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May 11th & 12th; Epping Forest. C.H.M.

Nuthatch

Great Tit

Nuthatch; on May 5th both birds were observed together, feeding and singing, for some hours; on 11th & 12th only one bird was visible, and their nesting site found in an oak n^e High Beach church; cut out on 16th by D.H.M. and myself, 7 eggs, some showing marked signs that incubation had commenced.

May 11th; Warley District. C.H.M.

Kestrel.

Carion Crow.

Kestrel; nest, 5 eggs, fresh, from a Crow's nest in the "Redshank field" n^e East Hornon; both birds left the tree;

also 4 eggs, incomplete, from the deer-shed above the lake in Thorndon Park—the bird had been shot a few days previously;

Harold Wood & Billericay birds seen; apparently not laid.

No sign of Ingatestone or Herongate pairs.

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May 3rd & 4th Llangynog.
Raven.

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D.H.M.

I arrived at Oswestry from Buxton at 3-30 a.m. on Friday morning. The weather was boisterous & very wet and cold. Cycled against a strong "Sou' Wester" to Pistyll Rhaiadr near Llanrhaidr-Troch-want, 19 miles distant, which I did not reach before 6 o'clock, and at once proceeded up the valley to the N.W. where Mr. Humphrey Evans told me he had found the 3rd nest of the Llanrhaidr pair of Ravens. The nest was in a small but inaccessible rock about a mile up stream, & near a small waterfall, having an ~~an~~ eastern aspect. The birds were very demonstrative & swept close by me, croaking angrily all the while. I returned to breakfast at 9 o'clock, and immediately afterwards went with Evans & a rope to see what the nest contained. Upon making a descent I found two newly hatched young & 1 egg just hatching. This is only ~~34~~ 35 days from the taking of the previous nest, so they must have recommenced nidification immediately. The nest was large & well lined, but put together more loosely than the previous nests of the same birds this year. Ring necks were common in the same valley, & I saw one pair on the Pistyll Rhaiadr rocks and a pair at Pistyll Penant by Llangynog. Grey Wagtails. Several pairs seen on the streams but I failed to find a nest. Sandpiper. A pair by Evans' house. Marsh-tit. I cut out a nest with 4 fresh eggs. Note. The Raven's nest at Pistyll Penant had been poked down with long poles. Saw one Raven only there.

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D.H.M.

May 5th to 12th Clive.

Magpie,

Baru Owl

Sparrow Hawk

Goldcrest

Long-tailed Tit.

Hawfinch.

Shylark.

Magpie. I climbed to 12 nests on 5th & 6th & all but two contained young up to a week old. This would put the best date for them in this locality to about mid April. I found 4 nests near the Wem rifle range to Palnis Hill & the Railway bridge, 3 by Tilley & Sleaf, 3 near the French farm & two at Clive. Five was the average of young, all of which I destroyed.

Baru Owl. The Hall Meadow pair had one egg on 5 May & two eggs on 9th; the Palnis Hill birds were in a barn & inaccessible on account of its being absolutely dark & filled up with straw.

Sparrow Hawk. A nest, 5 eggs, in a tall oak in Broughton Forest, fresh, May 6th.

Hawfinch. Nest at the top of an old apple in Aunt Killy's old garden had one egg on 8th, two on 9th & three on 12th. It afterward forsook or was destroyed. This is the only nest we have seen near Clive.

On May 7th & 9th I visited the Glyn-Perisog valley, & found Goldcrest & Red Wagtail, but the Grey Wagtails were common. I failed to find a nest. Saw pair of Ring ouzels at Llanarmon, but could find no nest.

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May 18th ; Warley.

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C.H.M.

Marsh Tit

Redstart

Marsh Tit; nest, 8 eggs, about 5 days incubated, in a stump, about 2 ft. from ground, in a wood n^e Herongate - on April 28th the boring had just commenced, there being no shaft to the hole on that date, i.e. about 16 days for the greater part of the boring, making the nest, and laying.

Redstart; nest, 7 eggs, nearly fresh, from the stump of an old tree, in a hole some 6 in from the ground.

Kestrel; 4 eggs, sitting, in a wood n^e Herongate, in old Maggie's nest.

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Jay

Jay; clutches 5 & 6, both fresh

May 20th ; Warley

D.H.M.

Sparrow Hawk

- Jay

Sparrow Hawk; 4 eggs, laying, in an oak in a wood n^e Herongate - taken 25th, with 5 eggs quite fresh.

Jay; 6 eggs, fresh, Thorn don.

Note: - Gr. Spotted Woodpecker; nest, 6 eggs, fresh,
May 19th Taken by P. Smythe, behind Wake Arms, Epping.

