

ORNITHOLOGICAL RECORD FOR DERBYSHIRE, 1942.

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SYSTEMATIC LIST.

Carrion-Crow. *Corvus c. corone*. Two shot in the act of killing six weeks old Leghorn chicks (H.J.W.); Winter roost as usual in Radbourne Rough (W.K.M.).

Rook, *Corvus f. frugilegus*. From 20th December to 22nd February none roosted at the Parwich Hall rookery, but were frequently present in the daytime, assembling in the evening and flying to roost at Alsop-en-le-Dale. On 23rd April pellets were found under the roosting trees, composed of vegetable matter, stones and beetle elytra (C.L.C.); Returned to rookery 3rd March, 51 nests (69 in 1941), Bretby (H.J.W.); First egg 20th March (same as 1941), Heath Wood, Foremark (R.S.F.C.); 270 and 271 nests in the two main rookeries; a third has gradually grown to 45 nests, Radbourne (W.K.M.).

Magpie, *Pica p. pica*. Increase reported in many places.

Jay, *Garrulus glandarius rufitergum*. Two at Hoon in October; not seen here previously (C.M.B.).

Goldfinch, *Carduelis c. britannica*. One Buxton 7th February and 5th April (R.C.M.); a few Foremark 18th April (C.H.); one nest Bretby (H.J.W.); absent from the Ashbourne district until mid-summer (K.H.); probably nests at Hathersage (R.C.); one, 25th October and 10th November, Radbourne (W.K.M.).

Siskin, *Carduelis spinus*. Twelve, 18th January, Allestree (S.W.).

Bullfinch, *Pyrrhula p. pyrrhula*. One, Buxton, 8th February and subsequently (R.C.M.).

Hawfinch, *Coccothraustes c. coccothraustes*. 12th April and 9th August, Buxton (R.C.M.); one, 18th April, Foremark (C.H.); nest and two young in a holly, Kedleston Road, Derby (H.C.); single birds and small parties, December, 1941 to mid-April, 1942, Ashbourne district (K.H.); one male, 29th March, Allestree, two, Littleover, one, Duffield Road, Derby, 16th April (S.W.); none during the winter, Radbourne (W.K.M.).

Mealy-Redpoll, *Carduelis f. flammes*. One, feeding on willowherb seeds, 26th January, Clifton (K.H.).

Lesser Redpoll, *Carduelis linaria cabaret*. Few in centre of Buxton, June (A.E.J.).

Meadow-Pipit, *Anthus pratensis*. 29th March, Buxton (R.C.M.).

Twite, *Carduelis fl. pipilans*. Nest with one young and two added eggs, 12th June, Buxton (R.C.M.).

Crossbil, *Loxia c. curvirostra*. About twelve flying south-west, 7th September, Buxton (R.C.M.); 22nd November, fifty, Grindleford (R.C.).

Corñ-Bunting, *Emberiza c. calandra*. 17th May Winter (R.E.).

Yellow-Bunting, *Emberiza c. citrinella*. Very abundant; twelve nests found within three miles of Repton (R.S.F.C.)

Cirl-Bunting, *Emberiza c. cirrus*. Nest and four eggs, 12th June, Melbourne (H.J.W.).

Tree-Sparrow, *Passer m. montanus*. More abundant than generally supposed; nested at Bretby, Ticknall, Foremark, Newton Solney (H.J.W.); a few breeding pairs; two in nest boxes at Repton (R.S.F.C.); a pair nested in a box but deserted the young; both birds fed the young, Radbourne (W.K.M.).

Yellow-Wagtail, *Motacilla flava rayi*. Five nesting pairs within a mile of Parwich village compared with eight in 1941 (C.L.C.); none in usual locality Newton Solney (C.H.); not so abundant as usual (R.S.F.C.); increase maintained in North Derbyshire (R.C.).

Whinchat, *Saxicola r. rubetra*. Appeared to be well distributed this year (R.C.); increasing, Repton district (R.S.F.C.).

