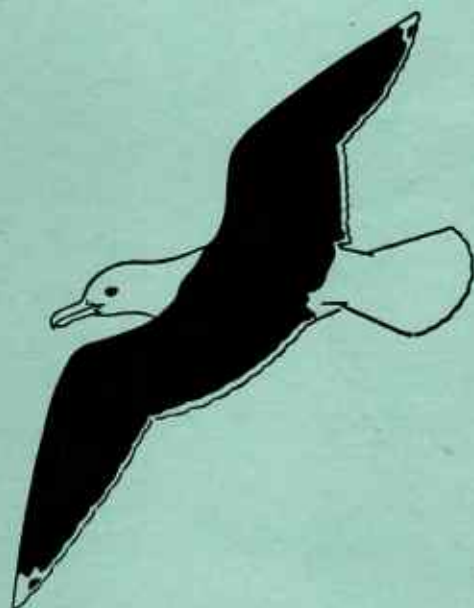


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## EDITORIAL NOTES

The Society has had another satisfactory year, membership remaining at about the same level as in the previous year. Ornithologically, of course the year has been outstanding. The extreme winter, however much inconvenience it may have caused in many ways, was of the greatest interest to bird-watchers. It added three new birds to the list for our area - Bewick Swan, Pink-footed Goose and Barnacle Goose. In addition it provided opportunities for seeing numbers of other species which are usually seen very infrequently. A full account of the winter, compiled by Mr. Twort from records sent in by members, is given in a special article. It was very noticeable that many residents in the area, not normally interested in bird-watching, went to much trouble to provide food and drink for birds in their gardens and so helped to reduce the mortality which otherwise would have been



even greater. The presence of an immature Whooper Swan, mixing with parties of Mute Swans and accepting bread and other food near the footbridge, was noticed and commented on by many people, as also were the two strange hybrid duck which were no doubt escapes from private collections. The most exciting event of the year was the passage of a number of flocks of Cranes observed in various places in the south of England, including (fortunately for those of our members who were lucky enough to be in those areas at the time) Lancing and Steyning. This provides a fourth addition to our list. A special article on this visitation, written by Mr. Grigg, appears on another page. The visit of the Flamingo is also the subject of a special article, although this is not of the same interest, the bird being no doubt an escape. It is sad to record that the Nightingale, formerly a regular nester at the Sanctuary, failed us for the second year running.

The usual Sanctuary Report, Ringing Report, List of Notable Birds of the area, Notes on Birds seen in the Area, Arrival and Departure of Migrants, Garden Birds, and Seawatching and Movements are also included, as are short summaries of the birds seen in the monthly field outings, which it is intended should be a permanent feature in future. We are also pleased to be able to give once again an article by Mr. Marr on Selsey Bill and one by Mr. R.E. Goddard on his observations at Devil's Dyke.

The most outstanding of our indoor meetings, among a number of most interesting ones, was the showing at the Town Hall, once again in two sessions, of the R.S.P.B. 'films "Island of Birds" and "Return of the Osprey". Although the total attendance was not so high as for the corresponding shows in 1962, the films were greatly enjoyed and provided a handsome surplus to our funds.

The number of birds ringed during the year was very little fewer than in 1962, notwithstanding the blank weeks at the beginning of the year when the Sanctuary was virtually inaccessible. The opportunity must be taken to put on record the value of the work put in by David Stone in connection with ringing at the Sanctuary and elsewhere. We wish him the best of luck in his career in agriculture, which will provide opportunities for him to pursue his interest in bird-watching and other natural history studies. The Sanctuary Report this year has been compiled by Michael Goddard, another pupil of Dr. Stafford who is becoming a highly competent ringer.

The Society is again indebted to a number of members for help in duplicating and distributing notices, in serving tea and biscuits at meetings, stewarding at the Town Hall film show and in other ways; also to Mr. and Mrs. Farmer who have been so generous with their slide-projector.

F.S.



## BIRD SANCTUARY REPORT FOR 1963

No new species were added to the Sanctuary's list in 1963, although it was visited on 102 days during the year. Certain species certainly declined in numbers after the hard winter. The Wren and the Goldcrest were only seen occasionally and the Long-tailed Tits and Kingfishers were absent. The winter adversely affected the early migrants, but the later species arrived at the usual time.

Records from the log kept in the hut are analysed here:-

### Jan. and Feb.

The Sanctuary was snowbound up to the end of February and there were no records except of a Woodcock on January 10th.

### Spring

Throughout March a pair of Partridges was present and on 30th a male Pheasant was seen. The first Chiffchaff arrived on 10th and up to six were seen throughout the month. For the first half of April few migrants were seen except for a few Chiffchaffs and the first Willow Warbler on the 4th. The 16th saw an influx of Chiff/Willows to about 30. Also just arrived were the first White-throat and Redstart and a Sedge Warbler was heard on 27th. There was a decrease towards the end of the month which continued into May. Five Sedge Warblers and a Lesser Whitethroat arrived on 4th May, while four days later a Reed Warbler, a Spotted Flycatcher and a Wheatear turned up. On the same day an unusual visitor, the Wood Warbler, was trapped. The first Blackcap and a House Martin were seen on 11th.

### Breeding Season

There was a decline in the number of nests during the breeding season. Only half the usual number of nests was found and the nest-boxes were apparently empty. The Nightingale again was absent and the Carrion Crows left us.

### Autumn

Early July saw a small amount of migrants with a Turtle Dove, some Swifts and a maximum of 20 Swallows on 20th. There were several Chiff/Willows, a Sedge Warbler and two Reed Warblers. There was a steady trickle of migrants throughout July but no large movements until August. The movement seemed to be at its peak on 13th. when 20 Chiff/Willows and 40 Swifts were present with a Lesser White-throat, five Whitethroats, a Sedge Warbler, two Turtle Doves and three Reed Warblers. Also on 13th, a large number of Finches and Starlings were present; there was a maximum of 40 starlings, 20

Greenfinches, 20 Goldfinches, 30 Linnets and 10 Chaffinches. Throughout August a Kestrel and two Partridges were seen on the hill above the Sanctuary and out on the marshes there were many Lapwings with a maximum of 40 on 29th. Also present were two Herons on 20th.

The migration movements tapered off into September with seven Chiff/Willows, two Whitethroats, a female Blackcap, a Sedge Warbler and two Reed Warblers on 9th. Wheatears and Stonechats were passing through on 15th. and 8th respectively. Hirundines were still passing through although only in small numbers. The only Great Spotted Wood-pecker of the year was trapped on 22nd.

The summer visitors had all gone by October except for a Chiff/Willow on 2nd and 9th, Swallows (4) on the 9th and two House Martins on 6th. Other interesting birds were a Kestrel on 9th and 23rd and a Heron and a Tawny Owl on 23rd. The winter residents were just starting to arrive with several Redwings towards the end of the month.

#### November and December

During a cold spell in the middle of December when the smaller streams of the marsh froze over, several Teal, Snipe, a Jack Snipe, and a Water Rail were seen and a Tawny Owl was found to be roosting near the hut. There were normal number of Redwings and Field fares and a Chiffchaff was found on 21st December and last seen on 28th. There was a Grey Wagtail on 20th November and 22nd December and four Tree Sparrow were present on 7th December.

M.J.S.G.

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#### RINGING REPORT FOR 1963

This was another good year for ringing. 2233 birds of 46 species were ringed. The very severe weather in the early part of the year is reflected in the ringing totals. Starlings were ringed in very large numbers, Wrens who suffered badly from the weather were very scarce. Also several species of birds were trapped which are not usually ringed in the Shoreham area. This showed that there had been a change compared with previous years which was due to the weather and not to any alteration in trapping methods.

Five new species were ringed for the first time.

Wood Warbler; Mallard; Coot; Dunlin; and Whooper Swan.



Michael Goddard trapped the Wood Warbler in the Sanctuary on May 8th. This is only the second authentic record for the Sanctuary.

David Stone, taking advantage of the weather, trapped the four other species. The Whooper Swan was an immature bird and only the fifth to be ringed in the British Isles.

Michael Goddard ringed over 1000 birds in the year and David Stone over 800. He has now left Shoreham to study agriculture and we wish him every success for the future. Michael Goddard continues to ring with enthusiasm and will get his Ringer's Licence as soon as he is of age. I am most grateful for his help in continuing the ringing this year.

