

S. E. Hampshire Nature Notes

July 2nd to 8th 2018



BIRDS

Three **barnacle geese** were seen flying over Titchfield Haven on 7th.

An **osprey** was seen resting on a post off the southern end of Thorney Island at 13:15, then took off on a rising tide and flew NE over Chichester Harbour at 13:45 on 3rd.

Further to last week's comment on **peregrines** the county recorder's team have monitored 26 peregrine nest sites in Hampshire this year. Of these we still have to check one, but there were 2 non-breeding pairs where they will probably nest next year, leaving 23 nesting pairs of which 15 were successful. The 8 failures was about normal as a ratio. (K Betton)

Waders at Titchfield Haven this week have included 71 **black-tailed godwits** on 2nd, up to 3 **common sandpipers** and 3 **ruffs** on 3rd

Two **whimbrels** flew west past the point at Farlington Marshes on 7th when there were 85 **black-tailed godwits** on the deeps.

A **little ringed plover** was seen at Farlington Marshes on 7th.

Three **green sandpipers** were on the Posbrook Floods SU540047 on 3rd.

A max of 8 **greenshanks** has been at Farlington Marshes this week. On 8th a **spotted redshank** was on the reserve.

On 5th one recorder counted over 500 **swifts** and 38 **sand martins** flying west over Sinah Common Hayling Island in 3½ hours

Four **sand martins** flew over the eastern sea wall at Farlington on 7th.

Treecreepers have been seen north of the A27 at Farlington Marshes in trees close to the railway line on 7th and on 8th at the Titchfield canal path.

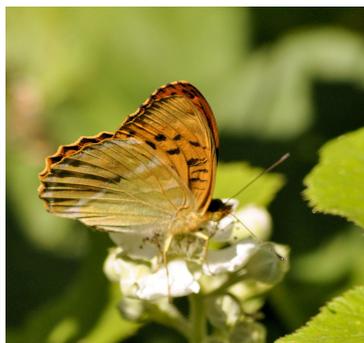
A **whinchat** was seen at Farlington Marshes this week.

A male **lesser whitethroat** was singing at Seafeld Park Hill Head a.m. on 4th.

There was a **ring-necked parakeet** at Wickham on 4th.

BUTTERFLIES

Silver-washed fritillaries have been seen this week at Monks Walk Gosport, West Walk and Creech Wood where there were also **white admirals**.



A male **purple emperor** was sipping minerals off the surface of a damp ride at

Stansted on 3rd.) There was also at least one in Creech Wood the same day. Eight were spotted in Bells Copse north of Leigh Park on 5th together with over 30 **silver-washed fritillaries**, 8 **purple hairstreaks** and 6 **white admirals**. Nine purple emperors were at West Wood on 8th.

Dark green fritillaries have been seen at Pitt Down and Oxenbourne Down where there were also 2 **chalk hill blues**.

On 7th in the evening there were over 50 **purple hairstreaks** at Browndown South

A **clouded yellow** was reported from Lee on the Solent seafront, near The Shack cafe on 3rd.

INSECTS

A **hornet** was in a Waterlooville house on 2nd.

Around 35 **glow worms** were seen on the Trust walk up Gilman Road Farlington and around the front of Fort Purbrook on 4th.

OTHER WILDLIFE

A **hedgehog** was seen in a School Lane, Havant garden on 4th July - an interesting observation in a fairly new estate. They are still seen regularly in a Waterlooville garden and occasionally in a Portsdown garden.