Dipper, *Cinclus c. gularis*. Nested in old nest repaired, 13th April, Buxton (R.C.M.), faeces in pool below next (R.C.).

Ring Ouzel, *Turdus t. torquatus*. One singing, 29th March, Buxton. On 2nd May, 1942 I found a 1941 nest containing bits of 1941 egg shells. On 10th May it had been relined and contained two eggs which on 13th May were deserted; I removed them and four more were laid and hatched; on 20th June this pair had built another nest with five eggs six yards from the nest used in 1941 and 1942, four of which were reared (R.C.M.); several pairs, June, Axe Edge and Goyt (A.E.J.); none in the spring but two on 14th August, Abney Moor (H.C.B.B.). Several passing through Markeaton, 26th March (R.E.).

Redstart, *Phoenicurus p. phoenicurus*. Three pairs, June, Axe Edge and Goyt (A.E.J.).

Black-Redstart, *Phoenicurus ochrurus gibraltariensis*. One male 30th June, on ruined building in centre of Sheffield (C.H.W.).

Common-Whitethroat, *Sylvia c. communis*. Decreasing; five nests found compared with ten in 1941 (R.S.F.C.); less abundant (H.J.W.; W.K.M.).

Reed-Warbler, *Acrocephalus s. scirpaceus*. Increasing (R.S.F.C.).

Blackbird, *Turdus m. merula*. Nest with six eggs, 24th May, near Sheffield (C.H.W.).

Starling, *Sturnus v. vulgaris*. The roost in Hilton Gorse was used in August, September, until middle October, when they left (C.M.B.).

Willow-Tit, *Parus a. kleinschmidti*. One, 10th January, Parwich (C.L.C.); bred at Radbourne (W.K.M.).

Longtailed-Tit, *Aegithalos caudatus roseus*. Families seen in the autumn, Radbourne and Sudbury, but has not yet recovered to former numbers (W.K.M.).

Goldcrest, *Regulus r. anglorum*. 24th February, Buxton (R.C.M.); 11th June, Windley, 30th March, Sudbury, none at Radbourne (W.K.M.).

Nuthatch, *Sitta europaea affinis*. Definite increase in numbers in recent years. Nested at Calton, Bretby, Foremark, Calke and Melbourne (H.J.W.); nested at Allestree (S.W.); increase to three pairs Sudbury, two pairs as usual Radbourne (W.K.M.).

Redbacked-Shrike, *Lanius c. collurio*. As in 1941 a pair reared young at Cromford. Another pair seen at Matlock Bath (R.E.).

Pied-Flycatcher, *Musicapa h. hypoleuca*. One female, 13th May, Hulland Ward (W.K.M.).

Nightjar, *Caprimulgus e. europaeus*. Nested at Repton (H.J.W.).

Shorteared-Owl, *Asio f. flammeus*. Very much on the increase; six pairs probably nested, three lots of young seen, Derwent (E.H.P.); two pairs throughout the nesting season in a district which definitely indicates an extension of range (C.H.W.); none in Via Gellia and on Matlock Moor where they were in 1941 (R.E.).

Tawny-Owl, *Strix aluco sylvatica*. Increased, Radbourne (W.K.M.).

Black-Grouse, *Lyrurus tetrix britannicus*. 24th February, Buxton (R.C.M.); one old cock and two old hens, August; an old hen shot on 14th August had four eggs in her, Abney Moor (H.C.B.B.).

Red-Grouse, *Lagopus s. scoticus*. A very good breeding season, Derwent (E.H.P.); twelve dead grouse, Whitsun-tide, Kinderscout (R.E.).

Partridge, *Perdix p. perdix*. Paired, 31st January, Radbourne. Considerable increase in numbers reported generally. It seems, therefore, that the artificial manures used in 1942 do not harm them (W.K.M.).

Redlegged-Partridge, *Alectoris r. rufa*. One strong covey between Cubley and Alkmonton (L.M.W.).

Kestrel, *Falco t. tinnunculus*. Increasing in numbers (R.S.F.C.).