### SAND MARTINS

This Society has supported the B.T.O. campaign in ringing this species and a total of 558 have so far been trapped in the sand pits in Sussex since 1961.

Retraps for 1963 show the continued scatter to other roosts and colonies in S. England.

J.S.

### RINGING TOTALS for 1963

		<u>Trap</u>	<u>Pull</u>	<u>Total</u>
Mallard	...	1		1
Coot	...	1		1
Redshank	...	2		2
Dunlin	...	1		1
Woodpigeon	...	6		6
Great Spotted Woodpecker	...	1		1
Skylark	...	33		33
Swallow	...	19		19
House Martin	...	12		12
Sand Martin	...	193		193
Rook	...		19	19
Great Tit	...	27		27
Blue Tit	...	78		78
Wren	...	5		5
Mistle Thrush	...	15	4	19
Fieldfare	...	3		3
Song Thrush	...	87	6	93
Blackbird	...	207	13	220
Redstart	...	1		1

		<u>Trap</u>	<u>Pull</u>	<u>Total</u>
Robin	...	25	1	26
Reed Warbler	...	12		12
Sedge Warbler	...	8		8
Blackcap	...	10		10
Garden Warbler	...	1		1
Whitethroat	...	17		17
Lesser Whitethroat	...	4		4
Willow Warbler	...	69		69
Chiffchaff	...	51		51
Wood Warbler	...	1		1
Spotted Flycatcher	...	6		6
Duncock	...	52		52
Grey Wagtail	...	1		1
Starling	...	774	4	778
Greenfinch	...	238		238
Goldfinch	...	38		38
Linnét	...	21		21
Bullfinch	...	18		18
Chaffinch	...	59		59
Brambling	...	12		12
Yellowhammer	...	8		8
Corn Bunting	...	19		19
Reed Bunting	...	3		3
House Sparrow	...	6		6
Tree Sparrow	...	1		1
Mute Swan	...	41		41
Whooper Swan	...	1		1
	TOTAL...	<u>2196</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>2233</u>

#### RECOVERIES

All these were ringed at Shoreham by Sea.

#### Foreign Recoveries

- Blackbird. Adult male ringed 30.1.1960 shot Biville  
(Manche) FRANCE 20.12.62. J.S.
- Blackbird. 1st winter Female ringed 15.1.61. killed by a cat  
Ile de Croix, Morbihan, FRANCE 21.1.63. J.S.
- Blackbird. 1st winter Male ringed 23.12.61. found long dead  
Tønsberg. NORWAY on 1.8.63. J.S.
- Starling. Full grown. Ringed 5.1.63. shot at Wehl.  
NETHERLANDS 24.9.63. D.S.

### Recoveries in the British Isles

<u>Redwing.</u>	Adult ringed 3.2.62. found dead at Southampton, HANTS on 27.1.63. 48 miles W.	J.S.
<u>Robin.</u>	Full grown ringed 9.9.62. killed on the road Pagham, SUSSEX, 2.9.63. 20 miles W.	M.G.
<u>Garden Warbler.</u>	Adult. Ringed 30.5.60. found dead on Bexhill Pier, SUSSEX 30.4.63. 50 miles E.S.E.	J.S.
<u>Starling.</u>	Adult. Ringed 10.1.63. found dead at Newhaven, SUSSEX 2.9.63. 14 miles E.	J.S.

### Mute Swans. All full grown birds ringed at Shoreham on:-

- 1) 16.6.62. Found on road and released on a pond at Ashington SUSSEX on 16.9.63. 11 miles N.N.W. D.S.
- 2) 28.3.63. Killed by landing aircraft at London Airport 10.9.63. 44 miles N. D.S.
- 3) 23.6.62. Found dead at Pulborough, SUSSEX on 3.6.63. 13 miles N.W. D.S.
- 4) 3.11.63. retrapped and released at Bosham, SUSSEX on 29.3.63. 25 miles W. D.S.
- 5) 24.11.62. found dying at Itchenor, Chichester Harbour, SUSSEX on 9.3.63. 27 miles W. D.S.

Ringers Initials - J.S. = J. Stafford; D.S. = David Stone;  
M.J. = Michael Goddard.

J.S.

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### NOTABLE BIRDS OF THE AREA, 1963

The following observers have contributed records which have been embodied in this feature:- Mrs. Chapman, Miss Catherine M. Biggs, Mrs. Farmer, Miss E. Menzies, M.J.S. Goddard, C.A. Grigg, M.J. Helps, C. Helyer, C. Hitchman, M. Lovell, B.A.E. Marr, T. Palmer, R. Phillips, F. Severs, G.A. Sutton, J.M. Twort, D. Varner, P. Wilmshurst, A.J. Watson.

Abbreviations:- m. = male; f. = female, W.W. = Wide Water; T.B. = Toll Bridge; C.C. = Cuckoos Corner; F.A. = Flood Arch; F.B. = Foot Bridge; S.P. = Sussex Pad; Br. = Brooklands; C.W. = Cement Works; R.B. = Railway Bridge; imm. = immature.

Great Northern Diver. One, Harbour Southwick, Jan. 20 to 26; two off Hove May 28 and three May 30th.

Black-throated Diver. One seen daily on Canal nr. Power Station from Jan. 19th to Feb. 22nd; one in Harbour Jan. 29 & Feb. 3rd may have been the same bird.



Red-throated Diver. One off Lancing Jan.1st; one W.W. Jan.2nd; two on sea, one at W.W. and one at Br. Pool, Jan.28th; One Harbour Jan. 29th; One creek nr.F.A., Mar. 7th; one on sea nr. Brooklands, April 6th.

Great Crested Grebe. Up to nine in Canal Jan. & Feb.; several on sea Shoreham, late Jan.; three there April 8th.

Slavonian Grebe. One C.C. Lancing, Feb.13th.

Black-necked Grebe. One on Canal nr Power Station, S'wick, Jan.23rd to Feb.17th; one in Harbour Jan.27 may have been same bird.

Little Grebe. Very few recorded after the early days of the year.

Fulmar. One S'wick, Jan. 19th; one off Hove, flying W, May 30th and again 31st.

Gannet. One flying W. off E. Worthing Beach, Oct.20th was a juvenile.

Shag. Two E. of locks, Jan. 22nd; two Harbour Jan. 29th & one there Mar. 1st. Single birds, in each case flying W. were seen off Hove on Feb. 22nd, March 7th, 9th & 27th, and April 10th.

Heron. The most interesting records are of one seen several days in late January standing on the lock structure at Southwick and six in flight near C.C. on July 17th.

Bittern. One caught nr. S.P., Jan.13th, kept for some weeks and then released.

Crane. Twenty-two were seen and watched feeding near the Adur between Steyning and Henfield, Oct. 31st and Nov.2nd., also twelve seen flying S.E. at Lancing, Oct. 30th. (see special article).

Flamingo. One on beach, Worthing and Lancing in Oct. (see spec. article).

Mallard. A few Sanctuary and elsewhere during early months. Most were c.50 Sussex Pad several times in Jan. Duck with young seen nr. S.P. and C.C. in May.

Teal. Flocks of over a hundred in early months; most were c. 350 at aerodrome on Jan. 8th; a few in marshy field at Brooklands at F.A. and at Sanctuary in Decr.

Wigeon. Flocks of c. thirty-five at W.W. Jan. 1st & c. fifty on airfield increasing to 350 - 400 in early Feb. then decreasing to

c.200 on Feb. 10th and 15th; C.100 nr. F.A. on Jan.26th; a dead one Adur, March 3rd; one m. Brooklands, March 5th.

Gadwall. One f. flying W. over Shoreham beach, Jan. 3rd.

Pintail. One m. W.W., Jan. 2nd; nine flew E. off Hove Feb.28th; twenty-three flew E. Mar. 8th.

Shoveler. One m. and two f. flew N. at Brooklands, Jan. 5th; one m. Br. Pool Dec. 25th.

Scaup. One f. flew E. off Hove, Jan. 6th; one m. Br. Pool, Jan. 1st and one f. there on 1st and 3rd; two there Jan. 6. One Br. Pool Oct. 17th to Nov. 15th; Two m. and nine f. Dec. 25th; one f. there Dec. 30th. Two m. Soldiers Point Jan. 22nd to 31st.

