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From 19<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>, with a few exceptions abs. days due to the great Thunderstorm on 25<sup>th</sup> & slight indisposition on 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> and Car in use by John. party on 22<sup>nd</sup> for Olympia Horse-Show, & I went over much old ground again but without success. The weather until 25<sup>th</sup> was very hot, temperatures in the 80's.

On 28<sup>th</sup> I found the "Bitley" hobbies in a small fir tree far out in the Danger zone on the N.E. corner of the ground about 1½ miles west of Donkey Town & near Greyspot Hill on Ordnance Map. I panned within 200 yds of the nest on 24<sup>th</sup>, but saw a tree with a good nest in it had very recently been climbed with iron; so assumed eggs had been taken. Today both birds were in the air above the clump of trees, and I found there was another good Crow's nest in a tree on the extreme southern end of the clump. After waiting 1½ hours I approached again & put the galena off the nest, which contained 3 rather brown eggs incubated about 10 days, or perhaps 12. The birds were both in evidence, & called several times while I was climbing the tree.

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25<sup>th</sup> March. Note. J. D. B., Cartzon-Britton & Dr. Sloan-Chener took Woodlark, 4-3-3 at Midhurst, Sussex.

29<sup>th</sup> March. Sunningdale. Dr. Sloan-Chener & I took cl. 4 Woodlark just under the 9<sup>th</sup> tee on old course, fresh. Several other pairs about, which I had located, were not in evidence, & we found no more nests to-day.

8<sup>th</sup> April. Sunningdale. I took cl. 3 Woodlark for Chener on the golf course near the 2<sup>nd</sup> fairway, old course, fresh. Stoney also took a cl. 4 by railway on the Westworth golf course.

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26<sup>th</sup> April. I found a Kingfisher hole by the stream, in the wood between Virginia Water & Wexham, but did not disturb it. Also found Dartford Warbler ready for eggs below further clump of fir trees on Chobham Common.

2<sup>nd</sup> May. Chamber & I worked for 4 hours on Chobham Common for Dartford Warbler & found one nest ready for eggs. Both the above two nests had sets of 4 eggs on 9<sup>th</sup>, when I took them for Chamber. On 2<sup>nd</sup> May the woodlarks beyond the golf course, by Acketell's drive, were feeding young out of the nest. Stacey was here for week-end. 9<sup>th</sup> May. Took 2/4 Dartford, as mentioned above, and met Stacey who had also just taken one nice set of 4, all fresh.

Later, I found one nest ready for eggs & one with 3 eggs, which did not lay any more & incubated the 3 eggs.

On 10<sup>th</sup> I went over to Swinley forest, & found the New Crow's nest, but saw no Hobby. Saw several Lesser-spotted W. peckers. Weather has been cold & sunnier.

Spent 16<sup>th</sup> near Witherby's looking for any signs of Hobby, & found New Crow's nest by the private pond.

On 17<sup>th</sup> Minnie & Clarice came out in car to Chobham ridges, behind Birstey ranges, but I did not see Hobby. I prepared one Crow's nest by removing 4 eggs & lining of nest. Very hot morning, & thunderstorm in afternoon.

During the rest of this month I did no general nesting, but spent the whole time on Hobby

ground, without seeing any signs of a bird.  
 June 1<sup>st</sup> Whit Monday. We went out with Best to Tunnel Hill, & saw the pair of Hobby behind Ash Ranges.

June 6<sup>th</sup>. I started my holiday & spent part of every day looking for Hobby. They are very scarce this year and are absent from many of their usual haunts.

June 13<sup>th</sup>. (Sat.) Spent the day with Chener behind Ash Ranges in pouring rain, but we did not definitely locate Hobby. Found a well used nest in the clump in the marsh & saw one H. there, but, as yet no eggs. We did not see them on the hills. (see 19<sup>th</sup>)

June 14<sup>th</sup>. I met Walpole-Bond, Mayo and Moud at Fleet, 11 A.M., and we worked much ground round there without success. Came back to Superior Hill, near Ash, but found nothing. Late in evening Mayo found the Bistey hobby with one egg, in the scattered clump of very small trees near the bath.

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June 13 & 14<sup>th</sup>. Stoney found a large number of Coru Buntings round Burling Gap this week-end & took 6/5, 6/4.

