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PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR 1981

1981 was for the Club another year of steady progress and consolidation. We have continued to attract new members. Subscription rates have remained stationary, but for reasons stated in the 1980 report, this state of affairs cannot go on indefinitely and increases are envisaged for 1983. Brian Woodcock and Tom Cantwell are to be thanked once again for their fundraising efforts on behalf of the Club, as well as all those members who supported the Annual Film Show and contributed to its success, both financially and as an exercise in public relations.

At the end of the year, our Secretary Derick Watson, announced his desire to retire from office. On behalf of all our membership I should like to thank him for the hard work he has put in, not only this year, and for the calibre of speaker he has attracted to the Club's evening meetings at Ravensknowle. Surely no Club in the country can have heard a collection of stimulating speakers, many of them nationally known, to surpass that which Derick has encouraged to visit us. It is a pity, therefore, to have to introduce a note of sourness. The occasional acts of hooliganism which we have experienced reached new heights, or rather depths, on 4th November, when our visiting speaker Dr. Bernard Stonehouse, was interrupted several times; one can only hope that the image of the Club will have gone unharmed and that there will be no repetitions of such behaviour. I am sure the date was very significant!

I must also thank Barbara Watson for the typing of the manuscript for this Report, thereby saving the Club a great deal of expense. Once again the committee members have given their unstinting support, none more so than John Dale; I thank them all for their efforts.

The Field Meetings were very well supported and I should like to thank John Beaumont for arranging the meetings so efficiently. One of the meetings to Blithfield Reservoir, Staffordshire on 13th December had to be cancelled owing to inclement weather and replaced with a trip to more local habitats. Inevitably this displeased some intending participants but the Field Meeting Organisers decision was fully justified when a blizzard swept up the country from the south-west, bringing traffic to a standstill and causing general chaos. Had the meeting gone ahead as planned, our intrepid members would have been stranded. The same blizzard conditions prevented our speaker for 15th December from reaching us; in fact fewer than a dozen members managed to make the trek to Ravensknowle! On the field trips, Shore Lark and Lapland Bunting at Barmston and Mediterranean Gull in Bridlington Harbour provided much enjoyment on 8th March. Longtailed Duck and Garganey provided a sharp contrast at Leighton Moss on 26th April. a Peregrine flashed past Filey Brigg on 27th September. but probably the best birds were reserved for Spurn on 26th October a Yellow-browed Warbler seen by almost all the party and a new bird for the great majority.

Some of our lucky members also had views of an Olive-backed Pipit (only the second for mainland Britain), but its identity remained a mystery until a day or two later.

The staff at Ravensknowle and the Reserves Management Committee and College Authorities at Bretton Park are again deserving of our thanks for their continuing co-operation and provision of facilities.

The single most important and probably far-reaching event of the year must be the agreement which we have reached with the Yorkshire Water Authority for the exclusive use of the west bank of Blackmoorfoot Reservoir by members of Huddersfield Birdwatchers' Club. A Blackmoorfoot sub-committee chaired by John Dale has met regularly over the last couple of years, and the final outcome has proved highly satisfactory. A great deal of effort on our behalf has been put in by Martin Yates, as sub-committee secretary, to enable this to come to fruition. No-one deserves our thanks more, and it is a great pleasure to welcome Martin as our new President. It is my sincere hope that he will receive the same support from the membership that I have enjoyed during my term of office.

Brian Armitage

INTRODUCTION TO THE CLASSIFIED LIST FOR 1981

The area under consideration of Ordinance Survey ten kilometre squares SE00,01,10,11,20,21, along with parts of SE 02 and 12, south of the Rivers Ryburn and Calder.

As in our last five Annual Reports, the status of each species occurring within the area has been indicated by one or more of the following classifications:-

Resident Breeder
Migrant Breeder
Partial Migrant
Winter Visitor
Passage Visitor

For the breeding species, a number appears in brackets following the statement of breeding status which is an estimated level of breeding abundance, based on the table below:-

1	1-20	pairs per year
2	21-100	pairs per year
3	101-500	pairs per year
4	501-2500	pairs per year
5	2501 or more	pairs per year

The passage and winter visitors have each been allocated a category stating their degree of frequency of occurrence. This does not, however, include the passage visitors which are also migrant breeders in the area, because of the obvious impossibility of separating the passage birds from local breeders, and numbers cannot be estimated. For passage visitors, the category indicates the number seen during the year, whereas for winter visitors, an estimate has been made of the maximum number present in the area on one day during the year.

Rare	1 or fewer birds
Scarce	2 - 10 birds
Uncommon	11 - 100 birds
Common	101 - 1000 birds
Numerous	1001 or more birds

In attempting to establish breeding numbers and the number of passage and winter visitors, particularly in the case of the more common species, it must be realised that the figures are essentially estimates.

Precise localities for records of Schedule 1 species (Protection of Birds Act 1954-67) have been kept confidential where it is felt that publication may lead to harmful disturbance.

Many of the more common breeding species have been listed without further comment than an indication of their status. For further details of these and their habitat preferences readers should refer to the 1975 report.

A complete list of all species recorded in the area up to the end of 1980, and notes on their status, appeared in the report for that year.

NOTES ON THE CLASSIFIED LIST

Of the 161 species recorded during 1981 none were new for the area but a number of comparative rarities did occur, and these included a Storm Petrel, sadly picked up dead on Holme Moss, a Red Kite passing through the area and reflecting the increase in Yorkshire records; only the second Grey Phalarope, the previous one being in 1969, and another Mediterranean Gull which this time stayed for more than one day.

The very successful breeding of Grey Heron at Bretton Park made up for previous failures but there were few other unexpected breeding records apart from on the negative side the continued absence of the Merlin.

Over twenty members took part in the British Trust for Ornithology Winter Atlas Survey which will give us greater coverage of the area during the next three winters, and should help to increase our knowledge of birds wintering near Huddersfield.

Martin Yates again assisted by summarising all the data from the Blackmoorfoot log, and Michael Denton and Donald Sykes assisted by examining records of rarities.

JOHN E. DALÉ
Recorder

CLASSIFIED LIST 1981

GREAT NORTHERN DIVER Cavia immer

Rare visitor

One appeared at Blackmoorfoot Reservoir late on 5th October (C.H.K.H.) departed early on 6th. (J.E.D., G.M.Y.). Ninth record.

LITTLE GREBE Tachybaptus ruficollis

Resident breeder (1) Uncommon passage and winter visitor. Blackmoorfoot Reservoir 31 bird days between 14th March (one) and 8th November (six).

Lockwood Brewery Dam Singles on at least 24 days from 19th September to the year end.

Bretton Park One to two from 1st January to 5th April, and one to three from 9th September to the year end with a maximum of four on 17th October.

Cannon Hall One on 29th March, four on 21st November, and one to two until the year end. 1980 addition:- two here in October, and five on 26th December.

Ingbirchworth Reservoir At least two throughout the year. One pair bred and four young were present during September, when the maximum of eight occurred.

Scout Dike Reservoir Noted in every month except April and December. One pair bred rearing two young.

Bowshaw Whams One pair reared two young.

Gunthwaite Dam One to three on 13 dates from 13th March to 9th November. One to two at Royd Moor Reservoir, Broadstones Reservoir, Gunthwaite Hall pond, Digley and near Honley, mainly during the autumn.

GREAT CRESTED GREBE Podiceps cristatus

Resident breeder (1) Uncommon passage visitor.

Blackmoorfoot Reservoir 26 bird days between 6th March and 6th December with four on 13th July.

Bretton Park Recorded in every month including a spring build up which commenced with 10 on 22nd February, peaked at 16 on 22nd March, and declined to seven in early April. Three pairs bred and eight young were seen, but not all survived.

Ingbirchworth Reservoir One to two from 18th January until 14th March when numbers increased to six and then eight during April. Four pairs attempted to breed, and two of these reared three young. Numbers fell to singles by late September to mid October, and one appeared on 13th December.

Scout Dike Reservoir Present from 25th January to late September. Two pairs reared five young. The only other records were of two at Ringstone Edge Reservoir on 15th March and one on 4th April, and one at Winscar Reservoir on 3rd July.

FULMAR Fulmarus glacialis

Rare visitor

One flew south over Brownhill Reservoir on 12th July (J.E.D.) 1980 addition:- one at Langsett Reservoir departed westwards on 14th September (J.Martin) Fifth and sixth records.

STORM PETREL Hydrobates pelagicus

Rare visitor

One picked up dead by the Holme Moss road on 18th October. Fifth record.

CORMORANT Phalacrocorax carbo

Scarce passage and winter visitor

For the third successive year there was a reduction in records. Two at Blackmoorfoot Reservoir on 26th March, and one on 8th September. One flew west over Ossett on 27th August. One at Elland Gravel Pits from 21st to 29th November.

GREY HERON Ardea cinera

Resident breeder (1) Uncommon passage and winter visitor. Bretton Park Following the presence of up to four birds throughout 1980 two pairs bred successfully on the western island on the Lower Lake, rearing four and three young respectively. Numbers declined in the autumn down to a single in December. Noted at or flying over 26 localities most frequently from Gunthwaite Dam and Ingbirchworth Reservoir. These records were usually of one to three birds, but exceptions were six at Ryburn Reservoir on 7th February, and five each at Royd Moor Reservoir on 13th September and Snape Reservoir on 8th November.

MUTE SWAN Cygnus olor

Resident breeder (1) Pairs at Bretton Park, Cannon Hall and Birds Edge Dam. Also, present at Denby Dale, near Holmfirth and by Kings Mill Lane.

BEWICK'S SWAN Cygnus columbianus

Uncommon winter visitor

An exceptionally large number for the area was a herd of 58 (one immature) at Digley Reservoir on 1st March (B.W.W., D.M.). The herd was still present on the morning of 2nd. (J.E.D.), but had departed by 10.00 hours when the low cloud, which had probably brought the birds down, lifted. Five at Blackmoorfoot Reservoir on 28th November (K.H.), and three at Ingbirchworth Reservoir on 9th December (C.B.).

WHOOPEE SWAN Cygnus cygnus

Uncommon winter visitor

Two flew north over Slaithwaite Moor on 6th December. Two adults at Scammonden Dam on 30th and 31st December.

PINK-FOOTED GOOSE Anser brachyrhynchos

Uncommon to common passage visitor

On 5th January 150 landed in field near Ingbirchworth Reservoir before departing north-west shortly afterwards⁹. (D.S. V.A.I.). One was present at this reservoir and Royd Moor Reservoir from 15th November to 11th December. Blackmoorfoot Reservoir had birds overhead on 1st March (one), 11th October (12) and 29th November (nine). Five skeins, all of 50 to 60 birds were reported flying over the area usually going west or north-west as follows:- Oakes 24th January, Holme Moss 1st March, Lindley 2nd November, Lindley Moor 12th November and Blackmoorfoot on 28th November. These were all described as 'grey geese'.

GREYLAG GOOSE Anser anser

Uncommon passage visitor

On 8th January 110 flew west-south-west over Marsh calls heard being of this species. (M.L.D.).

CANADA GOOSE Branta canadensis

Resident breeder (1) Partial migrant

Bretton Park A good breeding season despite population control with 43 goslings reared. Approximately 200 present in early January, and a peak of 210 on 15th November. 1980 addition:- a record count of 269 in August (Wakefield Naturalist Society).

