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April 11 <sup>th</sup> 1912	<p>Started at 5.am. with Morrey for the Carrion Crows nest at Marshfield which we found on Tuesday It is at the top of a thin elm tree about 50ft from the ground. I put on the irons and went up first and then dropped the irons to Morrey who climbed up also. It is a fine nest with 6 splendid eggs. It is lined with wool and red &amp; white cow hair and one of the eggs is speckled with <u>black</u> markings. After a lot of trouble we managed to fix up the camera (my stereo) and took some photos of the nest F22 2 secs. (2 plates) F16 1 sec. 2 plates and F32 4 secs 1 plate. Came down and Morrey fixed the dummy camera up the next tree, while I took a view of the trees showing the nest &amp; Salmon up the next one fixing the dummy camera up. Saw several Herons and a pair of Wild duck. Heard two or three Chiff Chaffs a lovely morning. Saw the first white butterfly in the afternoon.</p>
April 12 <sup>th</sup> 1912	<p>Started with Herb &amp; Morrey at 5:30 a.m. for the wild park. Went into hiding tent at blackbirds nest taking my stereo camera. The female was first back with 3 ivy berries. Set off the shutter and she flew off without feeding the young. The male then returned with a bill full of worms and I made a composure on him. Got six altogether F6 1/10<sup>th</sup> sec. J.S.R plates Had a look around afterwards. Robin 12 has 2 eggs. The Gold Crest 10 has 2 Robin 17 is sitting on 2 eggs only. Thrush 14 was sitting and made a great fuss when I put her off. She still has 4 eggs.</p> <p>Herb went up to the Mistle thrush and finds that the young are 4 or 5 days old. He and Morrey went out to Margam Tea Gardens. The Dippers nest has been pulled out. A pair of Grey Wagtails are building in another hole of the same bridge. Heard 2 or 3 Chiff Chaff and am nearly certain I heard the first Willow Warbler. Beautifully fine morning. Sharp with a white frost.</p>
April 13 <sup>th</sup> 1912	<p>Dull mist first thing so did not go out. Started @ 1-30pm. For Rhydylafar where I had put up a tent on the previous evening. Herb and Morrey accompanied me &amp; Evans joined us there. Got into tent &amp; waited until 5. Pm. But the birds did not come back.. Left tent after taking two stereo of the nest &amp; eggs and put up Morreys tent at the other nest. When we got back to our own tent found it surrounded by cows that had pushed it over.</p> <p>Drove them off &amp; found that one of them had stepped onto the nest &amp; smashed two of the eggs. Rescued them and put one in each of the two other nests.</p> <p>Morrey and I then set off for St-y-Nyll . Saw 2 Swallows and there was a large number of Chiff Chaffs in the wood. Saw three small ducks very strong and clever flyers &amp; very small which we took for Teal perhaps Garganey. Also some Mallards. Found a Moorhen nest with 6 eggs which someone had been trying to photograph as a screen of reeds was in front of it. Saw a Common sandpiper flying over and around the pond. In the orchard of the old house we found a Blackbird with 4 and 2 Thrushes with 2 eggs and near the entrance to drive a Mistle Thrush has a nest up a Sycamore tree with one egg. This nest can be Photographed</p>
April 15 <sup>th</sup> 1912	<p>Started with Morrey at 4:30. a.m. for Rhydylafar to see if we could get the Lapwings. When we got to the foot of the hill we heard a Willow Warbler and later on saw and heard 4 or 5 more. Got into the tent &amp; Morrey shut me in and then waited until 7. a.m. but the bird would not come back although it was flying around near. Packed up and started back seeing a Tree Pipit on the way. Wind East. Also heard two or three Chiff Chaff</p>

April 16 <sup>th</sup> 1912	Herb called at 5.30 a.m. but I was not ready so I gave him the key and he went and got out a boat. Met him at the top of the lake at 6. a.m. & we visited the islands. The two ducks nests that were together have now resolved into one with 7 eggs only. Found another with 8 and one with 1. Crossed to next island & went up to the Magpies nest that now contains 1 egg. Visited the other islands & found two Aylesbury ducks nests with 1 & 3 eggs another Wild Duck with 1. Swan was sitting, so was the Canadian goose. Moorhen has 6 eggs and the Thrushes one nearly fledged. Went into Wild Gardens & found a Chaffinch nearly finished and a Blackbirds in nearly the same state. Also found a Blackbirds with 2 eggs & 1 young. Heard a large number of Willow Warblers, 2 or 3 Chiff Chaffs and saw one Swallow
April 17 <sup>th</sup> 1912	Started with Morrey at 5. a.m. for St-y-Nyll to photograph the Mistle Thrushes nest. Upon climbing the tree found that the eggs had been taken and the nest partially destroyed. Looked around the orchard & found 2 Blackbirds and a Robins all with eggs. Saw male Blackcap Warbler and heard a Cuckoo over by the windmill. Looked around the pond and found the Little Grebes nest nearly ready. Heard two more male Blackcaps. Found a Magpies nest in the wood with 4 eggs. Saw and heard about 12 Chiff Chaff & 20 Willow Warblers.
