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May 27th Leebotwood to Poudover.

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D.H.M.

Sandpiper.

Walked up the stream & saw numerous pairs of birds, but in this district owing to the winding of the small stream & to the thick foliage, birds are impossible to watch far & nests hard to find.

Sandpiper. Took cl. 4 fresh, & saw a nest just building and several young birds just hatched, also nest with eggs destroyed by a Cow's foot.

Tree-creeper. Young in nest at Dornington.

June 1st Epping Forest.

D.H.M.

Lesser Whitethroat.

Revisited four nests found ready for eggs on May 22nd one of which contained 5 eggs, sitting; the others, though apparently not deserted or damaged had no eggs, but I heard the birds singing in the immediate vicinity of each nest.

This species, like the grasshopper warbler, seems to become very quiet as soon as incubation commences.

June 5th & 6th Epping Forest.

Black-cap.

Garden-Warbler.

Redstart.

Black-cap. Cl. 5, just hatching, & 2 nests apparently ready for eggs, probably second or third attempts.

Garden-Warbler. Cl. 5, just hatching.

Redstart. Nest & young.

Bulfinch. cl. 6 & 5 incubation commenced.

N.B. Percy Smythe took cl. 2 Nightjar, & J.S. found Lower Spotted Woodpecker 2nd nest at Warley.

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June 10th ; Hickling.

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C.B.M.

Montagu Harrier.

Left London 3.20 p.m. on 9th, and made my way to R.V.'s house; left the house 1 a.m. on 10th, & nested until 4.30 a.m.; back in London 11.30 a.m. on 10th.

Nest, 3 eggs, situate among very thick reed bed of some acres extent on Breydon Marsh, West of Horsey Mere; the nest was substantially built of sedge, some 2 ft. in diameter, with cup in the middle lined with finer material & the flower of the reed, placed a foot & a half to two feet from the ground on some fallen reeds; the nest however was very well concealed in the dense mass, growing about 5 ft. high ^{on swampy ground}, and to state the site as being open or in a cleared patch would be mis-leading, since the reeds had to be parted for observation. This nest had been visited three times previously, viz on June 1st, one egg; June 5th, two eggs; June 8th, three eggs, when the same were replaced by two long-eared Owls eggs, on which she was still sitting on this date; and once subsequently on June 12th, when, having layed no more, the Owls eggs were removed. This would seem to place the laying of these eggs at 3 day intervals. Due to the early hour, and the very elaborate protection

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June 10th ; Hickling (cont²)

supposed to be extended to this nesting site, I was unable to remain in the locality to view the habits of the bird at the nest. The nest was actually marked down by observations taken with field glasses from the top of a neighbouring windmill, commanding the situation, by R.V. See also notes of May 20th.

In the same locality a nest in early stages had been kicked over somehow, so that the above may be the second attempt, hence only 3 eggs. Also a nest, undoubtedly with eggs, due to the elaborate nest & cup in the middle, had been taken probably about May 31st, also on Breydon Marsh, accounting for the second pair of birds.

The following notes on the Montagu Harrier are derived from conversation with R.V., whose experience with the species covers over 30 years, during which time he has found over 20 nests:— Both birds, until the first egg is laid, hunt & soar round the neighbourhood of the selected spot throughout the day; the nesting material, likewise their prey, being carried in the talons. During the

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Hickling; June 10th, cont^d.

period of building the nesting site is therefore often visited with little caution. As in the case of the Peregrine, a feeding spot is selected near the nest. So soon as the first egg is laid, the female remains by the nest, the male doing all the hunting; he brings the food by the feeding site, very occasionally to the female on the nest - in the former case, the female then goes to the feeding site to take the prey, or quite frequently flies up to the male as he approaches, and with her talons takes it from him, bearing it herself to the feeding site - it will be obvious that with this process going on, the position of the nest is somewhat easy to locate. If, however, the male is shot or destroyed after the first egg has been laid, the nest is infinitely harder to locate, since then the female only leaves twice a day to hunt for herself. The food consists nearly entirely of young birds & small mammals, especially the former. The usual clutch is 4 the first time, and 3 the second - R.V. has never seen more than 4; on four occasions has seen first clutches of only 3; and has never seen more than 3 eggs in a 2nd clutch.

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June 12th - 13th ; Oxford.

Bullfinch.

}	Wm. Foster
	C. A. F.
	C. T. M.

Nest, 6 eggs, all pure white,
as white as Wren's eggs,
rather an elongated & pointed type.

Hobby; visited Bagley Wood & saw the
keeper; also Lower Wittenham Wood,
n^o Didcot, without any success.

Called on C. T. Woodrow, head keeper
at Tunbridge Park, who had seen
several nests in the past, & had
a specimen of shot there; he had
not however seen any about for
some 4 years.

June 12th East Horndon. Essex.

Lesser Spotted-Woodpecker.

Whinchat.

Lesser Whitethroat

Garden Warbler.

Coot

Wild-duck.

}	J. B. Smith.
	D. H. M.

Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. (vide 25.6.09 etc.) Second nest, only
a few trees away from the first nest, cut out & contained
3 eggs, one considerably incubated, the other two infertile.

Whinchat. 6 eggs just hatching, in grass on a railway
embankment. On 14th J. B. found another here with 6 fresh eggs!

Lesser Whitethroat. Nest 5 eggs, incubated about 5 days.

Garden Warbler. Two broods of young out of the nest, &
clutch & very hard set.

Wild-Duck. Young calling on Childerditch pond.

Coot.

ditto.