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May - 18th ; Tollesbury

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D.H.M.

Teal

Pochard

Shoveler

Pied Wagtail

I left London 4-18 p.m. on Saturday for Helvedon, & so to Tollesbury, where I was met by Mr. Fred Clark who drove me to his cottage near the new pier, which we reached about 7 o'clock. After tea I found a Pied Wagtail with 6 in the thatch of his shed, & looked in vain for Yellow Wagtails & Little Grebe. At dusk we walked over to the keeper's house on the "Hall Marshes", four miles by the sea wall, but about 1½ or 2 as crow flies, & he met us at 9 p.m. & took us over the marshes by moonlight to the nests he had found and marked.

Pochard. Two nests within 20 yds. of one another were firmly built up amongst the dead stems of the giant reed, situated a few yards from land in the channels or ditches which drain the marsh. We approached in a punt, & the birds left as we entered the reeds. The nests contained 13 x 7 eggs just hatching, & were made of flags in which a little down was intermingled.

Teal. An extremely neat nest, beautifully concealed in a clump of green grass was shown me, containing 11 fresh eggs. The bird sat very close & left without demonstration. The nest was situated on open grass land, on the side of a slight hollow, where the grass was growing luxuriantly.

Shoveler. Nest 11 eggs, almost fresh, in exactly similar position to preceding species.

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May 19th ; Leebotwood - Condoover

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Wren.

Wren ; 7 eggs, fresh.Sandpiper ; birds not so numerous as usual ; saw no nest, not even a bird which appeared to have eggs.May 20th ; Pistyll Rhaiadr

C.H.M.

Peregrine ; saw the pair of birds flying round the usual site in the morning ; examined the likely ledges on ropes, without success ; the birds made no demonstration, and saw no more of them after their first appearance.Examined also the rock n^e Llanguynog, without seeing anything.May 24th ; Epping Forrest

D.H.M.

Redstart.

7 eggs, fresh.

May 27th ; Billericay

D.H.M.

Kestrel

Kestrel ; 5 eggs, nearly fresh, in Carrion Crows nest, presumably first clutch, the wood having been visited every other week from end April. Compare 1906, 1st nest taken April 29th.

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May 25th - 26th; Epping Forest { Jack Smith

Lesser Whitethroat

{ D.H.M.

Garden Warbler

Chiffchaff

Chaffinch

Lesser Whitethroat; nest, 5 eggs, nearly fresh, in a blackberry bush, about 5 ft. high, on the edge of High Beech nearest Buckhurst Hill ponds - a second nest found, eggs sucked.

Garden Warbler; 4 nests, 5 eggs in each, two of which were too hard sat to blow.

Chiffchaff; nest with young; nest 6 eggs, nearly hatching; nest 6 eggs, fresh.

May 25th; Hainault.

C.H.M.

Garden Warbler

Blackcap

Sparrow Hawk

Garden Warbler; nest, 5 eggs, fresh, about 5 ft. high, in a thick rose bush.

Blackcap; nest; 1 egg, forsaken, revisited May 29th.

Sparrow Hawk; 5 eggs, sitting; one egg badly damaged in the nest.

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May 26th; Warley

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C.M.

Blackcap

Whitethroat

Partridge

Pheasant.

Blackcap; nest, 4 eggs, fresh, in a blackberry bush in a wood n^r Herongate.

Whitethroat; 2 nests, 6 eggs each, both two hard sat to blow; other nests also found.

June 1st; Warley

C.M.

Tree Sparrow

Red-backed Thrush

Bullfinch

Swallow

Tree Sparrow; 5 eggs, fresh, in an old garden n^r Harold Wood.

Red-backed Thrush; nest 1 egg, in old garden n^r Harold Wood; revisited on 8th, 4 eggs.

Bullfinch; young, Childerditch.

Swallow; 5 eggs, fresh; 1 nest building.

June 1st; Bilton Grange

W. Southcomb

Green Woodpecker

nest, 7 eggs, hard sat, in an old stump n^r the withy bed.

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June 1st - 2nd; Epping Forrest

Gr. Spotted Woodpecker

Wood Wren

Stonechat

Nighthawk

Tree Pipit

Lesser Whitethroat

Blackcap

Red-backed Thrush

Bullfinch

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}	J. B. Smith
	P. Smythe
	D. H. M.
	C. H. M.

Gr. Spotted Woodpecker; nest, 4 eggs, fresh, in a decaying tree, behind the "Wake Arms" - hole about 5 ft. high (probably 2nd nest, see May 19th, taken by Percy Smythe); cut out, & subsequently forsook. The bird sat very tight, the electric light in the hole alone frightening it out;

also nest with young about a week old, and one addled egg, in a hole in an old Crab, some 15 ft. high, n^e the road between the "King's Head" and "Wake Arms"; the young very noisy.

