



S. E. Hampshire

Nature Notes

Week ending 15th September 2019

BIRDS

A **black swan** was on the north scrape at Titchfield Haven on 15th until it flew west mid-morning.

There was a group of 27 **light-bellied Brent geese** at the The Kench Hayling Island on 11th. They were at Farlington on 12th where just 16 were seen next day.

A **barnacle goose** came into the south scrape at Titchfield Haven on 9th.



Photo: I Julian

Three **ospreys**, 2 on south Thorney Island together and a third perched on a low post to NE on 15th. Two, possibly the same birds, were seen in the channel between Hayling & Thorney Is-

land.

A **curlew sandpiper** was among dunlins on the lake at Farlington Marshes a.m. on 15th.

A **purple sandpiper** was seen on the beach off the sailing club at Hill Head at 12.54 on 9th.

There were 7 **bar-tailed godwits** at Farlington Marshes on 12th, a **wood sandpiper** on 14th and a **green sandpiper** on 15th.

There were **greenshanks** on the lake at Farlington Marshes on 14th & 15th and a **spotted redshank** on 15th.

A **wryneck** was reported low down in a bramble bush 80m east of the crater pond at Farlington Marshes on 14th.

On 15th a **hobby** was hawking for insects over the Titchfield canal path close to the Bridge St car-park.

A **peregrine** glided over Portsmouth Harbour going south on 11th.

There were **bearded tits** at Farlington Marshes on 14th and 15th and 'quite a few' on Thorney

Island on 15th.

An **eastern olivaceous warbler**, a vagrant from the eastern Mediterranean, drew lots of observers to Farlington Marshes on 14th and was still present on 15th. An **aquatic warbler** from NE Europe was on the Titchfield canal path early on 15th.

Sedge and reed warblers were recorded at Farlington on 14th.

Spotted flycatchers were seen at Northney Paddocks and the Billy Trail in North Hayling on 14th and Portsdown on 13th. There was also a **redstart** on the Billy Trail.

Up to 4 **whinchats** have been at Farlington Marshes and 1 on Portsdown this week.

On 15th **pie'd flycatchers** were seen on the Titchfield canal path and playing fields behind the Shell garage at Farlington.

At least a dozen **yellow wagtails** were among the cattle on Farlington Marshes on 14th. The following day 74 roosted at Titchfield Haven.

PLANTS

Sickle medic is still flowering by 'The George' on Portsdown.

BUTTERFLIES

A **hummingbird hawkmoth** was seen on buddleia in a Hayling Island garden on 13th.

Birds of the World

25th September at 7.30 p.m.

An illustrated talk by local photographer and naturalist
Alan Key.

At Warblington School Southleigh Road Havant PO9 2RR.

Suggested donation £3

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