Merlin, *Falco columbarius oesalon*. A pair, 31st May, Buxton (R.C.M.). Several on Abney Moor (H.C.B.B.).

Common Buzzard, *Buteo b. buteo*. One in August and September, Derwent (E.H.P.); one male from 14th November, 1941 until 8th March, 1942 when it was killed by a dog when it was feeding on the ground, Melbourne (H.J.W.).

Sparrow-Hawk, *Accipiter n. nisus*. A pair roosted on the house eaves, Hoon; were often mobbed by large flocks of starlings (C.M.B.); less prevalent than in 1941; ten nests found (R.S.F.C.); nest and four eggs twenty yards from and three feet higher than nest photographed in 1941; this 1942 nest was robbed, Radbourne (S.W.).

Montagu's Harrier, *Circus pygargus*. One 12th and 24th June, 5th July, Goyt Moss (R.C.M.); one, unidentified but a female by the size, 28th August, Derwent (E.H.P.).

Peregrine, *Falco p. peregrinus*. A tiercel, 29th November, River Dove (K.H.).

Geese. Flying over Parwich at 11-30 p.m. 12th January (C.L.C.); Flying over Buxton district 27th September (R.C.M.).

Teal, *Anas c. crecca*. 20th March, passing over Buxton (R.C.M.); Bred near Hathersage (R.C.).

Wigeon, *Anas penelope*. One pair, 21st March, Allestree (S.W.); two drake, one of which was immature, 23rd November, Osmaston (K.H.).

Tufted-Duck, *Nyroca fuligula*. Fourteen pairs, 21st March; four pairs 29th March; up to twelve pairs until 10th June; absent until 7th July; did not breed, Allestree (S.W.); two pairs throughout the spring and summer, did not breed, Sudbury (W.K.M.); three immature, 14th September, Monsal Dale (R.C.M.); forty, 8th to 22nd February, near Burton-on-Trent (C.H.); over

100 at Ingleby (H.J.W.); one, 3rd March, Spring Gardens, Buxton (W.S.).

Pintail, *Dafila a. acuta*. One drake, winter plumage, 23rd November, Osmaston (K.H.).

Shoveller, *Spatula clypeata*. One, 13th February, Drakelowe (C.H.).

Pochard, *Nyroca f. ferina*. Four drakes, 6th January and 23rd November, Osmaston; one, 23rd March, Ednaston (K.H.); one drake, 30th March, Sudbury (W.K.M.).

Goosander, *Mergus merganser merganser*. A pair, March, Howden Dam, not previously seen here (E.H.P.); one female, 11th February, Wortley (C.H.W.).

Great Crested-Grebe, *Podiceps c. cristatus*. Four, 4th October, Coombes Reservoir (R.C.M.); two pairs, 18th April, Melbourne (C.H.); one pair, 28th May, Kedleston, arrived, 23rd March, Melbourne (H.J.W.); two, 2nd May, Coombes Reservoir (W.S.); three pairs, 25th April, one pair 7th September, Melbourne (H.C.); one pair during the summer, did not breed, Osmaston (K.H.); one male arrived, 1st April, and called at night until 14th May, when a pair arrived. The latter did not breed and left on 19th June. The odd male left 10th August, Allestree (S.W.); one male, 23rd March, female 30th March, Sudbury (W.K.M.).

Little-Grebe, *Podiceps r. ruficollis*. One, in hard weather, for two or three weeks, Spring Gardens, Buxton (W.S.).

Rednecked-Grebe, *Podiceps g. griseigena*. One, found dead, 27th January, Eyam (R.C.).

Green-Plover, *Vanellus vanellus*. 15th March, on lower slopes, Buxton (R.C.M.); Many hundreds, 6th July, Sudbury (C.H.); 8th March, Longshaw (R.C.); 3rd March, returned to nesting ground, Burton-on-Trent district (C.H.).

