

ORNITHOLOGICAL RECORD FOR DERBYSHIRE, 1943.

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I am particularly grateful to all those who have sent in their record in the same order as the 1942 Record and I am very glad to be able to report an increase in numbers of those sending in records.

Mr. L. M. Waud, the Executive Officer of the War Agricultural Committee for the Ashbourne District, has been to considerable trouble to obtain information about Rooks and Agriculture in his district, and I recommend anyone who is interested to get into touch with him. He records 2,998 nests in 90,000 acres, and leads up to a condemnation of the Rook. Unfortunately, no crop contents appear to have been examined. It will be remembered that the late Dr. Collinge examined 1000 crops taken throughout the year from the whole country, the result being very much in the Rook's favour. It should, however, be remembered that the area of arable land in Britain to-day is considerably larger than it was then. In Radbourne Parish, for example, 29 per cent. of the whole parish is arable in 1943, compared with 11 per cent. in 1939, 18 per cent. in 1869 and 22 per cent. in 1818.

SYSTEMATIC LIST.

Raven, *Corvus c. corax*. Early in October four seen circling over Matlock Bath and then flew off eastwards (R.E.).

Rock, *Corvus f. frugilegus*. April 7th, gale destroyed many nests (A.W., H.J.W., C.H.); very few, Buxton area (A.E.J.); January 16th, repairing nests, Darley Abbey (S.W.); nested earlier (R.S.F.C., A.W.); at the Parwich

Hall rookery all nests in the main section were demolished by the birds. On February 27th only one small nest remained, but by March 7th many had been rebuilt (C.L.C.).

Magpie, *Pica p. pica*. May 31st one shot in the act of carrying off four weeks' old chickens, Bretby (H.J.W.); increase reported by several observers. Nest with seven eggs and without dome (C.H.W.); new winter roost in yews used from mid-October, 1942 to end of February, 1943. One pair nested in a yew and others in the vicinity, Allestree (S.W.); not so plentiful (R.S.F.C.); usual numbers (A.W.).

Jay, *Garrulus glandarius rufitergum*. Felling of woods has caused nesting in hedgerows (H.J.W.); increase reported by several observers. Decrease (R.S.F.C.); very abundant (A.W.).

Goldfinch, *Carduelis c. britannica*. June 7th, one, Sudbury; also at Foston (W.K.M.); June 20th, Hoon (M.C.B.); April 9th, Derby, July 7th, Sinfin (H.C.); December 26th, 1942, two; one nest, 1943, Bretby (H.J.W.); July 24th, a pair and three young about two weeks old between Baslow and Calver (J.S.); decrease (A.W.).

Siskin, *Carduelis spinus*. January 3rd, few on Alder, River Trent (C.H.); March 7th, several; 21st, 50-60, Hartshorne (H.J.W.).

Bullfinch, *Pyrrhula p. nesa*. Bite through strawberry nets (M.C.B.); thirty adults and young feeding on Thistles from end of August until mid-October, Allestree (S.W.); common and increasing (A.W.).

Hawfinch, *Coccothraustes c. coccothraustes*. At the end of February and beginning of March there was a flock of about twelve at Radbourne (W.K.M.); January 3rd, two, Mapleton; 13th, eight or more, Wyaston (K.H.); May 15th, Radbourne (H.C.); bred at Bretby as usual (H.J.W.); July 10th, one, just out of the nest; 17th, a male, Baslow;

not reported from this district for several years (J.S.); July 7th, one young; October 9th, seven flying W. at 6 p.m., Allestree (S.W.); hen feeding young able to fly, Hathersage (R.C.); apparently increasing; nesting commenced early; several nests found, Dore (A.W.); two Bradley, November 12th; three, Ashbourne, 24th (K.H.).

Greenfinch, *Chloris c. chloris*. Nest lined with cotton wool (H.J.W.); May 16th, adults building a second nest one yard from nest in which they were feeding unfledged young (T.R.T.).

Brambling, *Fringilla montifringilla*. May 5th, Repton (R.S.F.C.); January 8th, one, Mapleton, in hard weather (K.H.).

Mealy-Redpoll, *Carduelis f. flammea*. Not recorded.

Lesser Redpoll, *Carduelis flammea cabaret*. April 16th, a pair, Radbourne; did not stay (W.K.M.); bred at Holmewood (C.B.C.); March 28th, eighty—one hundred, Hartshorne (H.J.W.); fairly numerous in small colonies, several nests found (A.W.); April 20th return to nesting site, Chapel-en-le-Frith (T.R.T.); March 16th, Combs (A.J.P.B.).

Hedge-Sparrow, *Prunella modularis occidentalis*. Nest on ground and young reared (C.L.C.).

