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April 20th - 24th ; Builth Wells, etc. cont.

³ Woodlark - nest, 4 large young, on a field sloping gently in a S.S.W. direction, studded slightly with a little dead brake-fern; in a field about 1½ miles from Builth Wells on the Garth road, on the left hand side opposite a clump of larch. Both birds were round the nest, but made no noise except a small chirp.

⁴ Carrion Crow - nests abundant; saw some very fine eggs, nearly hatching.

⁵ Goldcrest - nest at St Newbridge, 7 eggs.

Kite - saw eyrie, tenanted in 1903, in a huge oak in valley above Llanfihangel, an enormous nest, about 5 ft. in height, about 40 ft. from the ground.

Saw also Pied Flycatchers, Curlews, Tawny Owls etc.

The days were spent as follows: -

April 20th 5-7 pm. at Builth Wells.

" 21st Builth Wells to Llanfihangel etc.

" 22nd Llanwrtyd Wells up Abergwesin and Tafon Valleys. (Excellent ground)

" 23rd Erwood to Llangammarch Wells, via Capel Dyffryn. (Poor country)

" 24th Newbridge to Rhayader, via Llanfihangel.

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April 30th ; Abergwesyn - Builth C.A.M.

¹ Raven

² Buzzard

³ Grey Wagtail

Travelled from London to Llanwrtyd Wells by 1.30, & stayed the night at the 'Grouse' Inn, Abergwesyn. On 30th examined Yrfon and Abergwesyn valleys, & walked to Builth to catch 6.32 pm. back to town. Rained all day.

- ¹ Same nest referred to before, found on 22nd; went down in hopes of a good clutch, but the nest contained one young one; the second egg had vanished.
- ² Nest, 2 eggs, on the side of a small ravine, half way to Abergwesyn from Llanwrtyd on the left, facing South.
- ³ Nest 5 eggs on the side of railway cutting, about 1 mile from Builth Road.

Kite - nest reported to me 2½ miles up the R. Yrfon from Llangamarch Wells, sitting at the time; I heard subsequently that this nest was robbed.



Yrfon (Irfon) Valley, Abergwesyn.

Site for Buzzard & Raven.

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May 20th - 22nd ; Thetford

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{ N. Gilroy
 S. Boorman.
 J.H.N.

- ¹ Stone Curlew
 Redshank
 Plover
² Yellow Wagtail
³ Snipe
⁴ Wrenneck
⁴ Green Woodpecker
⁴ Coal Tit
⁵ Tree Sparrow
 Lesser Redpoll
 Wheatear
 Whinchat
 Stonechat
 Marsh Tit
 Goldcrest
 Sedge Warbler
⁶ Corn Bunting
 Reed Bunting
 Meadow Pipit
 Sky-Lark

¹ Gilroy found 2 nests, and keepers pointed out 9 more. About 100 pairs seen.

² Abundant, and in the tufts in the grass fields not difficult to find. Many nests found.

³ One nest found by each.

⁴ Found by Gilroy

⁵ Abundant.

⁶ nest, 1 egg.

Gadwall - several pairs seen, but no nests found.

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May 25th - 28th ; Llanarmon.

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C.M.

- ¹ Merlin
- ² Raven
- Kestrel
- ³ Barn Owl
- ⁴ Grey Wagtail
- ⁵ Sandpiper
- Wood Wren
- Lesser Redpoll
- Dipper
- ⁶ Sand Martin
- ⁷ Robin

Walked from Chirk to Llanarmon along the valley of the Ceiriog on 25th; spent 26th & 27th on the moors, and returned along the Ceiriog on 28th.

- ¹ Nest & eggs; both birds in great evidence; the nest was on the top of the 'Home Moor', in fairly low heather on a small ridge.
- ² Nest, 3 young just ready to fly, on rocks above the falls of the Ceiriog.
- ³ Nest 8 eggs, - 1 sat, 3 just showing slight signs of incubation, and 4 quite fresh, in an oak, about 2 ft. from the ground; two birds flew from the nesting hole.
- ⁴ Nest, 5 eggs, fresh, 3 miles from Chirk.
- ⁵ Nest, 4 eggs, 2^d Glyn; also a brood of young.
- ⁶ One nest contained 6 eggs.
- ⁷ Nest 8 eggs, very hard sat, Llanarmon.

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May 20th - 24th, 29th - June 11th ; Clive.

