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March 21st - 25th; Clive. cont.

Crossbill, cont. of the Blaze Bank, the male singing splendidly at times in the warm sun, and apparently less restless. Several other odd birds were observed round the Birchen Coppice during our visit.

The 21st & 22nd were very boisterous & wet; the 23rd - 25th fine & sunny. Saw 2 Thrushes nests with eggs, and 3 Tristle Thrushes building. On 24th the Chiffchaff arrived.

March 30th; Epping Forest.

Kingfisher

{ D.H.L.
C.H.

Kingfisher; new boring about 2 ft. long in bank of stream below Epping; the bird approached the nesting hole with something in her bill, though no bird seemed to be sitting. (vide Ap. 12th & 27th.)

Found Long-tailed Tit building, & Thrushes & Blackbirds with eggs.

April 5th; Warley.

C.H.

Rook

Rook; climbed two trees, containing nests with young (2), & 4, 4, 3, 2 eggs respectively.

Little Owl; one seen on an oak tree above Childerditch.

Long-tailed Tit; nest building; was sitting on Ap. 26th.

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April 6th; Epping Forest.

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}	D.W.H.
	C.H.

Fulcrum; 2 building at High Beech.Long-tailed Tit; nest building by Chippford.Siskin; ♂ seen Higham's Park with Redpolls.Tree Pipit & Willow Wren had arrived.April 12th - 13th; Epping Forest.

}	J.C. Ford (19 th)
	D.W.H.
	C.H.

Tawny Owl

Carrion Crow

Tawny Owl; nest, 1 egg, in the hollow trunk of a Crab, off which the top had been blown. The egg was incubated, and both birds were sitting in the hole; they both feigned death, closed their eyes, and when moved with a stick remained statue-like in the position in which they were pushed. Both birds had to be lifted from the nest.

Carrion Crow; nests cl. 4. 4.

Kingfisher; nest below Epping examined with an electric light (vide 30th Track); there appeared to be no eggs, though the nest was readily discernable. The tunnel was damp all round, and showed signs of very recent usage.

Fulcrum; nest near Epping building. (vide May 10th - 14th)Brambling; ♀ seen at High Beech.

NOTE: - Apr. 19th. Run and took Wren, cl 3, Pittyell Abiadr.

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April 20th; Epping Forest.

{ W. Southcomb
P. Smythe
D.H.L.
C.F.L.

Tawny Owl
Tawny Owl; cl. 3, hard sat,
in a crab tree in a
valley between Loughton
& the Robin Hood. Also eggs in an
old beech, very deep, which
could be felt with a stick,
between the "Robin Hood" & Trunks Wood.

Long-tailed Tit; nest, 4 eggs, Wake Arms.

Greater Spotted Woodpecker; fine new
boring near Wake Valley Pond. (vide
May 10-14)

Funtchatch; building by Fair Trade Bottom.

On 19th Swallow and Cuckoo had arrived.

Lesser Spotted Woodpecker - bird seen High Buck.

April 26th; Warley.

C.F.L.

Sky Lark

Sky Lark; nest, 3 eggs.

Lesser Spotted Woodpecker; boring above
Childer ditch, which later came to
nothing.

Fightingale & Sedge Warbler had arrived.

April 27th; Epping Forest.

{ D.H.L.
C.F.L.

Hawfinch

Crow

Jay

Starling.

Hawfinch; nest, 2 eggs, by Robin Hood, which
deserted.

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April 27th; Epping Forest, cont^d.

Creeper; nest, 1 egg, behind Wake Arms, which later laid 5.

Jay; nest, 3 eggs, n^o Conical Corner.

Starling; cl. 6 fresh, & others.

Kingfisher; nest below Epping (vide Mar. 30th & Ap. 12th) examined with a light, and had newly hatched young.

Lesser Spotted Woodpecker; new boring in the upper branch of a dead tree at High Buck (vide 20th); on May 10th & 11th bird was seen & heard near by, but it never matured, probably due to starlings above & below.

Also fine new boring in an Ash by the stream below Epping; revisited on May 10th when a Tit had taken possession of it.

Tringants; Wood Wren, Blackcap, Garden Warbler, Whitethroat, Lesser Whitethroat, Martin & Redstart had arrived. Swift arrived May 1st.

May 3-4; Epping Forest.

Hawfinch.

{ J.C. Ford
D.H.K.

Hawfinch; nest, 1 egg, behind

Wake Arms, which forsook later.

May 11th; Clive.

C.H.M.

Redstart; nest, 2 eggs, Birch Coppice.

Gr. Tit; nests 12 & 6 eggs in nesting boxes.

Blue Tit; nests 6, 6, 5 eggs.

