

The ordinary is carrying on

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Just to remind everyone that there is still a world out there, and it is worth caring about:



Black-headed gulls are about as ordinary as birds get in the UK. If they were people, Labour would treat them with contempt. In fact, many people, even birdwatchers, do just that. They get ignored.

But they are magnificent birds. That head - which is breeding plumage - is not black at all. It is a fantastic deep brown. The legs are a great deep red, almost maroon. And the pale grey is such a great contrast.

There is no sexual dimorphism.

This one was really very close yesterday and one of many (60 plus) where I was who clearly had breeding in mind.

The ordinary is carrying on, in other words. Sometimes, I have to remind myself of that, even though politics is doing its utmost to disrupt everything.