Golden-Plover, *Pluvialis a. apricaria*. 15th March,

calling on hill-tops, Buxton (R.C.M.); 13th March, six, Hoon (C.M.B.); very scarce in 1941 and 1942, Derwent (E.H.P.); the usual flock of about fifty arrived in the middle of February; heavy snow fell and all left; only a few pairs bred, usually twenty to thirty pairs, Abney Moor (H.C.B.B.); four, 7th January, Sturston (K.H.); large flock flying over Allestree at night, 18th March (S.W.).

Dunlin, *Calidris a. schinzii*. Only one pair, usually about a dozen, Derwent (E.H.P.); two black-breasted birds, 30th April, Ashbourne Hall Pond (K.H.).

Common-Snipe, *Capella g. gallinago*. One, 21st February, Spring Gardens, Buxton (W.S.); Returned to nesting ground 15th March, Bretby (H.J.W.).

Green-Sandpiper, *Tringa ochropus*. Two, December, 1941 and January, 1942, Cubley (K.H.); one 12th October, Sudbury (W.K.M.); one, 15th November, Hungry Bentley (K.H.).

Redshank, *T. t. Britannica*. None breeding in their usual place Hoon (C.M.B.); Newton Solney (C.H.); 5th February, Derby (R.E.); returned to nesting ground 21st March, Bretby (H.J.W.); nested at Swarkestone Bridge, three yards from the nest of Green-Plover (R.S.F.C.); one, 14th March, Norbury (K.H.); 15th March, Barton Blount (W.K.M.); 30th March, Hilton Brook (C.M.B.).

Woodcock, *Scolopax r. rusticola*. Two pairs in April and two birds in August, Abney Moor (H.C.B.B.); bred near Rowsley (R.E.).

Curlew, *Numenius a. arquata*. A lot this season, Derwent (E.H.P.); The young from a nest at 575 feet were moved to the highest ground in the vicinity a few days after hatching, Parwich (C.L.C.); nested at Repton, Twyford, Walton-on-Trent, Willington and Swarkestone (R.S.F.C.); and (H.J.W.); about the usual number nested Abney Moor (H.C.B.B.); again present during the spring, Atlow Rough (K.H.); 5th February, Derby (R.E.).

Herring-Gull, *Larus a. argentatus*. One, immature, 11th February, Hoon (C.M.B.).

Common-Gull, *Larus c. canus*. One adult, 22nd January, 11 adults, 8th, one adult 16th November, Ashbourne; two, probably more, 19th July, north Staffs. border (K.H.).

Blackheaded-Gull, *Larus r. ridibundus*. Nineteen, 11th February, Hoon (C.M.B.); at a gullery near Baslow, not reported of recent years, there were about a dozen pairs and five nests were found. At one time there were over a hundred nests (H.C.B.B.); about ninety pairs nesting at Spondon (R.S.F.C.).

Lesser Blackbacked-Gull, *Larus fuscus graellsii*. Two, probably of this species, flying north-west over Parwich (C.L.C.); one, 19th October, Kingsmills (R.E.).

Cormorant, *Phalacrocorax c. carbo*. One, for two weeks in August, on the Derwent between Darley Dale and Rowsley (R.E.).

Heron, *Ardea c. cinerea*. 27 nests, Calke Abbey (H.J.W.).

Common-Tern, *Sterna h. hirundo*. Over Dunstall, Staffs., 2nd September (C.C.).

Little-Auk, *Alle alle*. On canal, Dunstall, 17th November (C.C.).

Spoonbill, *Platalea i. leucorodia*. Three, flying south-west over Lea, Whit Monday (R.E.).

Corncrake, *Crex crex*. One, 11th July, Hathersage (R.C.); one remained two weeks from 16th May, Cromford (R.E.); one at Willington (H.J.W.); either side Trent, S. of Burton (C.C.).

Quail, *Coturnix c. coturnix*. One, 23rd June, Parwich (C.L.C.).

ARRIVAL OF SUMMER MIGRANTS.

Tree-Pipit. March 30th, Hoon (C.M.B.); April 12th, Allestree (S.W.); 13th, Sudbury (W.K.M.); 14th, Burton-

on-Trent district (C.H.); 16th Matlock Bath and Ambergate (R.E.); 27th Ashbourne (K.H.); May 7th, Buxton (R.C.M.).

