. Two were seen at Titchfield Haven on 28th.

Water rails were seen at Farlington Marshes at the back of the lake on 24th and 25th.



There were over 400 **black-tailed godwits** in Cams Bay Fareham on 28th.

Eight **avocets** were at Farlington Marshes on 25th.

Common sandpipers were seen in Fareham Creek on 25th and 27th.

A **spotted redshank** was at the lake end of the stream at Farlington Marshes on 24th.

Two **jack snipes** were feeding and bobbing well at the back of the main lake at Farlington Marshes on 23rd. Just 1 was seen on 24th.

A **razorbill** was feeding close to the sea wall at Hill Head on 28th.

There were 6 **sandwich terns** off Southmoors on 24th, 9 flew into Chichester Harbour on 27th and 2 were at Langstone Bridge the same day.

Three juvenile **arctic terns** were seen flying east at Hill Head on 27th.

A **short-eared owl** was at Sinah Golf Course Hayling Island early on 27th.

A **kingfisher** was seen in the Langbrook Stream on 24th and one flew downstream in Fareham Creek on 27th.

On 26th a **peregrine** was on St Jude's church Southsea on 26th.

There was still a **yellow browed warbler** on 22nd at the east side of Titchfield Haven initially by Suffern hide then by the turning to Suffern hide calling frequently before moving off. It was not found a.m. on 25th.

A **blackcap** was singing in a holly tree at Havant Cemetery early on 27th.

A **Dartford warbler** was in the point field at Farlington on 25th.

There was a **water pipit** at the back of the lake at Farlington Marshes on 24th.

Two **bramblings** were in pond-side trees at the Sustainability Centre at Leydene Park. SU677191 on 24th.

Six **lesser redpolls** were mobile over the eastern side of the reserve at Titchfield Haven on 25th and one flew east over Havant Cemetery on 27th. Two **crossbills** flew over in the opposite direction.

BUTTERFLIES

On 22nd in sunshine on the East end of Portsdown Hill a **clouded yellow**, a male **brimstone** and a **speckled wood** were seen.

A pristine **speckled wood**, very dark brown with small cream spots was seen on Portsdown, top meadow, at midday on 24th. A 4th brood specimen?

At Eastney beach this week here were 4 **clouded yellows**, a **small copper** with blue spots which was different from one on the previous day. **Small whites** were still active along with **common blue** as well.

PLANTS

A **borage** is flowering well on the Crookhorn golf course.



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