Twite, *Carduelis fl. pipilans*. June 27th, Bonsall (R.E.).

Crossbill, *Loxia c. curvirostra*. In north Derbyshire throughout the winter; March 7th, fifteen to twenty, also a cock accompanied by a hen; 13th, three and a pair, the latter being seen again on March 28th and April 10th. In spite of continual watching I was unable to prove breeding (R.C.).

Corn-Bunting, *Emberiza calandra*. June 27th, Bonsall (R.E.); nest destroyed by heavy rail, Melbourne (H.J.W.); May 23rd and July 4th, one, Burton Sewage Farm (R.S.F.C.); very noticeable decrease probably due to better land cultivation, N.E. Derbyshire (A.W.).

Cirl-Bunting, *Emberiza c. cirrus*. No record.

Snow-Bunting, *Plectrophenax n. nivalis*. One seen on Abney Moor in February (G.L.).

Yellow-Bunting, *Emberiza c. citrinella*. Decrease (R.S.F.C.); very abundant in the Dore area; nineteen nests found between May 7th and September 9th (A.W.).

Tree-Sparrow, *Passer m. montanus*. Fairly common; one nest with eight eggs (R.S.F.C.).

Yellow-Wagtail, *Motacilla flava flavissima*. A few have returned to River Trent meadows after being absent for two summers (C.H.); increased (H.C.); two nests, Bretby (H.J.W.); May 17th nest with young; my earliest record (A.W.); fewer than usual (A.J.P.B.).

Pied-Wagtail, *Motacilla alba yarrellii*. A pair, whose first brood flew on 21st May, had one egg in a second nest on 30th May, Radbourne (W.K.M.); October 3rd, 500—750 Bakewell (H.C.); autumn roost in reeds on canal in 1942 and 1943, Sinfen (G.A.W.).

Grey-Wagtail, *Motacilla c. cinerea*. August 30th, Mackworth (H.C.); November 15th, Sudbury (W.K.M.); decrease; not found in 1942 or 1943 in previous regular nesting sites, N.E. Derbyshire (A.W.).

Wheatear, *Oenanthe oenanthe*. Decline in numbers (R.E.).

Whinchat, *Saxicola rubetra*. Plentiful, Bretby (H.J.W.); none in the usual haunts (R.S.F.C.).

Dipper, *Cinclus c. gularis*. Up to normal numbers; an unusually early nest at Totley held first egg on March 14th; three pairs in a mile at Hathersage had eggs on April 8th (A.W.).

Ring-Ouzel, *Turdus t. torquatus*. None seen on Abney Moor or Froggatt Edge (H.C.B.B.); still definitely decreasing (A.W.); four pairs near Buxton (A.E.J.); June 14th, nested within a yard of the site of last year's nest in which two clutches were laid in 1942 (C.L.C.).

Redstart, *Phoenicurus p. phoenicurus*. Fairly numerous N.E. Derbyshire. One nest held young and two addled

Great Tit's eggs (A.W.); five pairs, Goyt Valley (A.E.J.); two pairs, Radbourne (W.K.M.).

Black Redstart, *Phoenicurus ochrurus gibraltariensis*. No record.

Blackcap, *Sylvia a. atricapilla*. Considerable increase, N.E. Derbyshire (A.W.).

Common-Whitethroat, *Sylvia c. communis*. Increase over last year when it was scarce, N.E. Derbyshire (A.W.).

Lesser-Whitethroat, *Sylvia c. curruca*. Several pairs, Dore (A.W.).

Grasshopper-Warbler, *Locustella n. naevia*. Probably nested at Parwich (C.L.C.).

Garden-Warbler, *Sylvia borin*. Probable slight decrease, N.E. Derbyshire (A.W.).

Wood-Warbler, *Phylloscopus Sibilatrix*. Rather more plentiful, Dore (A.W.).

Blackbird, *Turdus m. merula*. Several observers report early nests. Still increasing, N.E. Derbyshire. March 31st at dusk a cock brooding one egg (A.W.).

Song-Thrush, *Turdus philemelus ericetorum*. Normal numbers, N.E. Derbyshire (A.W.).

Starling, *Sturnus v. vulgaris*. None roosting at Hilton Gorse since October, 1942 (M.C.B.); 10th November, 5 p.m., large flock, Radbourne (W.K.M.); in 1942, 10,000 or more roosted in Poplars until the leaves fell. In 1943 some hundreds came but left after a few nights, Holmewood (C.B.C.); since 1933 has bred annually in the same dead tree stump. Two days after the young have flown the old birds carry in to the nest fresh leaves of Parsley, Mint, Mayweed, Elder, Hawthorn, Hop Trefoil Chervil. In 1943 the young flew on May 29th and fresh and Wild leaves were found up to June 19th. This is not mentioned in *The Handbook*. Is it the habit of Starlings to deodorise the nest? (H.J.W.). Below normal numbers, Dore (A.W.).