June 17<sup>th</sup>. I had an afternoon with Stoney & we visited the places at Wentworth where Hobby has often been found, but, for 2<sup>nd</sup> year, there was no sign of the birds. Nor have we located them on Chatham Common this year.

June 19<sup>th</sup>. Walpole-Bond, Chener & I went to Stanford Common on S.E. side of Ash Ranges ground, & at once located Hobby there. The nest was in an old crow of the year in a Scotch fir within a few hundred yards of the

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road, by the stream on the north side and edge of this Common. It contained 3 very nice eggs, which I gave Chener, as promised. We then revisited the nest in the clump (13<sup>th</sup>) but this came to nothing. Saw nothing on Normandy Common.

No. 3.

About 4 o'clock we met Mayo & Moud in Long Valley, west of Aldershot, & soon found the usual pair of Hobbits there. Wattle-Bird climbed to the nest, a new Crow's nest, in a Scotch fir & took a nice set of 3 eggs, which I had (Mayo's loc.), in exchange for fixing him the "Bisley" bird (see 14<sup>th</sup>), which he took with 3 eggs laid to-day. The Long Valley pair were just south of the flying ground, approached from the road by a sandy track across an iron bridge.

20<sup>th</sup> June. Boud, Chener & I went to the Buckingham district this morning, and almost immediately located this pair of Hobbits near the railway & behind an ornamental pond at Pinewood Sanatorium. Boud gave Chener this set, which C. climbed to in a new Crow's nest in Scotch fir. It contained 3 very nice eggs, fresh.

No. 4

These birds were rather demonstrative, but did not call much.

21 June. Boud, Chener, Mayo & Moud met me at Summingdale this morning & we all went over to the Forestry Commission's ground around Sandhurst & Broadmoor, where we spent an exhausting day in great heat working this extensive area.

In the afternoon Mayo found his "Broadmoor"

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N. 5. pair of Hobbies in a small clump of fir trees about 1/2 mile E. of the Broadmoor Asylum, near its usual territory. Chener climbed to the nest & took a very nice set of three eggs for Mays, which he kindly offered to me, but I would not have them. Only one bird appeared when we took the eggs, but an hour earlier both birds were toying over the nest & mating in the air.

The three days described above were extremely hot, with temperatures in the 80's and with a succession of violent thunderstorms. At Cole on 19<sup>th</sup> hailstones as large as grapes fell for 1/2 hour & whitened the ground.

24<sup>th</sup> June. Chener, Philip & I went first to the Hut Inn, Wisley, on the Portsmouth road, only about 20 miles from London, & at once located the Hobbies in their usual spot behind the inn on the north border of the Common, near a marsh & pools. A brood was successfully reared here 3 years ago, & J. Beddall Smith saw the young flying about. The nest was in a new Crow's nest in a large <sup>fir</sup> tree in the open, & the bird left as we approached & went right away without demonstration.

A. b.

See 27<sup>th</sup>

It contained 1 egg only, which was warm.

In the afternoon we went to Elstead, & visited the old haunt on Hankley Down where we found a pair of Hobbies which called once only. The birds hung about in the air for some time, & several times appeared over the N.W. corner of the fir belt near the pylons, but we failed to find a nest.

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Young were successfully reared here last year. Chener climbed to the only good nest in the immediate vicinity, but there was no egg in it. Either we have missed this nest, or it may be a very late bird, as some are, or, if already taken, it may be locating a site for the second nest.

Chener & Philip intend to revisit these two localities again on 27<sup>th</sup>.

27<sup>th</sup> June. Chener & Philip revisited the Wistey nest, which contained 2 eggs, which they left to revisit later.

I spent the afternoon with Stoney working the ground near Pirbright, but we saw nothing.

1<sup>st</sup> July. The Wistey Hobbies still only had 2 eggs, which are smaller than average kestrels. The falcon is probably a pullet. On this occasion she set very closely.

Dr. Chener marked the eggs with indelible pencil & left them to hatch out. Hollow hopes to photograph this nest with a telescopic camera & later ring the young. About ten days later I took Mr. J. M. Yeates, Sherborne College, over to see this nest, with a view to photography later. The hen remained on the nest until Yeates was  $\frac{3}{4}$  way up! The birds were absolutely silent & soon disappeared altogether.

