

S. E. Hampshire

Nature Notes



Week ending September 17th 2023.

Birds

Twelve **Brent geese** at Black Point and 5 in Langstone Harbour this week were probably our first arrivals of the winter.

There was a **garganey** on the north scrape at Titchfield Haven on 11th.

A **nightjar** was flushed from a south Havant garden at midday on 13th.

There were 14 **snipe** on the Posbrook floods on 17th.

A **little ringed plover** was at Titchfield Haven from 11th to 13th and one was at Farlington on 14th.

Four **bar-tailed godwits** were between Black Point and Mengham Rithe on 13th and 2 were on Farlington Marshes next day.

One of 2 **whimbrels** in a high tide roost at The Kench Hayling Island on 12th.

(Photo Jim Waters).

3 were on the South Moor lagoons next day.



Two **ruffs** were on the lake at Farlington on 14th.

A **curlew sandpiper** was among the waders in the Black Point Hayling Island roost on 12th, 2 were on the south scrape at Titchfield on 13th and 1 at Farlington on 14th.

Two **common sandpipers** and a **spotted redshank** were at Titchfield Haven this week; and **green sandpipers** were at Posbrook on 11th and 12th and at the Haven on 16th.

Greenshanks were present at Posbrook on 11th and 12th; and 15 were on South Moor on 13th.

Around 40 **Sandwich terns** were seen between Black Point & Mengham Rithe on 13th.

Single **glossy ibises** were on the south scrape and Posbrook on 11th and 12th and 4 on 14th; and 3 were feeding outside the quay on 13th.

Four **spoon bills** flew west over Highland Cemetery Southsea on 13th.

There were 3 **cattle egrets** with the Farlington cattle on 14th.

A **great white egret** was at Posbrook on 11th, 12th & 14th and 4 were there on 17th. Two were on the Haven south scrape on 15th and 2 on the IBM lake at Cosham on 17th.

Two **ospreys** continued to be seen in the north of Langstone Harbour this week.

Two **kingfishers** were playing chase over the lagoons on South Moor Langstone on 13th.

A **marsh harrier** was at Titchfield Haven on 11th and a **hobby** on 12th.

Eighty or more **house martins** were over the lake at Farlington on 13th and an estimated 300 over Sandy point on 14th. Around 100 were over Titchfield Haven on 16th.

There were 25 **swallows** over Fareham Creek on 16th.

There was a **spotted flycatcher** on the Titchfield canal path on 12th.

Sixty **yellow wagtails** came in to roost at Titchfield Haven at dusk on 11th and a similar number next day. Twelve were among the cattle on Farlington Marshes on 14th.

Butterflies

A **long-tailed blue** was seen near a bench just south of the roundabout at the east end of James Callaghan Drive on 16th.

Clouded yellows have been seen this week at the west end of Portsdown, Sinah Warren and 4 at Eastney; and **painted ladies** at Fort Widley and Sinah.

Other Wildlife

A **white squirrel** was in the trees behind Tempest Avenue Waterlooville on 11th.

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