Tufted. A number Brooklands, early Jan., c. thirty there Feb.28th and fifteen Mar.10th; four m. and 9 f. there Dec. 25th. Up to thirty-five E. of F.B. Jan. to Mar. reduced to four by mid-March; smaller numbers in other places including twelve E. of Power Station Jan.22. and eight W. of locks Mar. 1st.

Pochard. C. forty to fifty Br. Pool, Jan. 6th and eighteen still there Mar. 6th; thirty m. and ten f. there Dec. 25th two on Dec.29th, and seven there on 31st. One or two nr. F.B. Jan. and Feb.

Goldereye. One f. off Hove, Jan. 10th; one imm. f. Br. Pool, Jan.3rd. to 7th and one there in Dec.; one or two Soldiers Point, Jan. 22nd to 28th; two f. W. of locks S'wick, Jan.26th.

Long-tailed. One imm. or f. Hove Lagoon, Nov.17 to Dec.13th.

Common Scoter. About fifty on sea, S'ham, Jan. 4th.

Eider. One f. flew W. off Hove Feb.14th and four flew E. Feb.26th; two f. at Hbr. Jan. 13th to April 4th; one m. there Mar. 23rd. One f. on sea, Jan.13th and one Mar. 24th; both Lancing. A pair on April 6th and one m. and two f. on 26th, both off E. Worthing; one f. at Hbr., Nov.30th to end of year.

Red-Breasted Merganser. One m. nr. F.B. Jan. 8th; one or two Adur at S'ham Jan.13th to Feb. 8th; from one to five in Canal, Jan.19th to Mar.25th. Up to eight or nine W. of locks, S'wick, Jan.26th to Feb. 16th. Ten nr. Soldiers Point, Jan. 29th. One f. oiled at Br. Pool, Mar.24th to April 6th. One f. on beach E. Worthing Dec. 1st and one Br. Pool Dec. 2nd, 25th and 31st.



Goosander. Three nr. locks Jan.13th to Mar. 1st; one or two on sea or Adur Jan.13th to Feb.22nd, three Jan. 31st and twelve Feb.21st, all f. or imm. Three m., one Jan. 25th one 28th and one 31st, all S'ham.

Smew. One F.A., Jan. 1st; one N. Lancing and one nr. F.B., Jan.20th; Two nr. locks, Jan.20th and 21st; One nr. C.C., Jan.22nd; two Canal, Jan.24th and 25th. Four nr. F.B. S'ham, Feb.3rd; one dead bird on field nr. airport, Feb.17th; one Brooklands, Feb. 22nd to March 3rd. All birds f. or imm.

Duck, Hybrid. One mostly dark brown with green speculum and one mostly black with blue speculum, both Mallard shape, near F.B., S'ham, Jan.3 to April 11th.

Shelduck. Two Br. Pool Jan. 6th; six in flight, S'wick, Jan.23rd; one or two on Adur in Feb., five flew from there Mar. 3rd; from three to five nr. T.B., Feb. 20th to Mar. 15th; C. eighteen nr. R.B., Dec. 29th seven on 30th and ten on 31st.

Grey Lag Goose. Five on meadow, Coombes, Jan. 24th.

White-fronted Goose. Up to ninety at airfield and adjacent fields, Jan. 6th to Feb. 2nd; eighty-one on meadow at Coombes, Jan.24th; fifteen flying W. nr. Brooklands Jan. 1st. There were c. thirty on Feb.11th, eleven on 12th and three on 15th probably of this species on New Monks Farm and four on sea at Shoreham but too far off to identify with certainty; this applies also to c. a hundred and ninety flying W. over Lancing Coll. on Jan. 1st; C. sixty flying N.W. over Portslade Jan. 17th.

Barnacle Goose. Eight on airfield Feb. 13th flew N.E. over Mill Hill. This is our first record for the area.

Pink-footed Goose. Two nr. Coombes, Jan.31st, our first record for the area.

Brent Goose. C. 160 flew east W.W. on Jan.12th.

Whooper Swan. One imm. at F.B. on Jan.24th stayed till April 11th. Three on airfield Feb. 3rd, nine there Feb. 9th to 14th. Eight at Coombes on Feb.16th. were probably the same birds.

Bewick Swan. Two recorded on airfield, Feb. 3rd our first record. Description given.

Buzzard. One flying over Buckingham Park, Nov.12th, was mobbed by Rooks, Jackdaws and Starlings.

Water Rail. One in ditch Airfield, Jan. 8th, 14th and 16th, two there Jan. 21st; two at C.C. Jan. 22nd; one nr. Norfolk Br., Feb. 9th and 10th; a dead one on airfield, March 3rd.

Coot. Up to 100 on Adur and adjoining fields, Jan. 1st onwards; a few still there in mid-April. Fourteen nr. Lighthouse in early Jan.; c. 150 on meadows Coombes, late Feb. A number on Adur nr. F.B. and at Brooklands in Dec.

Cystercatcher. Two Lancing Beach, Jan. 13th; One nr. houseboats, May 6th; two flying E. off S'ham, Aug. 3rd; one imm. nr. R.B., Aug. 19th to 27th; two nr. T.B., July 24th; two Adur, Aug. 21st; one mudflats Sep. 11th and 12th; up to three on beach or over sea at W.W., Nov. 30th to end of year.

Lapwing. Most seen were flocks of c. 250 at airfield, c. 200 nr. C.C., Nov. 22nd and c. 350 airfield Dec. 7th.

Grey Plover. Seven flew N. at Brooklands, Jan. 5th; one nr. R.B., Feb. 27 and 28; two above R.B., Sep. 19th to 29th.

Golden Plover. Five of northern race in breeding plumage, Applesham Farm, April 19th.

Turnstone. Four or five S'wick Beach, Jan. 20th; several nr. F.B., or Norfolk Bridge in Jan., Feb. and early March; one above R.B. Aug. 26th to 31st and two on Sept. 7th; one W.W., Dec. 17th; one nr. F.B. Dec. 31st.

Snipe. Many feeding on tidal flats in early Jan; c. 40 Br. Pool, Dec. 4th; c. 40 Sanc., mid-Dec.

Jack Snipe. One nr. S.P., Jan. 9th to 12th; one C.C., March 24th; one Br. marsh, Dec. 6th and two Dec. 8th; one Sanc., Dec. 14th and 19th.

Woodcock. Many records. One flying over Mill Hill, Jan. 2nd; one nr. S.P. Jan. 13th to 20th; a dying one on S'ham Ech. Jan. 9th; four recorded from Lancing during hard weather and the remains of another found below Lancing Clump on April 19th; at least three Brooklands, Jan. 6th and two there Jan. 13th; a dead one picked up nr. F.A., Feb. 3rd; One in garden Worthing for two days, Feb. 1st, one N. Ham field, Jan. 12th; two Buck. Park, Jan. 14th, one found dead there on 21st and the other found dead later; one Sanc. Jan. 10th.

Curlew. Many seen during hard weather; two flocks flew W. at Brooklands, Jan. 1st; eight nr. R.B., Jan. 21st; two dead ones nr. Norfolk Br., Jan. 26th; Thirteen at Coombes, Feb. 16th; eight airfield, April 28th.



Whimbrel. Three flying W., Brooklands, April 11th; two flew in from sea, S'ham, April 23rd; two seen and heard over sea S'ham, Aug.2nd; two nr. T.B., July 24th.

Black-tailed Godwit. Two nr. Houseboats, S'ham, Feb. 1st to 3rd, one there 19th to 21st.

Bar-tailed Godwit. One opposite Brooklands, Jan. 1st, one nr. Houseboats, S'ham, Feb. 1st, One at Old Salts Farm, Jan.26th; two mudflats, Sep. 10th to 29th. Ten W.W., Sept.15th and one Oct.5th.

Green Sandpiper. One in ditch on N. side of aerodrome, Jan. 15th; one C.C. 19th and 22nd.

Common Sandpiper. One nr. F.A., Nov. 10th, a late date.

Redshank. Several picked up dead during early months - c.70 on mudflats in Nov. and Dec. A few pairs bred near Cement Works.

Spotted Redshank. One nr. F.A., Jan. 1st to 15th; one there March 5th; one in the same area Sep. 21st to end of year.

Greenshank. One reported nr. Houseboats, Jan. 2nd; one nr. T.B., July 24th.

Knot. One mudflats, Jan. 6th; six or seven there, Feb. 19th to 21st; seventeen, March 3rd and several there until 16th. Autumn records for mudflats are five or six Aug. 22nd; twelve Sep.12th; fifteen Sep.14th and thirteen on the 15th. Two were recorded nr. R.B., Aug. 22nd.