19<sup>th</sup> July. John & I revisited the grounds near Fleet and within  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour we found this Hobby, which we had previously missed, with two chicks about 5 days old & one infertile egg. The site was rather further away to N.E. than where we had searched before, amongst very small, almost sapling fir trees. The nest was in a fir about 20 ft. high, & there were no big trees in the vicinity. The chicks were balls of pure white fluff, with no markings.

See 14<sup>th</sup> June.

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- 16 August. C. P. Stoney & I spent the afternoon at  
Camberley & found 2 Hobby's nests.  
One was 2<sup>nd</sup> nest - of that taken by Mayo at  
Broadmoor on 21<sup>st</sup> June.  
Interval for 2<sup>nd</sup> Nest: 20 days, brings date to  
11 July! Incubation 28 days = hatched  
8 August, and 3 young were 8 days old  
on 16<sup>th</sup> August. P. A. D. Hollar ringed them.  
The other was a first nest; incubation began  
(say) 17 June, Incub. 28 days, hatched 15 July,  
one month in nest to 15<sup>th</sup> August. These three  
young were perched on branches by the nest,  
one flew off while we watched them. Both  
were in Crow's nests in Scotch Firs.  
22<sup>nd</sup> August. Saw the Bistley Hobbies again &  
on 23<sup>rd</sup> Aug. found the 2<sup>nd</sup> nest with young  
loudly calling; in v. small fir tree. (Birds 14/6/1)  
Hollar ringed the 2 young birds. There was  
also a large stone in the nest!

1937.

- A very wet and cold Spring.  
3 April. I found with J. Chenier a Woodlark  
with 3 eggs sitting below Auketitt's house.  
18 April. Found Woodlark 3 on Cloatham  
Common about 8 days incubated, which I  
also gave to Chenier.  
24 April. Stanley & I found Woodlark 4 young  
nearly ready to fly, on Rail? embankment  
at Westcott, and on 25<sup>th</sup> I found Curlew  
with 3 eggs on the Common  
2<sup>nd</sup> May. I took second round of 18 eggs Woodlark  
with 4 nicely yoned eggs about 4 days incubated,  
30 yards from site of 1<sup>st</sup> nest.

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2<sup>nd</sup> May. Chener came over in the afternoon, & I took him to the Curlew's nest, which had 4 eggs. He stroked the hen on the nest, & lifted it off with both hands, while I held the 2 dogs a few yards away. We saw a number of Dartford Nuthatches, but found no nest. Very sunny & warm today.

June. Hobby.

On Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> Meeson & I worked the Ash Ganges thoroughly, but did not even see a Hobby. We did not work Stancemore.

Common, where Chener took a nest last year, as this locality was reserved for Walpole-Road, who, however, found no birds about this year.

At week-end 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> Mayo's Cousin took a set of 3 eggs at Wexland Hanging, near the old Bustard Inn on Salisbury Plain.

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>. The pair which I had previously located for Meeson in the Wentworth woods had one egg to-day. It was in a huge & v. difficult Scotch fir, which young Malcolmson, a pupil of R.P. Stoney, climbed to. We found no birds on Chobham Common this year.

13<sup>th</sup>. Meeson, Stoney & I worked Sandhurst Common, middle & Eastern part (reserving Western End for Mayo) & found 2 eggs in the same nest where a first set of young were hatched last year.

16<sup>th</sup>. Meeson took the nest with 3 rather small eggs. I found the repeat in July, gave it to Stoney.

13<sup>th</sup> Mayo & Mond worked Railroad Heath, Fleet, & found a pair of Hobbies there, which were very demonstrative for several hours. They climbed



Seren rather poor nests, but found no eggs, x  
at 4 pm. The falcons wheeled high up in the  
air & disappeared. On subsequent occasions  
they saw no sign of them again.

Sat. 19<sup>th</sup> Meeson took the Alderworth nest with  
3 eggs. Malcolmson climbed the woman  
tree again; a very fine feat of climbing.

20<sup>th</sup> Mayo found his Broadmoor bird with  
2 eggs in same clump of birch as last year,  
& on 23<sup>rd</sup> she was still sitting on 2 eggs, which  
he then took. Rather a pity, I think.

