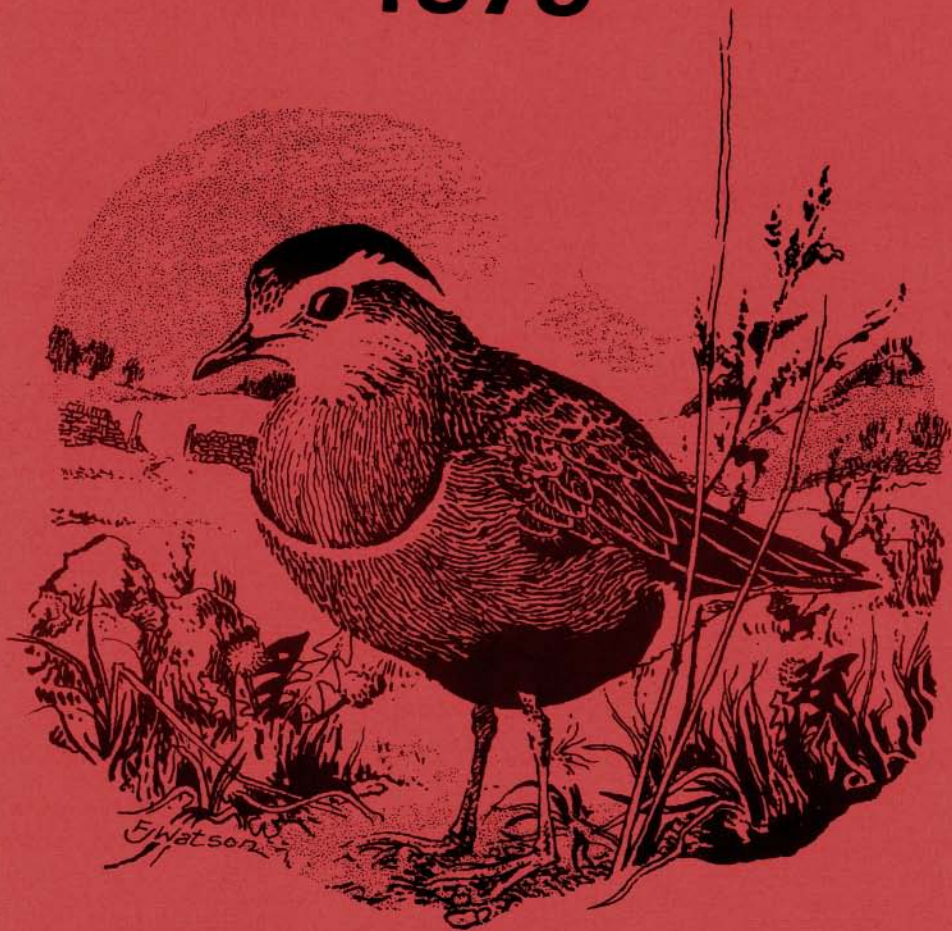


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THE VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR 1979

At the end of the year Tom Cantwell announced his intention of retiring from the post of Hon. Treasurer. Tom has held office on the Committee for eight years, four as Field Meeting Organiser and four as Treasurer. Although his active contributions to the club have certainly not ceased it is appropriate now to thank him for the devoted service and his friendly and helpful attitude particularly to newcomers.

The evening meetings at Ravensknowle continue to be a focal point of our activities, and amongst the most interesting talks were those from speakers visiting us for the first time. Roy Frost gave a comprehensive outline of "Birds in Derbyshire" and Eric Meek's Survey of "A Year on Fair Isle" was most absorbing.

The field meetings are still in need of consistent support if we are to maintain the variety and range of outings.

Bretton Park has been as popular as ever with club members due to the pleasant surroundings and excellent variety of water and woodland birds that can be observed easily. I take the opportunity of thanking the Reserves Management Committee and College Authorities for allowing members to obtain permits for visiting the grounds.

The grounds of Blackmoorfoot Reservoir have been partially opened to the general public, but the Yorkshire Water Authority are anxious that there should not be too much disturbance of wildlife, and I am sure that our good relationship with the Y.W.A. will continue.

I thank the committee members, and indeed all club members for their help and contributions through the year and hope that the present happy situation continues.

John E. Dale.

Grateful thanks are also due to Mrs. Betty Coombes for undertaking the task of typing the manuscript for the report.

INTRODUCTION TO THE CLASSIFIED LIST FOR 1979

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

As in our last four 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 realized that the figures are essentially estimates.

Precise localities for records of Schedule 1 species (Protection of Birds Acts 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.

NOTES OF THE CLASSIFIED LIST

167 species were recorded in the area in 1979 which is slightly less than in recent years and in part due to the consistently high water levels at the reservoirs resulting in fewer wader species being noted.

A near adult Ring-billed Gull at Blackmoorfoot Reservoir on 23rd December was a new species for the area and may be the first accepted for Yorkshire although two others were claimed during 1979.

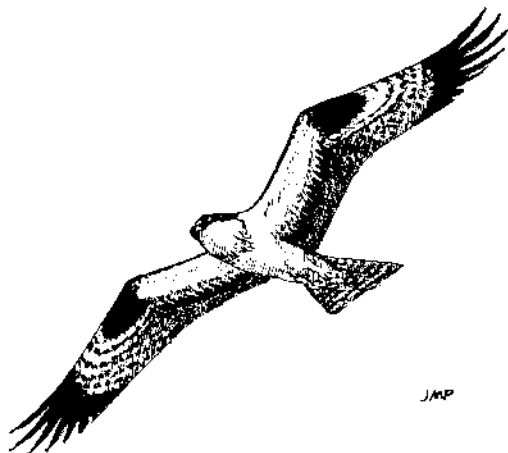
Storm Petrel and Honey Buzzard both occurred for only the third time, but perhaps more significant was the appearance of Dotterel on spring passage in the Ingbirchworth area. The 1978-79 winter which had commenced so sharply on 25th November proved to be extremely severe, and although the snow did not have the depth of 1947, nor were the frosts as prolonged as in 1963, certain species were undoubtedly reduced in the area particularly Little Grebe, Wren, Long-tailed Tit and Willow Tit and from the evidence of records received Treecreeper. Species which winter with us were mostly extremely scarce in January and February, and in some cases into March, particularly Lapwing, Golden Plover, Woodpigeon, Fieldfare and Redwing.

Pied Flycatcher bred for the first time since 1960, and Siskin, which is increasing steadily in coniferous woodlands in Northern England has now bred for two seasons and is likely to increase in future years.

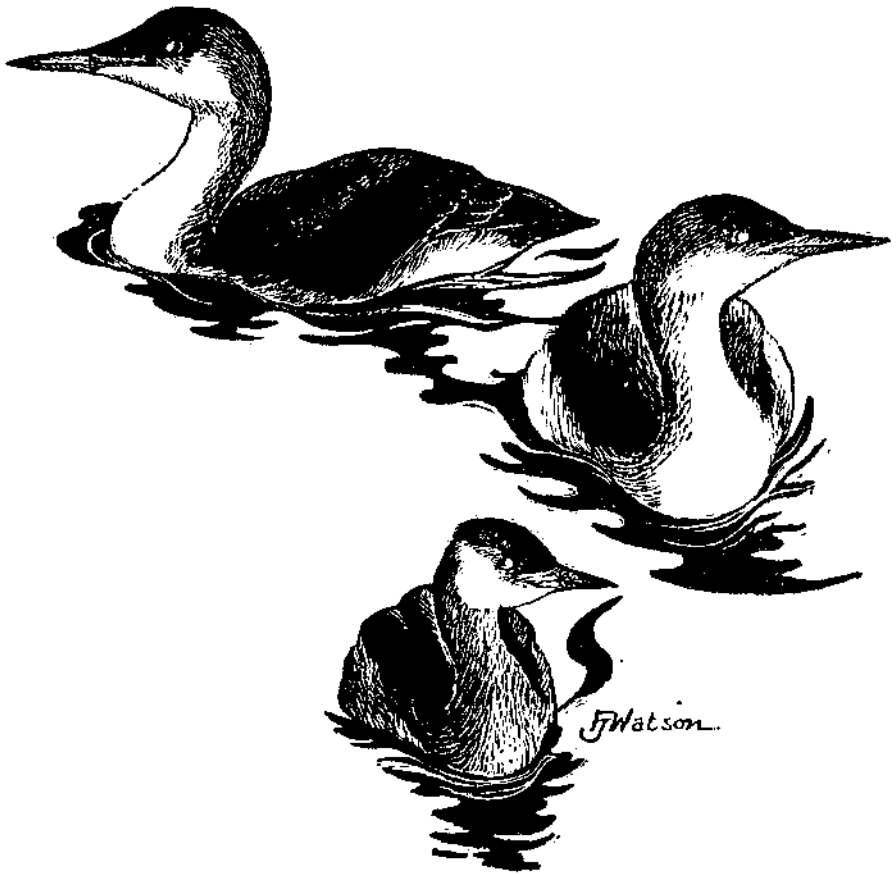
Blackmoorfoot Reservoir was visited on only 301 days but still produced some interesting records despite the lack of an exposed shore for most of the year.

The records from the log were again summarised by Paul Bray and Michael Denton and Donald Sykes were consulted on the few problem records.

John E. Dale.
Recorder.



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CLASSIFIED LIST 1979

BLACK-THROATED DIVER Gavia arctica

Rare visitor

Two at Elland gravel pit from 17th to 25th February (D.I.C.)
J.E.D. et al) Fifth record.

GREAT NORTHERN DIVER Gavia immer

Rare visitor

One at Ingbirchworth Reservoir on 23rd December (P.D.B.)
Ninth record.

LITTLE GREBE Tachybaptus ruficollis

Resident breeder (1) Uncommon passage and winter visitor.
Considerable decline after the severe winter.

One to two at Bretton Park to March and at Ingbirchworth to
14th April; single at Lockwood brewery dam from 10th February
to 11th March, at Gunthwaite on 13th March and two at Scout Dike
on 5th April. One found dead at Bretton on 29th August and
one there during October. One to two at Blackmoorfoot from
10th August to 18th November and at Ingbirchworth from 24th
October to 9th November. No proof of breeding.

GREAT CRESTED GREBE Podiceps cristatus

Resident breeder (1) Uncommon passage visitor.

Singles during January at Ingbirchworth, Baitings, Elland and
Gunthwaite (where one was found dead) then no more until March
when they became generally distributed with a maximum of 11
at Bretton Park on 31st. Bred at Bretton where 2 pairs
reared 3 young; at Ingbirchworth 1 pair with 3 young and at
Scout Dike 3 pairs with 8 young.

Numbers declined during autumn but one to two were still at
the breeding waters in December. Elsewhere one at Longwood
on 21st May; 2 at Ringstone Edge on 4th July and 9th October,
and at Blackmoorfoot 23 bird days between 15th March and 21st
October

RED-NECKED GREBE Podiceps grisegena

Rare visitor

One at Elland gravel pit from 18th February to 4th March
(J.E.D. et al)
Sixth record.

STORM PETREL Hydrobates pelagicus

Rare visitor.

One picked up by the canal near Brighouse on 14th August
had been ringed on Skokholm in 1968. The bird died later
(B.T.O. Bulletin)
Third record.

CORMORANT Phalacrocorax carbo

Scarce to uncommon passage and winter visitor
After three years of increased occurrence showed a decline
to former status

Singles at Blackmoorfoot Reservoir on 27th April, 10th
September and 9th November, and in the Yateholme area one
on 12th May and two flying South on 8th November.

SHAG Phalacrocorax aristotelis

Rare visitor.

One at Bretton Park on 9th December (D.P.)

Fifth record.

GREY HERON Ardea cinerea

Uncommon to common passage and winter visitor.

From the evidence of a reduced number of sightings and lower
maxima the species appears to have decreased.

Sightings at 24 localities the most regular being Gunthwaite
Dam (mainly singles on 43 days but 4 on 11th August;

Ingbirchworth Reservoir (one to two on 52 days with 4 on
5th July); Bretton Park (one to three on 33 days); Blackmoor-
foot Reservoir (17 bird days) and also 4 at Crooklands Bridge
on 4th July and at Yateholme on 29th October.

MUTE SWAN Cygnus olor

Resident breeder (1)

Pairs present all year at Bretton Park (two young reared)
Cannon Hall and Birds Edge. Singles at Aspley, Elland and
Gunthwaite during the first three months and at Slaithwaite
in December. Pairs at Burnlee on 29th March and on a small
dam near Holmfirth on 23rd September.