Cannon Hall Present all year with a maximum of 12 on 29th November. Singles at Blackmoorfoot Reservoir on 10th March and 2nd, and third May, and two at March Haigh Reservoir on 26th May. Two at Gunthwaite Dam on 2nd May and four on 3rd. One at Ingbirchworth Reservoir on 13th June and 26 on 24th August.

SHELDUCK Tadorna tadorna

Uncommon passage visitor

Blackmoorfoot Reservoir 2 on 4th, 8th, and 22nd and 4 on 31st January; 6 on 5th, 2 on 8th and 1 on 13th February; 4 on 9th April; 11 on 1st May; 11 on 6th, 1 on 10th and 28th July and flying west on 7th July; 1 on 19th, and 2 on 28th August; 13 on 2nd and 5 on 11th October; 4 on 8th November and 10 on 4th December.

Scammonden Dam 1 on 31st January.

Bretton Park 1 on 8th and 13th February. 1980 addition:- 2 on 12th, and 1 on 18th November.

Langsett Reservoir 1 on 15th February.

Ringstone Edge Reservoir 3 on 14th February and 2 on 28th September.

Ingbirchworth Reservoir 2 on 8th February, 22nd April and 9th May. 1 on 7th and 8th and 2 on 9th October; 1 on 4th December.

Broadstones Reservoir 2 on 19th May, and 4 on 4th December.

Digley Reservoir 9 on 24th October.

1980 addition:- 5 at Scout Dike Reservoir on 28th December.

WIGEON Anas penelope

Common passage and winter visitor.

Blackmoorfoot Reservoir 2 on 19th and 10 on 29th January; 2 on 10th, 3 on 14th and 13 on 17th September; 3 on 18th October; 88 on 8th November and 2 on 15th and 16th and 1 on 27th and 5 on 4th December.

Ringstone Edge Reservoir 16 on 14th March.

Lockwood Brewery Dam 1 on 24th and 26th and another on 27th and 29th December.

Bretton Park 2 on 3rd February and 26th September and 1 on 6th December.

Gunthwaite Dam 1 on 6th March and 7th November.

Gunthwaite Hall Pond 2 on 14th March.

Digley Reservoir 7 on 9th April.

Langsett Reservoir 13 on 18th October.

Scout Dike Reservoir 10 on 15th November.

Broadstones Reservoir 2 on 3rd October, and 6 on 14th. 3 on 15th November.

Royd Moor Reservoir 3 on 1st November and 2 on 13th December.

Ingbirchworth Reservoir 1 to 4 from 9th January to 21st February; 1 to 9 from 3rd September to 7th October with 13 on 18th September; 1 to 7 from 19th October to 11th December with 14 on 12th, and on 13th a build up from 17 to 36 during the day, after which none were reported. 24 flew south-east over Shepley on 30th December.

GADWALL Anas strepera

Scarce passage and winter visitor.

Bretton Park 2 in late September with 3 on 30th and on 4th October and 2 on 30th and 31st October.

Ingbirchworth Reservoir 3 on 29th September.

Cannon Hall 1 on 29th November and 5th December.

TEAL Anas crecca

Resident breeder(1). Common passage and winter visitor.

No confirmation of breeding but records in May and June from Langsett Reservoir, Wessenden Head Moss and Scammonden would be of breeding birds. Occured on 13 waters with maxima as follows:- Scammonden Dam 21 on 18th January and 65 on 28th November. Ringstone Edge Reservoir 20 on 14th April and 14 on 9th September. Blackmoorfoot Reservoir. 24 on 9th April, 23 on 13th August and 19 on 8th November. Horbury Wyke an autumn/winter build up reached 32 on 6th December. Broadstones Reservoir. 30 on 8th November. 1980 addition:- 26 at Bretton Park on 28th December.

MALLARD Anas platyrhynchos

Resident breeder (2-3). Common winter visitor.

Maximum counts:- Scammonden Dam 41 on 18th January; Lockwood Brewery Dam. 22 on 4th January; Cannon Hall 71 on 29th November; Bretton Park 221 in February and 200 on 24th December; Royd Moor Reservoir. 113 on 14th October and 82 on 15th November. Ingbirchworth Reservoir. 76 on 18th January and 122 on 18th November.

PINTAIL *Anas actua*

Uncommon passage and winter visitor.

Blackmoorfoot Reservoir 1 on 2nd February; 2 on 8th March; 3 on 13th August; 3 on 13th and 16th, 1 on 14th and 9 on 28th September; 1 on 18th October and 16th November, and 4 on 8th November.

Ingbirchworth Reservoir 2 on 15th February and 1 on 22nd October. On 30th January 2 flew west at 09.00hours and 3 were present at 12.45hours.

SHOVELER *Anas clypeata*

Uncommon passage and winter visitor.

Ingbirchworth Reservoir Singles on 1st February and 10th, and 21st April.

Gunthwaite Dam One on 1st April and 13th June, and two on 23rd June.

Blackmoorfoot Reservoir One on 9th July; 4 on 13th and 3 on 24th August.

Bretton Park One during the last week in September, and up to 3rd October.

Scammonden Two on 26th September.

POCHARD *Aythya ferina*

Common passage and winter visitor.

Scammonden Dam 10 on 17th and 20 on 31st January, up to 25 on 14th February.

Elland Gravel Pit 6 on 11th January and 10 on 12th December.

Blackmoorfoot Reservoir Records for every month with an early peak of 13 on 1st March, and single records in May and June. More frequent in the autumn with the maximum of 20 on 2nd October

Bretton Park Records for every month with a maximum of 25 in March.

Scout Dike Reservoir A flock that remained through January and February had a minimum of 22(10th January), and a maximum of 38(15th February).

Ingbirchworth Reservoir Present up to mid April and from early July with peaks of 15 on 16th February and 18 on 13th December. Up to ten at four other waters and 15 at Royd Moor on 1st November and 13 at Scammonden on 30th December.

TUFTED DUCK *Aythya fuligula*

Resident breeder(1). Common passage and winter visitor.

Bred at Bretton Park (three pairs); Wessenden Head Reservoir one pair with eight young; on the R.Colne nr Slaithwaite at a new site where one pair had two young on 7th July, and possibly at Scout Dike Reservoir and Bilberry Reservoir.

Interesting occurrences at Lockwood Brewery Dam up to 22nd March(5) and from 4th October with a maximum of 6 in November. Maximum counts at most waters were fairly low.

Blackmoorfoot Reservoir. 28 on 31st August; Bretton Park 28 in March; Ingbirchworth Reservoir. 57 on 27th July.

1980 addition:- 61 at Bretton Park in early December.

SCAUP Aythya marila

Scarce passage and winter visitor.

Scout Dike Reservoir had a male from 23rd January to 22nd February, and probably the same bird was at Ingbirchworth Reservoir on 2nd and 22nd March. Single males at Blackmoorfoot Reservoir on 22nd June and 25th July.

1980 additions:- singles at Bretton Park on 17th November and Scout Dike Reservoir on 15th December.

COMMON SCOTER Melanitta nigra

Scarce to uncommon passage visitor.

On 19th June there were four males at Ingbirchworth Reservoir and six at Blackmoorfoot Reservoir, which also had one on 30th June, 12th July and 6th August, and three males and one female on 4th July.

GOLDENEYE Bucephala clangula

Uncommon passage and winter visitor.

Blackmoorfoot Reservoir Present up to 13th April (six) with a maximum of 14 on 24th January and 1st February. An immature on 10 days during May and another on four days between 8th September to 1st October. Autumn return of three on 24th October, but a low autumn peak of ten on 6th December, but none during the last two weeks of the year.

Ingbirchworth Reservoir One to six present to 3rd May, with seven on 23rd April, and an immature male on many dates from early May to 22nd September. The autumn influx commenced on 20th October and reached a maximum of eight on 10th December, before the last six departed in the freeze up on the 13th.

Scout Dike Reservoir Peak of seven on 11th January and 15th March and six on 29th November, but birds move regularly between here and Ingbirchworth. One to three at 10 waters in the first three months, plus on the 29th March six at Cupwith Reservoir, and four at Deer Hill Reservoir. At seven waters during the last two months, including five at Ringstone Edge Reservoir on 15th November.

SMEW Mergus albellus

Rare visitor.

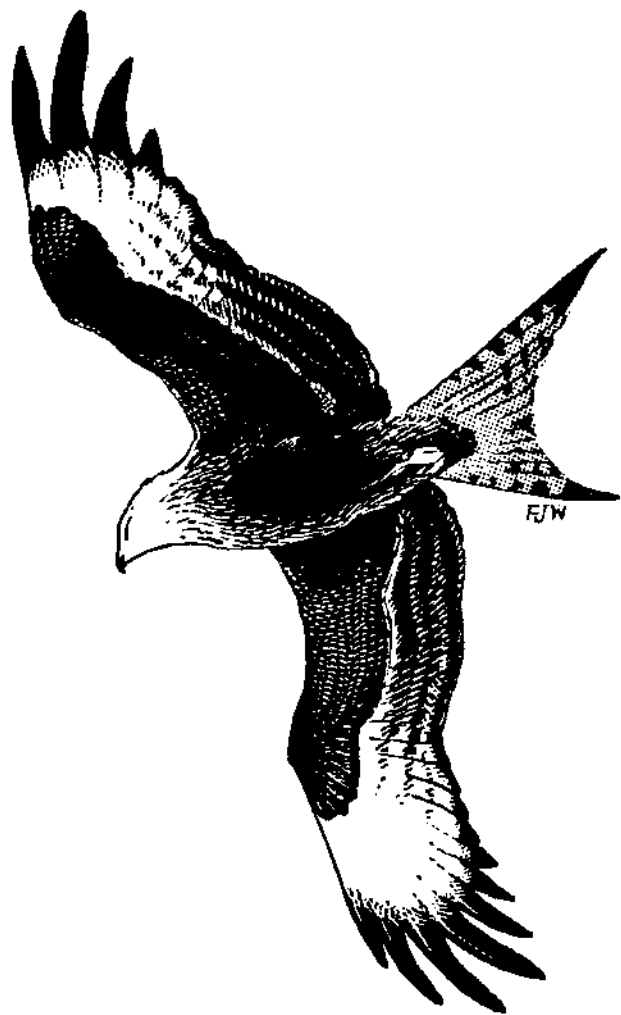
The adult male that arrived on 14th December 1980 remained until 28th March spending most of the time at Inghirchworth Reservoir, but also visiting Scout Dike Reservoir on many days. Another male (or the same) appeared on 9th December (C.B.), but left on 13th as the reservoirs froze up completely.

RED-BREADED MERGANSER Mergus serrator

Scarce visitor.

Blackmoorfoot Reservoir Four redheads departed westwards on 26th July and singles were present on 14th October, 8th November (also departed west) and 6th December.

Ingbirchworth Reservoir One male on 12th March (D.M.P.).



GOOSANDER Mergus merganser

Scarce to uncommon passage and winter visitor.

Bretton Park A single redhead on six days from 1st to 17th January and 21st; and two on 18th and 19th. Three redheads and a male on 24th January plus one of each on 25th, and then on 3rd February a total of ten including four males. One redhead on 1st and 6th December.

Royd Moor Reservoir. One redhead on 4th January.

Inghirchworth Reservoir One male on 6th January and two on 23rd February.

Scout Dike Reservoir Four redheads on 25th January.