Willow-Tit. *Parus a. kleinschmidti*. March 4th, two,

Atlow Rough; June 27th, two, Hopton; September 4th, one, Hungry Bentley (K.H.); usual numbers, N.E. Derbyshire (A.W.).

Longtailed-Tit, *Ægithalos caudatus roseus*. Increase and bred successfully. Many seen in Autumn, Radbourne (W.K.M.); usual numbers, N.E. Derbyshire; March 9th, one pair building; April 10th, first egg (A.W.).

Coal-Tit, *Parus ater britannicus*. One nest, Dore (A.W.).

Goldcrest, *Regulus r. anglorum*. Increase, Radbourne, Sudbury and Foston (W.K.M.); June 19th, young left nest, Newton Solney (H.J.W.); one nest at Holmesfield (A.W.).

Nuthatch, *Sitta europaea affinis*. May, one pair, Foremark (R.S.F.C.), two pairs nested as usual, Radbourne (W.K.M.); September 30th, one, Sandybrook, Ashbourne; not previously recorded here (K.H.); three pairs nested at Sudbury (W.K.M.); two pairs nested at Allestree (S.W.).

Redbacked-Shrike, *Lanius c. collurio*. Not seen (R.E.).

Wood-Pigeon, *Columba p. palumbus*. Last nest found on September 19th (A.W.).

Stock-Dove, *Columba ænas*. Nest with one young and one addled egg on October 2nd, Holmesfield (A.W.).

Turtle-Dove, *Streptopelia t. turtur*. Usual numbers, N.E. Derbyshire (A.W.);

Spotted-Flycatcher, *Muscicapa s. striata*. May 20th nest found; 24th one egg, 25th two eggs, 26th three eggs, 27th four eggs; June 8th hatched; 20th young flew (R.S.F.C.); one pair reared two broods in last year's nest. Another pair started about twelve nests before deciding on one (W.K.M.); normal numbers, N.E. Derbyshire (A.W.); increased (A.E.J.).

Tree-Creeper, *Certhia familiaris britannica*. More than usually plentiful. One pair commenced building on April 10th; first egg April 17th, Dore (A.W.).

Great Spotted-Woodpecker, *Dryobates major anglicus*.

From the reports of several observers this bird exceeds the Lesser Spotted in numbers. More common than usual. Five broods were being fed simultaneously in a fifty acre wood, N.E. Derbyshire (A.W.).

Nightjar, *Caprimulgus e. europaeus*. One pair nested within a hundred yards of my house at Birchinlea. Not been heard here for several years (E.H.P.).

Shorteared-Owl, *Asio f. flammeus*. Increasing in numbers and range, N.E. Derbyshire (C.H.W.).

Longeared-Owl, *Asio o. otus*. Two nests, N.E. Derbyshire (A.W.).

Tawny-Owl, *Strix aluco sylvatica*. Nested two feet down a rabbit hole (K.H.); increasing (R.S.F.C.); common, N.E. Derbyshire; one nest on the ground at Eckington (A.W.).

Barn-Owl, *Tyto alba alba*. Seen to attack a bat (M.C.B.); August 31st nest with four well-feathered young, Holmesfield (A.W.); January 26th, one, Parwich; not found subsequently (C.L.C.); not observed Combs (A.J.P.B.).

Little-Owl, *Athene noctua vidallii*. Increasing (R.S.F.C.); only a few seen and no nests found in Dore area (A.W.).

Kingfisher, *Alcedo atthis ispida*. Increasing (C.H., R.S.F.C.).

Black-Grouse, *Lyrurus tetrix britannicus*. For the first year in my memory none seen on Abney Moor (H.C.B.B.).

Red-Grouse, *Lagopus s. scoticus*. July 11th, newly hatched chicks, yet shooting was put forward to July 31st (A.E.J.); another very good season (E.H.P.); a bad year on Abney Moor, probably due to foxes (H.C.B.B.); good year generally in N.E. Derbyshire (C.H.W.).

Partridge, *Perdix p. perdix*. August 22nd, newly hatched chicks, Radbourne (W.K.M.); June 26th, young Partridges flying well; July 14th, sitting on seven eggs (H.J.W.).

Redlegged-Partridge, *Alectrois r. rufa*. Mugginton (W.K.M.); not seen for several years in North Wingfield (C.B.C.); Brigadier-General Jackson states that he has personally known these birds to be in the Clay Cross area for the past sixty years but that of recent years they have much decreased, unlike the English Partridge.

Kestrel, *Falco t. tinnunculus*. Two nests found (R.S.F.C.); numbers remain normal (R.C.).

