

Item 6.55

More, A. G. (1865). **On the distribution of birds in Great Britain in the nesting season.** *Ibis*. 1865:1:85.

Shropshire is in More's Province V. Severn, with Mr W.H.Slaney and Mr H. Shaw his correspondents (p.5).

From comments in the text, read by JT 15.9.15, it appears that correspondents sent species lists to More and that sometimes they added notes. More arranges his species summaries geographically south to north.

These fifteen species have notes relating to Shropshire and are Species Indexed:

Merlin 10

"Breeds occasionally ... on Longmynd Hills".

Honey Buzzard 13

"The nest has also been taken in ... Shropshire (Mr H. Shaw) ...".

Pied Flycatcher 18

"A very local species. The nest has occasionally been found in ... Shropshire ...".

Blackbird 19

"In Shropshire, Mr Eyton has noticed that some remain all the summer at Eyton.

Nightingale 24

"Nests in ... Shropshire (occasionally)."

Grey Wagtail 31

"Breeds more numerous in ... Shropshire ...".

Tree Sparrow 35

"The Tree Sparrow breeds regularly in ... Shropshire, where "it is common (Mr. H. Shaw)".

Hawfinch -

Not listed by Shaw. The fact may link to the varied fortunes of the bird in Salop.

Lesser Redpoll 37

"Nests occasionally in ... Shropshire".

Twite 38

"Mr Shaw describes it as nesting occasionally on the Longmynd Hills".

Turtle Dove 50

"Breeds in ... Shropshire and Stafford: in the last two counties it is rare ...".

Black Grouse 52

"It breeds ... [in] ... Shropshire".

Red Grouse 53

"The bird also inhabits ... Shropshire ...".

Curlew 60

"Further north there are one or two breeding-stations in Shropshire ...".

Tufted Duck 72

Mr. W.H. Slaney writes that the bird is common on the large meres of Stafford and Shropshire, and that he has known one nest in the latter county."

Great Crested Grebe 74

A few pairs breed in the counties of ... Shropshire ...".