He did not find the Alderholt birds, or see  
any at Sawmills or Hawley Pond, Mintey.

Meeson took the Hankley Down pair with  
a clutch of 4 eggs. He located the  
Witley birds, but did not find the nest.

Pottart & Chamer took cl. 3 near Tilthead,  
on Salisbury Plain.

We spent a week on Salisbury Plain,  
at M<sup>rs</sup> Brown's, The Mount Restaurant,  
Lobscombe Priory from 18<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>, but, of  
course, too late to expect eggs, as all the  
ground had been previously worked. I  
once met Capt. Pearman, who said he had  
spent 4½ days on Plain without seeing a  
Hobby! They seem to be scarce everywhere  
this year. Good nests had been climbed to  
at Boar Knoll, Grateley, below Tower Hill,  
Porton Ranges, south of Lamber, West Down, N.W.  
of Tilthead, etc. I saw no birds this year  
near Pheasant Inn; nor south of Amesbury, but  
Meeson & I located a pair near Clittern, St. Dorsey,  
but climbing trees caused them to forsake the  
eggs. So to Fox Covert, where we left them.

Note. I hear Honey subsequently took this pair with cl. 3,  
also took 2 3 N.W. of Amesbury, under the Tilt.

1938.

Another very exceptional Spring (vide 1937). We only had .25 inch of rain in Feb., and .15 in March, & no rain up to 7<sup>th</sup> April. Vegetation is nearly a month in advance of normal, apple blossom now coming out & all hedges quite green. Autumn sown Broad Beans are in full flower.

2<sup>nd</sup> April. Sunningdale. I found a Woodlark with 3 young on Chobham Common about 2 days hatched. On same day Storey found a nest with four young by the Railway embankment at Wentworth, and a set of 4 eggs very hard set near Ascot.

3<sup>rd</sup> April. Chenz & I watched several pairs of Woodlark on the golf course all day but found no nests. These birds do not appear to have laid up yet!

5<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> April I was down with Mumps!

30<sup>th</sup> April. Found Woodlark building at Sunningdale which I took with ch. 4 on 14<sup>th</sup> May.

1<sup>st</sup> May. Found Curlew with 4 which I gave to Mr. Douglas.

Two Dartford Warblers less ready came to nothing & were probably robbed.

14<sup>th</sup> May. I found Dartford sitting on 3 eggs on Chobham Common, which I kept.

5<sup>th</sup> May. Found Nestling sitting on 5 eggs at Shrewton, which I took for substitutes. She laid another set in same nest later on.

21<sup>st</sup> May. I took Woodlark 4 on Sunningdale Golf Course incubation well advanced.

During June I looked for Hobby with Pollard, but we found nothing at all until 2 July, when I found a nest with 2 fresh eggs on Sandhurst Common, which Pollard took with 3 eggs on 6<sup>th</sup> July, from same nest. Then Storey took a late set from last July.

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We left Summingdale in December & came to live at The Rowans, East Vale.

I did no nesting this Spring, as the garden received all our attention.

17<sup>th</sup> June. I went out with Welford-Bond & his friend Kidson & we took ch. 3 Hobby previously located by me on Ash Ranges. Saw no other pairs to-day, but I think the Stamford Heath pair, which I saw a fortnight ago, had been taken, as some trees had just been climbed.

18<sup>th</sup> June. Mays & wife called for me, & we spent a long day to west of Alderhot, but did not see a Hobby. We tried Pyestock Wood, Railway Heath Fleet & Mitley. The Broadmoor pair had been taken by someone else on Saturday morning.

25<sup>th</sup> June. Pollart & I found the Newborth pair of Hobbies on the trolley by Railway line with 2 eggs about a week incubated, which Pollart kept. Saw no birds on Cleobham Common.

1940.

Owing to the war & also to having no car this year, I did no nesting until my June holiday from 15<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>, when I had a few days with Pollart after Hobby.

A Weycock occupied one of my nesting boxes in the garden, & laid first egg on 20<sup>th</sup> May. She laid 8 eggs & hatched on 9<sup>th</sup> June. The young were about ready to leave nest on 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

15<sup>th</sup> June. Pollart & I thoroughly worked Stamford Common & Herby Park district but saw no Hobby there this year.