Blackmoorfoot Reservoir Two males on 7th February, and four on 8th November which departed west after only 10 minutes.

Eiland Gravel Pit One male on 9th December, and a redhead on 30th.

Cannon Hall Lakes One redhead from 23rd March to 4th April.

RUDDY DUCK Oxyura jamaicensis

Rare visitor.

A male at Inghirchworth Reservoir from 2nd to 11th May (C.B. et al) Sixth record.

RED KITE Milvus milvus

Rare visitor.

One over Crosland Hill on 23rd April flew eastwards (W. Dyson) First record since the 1850's

HEN HARRIER Circus cyaneus

Rare winter visitor.

Singles flying north over Slaithwaite Moor on 6th December, and north-north west over Blackmoorfoot Reservoir on 31st December.

GOSHAWK Accipiter gentilis

Scarce visitor.

Two records during the winter months.

SPARROWHAWK Accipiter nisus

Resident breeder (1).

Considerable increase in the number of sightings reported throughout the area. Bred at two localities, and present at three more during the breeding season.

OSPREY Pandion haliaetus

Rare visitor.

One flew west-north-west over Greenhead, Shepley on 16th October (F.J.W.) Tenth record since 1952.

KESTREL Falco tinnunculus

Resident breeder. (2)

Proof of breeding from 12 localities, and probable at 5 localities.

MERLIN Falco columbarius

Resident breeder (1).

As in 1980 there was no record of successful breeding. The majority of the winter records came from the Ingbirchworth area with five bird days early in the year, and 17 bird days late in the year. Other records at Blackmoorfoot (on six dates), Osset, Lindley Moor and near Fartown. A female was picked up dead near Penistone on 30th December.

HOBBY Falco subbuteo

Scarce visitor.

One near Kirkburton on 26th May (B.W.). One nr Bretton 12th May (G.B.S)

PEREGRINE Falco peregrinus

Scarce visitor.

A pair were seen near Rishworth on 26th May, but only remained in the area for a few hours (J.M.D.). Presumably disturbed from a breeding site elsewhere.

RED GROUSE Lagopus lagopus

Resident breeder(1).

The species appears from the rather low numbers recorded to be less common in the north-west of the area than formerly.

RED-LEGGED PARTRIDGE Alectoris rufa

Resident breeder (1).

One at Emley Moor on 17th April and two each on Long Side Bretton on 9th May and at Midgley on 11th May. Two at Broadstones on 24th, and 25th August, and eight near Silkstone on 15th november.

GREY PARTRIDGE Perdix perdix

Resident breeder(2).

No more than five reported from any locality apart from near Osset Spa S.F. where up to 12 were noted; probably under-recorded.

PHEASANT Phasianus colchicus

Resident breeder(3).

15 feeding near Gunthwaite on 7th October, otherwise small numbers in and near many woodland localities.

WATER RAIL Rallus aquaticus

Scarce winter visitor.

Singles at Lees Mill on 31st January; in the Birchencliffe area from 14th February to 24th March; at Gunthwaite Dam on 13th March; at Bretton Park on 3rd October and two at Elland Gravel Pit on 27th December.

CORNCRAKE Crex crex

Scarce visitor.

1980 addition:- One flushed from rough grassland at Clayton Hall Farm on 23rd September (J.B.Baxter) First record since 1965.

MOORHEN Gallinula chloropus

Resident breeder (3).

More records than usual at Blackmoorfoot where a pair reared five young. Lockwood Brewery dam where breeding also occurred had ten in November. 24 at Horbury Wyke on 6th May where there were 21 young in July. There were 18 at Gunthwaite Dam on 22nd February.

COOT Fulica atra

Resident breeder(2).

Bred at Blackmoorfoot Reservoir, (1pair, 4young), Horbury Wyke (9 young), Bretton Park (about 6 pairs), Gunthwaite Dam (1 pair, 1 young), Gunthwaite Hall pond (1 pair), Cannon Hall (at least 2 pairs) Ingbirchworth Reservoir, (6 pairs, 20 young), Royd Moor Reservoir (3 pairs), Scout Dike Reservoir (1 pair) and Langsett Reservoir (1 pair). No large numbers noted, peaks being 35 at Scout Dike Reservoir on 22nd February, and 51 at Bretton Park in November.

OYSTERCATCHER Haematopus ostralegus

Uncommon passage visitor.

Singles flew south over Golcar on 1st June and were at Winscar on 7th June. Blackmoorfoot Reservoir had one on 26th, and five on 27th July, and singles on 23rd and 24th August.

LITTLE RINGED PLOVER Charadrius dubius

Scarce summer visitor. Occasional breeder

Singles at Horbury Wyke on 10th May and Ingbirchworth Reservoir on 27th, and at Blackmoorfoot Reservoir on 6th June.

RINGED PLOVER Charadrius hiaticula

Uncommon passage visitor.

One at Dewsbury S.F. on 17th April, and one at Ringstone Edge Reservoir on 27th May. Blackmoorfoot Reservoir had one on 30th July; 4 on 5th, 3 on 6th, and 1 on 13th and 30th August; and during September. 3 on 11th, 1 on 18th, and 2 on 27th.

1980 addition:- singles at Bretton Park on 11th September and south-east there on 19th November.

GOLDEN PLOVER Pluvialis apricaria

Migrant breeder (2-3). Common passage and winter visitor.

Only small numbers noted in the first two months except for 170 West over Blackmoorfoot on 1st January, and 70 on 13th when there were 140 on pasture land near Dean Wood. 200 near New Hall on 14th, and 100 at Blackmoorfoot on 21st February before a general build up began at the usual sites in March.

GOLDEN PLOVER con't

Ringstone Edge 170 on 14th and 254 on 15th March up to 330 on 4th April and 371 on 17th, many of which were Northern birds. Between Blackmoorfoot Reservoir and South Crosland an exceptional flock of 800 on 17th March down to 77 on 25th April. Whitley Common had many Northern birds in the flocks which commenced with 90 on 5th March up to 160 by 14th, and 362 on 10th April, peaking at 650 on 21st and 500 on 22nd with no more than 50 during May. 174 at Broadstones on 2nd May could have been from the same flock. Bred throughout the high moorlands to the West and South of Huddersfield. Numbers built up early in the autumn with 92 at Broadstones on 26th July and 182 on 4th August. Blackmoorfoot area had 200 on 10th August, up to 244 by 18th September reaching 300 by mid October, and then in November up to 400 as late as the 29th. Elsewhere the only flocks of over 100 were at Pole Moor. 213 on 11th October, and at New Hall 183 on 29th November. In general autumn flocks were smaller than usual or unreported.

GREY PLOVER Pluvialis squatarola

Scarce passage visitor.

One at Blackmoorfoot Reservoir on 4th October.

1980 addition:- One north-west over Bretton Park on 6th December.

LAPWING Vanellus vanellus

Resident/migrant breeder (3). Numerous passage and winter visitor.

200 at Blackmoorfoot on 5th January and 300 near Ingbirchworth on 9th, with smaller flocks of 100 to 150 in these areas and at Grange Moor, Flockton, Osset Spa S.F, Carlecotes and Ringstone Edge on many days up to mid March. The breeding season was fairly successful despite the loss of clutches in the snow during late April. Large flocks mainly of young birds had built up by mid June such as 263 near Ingbirchworth on 13th. Numbers in this area increased to 319 on 4th July and 417 a month later, up to 545 by the end of August, and 700 on 29th November. Over 300 were near Broadstones for much of October with 500 on 17th. Blackmoorfoot Reservoir had 100 to 130 during July, and reached a peak of 800 on 24th August, and fell to 400 by early September, then remaining above 300 on most days until the last substantial count of 378 on 22nd November. Numbers declined throughout the area from late November to mid December with the onset of the severe winter weather.

KNOT Calidris canutus

Scarce passage visitor.

Singles at Blackmoorfoot Reservoir on 20th and 21st September.

1980 additions:- Singles over Bretton Park on 6th April and 1st May.

DUNLIN Calidris alpina

Migrant breeder (2). Uncommon passage and winter visitor. Two west over Blackmoorfoot Reservoir on 1st February, and singles on three dates to end March were the only records before a genuine arrival between 13th and 21st April including five at Ringstone Edge Reservoir on 17th, and six on 21st. Little evidence of moorland breeding apart from birds in territory at March Haigh and Ringstone Edge, largely due to difficulties of getting into the areas during the rather wet summer. Passage at Blackmoorfoot Reservoir was mainly of singles apart from five on 20th July, seven on 13th September and three on 29th. Late records here included six which flew West on 8th November three on 11th, and one on 11th December. One at Broadstones Reservoir on 24th October, and four at Ringstone Edge Reservoir on 15th November.

RUFF Philomachus pugnax

Scarce passage visitor.

Singles at Blackmoorfoot Reservoir on 2nd September, and from 3rd to 5th, and at Royd Moor Reservoir on 12th.

JACK SNIFE Lymnocyptes minimus

Scarce passage and winter visitor.

Singles at Osset Spa S.F. on 21st, 24th and 29th December. 1980 addition:- One at Bretton Park on 24th December.

SNIFE Gallinago gallinago

Resident breeder (3). Common passage and winter visitor. Apart from 16 at Ingbirchworth Reservoir on 30th January no more than five were seen at any other site before the breeding season. Displaying birds noted at many moorland localities including March Haigh, Slaithwaite Moor, Scammonden, Ringstone Edge, Deerhill, Yatcholme, Dunford Bridge, Langsett, Broadstones, Whitley Common and Ingbirchworth. As in 1980 the autumn maxima were rather low apart from Ingbirchworth Reservoir, with 63 on 2nd October 70 at Ringstone Edge on 14th November. Blackmoorfoot Reservoir had 32 on 5th October, and Ossett Spa S.F. 17 on 29th December.

WOODCOCK Scolopax rusticola

Resident breeder (2). Uncommon winter visitor.

Roding birds reported at Stockmoor Common, Bretton Park, Bank Wood (Emley) and Deffer Wood. Bred in Margery Wood. A small influx in mid-November with singles at Elland Gravel Pit, Blackmoorfoot Reservoir, and Crooklands Plantation.

BLACK TAILED GODWIT Limosa limosa

Rare passage visitor.

One in summer plumage at Blackmoorfoot Reservoir on 7th July (M.L.D. et al).

BAR TAILED GODWIT Limosa lapponica

Scarce passage visitor.

One at Blackmoorfoot Reservoir on 24th August (J.M.P.)

WHIMBREL Numenius phaeopus

Scarce to uncommon passage visitor.

Two flying west over Ingbirchworth Reservoir on 2nd May.

One over Deffer Wood on 14th May. Singles flying west over Crosland Hill on 23rd July, and Blackmoorfoot Reservoir on 17th September.

CURLEW Numenius arquata

Migrant breeder (2). Common passage visitor.

First were singles flying West over Blackmoorfoot Reservoir on 6th, 7th and 8th March. A general arrival occurred in the two weeks from 14th March with birds taking up territory in breeding areas during the first week of April. Ingbirchworth had 26 on 12th March and 25 on 14th and at Digley 14 went over on 20th, and there were 21 there on 22nd and 34 at Yateholm on the 22nd and 30 on 26th. Pairs bred in moorland localities to the West and South of Huddersfield, and birds were again present from April to June in the Gunthwaite, Bretton and Cawthorne areas. Most had left the area by late July but Blackmoorfoot had regular records to 2nd October including 37 West on 24th August. Reports of one to two at three sites in December.