Wood Wren; nest, 5 eggs, fresh, revisited on 4th, with 6 eggs, n^e the foot of an oak amongst bracken and scant brambles, n^e the Wake - Epping road; (compare June 3, 1906)

also nest, 5 eggs, incubated, on a steep bank n^e a ditch, n^e Theydon Bois.

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June 1st - 2nd; Epping Forest, cont^d
Stonechat; nest, 6 eggs, fresh, in
 heather on the common n^e
 Wake Arms.

Nighthawk; nest, 1 egg, on bracken,
 n^e Wake-Epping road - forsook.

Tree Pipit; on Common n^e "Wake Arms"
 nest, 5 young, just hatched;
 nest, 3 eggs, sitting;
 nest, 5 eggs, very hard set;
 n^e Wake-Epping road; nest, young;
 n^e Theydon, nest building, which
 subsequently had eggs.

Lesser Whitethroat; young, just hatched.

Blackcap; young.

Red-backed Shrike; nest, ready,
 revisited on 8th with 5 eggs, on
 a common n^e Buckhurst Hill.

Bullfinch; found laying, with fresh
 eggs, and young.

June 8th; Warley C.H.M.

Lesser Spotted Woodpecker

Red-backed Shrike

Lesser Spotted Woodpecker; nest,
 with young, which chirped
 loudly upon putting my finger
 down the entrance of the hole,
 in a boring in an old dead
 elm, some 35 ft. high, overhanging
 the big pond at Childerditch;
 parents brought supplies every
 few minutes, a very pretty sight.

Shrike; 2 eggs, Warley Scrubs Common; forsook later

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June 8th - 9th; Epping Forest

3 Cuckoo's eggs

Nighthawk

Chiffchaff

Red-backed Thrush

Garden Warbler

}	J. B. Smith
	D. H. M.
	C. H. M. 9 th only

Cuckoo; egg, with 3 Robin, incubated, found by Jack Smith; also egg with 4 Hedge Sparrow, hard sat, in gorse alongside the Wake-Epping road, found by Jack Smith; also egg, with 1 Hedge Sparrow, in bramble found by C.H.M.; the Cuckoo's egg was taken, and Hedge Sparrows eggs (then 2) found subsequently sucked, n^o Wake Arms.

Nighthawk; 2 eggs taken by Jack Smith from the common n^o Wake Arms; nest, 1 egg, found by D.H.M. on a common n^o Wake-Epping road, taken with 2 eggs on 11th.

Chiffchaff; nests, 6 eggs and 5 eggs, nearly fresh, from gorse along the Epping road.

Red-backed Thrush; nest, 4 eggs, about a week incubated, High Beach.

Garden Warbler; 4 eggs, fresh, from a sloe bush, ~~Fairhead Bottom~~, n^o Beech Hill.

Go. Spotted W'ker - young birds, flown, High Beach.

Note :- 1st week in June, 1906 & 1907. n^o Heatley Noble took a clutch of Dotterel, respectively, at Dalwhinnie,

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June 15th - 16th ; Epping Forrest.

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Nighthjar

Blackcap

Tree Pipit

Bullfinch.

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

Nighthjar ; 2 eggs found by D.H.M. near High Beech Church, fresh ;
also nest, 1 egg, (undoubtedly the 2nd egg of nest of June 2nd, which forsook) on common n^e Wake Arms, incubation advanced.

Blackcap ; nest, 5 eggs, on the point of hatching, in holly on the outskirts of the Forrest n^e Wake - Epping road, n^e Epping ;
also nest within 20 yds. of above, with young, in honeysuckle ;
also nest, young, in the same locality, a few hundred yards nearer the Wake direction

Tree Pipit ; fully fledged young on a common n^e Wake Arms.

Bullfinch ; cl. 5, fresh.

June 18th ; Epping Forrest

Gt. Spotted W'ker

1 Cuckoo's egg

Red-backed Thrush

Garden Warbler

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

Gt. Spotted Woodpecker ; found by J.B.S. the previous week, & visited ; fully fledged young, n^e High Beech Church.

Cuckoo ; egg & 5 Hedge Sparrows, incub., High Beech.

Garden Warbler ; 4 eggs, fresh, High Beech.

Thrush ; 2 eggs, red variety, High Beech ; 5 eggs on 22nd.

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June 22nd ; Epping Forest.

C.H.M.

Lesser Whitethroat

Blackcap

Garden Warbler

Lesser Whitethroat ; nest, 2 eggs, in
blackberry, below Wake Arms -
subsequently deserted - bird seen
sitting on this date - eggs quite fresh.

