

S. E. Hampshire

Nature Notes



Week ending June 19th 2022.

BIRDS

Two **dark-bellied Brent geese** were seen in the Sweare Deep part of Chichester Harbour on 14th and 15th.

Two **whimbrel** flew over Farlington marshes and one was seen in Chichester Harbour on 14th. On 17th 1 was at Farlington Marshes and on 18th 4 flew over Black Point Hayling.

There were 19 **avocets** on the lake at Farlington Marshes on 19th.

There are still flocks of **black-tailed godwits** around. There were 42 on Posbrook Floods on 15th, 57 in the same area on 18th and over 70 on the lake at Farlington Marshes on 19th.

There were 2 **greenshanks** at Farlington on 16th - reported as returning birds.

Two **glossy ibis** continue to be seen on the Posbrook floods.

On 19th there were 3 **cattle** and at least 47 **little egrets**; and 11 **grey herons** including 6 immature birds.

A **hobby** flew over the reed beds at Farlington in the afternoon of 19th.

A **lesser whitethroat** was surprisingly perched very prominently with full rattling song near Meon Shore Hide at Titchfield Haven on 16th.

An early returning **sand martin** was seen at Sandy Point Hayling early on 18th.

PLANTS



Bastard toadflax is in flower in the Portsdown compartment above the Paulsgrove chalk pit.

BUTTERFLIES

After a **dark green fritillary** was on the top path between Compartment 3 and the road on Portsdown last week others have been seen



this week in the same area and in Compartment 7 next to Southwick Hill. Over 100 were seen on Butser Hill on 15th.

Other butterflies on Butser on 15th included **grizzled** and **dingy skippers**, **small blue**, **brown argus**, **painted lady** and a **hummingbird hawkmoth**.

A **small blue** was a first in a Clanfield garden this week.

OTHER WILDLIFE

A few **glow worms** have been seen recently at the edge of various paths in Havant Thicket.

