



# S. E. Hampshire Nature Notes

**August 28th to September 3rd 2017**

## BIRDS

A **light-bellied Brent goose** flew south through Chichester harbour with 2 dark-bellied on 3<sup>rd</sup>.

An **osprey** continued to use perches on Long Island in Langstone Harbour this week.

Birds of note at Old Winchester Hill on 28<sup>th</sup> included a **red kite**, a **raven** and c150 **house martins**.

Male and female **goshawks** have been reported, not for the first time, from Southleigh Forest but confirmed ID would be welcomed.

A **red kite** was seen over Southsea on 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Waders at Farlington Marshes on 29<sup>th</sup> included **pectoral, common** and **green sandpipers, avocets, snipe, greenshanks, a spotted redshank**, and the long staying **ruff**. The pectoral and common sandpipers were still there on 30<sup>th</sup> but the pectoral was not reported again until 11:00 on 3<sup>rd</sup>. One was at Titchfield Haven until at least mid-morning on 3<sup>rd</sup>. Was it the same one?

Also at Titchfield Haven on 2<sup>nd</sup> there was a **little stint** and a **ruff**. The stint was still present on 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Birds in the Chichester Harbour entrance on 3<sup>rd</sup> included single **guillemot, kittiwake little gull** and **arctic terns**, a dozen or more **black terns** and 3 **arctic skuas**.

A **water rail** was heard in the reeds at Farlington Marshes on 29<sup>th</sup>.

A **kingfisher** was seen on the Titchfield canal path on 28<sup>th</sup>.



Eleven **yellow wagtails** were seen from the Titchfield canal path on 28<sup>th</sup> and 15 at Farlington Marshes on 29<sup>th</sup>. One

was seen at Southsea on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 18 on the Titchfield Haven reserve on 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Two **swifts** were seen at Titchfield Haven on 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Four **spotted flycatchers** were at Northney Paddocks Hayling Island and 2 on the Titchfield canal path on 28<sup>th</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup>.

There were 2 **tree pipits** on the canal path on 28<sup>th</sup>.

A **ring ouzel** seen at West Meon this week was a bit out of our area but a pointer that it's worth looking out for them at Old Winchester Hill, Butser and Portsdown in the next few weeks.



**Whinchats (left), stonechats and Wheatears** were seen at Farlington Marshes on 29<sup>th</sup>. Three whinchats and 22 **wheatears** were at Sinah Common on Hayling Island 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Whitthroats, chiffchaffs, a redstart and wheatears** were seen around Fort Widley on 31<sup>st</sup>. There was also a redstart at Old Winchester Hill on 2<sup>nd</sup>.

A **grasshopper warbler** was on the Titchfield canal path on 28<sup>th</sup>.

Two **willow warblers** and a **whitthroat** were at Farlington Marshes on 30<sup>th</sup>.

A **raven** flew high over Titchfield Haven on 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## BUTTERFLIES

A **pine hawk moth caterpillar** and **hummingbird hawkmoths** have been seen in Northney gardens recently.

Butterflies on Old Winchester Hill on 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> included **chalk hill, small and Adonis blues, silver-spotted skippers**

(right), **painted ladies, small copper, brown argus, clouded yellow** and lots of the more common species.



## OTHER WILDLIFE

An adult **hedgehog** with 1 offspring was seen in Northney gardens recently.