

BIRDS (other than Anatidae) RECORDED AT THE NEW GROUNDS

THE following list is confined to observations made between 1 May 1951 and 30 April 1952. Notes on common species are included only when of special interest.

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RAVEN (*Corvus corax*).—Two flying over pens 16 December and again 20 January (D. L.).

BRAMBLING (*Fringilla montifringilla*).—At least twenty-four in a flock of some two hundred finches in fifty-acre 20 December (H. B.). One or two in pens at end of January and during first half of February.

BLUE-HEADED WAGTAIL (*Motacilla flava flava*).—A male on Dumbles 12 April (B. King, M. Bratby, C. P. A. Garnett, P. S.).

WHITE WAGTAIL (*Motacilla alba alba*).—A male on Dumbles 13 April (H. B.).

REDSTART (*Phoenicurus phoenicurus*).—A pair bred successfully in hedge of Top New Piece.

SHORT-EARED OWL (*Asio flammeus*).—Single birds near river 4 September (H. B.) and 17 October (H. B., T. J. Owen).

HOBBY (*Falco subbuteo*).—Two over headquarters 7 May (S. T. J., J. Y.).

MERLIN (*Falco columbarius*).—One 5 and 18 November (H. B.); one over Top New Piece 29 February (G. Percy).

BUZZARD (*Buteo buteo*).—Single birds flying over seen in most months.

HEN-HARRIER (*Circus cyaneus*).—An adult male flying over Dumbles 10 November (H. B.).

GEESE AND DUCKS.—Details on pp. 9 and 29.

BAR-TAILED GODWIT (*Limosa lapponica*).—Two on river 11 May, one 7 August, one 15 March (H. B.).

BLACK-TAILED GODWIT (*Limosa limosa*).—Four 22 May and 16 August (H. B.), one 23 August (J. H. P. Allen).

TURNSTONE (*Arenaria interpres*).—Sixteen 1 August, three 5 August (H. B.), two 23 August (J. H. P. Allen) and one 30 August (H. B.).

KNOT (*Calidris canutus*).—One 5 May and seven 11 May, one 1 August (H. B.).

SANDERLING (*Crocethia alba*).—One 5 August (H. B.).

RUFF (*Philomachus pugnax*).—Four 5 March (T. J. Owen) and 6 March (H. B.).

GREEN SANDPIPER (*Tringa ochropus*).—One 8 September (L. W. Hayward).

REDSHANK (*Tringa totanus*).—Sixty-four at Purton end of Dumbles 5 August (H. B.). This is much the largest number so far recorded for the area. There were about twenty present during July, but during the rest of the year numbers were small.

GREY PLOVER (*Squatarola squatarola*).—One 22 May (H. B.).

OYSTER-CATCHER (*Haematopus ostralegus*).—One 20 and 21 August (H. B.).

COMMON OR ARCTIC TERN (*Sterna hirundo* or *macrura*).—One 23 April (H. B.).

GLAUCOUS GULL (*Larus glaucoides*).—A very large individual, probably fourth-winter, seen with Great Black-backed Gulls on Dumbles 12 February (H. B.).