



S. E. Hampshire

Nature Notes

Week ending March 10th 2024.

Birds

There was a **light-bellied Brent goose** on the north end of the main marsh at Farlington on 6th.

A significant gathering of **red-breasted mergansers** was seen in the north east of Langstone Harbour on 10th.

Two **goosanders** were off the Kench Hayling Island on 9th.

There were at least 11 **purple sandpipers** on algae covered rocks east of Southsea Castle on 5th.

A second year **Caspian gull** was among other large gulls on Farlington Marshes on 9th and 10th.

Around 60 **sanderlings** were on Eastney Beach on 5th.

Just 2 **glossy ibises** were on the Posbrook floods on 5th.

An early **osprey** was seen on North Binness Island and then flying east towards Hayling Island on 10th.

A **sparrow hawk** was in a hedge near the 'Coffee Cup' on Eastney beach.

A male **black redstart** was seen in gardens

100m along the promenade from Eastoke Corner on 4th.

Two male **blackcaps** by the IBM lake at



Cosham on 5th were likely to be incoming migrants as they do not winter at this site. A **chiffchaff** in a Portsdown/Widley garden on 6th was also probably a migrant for the same reason.

A **Cetti's warbler** was heard in Castle Shore Park Fareham, a new site for this bird, on 10th.

A **firecrest** was by the Bridge St floods, and 20 **siskins** by the Posbrook floods on 5th.

There were more firecrests at Sinah Warren on 9th and Castle Shore Park on 10th.

Butterflies

Butterflies in Havant Thicket on 8th were 4 and Brimstones, 3 Commas (right) and a Peacock.



A STROLL THROUGH TIME Part 2

A pictorial tour of the eastern end of Portsdown with Nigel Glossop
March 12th 7.30pm
Main Hall, Church of the Resurrection Brecon Avenue, Drayton PO6 2AW

£3 at door - includes refreshments

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