Merlin, *Falco columbarius oesalon*. Not observed, Combs (A.J.P.B.).

Common Buzzard, *Buteo b. buteo*. September 27th, one, Sudbury (W.K.M.); June 15th, Barrow-on-Trent (H.C.); between May and October 25th, one seen frequently (E.H.P.); June 6th, six, flying N.E. and then S.; mewing distinctly heard, Bretby (H.J.W.).

Peregrine-Falcon, *Falco p. peregrinus*. October 24th, one, North Derbyshire; June 12th, one S.W. Derbyshire.

Sparrow-Hawk, *Accipiter n. nisus*. A male took a young Martin on the wing using both feet to do so (W.K.M.); bred in Thorn bush (C.B.C.); ten nests found and young ringed. On one occasion the adult birds dived to within three feet of the "ringer" (R.S.F.C.); flushed from a freshly killed Jay with the remains of another Jay near. Slight increase (R.C.); one nest, Holmesfield (A.W.).

Coot, *Fulica a. atra*. October 2nd, approximately thirty, Locko Park (A.W.W.).

Gadwall, *Anus strepera*. November 3rd, one, Osmaston (K.H.).

Teal, *Anus c. crecca*. September 1st, returned to Radbourne (W.K.M.); parties up to about twelve on the ponds around Ashbourne during October; March 11th, about twenty-five; April 3rd, four or more, Calwich; September 4th, one, Hungry Bentley; September 19th, seven or more, Osmaston (K.H.); many on Lady Bower Reservoir as it fills up (E.H.P.); at end of February and

beginning of March several at Allestree (S.W.); May 15th one pair, Ringinglow (A.W.).

Wigeon, *Anas penelope*. October 16th, four, November 10th, two, Bradley (K.H.).

Tufted-Duck, *Aythya fuligula*. March 22nd, eleven; April 19th, five pairs, Sudbury (W.K.M.); many on Lady Bower Reservoir as it fills up (E.H.P.); March 11th, thirteen, Locko Park (A.W.W.); present throughout the year but did not breed at Allestree (S.W.); bred at Ednaston (W.K.M.); bred at Grindleford (R.C.); nested at Eckington (A.W.).

Shelduck. *Tadorna tadorna*. March 28th, one pair, Howden Dam (E.H.P.).

Shoveller, *Spatula clypaeta*. One, Lady Bower Reservoir (E.H.P.); May, drake, Combs Reservoir (A.J.P.B.).

Pochard, *Aythya f. ferina*. March 22nd, nine, Sudbury (W.K.M.); October 16th, four, Bradley; 17th, two or more, Osmaston; in February and March, up to thirteen drakes and three ducks, Osmaston. The drakes were always more numerous; December 30th, 1942, two, Osmaston (K.H.).

Golden-Eye, *Bucephala c. clangula*. Nov. 3rd, a female. Osmaston (K.H.).

Goosander, *Mergus merganser merganser*. No record.

Great Crested-Grebe, *Podiceps c. cristatus*. Feb. 14th, Combs Reservoir (A.J.P.B.); March 1st, male and female, Sudbury; March 22nd, male only; April 12th, a pair, and subsequently two pairs bred (W.K.M.); February 19th, two, spring plumage; May 4th, nest begun but subsequently destroyed probably by flood (K.H.); April 15th, Allestree, reared two young (R.E.); at Allestree, Kedleston, Melbourne (H.C.); March 27th, one pair October 23rd, old and young still at Locko Park (A.W.W.); February 20th, two pairs, Melbourne (H.J.W.); February 26th, one male arrived; April 13th, female arrived; April 14th, mating commenced; April 24th, first egg laid but after

incubating for 35 days nest was deserted. Two weeks later a second nest was built, two young being reared. Adults and young left between August 28th and September 5th, Allestree (S.W.); April 24th, six, Combs Reservoir (T.R.T.); December 30th, 1942, two, Osmaston (K.H.).

Black-Necked Grebe, *Podiceps n. nigricollis*. January 12th, Shipley (R.J.R.).

Green-Plover, *Vanellus vanellus*. Very large flocks during winter, Allestree (S.W.).

Golden-Plover, *Pluvialis a. apricaria*. February 6th, several, Hatton (W.K.M.); November 22nd, 1942, with Green-Plover, Hoon (C.M.B.); April 2nd, one hundred, Darley Moor (S.T.N.); March 17th, Findern (H.C.); Scarce (E.H.P.); about ten pairs nested; about eighty in mid-October (H.C.B.B.); April 5th, about three hundred, Findern (S.W.); February 28th, several pairs on usual nesting grounds, High Peak area (A.W.).

Dunlin, *Calidris alpina schinzii*. August 1st and 8th, eight, Barbrook (R.C.).