1980 addition:- Two pairs reared young at Bullcliffe.

SPOTTED REDSHANK Tringa erythropus

Scarce passage visitor.

Blackmoorfoot Reservoir. Four circled the reservoir on 12th August then continued westwards (M.L.D.). One calling overhead on 13th September (G.B.S.)

REDSHANK Tringa totanus

Migrant breeder (2). Uncommon passage and winter visitor.

Up to six at Horbury Wyke on 24th January, and four on 6th February. One at Blackmoorfoot Reservoir on 8th March, and a small arrival at four localities from 22nd to 24th March. Breeding evidence from Whitley Common (one pair), March Haigh (two pairs), Slaithwaite Moor and Scammonden. Two at Horbury Wyke on 14th November; one at Cupwith Reservoir on 6th December, and two at Ossett Spa S.F. from 19th to 29th December

GREENSHANK Tringa nebularia

Uncommon passage visitor.

Blackmoorfoot Reservoir Three west on 22nd July, and during August singles on 1st, 3rd, 12th, 13th, 19th and 29th and two on 30th; and one on 4th September.

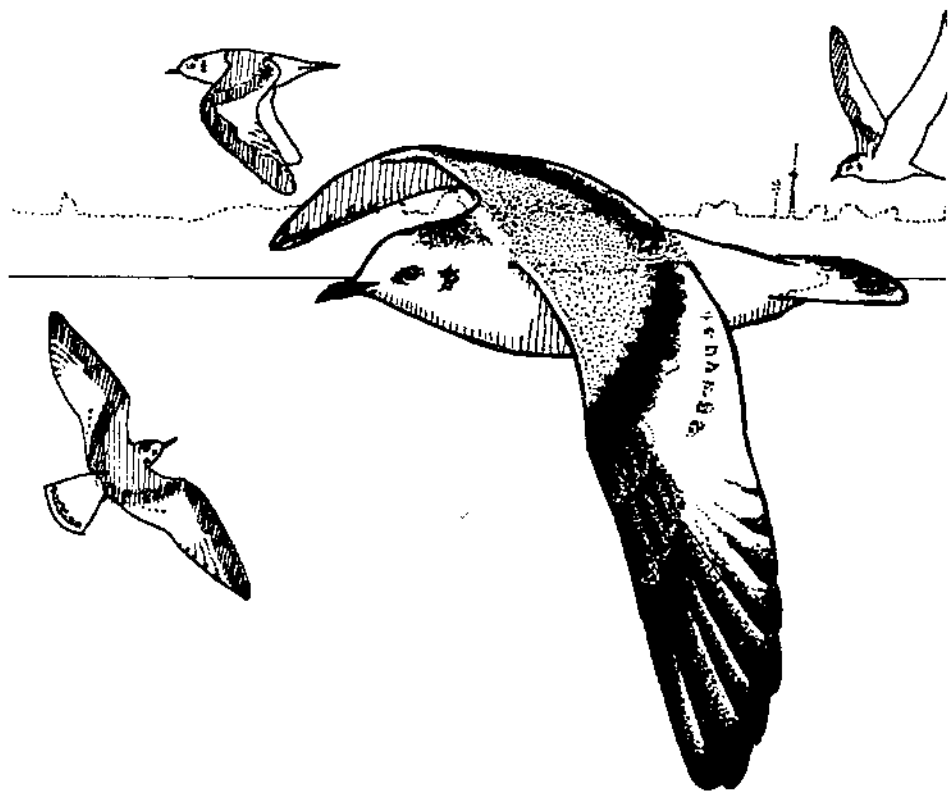
Horbury S.F. Singles on 1st and 21st August and 2nd September.

Wooldale Two south-east on 28th August.

Ingbirchworth Singles on 3rd, 6th and 13th September two on 7th.

Royd Moor Reservoir One on 13th September.

Ringstone Edge Reservoir One flying west on 5th September.



GREEN SANDPIPER Tringa ochropus

Uncommon passage and winter visitor.

Bretton Park One on 30th April

Gunthwaite Dam. One on 24th July.

Inghirchworth Reservoir. One on 10th August.

Osset Spa S.F. Three on 23rd, and 24th August.

Blackmoorfoot Reservoir. Two on 3rd September and one on 4th.

Scammonden Dam. One on 9th August.

COMMON SANDPIPER Actitis hypoleucos

Migrant breeder (2) Uncommon passage visitor.

First one at Blackmoorfoot Reservoir on 12th April, then

two at Digley Reservoir on 21st, two at Ingbirchworth

Reservoir on 22nd, and one at Gunthwaite Dam on 23rd.

Bred by the usual moorland reservoirs and streams.

Maximum passage numbers were low with four at Blackmoorfoot

Reservoir on August 1st, 3rd and 10th.

Last one at Ingbirchworth Reservoir on 9th October.

TURNSTONE Arenaria interpres

Scarce passage visitor.

One at Blackmoorfoot Reservoir on 18th September.

GREY PHALAROPE Phalaropus fulicarius

Rare visitor.

One on the River Calder near Horbury S.F. on 2nd October

(N.P.S.) Second record for the area.

MEDITERRANEAN GULL Larus melanocephalus

Rare visitor.

An adult in winter plumage was seen amongst the roosting

gulls at Blackmoorfoot Reservoir on 10th, 17th and 21st

January (M.L.D., G.M.Y., J.M.P., J.M.D., J.E.D.) Fifth record.

LITTLE GULL Larus minutus

Scarce passage visitor.

Blackmoorfoot Reservoir. One immature on 29th April (M.L.D.)

Five immatures on 12th August departed to the West at

20.10 hours (J.M.P.) One immature present for two hours

on 6th September (M.L.D., K.H.)

BLACK-HEADED GULL Larus ridibundus

Resident breeder(3). Numerous passage and winter visitor. Blackmoorfoot Reservoir. Many of the roost counts, when gull numbers were at their highest, did not separate this species from Common Gull, but the recorder has estimated the probable number from the total count that would be Black-headed Gull (indicated by(e). 2400(e) on 1st January, 4200 on 17th, and 5000(e) on 31st; 6000(e) on 12th February; 3000(e) on 14th March; 3750 on 16th September; 4800+(e) on 30th October and 4050 on 16th November. Ringstone Edge Reservoir Bred here with one young present on 7th July. 1000 roosted on 5th August. Black Moss Bred at the gullery again but no data obtained.

COMMON GULL Larus canus

Numerous winter and passage visitor. Blackmoorfoot Reservoir. As with the previous species an estimate has been made of numbers in some of the larger roosts. 700 on the 17th January and 1000+(e) on 29th; 700(e) on 12th February; 260 on 28th March; 400+(e) on 30th October and 530 on 21st November.

LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL Larus fuscus

Common passage and winter visitor.

Blackmoorfoot Reservoir. Less than 20 up to the beginning of March and during December. 40 on 25th March was a very low spring maximum. 140 on 31st August; 214 on 11th September and 145 on 4th November.

Birds showing the characteristics of the Scandinavian race, L.F. fuscus were present on 4th April(2) and 6th April(3) and 13th June(1). (M.L.D. J.M.P.)

HERRING GULL Larus argentatus

Common passage and winter visitor.

Blackmoorfoot Reservoir. 400 on 17th January; 300 on 12th February down to 80 on 6th March. Only small numbers recorded in the autumn but 118 were present on 31st December.

ICELAND GULL Larus glaucooides

Scarce winter visitor.

One immature at Blackmoorfoot Reservoir on 20th February (M.L.D.)

GLAUCOUS GULL Larus hyperboreus

Scarce winter visitor.

A first year bird at Blackmoorfoot Reservoir on 15th January (M.L.D.) and another first year from 24th to 27th February. (J.M.P. M.L.D. et al)

GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL Larus marinus

Common winter visitor.

Blackmoorfoot Reservoir. 57 on 4th January, 140 on 5th, and 180 on 17th; 88 on 16th February then down to single figures to the end of March. Three on 18th October, 28 on 21st November, but no higher numbers due to the freeze up at the year end.

KITTIWAKE Rissa tridactyla

Scarce passage visitor.

Kirkburton S.F. An adult flew NW at 11.35 hrs(M.L.D.) on 4th January.

Blackmoorfoot Reservoir. An adult at 14.20 hrs on 4th January and a total of three on 22nd March(M.L.D.) One immature on 9th October(J.M.P.)

Ingbirchworth Reservoir. One on 1st March(C.B.), and one adult on 15th November(J.M.D.).

COMMON TERN and ARCTIC TERN Sterna hirunda and S. paradisaca.

Uncommon passage visitors.

Bretton Park. One on 5th June(J.H.B.)(Common)

Blackmoorfoot Reservoir. Singles on 23rd July; 24th August (Common); 20th September(Arctic); 6th October and 11th October(Common).

Ringstone Edge Reservoir. One on 20th September(Common).

Ingbirchworth Reservoir. One on 16th September(Common).

Unless stated the birds were not specifically identified.

1980 additions:- Singles at Bretton Park on 15th August (Common) and 27th and 29th (Arctic).

BLACK TERN Chlidonias niger

Scarce passage visitor.

Bretton Park. One on 13th May. (J.B.B.)

Blackmoorfoot Reservoir. Singles on 12th and 22nd September.

1980 additions:- Singles at Bretton Park on 17th and 24th May.

STOCK DOVE Columba oenas

Resident breeder(3). Common winter visitor.

The only large flocks noted were in the Ingbirchworth area being of 30 on the 11th October; on 1st November 37 near Royd Moor; near Broadstones 61 on 31st October, 54 on 28th November, and over 100 on 4th December.

Breeding noted mainly at old quarry sites such as at Winscar where at least 10 pairs were present in July.

WOODPIGEON Columba palumbus

Resident breeder (4). Numerous winter visitor.

For the fourth successive year no really large flocks were reported. Northerly movement over Blackmoorfoot Reservoir was noted during January with a total of 124 in four days. Largest flock in the early months was of 70 near South Crossland on 20th March. Up to 100 at Deffer Wood on 29th November and at Bretton Park on 13th December, and about 300 feeding on stubble at Broadstones in early December.

COLLARED DOVE Streptopelia decacoto

Resident breeder(3).

At Scout Dike where there is a small roost there were 23 by mid-afternoon on 8th February. There were exceptional numbers at Drake's Yard at Honley Bridge with 93 on 29th November and 101 on 29th December(D.M.). Up to 40 were at Gunthwaite Hall in March and April.

TURTLE DOVE Streptopelia turtur

Migrant breeder(1-2).

Bretton Park. Two flying over on 2nd May(J.B.B.) One at Ossett on 10th May, and singles in May and June at Yatcholme. Bank Wood and Thornhill. Three flew south at Blackmoorfoot on 30th May.

CUCKOO Cuculus canorus

Migrant breeder(2).

First at Deffer Wood on 1st May then one at Digley on 2nd May where a pair were present on 28th. Reported from 18 localities in May and June. Egg placing in Meadow Pipit nests at Ramsden Clough on 22nd June.

1980 additions:- One at Bretton Park on 15th April.

BARN OWL Tyto alba

Resident breeder(1).

One pair bred near Shepley.(B.W.) Single sightings at Emley and Lepton Edge on 26th January and 31st August respectively(G.B.S.)

LITTLE OWL Athene noctua

Resident breeder(2).

