

S. E. Hampshire

Nature Notes



Week ending 25th April 2021

BIRDS

Red-legged partridges are still being seen in the Cosham area. Three were 3 round the IBM lake on 25th that have been there for around a month and two continue to live in a Hilltop Crescent garden.

A **greylag** was on the Farlington Marshes fields on 19th.

There has been an escaped drake **ringed teal** present on the IBM lake since October, that splits its time between Hilsea Lines and IBM Lake.

Two **garganeys** were present by the Hill Head sailing club on 25th.

Four **gadwall**, 3 males and a female, with 1 male defending his mate from the others at Farlington.

A **swift** was seen at Farlington on 22nd, 2 at Posbrook Floods on 23rd and 2 at Titchfield haven on 24th. More were seen on 25th in the same places and at Southsea Castle.

Lapwings had a chick on Farlington Marshes on 25th.

Curlews are still on the move with big flocks seen at Northney on 19th and 22nd.

Whimbrels have been seen this week at Hill Head, Northney, Castle Shore Park Portchester and Farlington Marshes. The biggest count was 35 at Hill Head.

Twenty **black-tailed godwits** were at Farlington on 22nd and **bar-tailed** have been seen at Titchfield Haven and Hill Head.

Purple sandpipers are still being seen at Southsea Castle.

A **little stint** was on the main lake at Farlington Marshes on 25th.

There was a female **ruff** on the lake at Farlington Marshes on 23rd.

A **common sandpiper** was on the south scrape at Titchfield Haven on 20th and there was 1 on the Bridge Street floods on 25th.

There was a **snipe** on Northney Common on 21st. A **jack snipe** was on a pool in the NE fields at Farlington on 19th.

Six **greenshanks** were at Farlington Marshes and 1 was at Budds farm on 19th. On 20th there was a **spotted redshank**, visible from the road, on the south scrape at Titchfield Haven.

Four **little terns** were seen in Langstone Harbour on 19th.

Two **common terns** were seen in the Langstone Bridge/Northney marina area and 6 at Titchfield Haven on 22nd.

A first winter plumage **little gull** was offshore at Sandy Point Hayling on 20th.

There were 2 **cattle egrets** on [Castle Farm Warblington](#) on 20th.

There was a **great white egret** at Posbrook Floods on 23rd and 1 flew north over Titchfield Haven on 25th.

A **raven** was feeding on what looked like a Brent goose carcass in the middle of the fields at Farlington Marshes on 19th.

Reed warblers are now singing in many reed beds.

A **garden warbler** was in scrub near the shore on the Cams Hall golf course on 25th.

Lesser whitethroats have been seen at Budds Farm and Farlington Marshes.

A **grasshopper warbler** was singing in hedgerow along main track from the car park at Northney Common on 19th.

There was a **redstart** in the hedge leading to the Little Posbrook Farm cottage on 24th.

Two **yellow wagtails** were in the field on the left about 300yds past the information hut at Farlington on 20th.

PLANTS

Cuckoo pint is flowering in a Portsdown garden and on the Billy Trail in Langstone.

Yellow archangel is also flowering in a Portsdown garden.

BUTTERFLIES

Dingy and **grizzled skipper** were seen on Butser Hill on 24th.

On 22nd six **green hairstreaks** were on pathways at the foot of Portsdown Hill and plenty of male **orange-tips** were also seen. More orange tips were in Havant Thicket on 23rd.

OTHER WILDLIFE

The sloughed skin of an **adder** was found on Hazleton Common on 25th.

A surprising number of **bats** were flying around Baffins Pond at the end of this week. More than one

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