I had previously located the Ash Ranges pair

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and to day we took a very nice set of 3 eggs  
dead fresh on Emperor Hill, in a very old Crow's  
nest, at least 6 years old but still a substantial  
platform, in a large Scotch pine on the hillside.

The eggs appear to be similar to those I took  
on 15<sup>th</sup> June 1935 (see also 17/6/39 Kirwin). The bird  
was undemonstrative & flew away without calling.

The falcon did not appear.

On same day we visited Birstey & saw one  
Hobby, but failed to locate the nest, although  
we again spent some hours behind the ranges  
on 22<sup>nd</sup> June, when we saw two birds.

I spent 20<sup>th</sup> June at Heatworth, but failed to  
see any sign of Hobby there this year.

22<sup>nd</sup> June. Pollard & I went to the "Bickfield"  
site near Berkshire Golf Course, where Ralphie  
Bond with Mayo located young last year,  
which Hollow Ringed later in July - 3 young.

We located the nest about 1/2 mile away,  
in an old clump of firs where, according to  
a Swinley Park keeper, young were seen two  
years ago. The nest was in a Crow's nest of  
this year at top of a tall pine, & contained

3 very small rather poor eggs, which Pollard  
kept. The best of them was zoned round the  
middle. The bird sat very tight, and left  
without demonstration & we never saw the cock  
at all.

This year we saw two birds in the Camberley area,  
nor in Mayo's Broadmoor district, but a good  
nest in Pyestock Wood had just been climbed  
to with irons. Possibly Mayo may have been  
working this district alone this year.

26<sup>th</sup> June In the afternoon Ivan Hills (now a cadet)

turned up here from Farborough. He had never  
 even seen Hobby. We went over Hogg's Back, first  
 tried Hantley Down, where Dr. Chamer & Pollard took  
 Ch. 4 two years ago, but found the plantations  
 had just been cut down. Thence to Thursley  
 Common, entering by the lane which passes two  
 ponds (from train road) and ends at the cottage on  
 the heath. Just beyond here we located Hobby on  
 the hillside to the south of track, and at 7 pm.  
 saw two pairs close to us flying low & straight to  
 the clump of firs on the ridge, where there were  
 several old Crow's nests. Nearby I also saw  
 four recent "kills", & we heard the birds calling  
 frequently. At 8.30 the falcon returned to her  
 nest, & Billie climbed up & secured a very  
 good set of 3 large & well marked eggs. One  
 was incubated about 1 week, but the other two  
 did not show signs of incubation, but were  
 slightly rubbed. The birds were very shy,  
 & did not appear while we were about, so  
 make any demonstration. We saw a  
 Garganey flying north towards the bog patch  
 in the middle of this Common. Also saw Redwing  
 with 3 large young, in a very well climbed fir.

1941.

This year was most abnormal in regard to weather  
 conditions. Very cold wet weather persisted until  
 13<sup>th</sup> June, with much frost in first half of May.  
 From 14<sup>th</sup> June there was a month of very hot dry weather,  
 then heavy rains until almost the end of August.  
 About 20<sup>th</sup> May the woodpeckers returned to my garden,  
 but, although they visited several boxes, they did not  
 nest here this year. Colch. Sparrows came down for

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a few days from 13<sup>th</sup> June, & we had several interesting days, sometimes with Poltart, & after Hobby. On 15<sup>th</sup> June Poltart took the Ash Ranges pair with 3 eggs, previously located by me close to the nest of last year and 1935. On that day Sparrow & I located the pair at Pyestock wood, which were very tame, noisy & demonstrative.

I made the mistake of climbing to the best nest in the vicinity before an egg was laid, & although we saw the birds about on several other days, they deserted the locality and did not nest there this year. We failed to find the alternate site.

Possibly owing to the late season exactly the same thing occurred at Mayo's Broadmoor locality, where both birds were in evidence on 17<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, but on climbing the nests no eggs were laid, & the birds subsequently deserted the locality. Poltart saw a pair near Thursley Common, but failed to locate them; nor did we find the pair near the Berkshire Golf Course this year.