Purple Sandpiper. Three W side of Hbr. Nov.28th (stated by workmen to have been there for about a fortnight); one to three seen there a number of times in Dec. to end of year; Two E. of Hbr., Dec.8th and later.

Little Stint. One nr. R.B. July 31st, Aug.2nd, 4th and 5th: two there Sept. 15th.

Dunlin. Many on mudflats, Jan. to March, most c. 300. First autumn birds seen on mudflats, Aug. 2nd; numbers reached 150 - 200 by early Nov. and 350 by end of year.

Sanderling. One at W.W., Dec.18th; one on mudflats nr. F.B., Dec.23rd.

Ruff. One F.A. or mudflats, Jan.5th to 13th; one Br.Pool, Jan.3rd and one there Feb. 24th; one Oyster Island, March 1st to 4th.

Phalarope. From description of appearance and behaviour one close in nr. W. Breakwater, S'ham Hbr., Nov.19th and Dec.13th; two nr. locks, S'wick, were well described by two observers, Nov.28th.

Stone Curlew. Mr. Grigg records a nest with two eggs on old building site, eggs hatched out May 13th.

Lesser Black-backed Gull. One Adur and adjacent areas at S'ham several dates in Feb.; seven nr. T.B., March 2nd; fourteen mudflats, Nov.13th; four Adur and one by F.A., Dec. 6th and 7th, three Dec.13th and only one at the end of the year.

Mediterranean Gull. One imm. Hove Lagoon Nov. 17th to end of year.

Little Gull. One imm. Brooklands, Oct. 27th.

Black-headed Gull. An imm. picked up dead at S'wick on Jan.18th had been ringed in Finland, June 19th 1962 as nestling; two other birds found dead on Feb.23rd had been ringed one in Russia and one in Czechoslovakia.

Common/Arctic Tern. A few flying over sea at S'ham in spring; six off W.W. April 10th; five in Hbr. Aug. 28th and several Sep. 2nd; two flying W. nr. R.B. Sept. 29th, one flying W. at W.W., Oct. 19th; three at Hbr. Oct. 20th.

Little Tern. Two flying W. off W.W., April 18th; between R.B. & T.B. two were seen in flight Aug. 10th, five on 14th and three on 15th; one flying W. over sea at S'ham, Sep. 6th.

Black Tern. Ten flying off Brooklands, Sep. 1st and four Sep.9th and 10th.

Sandwich Tern. One flying W. at Brooklands, April 11th and two at W.W. on 10th. Three flying E. at S'ham, Aug.28th.

Razorbill. One on sea Brooklands, Feb. 5th.

Guillemot. One oiled at S'ham, Jan.29th; a very tame bird at Locks, S'wick, Oct. 12th to 19th; one badly oiled off E. Worthing, Sep.21st.

Turtle Dove. C. 20 at Coombes on Aug. 29th were most recorded together.

Cuckoo. Mrs. Chapman records seeing one caught in a thorn hedge near a Dunnock's nest with two eggs; she released it and chased it away.



Barn Owl. One nr. R.B., Jan. 9th; one Buckingham Park, March 11th; one asleep in field, Lancing, Feb. 17th; two there Feb. 24th.

Little Owl. One nr. R.B., Jan. 6th; one Buckingham Park, March 11th; one there on grass eating worms at 6.30 a.m., Aug. 28th. One was probably resident there: two seen together once.

Short-eared Owl. One nr. R.B., Jan. 6th; at least six in field at Lancing, Feb. 17th and two there on 24th.

Nightjar. Mr. Grigg reports seeing six definite nests, one with second hatching.

Kingfisher. Scarce this year. One S'ham, Jan. 26th; one nr. F.A., Nov. 10th, 18th and 24th; one at W.W., Dec. 15th; Workmen recorded two nr. Harbour in early Dec.

Hoopoe. One flew in from sea, Brooklands, April 9th; one at Devil's Dyke, April 25th.

Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. One in a Shoreham Garden (Greenways Crescent), April 12th.

House Martin. Two Lancing, Nov. 2nd; one Shoreham, Nov. 18th.

Swallow. Several recorded in early Nov. One Park Avenue, S'ham, Nov. 12th; one flying along Hove sea front, Nov. 21st.

Marsh Tit. Several on downs above Lancing, Aug. 31st to Sep. 12th.

Long-tailed Tit. Records only from Mr. Grigg of family party in early month and two nests in spring.

Tree Creeper. One singing Coombes/Lancing border, April 5th.

Redwing. A few in various places in early Jan. and a number found dead during early months; some at Sanc., Oct. to Dec.

Fieldfare. A few nr. R.B., Jan. 11th to 21st; several found dead in early months including one in garden in Upper Shoreham Road. A few Sanc. in Dec.

Ring Ouzel. One m. Brooklands Tip, Nov. 9th. Good description by David Cox who saw and heard the bird.

Wheatear. One f. at Brooklands, March 26th; five W.W., March 30th, and c. twelve there, April 2nd; a pair believed to have nested there; three seen from end of June to end August.

Stonechat. Noticeably fewer than usual; only one or two records.

Whinchat. Two in garden at Coombes in spring and many autumn records, including two Brooklands, Aug. 21st, two Sanc., Aug. 22nd and four on downs above Lancing, Aug. 29th.

Redstart. One m. Sanc., April 28th; one Lancing Clump 22nd to 29th; one f. in garden at Coombes, Aug. 31st and one m. in garden at Mill Hill same day.

Black Redstart. Records of three and probably four different birds. One W.W. on Nov. 17th; and Dec. 18th; one Golden Sands caravan site 6th to 22nd Dec.; one on beach W. of Hbr., Dec. 8th to 31st.; one on beach E. of Hbr., Dec. 9th to 31st. All birds f. or imm. and all seen by several observers.

Reed Warbler. One singing at S.P., April 28th; c. seven m. singing nr. C.C., June 23rd and four singing among reeds nr. S.P., July 2nd; c. twelve pairs were recorded nesting in marshy areas W. side of airport.

Sedge Warbler: Two airfield, April 19th. There were many more in our area later on than last year.

Blackcap. One in Mill Hill garden, Feb. 13th; one singing Coombes/Lancing border April 1st, where a resident said he had a pair in his garden from Sep. 1962 to spring 1963; several seen and heard in suitable places in spring.

Garden Warbler. One Erringham Shaw, May 8th; one New Monks Farm 9th; one Manor House 17th; two Lancing Clump 19th and one near Coombes Church on 24th.

Lesser Whitethroat. One nr. S.P. April 23rd; a number seen and heard later, the most being between Sanc. & Erringham Shaw, May 8th; two singing Lancing, May 19th.

Willow Warbler. One caught and ringed Sanc., April 4th was first record; one singing nr. C.C., April 10th and 11th; one singing S'wick Green, Sept. 18th was last.

Chiffchaff. One wintering bird seen and heard in Sanc., Dec. 21st, 24th and 28th; first arrival in spring and peak numbers earlier than usual; one or two Sanc. (one ringed), March 10th, one singing there on 12th; four to six there on 17th; one Kingston Lane, same day; c. 12 over a stream at Lancing on 24th. After that date numbers gradually decreased; one singing at S'wick Green on Oct. 9th.



Wood Warbler. One caught and ringed Sanc. May 8th.

Goldcrest. Very scarce. One f. at Sanc. March 28th and one there in May. One in a garden in Kingston Lane and one in a garden in Adelaide Square, S'ham were also reported but without dates.

Spotted Flycatcher. Four Lancing Clump, May 19th and several near same spot in June, July and Aug.; several at Sanc. May 7th.

Pied Flycatcher. No records received.

Rock Pipit. Two W. Breakwater on Oct. 22nd and 25th; later in year normal numbers seen and heard at S'wick, Brooklands and S'ham, mostly on beaches.

Grey Wagtail. Rather scarce; at least two seen and heard several times at Brooklands; one caught and ringed at Sanc. in Nov.

Starling. One with pied plumage Park Avenue, Jan. 24th.

Siskin. Several recorded on downs above S'wick in Feb. and some in garden in Lewes Road.

Linnet. C. 250 at Brooklands, Jan. 1st; nineteen picked up dead between F.A. and Norfolk Br., Jan. 5th; one m. found dead on Steep Down, July 25th had yellow plumage where normally it is red.