April 19 <sup>th</sup> 1912	Start at 4.30 a.m. with Morrey for Magpies nest by the Roman Road arrived there at 5.35. The bird was sitting & left as soon as we came underneath the tree. Took up my stereo camera and after some trouble got it fixed above the nest looking down through the dome into it. Upon viewing on the screen found it was too close so moved it right up amongst the topmost twigs. Had an awful job to get up above it and focus. Took 5 views F16 3 secs F11 2 Secs & F22 6 secs. J.S.R plates. Took down the stereo camera & fixed up the ½ plate lower down so as to take a view of the interior only. Took 4 altogether. I think took a stereo of the nest & tree from the ground F32 1 sec. J.S.R plate Started for home at 7.25 a lovely morning
April 20 <sup>th</sup> 1912	Started with Morrey at 2.15 pm. For Rhydlafar moors to see if we could find a Snipes nest. Searched carefully for about ¾ of an hour and although we put up several Snipe in different places we found nothing. Watched a snipe “drumming” through the glasses. The bird was moving in great circles in the air at a good height and every now and then it would turn <b>moving</b> an “outside edge” with rapidly beating wings and at these times the “drumming” occurred. Bert Evans turned up and we all made for a small marshy patch out of which we had seen a snipe rise. After a minute or two of searching Evans found the much desired prize, our first Snipes nest with four beautifully marked eggs. It was built right in the heart of a small bunch of long grass. Searched around to see if we could discover any more but had no further luck. Went back & fetched the cameras. I took 6 stills at F22. 1 sec. I.S.R. plates. 5:30 PM. Sun screened off the next. While we were photographing the bird was flying around “churring” incessantly. Found a Lapwings with 2 eggs as we walked back to the bikes. Heard a large number of Willow Warblers, 3 or 4 chiffchaffs. Saw 4 swallows & a male & female Yellow Wagtail.