Breeding proved at Holt Head near Meltham and at Horbury S.F. Pairs seen during the breeding season at Almondsbury, Cawthorne, Digley, Spicer House Lane, Whitley Common and Gunthwaite. One or two seen at 12 other localities.

TAWNY OWL Strix aluco

Resident breeder(2).

Bred in Deffer Wood, near Langsett, at Horbury and at Gunthwaite (2 pairs). Reported from a further eight likely breeding areas.

LONG-EARED OWL Asio otus

Resident breeder(1).

Present at one breeding site in February, and four young heard at another site on 13th July.

SHORT-EARED OWL Asio flammeus

Resident/migrant breeder-not annual. Scarce winter visitor. Singles in the Winscar area during April and at Brown's Edge on 2nd April. One seen on five dates between 11th August and 29th November west of Ingbirchworth. One flew west over Blackmoorfoot Reservoir on 2nd December. One at Scammonden on 22nd and 23rd August. Three near Whitley Common on 28th November.

SWIFT Apus apus

Migrant breeder(3).

First singles at Ossett and Bretton Park on 1st May, Shepley on 3rd May and on 7th one to six at Whitley Common, Newsome Road and Ingbirchworth and over 15 above Firth Street, and appeared at five more sites on 8th. 140 at Ossett on 9th May and 50 over Ingbirchworth. Apart from 100 over Redbrook Reservoir on 23rd June no large numbers were reported. Late singles at Ossett on 20th, and Ossett S.F. on 28th September.

KINGFISHER Alcedo atthis

Resident breeder(1).

Single pairs bred near Marsden and Gunthwaite(three young) Singles in the Holme Valley in April and December. One to two at Bretton Park on nine dates mainly in October. One at Blackmoorfoot Reservoir on 24th September flew north. Singles at Scout Dike Reservoir on 5th January and at Ingbirchworth Reservoir on 1st August and 19th October. One at Horbury Wyke on 8th April, and two on 13th June. One at Ossett Spa S.F. on 3rd November and 29th December, and one by Kings Mill Lane on 16th November. Regular along Cawthorne Dyke.

HOOPOE Upupa epops

Rare visitor.

One near West Vale viaduct on 28th June. (Mr&Mrs Dangerfield per D.M.)

GREEN WOODPECKER Picus viridis

Resident breeder(2).

No breeding evidence established, and it may be less common than suggested above. Records from 19 localities which were mostly of single birds on single dates except for the Bilberry and Digley area where one or two occurred from 4th October to 6th December; and Cliffe Wood Brockholes where one remained from 29th March to 11th April, and near Elland G.P. with singles on 4th February, 15th March and 12th July. Present all year at Bretton Park where it is now known two pairs bred in 1980.

GREAT SPOTTED WOODPECKER Dendrocopos major

Resident breeder(2).

Individuals fed in gardens regularly during the early months at Oakes, Edgerton and Almondbury(Lumb Lane, Thorpe Lane, Fenay Lane). Bred at Edgerton, Gunthwaite and Coxley, and probably bred at Grimescar, near Almondbury, at Bretton Park and Deffer Wood. One or two at ten other localities.

LESSER SPOTTED WOODPECKER Dendrocopos minor

Resident breeder(1).

Singles at Elland G.P. on 14th February; at Edgerton for 10 days from last week of March; at Gunthwaite Mill from 17th to 19th April (male) and Gunthwaite Dam on 19th June (Male). At Bretton Park individuals of both sexes occurred and the dates included 8th and 14th February, 29th March, 11th and 18th April (two at least) 9th May and 1st December. A male at Cannon Hall on 25th January.

SKYLARK Alauda arvensis

Resident breeder(4) Partial migrant.

Apart from a flock of over 40 at Emley Woodhouse on 1st March no flock of any size was noted early in the year. On pasture land and stubble in the Ingbirchworth area there were good numbers from 13th October onwards peaking at about 200 near Broadstones on 9th December. Some movement was noted in the severe weather of mid December including 20 moving east and north east at Ossett Spa S.F. on 15th.

SAND MARTIN Riparia riparia

Migrant breeder(2).

Apparently fewer records than in any recent year and no evidence of breeding reported. First singles at Horbury S.F. on 8th April, two at Bretton Park on 8th April and Ossett Spa S.F. on 14th, where there were up to 80 during June. Singles at Gunthwaite Dam on three dates, and Ingbirchworth Reservoir on four dates as well as four going north-west on 13th October. Blackmoorfoot Reservoir had singles on 12 dates between 26th July and 6th September, and three on 22nd August and 7th September and five on 12th September.

1980 addition:- One at Bretton Park on 28th March.

SWALLOW Hirundo rustica

Migrant breeder(4) Numerous passage visitor.

Apart from early singles at Blackmoorfoot Reservoir on April 2nd and Horbury S.F. on 8th, the main arrival began with a scattering of birds from 12th to 18th at eight localities with 30 at Scout Dike on 19th April being the first flock of more than four. Ossett Spa S.F. had over 100 on 10th May, and 57 on 27th September. No roost counts were made, nor were any large numbers noted apart from at Blackmoorfoot Reservoir, where over 40 occurred on many days from late July to late September. The maximum at Blackmoorfoot Reservoir was 120 on 18th August; on four dates in late September a total of 237 moved south, and the last here were nine on 9th October. October records were widespread, and the last were singles at Slaithwaite on 23rd, with unusually two late records at Outlane and Brighouse on 2nd and 3rd November.

1980 addition:- One at Bretton Park on 1st April.

HOUSE MARTIN Delichon urbica

Migrant breeder (3) Common passage visitor.

On 14th April 5 arrived at Bretton Park, and singles at Dalton and Bretton Park on 16th April, and three were over the canal near Golcar. Small numbers were at three other sites before the month end, but birds were not generally distributed until mid-May. There were 50 at Digley, and 60 at Ossett Spa S.F. on 28th May with 80 there on 2nd June. Numbers at Blackmoorfoot were greater than usual from mid-July onwards with 80 to 90 on six days in August from 10th to 22nd, and over 100 on 6th September. 100 flew south at Cawthorne on 19th September. Occured at four localities in October with the last one at Cowcliffe on 18th.

TREE PIPIT Anthus trivialis

Migrant breeder(3).

Singles near Bretton on 10th, and at Gunthwaite Mill on 11th April were the first followed by one to six at six other woodlands by 20th. Most woodlands where the species was recorded only had one or two singing males, but exceptions were Coxley Wood with 7 on 4th May, Deffer Wood with 15 and Yateholme with 5 during June. None reported after 12th July.

1980 addition:- Two near Cawthorne on 8th April.

MEADOW PIPIT Anthus pratensis

Resident breeder(4 or 5) Partial migrant.

During the early months Ossett Spa S.F. had a flock of 73 on 24th January which declined gradually to 21 on 4th March. Return to moorland areas was indicated by movement at Blackmoorfoot Reservoir of 50 west on the evening of 8th March, and flocks of over 50 at Digley on 26th March, and 140 on 21st April and over 100 in the Swinden area on 20th April. 60 were roosting on Lindley Moor on 28th March. Southerly movement was recorded at Blackmoorfoot Reservoir in September with 116, 217 and 378 on 19th, 23rd and 29th respectively. 55 south-west over Ringstone Edge on 3rd October. In early December before the cold spell a few were still in upland areas, and up to 50 were at Ossett Spa S.F., but had declined to three here by 29th. and 11 were found dead late in the month (J.R.S.)

YELLOW WAGTAIL Motacilla flava

Migrant breeder (1 to 2)

Ossett Spa S.F. had one on 11th April, and two on 14th. One at Bretton Park on 17th April. A pair reared three young at Ossett Spa S.F. in June. The majority of the records were from the Calder Valley including 16 at Horbury S.F. on 18th August. Ingbirchworth Reservoir had one to three on seven dates and Blackmoorfoot Reservoir had similar numbers on 11 dates including the last two on 30th September. 1980 addition:- One at Bretton Park on 7th April.

GREY WAGTAIL Motacilla cinerea

Resident breeder (2).

Only one breeding attempt (Gunthwaite Mill) reported, but occurred at 11 likely breeding areas in the spring/summer, and one to four were at 13 other localities during the winter.

PIED WAGTAIL Motacilla alba

Resident breeder (3) Partial migrant.

Reports of breeding were widely scattered but mostly referred to upland areas. 26 at Ossett Spa S.F. on 31st March, and at least 20 at Scammonden on 9th September. The roost at the Civic Centre in Huddersfield held over 30 for the last three months and at least 45 on 26th October. One White Wagtail, M.a. alba at Broadstones on 5th April (N.A.)

WAXWING Bombycilla garrulus

Rare to uncommon winter visitor.

One at Lepton on 13th December (Mrs Hart).

DIPPER Cinclus cinclus

Resident breeder (2).

At least three pairs bred in the Colne Valley between Slaithwaite and Hey Green, and single pairs at Ramsden Clough (3 young), Inghirchworth and Black Brook. Pairs may also have bred at Scammonden, along the River Holme, in the Brockholes and Thongsbridge areas, at Hinchliffe Mill, Digley and Winscar. Individuals occurred at seven other localities in the winter months.

WREN Troglodytes troglodytes

Resident breeder (4).

The above status is probably an overestimate, and is based on the years of peak population during the mid 1970's. Too few records were received to indicate the extent of recovery since 1978-79, and the onset of severe conditions in December would again affect this species. The sprinkler vents at Ossett Spa S.F. were again used for roosting, but only two were present at the year end.

DUNNOCK Prunella modularis

Resident breeder (5).

Another species whose population is extremely difficult to estimate as it breeds in a wide variety of habitats. These include the built up areas, the river valleys, and the high moorland valleys and moorland hillsides facing south.

ROBIN Erithacus rubecula

Resident breeder (5).

REDSTART Phoenicurus phoenicurus

Migrant breeder (2).

The first was a male at Hey Clough on 2nd May then on 4th May a pair at Marsden Clough, a male at Windy Bank Wood and a female at Ossett Spa S.F.. At least two pairs each bred in the Digley and Yateholme areas, and at Swinden Plantation. Single males were noted at Dean Wood and Booth Dean both of which are possible breeding sites. Late birds passing through the area were on Lindley Moor on 2nd September, and at Thorpe Lane Almondbury during the first week of September, and two at Langsett on 1st.

WHINCHAT Saxicola rubetra

Migrant breeder (2).

After a male at Scout Dike on 20th April and in the Upper Little Don valley on 21st, there was rather a long wait for the next which was at Gunthwaite on 9th May. The only certain records of breeding were at Scammonden (three pairs) and the Upper Little Don, but birds were present at five other possible sites in May and June. The last at Blackmoorfoot was one on 27th September, but two unusual records of birds in October were at Digley on 3rd, and near Whitley Common two on 18th.

STONECHAT Saxicola torquata

Uncommon passage and winter visitor. Bred 1972 and 1974 to 1977.

One near Langsett on 1st March (R.W.)

One on Whitley Common on 11th October (J.E.D.), and another on 18th (F.J.W.)

WHEATEAR Oenanthe oenanthe

Migrant breeder (2).

