



NOTABLE RECORDS OF OTHER BIRDS

1946

- Summer of 1946 Brood of Hobbys (*Falco subbuteo subbuteo*) reared locally—
2 young.
- Aug. .. Many Whimbrels (*Numenius phaeopus phaeopus*) on passage
in small parties.
- „ 11 .. 3 Turnstones (*Arenaria interpres interpres*) (B. King)—first
New Grounds record.
- „ 12 .. About 400 Knots (*Calidris canutus canutus*) in one flock—
the largest number yet seen on Severn—also 50 Sanderlings
(*Crocethia alba*) (H. H. Davis).
- „ 31 .. 3 Ruffs (*Philomachus pugnax*) (R. H. Poulding and Clive
Wilson).
- Sept. 1 .. 12 Black-tailed Godwits (*Limosa limosa limosa*) (H. C.
Playne and H. H. Davis).
- „ 1 .. Greenshank (*Tringa nebularia*) (B. King and Clive Wilson).
- „ 1 .. 12 Black Terns (*Chlidonias niger niger*) (B. King).
- „ 14 & 15 2 Little Stints (*Calidris minuta*) (B. King and R. H. Poulding).
- „ 15 .. 10 Curlew Sandpipers (*Calidris testacea*) (P. Scott).
- „ 29 .. 5 Little Stints (B. King and H. H. Davis).

- Oct. 5 .. 10 Bar-tailed Godwits (*Limosa lapponica lapponica*) (R. H. Poulding).
 „ 5 .. 2 Grey Plover (*Squatarola squatarola*) (R. H. Poulding). Regularly present in small numbers.
 „ 13 .. Party of 10 Lesser Redpolls (*Carduelis flammea cabaret*) (B. King).
 „ 14 .. 2 Drake Common Scoters (*Melanitta nigra nigra*) on river (P. Scott).
 „ 20 .. Hooded Crow—staying till Nov. 10 or later.
 „ 24 .. 2 Grey Plover (K. D. Smith and H. H. Davis).
 Nov. 3 .. Green Sandpiper (*Tringa ochropus*) (R. H. Poulding).
 Dec. 2 .. 2 Whooper Swans (*Cygnus cygnus*) in flight over river bank (quite certainly wild swans, and too large and long in necks for Bewicks)—(B. King, H. H. Davis and others).

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- Jan. 10 .. 100 Golden Plover (*Pluvialis apricaria apricaria*) (R. H. Poulding).
 „ 12 & 13 9 Tufted Duck (*Aythya fuligula*) (J. S. Ash and P. Scott)—usually scarce at New Grounds.
 „ 14 .. Injured Gannet (*Sula bassano*) found on New Grounds.
 „ 16 & 18 Iceland Gull (*Larus glaucooides*) on Dumbles. There is some possibility that this may have been a small Glaucous Gull (*Larus hyperboreus*).
 „ 26 .. Merlin (*Falco columbarius æsalon*) (J. S. Ash).
 Feb. 23 .. Woodcock (*Scolopax rusticola*) (P. Scott).
 Mar. 2 .. Lesser Spotted Woodpecker (*Dryobates minor comminutus*) (B. King).
 „ 2 .. 50 Common Pochard (*Aythya ferina*) (B. King).
 „ 2 .. 30 Tufted Duck (B. King).
 „ 2 .. 53 Great Black-backed Gulls (*Larus marinus*) (Mostly adults) (B. King).
 „ 2 .. 3 Goldeneye (*Bucephala clangula clangula*) (1 adult drake) and 1 ♀ Goosander (*Mergus merganser merganser*).
 „ 10 .. Adult ♂ Merlin (R. E. Alley).
 „ 16 .. Black-tailed Godwit on flood in Top new piece.
 „ 30 .. Green Sandpiper (H. W. Neal).
 „ 30 .. Oyster-catcher (*Hæmatopus ostralegus occidentalis*) (B. King) —uncommon so far up Severn.
 „ 30 .. Ring Ouzel (*Turdus torquatus torquatus*) outside decoy.
 Peregrine (*Falco peregrinus peregrinus*) present all winter.
 May 11 & 27 1 Hobby (J. S. Ash and R. H. Poulding).
 „ 11 .. 4 Bar-tailed Godwits (J. S. Ash).
 Yellow Wagtail (*Motacilla flava flavissima*), Whinchat (*Saxicola rubetra*), and Redstart (*Phænicurus phænicurus*) all bred in Rushy pen. 2 nests of Long-tailed Tits (*Ægitholus caudatus rasaceus*) in decoy in spite of hard winter. Tree sparrows (*Passer montanus montanus*) appear to be resident, but no proof of nesting.
 Aug. 30 .. Ruff (M. J. Wotton).
 Oct. 12 .. Peregrine reappeared.
 „ 19 .. 5 Common Scoters (P. Scott).
 „ 26 .. 2 Peregrines on Dumbles.
 „ 26 .. Marsh Harrier (*Circus æruginosus æruginosus*) on Frampton Gravel pits 2 miles north-east of New Grounds—remained till Nov. 16 or later.

- Nov. 9 .. Common Buzzard (*Buteo buteo buteo*) (B. King and others).
 " 15 .. Merlin (C. A. Norris).
 " 16 .. 93 Pochard in one flock on river. Second flock also seen—
 estimated further 50-60.
 " 30 .. 2 Siskins (*Carduelis spinus*) round decoy pool (W. B.
 Alexander).
 " 30 .. Several Lesser Redpolls—decoy (W. B. Alexander).
 Dec. 3 .. Raven (*Corvus corax corax*) tormenting geese on Dumbles.
 Geese ran together in bunches and Raven hopped after
 them, obviously delighted with the jest.
 " 7 .. Merlin on Dumbles (P. Scott and others).
 " 21 .. 104 Pochard (J. S. Ash).
 " 26 .. Peregrine harassing geese in high wind. Geese ran together
 in bunches as when chased by Raven. They never flew
 more than a few yards, and were obviously not really
 frightened.

