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DARTFORD WARBLER.

Beconase

(beclomethasone dipropionate BP)

NASAL SPRAY

For everyone with hay fever or chronic allergic rhinitis

PRESENTATION AND BASIC NHS COST

Beconase Nasal Spray is a metered-dose aerosol delivering 50mcg beclomethasone dipropionate BP per actuation into a special nasal applicator. Each canister provides 200 applications. Basic NHS cost £4.34.

INDICATIONS

The prophylaxis and treatment of perennial and seasonal allergic rhinitis, including hay fever and vasomotor rhinitis.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

The recommended maximum dosage is one application into each nostril, four times daily. Not suitable for children under six years of age.

Full therapeutic benefit requires regular usage and the absence of any immediate effect should be explained to the patient to facilitate compliance with the regular dosage schedule.

CONTRA-INDICATIONS, WARNINGS, ETC.

There are no specific contra-indications but any infections of the nasal passages and paranasal sinuses should receive the appropriate treatment.

Care must be taken while transferring patients from systemic steroid treatment to Beconase if there is any reason to suppose that adrenal function is impaired.

Eye symptoms may necessitate additional topical therapy. Unnecessary administration of drugs during the first trimester of pregnancy is undesirable.

No major side effects attributable to Beconase have been reported, but occasionally sneezing attacks have followed immediately after use of the aerosol.

LEGAL CATEGORY

POM

PRODUCT LICENCE NUMBER

0045/0093

SELECTED BIRDS OF BRITAIN

DARTFORD WARBLER

Sylvia undata

This handsome, shy bird is our only resident warbler. It is also one of our rarest breeding species. The reduction of gorse heathland, its favourite habitat, has decreased the population which is also vulnerable to hard winters. In the early 1960's it was reduced to a few pairs, but subsequently numbers increased to some hundreds, thanks to milder winters. This bird feeds primarily on insects and larvae, but takes berries in wintertime.

The Dartford Warbler breeds hidden in heather or gorse. In display the male fans and lowers his tail, drooping his wings. The well concealed nest is made largely by the female although the male constructs trial nests. It is sturdily built of roots, grass, feathers and wool, lined softly. 3-5 off-white eggs, mottled thickly with shades of grey, are produced. The female is browner with a lighter breast than the male. Both birds reach a length of 5 inches (13 cm).

(Illustration from "A History of British Birds" by F. O. Morris)

Full prescribing information is available on request.
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