BEWICK'S SWAN Cygnus columbianus

Uncommon winter visitor. *Birdstones 24/11 = 2*

All during December. At Ingbirchworth Reservoir 40 on 13th;
at Ringstone Edge Reservoir 25 on 15th and 26 on 26th and at
Scout Dike Reservoir one on 29th

PINK-FOOTED GOOSE Anser brachyrhynchus

Uncommon to common passage visitor.

118 west-north-west over Blackmoorfoot Reservoir on 24th
February and 20 over Silkstone Common on 8th December.

GREYLAG GOOSE Anser anser

Uncommon passage visitor.

One at Bretton Park on 16th December.

CANADA GOOSE Branta canadensis

Resident breeder (1). Partial migrant.
At Bretton Park at least 46 young reared from 9 broods.
Record maximum of 202 on 12th December. Less than 10
elsewhere at 5 localities on only 7 dates, but during June
a genuine movement with 12 at Scout Dike on 11th; 26 at
Broadstones on 12th and 2 over Blackmoorfoot on 15th.

BARNACLE GOOSE Branta leucopsis

Rare visitor
One at Bretton Park from 25th to 27th May

BRENT GOOSE Branta bernicla

Rare visitor.
One dark-bellied bird at the Wyke, Horbury on 10th March
seemed quite nervous and probably wild (P.S.)

SHELDUCK Tadorna tadorna

Uncommon to common passage visitor.
Smallest number of records since 1973.
Blackmoorfoot Reservoir Singles on 6th, 8th and 27th March;
2 on 19th and 1 on 24th and 29th April and 1st May; 9 on
7th and 1 on 25th August; 1 on 26th and 10 on 27th September
and 4 on 4th and 1 on 10th November.
Elland G.P. 1 on 18th February; Woodhead 8 on 8th April, at
Ingbirchworth Reservoir 1 on 6th September, and Langsett
Reservoir 3 on 8th December. *Royd Moor 28/4 = 51,*

WIGEON Anas penelope

Common passage and winter visitor
Bretton Park. Singles on 1st January and 24th February and
during October 16 on 7th, 5 on 14th and 21st and 6 on 27th.
Elland G.P. 3 on 22nd and 25th February
Horbury Singles on 27th February and 10th March
Scout Dike Reservoir 4 on 3rd March; 1 on 29th September;
14 on 4th and 2 on 7th October and 1 on 22nd December.
Ingbirchworth Reservoir 2 on 17th April and 1 on 29th August;
1 to 6 from 23rd to 30th September; in October 9 on 2nd,
5 on 7th and 1 to 4 from 12th to 22nd; 1 to 2 from 15th to
18th November and 2 to 3 on 24th and from 28th to 30th December.
Blackmoorfoot Reservoir 25 days from 5th August (4) to 16th
December with a maximum of 36 on 2nd October.
Gunthwaite Dam 2 on 11th September and 1 to 2 from 5th to 8th
October.
Langsett Reservoir 5 on 23rd September and 5 on 27th October
Ringstone Edge Reservoir 16 on 23rd September.
Digley Reservoir 9 on 4th October.
Royd Moor Reservoir 3 on 14th October and 1 on 16th and 3 on
23rd December.

GADWALL Anas strepera

Scarce passage and winter visitor.

Bretton Park 7 on 30th September, and then during October 4 on 6th and 7th, 5 on 14th, 20th and 21st; 4 on 25th, 3 on 27th and 6 on 3rd November.

TEAL Anas crecca

Resident breeder (1). Common passage and winter visitor. Bred at Black Moss, Cupwith and Horbury the latter being a new breeding area. Other pairs at Deanhead and Digley. Occurred at 16 waters with maxima as follows:-Scammonden Dam 23 on 3rd March; Blackmoorfoot Reservoir 32 on 31st August; Royd Moor Reservoir 18 on 1st September; Gunthwaite Dam 15 on 1st and 4th September; Ingbirchworth Reservoir 17 on 5th September and at Ringstone Edge Reservoir 15 on 9th December.

MALLARD Anas platyrhynchos

Resident Breeder (2 - 3) Common winter visitor. Maximum counts:- Bretton Park 200 on 5th January and 222 in November; Blackmoorfoot Reservoir 76 on 7th January; Elland G.P. 69 on 18th February; Scammonden Dam 77 on 3rd March; Horbury 54 on 20th June and Ingbirchworth Reservoir 71 on 27th August; Langsett Reservoir 133 on 14th January.

PINTAIL Anas acuta

Uncommon passage and winter visitor.

Ingbirchworth Reservoir 1 on 24th August; 6 on 9th October; 6 on 11th November and 4 on 15th December.

Langsett Reservoir 1 on 23rd September and 2 on 4th October.

Blackmoorfoot Reservoir 1 on 25th and 28th September; 2 on 2nd, 1 on 4th and 5th and 3 on 9th October and 1 on 1st December.

Bretton Park 11 on 7th October.

Scrub Oak Ls 14/10 = 3.

GARGANEY Anas querquedula

Rare summer visitor

A pair at Ingbirchworth Reservoir on 2nd August (J.E.D.) Sixth record.

SHOVELER Anas clypeata

Uncommon passage and winter visitor

Digley Reservoir 2 on 1st April

Ingbirchworth Reservoir 2 on 8th April; 1 on 18th and 27th August; 5 on 5th and 2 on 19th and 1 on 29th September and 2 on 26th December

Gunthwaite Dam 2 on 9th April

Wessenden 1 on 24th June.

Ringstone Edge Reservoir 8 on 27th July.

Blackmoorfoot Reservoir 4 on 27th July; 2 on 6th and 22nd and 14 on 31st August; 2 on 10th and 28th September and 3 on 7th and 1 on 9th October.

POCHARD Aythya ferina

Common passage and winter visitor

Blackmoorfoot Reservoir Small numbers on a few dates to 13th April then more regular from 4th July with a maximum of 27 on 2nd October.

Bretton Park 2 on 1st January then up to 13 during March and last on 20th April. Regular from 6th October (25) to the year end with maximum of 62 on 16th December.

Elland G.P. Maximum of 48 on 1st January and present to end of March. This was the only water of significant size to remain open during the cold spell.

Ingbirchworth Reservoir Present on at least 30 days from 4th July with a maximum of 12 on 12th July.

Single figures at Scammonden, Gunthwaite, Royd Moor, Lockwood brewery dam (1 on 21st January and 8th February and 2 on 10th) and at Scout Dike Reservoir 14 on 28th December.

TUFTED DUCK Aythya fuligula

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

Two pairs bred at Bretton Park and one pair each at Gunthwaite Dam and at Black Moss and Bilberry reservoirs. Maximum numbers were quite low and apart from 22 at Bretton Park in August with maxima of 36 at Ingbirchworth on 13th and 43 at Blackmoorfoot on 27th. 13 other waters with usually less than 10 birds.

SCAUP Aythya marila

Scarce to uncommon passage and winter visitor.

Blackmoorfoot Reservoir 1 on 22nd and 23rd June and 2 on 7th August.

Ringstone Edge Reservoir 1 on 25th August and 4th September; 2 on 22nd and 1 on 23rd September and 1 on 28th December.

Scout Dike Reservoir 1 on 29th and 30th September;
December?

COMMON SCOTER Melanitta nigra

Scarce to uncommon passage visitor.

Langsett Reservoir 2 on 7th April, 2 on 7th January.

Baitings Reservoir 1 on 4th August.

Blackmoorfoot Reservoir 4 on 7th August.

Ringstone Edge Reservoir 5 on 23rd September.

VELVET SCOTER Melanitta fusca

Scarce visitor

Four on Langsett Reservoir on 7th January (J.M.Turton)

GOLDENEYE Buccphala clangula

Uncommon passage and winter visitor.

Blackmoorfoot Reservoir: Smaller numbers than in previous years with the early maximum only 5 on 19th April before the last 2 on 8th May. First return of 4 on 26th October and late maximum 8 on 16th December. Occurred on 12 other waters with the only maximum exceeding 4 being 6 at Digley Reservoir on 7th January and 5 at Elland G.P. on 21st February. One at Lockwood brewery dam on 8 days from January to 11th April.

RED-BREASTED MERGANISER Merqus serrator

Scarce visitor

Hinchcliffe Mill One flew up and down river on 9th January presumably seeking open water (N.L.)

Blackmoorfoot Reservoir Singles on 12th July and 4th November (M.L.D.) and 3 on 9th October (P.D.B.).

Digley Reservoir 2 on 30th September

GOOSANDER Merqus merganser

Scarce to uncommon passage and winter visitor.

Elland G.P. Singles in January on 1st, 14th, 21st with 3 on 13th and 2 on 27th; 1 on 24th and 25th February; and in March singles on 17 dates from 2nd to 22nd and 4 on 4th

Ingbirchworth Reservoir 2 on 9th and 10th March

Blackmoorfoot Reservoir 1 on 10th and 2 on 13th March and 1 on 26th October.

Deerhill Reservoir 1 on 1st May

Langsett Reservoir 5 on 27th January, 2 on 23rd November and 2 on 16th December.

HONEY BUZZARD Pernis apivorus

Rare visitor

One over Deffer Wood on 28th July (P.B.) Third record.

GOSHAWK Accipiter gentilis

Rare visitor

Sightings at four localities during the winter.

SPARROWHAWK Accipiter nisus

Resident breeder (1)

Evidence of pairs breeding at six localities. Two of the pairs reared 5 and 4 young respectively. The total number of sightings continues to increase.

BUZZARD Buteo buteo

Rare visitor.

One over Cawthorne Park on 11th March (P.B.)

Ingbirchworth area 31/8 → 9/9 = 1 in area (Ingbirchworth Ringing Group - JSA)

OSPREY Pandion haliaetus

Rare visitor

Singles at Dewsbury S.F. on 12th September (N.P.S.), at Bretton Park on 6th October (N.L.) and at Digley Reservoir on 27th October (A.R.). The latter bird was relocated at Brownhill Reservoir where it remained until at least the 6th November (J.E.D. et al). Seventh to ninth record.

KESTREL Falco tinnunculus

Resident breeder (2)

Breeding proved for only 2 pairs and family parties at 4 other sites.

MERLIN Falco columbarius

Resident breeder (1)

As only one pair bred rearing two young this indicates a decline in this locally threatened species. Sightings at 12 localities outside the breeding season with 7 bird days at Blackmoorfoot.

PEREGRINE Falco peregrinus

Rare visitor.

Singles in the Penistone area on 10th February (B.P.) and on 22nd March (F.J.W.).

RED GROUSE Lagopus lagopus

Resident breeder (3)

At least 65 on Ringstone Edge on 9th January.

RED-LEGGED PARTRIDGE Alectoris rufa

Resident breeder (1).

One to three in the Ingbirchworth/Gunthwaite area on 13 dates between 15th April and 15th September and 5 by Broadstones Lane on 4th November. Singles at Merrydale on 28th March and between Deerhill and Blackmoorfoot on 27th October and 2 each at Horbury on 18th and at Bretton on 29th April.

GREY PARTRIDGE Perdix perdix

Resident breeder (2)

On snow covered ground on 1st January when the species was easy to observe 43 were at West Bretton; 18 near Bretton Park; 25 near Cawthorne and 6 near Deffer Wood.

QUAIL Coturnix coturnix

Rare summer visitor.

Singles calling at Whitley Common on 19th May (J.M.D.)
and near Ingbirchworth Reservoir on 9th June (F.J.W.)

PHEASANT Phasianus colchicus

Resident breeder (2 - 3)

WATER RAIL Rallus aquaticus

Scarce to uncommon winter visitor

Bretton Park Singles on 4 days in January and 2 in February
with 2 on 4th and 7th February. One on 8th December.

Elland G.P. One on 6 days between 6th January and 10th
February.

MOORHEN Gallinula chloropus

Resident breeder (3)

COOT Fulica atra

Resident breeder (2) Common winter visitor.

As in 1978 the winter maximum at Bretton Park was again low
with only 10 remaining in March after the severe spell. 56
during October down to 38 at the year end were the peak
autumn counts. Pairs bred at Blackmoorfoot Reservoir (1),
Bretton Park (at least 6), Horbury (2) and Ingbirchworth
Reservoir (2) and were present at three other sites.