Brambling. Numbers seen Rubbish Dump, S'ham, Jan. 7th to March 11th, most being c. 100 on Feb. 23rd; c. twelve nr. Hsbts, S'ham., Jan. 5th; Six at W.W., Jan. 6th; and c. 40 Brooklands, Jan. 1st, c. 50 Jan. 3rd and a few Jan. 6th to 13th, C. 50 Lancing Manor, Feb. 24th; c. twelve N.Ham field, Jan. 12th to 31st; nine ringed in garden at Mill Hill, Shoreham, Jan. and Feb.

Chimney Bunting. One singing in garden at N. Lancing, May 15th; two singing below Lancing Clump, May 24th.

Snow Bunting. One Lancing, Jan. 1st; three S'ham Rubbish Dump, Jan. 15th; A flock reported feeding on bird table by Houseboat resident, end Jan.; a film taken by another resident of a flock in a garden on Shoreham Beach in Jan.

Tree Sparrow. C. 40 at Brooklands, Jan. 1st; one on F.B., S'ham, Jan. 5th; Some at Rubbish Dump, S'ham, Jan. 7th to March 11th, most c. 30, a few at Sanc. Dec. 7th.

### THE WINTER OF 1962-1963

The severe weather which began on December 23rd 1962 and lasted through January and February 1963 brought several unusual birds to our area. In addition several regular visitors appeared in much larger numbers than usual. For example Pink-footed Geese, Barnacle Geese and Bewick Swans were recorded for the first time in our area, and Whooper Swans for only the second time. The Barnacle Geese which appeared on the Airfield at Shoreham on 13th and the Pink-footed Geese which were seen near Coombes on January 31st only stayed one day, while the Whoopers, which were first seen on the Airfield on February 3rd stayed for over a week. A few days later Whoopers were recorded at Coombes, and these may have been the same birds. An immature Whooper first recorded on January 24th on the Adur near the Foot Bridge remained in the area until April 11th. The Bewicks appeared on the Airfield on February 3rd.

Flocks of White-fronted Geese up to at least ninety at Shoreham, sixty at Portslade and eighty-one at Coombes were recorded during January and February and a smaller flock east of Worthing on January 1st. A flock of about one hundred and sixty Brent Geese were seen flying East at Wide Water on January 12th. A few Grey Lag Geese were spotted on a meadow at Coombes on January 24th. Duck also were recorded in far larger numbers than usual. For example flocks of up to 350 Teal were recorded in January and 350 to 400 Wigeon in February. Also recorded were about 25 Mergansers and about 20 Goosanders including three adult males. The latter are not often seen in our area and then only in ones and twos; this applies also to Smew, twelve of which were recorded, all females or immatures. A dead bird of this species was picked up on a farm at Lancing where at the same time six Short-eared Owls were seen by several observers.

Coot were much more in evidence than usual, altogether about 350 to 400 being recorded.

One of the most notable features was the large number of Woodcock recorded, at least seventeen having been seen during January and February. These include four from Lancing and three from Brooklands, the remains of five dead birds and one which later died at Shoreham. Other records are one in a member's garden at Worthing on February 1st and 2nd, one in a garden at Coombes for several days from January 1st, one at N. Ham Field on January 12th, two at Buckingham Park on January 14th and one at the Bird Sanctuary on January 16th.



It was noticeable that Snipe, which in the earlier days of the spell were more in evidence than usual, being driven by the frost to feed in tidal flats and ditches, seemed to disappear completely about the middle of January and were not seen again until the spring. Lapwings also seemed to disappear about the same time.

Great Crested Grebes were more numerous than usual, up to nine being seen in the Aldrington Canal and lesser numbers elsewhere. Other birds recorded during the hard spell were Slavonian and Black-necked Grebes, Great Northern and Black-throated Divers, a Greenshank, a Spotted Redshank and several flocks of Snow Buntings. Mention should also be made of a Bittern picked out of some reeds at Lancing on January 13th which was kept for some weeks and later released; and of a Fulmar seen at Southwick on January 19th.

Flocks of Brambling were also recorded - the most being c. 100 on Shoreham Rubbish Dump on February 23rd and c. 50 at Lancing Manor on February 24th - and several Siskins on the Downs at Southwick in February.

As was to be expected, besides those already mentioned, the writer received many records of birds picked up dead during the cold weather. These included many gulls found dead or dying on fields round Coombes and elsewhere - amongst others, several which had been ringed in Northern Europe. One member sent records of nineteen dead Linnets between the Flood Arch and Norfolk Bridge on January 5th. Other records of dead birds included many Coot, Mute Swans, Song Thrushes, Blackbirds, Fieldfares, Wood Pigeons, Skylarks, Greenfinches and Dunnock.

On the arrival of spring the diminution in numbers of some species was very noticeable. For example, there was a record of one Kingfisher in January and after then none was recorded until November. There were only two records of Goldcrests in our area, and for the first time I heard none singing. Long-tailed Tits apparently suffered very badly although Mr. Grigg recorded that two families hatched out in the spring. Wrens were also scarce according to general observation although I have heard several singing in the spring, round Shoreham and Coombes. No records of wintering Chiffchaffs for the year 1962-1963 reached me, the first arrival being one in the Sanctuary on March 10th. Two records of wintering Blackcaps were received, a pair being stated to have been throughout the winter in a garden at Coombes, and a single bird seen on one day only by Miss Biggs in her garden on February 13th.

One of the birds which appeared to have survived the hard weather best was the Dunnock and I even heard one singing at Southwick in February.



All in all the winter of 1962-1963 has been a season to remember but let us hope for the sake of the birds that we do not get another like it for years to come.

J.M.T.

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SOME NOTES ON BIRDS SEEN IN THE SHOREHAM AREA  
DURING 1963

Special articles on the Cranes; the Flamingo; and many of the birds recorded during the cold spell in January and February of this year, appear elsewhere in this Report. The following summarises the records relating to other birds considered worthy of note.

Shag were recorded east of the locks at Southwick and in the Harbour in late January and also on the sea off Hove in February, March and early April. At least twelve Eiders, (including two drakes) and six Ruffs were recorded during the year. Golden Plover were seen on Applesham Farm on April 19th, and in the same month two Hoopoes were seen, one on the 9th and another on the 25th. There were two Great Northern Divers off Hove on May 28th and three on May 30th.

Three Spotted Redshanks were recorded during the year; the last, first seen in the creek near the Flood Arch on September 21st, was still about in early January 1964. An immature Little Gull was seen at Brooklands on October 27th and a Common Sandpiper at the Flood Arch on November 10th - a late date.

Ten Black Terns flew west at East Worthing on September 1st, and four on the 9th at Brooklands stayed until the 10th. There was a Ring Ouzel at Brooklands on November 9th and on the 12th of the same month Mrs. Farmer reported a Buzzard flying over Buckingham Park and being mobbed by Rooks and Starlings.

Towards the end of November Phalaropes were recorded, two near the locks at Southwick and one west of the Harbour. At about the same time Purple Sandpipers were seen on both sides of the Harbour and these were still there during the last days of the month. On December 31st eight Brent Geese were seen flying East at Shoreham close inshore.

It is nice to be able to record Black Redstarts once more. There were at least three and probably four along the coast in our area during December. A record of a Chiffchaff at the Sanctuary on the 21st, 24th and 28th of December is also interesting, December being the only month of the year in which this bird had not previously been recorded in our area.

Finally, there was an immature Long-tailed Duck on Hove Lagoon on November 17th until December 13th and an immature Mediterranean Gull there from December 17th until the end of the year.

J.M.T.



### ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF MIGRANTS 1963

The following table of the first and last dates on which migrating birds have been recorded in our area are taken from records contributed by the following members:- Miss C. Biggs, Messrs. C.F. Brown, D. Cox, B. Forbes, M. Goddard, C. Grigg, C. Helyer, F. Severs, J.M. Twort, and D. Warner and Dr. J. Stafford.

