



S. E. Hampshire

Nature Notes

Week ending June 9th 2024.

BIRDS

A **pochard** was an unusual visitor at Farlington Marshes on 30th.

On 4th June there were 6 immature **Mandarin ducks**, 4 male and 2 female on Staunton Park lake, probably previous years young.

There was a **goosander** and 2 **great white egrets** on the Titchfield Bridge St floods on 2nd.

A **cuckoo** was seen on a post outside the reserve at Titchfield Haven on 2nd and maybe the same bird heard on 8th east of the canal path.

The big news but not local is that **roseate terns** have a nest in Hampshire.

A single **glossy ibis** was at the back of the north flood on the Titchfield canal path on 30th.

A **spoonbill** flew high over the reserve at Titchfield Haven on 7th.

An **osprey** hovered high over the Posbrook floods before moving away to the east early this week.

There were 3 **hobbies** south of the floods, four the next day and singles through the rest of the week.

There were 4 male **firecrests** along the purple route in the Queen Elizabeth Country Park on 5th.

A **reed warbler** was singing in vegetation at the back of a Portsmouth garden on 2nd.

A **wheatear** was at Gunner Point Hayling Island on 7th.

BUTTERFLIES

White-letter hairstreak are now out at Lakeside in Cosham. Four were seen on 4th from Western Road along the edge of the site.

At Havant Thicket on 7th a handful of butterflies included a female **common blue**, a faded **grizzled skipper**, a **small heath** and a couple of male **meadow browns**. There were plenty of **brimstone**, a few **orange-tip** larvae and several **mullein moth** larvae.

WILD FLOWERS

Bee orchids are in flower on Portsdown, at Sinah Warren and probably many more sites.

Pyramidal and **Lizard orchids** are also showing well on Portsdown.



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