Yellow-Wagtail. April 18th, Bakewell (R.C.M.); 19th, Ashbourne (K.H.); 23rd, Cromford (R.E.); 28th, Allestree (S.W.); May 4th, Ecclesbourne (H.C.); 5th, Hilton Brook (C.M.B.).

Ring-Ouzel. March 26th, several Markeaton (R.E.); 29th, Buxton (R.C.M.); May 9th, N.E. Derbyshire (C.H.W.).

Spotted-Flycatcher. May 7th, Ashbourne (K.H.); 10th, Radbourne (S.W.); 13th, Matlock (R.E.); 14th, Winhill (C.H.); Foston (W.K.M.); 21st, Derby (R.E.).

Pied-Flycatcher. May 13th, Female Hulland Ward (W.K.M.).

Chiff-Chaff. March 14th, Hoon (C.M.B.); 24th, Darley Abbey (S.W.); 28th, Ashbourne (K.H.); 29th, Matlock Bath (R.E.); 30th, Sudbury (W.K.M.); 31st, Ticknall (H.J.W.); April 4th, Ingleby (H.J.W.); 6th, Allestree (S.W.); 9th, Bretby (H.J.W.); Radbourne (W.K.M.); 14th Burton-on-Trent district (C.H.).

Willow-Warbler. April 2nd, Bretby (H.J.W.); 5th, Allestree (S.W.); 6th Ashbourne (K.H.); 9th, Markeaton (H.C.); Derby (R.E.); 11th, Radbourne (W.K.M.); 12th N.E. Derbyshire (C.H.W.); Burton-on-Trent district (C.H.); 16th, Buxton (R.C.M.).

Wood-Warbler. April 23rd, Whatstandwell (R.E.); May 2nd, Shirley (K.H.); 10th, Bretby (H.J.W.); 13th, Bentley Brook (C.L.C.).

Grasshopper-Warbler. April 27th, Sudbury; May 3rd, Radbourne (W.K.M.).

Reed-Warbler. May 19th, Clay Mills (C.H.).

Sedge-Warbler. May 13th, Derby (R.E.); 19th, Clay Mills (C.H.); Ashbourne (K.H.); 22nd, Matlock (R.E.).

Garden-Warbler. April 16th, Hoon (C.M.B.); May 1st, Yeldersley (R.E.); 2nd, Shirley (K.H.); Bretby (H.J.W.);

4th, Ecclesbourne (H.C.); 11th, Radbourne (W.K.M.); 17th, Bretby (C.H.).

Blackcap. April 20th, Sudbury and Radbourne (W.K.M.); 23rd, Lea (R.E.); May 2nd, Shirley (K.H.); Bretby (H.J.W.); 3rd, Foremark (C.C.).

Whitethroat. April 18th, Markeaton (H.C.); May 2nd, Bretby (H.J.W.); 5th, Hoon (C.M.B.); 7th, Ashbourne (K.H.); 9th, Rolleston-on-Dove (C.H.); Cromford (R.E.); 10th, Allestree (S.W.); Radbourne (W.K.M.).

Lesser-Whitethroat. April 29th, Ashbourne (K.H.); May 5th, Radbourne (W.K.M.); 10th, Matlock (R.E.); 13th, Parwich (C.L.C.); 19th, Clay Mills (C.H.).

Wheatear. March 28th, N.E. Derbyshire (C.H.W.); April 6th, Mackworth (W.K.M.); 8th, Dovedale (K.H.); 11th, Buxton (W.S.); 12th, Dethick (R.E.).

Whinchat. May 2nd, Osmaston (K.H.); 19th, Clay Mills (C.H.); June 16th, Buxton (R.C.M.).

Redstart. April 23rd, Ashbourne (K.H.); May 3rd, Longshaw (R.C.); 5th, Matlock (R.E.); 7th, Radbourne (W.K.M.); 10th, Calke (H.J.W.).