OYSTERCATCHER Haematopus ostralegus

Uncommon passage visitor.

Blackmoorfoot Reservoir Singles on 22nd, 26th and 30th
July; 2 on 8th and 11th and 6 on 15th August.

Scammonden valley 2 on 25th July.

On 15th August 2 at Deerhill Reservoir and singles at
Baitings and Ringstone Edge Reservoirs. 4 flew WNW over
Scout Dike on 18th August. One over Lindley on 23rd April.

LITTLE RINGED PLOVER Charadrius dubius

Scarce summer visitor that has bred occasionally.

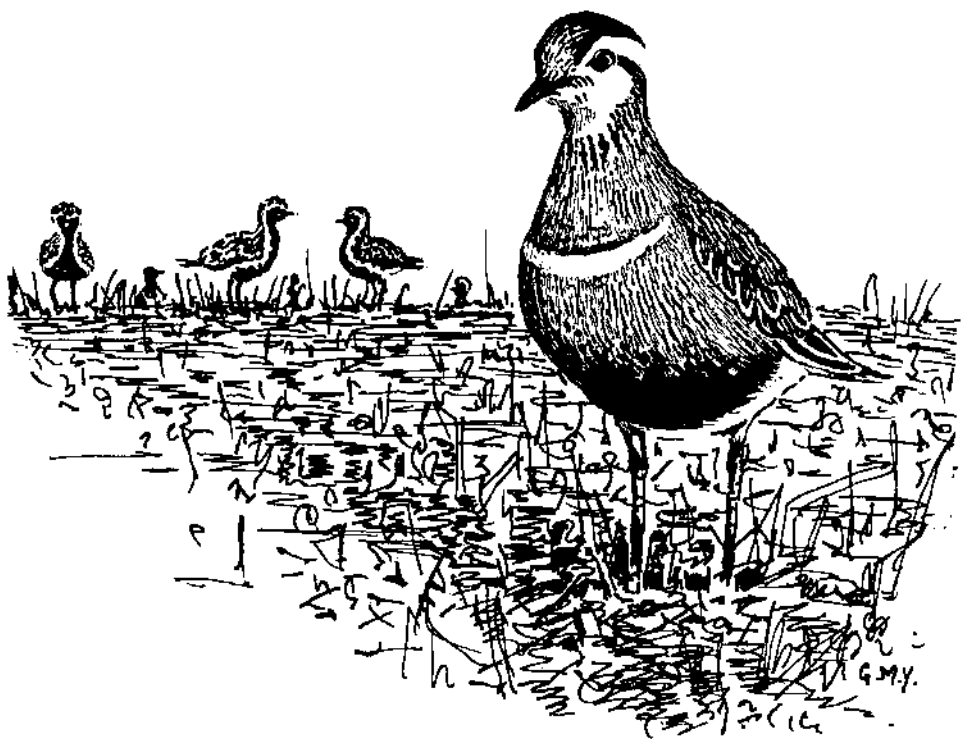
Singles at Winscar Reservoir on 9th and 13th June and at
Blackmoorfoot Reservoir on 10th July.

RINGED PLOVER Charadrius hiaticula

Uncommon passage visitor.

Fewer records than in any year since 1973.

All singles as follows:- at Blackmoorfoot on 12th May;
Gunthwaite on 30th June; Deerhill Reservoir on 6th August
and 23rd September; Ringstone Edge Reservoir on 12th August
and at Ingbirchworth Reservoir on 1st October.



DOTTEREL Charadrius morinellus

Rare visitor.

One near Greenlay Carr Farm on 26th April (F.J.W.) and 6 off Spicer House Lane on 20th May and on the morning of 21st (C.B.) with 2 remaining to 22nd. Fourth and fifth records.

GOLDEN PLOVER Pluvialis apricaria

Migrant breeder (2 - 3) Common passage and winter visitor. None remained in the area during January and February. During March 900 at Grange Moor on 1st; 100 at Blackmoorfoot on 24th; 165 at Ringstone Edge on 25th and 200 at Grime Lane near Ingbirchworth on 27th. Numbers increased during April and May with 310 at Ringstone Edge on 18th April and a maximum of 432 Northern birds at Whitley Common on 5th May and up to 100 Southern birds at nearby feeding areas. Autumn numbers were low except for the flock at New Hall which peaked at 730 on 11th November and still had 400 at the year end. 200 at Whitley Common on 1st September was the maximum for that area.

GREY PLOVER Pluvialis squatarola

Scarce passage visitor.

Blackmoorfoot Reservoir 1 on 14th July and 2 on 2nd October.
Ingbirchworth Reservoir 1 on 26th October.

LAPWING Vanellus vanellus

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

Few during January but an obvious return in late February with 60 over Crosland Hill on 22nd, 250 at Blackmoorfoot on 24th and 70 at Ingbirchworth on 25th. During March 100 at Ringstone Edge on 3rd and 150 near Ingbirchworth on 4th where many pairs were displaying by 25th despite snow cover. During August 400 at Digley on 4th; 390 at Blackmoorfoot on 13th and 500 at Broadstones on 19th. Ingbirchworth area had at least 880 on 9th October and 840 on 11th November when there were 600 at New Hall which had 500 to the year end. 700 by Spicer House Lane on 15th December.

KNOT Calidris canutus

Scarce passage visitor.

One on 3rd November at Blackmoorfoot Reservoir.

SANDERLING Calidris alba

Scarce passage visitor.

One on 21st August at Blackmoorfoot Reservoir.

Ingbirchworth Res 24/10 = 1 (Ingbirchworth Ringing Group - per JSa)

DUNLIN Calidris alpina

Migrant Breeder (2). Uncommon passage and winter visitor. Singles at Elland G.P. on 18th February and at Blackmoorfoot Reservoir on 6th January where the first 3 returning were on 14th April and also the maximum of 10 on 17th August and the last 2 on 3rd November. Singles only elsewhere and the only breeding season records from Blackmoorfoot during June.

RUFF Philomachus pugnax

Scarce passage visitor.
One at Blackmoorfoot Reservoir on 11th August.

JACK SNIFE Lymnocyptes minimus

Scarce passage and winter visitor.
Blackmoorfoot Reservoir Singles on 6th January; 17th and 20th March and 23rd and 27th October.
Elland G.P. Singles on 24th February and 18th March.

SNIFE Gallinago gallinago

Resident breeder (3). Common passage and winter visitor. During severe weather 17 in a marshy field at Grimescar on 4th March.

Autumn maxima at regular feeding sites:-

Ringstone Edge Reservoir 20 on 4th September.

Ingbirchworth Reservoir 73 on 19th October.

Blackmoorfoot Reservoir 50 on 26th October.

WOODCOCK Scolopax rusticola

Resident breeder (2). Uncommon winter visitor. Roding at 9 localities during May and June. Singles at 5 localities during January and February.

BAR-TAILED GODWIT Limosa lapponica

Scarce passage visitor
One at Blackmoorfoot Reservoir on 20th July.
Scout Dike Res. 12/8 = 2 Ad 4930 (J.R. Group - JSA)

WHIMBREL Numenius phaeopus

Scarce to uncommon passage visitor.
Ingbirchworth Reservoir 4 WNW on 17th April.
Broadstones Reservoir 2 W on 4th May
Scammonden 1 W on 19th May
Yatcholme 1 NE on 26th May
Ringstone Edge Reservoir 1 on 27th July.
Blackmoorfoot Reservoir 1 W on 6th August.
Royd Moor Res. 1 W with 2 Curlews 28/4.

CURLEW Numenius arquata

Migrant breeder (2). Common passage visitor.
One at Blackmoorfoot Reservoir on 27th January.
First to return in March was one at Elland G.P. on
3rd followed by small numbers at Digley, Blackmoorfoot
and Scammonden, before a flock build up commenced at
Ingbirchworth on 12th reaching 41 on 15th then down to 27
on 26th. 42 W over Dewsbury S.F. on 23rd March and 18
near Digley on 12th April. Bred successfully in upland
areas. Pairs again present in the breeding season at
Bretton and near Gunthwaite. The last one over Edgerton
on 4th October.

SPOTTED REDSHANK Tringa erythropus

Scarce passage visitor.
One at Blackmoorfoot Reservoir on 18th September.

REDSHANK Tringa totanus

Migrant breeder (2). Uncommon passage visitor.
Present in the Calder Valley during March with 9 at The
Wyke, Horbury on 25th. First evidence of returning birds
were singles over Thick Hollins on 18th, at Blackmoorfoot on
23rd, at Cupwith on 26th and at Broadstones on 27th March.
Bred near Ingbirchworth, at Winscar and at Black Moss. Last
one at Blackmoorfoot Reservoir on 8th October.

GREENSHANK Tringa nebularia

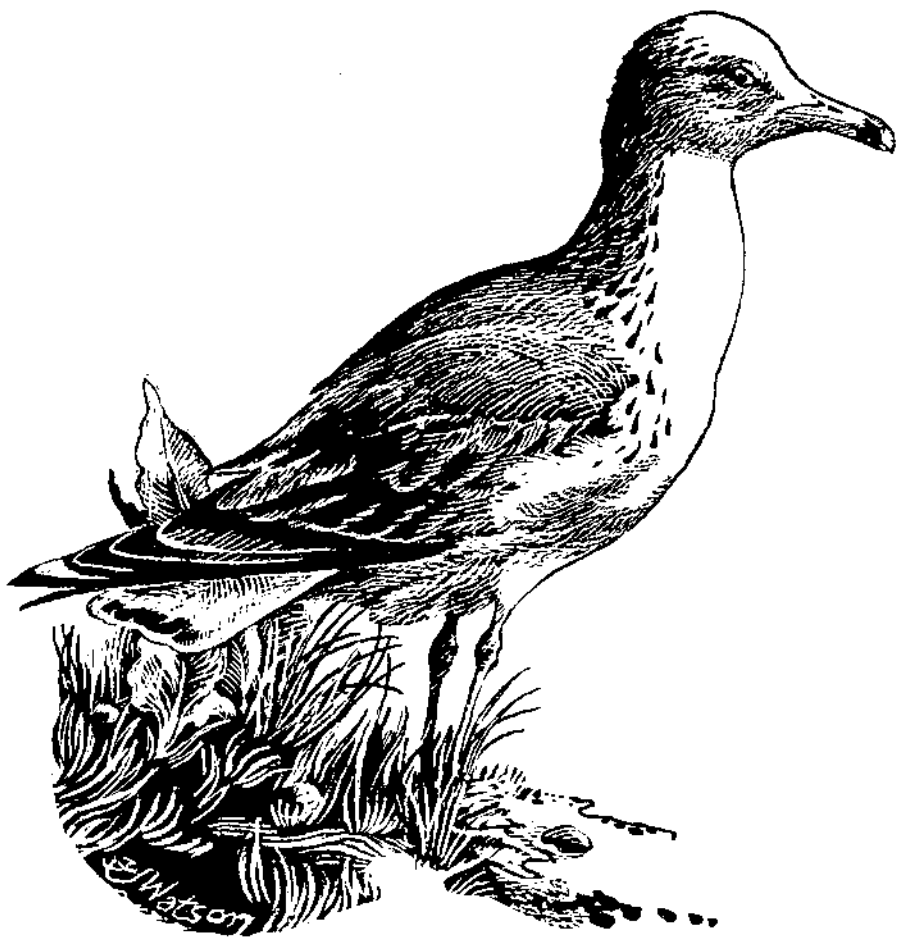
Uncommon passage visitor.
Ringstone Edge Reservoir 1 on 29th July.
Blackmoorfoot Reservoir 1 on 10th August and 9 on 19th,
and 2 on 5th September.
Scout Dike Reservoir 1 on 27th August.
Ingbirchworth Reservoir Singles on 1st and from 7th to
13th October. 6/10 = 5 (Ingbirchworth Ringing Group).

GREEN SANDPIPER Tringa ochropus

Uncommon passage and winter visitor.
Bretton Park 1 on 26th and 28th January.
Push Dam, Shepley 1 on 14th October.
Royd Moor Reservoir 1 on 18th November.
Scout Dike Reservoir 1 on 22nd December. } 18/8 = 1.
to year end.

