



*S. E. Hampshire*

# Nature Notes

Week ending 1st September 2019

## BIRDS

A **white stork** flew over Titchfield Haven at 10:45, Langstone at 11:52 and west over Farlington at 13:35 on 1<sup>st</sup>.

A **red kite** was present in the Titchfield Haven area on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

Both Langstone Harbour and Titchfield Haven have had resident **ospreys** all this week. The Langstone Harbour bird is frequently seen resting on the small trees on North Binness Island. The Wildlife Trust walk at Chidham on 31<sup>st</sup> saw one soaring over the Thorney Channel.

A **knot** was at Titchfield Haven on 26<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.

There was a **curlew sandpiper** among **dunlin** on the main lake at Farlington Marshes on 1<sup>st</sup>.

On 27<sup>th</sup> a **little stint** was seen at Farlington Marshes and up to 3 **common** and 2 **green sandpipers** have been there this week.

There was a **spotted redshank** on the lake at Farlington Marshes on 29<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>. and 1<sup>st</sup> when there were over 21 **greenshanks** on the lake and stream.

Ten **black terns** were at Titchfield Haven on 26<sup>th</sup>.

Two **tawny owls** in a Fareham garden, where they are regular visitors, were joined by a **little owl** on 30<sup>th</sup>.

A **kingfisher** was seen on the lake at Farlington Marshes on 1<sup>st</sup>.

A **wryneck** was in the area of the information hut on Farlington Marshes from 26<sup>th</sup> until p.m. on 30<sup>th</sup>. It was not found on 31<sup>st</sup>.

A **hobby** and 2 **peregrines** were seen on a walk round Farlington Marshes on 1<sup>st</sup>. One peregrine chased a wader at Broadmarsh on

30<sup>th</sup>.

Around 70 **yellow wagtails** were roosting at Titchfield Haven p.m. on 28<sup>th</sup>. Up to 15 came in to roost at Farlington on 30<sup>th</sup> and the same number was seen among cattle on 1<sup>st</sup> with around 30 **swallows** overhead.

**Spotted flycatchers** have been seen at various sites on Hayling Island this week. There was a **pie flycatcher** at Northney on 27<sup>th</sup> and others at the IBM Lake (Cosham) and Soberton in the Meon Valley.

**Whinchats** have appeared at Titchfield Haven Canal Path, Southmoors and Farlington Marshes this week.

**Redstarts** have been seen in a number of locations this week including Sandy Point Hayling.

## PLANTS

On the Chidham Peninsular Trust walk flowers included **purple loosestrife**, **centaury**, **sea aster**, **golden samphire** and **marsh mallow**.

## BUTTERFLIES

**Gold spot** (right) and **Jersey tiger** moths were seen in a Clanfield garden on 26<sup>th</sup>.

A **clouded yellow** was seen on Portsdown on 28<sup>th</sup>.



Photo: M Berry.

## OTHER WILDLIFE

A dead, small (44 cm) grass snake was found in Long Copse Lane, Emsworth, just north of the Hampshire Farm Open Space this week.

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