



S. E. Hampshire Nature Notes

March 26th to April 1st 2018

BIRDS

The Farlington **scaup** and **velvet scoter** were in Russell's Lake off the east sea wall on 1st.

A **great northern diver** was feeding in the same area as a **long-tailed duck** east of Long Island in Langstone Harbour on 1st.

There was still a **spoonbill** at Farlington on 1st.

A **peregrine** was seen at Farlington Marshes on 26th and a **merlin** on 1st.

Ospreys flew north over Leigh Park on 27th and Titchfield Haven on 1st.

A **red kite** was seen from the Titchfield canal path on 1st.

There were 13 **purple sandpipers** roosting on the Castle Buoy off Southsea on 27th.

A **green sandpiper** was on the central scrape at Farlington Marshes on 27th.

On 27th there were over 200 **black-tailed godwits** on the Posbrook Floods.

A **whimbrel** and the usual colour ringed **greenshank** were at the Hayling Oyster Beds (W Hayling LNR) on 27th. There was also a whimbrel sighting off Farlington Marshes on 1st.

A **ruff** was still with the godwits at the top end of the Titchfield canal path on 1st.

Great black-backed gulls are back at their regular nest site in Burrfields Road Portsmouth. On 1st they were joined by 4 **lesser black-backed**.

Large flocks of **Mediterranean Gulls** have been seen flying over Leigh Park and on ploughed fields around Deanlane End.

Two **short-eared owls** were hunting widely over the Farlington Marshes reserve early evening on 1st.

A **sand martin** flew over the Titchfield Haven Canal Path on 27th. On 1st 12 were seen and also 5 **swallows**.

A **white wagtail** was briefly on the eastern

seawall at Farlington, before it flew north on 1st.

A **water pipit** was in reed stubble on south side of the lake at Farlington Marshes on 30th and 1st. Seven were seen on the Titchfield canal path on 1st.

There was a **wheatear** on the beach at Hill Head by the scrapes entrance to the Haven and 2 on Sinah Common this week.

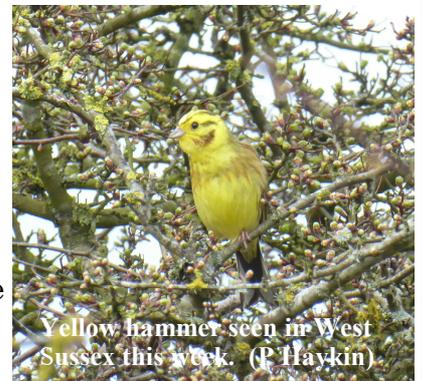
A **firecrest** was in a hedge around a caravan park at Eastney on 27th, one was in a Southsea garden on 1st and there were a few at Kingley Vale on 31st.

There were 3 **bearded tits** in the reeds by the information hut at Farlington Marshes on 26th. **Chiffchaffs** and **willow warblers** have been seen at Farlington Marshes and the Titchfield canal path this week.

Three **siskins** and 6 **lesser redpolls** were at North Boarhunt on 30th.

A **bullfinch** and, after an absence of 3 years, a **greenfinch** were in a Waterlooville garden on 28th.

There are still large flocks of **hawfinches** at Kingley Vale.



Yellow hammer seen in West Sussex this week. (P Haykin)

BUTTERFLIES

Up to a dozen **brimstones** and a **small tortoiseshell** were seen in Havant Thicket on 26th. On Stoke Common Hayling 3 more brimstones were seen.

A single **peacock** was in flight further south on the island.

Two **commas**, **peacocks**, 2 **brimstones** and a single **red admiral** were in a Waterlooville garden on 26th.

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