COMMON SANDPIPER Actitis hypoleucos

Migrant breeder (2). Uncommon passage visitor.
First one at Blackmoorfoot on 13th April then singles at
Digley on 17th and Gunthwaite on 20th and two at Broadstones
on 21st. Pairs at 8 localities during June. Maximum at
Blackmoorfoot Reservoir on 4th July with the last one also
there on 4th September.



LITTLE GULL, Larus minutus

Scarce passage visitor.
One at Blackmoorfoot Reservoir on 23rd July.

BLACK-HEADED GULL Larus ridibundus

Resident breeder (3) Numerous passage and winter visitor.
Blackmoorfoot Reservoir Roost maxima of 2,500 on 12th
January and 3,700 on 27th December.
Ringstone Edge Reservoir Maximum of 600 on 27th August.
Ingbirchworth Reservoir 500 during March and early October.
Black Moss gullery had 180 sitting on 1st June but apparently
success rate was poor, only 46 young were caught and ringed
and not many more were present.
Langsett Reservoir 2,500 on 28th November.

RING-BILLED GULL Larus delawarensis

Scarce visitor.
One sub-adult at Blackmoorfoot Reservoir on 23rd December
(J.E.D.). First record. Accepted by British Birds
Rarities Committee.

COMMON GULL Larus canus

Numerous winter and passage visitor.
Maximum counts at Blackmoorfoot Reservoir of 800 on 7th
April and on 27th and 31st December.

LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL Larus fuscus

Numerous passage and winter visitors with non-breeders present
during the summer.
Rather low maxima at Blackmoorfoot Reservoir of 190 on 6th
April and 250 on 17th October.

HERRING GULL Larus argentatus

Numerous passage and winter visitor.
Blackmoorfoot Reservoir Roost maxima of 70 on 13th January
and 200 on 28th December.
Ringstone Edge Reservoir 60 on 29th December.

ICELAND GULL Larus glaucooides

Scarce winter visitor.
One adult at Blackmoorfoot Reservoir on 13th January (M.L.D.)

GLAUCOUS GULL Larus hyperboreus

Scarce winter visitor.

Blackmoorfoot Reservoir One adult on 12th and 13th January (M.L.D., P.D.B.); one adult on 17th October (G.M.Y.) and a second winter bird on 24th December (J.E.D., P.D.B.)

Royd Moor Reservoir One immature on 14th January (J.S.A. et al)

Sparth Reservoir One adult on 26th March (P.D.B.)

Langsett Reservoir One on 8th December (R.Wells)

GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL Larus marinus

Common winter visitor.

Blackmoorfoot Reservoir Roost maxima of 200 on 7th January and 100 on 31st December.

Ringstone Edge Reservoir Maxima of 71 on 13th January and 31st December.

Langsett Reservoir 100 on 13th January.

KITTIWAKE Rissa tridactyla

Scarce passage visitor.

Elland G.P. 1 on 17th March.

Blackmoorfoot Reservoir 2 on 31st March; 2 on 1st and 1 on 3rd and 6th April.

Ingbirchworth Res 1/4 = 41 adults → E 0315 (Ingbirchworth Ringing Group)

COMMON and ARCTIC TERNS Sterna hirundo/paradisaca

Uncommon passage visitors

Suprisingly none were identified as Common Terns although some were established to be Arctic Terns.

Blackmoorfoot Reservoir 2 on 29th June; a total of 19 (17 Arctic) on 21st July and 1 on 28th; during August 1 on 3rd and 10th, 2 (Arctic) on 14th, 5 (Arctic) on 17th and 2 on 17th and 21st; in September 1 on 10th, 2 on 28th and on 29th 1 (Arctic) found dead.

Ingbirchworth Reservoir 1 on 10th and 3 on 22nd July (ARCTIC)

Scout Dike Reservoir 1 on 27th July. 29/7 = 1 (COMMON) 26/8 = 1.

Royd Moor Reservoir 5 on 18th August.

LITTLE TERN Sterna albifrons

Rare to scarce passage visitor.

Three at Blackmoorfoot Reservoir on 28th July (M.L.D.)

BLACK TERN Chlidonias niger

Scarce passage visitor.

Ingbirchworth Reservoir 9 on 11th June and 1 on 17th October.

Blackmoorfoot Reservoir 2 on 23rd July; 3 and 3 on 17th August and 6 on 15th September.

Scout Dike Reservoir 1 on 19th August.

STOCK DOVE Columba oenas

Resident breeder (3) Common winter visitor.
A flock of 30 near Ingbirchworth in August was the largest noted. 15 were near Broadstones on 8th October and a total of a further 38 moved W during the day.

WOODPIGEON Columba palumbus

Resident breeder (4) Numerous winter visitor.
Only small numbers in the area up to March when flocks of from 100 to 300 were at four localities and over 600 were at Margery Wood on 10th. Autumn numbers were also low, the maximum at the year end being 400 E over Hartcliffe Hill on 30th December.

COLLARED DOVE Streptopelia decaocto

Resident breeder (3)

TURTLE DOVE Streptopelia turtus

Migrant breeder (1 - 2)
One on 5th May at Deffer Wood was the first. Singing males were at Bank Wood, Coxley Valley and Deffer Wood during June. *Royal Moor Res 19-20/5 = 1.*

CUCKOO Cuculus canorus

Migrant breeder (2)
First singles on 1st May at Bretton Park and Stocks' Moor and the last one at Deerhill on 5th September. Apparently more numerous than usual occurring at 21 localities during June.

BARN OWL Tyto alba

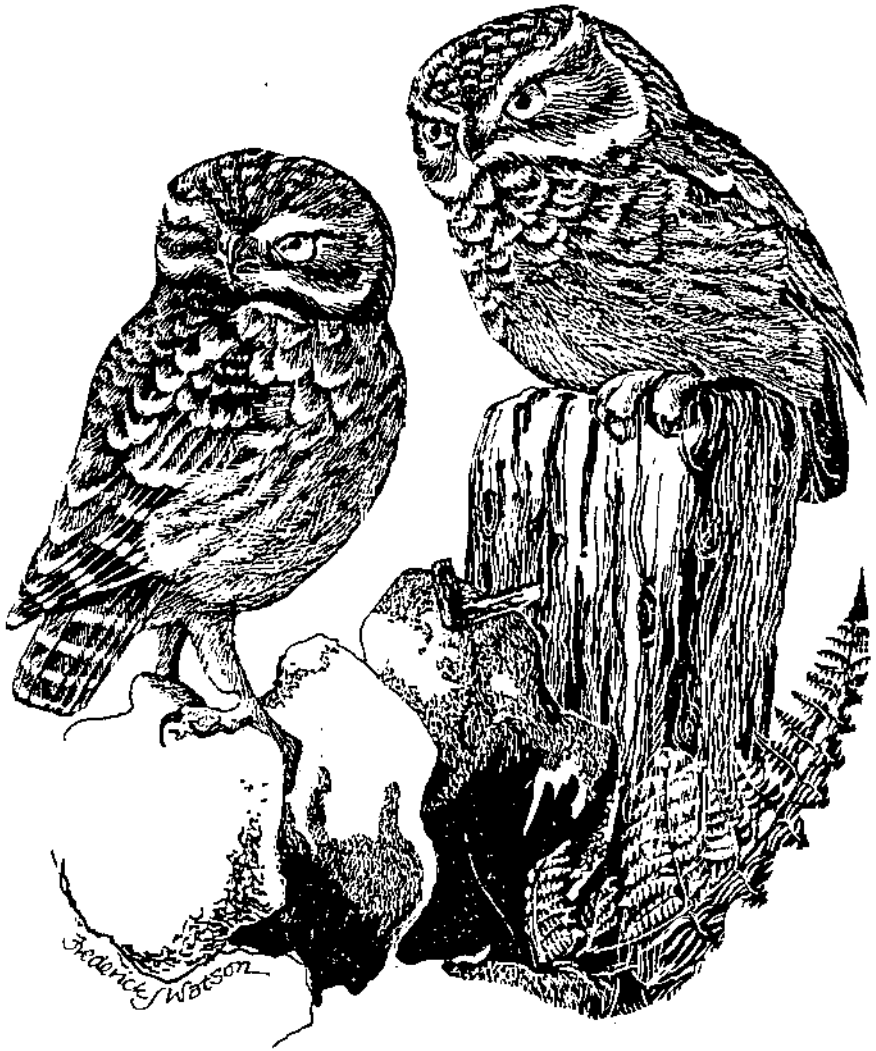
Resident breeder (1)
Singles at Emley Woodhouse on 1st March; at Lepton Edge on 6th November and at Shepley on 22nd July and 21st December. *Nr Scout Dike 14/10 = 1.*

LITTLE OWL Athene noctua

Resident breeder (2)
Breeding proved at Scammonden, Lindley Moor and Digley, and pairs also at Cawthorne, Gunthwaite, Ingbirchworth and near Blackmoorfoot. Singles at 12 other localities.

TAWNY OWL Strix aluco

Resident breeder (2)
Although still obviously under-recorded more reports than usual were received with breeding proved at 5 sites and Probable at 4 more sites.



LONG-EARED OWL Asio otus

Resident breeder (1)

Birds present at two of the breeding sites in June and July. One caught at Royd Moor on the 17th June that had been ringed at Lagsett in 1977.

SHORT-EARED OWL Asio flammeus

Resident breeder (1) Scarce passage and winter visitor. In the general upland area W of Ingbirchworth singles were seen on two days in January and on one in March, and then from 1 to 3 on 10 days between 11th April and 6th May. One at Blackmoorfoot on 10th April then 1 to 2 on 9 days on moorlands between Black Moss and Snailsden from late April to 27th June. Singles on 26th March and 6th April at Scammonden and Slaithwaite Moor after which a pair were present from 14th May and probably reared 2 young the last being seen on 20th October.

SWIFT Apus apus

Migrant breeder (3)

First 7 at Bretton Park on 8th May the main arrival 18th to 20th May. Over 300 feeding at Ingbirchworth Reservoir during the last week of May and mid June. The latest records were one at Dalton on 25th September and four at Shepley on 2nd October.

KINGFISHER Alcedo atthis

Resident breeder (1)

This species suffers during severe winters so despite a decline from the peak year of 1978 the numbers recorded were encouraging. At Bretton Park singles on 9 days to 1st April and on 2 days from 25th October. Sightings in various stretches of the Colne Valley in March, June and December. In the Holme valley one was shot by youths during August and another came near a Thongsbridge bird table on 6th December. Four sightings by Black Brook in July and August. Occasional sightings by the Calder near Elland through the year. Singles by the canal at Queen St. South on 21st June; at Ingbirchworth on 8th June; at Gunthwaite on 10th July and at Shepley on 18th December.

GREEN WOODPECKER Picus viridis

Resident breeder (2)

A decrease in the total number reported. Bretton Park had 1 to 2 every month except February and September. Other breeding season records from Booth Wood, Brockholes and Royd Moor. Noted in the autumn at Honley, Grimescar, Yateholme and Digley.

GREAT SPOTTED WOODPECKER Dendrocopus major

Resident breeder (2)

Breeding proved at Hagg Wood, Brockholes and Beaumont Park, and probable at Deffer Wood, Digley and Edgerton and also noted regularly at Bretton Park and Grimescarr Wood. Singles at 9 other localities and regular feeding visits of at least 2 to a Fenay Lane garden in the winter.

LESSER SPOTTED WOODPECKER Dendrocopus minor

Resident breeder (1)

An exceptionally good year with breeding attempted at 3 new sites. A pair visiting a hole at Gunthwaite for at least two weeks in late June did not apparently rear young but a pair at Ronscliffe Wood were feeding young at the same date. At Grimescarr Wood 4 young were fledged by a third pair. Noted at Bretton Park on 14 dates between February and October. Singles at Cliffe Wood on 14th April; at Hagg Wood on 15th April; at Bank Wood on 19th May; at Honley Wood during June; at Coxloy on 17th October and at Hoyland Bank on 22nd November.

SKYLARK Alauda arvensis

Resident breeder (4). Partial migrant.

SAND MARTIN Riparia riparia

Migrant breeder (2)

First 4 and 1 at Bretton Park on 21st April where a few were seen throughout the season but there was no evidence of breeding. Few records received except for small numbers at Inghirchworth and Scout Dike during May and 5 at Elland G.P. on 23rd June; Blackmoorfoot Reservoir had 1 - 2 on several days from 10th July to 22nd September.

SWALLOW Hirundo rustica

Migrant breeder (4). Numerous passage visitor.