Blackcap ; nest, 4 eggs, nearly fresh,
below Wake-Arms, in honeysuckle.

Garden Warbler ; nest, 4 eggs, nearly
fresh, below Wake Arms.

June 23rd ; Warley

C.H.M.

Turtle Dove.

Half grown young, Warley scrubs.

June 22nd - 23rd ; Send, n^e Woking

Nighthawk

Shrike

{	S. Boorman
	D.H.M.

Nighthawk ; nests, 2 eggs and 1 egg, on
a small common, about 3 miles
from Send.

Shrike ; 2 eggs, beyond Clendon Station.

June 29th - 30th ; Epping Forest

D.H.M.

Garden Warbler (young)

C.H.M.

Shrike (2 eggs, sitting)

July 6th - 7th ; Epping Forest

D.H.M.

Nighthawk

Chiffchaff

Nighthawk ; nest, young ready to fly; and
nest, 2 eggs, chipping, both n^e Wake-Thydon road.

Chiffchaff ; 4 eggs, hard sat, n^e Epping.

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Note:- Hobby; clutch 3, about a week sat,
taken by Jack Bedall Smith from a
tree near the centre of 150 acre wood
some 3 miles West of Thipton, Oxfordshire,
on the border of Gloucestershire. The
bird left when about 100 yds. from
the nest, both birds thence becoming
very demonstrative. On a previous
occasion the bird did not leave
the nest until the tree was half
climbed. June 20th 1907.

Dotterel; 2 clutches, 3 eggs in each,
taken by Kennant in Scotland -
the nests were about 9 miles distant;
one nearly fresh; the other very
hard sat. June 17th 1907.

July 19th; Brighton.

Corn Bunting
Meadow Pipit
Stonechat

{ S. Boorman
W. Kennant
C. A. Foster
D. W. M.
C. H. M.

Corn Bunting; cl. 5, ^{h. sat} 3; fresh.

Meadow Pipit; cl. 5, fresh.

Stonechat; cl. 6, r. Hard sat.

July 20-21st; Seaford.

Corn Bunting.

One nest only, cl. 5, fresh.

{ D. W. M.
h. G.

August 3rd - 5th; Clive

Barn Owl, 2 young ^{also} _{in egg}

Stock Dove, cl. 2.2.

Bullfinch, cl. 4

Spotted Flycatcher, 3 young.

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

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Summary

Stonechat	Nightjar
Redstart	Gt. Spotted W'ker
Lesser Whitethroat	Lesser do. do.
Blackcap	Kingfisher
Garden Warbler	4 Cuckoo's eggs
Wood Wren	—
Bearded Tit	Barn Owl
Coal Tit	Tawny Owl
Marsh Tit	Sparrow Hawk
Nuthatch	Kestrel
Tree Pipit	—
Meadow Pipit	Heron
Red-backed Shrike	Water Rail
Hawfinch	Redshank
Tree Sparrow	—
Corn Bunting	Mallard
Sky-Lark	Shoveler
Wood-Lark	Teal
—	Lochard
Raven	—

Notes on:-
 Hobby
 Dotterel

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February 28th, 29th & March 1st

Kingston, near Ivybridge, Devonshire.

Raven.{ H.G.
D.H.M.

On Friday afternoon, 28th Feb^r, we left Piddington at 3.30 for Ivybridge, and after a nine mile drive over very rough roads, occupying an hour and three quarters, arrived at the little village of Kingston, a mile from the sea. H.G. stayed at the Luggers, & I had meals there, & slept at the nearest "pub". We were up before 6 a.m. on 29th February, & I made an unsuccessful effort to reach No. 1 Raven, the bird that lays such fine large "green" eggs, but the position of the nest which was just half-way down an overhanging sea-cliff 150ft. high, rendered my efforts useless. The ropes, too, tied by Bob Luggers, contracted on my chest & tired me much. I was eventually lowered to the bottom, having seen eggs in the nest but never getting nearer than 6ft. to the nest. This nest was in a rocky creck called Wiscombe, & the bird left the nest when we clapped from the shore below. We returned to breakfast, & afterwards took the thin rope & travelled along the coast eastward in search of the "black" raven, i.e. the raven which H.G. took last year only, with 6 very dark eggs. We walked about 8 miles east, & saw the last year's nest, but there were no signs of the birds this year, & we returned at 4 p.m. to the Wiscombe nest, where I made a second and successful descent. There is one point that projects almost within reach of the plumb line, close to the nest, & this I touched with my toe & afterwards swung in, holding on to the foundation of the nest. I found the nest contained the exceptional clutch of 7 eggs, which I was able to pack on the ledge, & descended in safety to the beach below. This clutch I surrendered to H.G., for a 6 from same nest (05).