C.S.M.

- ¹ Goldfinch
- Lesser Redpoll
- Reed Warbler
- Sedge Warbler
- ² Lesser Whitethroat
- Wood Wren
- ³ Barn Owl
- Sparrow Hawk
- ⁴ Kestrel
- Swift
- ⁵ Coal Tit
- Reed Bunting
- Turtle Dove
- ⁶ Little Grebe
- Coot

- ¹ Found a large number of nests in all stages, from young ready to fly, hard sat and fresh eggs, to nests building; chiefly round Myddle, and Welshampton; in oak, apple, and damson trees, also pear, and one in a tall hedge.
- ² 4 eggs, June 6th.
- ³ nest at Palms Hill; 5 young in different stages.
- ⁴ 5 very fine eggs, Tilley; broken descending from the tree.
- ⁵ nest and young in the Quarry, May 22nd.
- ⁶ young at Hawkeston; nest 3 eggs & 1 young bird just hatched, May 22nd, Battlefield.

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May 22nd ; Leebotwood - Condover. C.M.¹ Sandpiper² Kingfisher

Dipper

Sand Martin

¹ Two nests, 4 eggs each, one fresh, the other very hard sat.² Nest with well grown young, 1 mile from Condover.July 8th - 9th ; Seaford

Corn Bunting

Ringed Plover

Stonechat

Linnet.

{	N. G.
	D. H. M.
	C. M.

July 22nd - 23rd ; Newbury¹ Nightjar² Cirl Bunting³ Green Woodpecker

Stonechat

Red-backed Shrike

³ Pied Wagtail¹ Abundant - 2 lots of fresh eggs and one hard sat found, & several pairs of young.² Found by N. G. in gorse amid brake-fern, about 1½ ft. from ground, with 3 young about a week old³ Young birds.

{	N. G.
	C. M.

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March - July ; Warley.
 { D.K.M.
 } C.M.

- ¹ Lesser Spotted Woodpecker
² Tawny Owl
³ Yellow Owl
⁴ 2 Cuckoo's eggs
⁵ Kingfisher
 Sparrow Hawk
⁸ Carrion Crow
⁶ Redstart
⁸ Nightingale
 Garden Warbler
 Whitethroat
 Goldcrest
 Willow Wren
⁷ Tree Pipit
 Pied Wagtail
 Bullfinch
 Great Tit
 Blue Tit
 Long-tailed Tit etc.
- ¹ Hole in an old dead stump at Childerditch well advanced on May 16th; cut out on May 24th, when there ^{were} only 2 eggs.
- ² Nest, 3 eggs, fresh, April 1st.
- ³ Young at Swallows Cross, May 14th.
- ⁴ In Robin with 5 and Yellow Hammer with 4 respectively. Both on May 27th.
- ⁵ Young found dead in nest ^{at Hutton} May 1st, due to floods.
- ⁶ Nest, 7 eggs, May 19th.
- ⁷ Clutch 6, deep red variety.
- ⁸ Abundant; several nests taken.
- Red Backed Shrike - very scarce this season.

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Summary.

Buzzard
Peregrine
Merlin
Raven
Woodlark
Dartford Warbler
Cirl Bunting
Lesser Spotted Woodpecker
Stone Curlew
Snipe
Sandpiper
Redshank
Ringed Plover
2 Cuckoo's eggs
Goldfinch
Lesser Redpoll
Tawny Owl
Barn Owl
Yellow Wagtail
Grey Wagtail
Lesser Whitethroat
Wood Wren
Nighthawk
Little Grebe
Corn Bunting
Wheatear
Whinchat
Stonechat
Tree Sparrow
Dipper
Tree Pipit
Nightingale etc.

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February 28th ; Richmond Park

Heron

Alec. Jones and C.M. each took
a clutch 4, incubated.
Several lots of 3 were found.

{ N. Gibroy
Alec. Jones
S. Jones
W. Renaut
J. Pargeant
D.H.M.
C.M.

March 3rd and 8th ; Wanstead Park

Heron

C.M. took cl. 4 on 3rd.
D.H.M. & C.M. took cl. 4 each on 8th.
Several other lots of 3 were
found, and young heard
in the nests.