Turnstone, *Arenaria i. interpres*. August 1st, one in breeding plumage, Barbrook (R.C.).

Sanderling, *Crocethia alba*. August 3rd, one, with Dunlin, Barbrook (R.C.).

Common-Snipe, *Capella g. gallinago*. March 13th, returned to nesting site (H.J.W.); in one clutch, three eggs were greeny-blue and one dark brown; all with very faint markings (R.S.F.C.); August 15th, nest with eggs chipping, Ringinglow; very late (A.W.); seven pairs, Buxton area (A.E.J.).

Ringed-Plover, *Charadrius h. hiaticula*, August 1st, one, Barbrook (R.C.).

Green-Sandpiper, *Tringa ochropus*. April 3rd, two, Calwich (K.H.); October 11th, one, Twyford (P.R.); August 1st, one; 3rd, two, Barbrook (R.C.); December 29th, 1942, one, Hungry Bentley (K.H.).

Redshank, *T. t. britannica*. March 16th, three,

Mercaston (W.K.M.); March 28th, Hilton Brook; did not nest there (M.C.B.); June 4th, one, Yeldersley (K.H.); March 11th, Sawley (R.E.); April 15th, Stenson ((H.C.); April 20th, pair, Combs (A.J.P.B.); October 10th, one, river Trent (P.R.); hested at Willington (R.S.F.C.).

Woodcock, *Scolopax rusticola*. Pair seen in April and several in August, Abney Moor (H.C.B.B.); spreading; May 11th, nest with three eggs in new locality, North Derbyshire (C.H.W.).

Curlew, *Numenius a. arquata*. January 11th, one, Sudbury (W.K.M.); March 12th, two, Sturston; 8th, two and 14th, three, flying high and westerly over Ashbourne (K.H.); March 7th, Matlock (R.E.); April 18th, at confluence of Rivers Trent and Dove (C.H.); a good number nested (E.H.P.); March 5th, returned to nesting site, Repton. Nested in several parts of the Trent Valley (H.J.W., R.S.F.C.); about the usual number bred on Abney Moor. Four seen in mid-October. I have not previously seen them so late in the year (H.C.B.B.); March 31st, six flying N.W. Darley Abbey (S.W.).

Gannet, *Sula bassana*. April 30th-May 1st, adult picked up, probably blown in on storm and died for lack of food, though in good condition when found, Combs Reservoir (T.R.T., A.J.P.B.).

Common Gull, *Larus c. canus*. July 8th and October 21st, one; August 6th, four, Ashbourne; 15th, four, Brassington (K.H.).

Blackheaded Gull, *Larus r. ridibundus*. August 1st, two pairs feeding young able to fly, Barbrook (R.C.); numerous on River Trent and gravel pits all the year (C.H.); none bred in the gullery near Baslow; probably disturbed by military operations (H.C.B.B.); spreading and increasing as a breeding species April 11th, new colony of about fifty pairs; May 5th, many eggs N.E. Derbyshire (C.H.W.); May 15th about 100 pairs on moors

near Hathersage; one nest with 3 eggs, seven with 2 and six with 1; many nests probably robbed (A.W.).

Greater Blackbacked-Gull, *Larus marinus*. September 27th and October 10th, two, Twyford (P.R.).

Lesser Blackbacked-Gull, *Larus fuscus graellsii*. September 5th, Elvaston (W.K.M.).

Cormorant, *Phalacrocorax c. carbo*. At the beginning of September, two immature on Derby Cathedral reported on several days by many people. One subsequently shot. October 14th, one immature, Osmaston, possibly the survivor of the two reported above (K.H.).

Heron, *Ardea c. cinarea*. May 17th, one young at Sudbury Lake (W.K.M.); February 7th, returned to heronry, 34 nests Calke Abbey (H.J.W.); two during September, Allestree (S.W.).

Canada Goose, *Branta c. canadensis*. Up to one hundred and fifty wintered nightly from middle of September to end of February, Allestree (S.W.).

Corncrake, *Crex crex*. May 21st, Great Hucklow (R.E.); not heard (C.B.C.); one flushed several times in the last week of September, Abney Moor (H.C.B.B.); nested at Bradwell, where they have nested for many years (G.L.); only one heard in N.E. Derbyshire (A.W.); probably nested, Parwich (C.L.C.).

Water-Rail, *Rallus a. aquaticus*. October 23rd, one, Ashbourne (K.H.).

Whooper-Swan, *Cygnus cygnus*. January 6th, twenty-eight, Derwent Dam (E.H.P.).

ARRIVAL OF SUMMER MIGRANTS.