I saw no Dartford warblers this year, and Woodlarks were very scarce, though a pair were feeding young out of the nest at Pyestock in mid June, & I saw one pair on Tunnel Hill. A pair between Nos. 3 & 4 ranges here, disappeared early in April, & may have been taken by sparrow hawks, which are too common, as are also Magpies, Jays & Crows.

1942.

Owing to the sad death of Stanley last autumn I did practically nothing in the field this year, but spent a few days in mid June with Poltart. About 20 June I located Hobby in an inconspicuous nest in the "Clump" at Henry Park, where she hatched 3 young which flew end July.

On 25<sup>th</sup> June, after her visit to nest, I took a cl. 2

1942.

Hobby behind the ranges at Bistey. Tuayo had found nest about 16<sup>th</sup> with two eggs, & Pottark climbed to it a few days after, also two eggs. V. beti nest.

1943.

I find age telling very much on the nest, & I can only do a short day at intervals. From 16-25<sup>th</sup> June I had a few days behind Ash Range & Henty Park with Pottark on 16<sup>th</sup> - when we found a <sup>Hobby</sup> nest at east end of Admirals Drive, by the red tent close to Peir Bright Ranges, with 1 egg. On 21<sup>st</sup> L. took 2 eggs & substituted kestichs. On 24<sup>th</sup> she was still sitting on the two dumplings, which I removed. Had a most interesting time of the birds for an hour afterwards. They both returned to the spring in 20 minutes, then left without visiting the nest. In another 20 minutes they returned again & called, & circled around, alighting near the nest, but did not visit it. They flew away again and returned an hour after I had removed the dumplings, & then the falcon went to the nest, & remained a few minutes, then dived off nearly to the ground & flew away. They did not return while I waited.

Pottark took ch. 3. Bistey on 19<sup>th</sup> incubated fully a week or 10 days!

I visited Pyestock & Railroad Heath, which had been burnt all over, but saw no Hobby. Sparrow Hawks had young there.

Pottark saw birds at Broadmoor, but found no nest. A disappointing season again.

1944.

I was able to do very little nesting this year, as the garden took up most of my available time, and a few hours walking is as much as I can manage.

1944.

On 20<sup>th</sup> April I took a cl. 4 Woodlark, fresh, about  
 4 miles from The Rowans, within 2 yards of a Tank  
 track in daily use. Shortly afterwards a Tank went  
 over the spot. On 21<sup>st</sup> I found a Woodlark sitting on  
 3 eggs 50 yards in front of the Targets on N. 3 range,  
 & this duly hatched out young ones. Machine gun  
 bullets must have panned continually about 3 ft. over  
 this nest! On 22<sup>nd</sup> May I took a nicely zoned set of  
 5 Woodlark, fresh, on top of a sandy bank. Cock was  
 feeding hen on nest, & was perching on a field telephone  
 wire near by. Early in April I found a remarkable  
 clutch of Mind Thrush, but eggs were too hard set to blow.  
 I took a fortnight's holiday in mid. June, and on 10<sup>th</sup>  
 I located a pair of Hobbs on the high ridge north of  
 Stamford Courian (which has been largely burnt) and  
 south of Pirbright Ranges. I visited this place on  
 several subsequent occasions, but never located a  
 nest, & eventually the birds disappeared from the  
 spot. I saw no birds on Stamford Courian, etc.,  
 at this date, in the "Clump" or the bog behind the  
 Henty Park Rifle Ranges. But I repeatedly saw  
 a pair close to this house, behind Ranges 1.A and 2.  
 These birds suddenly left this spot about 16<sup>th</sup> and  
 I did not see them there again. But on 18<sup>th</sup> a pair  
 were in residence in the Henty Park Clump. It is  
 therefore probably that the pairs referred to above were  
 in fact this pair, both the other places being a mile  
 or so on either side of the "Clump". This spring had  
 been burnt in April, the big trees were scorched to  
 the tops, & mostly leafless. I climbed to the best of  
 two nests, but it was empty. That was enough for  
 me for one day, and I was unable to revisit this  
 place, owing to firing, until 24<sup>th</sup>, when the birds were  
 still about. I climbed to the other nest in a dead  
 fir tree & took cl. 3 absolutely fresh. a date date.