April 22 <sup>nd</sup> 1912	Started by myself at 5:30 AM. For the Wild Park. Blackbird 31 was sitting & I tried to get a photo of hen but she left as I was focussing. There are three eggs in the nest. Opened up Robin No12 & moved the tent over to her. Robin 21 is all right. Salmon came up & we had a walk around. Found a Blackbird with 4. (38) & discovered that No 29 is a Hedge Sparrow who was at home. Put hen off & Morrey getting on my back found 4 eggs in the nest. Found another Hedge Sparrow (No 39) with 4 eggs in the heather. The Gold Crest was at home. She has a nestful of eggs but I could not count them. Tried to photograph

	<p>her but she did not come back. Photographed the Blackbirds (No 38) 3 secs. F22. I.S.R. 7:30 AM. Heard 2 Blackbirds, 2 chiff chaffs &amp; several willow warblers also a cuckoo.</p>
April 23 <sup>rd</sup> 1912	<p>Started at 5 A.M. With Herb &amp; Morrey for Wild Park. Put up the stereo camera &amp; went across to Blackbird. (31.). She was on and allowed me to take one photo of her. Took the camera across to the Gold Crests &amp; set it up there. The bird slipped off however &amp; so I left the camera there for some time. As the bird had not returned when I got back I took the camera away to the Thrushes in the Rhododendrons at entrance. Opened up the nest and took the end of the silk [?] away. Waited but the bird did not return so went off &amp; left the camera. When I came back the bird was at the nest so I pulled the thread and took a snap. Herb came up and he took me to see the nests he had found. The Long Tailed Tits have built up an ash tree about 20 feet from the ground. An Aylesbury duck has a nest with 11 eggs &amp; in the wood a Wild Duck is sitting on 12. Took a photo of her on the nest and one of the nest and eggs. Saw 2 males and one female Blackcap. Heard a Cuckoo, and several Willow Warblers some of which were pairing, also two Chiff Chaffs.</p> <p>Went down to Rhydlafar in the evening and put up a gorse clump near the Snipes nest and the hiding tent about 100 yards away. Saw 3 or 4 Yellow Wagtails.</p>
April 24 <sup>th</sup> 1912	<p>Started with Morrey at 4.30 A.M. For Rhydlafar &amp; the Snipes nest. She was sitting all right and did not go off until we were near the nest. Put up Morreys camera attached the electric release the end of which we put inside the hiding tent. I then shut Morrey up inside and cleared off. Waited until 7 &amp; then saw that the cows were all around the nest camera so hurried back to find Morrey outside driving off the cows. He said the bird came back about 20 mins after I left but did not alight near the nest so he had not released the shutter for fear she was not on.</p> <p>Upon coming out to drive off the cows however the bird went off from the nest so she had been sitting all the while. I drove off the cows and shut Morrey up again &amp; cleared off to a spot where I could hide close at hand. I saw the bird come back in about 10 mins and a little late Morrey signalled that he had set off the shutter. The bird sat very closely this time and did not leave until we were within 10 yards of the nest. Packed up and moved the gorse a little closer. Saw and heard 3 Cuckoos, 8 or 10 Yellow Wagtails, 3 Chiff Chaffs, 1 Blackcap, 3 Swallows &amp; about 12 Willow Warblers.</p>
April 25 <sup>th</sup> 1912	<p>Started at 4.30 A.M. For the Snipes nest at Rhydlafar with Morrey. Put up the hiding tent &amp; then went across to the nest. The bird went off when we were within a dozen feet of her. Set up my reflex &amp; Morreys ½ plate side by side and covered them with gorse. Evans having lent me his tubing I used that &amp; the pump. Shut up Morrey in the tent and cleared off to the other side of the brook.</p> <p>As I waited a Kingfisher came and perched on a dead branch about 12 yards away and stayed there for about 10 minutes while I watched thro my glasses. It was a beautiful bird and looked magnificent in the sunlight. Having disgorged a pellet it flew off. Waited until 7 A.M. &amp; then went across to the tent. The bird had not returned but we set off the shutters in case she had gone on without our seeing. Walked over to the cameras but found she was not there so packed up. Saw and heard 2 Whitethroats, 3 Cuckoos, 1 Blackcap, 2 Chiff Chaffs, 4 Swallows, about 20 Yellow Wagtails &amp; 12 Willow Warblers</p>