Swallow. April 6th, Sudbury (W.K.M.); 10th, Ashbourne (K.H.); 12th, Allestree (S.W.); 14th, Ambaston (R.E.); Radbourne (W.K.M.); 15th, Hoon (C.M.B.); 16th, Melbourne (H.J.W.); Foston (W.K.M.); 17th, Newton Solney (C.H.); 18th, Bretby (H.J.W.); Bakewell, 19th, Buxton (R.C.M.); May 3rd, N.E. Derbyshire (C.H.W.).

Martin. April 12th, Allestree (S.W.); 22nd, Bretby (H.J.W.); 25th, Melbourne (H.C.); 28th, Sutton-on-the-Hill (R.E.); 30th, Mill Dale (W.K.M.); May 1st, Buxton (W.S.); 2nd, Burton-on-Trent district (C.H.); Radbourne (W.K.M.); 3rd, Ashbourne (K.H.); 5th, Burbage (R.C.M.).

Sand-Martin. March 30th, Hoon (C.M.B.); April 5th, Allestree (S.W.); 6th, Ashbourne (K.H.); 9th, Derby (R.E.); 11th, Repton (C.C.); 16th, Scropton (W.K.M.); 19th, Bretby (H.J.W.); 26th, Derby (H.C.); May 2nd, N.E. Derbyshire (C.H.W.); 19th, Clay Mills (C.H.).

Swift. May 5th, Repton (H.J.W.); Radbourne (W.K.M.); 6th, Allestree (S.W.); 7th, Ashbourne (K.H.); Littleover and Derby (S.W.); Buxton (W.S.); 8th, Burton-on-Trent district (C.H.); Derby (H.C.); 9th, N.E. Derbyshire (C.H.W.); Matlock (R.E.); 10th, Hoon (large numbers), (C.M.B.); Hathersage (R.C.).

Cuckoo. April 18th, Allestree (S.W.); 19th, Hilton (R.E.); Bretby (H.J.W.); Radbourne (W.K.M.); 25th Melbourne and Ticknall (S.W.); 30th, Burbage (R.C.M.); May 1st, Hoon (C.M.B.); 2nd, Burton-on-Trent district (C.H.); Ashbourne (K.H.); Buxton (W.S.); 3rd, Bretby and Calke (R.E.); 4th, Duffield (H.C.); 9th, N.E. Derbyshire (C.H.W.); Matlock Bath (R.E.).

Turtle-Dove. May 12th, Winhill (C.H.); 13th, Hullan Ward (W.K.M.); 22nd, Bretby (21st April in 1941), (H.J.W.); 31st, Derby (R.E.); June 7th, Lea (R.E.).

Common-Sandpiper. May 2nd, Coombs Reservoir (W.S.); 4th, Ecclesbourne (H.C.); 7th, Ashbourne (K.H.).

Nightjar. May 21st, Repton (H.J.W.); June 23rd, Wirksworth (R.E.).

LATEST RECORDS OF SUMMER MIGRANTS.

Martin. September 29th, Buxton (W.S.); October 12th, N.E. Derbyshire (C.H.W.); 11th, Derby (H.C.); 17th, Radbourne and Etwall (S.W.); 22nd, Ashbourne (K.H.).

Sandpiper. August 17th, Tissington (C.L.C.); September 8th, Ashbourne (K.H.); October 15th, N.E. Derbyshire (C.H.W.); 17th, Markeaton (S.W.).

Swift. August 17th, Buxton, exceptionally late (W.S.); 22nd, Ashbourne (K.H.); 26th, Burton-on-Trent district (C.H.); 27th, Derby (H.C.); 31st, Littleover (S.W.).

Swallow. September 28th, Buxton (W.S.); October 3rd, Melbourne (H.C.); 30th, Radbourne (W.K.M.); 5th November, Ashbourne (K.H.).

Cuckoo. July 26th, Duffield (H.C.).

Chiffchaff. September 13th, Ashbourne (K.H.);
October 6th, Radbourne (W.K.M.).

Willow-Warbler. September 9th, Ashbourne (K.H.);
26th, Markeaton (H.C.).

