

S. E. Hampshire

Nature Notes



Week ending 8th May 2022.

BIRDS

Two **Brent geese** continue to linger in the Sweare Deep bit of Chichester Harbour.

There was a drake **garganey** on the deeps and stream at Farlington on 3rd.

Nightjars have been seen this week on Butser Hill, in Creech Wood and at Sandy point Hayling Island.

Swifts were seen this week on Portsdown and at Titchfield Haven.

A **cuckoo** was heard twice in the Queen's Inclosure at Cowplain on 3rd.

A **bar-tailed godwit** was on the shore at Titchfield Haven on 3rd.

There were 13 **black-tailed godwits**, a **greenshank** and 4 **whimbrels** in Sweare Deep on 3rd. There were around 150 black-tailed and 1 bar-tailed godwits and 75 whimbrels on Farlington Marshes on 6th.

There was a **ruff** at Farlington on 4th and 5th.

A **common sandpiper** was on the lake at Staunton Country Park on 6th.

A **wood sandpiper** was on the Posbrook Floods on 3rd.

Six **little terns** were on an island on the routh scrape at Titchfield Haven on 8th.

Ten **Sandwich terns** and 65 **common terns** were in Stokes Bay Gosport on 3rd.

A **black-throated diver** was still present in Hayling Bay on 8th.

Three **red kites** flew over the reception building at Titchfield Haven on 7th.

Hobbies were seen at Titchfield Haven on 7th and 8th; and South Hayling on 7th.

Fourteen **swallows** flew into Stokes Bay on 3rd.

A **raven** harassed a buzzard over a Denmead garden on 6th.

A **nightingale** was singing at the lower end of the Titchfield canal path on 2nd.

There were **lesser whitethroats** at Fort Widley on 3rd, Farlington Marshes on 4th and Cams Bay on 8th.

There were **whinchat** sightings at Farlington on 4th and 6th.

BUTTERFLIES

On 7th May butterflies on Oxenbourne Down included 8 **Duke of Burgundy**, good numbers of **grizzled** and **dingy skippers**, one **small copper**, **small heaths**, **brimstones**, **green hairstreak** and several moths one of these was the very red **cinnabar moth**.

PLANTS

Solomon's Seal is in flower in woodlands north of Southwick village and a Portsdown garden..



OTHER WILDLIFE

Large red damselflies have emerged on a Portsdown garden pond.

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