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June 18th - 19th Gloucester.

The grass is bill-hooked from around the young trees, & this seems to disturb the warblers just when they are building & causes them to move away from their chosen ground & look out for a new site. This pair certainly did not appear to be nesting, & the birds were extremely restless.

I visited a pit & some rough ground opposite across the river, but did not hear a bird here. I am told there is other suitable ground higher up the river, but had no time to go further than this.

Reed-warbler. Saw several nests all with incomplete clutches.

Sedge-warbler. Numerous young flying about everywhere.

Whinchat. Several pairs about, evidently with young.

June 18th - 19th; Brighton.

C.H.

Corn Bunting

Whinchat

Swallow

Corn Bunting; took cl. 5 from nest containing 4 eggs last week; also found nest with 4 eggs, incub. advanced, in clover.

Whinchat; nest, young a few days old.

Swallow; nest, 2 eggs, in shed n^o 14, Telcombe.

Quail; several birds heard, & one flushed, but could make no headway.

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June 25th - 26th ; Gloucester.

C. H.

Marsh Warbler

Reed Warbler

Cuckoo's egg

Reed Bunting

Marsh Warbler; worked up-stream from the town, visiting three osier beds on Western Bank; & four osier beds on Eastern bank, but none of the usual Tandy pits within the first mile or so. In osier bed adjoining the railway bridge on West bank found nest, cl. 5, nearly hatching, suspended on young willows, about 3 ft. high, very neatly placed; also nest, building, within 200 yds. of above, in similar situation in another exactly similar patch; both pairs of birds were very restless, the males in full song, which first attracted my attention when walking home on the opposite side of the river on Saturday evening. (see July 2/3)

Reed Warbler; 2 nests, with cl. 4, and Cuckoo only, respectively; both these nests were suspended from willow, exactly like above species.

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June 26th Chest, n? Farnham, Surrey.

{ I. Boorman.
D.H.M.

Dartford Warbler.

Right jar.

Dartford Warbler. Saw several pairs of birds in a very small area of suitable ground, just below the 'Devils Leap' & flushed one bird off a nest containing 3 eggs, ^{in heather} which appeared to be 'dead fresh'. There we left to see if she laid any more. After a lapse of 1/2 hour the bird was not sitting on the nest again.

We saw one family party of birds hatched about April, & found the old nest in a small isolated gorse-bush.

We also saw another brood of young birds just out of the nest, & hardly able to fly.

Right jar. Found two eggs in heather, on the bare moor ground.

NOTE:- Dartford Warbler - the above nest contained cl. 5 two days later.

July 2nd Hind Head, n? Haslemere, Surrey.

D.H.M.

Dartford Warbler. I found one nest just begun in heather on the outside of a fuzze-patch, & heard the cock-bird singing close by. In this heath I also saw one other pair of birds, but could not find any nest.

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July 3rd Liphook, Hampshire.

Dartford Warbler.

J.H.M.

Dartford Warbler. In the course of to-day, during which an almost-continual succession of thunder-storms broke over the heath, I saw several pairs of these birds, & two or three family parties of young. Found one nest with 4 newly hatched young, but could find no other nests, tho' the cocks were singing in suitable ground, where, however I was unable to flush the hens.

July 7th; Liphook.

C.A.M.

Dartford Warbler; saw 2 pairs & some young birds, but found no nests.

July 2nd-3rd; Gloucester.

C.A.M.

Marsh Warbler

Shrike

Cuckoo.

Marsh Warbler; in osier bed, on west bank of eastern arm of the Severn, just below the railway, found nest with 2 eggs, the second of that taken with 5 on 26th ult., within 5 yards of latter - from this nest c.l. 4 was taken when revisited on 9th inst. The nest was again suspended on withy from the two forks of a sapling;

The nest building on 26th had been deserted, and another nest built within 20 yards, among herbage growing up through a willow stump, ^{from} around which the

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July 2nd - 3rd; Gloucester, cont^d.

grass had been cut; the nest however was very well placed, but for some reason had also been forsaken when revisited on 9th inst.; this second nest was found by the bird singing vigorously right at the nest.