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June 13th Burnham-on-Pouch, Essex.

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J. B. P.
D. H. M.

Reed-Warblers.

Cuckoo.

Mallard.

Stock-dove.

Reed Warblers. We found about 30 nests about half of which contained eggs; a few contained 4 eggs, but mostly only 1 or 2 eggs, & we saw no birds. The reeds are short this year, the old stems having been cleared out last autumn, & the majority of birds had only just commenced to build. We saw only one nest containing young, & this had the exceptional number of six in the nest.

Cuckoo. Found one egg with 3 Reed Warblers, & one nest we saw with a single Reed-Warbler's egg in the morning, contained only a cuckoo's egg in the evening.

Mallard with large young.

Stock-dove, ditto.

19th June, 1909. ~~Burnham~~ Epping Forest.

J. B. P.
D. H. M.

Lesser White-throat,

Green Woodpecker.

Garden Warbler.

Lesser White-throat, 4 eggs sitting, evidently a second nest, in brambles near the owl inn.

Green Woodpecker. We could feel eggs with a stick, but had no light or mirror so could not tell what the nest contained.

Garden Warbler, 2 eggs, probably a second nest.

It is too late now to hope for much in the forest.

1909. June 20th Burham-on-Proach, Essex. } 1909.
 Reed Warbler. } P.B. Smythe
 Cuckoo. } L. S. M.
 Sedge Warbler. } S. M.

Reed Warbler. We revisited a number of Nests found on 13th, & found a good many more both with eggs & young. Took altogether 6 clutches of 5 eggs, which is good, & saw numerous H.s., also took two Cuckoo eggs with 3 Reed Warblers in each.

Even at this date there seem to be a number of birds which have not begun to Nest, & we saw many empty, as well as half-built Nests.

Sedge Warbler. Nest with 5 young.

June 27th Burham-on-Proach. } A. G.
 Reed Warbler. } S. M.
 Cuckoo.
 Sedge Warbler.

Reed Warbler. We revisited numerous Nests found last week, & found several new ones. The Nests are much taller & thicker than before, & the task of finding the Nests was far more difficult & took much longer. We only saw one Nest with 5 eggs.

Cuckoo. Took one egg with 4 Reed Warblers, which is above the average, & found a single egg in nest, also a young cuckoo about 4 days old.

Sedge Warbler. Nest & young.

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July 3rd; East Horndon, Essex. C.H.

Whinchat

Found cl. 6 & cl. 5, both nearly hatching,
being second nests of those taken
on June 12th & 14th respectively.

Yellow Hammer; nest 3 eggs, fresh.

July 3rd & 4th Sand, Surrey. { S. Boorman.
S. H. C.

Wryneck.

Reed Warbler.

Cuckoo.

Tree-Sparrow.

Wryneck. Took clutch of 8 from a nesting box of
natural pine-wood put up on an apple-tree in
a cottage garden. The first clutch had been
previously taken from another box close to, with
11 eggs. The bird had to be removed by hand.

Reed-Warbler. Found 3 nests with young & two
fresh, which were second clutches.

Cuckoo. Saw egg with 3 Hedge-Sparrows taken by
a boy, but broken.

Tree-Sparrow. Nest 5 eggs in old nest (cut out this
year by S.B.) of Lesser-Spotted Woodpecker.

July 9th, 10th & 11th Brighton, Sussex. { W.L.R. 3 days.
S.H.M. 1/2.

Coru-bunting.

Stonechat.

Meadow Pipit

We saw very few buntings nests, & only took 3/5, &
saw 4 x 5 just hatching, & a 4 x 3 fresh. W.L.R. took
6 Stonechat quite fresh. Pipits had young.

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July 17th; Brighton.

C.H.

Yellow Hammer

Whitethroat.

Yellow Hammer; 2 nests, 3 fresh eggs in each.Common Bunting; birds scarce; no nest found.Quail; four heard calling, "Whit-whitwhit," in wheat and rough grass at the head of the Rottingdean valley; one bird seen, running away by a succession of short but rapid spells when driven from their favourite spot for calling. They soon seem to return to nearly the same exact spot. Failed to flush any female.July 25th 1909. Rottingdean, Sussex. D.H.M.Quail. I spent four to five hours on the downs between Rottingdean and Telscombe in search of above species. It rained, & blew strongly from S.W. all day & I heard no birds calling. Put up a covey of about 8 young & one adult quails in a wheat field at the bottom of one of the small cultivated valleys surrounded by downs and rough grass. Was informed by several country-folk whom I questioned that plenty of quails were singing, always in the lower parts of the valleys, last week.

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Summary.

Ring Ouzel
 Wheatear
 Whinchat
 Stonechat
 Redstart
 Lesser White throat
 Blackcap
 Garden Warbler
 Dartford "
 Goldcrest
 Chiffchaff
 Wood Wren
 Reed Warbler
 Sedge Warbler
 Grasshopper Wbler
 Dipper
 Bearded Tit
 Coal Tit
 Marsh Tit
 Fulcrum
 Wren (c. 7)
 Tree Pipit
 Goldfinch
 Tree Sparrow
 Lesser Redpoll
 Bullfinch (var)

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Corn Bunting
 Woodlark
 Wren
 Green Woodpecker
 Lesser Spotted "
 Kingfisher
 Cuckoo
 Barn Owl
 Montagu Harrier
 Sparrow Hawk
 Peregrine
 Mallard
 Gadwall
 Stone Curlew
 Snipe
 Common Sandpiper.

Notes on:—

Raven
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