



S. E. Hampshire

Nature Notes

May 6th to 12th 2019

BIRDS

A male **long-tailed duck** in almost full summer plumage was off Hill Head looking towards Calshot all day on 7th and through the rest of the week off Brownwich Cliffs.

A male **eider** was off Titchfield Haven on 10th.

There was a **pink-footed goose** on the south scrape at Titchfield Haven and 13 **barnacle geese** on Farlington Marshes all on 12th.

An **osprey** was on a marker post at the northern end of Thorney Channel at midday on 6th.

There were around 16 **ringed plovers** on Gunner Point Hayling Island (presumably in or around the fenced off area) on 7th.

There was a **whimbrel** on the Langstone Harbour shoreline at Plant Farm on 6th. Up to 4 were seen on Farlington Marshes p.m. on 7th and 2 on the Milton Common, Portsmouth shore on 10th. On 12th there were 19 at Northney Hayling Island.

Three, possibly 4, **common sandpipers** were at Farlington Marshes on 7th.

Eight **greenshanks** were seen at Farlington Marshes in the evening on 7th.

There was an **arctic tern** amongst the feeding flock at Sandy Point Hayling Island on 11th.

There was a **cuckoo** on the Titchfield Haven Canal Path on 11th.

Two maybe three **hobbies** were over the owl boxes & equestrian centre area at Titchfield Haven on 6th.

Around 200 **Swallows** and 100 **House Martins** were at the Thorney Island sewage works on 6th with a couple of **swifts**. Swifts have also been seen over the railway station at Fareham, on Milton Common at Clanfield and Farlington Marshes.

Five **greenshanks** were on the lake at Farlington Marshes on 11th.

Hobbies were seen at Titchfield Haven and Sandy Point Hayling on 10th.

Five **willow warblers** were at Sandy Point Hayling on 10th.

A **lesser whitethroat** was singing at Fort Widley on 9th.

A **wood warbler** was singing on the west side of the first field south of Bridge Street, west of the Titchfield Haven Canal Path on 6th.

On 10th there were 5 **spotted flycatchers** at Northney Paddocks Hayling Island, 1 at The Oaks crematorium Havant and 3 at Sandy Point Hayling Island.

Whinchats were seen on the Titchfield Haven Canal Path and at Farlington Marshes on 6th.

A late male **wheatear** was just west of the point field at Farlington Marshes on 7th.

BUTTERFLIES

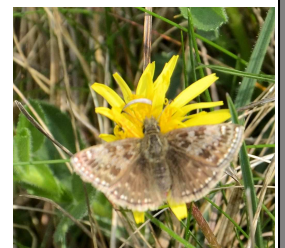
Pearl-bordered fritillaries are on the wing in Stansted Forest.

Twelve **Duke of Burgundy** were at Oxenbourne Down on 7th including a mating pair which proves they must be happy with the environment as it stands at the moment. There were also a few on Old Winchester Hill.

Grizzled and dingy skippers (right) were seen on Chalton Down Idsworth and Old Winchester Hill on 11th.

Common blues have been seen on Old Winchester Hill and Crookhorn golf course.

A single **green hairstreak** was at Oxenbourne Down on 7th.



OTHER WILDLIFE

In a garden on Rose Hill Lovedean - dog, vixen and two healthy-looking **fox** cubs were seen this week.

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