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April - mid-May; Clive

}	D.H.M
	C.H.M

' Barn Owl

² Common Snipe

' Wild Duck

Reed Bunting

Long-tailed Tit

Blue Tit

Pheasant

' Kestrel

Jackdaw

Skylark

¹ Barn Owl nested in a hole at the top of an old oak, the Kestrel in a hole half way down the same, and the Wild Duck in rough grass at the bottom, a small pond being near by; May 6th.

² Eggs taken by a keeper from Hodnet Heath, May 8th.

May - July; Uppingham

}	D.H.M
	C.H.M

Red-legged Partridge

Green Woodpecker

' 3 Cuckoo's eggs

Tree Pipit

Whinchat

Sand Martin

Tree Sparrow

Reed Bunting

Blackcap

Skylark

¹ One from a Pied Wagtail's nest in old wall, June 4th.
~~Both~~ The others from one nest of a Pied Wagtail on the bank of a stream; first ^{Cuckoo's} egg alone in nest, May 21st; one Wagtail's egg, May 24th, and Cuckoo's egg taken that day; second ^{with 3 Wagtails'} Cuckoo's egg, May 31st.

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Arrival of Summer Migrants

April 12 th	Chiffchaff	Hawkestone
" 17 th	Willow Wren	Clive
" "	Wheatear	"
" "	Swallow	"
" 21 st	Tree Pipit	"
" 24 th	Sand Martin	Morton Corbet
" "	Yellow Wagtail	"
" "	Whinchat	"
" 25 th	Sandpiper	Tilley
" 26 th	Cuckoo	Clive
" "	Sedge Warbler	Morton Corbet
" 28 th	Redstart	"
" 30 th	Whitethroat	Clive
" "	Swift	"
May 1 st	Blackcap	"
" "	Martin	"
" 3 rd	Corncrake	"
" 9 th	Turtle Dove	Walcot
" 10 th	Nightingale	Uppingham
" 17 th	Spotted Flycatcher	"



c/3 Dotterel.
A'Mharconaich, Grampians.

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April - June; Clive

{ D.H.M.
C.A.M.

¹ Barn Owl

³ Corncrake

² Kestrel

² Jackdaw

Tree Pipit

Pheasant

¹ Near Palms Hill, May 7th.

² The Kestrel had 2 eggs in the top of an old oak in a hole, when Jackdaws built a large nest on the eggs, which remained unbroken, thus dislodging the Kestrel.

D.H.M. was down for a week at the beginning of June.

³ June 3rd, in long orchard grass, cl. 10.

June 30th; Arundel

{ D.H.M.
W. Southcomb

¹ Reed Warbler

¹ Abundant on the river Arun, especially down the backwaters, where boating is only practicable about 2 hrs. before and after high tide, which is 1³/₄ hrs. earlier than at London Bridge. The last week in June is about the right time.

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June 9th, 10th & 30th; Brighton & Falmer

1 Corn Bunting { D.H.M.
 Stonechat { W. Southcomb
 2 Red Backed Shrike { & others
 Meadow Pipit

1 Abundant near Brighton; the last week in June is about the right time.

2 One nest contained a Cuckoo's egg.

May-July; Uppingham

C.M.

Tree Sparrow
 Redstart
 Sand Martin

Summary

Barn Owl
 Corn-crake
 Reed Warbler
 Corn Bunting
 Stonechat
 Red-backed Shrike
 Kestrel
 Jackdaw
 Tree Pipit
 Meadow Pipit
 Pheasant
 Tree Sparrow
 Redstart
 Sand Martin

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" 18 th	Swallow	"
" 19 th	Yellow Wagtail	Morton Corbet
" "	Sandpiper	"
" 20 th	Tree Pipit	Clive
" "	Sand Martin	"
" "	Martin	"
" 21 st	Cuckoo	"
" 23 rd	Whitethroat	Prees
" "	Redstart	Hawkestone
" "	Whinchat	Haughmond Hill
" 24 th	Wood Wren	Clive
" 27 th	Corncrake	"
" "	Swift	"
" 29 th	Sedge Warbler	Morton Corbet
May 1 st	Grasshopper Warbler	Whixall
" 6 th	Blackcap	Clive
" 7 th	Spotted Flycatcher	Prees
" 8 th	Turtle Dove	Clive
" 9 th	Nightingale	Uppingham



Crosemere, Shropshire.

Site for Reed Warbler, Grebes and Ducks.

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April - mid-May; Clive.

C.S.M.