First singles at Bretton Park and Blackmoorfoot on 13th April followed by 1 - 2 at 3 places on 14th, 10 at Honley S.W. on 15th and 12 at Brockholes S.F. on 17th then more widely distributed on 21st and 22nd. The site of the Lees Mill roost is largely destroyed but 55 were present on 31st August. Late records of one at Golcar on 9th and 4 at Shepley on 13th October.

HOUSE MARTIN Delichon urbica

Migrant breeder (3). Common passage visitor.

On 15th April 4 at Honley S.W. and on 16th 4 at Clayton West and 1 at Gunthwaite. 60 at Blackmoorfoot Reservoir on 18th August. A pair were feeding young at Colne Valley School on 16th October.

TREE PIPIT Anthus trivialis

Migrant breeder (3)
On 16th April 2 at Bretton Park, 2 at Gunthwaite and 1 at Spring Wood. In woodlands in the north-east of the area around Bretton 23 were singing in late May. Last one at Blackmoorfoot on 19th August.

MEADOW PIPIT Anthus pratensis

Resident breeder (4 or 5). Partial migrant.
Pre-breeding season flocks of over 100 at Wessenden on 26th March, and up to 200 at Digley on 4th May. North-westerly movement over Blackmoorfoot Reservoir of 110 on 31st March and 290 on 1st April.

YELLOW WAGTAIL Motacilla flava

Migrant breeder (2)
One on 17th April at Ingbirchworth followed by singles at Brockholes and at Clayton West on 21st and at Bretton Park on 22nd. Other records were only of singles at these and 3 other localities except for 12 by Longwood Brook on 4th June, and an apparent movement of 9 W at Scout Dike Reservoir on 19th August. Last two at Blackmoorfoot Reservoir on 16th September.

GREY WAGTAIL Motacilla cinerea

Resident breeder (2)
The only breeding evidence was of adults feeding young at Digley and Langsett during June. Singles or pairs at 10 other localities.

PIED WAGTAIL, Motacilla alba

Resident breeder (3 - 4). Partial migrant
No records of note except that two at Brockholes S.F. on 5th May showed characteristics of White Wagtail, M.a.alba (D.M.)

WAXWING Bombycilla garrulus

Rare to uncommon winter visitor.
Singles at Fartown from 9th to 17th February (C.D.) and at Lepton on 30th December.

DEPPER Cinclus cinclus

Resident breeder (2)

Bred near Tunnel End Dam Marsden and in the Hagg Wood area of the R.Holme. Present at possible breeding sites during the Spring at Yateholme, Rishworth Moor, Barkisland and near Lagsett.

WREN Troglodytes troglodytes

Resident breeder (less than 5?)

Evidence of considerable decrease in the well observed areas such as Blackmoorfoot, Bretton Park, Edgerton, Scammonden and Deffer Wood.

DUNNOCK Prunella modularis

Resident breeder (5)

ROBIN Erithacus rubecula

Resident breeder (5)

BLACK REDSTART Phoenicurus ochruros

Scarce passage visitor.

A singing male near Huddersfield town centre on 12th, 20th, and 21st June (H.C.L.). One near Spicer House Farm on 29th July (C.B.)

REDSTART Phoenicurus phoenicurus

Migrant breeder (2)

First singles at Dewsbury S.F. on 15th April and at Digley on 17th. General distribution (rather sparse) not until early May. Breeding season records of 1 to 3 pairs at 9 localities. Last were 3 at Digley on 21st September.

WHINCHAT Saxicola rubetra

Migrant breeder (2)

The first to be observed were 4 at Browns' Edge near Ingbirchworth on the late date of 12th May. Pairs bred at Scammonden (2), March Haigh, Upper Little Don (2), Wessenden, Digley and near Ingbirchworth (2+). 3 on Lindley Moor on 30th August were the last noted.

STONECHAT Saxicola torquata

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

No evidence of breeding and all records were confined to the first four months. At least two individuals at Elland G.P. from 6th to 14th January then one male on four dates to
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STONECHAT (continued)

19th March. One near Blackmoorfoot on 3rd March. A pair at Horbury S.F. and one at Dewsbury S.F. in March and April.

WHEATEAR Oenanthe oenanthe

Migrant breeder (2 - 3)

First 2 near Blackmoorfoot on 24th March with none elsewhere until one at Wessenden on 7th April, the general arrival being from 12th to 17th. Up to 30 in the Broadstones area on 13th May including individuals showing characteristics of the Greenland race O.o.leucorrhoa and on the same day at least 12 at Royd Moor. A very late bird, the latest ever for the area, at Royd Moor on 10th November.

RING OUZEL Turdus torquatus

Migrant Breeder (2)

Digley had the first on 25th March, but numbers were late in arriving and 12 by 15th April was the maximum there. Bred at Rishworth Moor, March Haigh, Wessenden, Digley and Ramsden Clough. 3 at Wessenden on 16th September and a late male in an Ossett garden on 5th November.

BLACKBIRD Turdus merula

Resident breeder (5) Numerous winter visitor.

FIELDFARE Turdus pilaris

Numerous passage and winter visitor.

Small numbers during the first week of January including 112 at Blackmoorfoot on 6th; after which, apart from a few individuals feeding in gardens, was apparently absent until early March. 240 by Dearne Dike Lane on 28th March and 400 by Piper Wells near Ingbirchworth on 30th. Flocks of less than 100 in April with the last single at Gunthwaite on 26th.

First at Digley on 14th October followed by flocks of 70 to 80 at Royd Moor and Whitley Common on 21st and 22nd. Up to 400 near Digley from 25th October to 20th November, and on 11th November flocks of about 100 moved SW over Deffer and Langsett. In December flocks of 100 near Bretton, Outlane and Scammonden, and 300 near Gunthwaite on 15th and 16th. Generally numbers were rather low during the autumn.

SONG THRUSH Turdus philomelos

Resident breeder (4)

REDWING Turdus iliacus

Numerous passage and winter visitor.

None early apart from 2 at Blackmoorfoot on 13th January until 10 returned to Scout Dike on 4th March. One at Digley on 17th April was the last of a Spring of abnormally low numbers.

Although heard moving over Lindley Moor on the night of 30th September the first seen were 8 at Leeds Road playing fields on 8th October. No more than 20 elsewhere from 14th October with 60 at Ingbirchworth on 28th. Only three other flocks of over 50 which were at Yateholme on 4th November, at Gunthwaite on 1st December and at Golcar on 31st December.

MISTLE THRUSH Turdus viscivorus

Resident breeder (3)

22 in the Grimescar valley on 30th September.

GRASSHOPPER WARBLER Locustella naevia

Migrant breeder (1)

All the records were during May at two localities. At Elland G.P. one male on 13th and 19th and three on 31st. At Bank Wood two pairs on 13th and one male on 15th and 19th.

SEDGE WARBLER Acrocephalus schoenobanus

Migrant breeder (1)

On 13th May singles at Scammonden and Elland G.P., and on 14th two at Blackmoorfoot Reservoir. There were four pairs each at Elland G.P. and in the Horbury area during May and June. Singles at Lees Mill on 1st July; at Blackmoor-foot Reservoir on 5 dates to 11th August, and at Scout Dike Reservoir on 1st September.

REED WARBLER Acrocephalus scirpaceus

Rare passage visitor.

One male on several dates between 20th June and 17th July at Horbury (D.P.) Ninth record. Single birds seen or caught at Scout Dike Res on 12/8, 18/8, 25/8 and 15/9 (Ingbirchworth Ringing Group).

LESSER WHITETHROAT Sylvia curruca

Migrant breeder (1)

At Bretton Park 4 on 6th May, a pair on 19th, and a singing male on 3 dates to 24th June. At Gunthwaite a pair reared 3 young. Singing males at Horbury on 9th May and two on 15th, at Bentley Apring on 15th May and present again in the Deighton area.

Scout Dike Res Aug/Sept = Recorded on 6 occasions 26/8 = 2, 3/9 = 2, 3/9 = 3
(Ingbirchworth Ringing Group)

WHITETHROAT Sylvia communis

Migrant breeder (2)

At Bretton Park 4 males and a female were present on 12th May; a maximum of 9 males on 27th May, and at least 6 pairs remained to breed. 22 singing males in the Horbury-Coxley - Bank Wood - Deffer areas during June. Pairs also at Elland G.P. (4), Yateholme, Royd Moor, Broadstones and Millhouse. Last one at Ryburn on 26th August.

GARDEN WARBLER Sylvia borin

Migrant breeder (2)

First singles at Brockholes on 5th May and Bretton Park on 6th. 25 singing males in the Bullcliffe - Bretton - Deffer area during June and one near Brownhill Reservoir on 24th.

BLACKCAP Sylvia atricapilla

Migrant breeder (3). Rare winter visitor.

A male and female at Bretton Park on 25th March had probably over-wintered, one was in the park on 24th November and a male visited a Thongsbridge birdtable on 14th and 16th December. First obvious Spring arrivals were two at Bretton Park on 27th April. Well distributed in woodlands throughout the area.

WOOD WARBLER Phylloscopus sibilatrix

Migrant breeder (1)

Scout data 12/15 = 1.

Another excellent year for records of this species. First one at Coxley on 2nd May and next at Ingbirchworth on 13th. A pair bred in Dean Wood. Singing males as follows:- Digley Wood, one (or two) from 18th May to 16th June; Brownhill area 9th June; Grimescar 18th May; Hoyland Bank Wood two seen on 24th May and one on 3rd June; Windy Bank Wood 3rd June; Bretton Park 6th June; Denby Dale 17th June; Butter-nab Wood 16th June to 7th July; Coxley Wood 9th and 20th June and Gunthwaite Wood 25th June.

CHIFFCHAFF Phylloscopus collybita

Migrant breeder (2)

First noted on 14th April at Deffer Wood and at Brockholes followed by others at Bretton Park, Beaumont Park and Spring Wood on 16th. Reported from 15 woodland areas in all of which breeding probably took place. Last one at Blackmoor-foot on 18th October.

WILLOW WARBLER Phylloscopus trochilus

Migrant breeder (4)

Two each at Bretton Park and Gunthwaite and one at Horbury on 13th April with birds at 5 other localities on 14th and 15th and 40 at Royd Moor on 16th. Woodlands from the Horbury - Coxley - Bretton - Clayton West - Margery Wood areas had 174 singing males during May. Last two at Blackmoorfoot on 17th September.

GOLDCREST Regulus regulus

Resident breeder (3) Common passage visitor.

SPOTTED FLYCATCHER Muscicapa striata

Migrant breeder (3)

First one at Bretton Park on 11th May then at Blackmoorfoot, Hagg Wood and Ingbirchworth on 14th. Last one at Oakes on 29th September.

PIED FLYCATCHER Ficedula hypoleuca

Rare passage visitor - sporadic breeder.

A pair that bred near Langsett constituted the first breeding record in the area for 19 years (per B.B.S.G.) One at Fartown on 4th September (C.D.).

LONG-TAILED TIT Aegithalos caudatus

Resident breeder (2)

On 1st January parties of 11 at Blackmoorfoot and 10 at Bretton Park were the only ones of above 6 until 27th March when 10 were in Deffer Wood. During the early months recorded from Gunthwaite, Cawthorne, Brockholes, Lockwood and Hagg Wood only. Bred at Bretton and Beaumont Parks and probably at Gunthwaite and Deffer Wood. The only observation in any other area was of 4 at Liley Wood on 14th October, 11 at Gunthwaite on 14th October and 12 at Bretton Park in mid-December.

WILLOW TIT Parus montanus

Resident breeder (2).

Fewer records than usual being particularly scarce in the first four months of the year. Pairs bred at Horbury, Bretton Park, Coxley Wood, Deffer Wood and probably at Gunthwaite and were noted at four other localities late in the year.

COAL TIT Parus ater

Resident breeder (3)

Bred in the Langsett, Yateholme, Digley, Deffer Wood, Cawthorne, Bretton Park and Coxley Wood areas.

BLUE TIT Parus caeruleus

Resident breeder (5)

At Bretton Park only 9 pairs in nest boxes compared with 24 pairs in 1977. 100 at Damhead Bretton on 9th December.

GREAT TIT Parus major

Resident breeder (5)

NUTHATCH Sitta europaea

Resident breeder (1)

At Bretton Park nest building at two sites, a nest box and a tree trunk hole, but no evidence of breeding success although birds were present throughout the year. Two at Hopton Mill on 28th December.

