

S. E. Hampshire

Nature Notes



Week ending September 18th 2022.

BIRDS

A **garganey** has been on the stream both sides of the hut at Farlington most of this week. One was at Titchfield Haven on 15th and 18th.

There were 100 **pintails** at Farlington on 15th.

A pair of **stock doves** have chicks in a Denmead garden nest box.

Up to 8 **curlew sandpipers** and a **little stint** have been on the lake at Farlington this week. One curlew sandpiper and a little stint were at Titchfield Haven on 13th, and a little stint from 15th to 17th.

Common sandpipers have been seen at Titchfield Haven, Castle Shore Park Fareham.

At Farlington on 14th there were 5 **green sandpipers** and at least 20 **knots** on the lake. On 17th there were 19 knots

A **yellow-legged gull** was present again off Southsea Castle on 13th.

A single **glossy ibis** was seen at Titchfield Haven on 12th, 2 on 15th and 4 on 17th.

There was a **cattle egret** in a field by a thatched cottage on the Titchfield canal path on 17th and one at Farlington on 18th.

A **short-eared owl** flew high over Langstone Harbour towards Hayling Island on 17th.

Marsh harriers were seen at Farlington Marshes on 17th.

An **osprey** caught a fish in front of the Suffern Hide at Titchfield Haven before heading north on 12th and one swooped over the lake at Farlington scattering the waders on

14th. There were more sightings on 16th and 18th.

Jays were seen at Fratton on 16th and Portsdown on 18th.



A **merlin** was chasing passerines flushed by a Marsh Harrier over Langstone Harbour on 15th.

There was a **hobby** over the Sinah golf course on 13th and over Farlington Marshes on 14th.

There were 4 **bearded tits** over the stream reed beds at Farlington on 15th and 5 on 18th; and more on the reeds by the road at Titchfield Haven on 17th.

About 250 **house martins** were feeding over Old Winchester Hill on 14th.

A **Cetti's warbler** was an unusual record in tamarisks on Gunner Point Hayling Island on 13th.

A **lesser whitethroat** and 7 **spotted flycatchers** were seen from the Titchfield Canal Path on 7th. Spotted flycatchers were also seen on Portchester Common on 12th and Portsdown on 15th and 17th.

Five **redstarts** were seen on Portsdown on 17th.

Whinchats were on the RA fence on north marsh at Farlington on 12th, 14th and 15th; and one was on the Sinah golf course on 13th.

yellow wagtails were seen with the Farlington Marshes cattle on 12th and 14th and up to 50 were on the Titchfield canal path and the Haven reserve.

BUTTERFLIES

There were still **chalk hill blues** and **silver-spotted skippers** flying around on Old Winchester Hill this week, but mostly male and female **Adonis blues**. and a decent scattering of **small copper**.

Two **clouded yellows** were on Eastney beach on 16th and one was on Portsdown on 18th.

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