First two at Ingbirchworth on 24th March, then three at Digley, and four at Cawthorne on 26th, and a general arrival on 29th, with one to two at Moseldon, Booth Dam, Pole Moor, Whitley Common and Gunthwaite, and 11 at Buckstones rocks. 22 near Broadstones on 9th April. Bred at all these (sites except Gunthwaite), and also at Rishworth Moor, Ringstone Edge, Wessenden, Deerhill, Crosland Moor and Slaithwaite Moor. Last one at Horbury S.F. on 20th September, and two at the filter beds at Ingbirchworth on 10th October.

RING OUZEL Turdus torquatus

Migrant breeder (2).

As usual the first arrivals were at Digley with two males on 22nd March, and numbers increased here to nine by 5th April, to 11 by 9th, and up to 16 from 17th to 21st. One was in the Upper Little Don valley on 28th March, and three each at Buckstones Moss and Rishworth Moor on 29th March. Bred at all these sites, and also in the Wessenden valley and Ramsden Clough. One male at Scammonden on 20th May. None reported after early August.

BLACKBIRD Turdus merula

Resident breeder (5) Numerous winter visitor.
Over 180 roosting at Stoneleigh, Edgerton in late January and about 90 in mid February. Winter Atlas counts produced some interesting numbers as follows:-
S.E.10. northern half - 51 on 22nd November;
S.E.11. north-east quarter - 37 on 28th November;
S.E.11. south-west quarter - 36 on 1st December;
S.E.20. north-east quarter - 51 on 29th November.

FIELDFARE Turdus pilaris

Numerous passage and winter visitor.
In the early months the largest flocks as follows:-
935 near Spicer House Lane on 12th March; 600 at Crosland Hill on 4th April; 600 at Carr Lane, Gunthwaite on 8th April; 500 at Bretton Park on 11th April, and 790 on Outland Moor on 17th April. Most had departed by 23rd April, but on 2nd May 200 were at Bretton Park.
Singles at Digley on 13th and Ford Inn on 20th September, and nine at Ingbirchworth on 3rd October. General arrival of large numbers from 18th October. Typical areas where large flocks occurred were Ingbirchworth with 500 on 23rd October; Emley Moor with 470 on 19th November, and Crosland Hill with 750 on 1st December.

SONG THRUSH Turdus philomelos

Resident breeder (4).

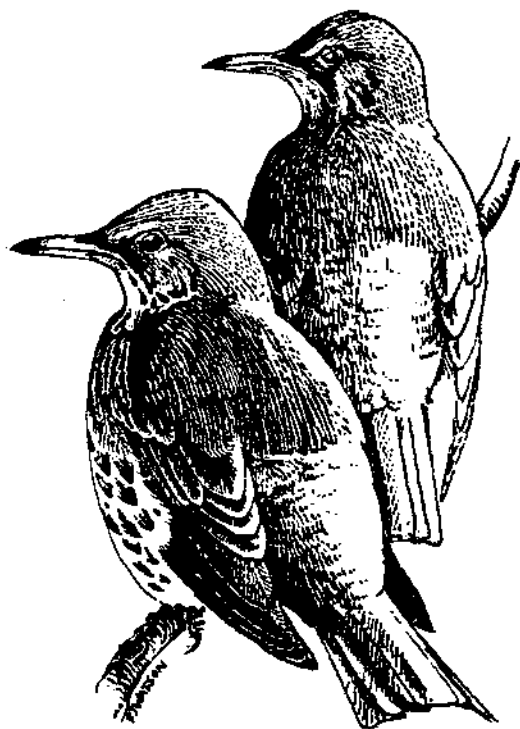
REDWING Turdus iliacus

Numerous passage and winter visitor.
More than usual in January being reported from seven localities including a flock of over 200 near Bradley Wood on 30th. Rather more records in February including over 80 roosting at Edgerton in mid-month, and flocks of 280 near Clayton West on 12th, 150 at Deffer Wood on 22nd, 60 at Gunthwaite on 10th, and over 50 at Netherthong on 17th March, and smaller flocks at Bretton, Broadstones and South Crosland. Considerable westerly movement over Blackmoorfoot between 22nd March and 2nd April, with peaks of 230 on 22nd, and 250 on 29th, and a total of 663 recorded. Over 420 were in Orange Wood at Blackmoorfoot on 4th April where the last two went north-east on 21st. Also in April 80 at Gunthwaite on 1st.
Singles at Ingbirchworth on 19th, and Blackmoorfoot on 29th September, with small numbers elsewhere on 4th and 5th October, and on 18th, 28 at Ingbirchworth, and 40 each at Bretton and Blackmoorfoot. One to 20 at eight sites in November plus 84 in the north-east quarter of S.E.11 on 28th, and 75 at Ringstone Edge on 15th November.
Few noted in December with the onset of severe weather.

MISTLE THRUSH Turdus viscivorus

Resident breeder (3).

Flock of 20 over Blackmoorfoot Reservoir on 28th June,
of 27 at Digley on 13th September, and 20 at Ingbirchworþ
from 25th September to 3rd October.



Fieldfares

GRASSHOPPER WARBLER Locustella naevia

Migrant breeder (1).

One male at Horbury on 22nd April, and one at Ossett Spa S.F. on 1st May, where two birds were noted on 12th June and 4th July.

SEDGE WARBLER Acrocephalus schoenobanus

Migrant breeder (1).

One at Healey S.F. on 13th, and two on 23rd April. Probably up to five pairs bred in the Horbury to Ossett stretch of the Calder Valley. One at Bretton Park on 24th May and singles at Blackmoorfoot Reservoir, caught and ringed on 30th July, and 4th September.

LESSER WHITETHROAT Sylvia curruca

Migrant breeder (1).

Singles at Gunthwaite on 23rd May, 21st June and 29th July. Two males at Horbury Wyke on 13th June, and one at Bretton on 12th May. Last one at Scout Dike on 29th August. 1980 addition:- One pair bred at Bretton Park.

WHITETHROAT Sylvia communis

Migrant breeder (2).

One at Bretton Park on 21st April. One at Ossett Spa S.F. on 23rd April and two on 27th. One at Bretton Park on 4th May. 15 singing males located in the eastern half of S.E.21(Horbury to Bretton). and five in S.E.20. Also bred in the Elland G.P. area. Last one at Gunthwaite Dam on 4th September.

GARDEN WARBLER Sylvia borin

Migrant breeder (2).

First one at Wilderness Plantation on 7th May. 10 singing males during May and June in the Coxley - Stocksmoor Common and Bretton areas, and at least five in Cawthorne Park and Deffer Wood. Not common in the western part of the area, so single males in Longley Wood on 18th May, and near Lockwood Church on 21st June were of interest. Last one at Blackmoorfoot on 4th September.

BLACKCAP Sylvia atricapilla

Migrant breeder (3). Rare winter visitor.

Following the pattern of recent years individuals were noted in the winter months feeding in gardens. A female fed on cotoneaster hedges at Thongsbridge from 12th to 18th February, and another was at Thorpe Lane Almondbury on the 26th and 27th. Singles at Bretton Park on 10th April, and Deffer Wood on 12th, when there were also two at Blackmoorfoot were the first arrivals. During May and June counts of singing males totalled 26 in the Horbury to Bretton area, and at least eight in Deffer Wood. Breeding also probably occurred at Denby Dale, Digley, Yateholme, Holme Valley, Gunthwaite, near Almondbury, Longley and Booth Wood. Apart from one at Blackmoorfoot on 4th September there were no late records except for a wintering bird in Almondbury on 5th December, and a male in Bretton Park on 14th November.

WOOD WARBLER Phylloscopus sibilatrix

Migrant breeder (1).

Two males in Coxley Wood on 22nd April and 11th May and one each at Margery Wood on 4th May, and Bretton Park on 10th were the earliest arrivals. Single males at Royd House Wood on 19th, and 22nd May, and also at Lower Magdale on 22nd. Three singing males in Deffer Wood on 30th May, and a pair at a 1980 breeding site on 31st, and one male from 5th to 16th June probably indicates breeding. In Cawthorne Park on 21st June two pairs breeding, and at least one other bird also present. A male in Silkstone Fall Wood on 16th, and 17th June. Last at Gunthwaite on 16th August.

CHIFFCHAFF Phylloscopus collybita

Migrant breeder (2).

On 29th March two males at Bretton Park and one at Fenay Lane Almondbury, with a more general arrival from 2nd to 8th April. Bred at Bretton Park and Deffer Wood and probably in at least six other woodlands. Last records at Oakes on 22nd, and Blackmoorfoot on 23rd September.

WILLOW WARBLER Phylloscopus trochilus

Migrant breeder (4).

Two at Bretton Park and one at Brockholes on 29th March were unusually early. One at Thongsbridge on 4th April, and one to six at eight localities from the 9th to 11th with larger numbers well distributed by 15th. Numbers at some sites were reduced after the heavy snow in late April. Last one at Blackmoorfoot Reservoir on 29th September.

GOLDCREST Regulus regulus

Resident breeder (3). Common passage visitor.

Bred at Digley, Yateholme, Swinden plantation, Bretton Park, Deffer Wood, Bullcliffe Woods, and probably near Scout Dike. An influx in late September and early October at Blackmoorfoot and other areas with 20 at Yateholme on 17th October.

FIRECREST Regulus ignicapillus

Rare visitor.

One caught and ringed at Stoneleigh, Edgerton on 14th February (M.L.D.) Sixth record for the area.

SPOTTED FLYCATCHER Muscicapa striata

Migrant breeder (3).

Singles at Bretton Park on 10th, and Longley Wood on 15th May. Breeding reported from 15 localities of from one to four pairs. Up to 10 feeding together at Broad Oak, Gunthwaite in late August. September records from five places including three in Lockwood on 24th, and one in Edgerton on 28th.

PIED FLYCATCHER Ficedula hypoleuca

Rare passage visitor.

A female by Ingbirchworth Reservoir on 16th May (D.M.)

LONG-TAILED TIT Aegithalos caudatus

Resident breeder (2)

At least 16 at Farnley Bank on 22nd January and 17 at Deffer Wood on 25th. Bred at Bretton Park, Deffer Wood, Almondbury, Bower Hill and Bank Wood. 13 at Horbury S.F. on 2nd September and 10 at Gunthwaite Dam on 18th October.

WILLOW TIT Parus montanus

Resident breeder (2).

Pairs bred at Coxley and Deffer Woods. and pairs or likely pairs were at Horbury Wyke, Ossett Spa S.F., Bretton Park, Gunthwaite, Oxspring, Dean Wood and Thick Hollins, Meltham, and singles were at five localities.

COAL TIT Parus ater

Resident breeder (3).

Bred in coniferous plantations throughout the district being particularly common in the Langsett area, at Yateholme, and in Deffer Wood.

BLUE TIT Parus caeruleus

Resident breeder (5).

Up to 100 in Bretton Park on 1st January, and 40 in one flock on 17th, otherwise flocks reported were only of up to 20 birds.

GREAT TIT Parus major

Resident breeder (4).

At least 50 in Bretton Park on 1st January.

NUTHATCH Sitta europaea

Resident breeder (1).

Present all the year at Bretton Park including a pair on 5th April, and another a quarter of a mile from the pair, all three birds being at former breeding sites. One in woodlands by Ryburn Reservoir on 8th February.

1980 addition:- One pair bred at Bretton Park.

TREECREEPER Certhia familiaris

Resident breeder (3).

Pairs bred at Mellor Wood near Almondbury, at Deffer Wood. in Bretton Park (at least three), at Cawthorne Park and at Gunthwaite Mill.