Crossbill; one ♂ seen in Birch Coppice; the nest found building Mar. 21st-25th had

disappeared, & may have been blown out.

Lesser Spotted Woodpecker - (vide May 25th-28th, 1912) not seen.

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May 3rd - 4th; Hickling, Norfolk.

{ C.H.
W. Southcomb

- Bearded Tit
- Meadow Pipit
- Reed Bunting
- Shoveler
- Trallard
- Water Rail
- Snipe

Great Crested Grebe

Went down by 3.20 from London on 2nd,
 & met Jim Vincent at 3.15 am. on 3rd
 for a quart round Hickling Broad
 & the Sounds; after Breakfast visited
 the marshes round Horsey & Commissioners
 Dyke. On 4th rowed round to Fratton,
 & visited the Marshes by Commissioners
 Dyke in the evening.

Bearded Tit; nest, 10 eggs (2 birds), on
 Hickling; & cl. 5, fresh, Horsey. First
 of the birds had young.

Meadow Pipit; nests with 5.5.4.4.4.2

Reed Bunting; cl. 5, fresh.

Shoveler; cl. 11, in a tussock of grass
 on a meadow adjoining Horsey.

Trallard; cl. 11, in a tussock among
 bushes by Meadow Dyke.

Water Rail; saw nest, which had
 contained 8 eggs, all except 2
 of which were broken.

Snipe; cl. 4.4 fresh & cl. 4 incubated on
 a marsh by Commissioners Dyke.

Great-crested Grebe; nest, 3 eggs, incub
 commenced, on Hickling Broad.

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May 3rd - 4th; Hickling, cont^d.

Yellow Wagtail; nest ready for eggs in a tussock of grass by Horsey.

Bittern; heard "booming" at Sutton, on Stalham Broad, when quanting on Hickling (about 2½ miles) in the early morning.

Marsh Harrier; five females seen several times, twice at close quarters.

Garganey; pair seen by Horsey at 3 pm. on 3rd; they settled within 10 ft. of the spot where we were watching ^{on Meadow Dyke}, subsequently flew off & settled by Horsey Fen, but after watching 3 hrs. never saw them leave, & were unable to flush them.

Reeve; Jim Vincent reported several Ruffs & Reeves to be about.

May 10th - 14th; Epping Forest.

Greater Spotted Woodpecker { D.H.H. (10th-14th)

Hawfinch

Tutthatch

Chiffchaff

Blackcap

Long-tailed Tit.

Greater Spotted Woodpecker; nest in a Crab stump n^e Owl Inn, ^{found boring on Apr. 27th} contained 4 eggs on 10th, & was revisited on 12th & 14th when she was sitting on clutch 5.

Also nest in a hornbeam by the

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May 10th - 14th; Epping Forest, cont.

Gr. Spotted Woodpecker, cont^d;

Wake Valley pond (vide Ap. 20th) with
3 eggs on 10th, and cl. 5 on 14th.

Hawfinch; cl. 5, fresh, behind Wake
Arms on 10th; cl. 5, incub. advanced,
near Connaught Waters on 11th;
and nest, 3 eggs, n^e Chisford
on 11th, which never laid any more.

Tutkatch; cl. 6, incubated about a
week, from a nest n^e Epping
on 14th; she had at least 5 eggs
on 10th & was probably sitting on
that date. (vide Ap. 12th - 13th) Eggs contained partly
feathered young.

Chiffchaff; nest, 1 egg, & two nests
building along Epping road on 10th.

Blackcap; nest, 2 eggs, by Epping, on 10th.

Long-tailed Tit; cl. 11, incub. advanced, on 10th.

May 17th; Colley Weston, Forchants. C.H.

Little Owl

Grasshopper Warbler.

Little Owl; cl. 4, incubated about 10 days,
taken from a hole in a pollard oak
in a small clump of trees adjoining
Colley Weston Wood. The nest was
about 7 ft. high, & the bird refused to
leave until driven out.

Also pair in an old stump in
a hedge row, preparing to nest on
the ground at the bottom of the hollow
stump - two eggs had been taken
from this site on 13th, & female killed,
but the male had found another mate.

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May 17th; Colley Weston, cont.

Grasshopper Warbler; nest, 6 eggs, fresh, which had been found by Mr Smith the nest & eggs removed on 14th, in the middle of a large tussock among rank herbage in a clearance of Colley Weston Wood.

May 17th - 18th; Epping Forest.

Chiffchaff

Garden Warbler

Blue Tit.

{ D.W.H.
C.H. (18th)

Chiffchaff; cl. b, incub., & cl. b. b. 5.5.4 fresh.