Tree-Pipit. April 15th, Radbourne (W.K.M.); Holme-wood (C.B.C.); 17th, Ashbourne (K.H.); Bretby (C.H.); N.E. Derbyshire (A.W.); 18th, Lea (R.E.); 27th Hoon (M.C.B.); 30th Allestree (S.W.); May 4th, Spondon (A.W.W.).

Yellow-Wagtail. April 16th, Darley Dale (R.E.); 17th,

Ashbourne (K.H.); N.E. Derbyshire (A.W.); 19th Sudbury (W.K.M.); 20th Bretby (H.J.W.); Sutton-on-the-Hill (S.W.); Combs (A.J.P.); 26th Egginton (C.H.); 27th, Hoon (M.C.B.); 29th, Holmewood (C.B.C.); May 22nd, Calwich (H.C.).

Ring-Ouzel. April 20th, N.E. Derbyshire (C.H.W.).

Spotted-Flycatcher. May 5th, Winshill (C.H.); 6th Hazelwood (H.C.); 9th, Allestree (S.W.); 12th, Derby (R.E.); Bretby (H.J.W.); 13th, Matlock Bath (R.E.); N.E. Derbyshire (A.W.); 14th, Radbourne (W.K.M.); Ashbourne (K.H.); 21st, Holmewood (C.B.C.).

Pied-Flycatcher. No record.

Chiffchaff. March 22nd, Shirley (K.H.); 27th, Allestree (S.W.); Ticknall (H.J.W.); 29th, Sudbury (W.K.M.); April 3rd, N.E. Derbyshire (A.W.); 4th, Ambergate (R.E.); 8th, Radbourne (W.K.M.); Bretby (C.H.); 16th, Matlock Bath (R.E.); 23rd, N.E. Derbyshire (C.H.W.); May 18th, Findern (H.C.).

Willow-Warbler. March 29th, Bretby (H.J.W.); April 3rd, Allestree (S.W.); 4th, Ambergate (R.E.); 5th, Radbourne (W.K.M.); Kedleston (H.C.); Holmewood (C.B.C.); 12th, Sudbury (W.K.M.); 13th, Hoon (M.C.B.); Ashbourne (K.H.); N.E. Derbyshire (A.W.); 15th Spondon (A.W.W.); Combs (W.E.D.); 16th, Matlock Bath (R.E.); 17th, Bretby (C.H.); 20th, N.E. Derbyshire (C.H.W.); 22nd, Chapel-en-le-Frith (T.R.T.).

Wood-Warbler. April 18th, Bretby (H.J.W.); 19th N.E. Derbyshire (A.W.); 23rd, Matlock Bath (R.E.); May 1st, Bretby (C.H.); 4th, Shirley (K.H.).

Grasshopper-Warbler. May 4th, Radbourne (W.K.M.).

Reed-Warbler. May 6th, Egginton (C.H.); 22nd, Radbourne (S.W.).

Sedge-Warbler. April 22nd, Radbourne (W.K.M.); 24th, Derby (R.E.); May 6th, Egginton (C.H.); 7th Matlock (R.E.); 14th Ashbourne (K.H.).

Garden-Warbler. April 13th, Hoon (M.C.B.); 17th,

Repton (C.H.); 18th, Bretby (H.J.W.); 19th, N.E. Derbyshire (A.W.); 25th, Radbourne (W.K.M.); 27th, Shirley (K.H.); 30th, Allestree (S.W.); May 17th, Holmewood (C.B.C.).

Blackcap. March 28th, Matlock Bath, earliest record; had young in nest the second week in May (R.E.); April 15th, Radbourne (W.K.M.); Mayfield (K.H.); 16th, Bretby (H.J.W.); 19th, Chellaston (G.A.W.); 30th, Allestree (S.W.); N.E. Derbyshire (A.W.); May 1st, Winhill (C.H.).

Whitethroat. April 16th, Radbourne (W.K.M.); Bretby, (H.J.W.); 19th, Sudbury (W.K.M.); Allestree (S.W.); 23rd, Lea (R.E.); Holmewood (C.B.C.); N.E. Derbyshire, (A.W.); 28th, Stenson (H.C.); 29th, Ashbourne (K.H.); May 1st, Winhill (C.H.).

Lesser Whitethroat. May 5th, Rodsley (K.H.); 6th Egginton (C.H.); 9th, Chaddesden, 10th, Sudbury, 21st Radbourne (W.K.M.).

Wheatear. March 27th, five; increase on April 3rd, Minninglow (C.L.C.); 28th, Hartington (G.A.W.); April 16th, Little Hayfield (T.R.T.); 24th Radbourne (W.K.M.); 27th, Duffield (H.C.); 28th, Holmewood (C.B.C.); 29th, N.E. Derbyshire (A.W.).