{ N. G. Mar. 8th
Alec. Jones 8th
W. Renaut 8th
D.H.M. 8th
C.M. 3rd & 8th

March 19th ; Richmond Park

Heron

N. G., W. R., D.H.M., C.M., each secured
cl. 4, C.M. two 4s.
Alec. & Stewart Jones each took
cl. 5 from chestnuts, both
of which had one egg
broken descending the tree.

{ N. G.
Alec. Jones
S. Jones
W. Renaut
D.H.M.
C.M.

March 21st ; Wanstead Park

Heron.

J. B. Smith took cl. 4; many
young heard in the nests.

{ J. B. Smith
C.M.

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March 10th; Llanarmon & Llanrhaiadr.

(Raven) { Arthur Wood
 Motored from Shrewsbury { D.H.M.
 to the above places. { C.H.M.
 No sign of Raven at
 Llanarmon. A pair seen on
 the rocks round Pistyll Rhaiadr,
 undoubtedly with eggs, but
 mountain mists and approach
 of darkness prevented any
 success. A pair of Peregrines on the rock.

March 18th; Falmer

Long-eared Owl { N.G.; R.J. Messent
 In the woods round { D.H.M.
 Stanmer Park, 3 nests
 with 2 eggs each were found.

March 25th; Falmer

Long-eared Owl { D.H.M.; R.J. Messent
 Revisited the three nests
 of 18th, which contained 2.2.4, respectively,
 birds being again flushed from
 each. Messent left at 2.30; we
 then searched the two Newmarket
 Woods, and D.H.M. flushed a
 bird off 5 eggs in the Upper
 Newmarket Wood, nearly fresh. All
 the birds sat very tightly.
 Messent took cl. 5, hook.

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March 31st - April 1st ; Seaford. { N.G.
 1 Peregrine { C.M.
 2 Hoot

1 Put the "Belle Toute" and "Inaccessible" birds off their eyries; both were much overhung, and a long way down, and all hope of reaching them was abandoned.

2 Young and eggs at Bishopstone rookery.
Stonechat - one nest, just commencing, found.

April 5th ; Warley. { N.G.
 Hoot. { D.H.M.

Two clutches of 5 taken from { C.M.
 Thorndon Park.

April 7th - 8th ; Seaford. { N.G.
 Peregrine { J.A. Walpole-Bond
 { D.H.M.

N.G.; J.A.W.B.; D.H.M. started from Seaford at 4 a.m. Saturday and took the 'Telscombe pair' - D.H.M. descended, cl. 3 - and the 'Newhaven pair' - J.A.W.B. and N.G. descended, cl. 4 - before breakfast. Took the 'Seaford Head pair' - N.G. ^{or Bond} descended, cl. 4; poor eggs compared with 1905 - at mid-day. Cheale drove, and assisted with the ropes. On Saturday afternoon and Sunday found one egg in a hole near the top of 3rd sister, and revisited the 'Belle Toute' and 'Inaccessible' pairs putting the birds off each. Beachy Head was visited without result.

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April 12th - 13th ; Builth

'Woodlark

Plover.

' Arrived Builth Road 5.30 a.m. on 12th, and at 8 a.m. found Woodlark, 4 eggs, quite cold, in a brakefern studded field (same birds as 1905) about 1½ m. from Builth Wells on the Garth Road - the birds were nowhere to be seen. Revisited at 6 a.m. on 13th, when a mole had bored through the bottom of the nest, taken one egg completely, and a 2nd egg was found a few inches down the hole - it is pretty certain (now) that the nest, when found, had been deserted, the eggs remaining being slightly incubated.

Spent from 10 a.m. onwards on 12th & 13th on the hill behind Llanelwedd Church - found one nest, 3 eggs, slightly incubated, at 3 p.m. of 13th, on the highest slope of ^{below the wood} the hill, facing South; the nest was open, among grass and brake-fern. During the two days, the pair were twice seen together - the cock bird sang on a tree and two small bushes, each about 100 yds. from the nest. On one occasion, the cock on leaving its singing perch, was at once joined by the female from the direction of the nest. The nests

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C.H.M.

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April 12th - 13th ; Builth cont.

in both cases were of dried grass of fine quality, and deep.

A second pair was undoubtedly breeding ^(n.g. found well fledged young in this nest a week later) on the same hill, on the central or bottom part of the highest slope, below the wood.

Left Builth for Llanrhaiadr, 6.30 pm. of 13th.

April 14th ; Llanrhaiadr. C.H.M.