Two of these nest were along the Epping Road (vide 10th), & four around Connaught Water & High Beech.

One of these, cl. b, placed 2½ ft. high in a dense bush, contained peculiarly well marked red spotted eggs, with no trace of the usual purple markings; while a second, cl. 5, was also marked with small red spots.

Garden Warbler; nest, 2 eggs.

Blue Tit; nest, 10 eggs, in an oak, at High Beech.

May 24th - 25th; Epping Forest.

Tree Pipit

Hawfinch.

D.W.H.

Tree Pipit; cl. 5, incub. ^{about} 9 days, on common by the Kings Oak; reddish brown variety.

Hawfinch; nest, 2 eggs.

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May 24th - 25th; n^o Oxford.

C.H.

Kestrel

Lesser Spotted Woodpecker

Goldcrest

True Pipit

Heron

On 24th visited Hinton Waldrist, n^o Farmington, on report of a Hobby, which proved to be Kestrel; thence the keeper of Tubney Wood; thence to Wytham. On 25th went over to Tusmore Park, n^o Brackley, with Mr Dalby to enquire about Hobby, which had several times been shot there.

Kestrel; nest, 4 eggs, in the broken top of a buck at Hinton Waldrist.

Lesser Spotted Woodpecker; nest with young in a dead buck in Wytham Park about 12 ft. high.

Goldcrest; nest with young - at Hinton Waldrist; nest with eggs at Bageley Wood.

True Pipit; nest, with 2 very red eggs, in Wytham Park.

Heron; herony, about 12 pairs, - at Hinton Waldrist - & herony, about 70 pairs, Wytham; the young were sitting out around the nests.

May 31st; Chelsofield, Kent.

{ S.H.H.
C.H.

Yellow Hammer

cl. 4, 4, both fresh.

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June 1st; Epping Forest.

Tree Pipit

Garden Warbler

Robin

}	D.H.M.
	C.H.M.

Tree Pipit; cl. 6, fresh, red variety - and three nests with young between the Kings Oak and Wake Arms; and nest with young along the Epping road.

Garden Warbler; cl. 5, fresh.

Robin; cl. 7, fresh, from a nest among dead leaves at Loughton Camp - found by R. Fox.

June 7th; East Horendon, Essex.

Whinchat

Sedge Warbler

Pied Wagtail

Tree Pipit

Yellow Hammer

Cuckoo

Lesser-Spotted Wker.

}	D.H.M.
	C.H.M.

Whinchat; nest with 6 young fully fledged - along L.T. & Southend Ry.

Sedge Warbler; cl. 6, fresh.

Pied Wagtail; nest with fully fledged young in a "Quick" hedge, about 2 ft. high.

Tree Pipit; cl. 4, slightly incubated, on a bank adjoining a bridge on L.T. & S. Ry.

Yellow Hammer; cl. 3, fresh; also two nests with young.

Cuckoo; egg with 3 Hedge Sparrow, fresh.

Lesser Spotted Woodpecker; feeding young in a dead elm in Childerich Churchyard.

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June 14th - 16th; Dalwhinnie.

C.H.

Dottrel

Left Kings Cross by 8.0 pm. on 13th on the introduction by J. Sargent to Mr Kennedy, the keeper, arr. 9.19 am. on 14th.

The Hills visited were a chain of the Grampian Mts. lying to the East of the railway, and extending some 5 miles from opposite Drumochter to Dalwhinnie, varying from 2,500 ft. to 3000 ft. in height; this chain is divided into 7 hills and a spur to the north, (and are here referred to as Hills 1-7, starting from the South opposite Drumochter, and the Northern Spur); they are conical in shape, litchens & bilberry covering areas on and near the broad tops and the uppermost slopes, and it is among this stunted growth where the Dottrel breeds - the remainder of the tops are covered with moss and rank grass, & in places stones and peat bog. Snow was lying at the head of every gully, in some places 20 ft. - 30 ft. deep, and the keeper seemed to think that the Dottrels were rather lower than usual, due to severe snow earlier in the season.

The weather all three days was bright and warm, with little wind.

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June 14th - 16th; Dalwhinnie, cont².

Dottrel, cont².

