

S. E. Hampshire Nature Notes

May 21st to 27th 2018



BIRDS

A **hobby** was seen on the Titchfield Haven canal path at 17:50 on 22nd.

A **peregrine** flew over Farlington Marshes on 26th. At a Portsmouth site a pair have a single chick.

A **little stint** was on the north scrape at Titchfield Haven on 24th.

There were 19 **sanderlings** on the beach at Hill Head on 26th.

A **little tern** was feeding on the incoming tide off the point field at Farlington Marshes on 26th.

Lesser black backed gulls and **stock doves** were on a ploughed field east of Racton Farm (SU782091) on 26th.

A **cuckoo** was present on the Titchfield Haven canal path at 17:00 on 22nd.

A **nightjar** was singing and showing well at 9.25pm on 27th in Stansted Forest.

House martins have been repairing a nest under the eaves of a building in south Hayling.

Swifts have been seen at Bedhampton, 2 on 22nd and Abshot, Titchfield Common, 15 also on 22nd.

A female **whinchat**, **redstart**, **spotted flycatcher**, **yellow wagtail** and 2 **willow warblers** were at Sandy Point Hayling on 22nd.

Another **spotted flycatcher** was in a bare tree on the east side of the Titchfield Haven Canal Path just south of the metal bridge early on 25th.

A very late **wheatear** was seen on the beach at Sandy Point Hayling Island on 26th.

Rooks have begun to use a bird feeder in a Portsdown garden.

Male & female **bullfinches** were on a bird feeder in a Rowlands Castle garden on 24th.

BUTTERFLIES

On 22nd 11 **Duke of Burgundy**, **grizzled** and **dingy skippers** butterflies and **burnet companion**, **speckled yellow**, **cinnabar** and **common carpet** moths were seen on Oxenbourne Down/Wascombe Bottom.

In addition to the common butterflies seen on Chalton Down on 23rd there were a **dingy** and 2 **grizzled skippers**.

On Butser Hill on 27th there were 22 **Duke of Burgundy**, 20 **common blues** over 30 **small heath**, 8 **green hairstreaks**, 12 **dingy** and 4 **grizzled skippers**, 2 **burnet companions**, 2 **small coppers** and 5 **brown argus** among the many butterflies seen.

PLANTS

There is a lot of **grass vetchling** on the common at Northney.

Early gentian is in flower above the Paulsgrove chalk pit. In the pit **pale flax** is showing well and on the steep slope at the west of the pit **yellow vetchling** is just beginning to show flowers while **sanfoin** is flowering at the other end of the chalk pit.

Three flower stems of **wild clary** can be seen on the path from the car park south of Hayling bridge leading to the oyster beds.

Caper spurge is showing well by Racton Farm (SU782091).

INSECTS

A **beautiful demoiselle** was on the mill stream west of Westbourne p.m. on 22nd.

