

# S. E. Hampshire Nature Notes

June 18th to 24th 2018



## BIRDS

Five **barnacle geese** flew over the reserve at Titchfield Haven on 24<sup>th</sup>.

A **ruddy shelduck** reported on Going Birding as at Farlington Marshes (but with a grid reference further east) could not be relocated later in the day.



A **hobby** (left) flew over Leigh Park on 18<sup>th</sup>.

A **red kite** was "winging it way around the field just to the right of the Bosham roundabout." on

17<sup>th</sup> and another was at Whitely pastures on 24<sup>th</sup>.

Last week's summer plumage **spotted red-shank** was still on the lake at Farlington Marshes on 19<sup>th</sup>. On 23<sup>rd</sup> it was on the stream.

There were 25 **black-tailed godwits** and a **grey plover** on the reserve and a flock of 7 vocal **whimbrels** south west of the point at Farlington Marshes on 23<sup>rd</sup>.

A **common sandpiper** was on the south scrape at Titchfield Haven on 22<sup>nd</sup>.

There was a pristine male **redstart** at Widley Farm (Portsdown) on 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Three **nightjars** were seen or heard at West Walk (Wickham) on 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Large flocks of **swifts** were seen at Hill Head (40) and Budds Farm Sewage Farm (20) on 21<sup>st</sup>.

A pair of **grey wagtails** are breeding in the cell block exercise yard that is no longer in use at the police station in Havant.

**Bearded tit** 'pinging' was heard near the hut on Farlington Marshes on 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## BUTTERFLIES

**Meadow browns**, **marbled whites** and **small heaths** are now out in their usual haunts.

A **painted lady** was seen on Old Winchester Hill on 18<sup>th</sup>.

Seven **white admirals** and an active **silver washed fritillary** were seen at Portland Copice west of Purbrook on 18<sup>th</sup>. The latter species was also seen this week in Southleigh Forest.

**Silver-studded blues** have been seen on 21<sup>st</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> at Browndown, Gosport.

A single male **purple emperor** appeared over the assembly oak in Southleigh Forest at 12:45 (a typical arrival time here) on 22<sup>nd</sup> and there was also one on the east side of Titchfield Haven on 24<sup>th</sup>.

At least two **purple hairstreaks** were seen at Monks Walk Gosport early on 22<sup>nd</sup>.

A Butser Hill BC field trip on 23<sup>rd</sup> found a **painted lady**, **dark green fritillaries** and a **green hairstreak**.

## PLANTS

A cluster of **lesser calamint** plants is growing at the foot of a bare wall among builders rubble near to the Hayling Billy Pub on the east side of St Mary's Road.

## OTHER WILDLIFE

A toad was in a Havant garden on 22<sup>nd</sup>.



A badger caught on a trail camera in a Lovedean garden on 16<sup>th</sup>. (Deryn Hawkins)