

# Nature Notes



**September 10th to 16th 2018**

## BIRDS

**Pintails** are back. There were 20 at Farlington Marshes on 10<sup>th</sup>.

There were 4 **ospreys** off the southern end of Thorney Island a.m. on 10<sup>th</sup>. At least two of the birds were juveniles whilst the others were too distant to age.

There was also one fishing off Binness Island in Langstone Harbour. One was seen east of Eames Farm on 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Marsh harriers** have been seen on 12<sup>th</sup> at Titchfield Haven and Old Winchester Hill and on Thorney Island on 15<sup>th</sup>.

A **sparrowhawk** was on garden gate post and then into the garden on Eastern Parade Southsea on 12<sup>th</sup>.

A **bar-tailed godwit** was seen in flight at Farlington Marshes on 14<sup>th</sup>.

Six **greenshanks** and a **whimbrel** were seen at Northney Common Hayling Island on 14<sup>th</sup>.

A **pectoral sandpiper** was at by the deeps at Farlington Marshes on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.

There were 3 **common sandpipers** at Langstone Bridge on 12<sup>th</sup>.

A **ruff** was on the south scrape at Titchfield Haven on 16<sup>th</sup>.

A juvenile **spotted redshank** was on the deeps at Farlington on 10<sup>th</sup> and an adult on the lake and 2 juveniles on the deeps on 15<sup>th</sup>.

Two remaining **common tern** chicks on the small raft at the oyster beds have yet to fledge.

A juvenile **little gull** was at Farlington Marshes and 3 adults in a big flock of gulls and terns in the Solent mid channel on 16<sup>th</sup>.

There were 2 **ravens** over Titchfield Haven on 16<sup>th</sup>.

There was a **barn owl** hunting over the meadow at Titchfield Haven from about 19:11 on 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Kingfishers** were seen this week at Castle Shore Park, Fareham, Northney Common and the Brockhampton Stream Bedhampton.

A **peregrine** caught a gull in the channel off Sandy Point Hayling Island but dropped it after being mobbed by other gulls.

There was a **firecrest** and 6 **marsh tits** at Old Win-

chester Hill on 14<sup>th</sup>.

Fifty **house martins** were seen at Langstone Bridge on 12<sup>th</sup>.

Sixty **blackcaps** were reported on Farlington Marshes on 10<sup>th</sup> with 4 **whinchats**, 2 **wheatears**, 1 **lesser** and 7 **common whitethroats**, 2 **chiffchaffs** and a **sedge warbler**. A **grasshopper warbler**, 3 **sedge warblers** and a **reed warbler** were seen on the Titchfield Haven Canal Path on 13<sup>th</sup>.

Four **whinchats** and 3 **stonechats** were in scrub south of Sinah Golf Course on 10<sup>th</sup>.

A **peregrine** flew north over Pigeon House Farm Widley on 14<sup>th</sup>.



An **ortolan bunting** (*left*) was seen in a hedge at Pigeon House Farm Widley on 14<sup>th</sup>.

A single female **yellow hammer** was seen along the Hayling Billy Line this week.

There were 5 **yellow wagtails** on Far-

lington Marshes and at least one on South Moors on 14<sup>th</sup>.

## BUTTERFLIES

Butterflies on Oxenbourne Down on 14<sup>th</sup> included **small coppers**, **small heath** with a mating pair, **meadow brown**, **common blue**, one **chalk hill blue**, and **speckled wood**.

**Humming bird hawk moths** have been seen this week in Emsworth and Leigh Park gardens.