Searched sundry pits up to Astleworth, but heard no birds beyond the last "Tandy" pit, the weather being wet, windy, with heavy thunderstorms.

Stroke; nest, with young, ready to fly.

Cuckoo; eggs, with 1 Sedge Warbler, fresh.

July 9th; Gloucester.

Thrush Warbler.

{ J. B. S.
C. M.

Thrush Warbler; a rapid revisit;

arrived Gloucester 4 a.m., & left 7.40 a.m., taking d. 4 and visiting deserted nest as recorded above, on July 2nd-3rd.

Visiting first pit on eastern bank, found d. 4, incubation advanced, in a nest situated in willow, within a very short distance of where two males were singing lustily; the morning was still & sunny, & perfect for nesting.

NOTE:- The 1st d. is usually 5; the 2nd four. The birds seem to sing very near the nest, which is composed of dry grass (flat blades & round stems) often with a considerable amount of woolly hair, lined with hair.

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July 10th ; Seaford.

Corn Bunting.

Found one nest with 1 egg; the ground
had been evidently well worked before.

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C.H.L.

July 30th - Aug 1st ; Clive.

Barn Owl

Pied Wagtail

C.H.L.

Both with young.



'Devils Leap', Churt, Surrey.
Area for Dartford Warbler & Nightjar.



Bramshott Common, Liphook, Hants.
Area for Dartford Warbler & Nightjar.

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Summary :-

- Whinchat
- Lesser Whitethroat
- Blackcap
- Dartford Warbler
- Goldcrest
- Chiffchaff
- Reed Warbler
- Marsh Warbler
- Sedge Warbler
- Grasshopper Warbler
- Marsh Tit
- Tutthatch
- Creeper
- Tree Pipit
- Shrike
- Hawfinch
- Lesser Redpoll
- Crossbill
- Corn Bunting
- Reed Bunting
- Raven
- Wood Lark
- Tufted Tit
- Cuckoo

- Barn Owl
- Pheasant
- Ringed Plover
- Snipe
- Great-crested Grebe.

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March 18th - 19th; Thetford.

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C.B.H.

CrossbillThistle Thrush

Crossbill; birds very much scarcer than in 1910; spent Saturday examining belts between London and Brandon roads, and along Euston road, but only saw two birds, and no sign of a nest. Sunday I spent around Croxton & Two Mile Bottom; at former saw nest, 3 eggs, which keeper was preserving, ^{at latter laid 4 eggs} at very top of Scotch fir in a single row of trees by the punch-bowl, Croxton; at Two Mile Bottom saw several birds apparently not nesting, & found one nest on the lateral branch of a Scotch fir some 30 ft. high, from which the young had apparently flown.

Thistle Thrush and Song Thrush - nests of each with 4 eggs.

April 1st - 2nd; Reading.Kingfisher.

{ J. G. Witherington
C.B.H.

Kingfisher; well bored hole

on banks of Thames by Sonning Hill.

Also visited Wellington & Swallowfield in search of Crossbill, but saw no birds or nests; a few fir cones bore traces of their work.

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April 8th - 9th ; Thetford.

C.F.H.

Crossbill.

Crossbill; spent afternoon of 8th on Suffolk side, but saw no birds. On 9th visited Mr A. G. Throule, at Croxtone, and took nest, 4 eggs, incubation just commenced, from lowest lateral branch of Scotch fir some 15 ft. high in an exposed row, only one bird appearing & making but slight demonstration. Also by the "Punch Bowl" found nest with 3 young about a week old, still in the blackish down, on lowest lateral branch of Scotch fir in a small clump of trees about 20 ft. high; the old bird was brooding on them, the male not appearing. Also by the "Punch Bowl" saw two quite inaccessible nests, probably with young; and two nests apparently building. At two mile bottom found one nest, inaccessible. The latter five nests were all in Scotch fir.

Little Grebe; nest building on "Punch Bowl".

Goldcrest; nest building by Brandon Road.

Gadwall; birds seen on Ouse marshes below Thetford Warren, & on pool n^e Punch bowl.

