

*S. E. Hampshire*

# Nature Notes



**August 27th to September 2nd 2018**

## BIRDS

Ducks are arriving back from breeding including a **garganey** at Farlington Marshes and 2 **pintail** at Titchfield Haven. Six **wigeon** were in Langstone Harbour on 30<sup>th</sup> and 2 at the IBM Lake (Cosham).

A **great white egret** arrived at Titchfield Haven on 28<sup>th</sup> and was still around on 29<sup>th</sup>.

Three **marsh harriers** were seen at on 28<sup>th</sup> circling high over Brook Meadow and Lumley. A juvenile was seen on Thorney Island on 30<sup>th</sup>.

An **osprey** is still using the scrub on North Binness Island to rest. One, possibly the same one, was seen north of the harbour on 27<sup>th</sup>. Three were hunting or eating fish on Pilsey Sands in Chichester Harbour on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.

There were at least 2 **water rails** at Titchfield Haven on 30<sup>th</sup> - one on the river and one on south scrape.

Two **curlew sandpipers** were at Farlington Marshes and 3 **green sandpipers** at Titchfield Haven on 1<sup>st</sup>.

Two **little ringed plovers** were seen at Farlington Marshes on 27<sup>th</sup>.

A **ruff** was present on the South Scrape at Titchfield Haven, later moving to North Scrape on 29<sup>th</sup>. There were also singles at the Haven and Farlington Marshes the following day.

There was a **Temminck's stint** on the south scrape at Titchfield Haven on 2<sup>nd</sup>.

A **spotted redshank** was at **Farlington Marshes** on 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> and up to, 9 **greenshanks** through the week. There were also 2 greenshanks at Titchfield Haven.

There was a **black tern** in the Langstone Harbour Entrance on 29<sup>th</sup>. Six **Sandwich terns** were feeding off Portchester on 1<sup>st</sup>.

A **hoopoe** was at the IBM Lake Cosham on 1<sup>st</sup> but not found on 2<sup>nd</sup>.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> a **wryneck** was near the entrance gate at Farlington Marshes.

A **hobby** was seen on Thorney Island on 30<sup>th</sup> and one at Farlington Marshes next day.

Two **ravens** flew over a south Havant garden south

west towards Langstone Harbour on 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Marsh tits** were seen at Old Winchester Hill on 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Swifts** have been seen at Titchfield Haven this week - 9 on 27<sup>th</sup> and 7 on 28<sup>th</sup>.

Groups of **sand martins** were seen over the deeps at Farlington on 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Whitethroats**, a **lesser whitethroat** and a **sedge warbler** were seen at Farlington Marshes on 30<sup>th</sup>. There were also whitethroats on Portsdown.

Two **spotted flycatchers** were at Northney Paddocks Hayling Island on 27<sup>th</sup> and others have been seen this week on Portsdown and at Farlington and Catherington Down.

An adult male **redstart** was at Butser Hill and there has been a number of them on Portsdown this week.

**Whinchats** have been seen this week at Farlington Marshes and Havant Thicket.

Over 300 **yellow wagtails** have been roosting at Titchfield Haven and smaller numbers have been seen at Farlington Marshes and Northney Common.

## BUTTERFLIES



Photo: R Jones

A brown hairstreak was seen on Portsdown this week.

There was a **privet hawkmoth** caterpillar in a Horndean garden this week

## PLANTS

**Autumn ladies tresses** and **autumn gentian** are in flower on Portsdown.

## OTHER WILDLIFE

A **black squirrel** was seen in an office car-park at Fareham Heights on 24<sup>th</sup>.

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