

S. E. Hampshire

Nature Notes



Week ending 12th June 2022.

BIRDS

A **nightjar** continues to be heard churring in Havant Thicket.

Around 100 **grey plovers** were near the deeps on Farlington Marshes on 10th.

There were 48 **sanderlings** still at Black Point Hayling Island on 6th.

There were 3 **little terns** off the east sea wall at Farlington Marshes on 10th and around 100 **common terns** at the oyster beds on 10th.

On 6th there were 40 **little egrets**, 11 **cattle egrets** (with 6 chicks) and 15 **grey herons** in the trees behind the Langston mill pond.

There were still 2 **glossy ibis** on the Posbrook Floods on 7th and on the Bridge Street floods on 8th and still around on 12th.

A summer plumage **great northern diver** flew over Sandy Point Hayling Island early on 10th.

A **ring-necked parakeet** was calling from trees behind the Hayling Island lifeboat station for half an hour in the evening on 7th and was still present the next day.

A **hobby** was seen on the Titchfield canal path on 9th.

In Dorking Crescent Cosham (SU 660053) on two days running a probable **red-billed leiothrix** (aka Pekin Robin) was seen. This species is a common cage bird but there have been recent press reports of feral colonies.

BUTTERFLIES

A **dark green fritillary** was on the top path between Portsdown Compartment 3 (Above the chalk pit) and the road on 8th. There are now also plenty of **marbled whites** on the wing.

PLANTS

A couple of **yellow vetchling** flowers were found close to the path from the western end of the Paulsgrove chalk pit to the top of Portsdown on 8th. The established patch of **Nottingham catchfly** further down the slope and away from the path continues to do well.

There have been two discoveries in this area this week two or three miles apart of **lizard orchids**. Photos by MT and JG of both below. Exact locations are not being promulgated for conservation reasons.



OTHER WILDLIFE

A **roe deer** was in a Portsdown garden on 9th.

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