Lesser Spotted Woodpecker¹
 Long-eared Owl²
 Common Snipe³
 Coot
 Sparrow Hawk³
 Barn Owl
 Swift³
 Great Tit
 Blue Tit
 Long-tailed Tit
 Bullfinch

- ¹ First observed boring May 4th; broken into by C.S.M. on May 25th, when there were 2 young, 1 egg almost hatching, and an addled egg. Both birds took part in boring, about ^{10 min. at a} time alternately.
- ² Found April 10th by Baker, the keeper at Press Lower Heath, with 3 young and 2 very hard set eggs. Another nest found with addled eggs in June.
- ³ Found by keepers, both near Hodnet.

May - June; Uppingham

C.S.M.

Garden Warbler
 2 young Cuckoos¹

- ¹ One in a Pied Wagtail's, the other in a Linnet's nest.
- A pair of Little Owls were about all March and early April.

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April 20th - 21st; Rye

D.H.M.

- ' Ringed Plover
- ' Wheatear
- Skylark

' Abundant; the beginning of May is the time for Wheatears, in old rabbit holes, shells etc; all Wheatear's eggs were the small type.

May 1st; Leebotwood

C.H.M.

- Dipper
- Long-tailed Tit
- Great Tit

June 30th; Arundel

D.H.M.

- Reed Warbler

W. Southcomb

Poured all day; thunder and lightning.

June 16th & July 7th; Brighton

D.H.M.

- Corn Bunting

W. Southcomb

April - July; from Forest Hill

D.H.M.

- ' Civil Bunting
- Nightingale
- ² Cuckoo's egg
- Jay
- Pheasant
- Partridge

' Nest n^o Shoreham, Kent, 2 eggs. When revisited, was found pulled out.

² In a Hedge Sparrow's nest, n^o Hayes, May 19th; found by C.H.M.

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Summary.

Cirl Bunting
Lesser Spotted Woodpecker
Long-eared Owl
Ringed Plover
Reed Warbler
Corn Bunting
1 Cuckoo's egg
2 young Cuckoos
Nightingale
Common Snipe
Coot
Wheatear
Dipper
Barn Owl
Swift
Garden Warbler
Long-tailed Tit
Great Tit
Blue Tit
Sparrow Hawk
Jay
Pheasant
Partridge
Skylark
Bullfinch

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Arrival of Summer Migrants

March 23 rd	Wheatear	Addington
" 29 th	Chiffchaff	Wem
April 12 th	Swallow	Addington
" "	Cuckoo	Hayes
" 13 th	Willow Wren	Addington
" "	Nightingale	Hayes
" 19 th	Whitethroat	Addington
" 20 th	Martin	Beckenham
" "	Blackcap	Addington
" "	Tree Pipit	"
" 26 th	Yellow Wagtail	Nye
" 27 th	Reed Warbler	"
" "	Whimbrel ¹	"
May 3 rd	Redstart	Addington
" 4 th	Swift	"

¹ Killed by telegraph wires.



c/2 Stone Curlew.

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March-June; Forest HillStonechat¹

Nightjar

Wheatear²

Nuthatch

Red-legged Partridge

Partridge

Tree Pipit

Marsh Tit

Blue Tit

{	D.H.M
	C.M

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¹ Nest with 4 young, about 10 days old, and
1 addled egg, May 4th, Chelsam.

Also 6 eggs, fresh, May 31st, Chelsam.

² Nest n^r Addington, May 10th, 7 eggs, fresh, large type.

April 27th-28th; Hye

Ringed Plover

Wheatear¹

{	C.H.M
	D.H.M
	W. Southcomb
	C.M

Both days the wind was
very high, and on the
second made nesting nearly impossible.

¹ No complete clutches; first or second
week in May is about the right time.
Eggs all small type.

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June 7th - 8th; Nye

C.M.

Stone-Curlew¹

Common Tern

Lesser Tern

Ringed Plover

Wheatear

Meadow Pipit

Sky-Lark

¹ Eggs taken by a fisherman's boy, ^(see below) May 21st.
Saw a Kentish Plover, but found no nest,
though several had been found
a little earlier in the season.

Several pairs of Redshanks about.

The fisherman's boy, mentioned above,
came out part of the time, and
rendered useful service with the
Terns.

¹ Another pair of Stone Curlews eggs were taken May 7th.

May 23rd & 29th; Leebotwood

C.M.

Common Sandpiper¹

Dipper

Great Tit

¹ On May 23rd I saw a brood of young ones a
few days old; May 29th found 4 eggs,
almost ready to hatch.

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May 19th - June 5th; Clive

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C.A.M.