Tufted Duck; pair on pool n^e Punch bowl.

April 14th - 17th ; Eastbourne.

C.F.H.

Peregrine; nesting on Belle Tout about 50 ft. down. Beaky Head pair apparently absent.

Stonechat; nest building at Crow Link.

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April 22nd - 23rd; Epping & Warley.

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}	D.H.
	C.H.

Lesser Spotted Woodpecker; bird at High Buck all day on 22nd, & two possible borings. At Childerditch on 23rd only saw one boring - most of the trees by the pond had been cut down, and a saw-mill erected just by the site.

Futhatch; one building at High Buck.

Carriion Crow; the fine Harold Wood bird was sitting on 23rd, but had not commenced sitting on 18th; the nest was in an almost inaccessible branch.

April 29th; Liphook.

C.H.

Dartford Warbler; saw two pairs, but apparently neither had commenced to sit. For a few hours in the morning it was bright & sunny, thence hail, thunderstorms, squally showers and quite impossible weather.

May 6th - 7th; Liphook.

C.H.

Dartford Warbler; the two pairs above mentioned had entirely disappeared. Saw 2 males, which both kept up and down distinct beats covering some 300 yards; one of these kept winnowing over a given area nearly each time it passed. Could locate neither female.

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May 13th ; Epping & Warley.

C.H.L.

Futkatch

Lesser-Spotted Woodpecker.

Futkatch; took cl. 8 (one light egg quite dried up) from oak at High Beech in hole some 8 ft. high, incubated some 3 or 4 days.

Lesser Spotted Woodpecker; at High Beech failed to put a bird off the only likely boring. Heard one tattooing where road to Abridge leaves the Ongar to Kelvedon Hatch road. At Warley found (i) an excellent new boring overhanging the big pond at Childerditch, but no bird was sitting, & I consequently did not spend time watching. (ii) In the old stump further down a pair were just completing boring - the male was calling just as I arrived, & flew from the tree, 4.5 pm. One returned nearly immediately, entered the hole & came out again nearly at once, perched on the tree, called & left 4.10. One re-entered 4.21 & left 4.31 upon the other coming on to the adjacent tree. The latter entered the hole 4.33 & left at 4.50; neither had returned at 5 pm. when I left. (iii) In old stump by small pond on the way to the rookery there was a fine new boring, and on arrival the female showed herself at the mouth of the hole & went back. A few good kicks frightened her off at 5.15 & she had not re-entered at 6 pm.

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May 13th; Warley, cont^d.

Lesser Spotted Woodpecker - cont^d; left from 6.0 - 6.35, when she was again sitting and sat very tight, so climbed up for examination, when she made considerable demonstration. She re-entered at 6.45, again sat tight, & demonstrated when put off. Cut it out, contents nil. Between 5.15 & 6.0 the male twice tattooed in an adjacent oak, & twice during this time a Starling vainly endeavoured to enter the hole. None of the above borings had been commenced on April 23rd.

NOTE:- At Horsham Smythe cut out nest with 3 fresh eggs on 14th.

May 14th; Liphook.

C.H.

Dartford Warbler.

Dartford Warbler; found one ^{in force about 1 for high} nest, just commenced; the female was at the nest, & the male I flushed from a bush some 20 yds. away; both birds were absolutely silent until disturbed. Only saw one other male, which continued to behave exactly as on 7th, & seemed to have no female. Nesting seems very late this season with Dartford.

NOTE:- Goodall took today cl 4 about three days incubated; cl. 4, fresh, & found nest 2 eggs, & nest building, having had no previous success after constant search since April 22nd, confirming the late season.

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May 21st ; Warley.

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D. H. L.

Lesser Spotted Woodpecker; revisited nest hole by big pond, but no bird was on; pair in old stump appeared to be sitting.

Lesser Whitethroat; found two nests ready, both in the immediate vicinity of the singing cocks.

May 24th ; Warley.

J. B. Smith.

Lesser Spotted Woodpecker.

Took c.l. 6 from old stump - above referred to, incubation far advanced, & within some 3 or 4 days of hatching. One egg was a small one, not much larger than a pea.

