

Nature Notes



September 3rd to 9th 2018

BIRDS

A **black-necked grebe** in partial summer plumage was seen in Langstone Harbour on 8th.

A **great white egret** landed on a meadow at Farlington Marshes at 10.30 on 5th then drifted west.

The North Binness Island scrub was still being used as its rest perch by an **osprey** until at least Friday.

A juvenile **marsh harrier** was at Titchfield Haven on 5th.

On 9th around 60 **black-tailed godwit** and 2 **green-shanks** were at Heavy Reach in Fareham Creek.

A male **ruff** at Titchfield Haven was on the south scrape, before moving to the north scrape early afternoon on 5th. It was still around on 8th.

Last week's Temmincks stint was still being seen at Titchfield Haven on 7th.

Common sandpipers have been seen on the Deeps at Farlington, Titchfield Haven and **green sandpipers** at the Haven.

There was a **spotted redshank** at Farlington Marshes on 4th and 3 on the stream on 7th. A single spotted redshank and 5 **greenshanks** were on the reserve on 9th.

Well over 100 **Sandwich terns** were off the sailing club at Hill Head early afternoon on 5th.

A short-eared owl was present on Farlington Marshes on 4th. On 7th it, or another, was hunting over the point field - seems to have lost its tail.

On 7th a **wryneck** was flushed from one grassy path in the NW corner of the point field to another then vanished.

A **kestrel** at tree top height at Bedhampton on 3rd was calling loudly with a **sparrowhawk** high above it.

A **barn owl** was seen from the Spurgin Hide at Titchfield Haven just after sunset on 3rd.

Spotted flycatchers have been seen at Northney Paddocks Hayling Island, and Paulsgrove Reclamation. A

redstart was also present at the reclamation.

Whinchats have been seen at Farlington Marshes, and **stonechats** in the Meon Valley.

Two **marsh tits** were seen at Old Winchester Hill on 3rd.

Eleven **yellow wagtails** were on the Paulsgrove Reclamation and around 120 roosted at Titchfield Haven on 4th. Fifty or more were on Farlington Marshes on 9th.

BUTTERFLIES

Small coppers were seen on Eastney Beach, Gunner Point Hayling Island, Old Winchester Hill and in a Clanfield garden this week.

Adonis blues and **silver-spotted skippers** were among the butterflies at Old Winchester Hill on 5th.

A single **wall** was seen on the path between the burger van and Candy's Pit on Portsdown on 9th but not found half an hour later.



PLANTS

Autumn ladies tresses are flowering on the road approaching the Bedhampton Asda, opposite McDonald's; and on Portsdown and Old Winchester Hill.

Native **golden rod**, **nettle-leaved bellflower** and **greater birds foot trefoil** were seen on the Trust walk down Broad Walk path Rowlands Castle on 6th.

OTHER WILDLIFE

White squirrels have been seen this week on Southsea Common opposite the Queens Hotel on Clarence Parade and just off of St John's road Purbrook in a pine tree.

A **migrant hawk** dragonfly was seen at the same place on Portsdown as the wall butterfly referred to above.