TREECREEPER Corthyia familiaris

Resident breeder (3)

After the severe winter the only records were of birds at Gunthwaite, Deffer Wood, Bretton Park, Brockholes, Hagg Wood and Windy Bank Wood.

GREAT GREY SHRIKE Lanius excubitor

Scarce winter visitor.

One at western end of Bretton Park on 13th and 27th January and 18th February (N.L., J.E.D., R.L.). One near High House Lane near Blackmoorfoot on 21st October (J.Carr per G.M.Y.)

JAY Garrulus glandarius

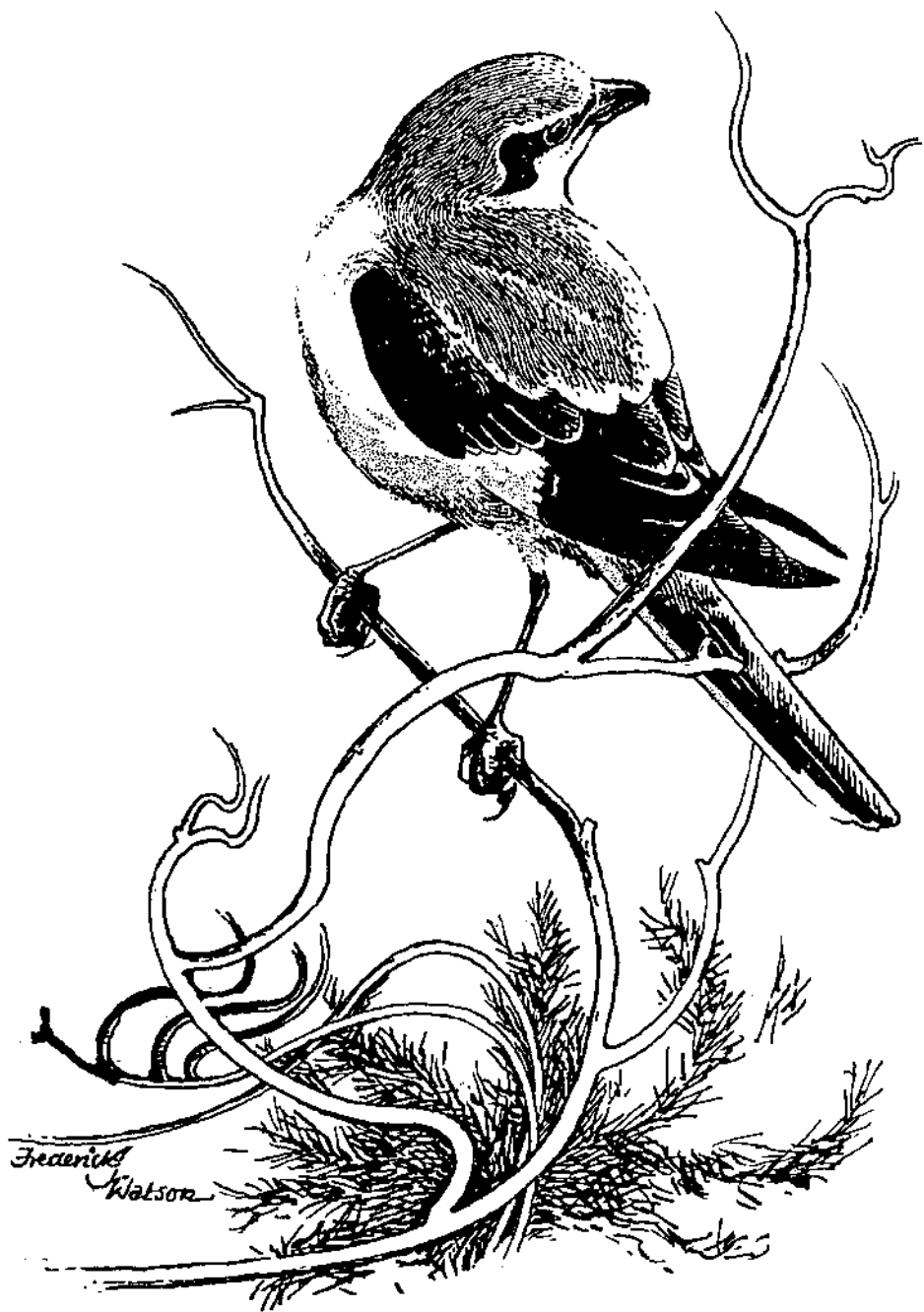
Resident breeder (2 - 3)

Probably an influx during the last half of October being particularly numerous in the Yateholme area with 25 there on 28th October and an apparent southward movement of up to 15 on the morning of 4th November.

MAGPIE Pica pica

Resident breeder (4)

Blackmoorfoot roost was the only one counted and had maxima of 100 on 5th January and 7th December.



JACKDAW Corvus monedula

Resident breeder (4)

ROOK Corvus frugilegus

Resident breeder (5).

CARRION CROW Corvus corone

Resident breeder (2)

On the outskirts of Deffer Wood flocks of 20 on 25th March and 12th May. At Gunthwaite Hall up to 20 feeding together in January and 25 on 28th December. Near Ingbirchworth 20 on 26th and 27th September and 30 on 29th decreasing to 5 by 18th October.

STARLING Sturnus vulgaris

Resident breeder (5). Numerous winter visitor. Roost at Royd Moor Reservoir of 5,000 on 12th and 5,500 on 22nd July.

HOUSE SPARROW Passer domesticus

Resident breeder (5)

TREE SPARROW Passer montanus

Resident breeder (4)

50 at Bretton Park on 1st January; up to 60 feeding in a Fenay Lane garden during January and February, and 75 near Paul Lane, Leptonedje on 28th October were the largest flocks.

CHAFFINCH Fringilla coelebs

Resident breeder (4 - 5). Numerous passage and winter visitor. The largest flocks were of 100 at Cawthorne Park on 4th February and at Bretton Park on 9th December and of 200 at Deffer Wood on 30th December.

BRAMBLING Fringilla montifringilla

Uncommon to common winter visitor.

Visited garden bird tables at Meltham (1) on 6th January and 18th March and at Gunthwaite (up to 4) from 21st to 30th January. 10 at Royd Moor on 14th January and 1 on 10th March, 3 each at Stocks Moor on 15th January and at Bretton Park on 31st March complete the records for a very quiet first three months.

Rather more during the autumn after 2 at Blackmoorfoot on

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BRAMBLING (continued)

20th October then 30 W over Swinden Plantation on 21st. Regularly in Bretton Park commencing with 40 on 29th October reached at least 150 by 11th November, and possibly 200 by the end of December. 2 at Ingbirchworth on 28th October; 1 at Blackmoorfoot on 15th and at Digley on 20th November, and in December 10 at Ronscliffe Wood on 16th, 8 at Gunthwaite on 30th and 3 at Langsett on 28th.

GREENFINCH Carduelis chloris

Resident breeder (4)

No large flocks were reported and the roost by Blackmoorfoot Reservoir had only 150 on 9th February and 100 on 7th December.

GOLDFINCH Carduelis carduelis

Resident breeder (2 - 3).

Small flocks regularly at Bretton Park up to mid-April with a maximum of over 50 on 7th February. The largest autumn flock was of 70 on 20th October at Scammonden.

SISKIN Carduelis spinus

Resident breeder (1). Scarce to uncommon winter visitor. The only early records were of 4 at Bretton Park on 13th January and 3 on 10th March; 20 at Gunthwaite on 22nd January and 10 at Cawthorne Park on 10th March. Now known to have bred west of Langsett in 1978 and a small family party was in the same area on 4th July 1979. Autumn records showed a return to normal numbers. Bretton Park had 7 on 27th October; in November 7 on 24th and 20 on 25th; and in December 10 on 1st, 24 on 8th, 8 on 9th and 6 on 31st. Gunthwaite area 3 on 20th, and 10 on 28th October; 50 on 10th November and in December 4 on 1st, 6 on 25th and 9 on 30th. Black Brook 5 on 9th October, Blackmoorfoot 2 on 29th November and Swinden Plantation 28 on 28th December.

LINNET Carduelis cannabina

Resident breeder (4)

Largest flock reported was of 60 at Digley on 21st August.

TWITE Carduelis cannabina

Resident and partial migrant breeder (3)
Four at Blackmoorfoot on 13th March but the genuine
return to the breeding grounds was not until late April
and early May. A flock of up to 70 was at Woodnock
near Meltham on 29th April.

Bred at Rishworth Moor, March Haigh, Scammonden, Slaithwaite
Moor, Deer Hill, Wessenden Head, Snailsden and Winscar areas.
Autumn flocks were small (less than 30) apart from 300 near
Broadstones on 14th October. Last 5 at Ringstone Edge
on 20th October and 5 on Langsett Moor on 21st.

REDPOLL Carduelis flammea

Resident breeder (3). Uncommon to common winter visitor.
60 at Stocks Moor on 15th January, and 40 at Bretton Park
on 7th February, were the largest early flocks. Over 50
in Deffer Wood on 29th April and 5th May. Individuals
showing characteristics of Meally Redpoll, C.f.flammea
at Bretton Park on 18th February and Swinden Plantation on
21st October.

CROSSBILL Loxia curvirostra

Rare to uncommon passage visitor.
18 on 17th June in Deffer Wood (J.E.D.) and one at
Langsett on 27th November (D.Hunt, T.C.).

BULLFINCH Pyrrhula pyrrhula

Resident breeder (3)
At Stoneleigh, Edgerton on 27th October 6 were caught and
ringed and a further 27 were caught on 28th, indicating a
larger number in, or moving through, the area than would
have been deduced from visual observations.

HAWFINCH Coccothraustes coccothraustes

Rare visitor.
One near High Hoyland on 12th October (C.D.)

YELLOW HAMMER Emberiza citrinella

Resident breeder (3).
Flocks of 30 at Bretton Park on 1st January; at Wortley
on 15th November and at Deffer Wood on 30th December.

REED BUNTING Emberiza schoeniclus

Resident breeder (3)

CORN BUNTING Miliaria calandra

Resident breeder (2 probably declining to 1)
At Silkstone Common 2 fed on weeds in a garden from 19th
to 21st January. In the general area W of Ingbirchworth
probably no more than 3 males between 25th April and 2nd
July and on Outlane Moor 2 males on 20th June.

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RINGING REPORT

1979 was an extremely poor year, with only 1,456 birds being ringed. The main reason for this great decline was the bad weather on most weekends during the winter months, but there was also a general lack of birds, this being evident from the number of Willow Warblers which passed through Blackmoorfoot. No new ringing species were handled. Lees Mill was mainly dry during the autumn period and consequently no ringing of Swallows was attempted.

Only 139 pulli were ringed during the year, the decline being mainly due to the low number of Black-headed Gulls ringed at Black Moss.

Pulli:

Teal (2 Black Moss), Kestrel (5 Wessenden), Merlin (2 moorland locality), Moorhen (1 Blackmoorfoot), Black-headed Gull (47 Black Moss), Pied Wagtail (6 Yatcholme), Dunnock (3 Blackmoorfoot), Whinchat (2 Deer Hill), Ring Ouzel (4 Chew Brook), Blackbird (4 Blackmoorfoot, 4 Edgerton, 4 Elland G.P.), Song Thrush (4 Blackmoorfoot), Coal Tit (6 T.P.Wood), Blue Tit (16 T.P.Wood, 5 Waterloo), Great Tit (11 T.P.Wood), Starling (9 Elland G.P.) and Greenfinch (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.
X: found dead or dying.
+: Shot or killed by man.

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RINGING RECOVERIES (continued)

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 recovery of Greenfinch NC91062 was received too late for inclusion in the 1978 report.