¹ Peregrine

² Raven

Stock Dove

- ¹ Took 4 eggs, very large and well marked, from an old Raven's nest on the rocks around Piodyll Rhaiadr - only the falcon was seen - lowered to the nest by two Welshmen.
- ² Found the nest, 'whitewashed', which we had sought on Mar. 10th - both Ravens made considerable demonstration, and had young undoubtedly.

April 15th - 16th ; Clive

C.H.M.

¹ Snipe

Plouer

- ¹ Nest, 4 eggs, on the marshes beyond Hodnet - too early a little for the majority.

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April 13th - 16th ; Dulverton.

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{ N. G.
D. H. M.

- 1 Buzzard
- 2 Tawny Owl
- 3 Grey Wagtail
- 4 Heron
- 5 Nuthatch
- Goldcrest
- 6 Dipper
- Stock Dove
- Long-tailed Tit
- 7 Carrion Crow

- 1 nest building, between Torr Steps and Dulverton - not uncommon in the Exe valley above Dulverton, and up the Barle.
- 2 Eight nests found, mostly very hard sat, viz. cl. 3, v. hard sat; cl. 3, fresh; 3 young; 3 2's, sat; cl. 1, sat; 1 egg, incomplete, fresh.
- 3 Five nests, only one complete clutch, all up the Exe.
- 4 Herony, nearly against the road, between Dulverton station and town.
- 5 Nuthatch building.
- 6 N. G. took clutch 6; many large young.
- 7 Fifteen nests found, mostly incomplete clutches.

April 19th ; 'Hendon

N. G.; Alec. Jones; D.H.M.

20th ; Buckhurst Hill

D.H.M. cl. 6.

" ; Harold Wood

C.H.M. cl. 5, very large.

21st ; East Horndon

D.H.M. cl. 5.

Carrion Crow.

- 1 nests abundant; Alec. took cl. 5, very large eggs; D.H.M. 3 cl. 5 each.

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April 28th ; Epping Forest

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D.H.M.

' Hawfinch

² Tawny Owl

Carrion Crow

- ¹ One nest with 1 egg near "Wake Arms Inn";
 (later taken with 21.4)
 about a dozen nests building
 around the same neighbourhood,
 along the Epping and Waltham
 Abbey roads.
- ² Young, in a deep hole in a beech,
 near "Wake Arms" in the Epping
 direction.

April 29th ; n^e Warley.

D.H.M.

' Kestrel

- ¹ 6 eggs, in a pollard willow, 6 ft. from
 the ground, along the brook side
 below Buttobury Church, n^e Ingatstone,
 quite fresh — 5 eggs, incubation
 just commenced, in a small
 wood n^e Billericay.

April 28th - 29th ; Haslemere.

C.H.M.

(Dartford Warbler)

- No nest found — one pair and two
 odd birds seen within a few
 hundred yards of each other,
 just below the spot, where the
 nest was taken 1905. Snow and
 hail fell at intervals.

May 1st ; Warley

D.H.M.

Redstart.

- 5 nests found, 4, 4, 3, 3, 1 respectively, in marshy
 meadows n^e East Horndon.

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May 3rd; Richmond Park.Great Crested Grebe,
Wheatear,
Nuthatch.

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Alec Jones
Stuart Jones
D.H.W.
C.S.M.

Great Crested Grebe: The nest, which had been watched for some time previously by Alec Jones, was built upon the island in the Upper Penn Pool, on the submerged bough of a willow tree, and floated upon the water. At dark Stanley swam out to it, and secured the clutch of 5 eggs, nearly fresh. The geese, and other wild fowl made much noise in the still night air, but fortunately we were not disturbed.

Wheatear: Nest, previously found by Stuart Jones, was built in a disused rabbit-hole, about a foot in, and contained 6 eggs. The hen bird had to be lifted off the nest.

Nuthatch: Nest was built in a hole in an old oak tree, and was well clayed up. The bird refused for a long while to quit the nest. After drilling with a brace and bit we found the nest contained only 4 eggs, very small and poorly marked, and highly incubated.

May 1st; nr Warley.

D.H.W.

Redshank.

Redshank: Five nests found in two low, marshy fields near Bladder ditch, and several more pairs of birds seen. The nests were well concealed in tussocks of grass, and contained 4, 4, 3, 3, 1 eggs. Some were well incubated, & several other eggs were found destroyed by crows, which abound.