



S. E. Hampshire

Nature Notes

Week ending 13th September 2020

BIRDS

Three **dark-bellied Brent geese** were seen in the west end on Chichester harbour on 11th.

Six **cattle egrets** flew north east over Farlington Marshes in a tight flock on 7th.

A **great white egret** was seen on mudflats from Farlington Marshes a.m. on 13th.

A **white stork** flew west over Pigeon House Farm Widley at 11:21 on 12th and Common Lane Titchfield at 12:11. One spent a couple of days on an arable field adjacent to the Stansted estate at the end of the week.

A **white-tailed eagle** flew over the Meon valley and Lovedean at Midday on 9th.

The North Binness **osprey** was seen in the usual trees p.m. on 7th. On the same day one was over the river and the reserve at Titchfield Haven at midday. Another one flew down the Meon Valley on 12th.

The Thorney juvenile **pallid harrier** was on the east side of the island on 12th viewable from Thornham Lane and the sea wall. It was seen the following morning but not in the afternoon.

A **whimbrel** flew west over Farlington Marshes on 7th.

Ten **knot** were on the Farlington lake at high water on 7th.

There were 7 **ruffs** on the lake at Farlington briefly at 1400 on 7th and one on the south scrape at Titchfield Haven at 1500 on 10th.

There was again a **pectoral sandpiper** at Farlington on 10th - this time on the stream and showing well in front of the hut.

Up to 7 **curlew sandpipers** were on the lake at Farlington around midday on 7th and 8th, 6 on the stream on 12th and 1 on 13th.

On 13th over 120 **sanderlings** were in a beech roost near the Nab car-park on the Hayling sea front.

A **little stint** was at Titchfield Haven on 12th.

A **spotted redshank** and 20 **greenshanks**, including 4 juveniles, were on the lake at Farlington Marshes on 7th. Fifteen greenshanks were present next day and 17 on 12th. There was also a spotted redshank at Titchfield on 12th.

Eleven **Sandwich terns** were seen between Gunner and Sandy Points on Hayling Island on 13th.

A **hobby** was at Titchfield Haven at midday on 7th and

further north on the canal path the next day.

There were 4 **ravens** at Old Winchester Hill on 8th and 2 over the sea at Farlington Marshes on 13th.

There were two sightings of **bearded tits** at Farlington at midday on 7th and at least 4 present on 13th.

Around 300 **house martins** were over the hill fort at Old Winchester Hill early a.m. on 7th.

An impressive number of **starlings**, possibly 3000, were gorging on blackberries at the oyster beds on 7th.

A **black redstart** was tussling with a robin on the green by the chalets at Titchfield Haven on 7th and on 8th with a **redstart**.

There was a **garden warbler** at Farlington Marshes on 8th.

A **lesser whitethroat** was west of Fort Southwick on Portsdown on 10th.

A group of **spotted flycatchers** was seen on the western side of the path going north around the Berewood Estate at Purbrook on 8th. There were 5 at the back of Fort Widley that day. One was on Catherington Down on 9th and there were 4 with goldfinches on Portsdown on 13th.

There was a **redstart** near Fort Southwick on 10th.

Two were SE of Fort Widley on 12th.

Four **whinchats** were seen at Farlington Marshes on 7th and one at Pigeon House Farm Widley with 5 **stonechats** on 12th. Two whinchats were on the fence at the back of the lake at Farlington on 12th.

A **pied flycatcher** was 'performing well' in the SW corner of the Farnley Triangle at Sparkes Marina on Hayling Island on 9th.

There were at least 6 **yellow wagtails** at Farlington Marshes on 7th and 21 over Titchfield Haven on 10th.

A **white wagtail** was among piers on the beach at Hill Head on 12th.

A big group of at least 25 **siskins** was in the top of an oak tree on the approach to the main lake at Staunton Country Park this week.

OTHER WILDLIFE

'Fresh' **common blues**, a lovely **clouded yellow**, **small heaths** and several **small coppers** were among butterflies at Fort Cumberland on 8th. There were more **small coppers** and a **common blue** on the Milton Locks NR on 11th.

Five **seals** were seen in Langstone Harbour on 7th.

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