



S. E. Hampshire

Nature Notes

Week ending August 18th 2024.

BIRDS

An **Egyptian goose** was on the Titchfield Bridge St floods on 17th.

Three **swifts** were seen at Fort Widley on 17th.

There was a **whimbrel** off Castle Shore Park Portchester on 13th.

A juvenile **knot** was on the spit to the south of the Hayling oyster beds and 2 **little stints** were in the high tide roost at the north end of the outer bund on 16th.

Waders at Farlington Marshes this week have included a **common sandpiper** on the lake on 13th; 7 **greenshanks** on 13th; and a **green sandpiper** on 17th. There were 70 **black-tailed godwits** and 3 **whimbrels** on 18th.

A **wood sandpiper** was on the west side of the south scrape at Titchfield Haven on 13th.

There was a **glossy ibis** on the Posbook floods on 16th.

Two **peregrines** unsuccessfully hunted swallows at Farlington Marshes on 18th.

A **kingfisher** flew north over the west side Great Deeps on Thorney Island on 18th.

Two **ravens** circled over the south of Farlington Marshes (SU684036) midday on 13th.

There were 4 **bearded tits** in the reeds close to the A27 at Farlington Marshes on 18th.

Three **sand martin** and 40 **swallows** were seen at Fort Widley on 17th.

Migrant song birds on Portsdown this week have included **willow warblers** (Ft Widley and Crooked Walk lane); **chiffchaffs**; 2 **blackcaps**, lesser and common **whitethroat**, and **spotted and pied flycatchers** (Ft Widley); a **grasshopper**

warbler (Ft Widley on 17th) and **redstarts** (Crooked Walk Lane & Pigeon House Lane).

There was also a **spotted flycatcher** on Catherington Down on 17th.

There was also a **redstart** on the Hayling Northney paddocks.

A **Dartford warbler** was in the bushes area of Farlington Marshes, a **whinchat** in the fields beyond the lake and a **wheatear** in the fields further south on 16th.

Two **yellow wagtails** were in pony fields near Fort Widley on 17th.

Seven **greenfinches** were at Fort Widley on 13th.

BUTTERFLIES

Butterflies on Portsdown on 16th included **Meadow Brown: 209;**

Common Blue (M)(22)(F)(5); Red Admiral (1); Large White (4); Gatekeeper (7); Small White (9); Speckled Wood (3); Chalk Hill Blue (M)(76)(F)(15); Brimstone (F)(3); Brown Argus (1); Painted Lady (1); Small Heath (2); Holly Blue (1).

On the same day a **Silver-washed Fritillary** was nectaring on Hemp-agrimony in a Leigh Park garden.

Jersey tiger moths have been seen in the same garden and also one in Wade Court Lane.



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