

S. E. Hampshire

Nature Notes



September 23rd to 30th 2018

BIRDS

There were at least 4 **common scoters** off Hill Head on 26th.

One or two **cattle egrets** have been at Titchfield Haven up to 28th this week.

Red Kites have been seen at Deanlane End, Fort Nelson and Old Winchester Hill this week.

An immature female **marsh harrier** landed on South Binness Island in Langstone Harbour for a few minutes before leaving east on 27th.

A **spoon bill** flew east over Budds Farm Bedhampton on 25th and a juvenile north west over the east side of Hayling Island on 30th.

There were 24 **curlews** at Hill Head on 26th.

Ruffs have been seen at Titchfield Haven from 26th to 30th and one was on the shore at Brownwich on 30th.

A **common sandpiper** was at Titchfield Haven on 26th and a **pectoral sandpiper** on the stream at Farlington Marshes on 27th.

Spotted redshanks were seen at Farlington Marshes on 27th and 29th.

On 30th a **tawny owl** sat on a Northney roadside fence and a **short eared owl** dropped into Tournerbury Marsh Hayling Island.

A **kingfisher** flew over the south scrape at Titchfield Haven on 26th.

Hobbies were seen at Titchfield Haven on 27th, 28th and 29th.

A female **merlin** was seen at Fort Nelson on Portsdown on 24th.

Up to 4 **firecrests** have been seen on Old Winchester Hill this week. There were 12 **marsh tits** here on 26th.

Three **bearded reedlings** were in front of Meonshore hide at Titchfield Haven on 30th before flying over to the reed bed by the road.

A flock of over 100 **swallows** were at the Hay-

ling oyster beds on 24th.

A single **raven** flew over the Titchfield canal path on 25th and pairs were seen on Old Winchester Hill on 25th and Titchfield Haven on 29th.

There was a juvenile **red-backed shrike** at Farlington Marshes on 19th & 20th and a first winter **bird** on the north side of the Thorney Island Great Deep near the eastern security gate on 30th.

An immature male **ring ouzel** was at the west end of the IBM lake site at Cosham on 24th.

Single **Dartford warblers** have been seen at the west entrance to Titchfield Haven and at the south end of the Titchfield canal path.

Probably the same bird.

Spotted flycatchers have been seen at Fort Nelson on 24th, Sandy Point Hayling and Fort Widley on 27th.

A **bluethroat** was in the reeds at the western end of the lake at Farlington on 17th.

A **whinchat** was on the Titchfield canal path on 25th and a **redstart** at Fort Wiley on 30th.

Two **grey wagtails** were at the north end of the tarmac part of the Titchfield canal path on 25th and 1 at the Cams Bay wood pool on 29th.



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BUTTERFLIES

An itinerant **Hummingbird Hawk moth** larva was discovered in the wood store at Fort Widley on 19th.

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