May 26th ; Liphook.

C. H.

Dartford Warbler; revisited nest found commencing on 14th, & found it forsaken. During the 1 hour I was on the ground, saw 2 males, one singing lustily in the vicinity of the forsaken nest.

NOTE:- Black Throated Diver; c. 2 taken by J. B. Smith on May 14th, about 2 weeks incubated, on L. Eilenact, Sutherlandshire.

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May 20th - 26th ; Clive.

Garden Warbler

Marsh Tit

Goldfinch

Lesser Redpoll

Reed Bunting

Yellow Owl

Thalassidroma

Stock Dove

Pheasant

Coot.

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Garden Warbler; nest, 2 eggs, in Quarry on 23rd.Marsh Tit; nest, with young just hatched and some eggs, Birchen Coppice, 24th.

Failed to find any nest along the R. Roder between Lee Bridge & Stanton, all the old pollard willows having been cut down.

Goldfinch; cl. 5, in nest at the very top of an old apple tree, about 1 week incubated, ^{on 21st} in cottage garden along the Tryddle - Ellesmere road about 1 mile from Tryddle; one of the eggs was abnormal, about the size of a pea. Also nest, cl. 5, fresh, in a plum tree in the Orchard, Clive; the nest was found building on 20th, laid the first egg on 22nd, completing on 26th. Both the above nests were extremely well concealed. Also nest, 5 eggs, very hard set, in a damson tree in the garden of a house by 4th mile stone on Shrewsbury road, Hadnall, on 23rd.

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May 20th - 26th ; Clive, cont^d.

Lesser Redpoll; nest, cl. 5, in an apple tree, about 8 ft. high, in the orchard, Clive, found with 2 eggs on 20th, & taken on 24th. Also nest building on 21st in a hedge row, Trydelle; lining had not been commenced.

Reed Bunting; nest with young at Croomer.

Yellow Owl; nest in old oak in the Tridpools, Clive; contained 1 egg on 20th, & only 2 eggs on 25th, both very long & pointed.

Thalassidroma; nest, eggs, fresh, Thornton Cote Hill, in a patch of rough marsh, on 22nd.

Coot; nest, cl. 8, Croomer, on 21st.

Sedge Warbler; nest, ready, Croomer, 21st, in herbage by a hedge row.

Great-crested Grebe; saw 2 pairs on Croomer, and a pair on a pool by Braschurch.

Little Grebe; empty nest on pond by Battlefield, the old bird was very excited, & appeared to have young.

May 23rd ; Leebotwood - Condoover.

Sandpiper

Sand Martin.

{ C. A. F.
J. W. M.
C. T. M.

Sandpiper; nest, 4 eggs, just chipping, on shingle by Condoover - a very exposed nest.

Sand Martin; cut out two cl. 6 from colony on Court Brook, Condoover, the only two complete clutches from some 1/2 doz. nests

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May 28th ; Warley & Epping.

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{ J. B. Smith
C.H.M.

Tree Pipit

Lesser Whitethroat

Shrike

Kestrel

Tree Pipit ; cl. b, on point of hatching, by Childerditch church, meadow-pipit variety. Also cl. b on roadside n: Childerditch church, fresh, red-zoned type. Also nest, 3 eggs, n: Wake Arms, Epping, incubation advanced, meadow-pipit variety.

Lesser Whitethroat ; one egg in nest at Childerditch, found by D.H.M. on 21st, which subsequently forsook.

Shrike ; cl. b, green variety, about 1 week incubated, in scrub by Childerditch to Warley Gap road.

Kestrel ; cl. b, very hard sat, from hole in old dead oak along fence above the Lesser-Spotted Woodpecker stump, Childerditch; the ♂ was sitting, & refused to leave until driven off.

Lesser-Spotted Woodpecker ; no signs of either pair before referred to.

June 1st ; Epping Forest.

C.H.M.

Tree Pipit

Lesser Whitethroat.

Tree Pipit ; nest, 1 young & 4 eggs, red blotched variety, on common along Wake-Epping road.

Lesser Whitethroat ; cl. b, very hard sat on High Buck common.