

S. E. Hampshire

Nature Notes



Week ending May 2nd 2021

BIRDS

A pair of **garganey** was in shallow pools in the long grass west of the Posbrook floods on 28th. Two **swifts** were seen over Southsea and 20 at Budds farm with swallows and house martins. A large flock drifted up the Titchfield Haven valley on 1st.

A **cuckoo** was heard at Titchfield Haven on 30th and on the canal path the following day.

Whimbrels continue to migrate through with groups of up to 9 on 26th. Over 50 were on Little Biness Island on 1st.

Seven **bar-tailed godwits** were at Gunner Point on 27th.

There were 3 **common terns** at the Hayling oyster beds on 27th. Ten **arctic terns** flew into the Titchfield Haven reserve on 30th and lingered in the area for 3-4 hours.

A **cattle egret** flew in off the sea at Sandy Point on 26th and landed on the beach behind rocks before continuing east.

There was an **osprey** on Long Island in Langstone Harbour on 1st.

On 27th 3 **hobbies** were hawking over Posbrook Floods but spending the majority of the time high over the meadows south to the frying pan.

Two **bearded tits** were busy in the reed beds next to the road at Titchfield Haven on 2nd.

Ten **whitethroats** were at Gunner Point Hayling on 27th.

A **lesser whitethroat** was singing near the car park at Budds Farm on 28th.

Sedge warblers are becoming common in suitable habitat across our area.

A **black redstart** was seen from the beach towards the eastern end of a compound at Fort Cumberland on 26th and one was at Hill Head on 1st.

Four or five **nightingales** were singing in

Marlpit Lane Woodmancote on 2nd.

A male **yellow wagtail** was feeding among cattle in the bushes area of Farlington Marshes on 1st and 1 flew over Old Winchester Hill the same day.

PLANTS

Crosswort is now flowering nicely at Fort Purbrook.

BUTTERFLIES

Dingy skipper; grizzled skipper; peacock; small white; green hairstreak; and orange-tips were seen on Ramsdean Down, Butser Hill on 27th and on 29th **peacock;**

Duke of Burgundy; brimstone; small coppers; dingy Skipper and last but not least one **grizzled skipper** were in the Oxenbourne Down/Wascombe Bottom area.

An **angle shades** moth was seen in a local garden this week.

OTHER WILDLIFE

Common pipistrelle, soprano pipistrelle, Nathusius' pipistrelle (only twice), **noctule, serotine and Natterer's bats** have been recorded in a Wade Court Havant garden this week.

A **white squirrel** has been visiting a Record Road, Emsworth garden recently.



Badger in a Portdown garden 29th

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