On 14th set out with Mr Kennedy for a nest which he had found on Hill 2 right above Drumochter Lodge, containing cl. 3, incubated about 10 days. Further of us saw the bird leave in the first instance, but after taking a stroll round the hill she had returned to within a few feet of the nest. The nest was placed on a small hummock covered with crisp lichen & bilberry on the Western slope about 70 ft. from the top, & was by no means a mere scratching; the lichen & bilberry forming the structure having evidently been placed with care, and the nest contained by way of a lining dead bilberry leaves picked from the side of the nest from a quite obvious hole. Having watched her for some 5 minutes from about 30 yds. she returned to her eggs, but was very nervous & left, running away, as soon as we attempted to approach nearer. She never went further than about 30 yds, running up and down apparently feeding and gradually approaching the nest until she repaired her eggs. This occurred some 5 or 6 times as we approached nearer, but some 12 yds. distance was the limit of her

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June 14th - 16th; Dalwhinnie, cont^d.
Dottrel, cont^d.

confidence. The male never appeared. Also cl. 2 on the same hill (No. 2) about 300 yds. away, - also on the Western slope & at the same level - probably the bird belonging usually to Hill 3, where the keeper had seen none this season. I found this nest within 20 mi. of the keeper returning home, his work preventing him from accompanying me after showing me the nest he had found; the bird ran off some 30 yds. ahead, and seemed more nervous than the previous bird, keeping always right on the brow of the hill. The eggs were quite fresh, but when revisited on 15th & 16th she still only had 2 eggs, and ^{they} showed no sign of incubation on 16th, though the bird ran off both days. This nest was also well formed, situated on a hummock of lichen & bilberry, and - also contained the bilberry leaves - as a lining. The male never appeared.

On Hills 3 & 4 saw no Dottrel.

On Hill 5 on the lower slopes of the summit my eye happened to catch a Dottrel sitting some 25 yds. away, and carefully approaching left when I was some 10 yds. away, flying, &

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June 14th - 16th; Duluthinnie, cont.².Dottrel, cont.².

alighted near by, but ~~she~~ he came off no nest & I retired to watch. ~~He~~ He rapidly settled down again about 10 yds. from the previous spot, and again appeared to be sitting, and as ~~she~~ he showed no signs of moving ~~she~~ I again approached, & he flew off at about 10 yds. distance uttering a harsh "Wu-r-r-r-r". Almost immediately another bird flew past from behind, and they both disappeared over the brow together - presumably the male which I had been watching had called the female by his harsh utterance. I then retired right to the summit in the direction whence the female had come, and after waiting about $\frac{1}{2}$ hr. she appeared running about some 30 yds. in front, but I lost her over the brow pro. tem., and went over to the next hill for an hour. I returned & saw neither bird, so beat out the summit - fine ground in places - and flushed the female at my feet. The nest contained cl. 3, incubated 2 or 3 days. She lay within a yard, her wings slightly raised and her tail extended shivering shaking & uttering little squeaks, and keeping just ahead as I slowly followed to watch her. This attitude showed very clearly the white tips on her

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June 14th - 16th; Dalwhinnie, cont².
Dottrel, cont².

tail feathers. The nest was some 400 yds. from the spot where the male had been sitting, and he put in no further appearance. The nest was again on a lichen covered hummock, constructed neatly as before with the lining of bilberry leaves. This was within some 100 yds. of the wire boundary fence running over the crest of the hills from North to South.

On Hill 6 saw no Dottrel.

On 15th visited Hill 1, a splendid hill with beautiful Dottrel ground, but saw no birds. The Southern spur and the hills running East from Hill 1 did not appear to be much used. On Hill 2 the nest before mentioned still had 2 eggs, the bird running off immediately I came in sight. Passed thence to Hill 6 where I saw no Dottrel. On Hill 7 took a thorough beat round both sides of the wire fence, which branching off over this hill from the boundary fence running North-South at right angles runs over the crest westward and down into the valley by Dalwhinnie. The Southern slope produced no result, & on the northern slope I found one male, uttering the "Whit; Whit; Whit" which eventually

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June 14th - 16th; Dalwhinnie, cont^d.

Dotterel, cont^d.

flew on the southern slope, where it was joined by two more birds, then by a fourth, the latter disappearing again, leaving the three which ran & flew about at random, and of which I could make nothing. This was about 3.30 - 5.0 pm., so that in any case they were probably feeding. The above fourth bird was I presume the sitting female off nest found on 16th some 400 yds. away; the other three the male of this sitting bird with another pair. On the Forthera Spur saw one pair which flew ^{fast} passed & vanished over the crest of the hill - these birds passed after I had walked out the whole of the western slope, containing much excellent ground, and was nearly on the summit, about 6.15 pm. - they did not re-appear this day.

On 16th re-visited nest on Hill 2, which still contained 2 eggs, and went thence to Hill 7, where I found cl. 3 within a day or two of hatching. The nest was situated comparatively on very low ground, on the southern slope some 200 yds. from the head of the "burn" which divides Hills 6 & 7 - in fact I had just come up from the shelter of the head of the gorge after drinking when some 40 yds. ahead I saw