JAY Garrulus glandarius

Resident breeder (2 to 3).

Noted in at least 20 woodlands throughout the area including small flocks such as eight in T.P. woods on 30th March, at least 12 at Bretton Park on 17th October and 10 on 24th. 10 at Bradley Gate Wood on 8th November, and nine at Cannon Hall on 21st.

MAGPIE Pica pica

Resident breeder (4).

Maximum count of 130 at the Blackmoorfoot roost on 2nd February, and over 60 there on 1st November. Over 50 roosted in T.P. woods on 17th January.

JACKDAW Corvus monedula

Resident breeder (4)

ROOK Corvus frugilegus

Resident breeder (5).

Up to 10,000 roosting at Bretton Park on 1st December.

CARRION CROW Corvus corone

Resident breeder (2).

A flock of at least 25 near Ringstone Edge on 8th April. Breeding pairs widely distributed from the uplands in the west to the farm and parkland areas of the east. Are being noted more frequently in built up areas particularly during the winter. A pair reared two young at Ossett Spa S.F..

STARLING Sturnus vulgaris

Resident breeder (5). Numerous winter visitor.

Over 2,000 immatures were feeding in tree tops at Cawthorne Park on 14th June, and 1,300 roosted at Blackmoorfoot Reservoir on 21st. The first of a series of counts of the birds roosting in the Town Centre was undertaken by five club members and gave a total of 21,077 (D S) on 18th November.

HOUSE SPARROW Passer domesticus

Resident breeder (5).

TREE SPARROW Passer montanus

Resident breeder (3).

Flocks of 32 at Ossett Spa S.F. and 30 at Blackmoorfoot Reservoir in late August were the largest noted.

CHAFFINCH Fringilla coelebs

Resident breeder (4) Numerous passage and winter visitor.

Flocks were rather smaller than usual. Over 100 at Bretton Park on 1st January, 55 at Bradley Wood on 30th January and 70 near Langsett on 8th February. Only 40 to 50 roosting at Edgerton in mid February. 120 at Royd Moor on 28th November.

BRAMBLING Fringilla montifringilla

Uncommon to common winter visitor.

Bretton Park held a large flock during January commencing with 50 on 1st; 145 on 10th; 350 on 17th, and at least 400 on 18th. These numbers declined to 80 on 16th, and 60 on 22nd February, and then to 35 on 29th March and 37 on 10th April, and only two on 18th. During the first three months parties of less than 10 were at Grimescar, Deffer Wood, Ossett Spa S.F., Gunthwaite, Brockholes, Longley and Oakes. 50 near Langsett on 25th January and 65 there on 5th March. 45 near Royd Moor Reservoir on 15th February. Over 100 between Almondbury and Lowerhouses on 15th February down to 50 there on 29th March, and at least eight on 13th April. Last on 20th April at Yateholme (one) and Swinden Plantation (three or four). Fewer records in the autumn with one on 1st November at Bretton Park and 30 there on 13th, then only one to 20 at Ossett, Swinden, Inghirchworth, Gunthwaite, Lockwood, Blackmoorfoot and Grange Moor. In early December 120 at Broadstones Lodge and Digley.

GREENFINCH Carduelis chloris

Resident breeder (4).

Flocks were more numerous and on average larger than in 1980. Deffer Wood had 100 on 10th January, and 200 on 14th February, and at Gunthwaite 100 on 24th January, and 50 on 15th February. Blackmoorfoot had over 70 on 15th January and 1st February, 60 at Ossett Spa S.F. on 5th September; 200 at Low Common near Inghirchworth on 2nd October, over 50 at Bolster Moor on 22nd October and 70 at Gunthwaite on 4th December.

GOLDFINCH Carduelis carduelis

Resident breeder (2to3).

Noted at 13 localities in the breeding season during which it is seen more frequently near coniferous plantations than in earlier years. 26 moved south over Blackmoorfoot Reservoir on 23rd September. Flocks were all very small except for 32 near Inghirchworth on 17th October.

SISKIN Carduelis spinus

Resident breeder (1) Scarce to uncommon winter visitor.

Deffer Wood had the largest flock during the early months with 20 during January up to 60 on 15th February, and 70 in one flock plus at least six elsewhere on 15th March, down to 18 on 19th April and six on 2nd May. Bretton Park which has been a winter stronghold had four on 17th, and 15 on 18th January, 29 on 1st March and singles on 15th March and 11th April. At Gunthwaite 10 on 18th January and 14 on 25th February, and one to two on three dates; near Langsett 55 on 15th February, and four at Booth Dam on 4th April.

Suitable breeding areas in addition to Deffer Wood had the following records:- Digley one on 14th April; Yateholme singles on 21st April, 30th May, 13th June and 4th August, and the Swinden area one male in song flight on 20th April plus seven others scattered in the pines. Small numbers widely scattered in October and November with records from Scout Dike, Swindon, Yateholme, Gunthwaite (20 on 14th November), Golcar, Oakes, Meltham, Stocksmoor Common (15 on 23rd October), Blackmoorfoot and Elland G.P. Bretton Park had 20 on 30th September, and 30 on 17th October, and two to four on six other dates. 60 at Bretton Park on 30th November. 10 flew north over Crosland Hill on 16th December, and 60 were at Ossett alders on 22nd December.

LINNET *Carduelis cannabina*

Resident breeder (4) Partial migrant.
A flock of 200 near Ingbirchworth village on 8th February and 250 in fields adjacent to Stoneycliffe Wood on 27th March were the only early ones of significance. The largest autumn flocks were 100 at Broadstones on 12th September; 70 near Ossett on 20th; over 100 near Ingbirchworth on 2nd October and over 50 at Bolster Moor on 22nd.

TWITE *Carduelis flavirostris*

Resident and partial migrant breeder (3)
The first returning birds were in several districts during March after four over T.P. woods on 13th; one at Rishworth Moor on 14th. 14 west over Blackmoorfoot on 22nd; two at Digley on 24th and pairs at March Haigh, Scammonden and Merrydale on 29th. 60 at March Haigh on 4th April was the only early flock of more than 20. Bred at Rishworth Moor, March Haigh, Scammonden and Deerhill, and probably on Slaithwaite Moor and near Digley. Interesting records for the breeding season were a pair courtship feeding near Broadstones Reservoir on 10th May; five at Ingbirchworth on 11th and a pair at Whitley Common on 23rd. A flock of over 60 at Scammonden on 27th July of mainly young birds, and 140 there on 22nd September. Over 150 at Broadstones on 22nd August, and 150 to 200 at Digley from 13th to 20th September. Southerly movement over Blackmoorfoot on four dates from 22nd to 30th September totalled 59 birds. Small flocks in October at Digley 20 on 3rd; Blackmoorfoot 12 on 4th; Scammonden three and Whitley Common 20 on 11th.
1980 addition:- 47 at Broadstones on 27th January.

REDPOLL Carduelis flammea

Resident breeder (3) Uncommon to common winter visitor. Good sized flocks were not found anywhere; the maxima early and late being at least 20 on the 19th April in Deffer Wood and 32 at Horbury S.F. on 6th December. Adequate evidence of breeding at Deffer Wood, near Scout Dike, in the Swinden Plantation area (up to 10 pairs), at Yatcholme (more than three pairs), at Dunford Bridge, in the Scammonden valley, and at Birchencliffe (probably a new locality).

CROSSBILL Loxia curvirostra

Rare to uncommon passage visitor. An exceptional number of records commencing with two on 25th January at Deffer Wood, where a pair were seen on 2nd May. At Yatcholme from 10 (at least) down to two between 14th and 27th February, then two on 22nd March and four on 13th June. Two near Langsett on 15th February; 10 on 8th and 23rd March and two on 15th April and 20th June, whilst at nearby Swinden Plantation on 20th April two singing males and a party of six. Five at Scammonden on 9th August.

BULLFINCH Pyrrhula pyrrhula

Resident breeder (3) Reported from 12 localities in the breeding season. Up to nine in gardens in Gledholt during December.

SNOW BUNTING Plectrophenax nivalis

Scarce to uncommon winter visitor. One seen by the roadside in the Whitley Common and Greenley Carr area on 25th January (D.J.S.) and 22nd February (C.B.)

YELLOWHAMMER Emberiza citrinella

Resident breeder (3). At least 40 at Cannon Hall and at Deffer Wood on 10th January, and 30 at Stoneycliffe Wood on 27th March. An exceptional flock of 120 between Clayton West and High Hoyland on 19th December.

REED BUNTING Emberiza schoeniclus

Resident breeder (3). Somewhat under-recorded with records in the breeding season only from Scammonden, Blackmoorfoot, Rishworth Moor, Horbury S.F., Ossett Spa S.F., Ingbirchworth and Gunthwaite. During the December freeze-up occurred in gardens in Lockwood and Thongsbridge.

CORN BUNTING Miliaria calandra

Resident breeder (1) Singing males at Crosland Hill on 24th March; Bank Wood on 7th May and Broadstones on 13th, and singles at Kirkheaton on 29th May and Emley on 6th July.

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RINGING REPORT

Once again the weather played a major role in governing the number of birds ringed. The first six months of the year were the wettest for over forty years, it is therefore not surprising that so few pulli were ringed (the Black-headed Gull colony at Black Moss was not even visited). The weather conditions over the last six months of the year were very unsettled, the last three weeks of December being particularly poor with deep snow and severe frosts. The Blackbird roost at Edgerton was not visited during this period. Given these facts the years ringing total of 1,518 birds is not unexpected. Only thirty six species were handled and for the third consecutive year no new ringing species were encountered.

Coupled with this downward trend in ringing totals in the number of recoveries, during the whole of 1981 only four publishable recoveries were received from the B.T.O. (excluding the helated records).

The following pulli were ringed during the year:-

Kestrel (5 Wessenden), Lapwing (6 Blackmoorfoot, 12 Cooper Bridge), Collared Dove (2 Blackmoorfoot), Swallow (5 Crosland Moor), Pied Wagtail (5 Yateholme), Dipper (3 Yateholme), Blackbird (4 Yateholme), Willow Warbler (6 Yateholme), Blue Tit (17 T.P. Wood), Great Tit (12 T.P. Wood), Magpie (4 Wessenden), Greenfinch (10 Blackmoorfoot) and Linnet (4 Blackmoorfoot).

RINGING RECOVERIES

Key to symbols and terms used:-

- Age: 1. Pulli (nestling or chick).
2. Full grown, year of hatching quite unknown.
3. Hatched during calendar year of ringing.
3J. as 3 but still with juvenile plumage.
4. Hatched before calendar year of ringing but exact year unknown.
5. Hatched during previous calendar year.
6. Hatched before previous calendar year but exact year unknown.

Sex: M: Male
F: Female

Manner of recovery:

- V: Caught or trapped and released with ring.
VV: Ring number read in the field, or sight record of identifiable colour marks.
X: Found dead or dying.
+: Shot or killed by man.

Date of recovery:

Where this is unknown the date of the reporting letter is given in brackets. All recoveries of 5 Kms. or more are published. The recoveries of Swallows, (A173059 and A173192) and Twite (A328093) were received too late for inclusion in the 1980 report.

RECOVERIES OF HUDDERSFIELD RINGED BIRDSMALLARD

GP65228	4M	27.2.79	Bretton, Nr Wakefield. 53° 37'N 1° 34'W
	X	(13.12.81)	Grassington, Skipton, N Yorks. 54° 04'N 1° 59'W 57 Kms. N.N.W.