Yellow Wagtail¹Wood Wren²

Swift

Common Snipe³

Goldfinch

Green Woodpecker

Blackcap

Reed Bunting

Linnet⁴

Tree Pipit

¹ 3 nests at Morton Corbet, May 26th, June 2nd & 4th,
all with fresh eggs.

² Nest 6 eggs, nearly fresh, May 28th, Birchen Coppice;
also nest with young in the same
locality, June 26th.

³ Eggs taken by a keeper on Hodnet Heath, May 2nd.

⁴ 3 eggs from 4 unspotted.

A pair of Buzzards frequented Hawkestone
in the Spring, one of which was
unfortunately shot.

June 22nd; Arundel

Reed Warbler

1 Cuckoo's egg¹

Mute Swan

¹ In a Pied Wagtail's nest, eggs fresh.

{D.H.M.

{C.A.M.

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Summary.

Stone Curlew
 Yellow Wagtail
 Wood Wren
 Mute Swan
 Common Tern
 Lesser Tern
 Ringed Plover
 Stonechat
 Nightjar
 Wheatear
 Common Sandpiper
 Common Snipe
 Reed Warbler
 1 Cuckoo's egg
 Dipper
 Swift
 Green Woodpecker
 Goldfinch
 Nuthatch
 Red-legged Partridge
 Partridge
 Reed Bunting
 Tree Pipit
 Meadow Pipit
 Sky-Lark
 Great Tit
 Blue Tit
 Marsh Tit
 Long-tailed Tit
 Linnet.

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Arrival of Summer Migrants.

March 28 th	Chiffchaff	Brentwood
April 10 th	Tree Pipit	Potter Heigham
11 th	Swallow	"
26 th	"	Warley
11 th	Reed Warbler	Potter Heigham
13 th	Sedge Warbler	"
"	Sand Martin	"
17 th	Willow Wren	Warley
May 1 st	Cuckoo	Warley
"	Nightingale	"
"	Whitethroat	"
2 nd	Martin	"
"	Redstart	"
8 th	Turtle Dove	Homford
10 th	Wryneck	Weald
"	Red-backed Shrike	Brentwood
13 th	Wood Wren	Warley
"	Lesser Whitethroat	n ^e Billericay
15 th	Swift	Appledore
20 th	Corncrake	Clive
"	Spotted Flycatcher	Hadnall

Very early year until April 14th, when severe frosts set in, and continued into May.

The Cuckoo was heard by many at Warley a week before the above date. Martin seen n^e Billericay, Nov 8th.

Very mild Autumn & Winter; many very late instances of summer birds recorded, & Waxwings reported in fair numbers.

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April 10th - 13th ; Norfolk Broads

Coot

Moorhen

Bearded Tit¹

Wild Duck

{	W. Southcomb
	D.H.M.
	C.H.M.

Bearded Tit. Found 4 nests, (of which D.H.M. found three), and were shown 3 more by a keeper with whom we made friends. Two clutches were hard set. All were near or among the very tall rushes, where the birds spend their time, (6 of the nests being in thick clumps of reeds on the marshy ground about 1-2 ft. high, (in a position similar to many Reed Buntings), the 7th only a few inches above ground under fallen flags. The nests were all made of dead reeds, lined with the down of the tall rushes, and well concealed. Their alarm note, a metallic 'ping' is unmistakable, and on approaching the nest, the birds become very restless. In certain spots the birds are quite numerous, and may be seen flying over the tall rushes.

Water Rail. Saw the beginnings of a few nests in the thick sedge and reed clusters in wet patches. The thicker the sedge, and more boggy & wet the ground, the better. Tall rushes and dry ground no good. Position much like that of a moorhen, but nests built smaller and more cup shaped. A rough dome is made gradually during incubation.

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April 10th-13th ; Norfolk Broads continued.

The following were also seen, and are known to nest: - Shoveller, fairly plentiful, nests in tufts of sedge along dry banks, old hedges etc.; Teal; Great Crested Grebe, fairly common; Black-headed Gull; Redshank; Snipe; Garganey, ^{somewhat} rare, not seen.

May 19th, 20th, & 25th ; Dorrington

C.A.M.

1 Common Sandpiper

Dipper

Sand Martin.

1 Found 4 nests, one in thick weeds, one in reeds, and two in nettles, all on sand reaches. All eggs were fresh.

April - June ; Hickling Broad.C. Bensley
(keeper)

1 Water Rail

2 Shoveler

3 Redshank

Whinchat

1 2 nests, May 2nd and 10th; 8 eggs in each.

2 Nest, 8 eggs, May 13th.

3 2 nests, May 18th and April 22nd, 4 eggs in each.