



S. E. Hampshire

Nature Notes

Week ending September 20th 2020

BIRDS

Three **light-bellied** and near 100 **dark-bellied Brent geese** were seen on the mud at Dip Rithe in Chichester harbour on 19th and 20th.

On 14th there were 130 **wigeon**, 20 **gadwall**, 110 **teal** and 14 **pintails** on the lake at Farlington Marshes.

There were 9 **mandarin ducks**, including 3 males, on the Staunton Park lake on 18th.

There was a **garganey** among **teal** at Titchfield Haven on 19th. Next day it was on the north scrape.

On 20th there were 22 **red-legged partridges** at Pigeon House Farm Widley.

A **glossy ibis** landed on saltmarsh at Sparke's Marina HI on 20th but was chased off by a black-headed gull and flew off across the harbour entrance.

A **spoonbill** was seen from the Suffern hide at Titchfield Haven on 20th.

Two **great white egrets** were on the west side of the Thorney Island Great Deep on 17th. One visited Farlington Marshes on 19th.

A **red kite** flew north over Pigeon House Farm Widley midday on 20th.

An **osprey** flew south over the Sinah gravel pit on Hayling Island on 16th.

The Thorney **pallid harrier** and an **osprey** were seen again early on 15th. There were 2 ospreys at the south of the island later.

A **water rail** was browsing on mud at the southern edge of the Titchfield Haven reserve ([SU530024](#)) on 14th and another was at Farlington on 18th.

Two **golden plovers** were seen at Farlington on 18th. There were 7 **avocets** at Titchfield Haven on 16th.

Around 30 **turnstones** were resting on the Mulberry caisson in Langstone Harbour on 20th.

A **curlew sandpiper** was at Farlington on 14th.

Little stints were seen at Titchfield Haven on 12th and Farlington Marshes on 15th.

A juvenile **green sandpiper** was at the Hayling oyster beds on 17th.

There were 23 **greenshanks** on the lake at Farlington on 15th.

An **arctic skua** and a **black tern** were seen from Isle of Wight ferry a.m. on 16th.

Kingfishers have been this week at Farlington on 15th, at Titchfield Haven on 18th & 20th, on Staunton C.P.

lake and the Hayling Island Billy 150 Trail on 20th.

There were 21 **bearded tits** at Farlington on 14th.

Around 50 **house martins** were over the west end of Portsdown on 16th and 12 at Fort Widley on 18th. Two hundred **swallows** and 50 **house martins** were seen over Portsdown on 20th.

A **red-backed shrike** was showing well at "Marker Point" Thorney Island in the afternoon on 15th.

An immature **barred warbler** was seen on the Fort Widley nature trail on 15th but was not seen after it was followed into a bush by a sparrowhawk.

An **icterine warbler** was showing well on the Farlington Marshes eastern sea wall north of the old pillbox on 15th.

A **lesser whitethroat** was in the bushes at Farlington Marshes on 16th.

A **Dartford warbler** was seen in scrub at the south end of Crooked Walk Lane Portsdown on 16th.

A **reed warbler** was an unusual sighting in Havant Thicket on 19th.

Spotted flycatchers and **redstarts** continued to be seen along the slopes of Portsdown this week.

There were **whinchats** at Titchfield Haven on 18th and 20th and one at Havant Thicket on 19th.

There were at least 8 **yellow wagtails** among cows in the Hayling Church Lane field on 15th.

A flock of 16 **crossbills** flew west high over The Oaks Crematorium in West Leigh Havant on 15th.

OTHER WILDLIFE

Clouded yellows were seen on Farlington Marshes on 15th and 18th and in Stansted Park on 20th.

On Old Winchester Hill on 18th butterflies included **Adonis** and **chalkhill blues, brown argus, small coppers** and **silver-spotted skippers**.



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