



**S. E. Hampshire**

# Nature Notes

Week ending March 24<sup>th</sup> 2024.

## BIRDS

Five **eiders** were north of the Sandy Point sailing club on Hayling on 20<sup>th</sup>.

A **little ringed plover** was on the north side of the Bridge Street floods on 20<sup>th</sup>.

There were 13 **purple sandpipers** east of Southsea Castle on 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Over 3,000 **Mediterranean gulls** were reported in a pre-roost flight into Langstone Harbour. This is 50% more than the 2022 peak count.

Four **Sandwich terns** were in the entrance of Chichester Harbour on 20<sup>th</sup>.

Three **red-throated divers** flew across the harbour mouth at Sandy Point and 5 **great northern divers** were in the harbour entrance on 20<sup>th</sup>.

Three **red kites** were seen over the Bridge St floods on 22<sup>nd</sup>..

A pair of **buzzards** circled over central Emsworth. on 19<sup>th</sup> and one flew very low over the Bedhampton roundabout on 23<sup>rd</sup>.

A **tawny owl** was calling on the west end of Crookhorn golf course for around 20 minutes from 2115 on 19<sup>th</sup>.

There were 25 **sand martins** over the Posbrook floods on 22<sup>nd</sup>.

A **raven** was on the Titchfield Haven Canal Path on 19<sup>th</sup>.

A **firecrest** was seen near the Bridge St floods on 22<sup>nd</sup>.

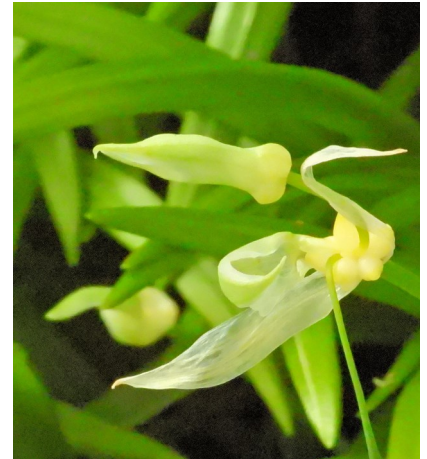
**Wheatears** are being seen widely and 1 was in the Highland Road cemetery on 20<sup>th</sup> and 6 were east of Southsea Castle on 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Three **siskins** visited a seed feeder in a Portsdown garden on 23<sup>rd</sup>. First here for many years.

## WILD FLOWERS

New flowers on a Sinah walk were 3 **cornered leek**, **stork's bill** and **English scurvy grass**.

A patch of **few flowered garlic** (right) is established in the edge of the woods by the path north of the Broadmarsh slip way.



## BUTTERFLIES AND OTHER INSECTS

A **speckled wood** was seen in Baffins garden in week ending 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Commas** have been seen in an Emsworth garden and Havant Thicket (7) this week. **Peacocks** and a **red admiral** were also seen in the thicket.

**Brimstones** are now widespread when the sun shines.

## OTHER WILDLIFE

A **white squirrel** was in Eastney on 21<sup>st</sup>.

A **badger** visited a Portsdown garden on 5 consecutive nights this week.



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