Wood-Warbler. August 1st, Radbourne (W.K.M.).

Yellow-Wagtail. September 26th, Markeaton (H.C.).

Garden-Warbler. August 12th, Ecclesbourne (H.C.).

Spotted-Flycatcher. September 12th, Allestree (S.W.);
16th, Radbourne (H.C.); 17th, Ashbourne (K.H.).

Wheatear. August 23rd, Foremark (C.C.); September
12th, Radbourne (W.K.M.).

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES OF WINTER MIGRANTS.

All dates are in 1942 unless stated otherwise.

Fieldfare. April 19th, flock flying S.W.; 28th, large
number roosting in grass tussocks, Buxton (R.C.M.);
April 26th, Fifty, Bamford (R.C.); March 18th, flocks,
Hoon (C.M.B.); May 3rd, N.E. Derbyshire (C.H.W.);
January 21st, November 6th, Ashbourne (K.H.); Novem-
ber 24th, none seen to date (R.C.); April, 5th, 6th, 8th,
11th, flocks flying W. and N.W. Radbourne; 13th, large
flock flying W. Sudbury; 14th, one Radbourne; 21st,
flocks flying W. and N.W. Mercaston and Mackworth;
November 11th, Foston (W.K.M.).

Redwing. October 26th, Buxton (R.C.M.); March 21st
fifty roosted in laurels, etc., October 27th Radbourne
(W.K.M.); March 23rd and November 7th, Shirley
(K.H.); November 8th, twenty, Parwich (C.L.C.); April
18th, Allestree (S.W.).

Brambling. May 2nd and October 25th, Buxton
(R.C.M.); 22nd February, nine of some 300 finches were
brambings, Parwich (C.L.C.).

Snow-Bunting. November 14th, Howden Dam; the
earliest yet recorded (E.H.P.).

SONG PERIOD NOTES.

Radbourne. January 25th, Blue-Tit; February 9th, Chaffinch, Green-Woodpecker; 14th, Hedge-Sparrow; March 14th, Lesser Spotted-Woodpecker, Blackbird, Hedge Sparrow, Wood-Pigeon, Greenfinch; 16th, first "Dawn Chorus"; 21st, Wren, Linnet.

Ockbrook. March 8th, Thrush, Greenfinch.

Sudbury. February 11th, Great-Tit; March 9th, Skylark, Yellow-Hammer; 30th, Goldcrest (W.K.M.).

Burton-on-Trent district. February 15th, Hedge-Sparrow, Chaffinch, Thrush; 26th, Great and Blue-Tits, Mistle-Thrush; March 3rd, Stock-Dove; 7th, Greenfinch; 22nd, Blackbird, Wren; June 8th, Mistle-Thrush; August 9th, Yellow-Hammer, Wren, Greenfinch, Thrush (C.H.).

Hoon. February 14th, Chaffinch; March 2nd, Skylark; 9th, Blackbird (C.M.B.).

Ashbourne. January 2nd, Mistle-Thrush (not heard again until March 20th); 4th, Thrush (not heard again until January 24th), Cole-Tit; 24th, Great-Tit (not heard again until February 5th); 28th, Blue-Tit; February 14th, Hedge-Sparrow; March 8th, Chaffinch; 10th, Blackbird; 13th, Skylark; 14th, Green-Plover; 16th, Greenfinch (K.H.).

Allestree. January 27th, Blue-Tit; 30th, Great-Tit; February 6th, Thrush; 10th, Hedge-Sparrow; March 9th, Blackbird; Willow-Warbler at 7-30 a.m. every day from 10th April to 18th September, with a break from 29th June to 13th July, and another from 2nd to 9th August (S.W.).

Bretby. February 6th, Great-Tit; 27th, Chaffinch (H.J.W.);

Buxton. February 23rd, Chaffinch; March 1st, Blackbird and Thrush; 15th, Skylark, Mistle-Thrush, Tree-Creeper (R.C.M.).

Foremark. February 15th, Nuthatch (C.C.).

The following abbreviations are used:—

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