

*S. E. Hampshire*

# Nature Notes



Week ending April 17th 2022.

## BIRDS

A pair of **red-legged partridges** have been frequenting Hilltop Crescent gardens and the Crookhorn golf course.

There were 2 **Egyptian geese** at Farlington Marshes on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. On 16<sup>th</sup> there was also a **barnacle goose**.

Ten **avocets** were on the lake and stream at Farlington Marshes on 15<sup>th</sup> and 4 **whimbrels**, 13 **black-tailed godwits** and a **greenshank** were on the lake.

**Whimbrels** were also seen at The Kench on 12<sup>th</sup> and Farlington on 16<sup>th</sup> when there were also 2 **greenshanks** and a **spotted redshank**.

A **black-throated diver** was in the Chichester Harbour entrance and Hayling Bay on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.

There were 2 **cattle egrets** on Farlington Marshes on 13<sup>th</sup>.

A **great white egret** was seen flying across reed beds right of the south scrapes at Titchfield Haven on 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Ospreys** were seen over Leigh Park on 13<sup>th</sup> and Titchfield Haven on 15<sup>th</sup>.

A **marsh harrier** was at Farlington Marshes on 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Red kites** have been seen over Havant, Farlington Marshes, Baffins Pond and Titchfield Haven.



A **merlin** flew over Sandy Point and out to sea on 14<sup>th</sup>.

Two **bearded tits** were in the reeds at Farlington on 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Reed warblers** were present at Titchfield Haven from 12<sup>th</sup> and **reed** and **sedge warblers** at

Farlington Marshes from 16<sup>th</sup>.

A **firecrest** was at Bedhampton mill pond on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.

A male **ring ouzel** was on the northern edge of the hilltop fort at Old Winchester Hill on 12<sup>th</sup>.

## BUTTERFLIES

**Brimstones**, **peacocks**, **small whites**, **comma** and **red admirals** are now common and **orange tips** and **holly blues** have emerged this week.

On Butser Hill **grizzled skippers** were seen early this week and again later with **dingy skippers** and 2 **Duke of Burgundies**.



A **small tortoiseshell** was on Portchester Common on 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Green hairstreaks** were found on Butser on 16<sup>th</sup> and Portsdown on 17<sup>th</sup>.

## PLANTS

**Crosswort** is beginning to flower on Portsdown.

**Ramsons** are just beginning to open in the Hookheath copses where **wood anemones**, **dog violets**, **wood spurge**; and **pendulous** and another smaller sedge are showing well.

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