<u>Species</u>	<u>First date &amp; locality</u>	<u>Last date and locality</u>
Whimbrel	April 11th, Brooklands	
Common Sandpiper		Nov. 10th, Flood Arch.
Common/Arctic Tern	Six off W.W., April 10th	
Sandwich Tern	Two, W.W., April 10th	
Swift	Seven, New Salts Farm, May 1st	
House Martin	May 1st, Wiston	Shoreham, Nov. 18th
Swallow	Two, New Salts Fm., & two, Adur	One Hove, Nov. 21st
	April 12th	One, S'ham, Nov. 12th
Sand Martin	May 1st, Wiston (two)	
Wheatear	One, B'lands, March 26th	
Redstart	Sanc. April 16th	Aug. 31st, Mill Hill
Reed Warbler	April 28th, Sussex Pad.	
Sedge Warbler	April 19th, Airfield.	
* Blackcap	April 1st, Lancing	
Garden Warbler	May 8th, Erringham Shaw	
Whitethroat	April 16th, Sanc.	
Lesser Whitethroat	April 23rd, Sussex Pad.	
Willow Warbler	April 4th, Sanc.	
* Chiffchaff	March 10th, Sanc.	Oct. 10th, Southwick
Wood Warbler	May 8th, Sanc.	
Spotted Flycatcher	May 7th, Sanc.	

\* Excluding, in the cases so marked, wintering birds.

F.S.

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### SEA WATCHING AND MOVEMENT OF BIRDS IN 1963

As usual this article summarises the records received from members which come under this heading. Unfortunately no systematic sea-watching was carried out during the year and consequently the general picture presented is more fragmentary even than that given in the reports in previous years.

The position during the earlier months of the year, when the country was in the grip of the phenomenally severe winter was especially notable for the exceptional visits of various species of wild duck, geese and swans. A full account of these is given in Mr. Twort's article on "The Winter of 1962/3"; this covers also, of course, the exceptional numbers of other birds such as Brambling and Tree Sparrow. An addition to be made as regards this period is the passage of Linnets and other small passerines an an easterly direction on January 1st and on the same day a movement westerly of two flocks of about thirty Curlew; both these movements were observed on the coast at East Worthing. Also a very large westerly passage of Herring and Black-headed Gulls on February 2nd is worth recording.

The usual spring movements of terns, gulls and waders occurred, but although no systematic counting was carried out, the general impression is that no unusual numbers were involved.

In the autumn the gulls and waders which are such a feature of our area returned to their usual feeding grounds on the Adur mud-flats and surrounding fields. From an average taken of a number of counts towards the end of the year, numbers of Great Black-backed, Herring and Black-headed Gulls appeared to be rather lower than usual, reaching about 300, 400 and 2,000 respectively. Common Gulls, never very numerous, seemed to be rather more in evidence than usual, about 50 or 60 birds being seen on one or two occasions. Rather more unusual was the fact that four Lesser Black-backed Gulls were still with us in the early part of December, although by the end of the month we were reduced to our usual one. The common waders were perhaps rather more numerous than in most years, Dunlin reaching 400, Redshanks about 70 and Ring Plover about 30 by the end of December.

The only coastal movements recorded in the autumn were a small easterly passage of passerines on October 27th, a flock of ten Black Terns flying east on September 1st and the usual easterly movement of hirundines during August, September and the first part of October. The effect of migration movements as reflected in the species and numbers seen at the Sanctuary is described in the Sanctuary Report written by Michael Goddard. To this need only be added a report of forty to fifty Corn Buntings seen on the downs above the Sanctuary on November 1st.

Contributors of records:- Messrs. D. Cox, B. Forbes, M. Goddard, F.C. Helyer and F. Severs.

F.S.



### GARDEN BIRDS FOR 1963

These notes have been compiled from members' records. The following have contributed:- Miss C. Biggs, Mrs. O.M. Chapman, Miss E. Menzies, Miss E. Rogers and Messrs. B. Forbes, M. Goddard, R.E. Goddard, C. Grigg, C. Helyer, B. Metcalfe.

#### Garden at & Mill Hill (C.B.)

Redstart (m) Oct. 24th and 25th; Great Spotted Woodpecker, Nov. 25th; Blackcap (m) Feb. 13th.

#### Garden at Hove (O.M.C.)

Many different species including a Marsh Tit on Jan. 19th, nesting Great Tits, Blackbirds, etc.

#### Garden at Wordsworth Rd., Worthing (E.M.)

Woodcock feeding for a day and a half in snow in Feb.

#### Garden at Greenways Crescent (E.R.)

Lesser Spotted Woodpecker, April 12th.

#### Garden at Chesswood Road, Worthing (B.F.)

Brambling on several occasions in Jan. (max. 3); Coal Tit, Jan. 24th; Fieldfares (2) Jan. 24th; Redstart, Jan. 9th to 24th.

#### Garden at Mill Hill (M.G.)

Numbers of Brambling in Jan. & Feb. (nine ringed)

#### Garden at Dyke Close, Hove (R.E.G.)

Reed Bunting, Jan. 22nd; Brambling, Feb. 18th.

#### Garden at Steyning (C.G.)

Moorhens fed on lawn and roosted in bush for ten days in Jan.; 50 Skylarks fed and sheltered in cabbage bed in Jan. and c. 60 feeding at one time on holly berries; Mistle Thrush nest with five eggs and Blackbird with young on April 20th.

#### Garden at Westdene, Brighton (C.H.)

Girl Bunting (m.) various dates Mar. 2nd to June 28th; Wheatear (one to four), Sep. 5th; Whinchat (two m. and one f.) Sep. 14th; Redwing, Dec. 3rd.

#### Garden at Steyning (B.M.)

Redwings and Fieldfares feeding on berries in January; Girl Bunting occasionally singing, various dates.

Reports of birds seen by members in the gardens of friends include two Whinchats at Coombes in the spring; a Redstart in a garden at Coombes, Aug. 31st; Blackcap at Coombes from Sep. 1962 to spring 1963; a flock of Snow Buntings in a garden on Shoreham Beach in Jan; Siskins in Lewes Road; Goldcrest in Kingston Lane; Goldcrest in Adelaide Sq. (no dates given for these); a Woodcock in a garden at Coombes for a few days from Jan. 1st.

### UNUSUAL VISITORS (CRANES)

On Thursday October 31st friends who live in a farmhouse on the edge of the water meadows between Steyning and Henfield heard - quite by chance - an appeal being broadcast by the B.B.C. on behalf of the Somerset Ornithological Society asking listeners for any information which could be given about a large number of Cranes which had been seen flying over Bridgewater the previous day.

A few minutes later my friends, to their surprise, saw a flock of these birds some 300 yards from their house feeding on some freshly ploughed farm-land. The telephone is very useful on occasions like this and in company with a well known ornithologist - who has a car - it was not long before we joined my friends at their view-point.

Through our binoculars we had the wonderful experience of watching a flock of 22 Common Cranes quietly feeding although, even from where we were watching, they appeared to be very nervous and we made no effort at a nearer approach. There was one light coloured bird among them and the long feathers pluming over the tails of all the birds was very noticeable. Later in the day, when these birds were disturbed by a farm worker, it was noted that as a flock, they very quickly adopted a 'V' formation in flight.

The birds we saw were apparently only part of a considerably large 'siege' of Cranes which, for a few days, received a great deal of publicity in ornithological circles and one wonders what mischance brought them to England where they have not previously been seen in comparable numbers for more than 300 years.

C.A.G.

#### Note by Editor:-

A report has also been received from Mr. R. Phillips of a flock of 12 Cranes seen by him at Lancing Beach on October 30th (mid-morning) flying out to sea in a S.E. direction.

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### FLAMINGO AT WORTHING

Although the Flamingo seen at various places in the Brighton to Worthing area was apparently an escaped bird and appears to have been a Chilean Flamingo, it aroused a good deal of interest with the general public and the Press. J.S. telephoned me about it early on the morning of 11th October and remembering an urgent appointment in Worthing I dashed out of the office. After a good deal of searching between the Half Brick at South Lancing and Worthing Pier where it had been seen I finally located it near the outfall pipe opposite Brooklands Pool.

It was then wading in the sea about tarsus deep, feeding and preening. It seemed larger than a Heron and the carriage of the body was horizontal. The plumage appeared to be in perfect condition and the general colour was a delicate shade of salmon pink, lightest at the head and deepening towards the tail. The scapulars were feathery and at rest the deep crimson of the wing coverts and sometimes the black of the flight feathers could be seen. The legs were quite startling and were pale grey except for the tarsal joints and feet which were crimson. The down-pointing part of the bill was entirely black.