Whinchat. April 16th, N.E. Derbyshire (A.W.); 21st Ashbourne (K.H.); 29th, Starkholmes (R.E.); Derby (H.C.); May 23rd, Holmewood (C.B.C.); June 26th, Egginton (C.H.).

Redstart. March 27th, Sudbury, a pair (W.K.M.); April 18th, Darley Moor (R.E.); 24th, N.E. Derbyshire (A.W.); 27th, two, Radbourne (W.K.M.); May 1st, Winhill (C.H.); Calke Abbey (H.J.W.); 4th, Shirley (K.H.).

Nightingale. No record.

Swallow. April 7th, one, Bretby (H.J.W.); one, Shelton Lock (G.A.W.); 8th, Ashbourne (K.H.); 10th Allestree (S.W.); 11th, Newton Solney (C.H.); 12th, N.E.

Derbyshire (A.W.); 13th, three, Mercaston (W.K.M.); 15th and 17th, Radbourne (W.K.M.); 18th, Rowsley (R.E.); 19th, Hoon (M.C.B.); 20th, N.E. Derbyshire (C.H.W.); 21st, Hilton (H.C.); Hayfield (T.R.T.); 25th Holmewood (C.B.C.); May 4th, Buxton (W.S.).

Martin. April 8th, Ashbourne, exceptionally early and no more until May 16th, Bradley, exceptionally late (K.H.); 11th, Bretby (H.J.W.); 12th, N.E. Derbyshire (A.W.); 18th, Allestree (S.W.); 22nd Radbourne (W.K.M.); 26th, Winhill (C.H.); 30th, Holmewood (C.B.C.); May 6th, Derby (R.E.); Mackworth (H.C.); 13th, Buxton (W.S.); 14th, Hayfield (T.R.T.).

Sand-Martin. April 3rd, Clifton (K.H.); 8th, Six, Shelton Lock (G.A.W.); 11th, Allestree (S.W.); 17th, N.E. Derbyshire (A.W.); 18th, Matlock (R.E.); 26th, Newton Solney (C.H.).

Swift. April 30th, Allestree (S.W.); May 1st, Repton (H.J.W.); 4th, N.E. Derbyshire (A.W.); 6th, Ashbourne (K.H.); 7th, Hazelwood (H.C.); 9th, Chaddesden, 11th, Radbourne (W.K.M.); 12th, Winhill (C.H.); Glossop (T.R.T.); 13th, Buxton (W.S.); N. E. Derbyshire (C.H.W.); 16th, Holmewood (C.B.C.); 28th, Cromford (R.E.).

Cuckoo. April 17th, Allestree (S.W.); Bretby (H.J.W.); 21st, Winhill (C.H.); 22nd Hayfield (T.R.T.); 23rd, Matlock Bath (R.E.); N.E. Derbyshire (A.W., C.H.W.); 27th, Radbourne (W.K.M.); 29th, Ashbourne (K.H.); 30th, Buxton (W.S.); Holmewood (C.B.C.).

Turtle-Dove. April 26th, Bretby (H.J.W.); May 14th, Radbourne (W.K.M.); Holmewood (C.B.C.); 16th, Dethick (R.E.); Winhill (C.H.); 20th, Bradley (K.H.).

Common-Sandpiper. April 18th, Rowsley (R.E.); 20th, Combs (A.J.P.B.); 22nd, Radbourne (W.K.M.); 25th, Ashbourne (K.H.); 26th, Lady Bower Reservoir (R.C.); May 5th, Allestree (S.W.); 13th N.E. Derbyshire (C.H.W.); 15th, Marston-on-Dove (C.H.).

Nightjar. June 29th, Wirksworth; decrease continued (R.E.).

LATEST RECORDS OF SUMMER MIGRANTS.

Martin. September 6th, Buxton (W.S.); 26th, Winshill (C.H.); October, 9th, Darley Abbey (S.W.); 10th, Repton (P.R.); 16th, Holmewood (C.B.C.); 17th, Mackworth (H.C.); 23rd, Ashbourne (K.H.).

Sand Martin. August 30th, Ashbourne (H.C.); October 3rd, Allestree (S.W.); October 15th, 1942, one, N.E. Derbyshire (C.H.W.).

Swift. August 4th, Buxton (W.S.); 14th, Winshill; left nesting site August 8th (C.H.); 22nd, Holmewood (C.B.C.); 26th, Hathersage (R.C.); 28th, N.E. Derbyshire (A.W.); 30th, Derby (H.C.); Littleover (S.W.); September 14th, one, Radbourne (W.K.M.).

Swallow. September 4th, Buxton (W.S.); 22nd, Spondon (A.W.W.); 27th, Repton (P.R.); October 1st, Stapenhill (C.H.); 3rd, Derby (H.C.); 5th, small flock, Shelton Lock (G.A.W.); 7th, Ashbourne (K.H.); 9th, Darley Abbey (S.W.).