HUDDERSFIELD BIRDS RECOVERED ELSEWHEREBLACK-HEADED GULL

ED59093	1	13.6.76	Black Moss, Marsden 53°34'N 1°56'W
	V	21.6.76	Black Moss
	V	24.6.76	Black Moss
	X	8.7.79	Delph (Greater Manchester) 53°34'N 2°01'W 5 Kms W.
EH10480	1	24.6.76	Black Moss
	X	(16.7.79)	Middleton, Leeds (W.Yorks) 53°44'N 1°32'W 30 Kms NE
EH41071	1	18.6.78	Black Moss
	X	10.10.79	Audenshaw (Greater Manchester) 53°28'N 2°08'W 17 Kms SW

BLACKBIRD

CJ59692	5M	12.3.72	Edgerton, Huddersfield 53°40'N 1°48'W
	X	12.3.79	Ylistaro, Kokemaki, (Turku-Pori), <u>Finland</u> 61°14'N 22°25'E
CH94959	3M	4.12.76	Edgerton
	X	12.3.79	Sheffield (Yorks) 52°23'N 1°30'W 36 Kms SSE

WILLOW WARRLER

4A9242	4	9.7.78	Blackmoorfoot, Nr. Huddersfield. 53°37'N 1°52'W
	V	8.8.79	Roggerham, Burnley (Lancs.) 53°48'N 2°11'W 29 Kms NW
4A9292	3	17.7.78	Blackmoorfoot
	V	9.5.79	Gibraltar Point (Lincs) 53°06'N 0°20'E 155 Kms ESE

<u>ROBIN</u> KN74769	3J	25.6.78	Blackmoorfoot
	X	25.12.79	Honley Moor, Huddersfield 53°36'N 1°48'W 5 Kms ESE
<u>WILLOW WARBLER</u> 4A9211	4	21.4.78	Blackmoorfoot
	V	15.4.79	Royd Moor Res. Penistone 53°32'N 1°39'W 17 Kms ESE
<u>BLUE TIT</u> KX21162	3	7.10.78	Blackmoorfoot
	X	17.4.79	Woodsome Lees, Huddersfield 53°37'N 1°43'W 8 Kms E
<u>GREENFINCH</u> NC91062	3M	30.11.77	Blackmoorfoot
	X	21.9.78	Brighouse 53°42'N 1°47'W 11 Kms NNE
<u>BIRDS RECOVERED IN HUDDERSFIELD</u>			
<u>STORM PETREL</u> 687763	4	30.8.68	Skokholm, Dyfed (Wales) 51°42'N 5°16'W
	X	14.8.79	Brighouse 323 Kms NE
<u>GREENFINCH</u> BP97241	5F	4.2.73	Ecclesall Wood, Sheffield (Yorks) 53°20'N 1°31'W
	V	4.2.79	Blackmoorfoot 40 Kms NNW
BH33540	3F	4.12.77	Attenborough (Notts) 52°54'N 1°14'W
	V	27.1.79	Blackmoorfoot 87 Kms NNW

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BIRDS RINGED IN THE HUDDERSFIELD AREA 1979

Teal	2	Song Thrush	17
Mallard	5	Redwing	10
Kestrel	5	Mistle Thrush	2
Merlin	2	Sedge Warbler	2
Moorhen	1	Blackcap	1
Coot	5	Chiffchaff	1
Jack Snipe	1	Willow Warbler	213
Black-headed Gull	47	Long-tailed Tit	4
Swift	1	Coal Tit	12
Sand Martin	2	Blue Tit	210
Swallow	13	Great Tit	40
House Martin	49	Starling	13
Meadow Pipit	7	Tree Sparrow	85
Pied Wagtail	13	Chaffinch	21
Wren	4	Brambling	3
Duncock	45	Greenfinch	328
Robin	66	Linnet	3
Redstart	2	Twite	1
Whinchat	2	Redpoll	14
Ring Ouzel	4	Bullfinch	45
Blackbird	152	Reed Bunting	3

Total: 1.456

Total for individual area include 1,033 at Blackmoorfoot and 242 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. e.g. dead on road, killed by cat, etc.

Large numbers of retraps are also handled 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 either retrapped or found dead at their place of ringing.

TABLE 1 - RETRAPS

	<u>1 yr</u>	<u>2 yr</u>	<u>3 yr</u>	<u>4 yr</u>	<u>5 yr</u>	<u>6 yr</u>	<u>7 yr</u>	<u>8 yr</u>	<u>Total</u>
Dunnoek		1	3						4
Robin	1	4	1						6
Blackbird	3	2	3	1			2		11
Song Thrush		1							1
Blue Tit	4		2	1					7
Great Tit	1	1							2
Tree Sparrow	1								1
Greenfinch	6	1	1						8
Bullfinch	2		1						<u>3</u>
									<u>43</u>

As large numbers of summer visitors have been ringed over the past years it is surprising that none feature in the above table.

TABLE 2 - RECOVERIES

Dunnoek			1						1
Robin		1	1					1	3
Blackbird	1					1	1	1	4
Blue Tit							1		<u>1</u>
									<u>9</u>

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SOME ANALYSES OF RECOVERIES/CONTROLS RESULTING FROM GREENFINCH RINGING AT BLACKMOORFOOT, 1971 - 79

Fairly large numbers of Greenfinch have been ringed at Blackmoorfoot since 1960, but it is only since 1971 that there has been any consistency in the ringing effort. The following report analyses all the recovery and control data from those nine years. The distance and direction maps cover all the recoveries of Blackmoorfoot ringed birds. It can be seen from these maps that many birds have travelled less than 20 Kms. A large proportion of these birds have been recovered at Edgerton or Longwood, or in the case of controls vice versa. The recoveries/controls that we are interested in concern birds which have travelled more than 20 Kms.

For terms used see the RINGING REPORT.

1. ANNUAL RINGING TOTAL AND CONTROLS (EXCLUDING RETRAPS)

Year	Ringed	Controlled	
		20 Kms	20 Kms
1971	182	0	0
1972	230	0	3
1973	439	1	1
1974	149	1	0
1975	158	0	3
1976	494	2	0
1977	641	1	4
1978	709	2	1
1979	<u>327</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>
	<u>3,329</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>14</u>

2. DETAILS OF GREENFINCH RECOVERIES/CONTROL MORE THAN 20 Kms DISTANT

Recoveries
100 Kms +

6M	22.1.72	Blackmoorfoot	(19.3.77)	Chelmsley Wood, Birmingham, (Warwicks) 120 Kms S.
4F	4.11.76	"	1.1.77	Sutton Coldfield, (Warwicks) 120 Kms S.
6F	3.4.76	"	8.8.78	Stourport on Severn (Works) 120 Kms S.
5F	11.4.76	"	9.1.78	155 Kms SSW. Madeley, Telford (Salop) 115 Kms SSW.

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2. 100 Kms+ (continued)

3F	5.9.76	Blackmoorfoot	26.2.78	Walcot, Wellington (Salop)
2F	11.12.77	"	Ca. 3.6.78	115 Kms SSW Charwelton (Northants)
6F	26.2.77	"	2.2.79	160 Kms S. Ewhurst (Surrey) 290 Kms SSE

20 Kms+

3F	20.10.72	"	3.12.73	Melton Wood, Doncaster (Yorks)
4F	4.11.72	"	28.1.73	45 Kms ESE Hemsworth, Pontefract (Yorks)
6M	18.11.72	"	28.3.73	30 Kms E Tandle Hill, Rochdale (Lancs)
4F	26.2.73	"	30.5.74	Stocksbridge, Sheffield (Yorks)
5M	5.3.73	"	(13.8.74)	23 Kms SE Holymoorside, Chester- field (Derby)
3M	18.11.72	"	(4.3.75)	50 Kms SSE Ashton-under-Lyne (Lancs)
6M	9.4.77	"	29.8.77	20 Kms SW Castleton, Rochdale (Lancs)
6M	5.3.73	"	30.11.78	20 Kms W Glossop (Derby)
5F	2.4.77	"	18.3.78	23 Kms S Hopwood, Middleton (Lancs)
5F	5.3.77	"	16.3.79	25 Kms W Clarlborough, Retford (Notts)
6M	4.2.79	"	15.3.79	68 Kms SE Clarlborough, Retford (Notts) 68 Kms SE

CONTROLS

100 Kms+

3M	20.12.67	Peakirk, Peterborough (Northants)	22.1.72	Blackmoorfoot 160 Kms NW
4M	5.4.70	Upminster (Essex)	22.1.72	Blackmoorfoot 270 Kms NNE

CONTROLS

100 Kms+ (continued).

5M	12.2.77	Attingham, Shrewsbury (Salop)	21.4.77	Blackmoorfoot 115 Kms NNE
6F	26.2.78	Walcot, Wellington (Salop)	28.4.78	Blackmoorfoot 115 Kms NNE

20 Kms+

3F	11.12.71	Wilmslow (Cheshire)	24.2.72	Blackmoorfoot 45 Kms NE
3J	16.8.72	Hathersage (Derby)	10.2.73	Blackmoorfoot 35 Kms NNW
6F	23.1.75	Melton Wood, Doncaster (Yorks)	20.12.75	Blackmoorfoot 45 Kms WNW
4F	11.12.75	Melton Wood, Doncaster (Yorks)	16.12.75	Blackmoorfoot 45 Kms WNW
3M	5.9.76	Hathersage (Derby)	22.1.77 & 2.4.77	Blackmoorfoot 35 Kms NNW
3F	1.12.76	Stockport (Cheshire)	19.3.77	Blackmoorfoot 36 Kms NE
5F	16.1.77	Birkdale, Southport (Lancs)	9.4.77	Blackmoorfoot 75 Kms E
3F	28.8.77	Chorlton-cum-Hardy Manchester	10.3.78	Blackmoorfoot 35 Kms NE
5F	4.2.73	Ecclesall Wood Sheffield (Yorks)	4.2.79	Blackmoorfoot 40 Kms NNW
3F	4.12.77	Attenborough (Nottingham)	27.1.79	Blackmoorfoot 87 Kms NNW

3. RECOVERY/CONTROL DATE RELATIONSHIP WITH ORIGINAL CAPTURE DATES.

A. RECOVERIES (EX.CONTROLS) OF GREENFINCH RINGED AT BLACKMOORFOOT

RINGED	Aug -	Oct -	Dec -	Feb -	Apr -	Jun -
	Sept	Nov	Jan	Mar	May	Jul

RECOVERED

Aug -					1 (1)	
Sept.						
Oct -						
Nov						
Dec -		1 (2)		(1)		
Jan						
Feb -		(1)	1			
Mar						
Apr -				(1)		
May						
Jun -					2	
July						

() - Recoveries more than 5 Kms

B. CONTROLS AT BLACKMOORFOOT OF GREENFINCH RINGED MORE THAN 5 Kms DISTANT.

RINGED	Sept -	Nov -	Jan -	Mar -	May -	Jul -
	Oct	Dec	Feb	Apr	Jun	Aug

CONTROLLED

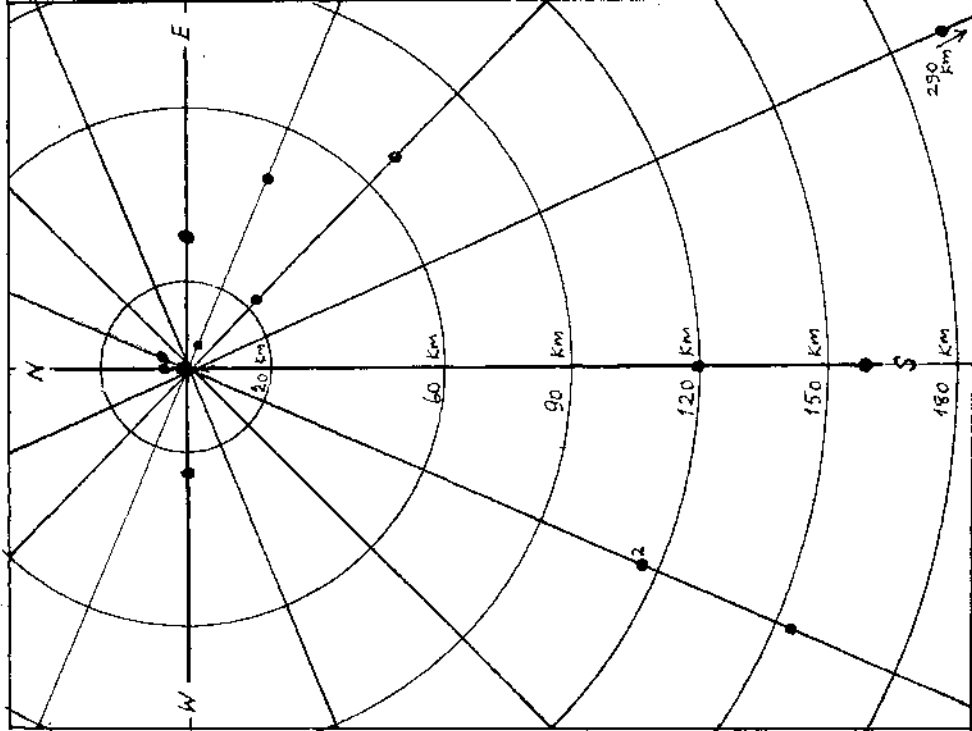
Sept -						
Oct						
Nov -		1	2			
Dec						
Jan -	1	5	2	1		1
Feb						
Mar -	2	1	5			1
Apr						
May -						
Jun						
Jul -						
Aug						

The account you have just read is basically a presentation of facts, and no attempt has been made to form conclusions or to raise points for discussion.