BLACK-HEADED GULL

EF61294	I	10.6.75	Black Moss, Marsden. 53° 34'N 1° 56'W
	X	11.9.81	Chorlton-Cum-Hardy, Manchester. 53° 26'N 2° 16'W 27. Kms. W.S.W.

PIED WAGTAIL

A892053	3J	23.8.80	Blackmoorfoot, Nr Huddersfield. 53° 37'N 1° 52'W
	V	22.10.81	R.A.F. Innsworth, Gloucester. 51° 54'N 2° 12'W 192 Kms. S.

STARLING

XC91055	3J	23.5.80	Blackmoorfoot.
	X	22.8.81	Outlane, Huddersfield. 53° 39'N 1° 52'W 5 Kms. N.

BIRDS RECOVERED IN HUDDERSFIELDLAPWING

DS80742	1M	24.5.77	Greenfield, Saddleworth, Manchester. 53° 32'N 2° 0'W
	X	28.5.81	Wessenden Head Moor, Meltham. 53° 33'N 1° 55'W 6 Kms. E.N.E.

SWALLOW

A173059	3J	18.8.79	Wintersett Res. Nr Wakefield. 53 ⁰ 38'N 1 ⁰ 26'W
	X	26.5.80	Stocks Moor, Huddersfield. 53 ⁰ 36'N 1 ⁰ 37'W 19 Kms. W.S.W.
	4P	21.8.79	Wintersett Reservoir.
	X	7.7.80	Emley Moor, Nr Huddersfield. 53 ⁰ 37'N 1 ⁰ 42'W 15 Kms. W.

GOLDCREST

2AG792	3M	21.10.81	Hightown, Formby, Merseyside. 53 ⁰ 31'N 3 ⁰ 04'W
	V	8.11.81	Blackmoorfoot. 80 Kms. E.

TWITE

A328093	3	13.11.79	Nr Boston. Lincolnshire. 52 ⁰ 59'N 0 ⁰ 01'W
	XF	28.6.80	Nr, Huddersfield. Ca. 53 ⁰ 35'N 1 ⁰ 55'W Ca. 140 Kms W.N.W.

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BIRDS RINGED IN THE HUDDERSFIELD AREA 1981

Sparrowhawk	2	Garden Warbler	3
Kestrel	5	Blackcap	2
Lapwing	18	Chiffchaff	4
Collared Dove	2	Willow Warbler	24
Swallow	22	Goldcrest	27
House Martin	80	Firecrest	1
Tree Pipit	2	Spotted Flycatcher	1
Yellow Wagtail	1	Coal Tit	4
Pied Wagtail	24	Blue Tit	188
Dipper	3	Great Tit	50
Wren	26	Treecreeper	1
Duncock	47	Magpie	5
Rohin	82	Tree Sparrow	29
Whinchat	1	Chaffinch	18
Blackbird	112	Greenfinch	477
Song Thrush	4	Linnet	4
Redwing	17	Redpoll	2
Sedge Warbler	6	Bullfinch	7

TOTAL 1518

Totals for individual areas include 1280 at Blackmoorfoot and 152 at Edgerton.

LOCAL RETRAPS AND RECOVERIES

In Huddersfield the majority of birds are ringed in areas that are accessible to the public, so it is not surprising that a large number of "local" birds are found by such people eg:- dead on road, killed by cat etc.

Large numbers of retraps are also handled, some many years after ringing, these being tabulated below.

The top lines show the approximate period which had elapsed between ringing and either retrap (Table 1) or death (Table 2). The figures show the number of individuals retrapped or found dead at their place of ringing.

TABLE 1 - RETRAPS

	1yr	2yrs	3yrs	4yrs	5yrs	Total
Dunnock	1					1
Robin	1	2				3
Blackbird	6	3	1	3	1	14
Mistle Thrush			1			1
Willow Warbler			1			1
Blue Tit	5	1				6
Great Tit				1		1
Greenfinch	3	3		1	1	8
Bullfinch	1	1				2
						37

TABLE 2 - RECOVERIES

	1yr	2yrs	3yrs	4yrs	5yrs	Total
Robin				1		1
Blackbird	3		1		1	5
Jay			1			1
						7

M. L. DENTON

As a result of the opening of the reservoir to the general public in 1979 and the subsequent increased and increasing disturbance to birds at the reservoir (a site of country-wide significance for its migrating birds), the Club Committee appointed a sub-committee consisting of J.E.Dale (Chairman), G.M.Yates (Secretary), B.Armitage, P.D.Bell (who later resigned for personal reasons) and M.L.Denton, which met on 14th October 1980 to consider the problems raised by this development and to draw up recommendations with a view to negotiating a formal agreement with the Yorkshire Water Authority.

After consultations with Dr J. Carr, British Ecology Society, and S. Warburton, Yorkshire Naturalists' Trust, the sub-committee approached the Y.W.A. and a site meeting was held on 22nd October 1981 with Mr J.R. Claydon and Mr H. Armitage of the Y.W.A. Subsequent to this an agreement was drawn up by the Y.W.A. which was approved by the Club Committee on 3rd February, 1982. The following are the Terms and Conditions of Use:

1. Term

- From the 3rd February 1982 subject to one month's notice in writing by either party, to expire at any time.
2. The Club shall use the land for purposes of bird watching only, and in such manner as to neither cause nor permit any damage to the property of the Authority.
3. The Club shall issue named permits to all accredited members, which are to be produced for inspection by employees of the Authority, on request.
4. Such permits shall be withdrawn immediately from any Club member causing or permitting pollution of the reservoir, and the Club shall accept full responsibility for the action of its members.
5. The Club shall indemnify the Authority against all claims howsoever arising and resulting from the Club's use of the land.
6. The Authority shall have the right to enter upon the said piece of land for any purpose connected with their undertaking without notice and without paying compensation therefore.
7. The Club will produce to the Authority on request all records and information obtained as a result of the Club's activities on the land.

8. The Club shall maintain the area of willow trees, between the hide and 150 metres to the north of hide, and shall remove all floating and rotting branches liable to interfere with the operation of the reservoir.
9. The Club shall maintain the peace and quiet of the land at all times, particularly at night, and shall not cause or permit any actions or noises which may adversely affect the Authority's tenants of Lake House, which adjoins the said land.
10. Upon determination, the Club shall quit and deliver up the land in a clean and tidy condition, free of all materials and without compensation for damage or for any other reason whatsoever.
11. The Authority for its part agrees to the following points:-
 - i) To permit access to the said land, both day and night.
 - ii) To discourage members of the public from entering the area by the erection of fences and signposting of footpaths.
 - iii) To permit the Club to plant shrubs and trees of agreed species: to be planted in mutually agreed positions.
 - iv) To permit the continued use of the hide by the Club.
 - v) To maintain the present screen of trees and shrubs along the west bank, so far as it is able to do so subject to necessary cutting and pruning.
 - vi) To discuss any other proposed recreational use of the reservoir with the Club before entering into any agreement with other bodies.

However, the Authority reserves the right to alter or vary all or any of the above points where its operational requirements so dictate and in the best interests of its estates management.

The Y.W.A. has now erected fencing at the N.W. corner by Lake House and at the S.W. corner on the S. bank. Entrance to the W. bank (permit holders only) should be by the padlocked gate - the key is the same as the Club hide key. Permits/keys may be obtained from the Treasurer and permits should be carried at all times.

The sub-committee will continue to keep a watching-brief on matters relating to the Club's use of the reservoir. The secretary of the sub-committee holds all records for the birds; also lists of flora, arachnids, coleoptera, lepidoptera (hutter flies) and amphibians.

The sub-committee wishes to express its thanks to Dr. Carr and Mr Warburton for advice; to Mr Armitage and especially Mr Claydon, of the Y.W.A., who were most helpful in bringing about this agreement.

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BRITISH BIRDS

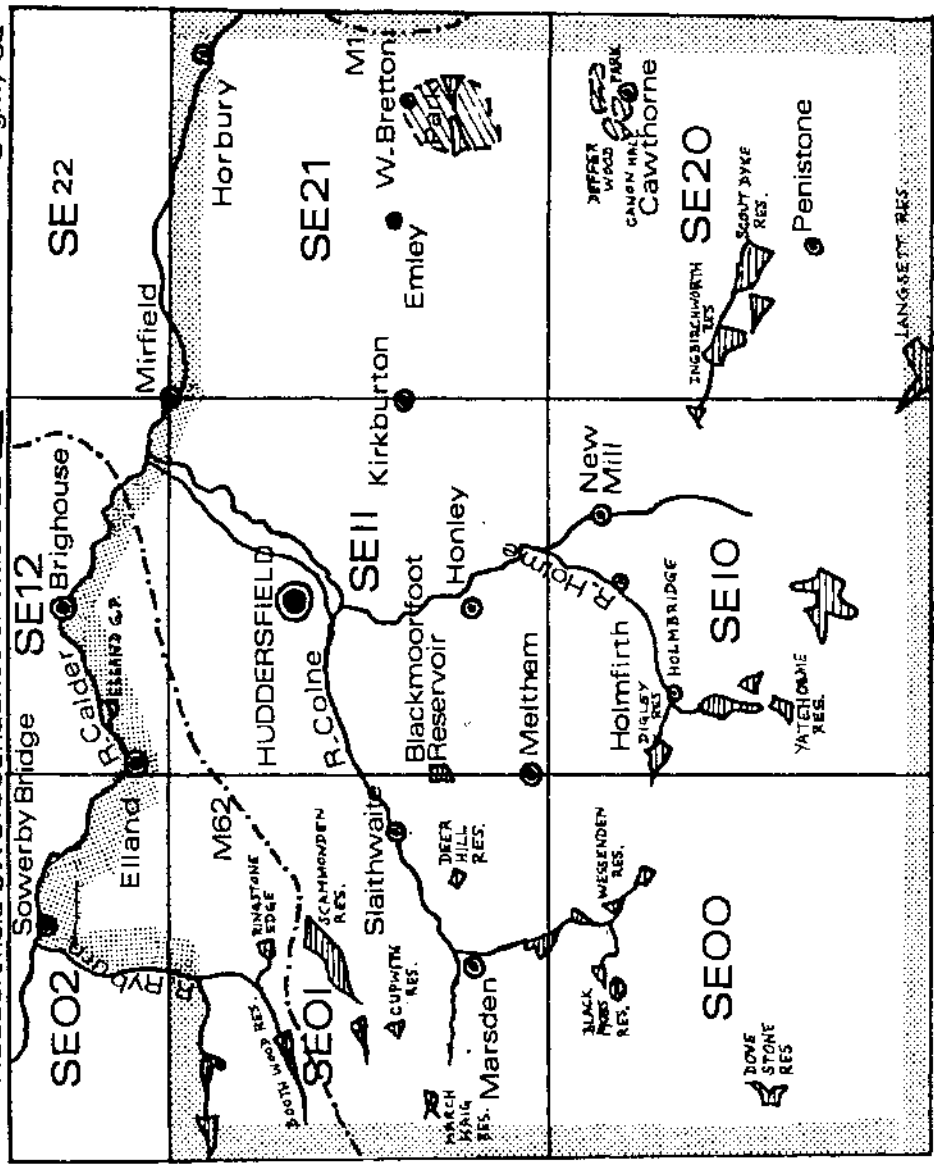
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