



S. E. Hampshire

Nature Notes

May 27th to June 2nd 2019

BIRDS

A flock of 13 **barnacle geese** of unknown origin flew into Titchfield Haven on 31st.

A **common sandpiper** was on the south scrape at Titchfield Haven on 2nd.

There was a juvenile **tawny owl** low down in trees west of the Titchfield canal path (SU536038) on 28th.

A single **swift** flew over Baffins Pond (Portsmouth) in a grey evening sky on 29th. On 31st 3 were seen at Wickham.

Nightjars were heard at Southwick and Hundred Acres on 1st. Two started singing on a recent planting site at Stansted on 1st at 9.45pm.

A **peregrine** took a black-headed gull chick causing considerable chaos at the oyster beds on Hayling Island p.m. on 28th.

A **hobby** was seen halfway down the east side of the reserve from the Titchfield canal path. (SU536038) on 28th.



BUTTERFLIES

A **Duke of Burgundy** was a surprising find on Broughton Down on 27th. Many **adonis blues** and **brown argus**, a scattering of **common blues**, 8 **green hairstreaks**, 10

dingy skipper and a single **grizzled skipper** were also seen.

A first, and early, **marbled white** of the year was in the usual place south of 'The George' on Portsdown on 30th.

On 30th Coulters Dean produced some good counts of many species including **green hairstreak, common blue, dingy skipper, cinnabar, six-spot burnet, burnet companion, and mother Shipton** moths. In some bordering 'set aside' a very odd specimen, a **marsh fritillary** was seen, and also **brown argus**, and **common** and **small blue**, and many **dingy skippers**, plus the mother Shipton moth.

4th June:

Birds of the dusk walk in Creech Woods

Meet at the entrance to the car-park on Bunkers Hill Denmead PO7 6UB at 20:00. Don't park in the car-park - it may be locked before we end the walk. Stroll through Creech Woods to look for wild flowers and as we return to our cars listen and look for Nightjars. - 2½ mile mainly flat walk with a little bit of road walking. Dogs under firm control welcome. Suggested donation £1.50. Leader: John Goodspeed 078 1143 5252 or john@havantnature.net

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