# Seasonal Wildlife Guide

The Wildlife Trust's Milton Locks nature reserve forms the last remaining section of natural shoreline on this side of Langstone Harbour. It's a small but perfectly formed haven for wildlife. Look out for these species throughout the year.

## **SPRING**







hawthorn blossom chiff chaff



# **SUMMER**



Roesel's bush cricket



marbled white butterfly



swallow

# **O** AUTUMN



changing colours of field maple



hazel



white poplar trees

## **WINTER**



Brent goose curlew



turnstone

# **Get Involved**

#### **Learning at Milton Locks**

Could your school, uniform group, or other community organisation benefit from an outdoor learning session with us? Or is your community group interested in a speaker about the project? Explore the natural and cultural heritage of Milton Locks nature reserve through arranging visits or local talks by emailing feedback@hiwwt.org.uk or call 01489 774400.

#### **Volunteering at Milton Locks**

Help us look after and celebrate Milton Locks nature reserve by wildlife spotting, or helping with conservation activities or outdoor education. Follow the latest from the reserve via the Friends of Milton Locks blog: https://miltonlocks.wordpress.com



## Discover your wild life

If you'd like to continue your wild adventure, find out more about our incredible wildlife and brilliant family events at the Wildlife Trust's nearby Farlington Marshes and Swanwick Lakes nature reserves. Visit: www.hiwwt.org.uk.

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# Discover Milton's **Hidden Seashore**

**Explore Milton Locks nature reserve -**Portsmouth's wild gem, cared for by your local Wildlife Trust



# Discover Milton Locks

Milton Locks nature reserve is cared for by Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust. It is a miniature haven for woodland, grassland and coastal wildlife, including brilliant Brent geese that fly thousands of miles from Siberia every winter to feed on our shores. It also has a rich cultural history



#### **Edward King and Milton Locks**

Perhaps Portsmouth's most well-known painter, Edward King (1862-1951) put Milton Locks on the cultural map. Committed to St James' Hospital in Milton in 1925, he painted many images of the natural coastline and green spaces around the hospital, like Milton Locks. His iconic paintings are held by Portsmouth's City Museum.

#### Life on the water's edge

Not so long ago Milton Locks looked quite different. After the Blitz in World War II, many people took refuge on the coastline, with communities of houseboats springing up around Milton Lake and Eastney Lake. There are many people in Portsmouth who still remember living, playing and exploring within this thriving community.

Find out more at: www.hiwwt.org.uk/milton-locks