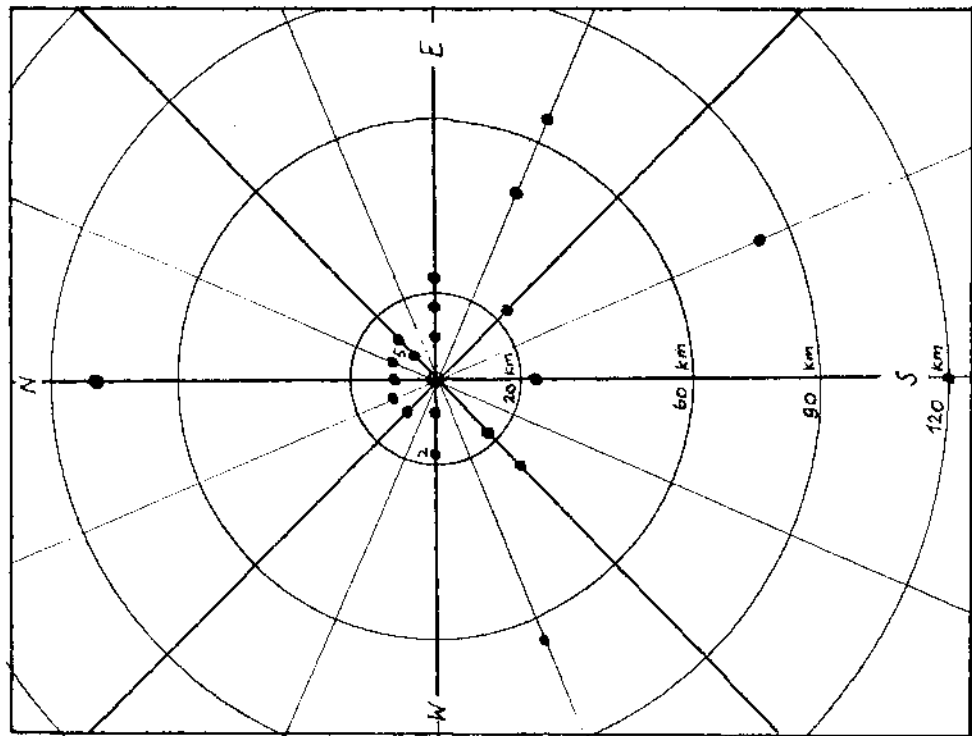
On the maps that follow a recovery can be taken as a bird which has moved away from the area, and a control as a bird which has moved into the area.

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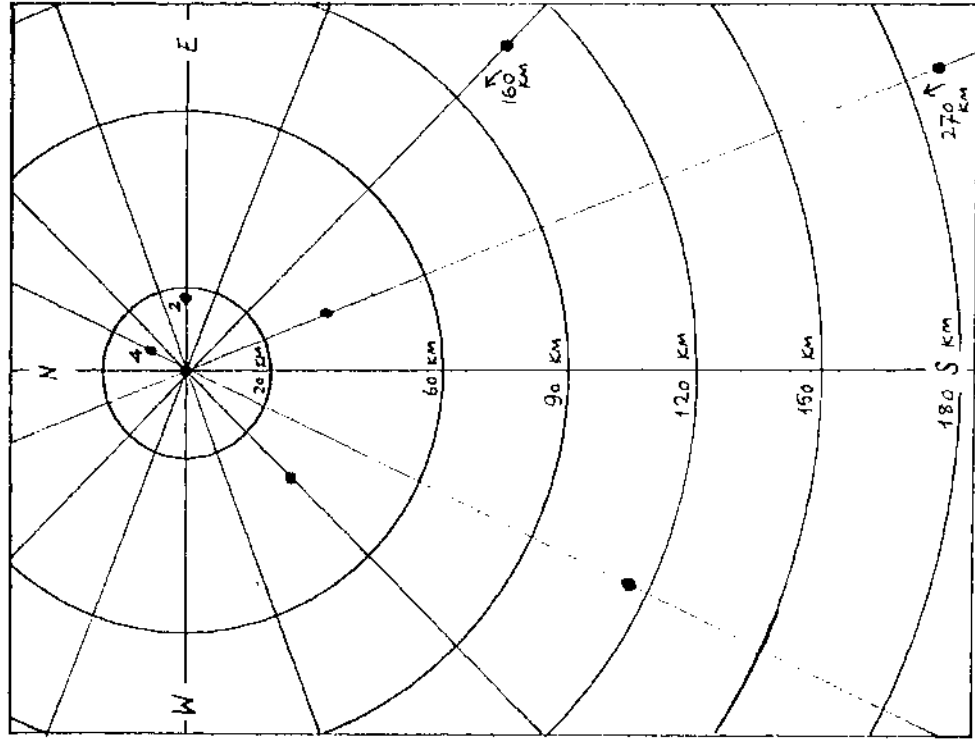
Blackmoorfoot Greenfinch Recoveries - females



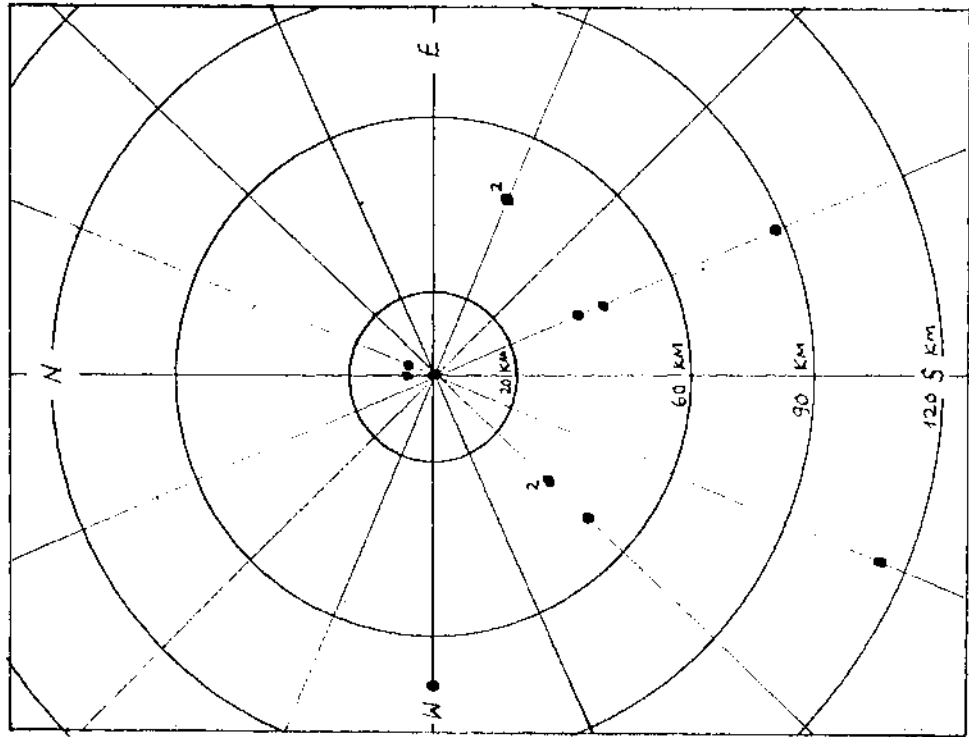
Blackmoorfoot Greenfinch Recoveries - males



Blackmoorfoot Greenfinch Controls - males



Blackmoorfoot Greenfinch Controls - females



ECTOPARASITES

The 1979 batch of Hippoboscidae sent to Mr. H. Beaumont of Rotherham do not call for special mention. Although when making a comparison between the Huddersfield area and the Rotherham area Mr. Beaumont comments "The Ornithomya group are much as I have come to expect from the Huddersfield area, ORNITHOMYA CHLOROPUS is obviously the main parasite of the smaller birds with O. FRINGILLINA much scarcer. This contrasts with the situation here at a lower altitude where O. FRINGILLINA is the dominant fly of small birds, in fact I have only two or three local records of O. CHLOROPUS, all from Pied Wagtails and Meadow Pipits in late August and presumably birds which have come down from the hills to the West bringing their parasites with them.

The only new species host recorded was an ORNITHOMYA CHLOROPUS taken from a pulli Moorhen at Blackmoorfoot on 23rd July.

EXTREME DATES

All the dates for the 1979 batch of Hippoboscidae fall within the periods set out in the 1976 report.

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"YELLOW ROBIN"

As a sequel to the report on "Yellow Robins" at Blackmoorfoot in the 1978 report it can be noted that no such birds were recorded during 1979.

A letter from Bryan Sage suggests that the phenomenon was genetical, if this is so it is probably correct to assume that one or both of the parents have succumbed.

Until this gene is generated once again, Blackmoorfoot will probably be without "Yellow Robins"

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SCHEDULE ONE SPECIES

It is felt necessary to publish a complete list of Schedule One Species, so as to make members of the Birdwatchers' Club aware of the risks and implications of disturbing any species on this Special Schedule.

GENERAL LIST OF FIRST SCHEDULE SPECIES

Corncrake	Owl, Barn.
Crossbill	Plover, Little Ringed
Diver, Red-throated (except in Fetlar, North and South Uist and South of the Great Glen)	Quail, European
Greenshank	Redstart, Black
Kingfisher	Sparrowhawk
Merlin (Scotland only)	Tit, Crested
	Whimbrel (Shetland only)
	Woodlark

SPECIAL LIST OF FIRST SCHEDULE SPECIES

Avocet	Owl, Snowy
Bec-eater (all species)	Peregrine
Bittern (all species)	Phalarope, Red-necked
Bluethroat	Pintail
Bunting, Snow	Plover, Kentish
Brambling	Redwing
Buzzard, Honey	Rosefinch, Scarlet
Chough	Ruff
Crake Spotted	Sandpiper, Green
Diver, Black-throated	Sandpiper, Wood
Diver, Great Norther	Scaup
Diver, Red-throated (in Fetlar, North and South Uist and South of the Great Glen)	Scoter, Common
	Scoter, Velvet
	Serin
Dotterel	Shorelark
Eagle, all species	Shrike, Red-backed
Fieldfare	Spoonbill
Firecrest	Stilt, Black-winged
Garganey	Stint, Temminck's
Godwit, Black-tailed	Stone Curlew
Goldeneye	Swan, Whooper
Goshawk	Tern, Black
Grebe, Black-necked	Tern, Little
Grebe, Slavonian	Tern, Roseate
Gull, Little	Tit, Bearded
Gull, Mediterranean	Treecreeper, Short-Toed

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SPECIAL LIST OF FIRST SCHEDULE SPECIES (continued).

Gyrfalcon	Warbler, Cetti's
Harrier (all species)	Warbler, Dartford
Heron, Purple	Warbler, Marsh
Hobby	Warbler, Savi's
Hoopoe	Whimbrel (except Shetland)
Kite	Wryneck
Long tailed Duck	
Merlin (England and Wales)	
Oriole, Golden	
Osprey	

A few of the species named above do or may at some stage breed in the Huddersfield area. It is imperative that these species are allowed the protection they are afforded under this Act. In the case of Schedule One Species (as with any species) that protection can be best afforded by KEEPING AWAY from the nesting area. As well as leading to disturbance and may be desertion of the nest, ANY disturbance to ANY of the above named birds is BREAKING THE LAW - (unless carried out under licence).

If you accidentally find one of the above species brooding in the area please contact Mike Denton who has, or can obtain, permission to visit that particular species' nest for the purpose of ringing. But please remember to disturb the species as little as possible and retire with the knowledge that you may be helping that particular species to survive.

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COOT (*Fulica atra*)

Five coot were ringed at Bretton Park as part of Richard Lumb's Ph.D. project, and thanks are expressed to the Bretton Park Nature Reserve Management Committee for allowing permission to ring and wing-tag on the reserve.

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