Chiffchaff. September 7th, Brethby (C.H.); 25th, Radbourne (W.K.M.).

Willow-Warbler. September 5th, Kedleston (H.C.); 19th, Repton (C.H.); 25th, Allestree (S.W.).

Yellow-Wagtail. August 28th, N.E. Derbyshire (A.W.); September 9th, Stapenhill (C.H.); 10th, Markeaton (H.C.); 14th, Ashbourne (K.H.).

Turtle-Dove. August 28th, N.E. Derbyshire (A.W.); September 1st, Holmewood (C.B.C.).

Common-Whitethroat. September 3rd, Findern (H.C.).

Spotted-Flycatcher. September 4th, Winshill (C.H.); 12th, N.E. Derbyshire (A.W.); 15th, Mackworth (H.C.); 18th, Allestree (S.W.).

Wheatear. August 24th, three, Dalbury (W.K.M.).

Whinchat. September 13th, Borrowash (H.C.);
August 21st, Holmewood (C.B.C.).

Redstart. September 9th, N.E. Derbyshire (A.W.).

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES OF WINTER MIGRANTS.

All dates are in 1943 unless stated otherwise.

Fieldfare. March 21st, fifty-sixty, Coton-in-the-Elms (H.J.W.); April 3rd, Ringinglow (C.L.C.); 8th, forty flying N.W., after a gale, Radbourne (W.K.M.); 10th, Ashbourne (K.H.); 18th, N.E. Derbyshire (A.W.); October 3rd, Whatstandwell (R.E.); 25th, Holmewood (C.B.C.); 31st, ten or more, Hungry Bentley (K.H.); November 5th, Radbourne, thirty-six hours before a drop in temperature (W.K.M.).

Redwing. March 20th, fifteen flying east, Mercaston (W.K.M.); 16th, Ashbourne (K.H.); April 5th, N.E. Derbyshire (A.W.); October 7th, Cromford (R.E.); 14th, Holmewood (C.B.C.); 16th, Radbourne (W.K.M.); 30th, about one hundred, Atlow Rough (K.H.).

SONG NOTES.

Burton-on-Trent District. January 19th, Hedge-Sparrow, Wren; 28th, Song-Thrush; February 1st, Great-Tit; 4th, Marsh-Tit; March 5th, Mistle-Thrush, Chaffinch, Greenfinch, Blackbird; 14th, Linnet; 23rd, Skylark; 28th, Yellow-Hammer; April 8th, Chiff-Chaff; 17th, Willow-Warbler, Garden-Warbler, Tree-Pipit; Tree-Creeper, April 17th to June 24th; Reed-Bunting, April 18th to May 6th; Nuthatch, April 24th to May 13th; Yellow-Wagtail, April 26th to June 24th; Whitethroat, May 1st to June 24th; Sedge-Warbler and Reed-Warbler, May 6th to June 29th (C.H.).

Allestree. February 4th, Hedge-Sparrow; 5th, Blue-Tit; 7th, Great-Tit; 20th, Blackbird; 22nd, Chaffinch; 23rd, Nuthatch and Wren; 27th Greenfinch; March 1st, Wood Pigeon (S.W.).

Littleover. February 25th, Green-Plover (S.W.).

Bretby. January 17th, Skylark; 24th, Stock-Dove; 30th Great-Tit; February 6th, Blackbird; 20th, Wood Pigeon; 28th, Greater Spotted and Green-Woodpeckers, Nuthatch; 24th, Greenfinch; July 8th, Cuckoo still calling; August 22nd, Mistle-Thrush; 8th to 12th, Chiff-Chaff and Willow-Warbler still singing; October 20th, Song-Thrush (H.J.W.).

Spondon. February 16th, Hedge-Sparrow (A.W.W.).

Ashbourne. January 15th, Blue Tit; 17th, Song-Thrush; 23rd, Great-Tit, Hedge-Sparrow; 24th, Mistle-Thrush; February 10th, Chaffinch; 18th, Skylark; 20th, Yellow-Hammer, Blackbird; 26th, Greenfinch; March 2nd, Lesser Redpoll; 7th, Green-Plover (K.H.).

Radbourne. January 16th, Great-Tit; February 2nd, Song-Thrush, Chaffinch; 6th, Coal-Tit; 10th, Blackbird; 11th, Hedge-Sparrow; March 4th, Goldcrest; 6th, Yellow-Hammer, Tree-Creeper; 13th, Nuthatch, Lesser Spotted-Woodpecker; 26th, Greenfinch (W.K.M.).

Sudbury. February 1st, Song-Thrush (W.K.M.).

Windley. March 24th, Greenfinch (W.K.M.).

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