When approached the bird became alarmed and after spreading its wings twice it started to fly but did not fully take off and ran along the surface of the sea while flapping its wings. These were crimson with a trailing edge of black and there was no sign of any damage to the flight feathers. The Flamingo then settled on the sea about 60 yards out in outline looking like a pink Mute Swan. It swam very strongly with the tarsal joints coming up out of the water behind the tail with each stroke of the legs.

The most striking feature of this Flamingo was the really beautiful colouring, quite unlike the rather washed out white specimens seen at Zoos.

R.E.G.

#### Note by Editor:-

A record of this bird with description has also been received from Mr. R. Phillips, who saw it on the beach opposite Brooklands a.m. Oct. 11th and again on the shingle on Lancing Beach at dusk the same day.

### SELSEY BILL - 1963

This was the fifth year of our observations of bird migration at the Bill, another successful one. We continued to enjoy the use of our hut on the Bill-tip, which stands as firm as ever, although the first major renovation since its erection four years ago was required early in the autumn, a new floor. The holes and cracks in the old one were thought to be a direct result of the frequent visits in the spring of an ornithologist who weighs over 20 stone, whose entrances and exits from the hut were always accompanied by creaking and rending noises from beneath.

The spring was in many ways similar to the previous one, being on the whole fairly quiet apart from a hectic period in mid-April, when up-Channel movement was at its heaviest. Numbers of divers were larger in the spring than ever before, up to 52 in a day passing eastwards, and skua numbers were well up to the normal, although for yet another year no large tern movements materialised. Excitements included a Nightjar on the beach, our first Stone Curlew, also on the shore, the first spring Pied Flycatcher, and the first Roseate Terns for two years.

The autumn started in a disappointing fashion, most weekends in August being typified by blustery winds, and little movement was recorded until the end of the month, when 2 or 3 Gull-billed Terns appeared and some huge hirundine movements were noted, thousands of Swallows and Sand Martins leaving out to sea on several days. As has been the case in most years, the end of August also marked the peak in emigration of 'Flava' Wagtails and Tree Pipits, while a Mediterranean Gull was seen offshore and an early Pomarine Skua passed west. September and most of October were characterised by small but steady movements of both sea-birds and passerines, with several late migrants in October, but our most exciting month was undoubtedly to be November.

The Cranes were the birds which caused the most excitement, and which will remain for a long, long time in the memory of those fortunate enough to see them; much has already been written about their remarkable 'invasion' of southern England in the late autumn. The first flock appeared on a farm about a mile from the Bill on October 30th, and several flocks were seen in the area in the ensuing four days, including two parties totalling about 80 birds which left out to sea on November 3rd, a thrilling sight.



At this same time, a Hen Harrier was in the area and a Pectoral Sandpiper trapped at our little Sewage Farm, later to be followed by a Grey Phalarope; several Long-tailed Duck and up to about 60 Eider were offshore; and as many as ten Short-eared Owls and 2-3 Black Redstarts were also about. Movements continued later than usual, owing to the remarkably mild weather, and even in December we recorded such species as Great and Pomarine Skua and Manx Shearwater.

B.A.E.M.

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# THE DEVILS DYKE AREA 1963

For the past two years, a fairly full list of arrival dates has been given with a view to listing the migrants and comparing their arrival dates in this area with other localities. During 1963, there were no specially early arrivals and perhaps it is better merely to note points of interest.

The Common and Blackheaded Gulls which have previously left at the beginning of April remained until 10th April, perhaps as a result of the severe winter, which fortunately the Willow Tits survived. On 25th April Mr. C. F. Helyer found a Hoopoe, curiously on exactly the same date as the Hoopoe the previous year.

The Grasshopper Warblers appeared as usual and were as confiding as ever, one kindly agreeing to give a reeling concert in the very bush where I had hung the microphone of my tape recorder. Like many other small birds, the Grasshopper Warbler reacts very strongly to playing back a recording and flies around in a circle from one bush to another, reeling as hard as it can from various song points.

A little more time was spent this year on the return migration and the table below gives a record of the results for 6 days in August.

<u>August</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>Total</u>
Wheatear	7	10	6	5	8	6	42
Turtle Dove	3	-	1	-	-	1	5
Redstart	-	-	1	6	2	-	9
Whinchat	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
House Martin	-	-	-	-	-	32	32
Phyllosco. Sp.	4	5	10	8	2	5	34

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<u>August</u>		<u>23</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>Total</u>
	b/fwd.	15	15	18	19	12	44	123
Whitethroat		5	1	-	14	4	5	29
Lesser Whitethroat		-	1	4	-	-	-	5
Swallow		4	1	1	4	16	3	29
Meadow Pipit		3	1	-	2	-	-	6
Blackcap		-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Spotted Flycatcher		-	-	1	3	-	-	4
Grasshopper Warbler		-	-	-	-	-	2	2
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On 23rd August 3 Red-legged Partridges were seen, a new bird for the area.

The Devil's Dyke was watched on 19th and 20th October as part of the Sussex and Hampshire Migration Watch. The first day, nearly 800 birds were counted in less than two hours, the birds on the move being Skylarks, Starlings, Chaffinches, Greenfinches, Linnetts and a few Meadow Pipits. The second day was spoiled by fog and continuous rain from daybreak. It was interesting to note that birds grounded in the bushes on the ridge where C.F.H. and I were watching whereas on the previous day they had flown straight on to the South. Later in the day, C.F.H. added a Little Owl to the birds of the area.

The Three Cornered Coppice at the back of Hove Park is on the same ridge that leads up to the Devils Dyke and I often visit it in the evening in late August and September. As in previous years, it has seemed to attract the Pied Flycatcher which was observed on 29th August and 14th and 15th September, involving at least two birds. This species I have yet to see at the Devils Dyke. The Sedge Warbler also occurs in small numbers at the Coppice but has not so far been observed at the Devils Dyke. 14 species of Summer visitors were observed at the Coppice this Autumn.

From my garden, which is again on the same ridge, Redwing were heard flying to the North East on 25th and 26th October and on 4th November, the heaviest passage being on the first date. On 27th November about 200 Woodpigeons flew north at about 8.15 a.m.

A final visit to the Devils Dyke on December 14th at 3.15 p.m. was most interesting. The wind was blowing from the North East and it was extremely cold. Three small parties of Lapwing flew South



and as dusk was approaching Chaffinches started to fly North in small parties of up to 15 and it was estimated that 300 flew over in 20 minutes. A similar movement had been seen on the afternoon of Christmas day 1962, the weather conditions then being the same.

R.E.G.

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WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL  
PROTECTION OF BIRDS COMMITTEE

It is proposed to place this Committee on a county basis and to extend its scope to cover all forms of natural life. Instead of this Society it is anticipated the Sussex Ornithological Society and the Sussex Naturalist Trust will be invited to appoint representatives to the re-constituted Committee.

G.W.R.

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SUMMARIES OF 1963 FIELD OUTINGS

Sunday January 27th Amberley Wildbrooks, with Mr. B.A.E.Marr.

A lovely sunny day after some five weeks of unbroken arctic weather and some eight members braved the icy roads to be present. Small numbers of duck were seen on the brooks, where we also found 7 Whooper and 8 Bewick's Swans, affording excellent opportunity for comparison of the two species. Some 35 Canada Geese and a flock of 10 Goosander in the distance were also seen, and on a visit to Church Norton later in the afternoon we watched 95 Brents from very close range as they fed at the mouth of Pagham Harbour.

Saturday March 2nd Cuckmere Valley and Newhaven, with Mr. M. Hollings.

We met at Exceat Bridge, and walked down the Cuckmere Estuary to the sea. It was very much a winter's day; the sun glinted on the frozen grass, and the wind was icy. Several people, some with guns and dogs, had earlier passed this way, and few birds remained. High overhead, 16 White-fronted Geese headed inland, whilst a flock of 80 Wigeon swung southwards. A group of about a dozen Brent Geese

bobbed offshore, scattered like Black corks, and several Curlew flew past. Skylarks and Meadow Pipits were singing, and Lapwings were returning eastwards in ones and twos.

We moved on to the Newhaven Harbour area where, standing in a grassy field, five Golden Plover already showed the first tinge of summer gold in their plumage. There was no sign, however, of any early Wheatears. Even so, as we ate our sandwiches on the shingle, sheltered from the chill wind, the air was warm. A scattered raft of diving duck drifted inshore, with the rising tide until we could count them: 84 Scaup, 52 Pochard, 20 Tufted Duck, and 12 Scoter. We walked along the east jetty, where two Purple Sandpipers, perched on the concrete under-structure, let us have a close look at them before they whirled away.

The pools in the marshy area near the railways produced several dead Redshank and Coot, victims of the winter, and there was the unpleasant spectacle of two youths stoning a Scaup. One of them, armed with bow and arrows, had a freshly-killed Mallard with him, and he was taken to the local police-station.

The organised outing then split up, and impromptu visits followed. Some members went to Brooklands Pool, still half-frozen, where a duck Scaup and Smew in fine plumage mingled with a dozen Tufted Duck and six Pochard. Another group braved the snow and ice at Greatham Bridge, where their ornithological virtue was duly rewarded with splendid views of 13 Whooper Swans low overhead, while a further six were seen feeding near the bridge.

#### Saturday April 13th Chichester Gravel Pits, with Mr.B.A.E.Marr.

This was an afternoon outing, members meeting at the Railway Station in Chichester and proceeding from there to the Gravel Pits. A thorough walk around the area of pits south of the By-Pass road revealed little out of the ordinary apart from a female Red-Crested Pochard swimming among the Coots on one pit, and small numbers of Tufted Duck and Pochard.

#### Saturday June 15th New Forest, with Mr. B.A.E.Marr.

We were fortunate in squeezing a warm, dry sunny day in among a long series of wet and windy ones, and an enjoyable day was spent wandering across the disused airfield on Beaulieu Heath and through the adjoining woods. Birds were rather scarce, a couple of Buzzards giving a fine display of soaring close at hand while the sight of two or three Goldcrests in the woods assured us that the winter had not killed all these delightful little birds.



Sunday August 18th Thorney Island, with Mr.T.Palmer.

This was the occasion of the first combined outing of the Shoreham and Sussex Ornithological Societies, a sunny and warm although blustery day, and some 45 members came. Good numbers of waders were seen by the Deeps and on the mudflats; a dozen Greenshank, at least five Spotted Redshank, several Green and Common Sandpipers, and small parties of Curlew, Whimbrel and both species of Godwit flying on the ebbing tide. Three Kestrels using the approach lights of the airfield runway for vantage points were a welcome sight, and a lovely cock Redstart on the sea-wall added a splash of colour to the scene. The party which took the west sea-wall route were rewarded by splendid views of some Black Terns swooping for insects over the Deeps.

Saturday September 7th Church Norton and Pagham Harbour, with Mr.R.P. Meadows.

A pleasant day and some interesting birds marked the occasion of this outing to one of our favourite haunts. In the grounds of the old Priory we found two Pied Flycatchers and a Redstart hawking for flies, while nearby in the Harbour some 40 Oystercatchers, 20 Grey Plover, 60 Turnstone, 60 Knot, 30 Curlew and 10 Bar-tailed Godwits were watched assembling on the island in the Harbour mouth as the tide rose. About a dozen Little Terns were fishing in the Harbour, over which passed half a dozen Sandwich and a similar number of Common/Arctic Terns, while a solitary Black Tern was feeding offshore.

Saturday October 26th Cuckmere Valley and Newhaven with Mr.M.Hollings.

There was little to be seen at Newhaven Harbour; the odd Curlew, Redshank, Dunlin and Ringed Plover feeding on the estuary mud, two Kestrels hunting over the rough ground, and a late Common/Arctic Tern hurrying past. A Wheatear was seen on the extensive shingle patch, and a Golden Plover flew southwards overhead. Whilst we were vainly looking for Purple Sandpipers on the jetty structures, a flock of 40 Goldfinches flew southwards out to sea.

The fine sunny day had brought the customary "weather movement" and people were flocking to the coast; there were plenty of people but few birds on the clifftops, and only a few Oystercatchers and Lesser black-backed gulls, and a couple of Rock Pipits could be seen on the rocky beaches below. However, it was encouraging to see two Stonechats in the thorn-scrub at Seaford Head, with the inevitable Bullfinches. The very pleasant weather compensated a little for the lack of birds, but again emphasised the overcrowding of so much of the coast, and the merits of the more rigorous winter days.

Saturday November 30th East Head, with Mr. R.E.Goddard

A party of eleven had a very enjoyable outing to East Head in coldish but pleasant weather, a welcome change from the Arctic conditions last year. We saw a good variety of waders, including both Godwits and some Sanderling. Duck were somewhat scarce, except for Mergansers, of which 41 in all passed down the channel seawards with a distinct preponderance of males in direct contrast to the observers. There were distant views of 300-400 Brent Geese, and close views of two Snow Buntings. For good measure, a seal was also seen at fairly close range.

Saturday December 28th Weir Wood Reservoir with Mr. C.M.James

Approximately 15 members came on this outing, and in view of the lack of birds near the Causeway walked along the footpath on the side of the Reservoir. At least 500 Coot were present, together with Tufted Duck, Pochard and Mallard in some numbers. Some 12 Wigeon were seen and also a party of 14 Canada Geese, and in the misty distance a small goose which might have been a Brent; five Great Crested Grebes were also present. The east side of the Reservoir was visited for a short time in the afternoon but the light was deteriorating and there was not much to be seen.

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# SHOREHAM ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

## RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT. Year ended 31st December 1963

<u>ABRIDGED</u>		
<u>Receipts</u>	£. s. d.	<u>Expenditure</u> £. s. d.
Balance in hand 1.1.1963	74.10. 6.	Subscriptions 4.16. 0.
Subscriptions...173	60.12. 6.	Affiliation Fees 2.16. 0.
Meetings..Donations	3.11. 0.	Lectures 18.19. 0.
Tea receipts	14. 9.	Miscellaneous exps. 1. 5. 6.
Miscellaneous receipts	7.11. 0.	Donation to Freedom
Film Show receipts	24. 9. 9.	from Hunger Campaign5. 0. 0.
		Printing and
		Duplicating 22. 1.10.
		Postage, Tele.
		Stationery 22.16. 1.
		Balance in hand
		31.12.1963 93.15. 1.
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(Sgd.) F. Severs,

Hon. Auditor.

(Sgd.) G.W. Rampton,

Hon. Treasurer.

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## LIST OF MEETINGS AND FIELD OUTINGS IN 1963

### Meetings

Jan.12th.	"Birds in the Hand"	Mr. C.J.Mead.
Feb.27th.	A.G.M. "Bird Identification"	Dr. J. Stafford.
Mar.13th.	"The Technique of Bird Photography"	Dr. A.N.H.Peach.
Mar.27th.	Colour cine films of Birds	Mr. M.Hollings.
Oct.16th.	"Adventures in Birding"	Mr.B.A.E.Marr.
Nov. 2nd.	"Island of Birds" & "Return of the Ospreys"	R.S.P.B. Films.
Dec. 7th.	"London's Birds"	Mr.R.P.Cordero.

## OUTINGS

Jan. 27th	Amberley Wildbrooks	Mr. B.A.E.Marr.
Mar. 2nd	Cuckmere Haven & Newhaven Harbour	Mr. M.Hollings.
Apr. 13th	Chichester Gravel Pits	Mr. B.A.E.Marr.
Jun. 15th	New Forest	Mr. B.A.E.Marr.
Aug. 18th	Thorney Island	Mr. T.Palmer.
Sept. 7th	Sidlesham Ferry - Church Norton	Mr. R.P.Meadows.
Oct. 26th	Cuckmere Haven & Newhaven Harbour	Mr. M.Hollings.
Nov. 30th	East Head, West Wittering	Mr. R.E.Goddard.
Dec. 28th	Weir Wood Reservoir	Mr. C. M. James.

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Representative on the Protection of Birds Committee of the West  
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Total Membership at 31.12.1963...175.

Recently joined for 1964

Mrs. & Miss J. Kerr,

Four Views, 1, Mill Hill, Shoreham  
by Sea.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The Shoreham Ornithological Society is affiliated to or is a member of the following bodies:- Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, British Trust for Ornithology, British Naturalists Association, The Council for Nature and the Shoreham Community Association. The Society's President, Dr. John Stafford, is a member of the Council of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.

The membership fee is seven shillings and sixpence a year, inclusive of a copy of the Annual Report. Junior members must be over thirteen and under eighteen years of age. The fee for these is five shillings a year, also inclusive of the Report.

Copies of the Annual Report may be obtained by non-members at two shillings and sixpence each.

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