April 26 <sup>th</sup> 1912	<p>Morrey &amp; I started at 5.45 A.M. for the Wild Park. I took 2 more stereos of the Wild Duck on her nest in the wood. F.32. 3 secs. W.W.P. Plates. Also took a Cuckoo Pint, and then cut it open to show the interior and the method of fertilization. Tried for the Hedge Sparrow but she would not return while the camera was in front of her. Found two Willow Warblers nests by watching the birds that were very busy carrying building material to their homes. Also found a Chaffinches nest and watched the female putting</p>

	<p>the finishing touches to it. Heard 2 Cuckoos &amp; saw and heard 4 Blackcaps, several Willow Warblers &amp; two Sand Martins.</p>
April 27 <sup>th</sup> 1912	<p>Started at 4.30 A.M. with Morrey for the Snipes nest at Rhydlafar. When we got near the nest about 6 yards off, the bird left &amp; we saw at once that the eggs had <u>just</u> hatched. Some of the shell were lying in the nest with the 4 young birds &amp; other parts were just outside. Put up my camera and cleared off. We had just reached the brook when we saw the bird return. Walked back and set off the shutter, &amp; then went up to change the slide. The bird was sitting very tightly, but when she did go off she scattered the young ones right and left. I got another photo on 5 minutes and then Morrey put up his camera alongside mine.</p> <p>Altogether I got 5 &amp; Morrey 3 of the bird. In each case I set off both shutters while Morrey watched to see if the bird moved. On two occasions the male bird got up as well. He seemed to be behind the nest. We then took 4 photos of the young ones and left. The young are delightful little birds with chocolate Brown down and black &amp; white speckley markings. The bills are about an inch long &amp; they look all bill &amp; feet. During the time we were putting up the cameras or changing the plates I covered them with my handkerchief. They were squeaking all the time &amp; every now and then one would emerge from under cover and have a look around. On one occasion when we came up to change the plate the female stayed on the nest while I watched her thro the glasses about 10 feet away. Saw &amp; heard 4 Swallows, 2 Cuckoos, 3 Chiff Chaffs, 10 Yellow Wagtails &amp; 10 Willow Warblers.</p>
April 29 <sup>th</sup> 1912	<p>Started at 5.A.M. for the Wild Park. Morrey came up about 10 minutes after I arrived. Moved the tent closer to Robin (21) and got inside with the stereo camera. The female was very bold &amp; came back immediately. She got quite used to any row, and even to my focal plane shutter. The male came three times &amp; in each case he handed over his catch of small worms &amp; green caterpillars, to the female who took them with sundry twitterings.</p> <p>After sitting awhile with them in her bill she raised herself &amp; called to the chicks with a quiet little note, and fed them after which settled down on them again. Took 6 ¼ plates at various apertures and exposures &amp; then turned out to find Morrey. He went inside and I took a walk around. He got 6 of the birds &amp; then we packed up. Saw 5 Blackcaps (3 males, 2.Females) 1 Cuckoo, 10 Willow Warblers and 5 Swifts. Cold &amp; bright with a White frost.</p>
April 30 <sup>th</sup> 1912	<p>Started for the Wild Park with Morrey at 5.A.M. Put up my stereo camera at tha Gold Crests nest and after focussing left it and went off. Came back in about 15 minutes and found the bird sitting. Opened the shutter and gave a 20 seconds exposure. F.32. W.W.P.plates. Changed the slide and took another at 30 secs. The bird then went off so I changed the camera &amp; fixed up my reflex with the 7¼ " lens. After waiting about 10 mins. I came back &amp; found the bird on so I took a photo at 15 secs F.32. P.E.S.R.plates.</p> <p>I then went over to the Robins, and got inside the tent. Took 4 stereos. F.8. 1/5 sec W.W.P. Plates and also 7 ¼ plates. F 5.8 1/10 sec P.E.S.R plates. Took 3 of the birds on their way to the nest. 1 of the cock &amp; 2 of the hen. Saw and heard, 1 Cuckoo, 6 Blackcaps and about 10 or 12 Willow Warblers.</p>
May 1 <sup>st</sup> 1912	<p>Started at 5.A.M. With Herb. and Morrey for the Wild Park. Set up the stereo camera at the Gold Crests &amp; left it there and took a look around. Examined the rhododendrons to left of shelter and found what I subsequently identified as a Greenfinches nest in a splendid position for photographing. Also found the Bullfinches nest. The female was on and when I put her off I found there were 5 eggs in the nest. Went back to the Gold Crests and found her at home so I took 2 photos of her F.22. 20 secs. I.N.F.plates. Removed the camera &amp; set up the reflex and attached the telephoto lens &amp; took it over</p>

	<p>to the Hedge Sparrows. She remained in until I was ready to make the exposure, when she slipped off so I left the camera there.</p> <p>Found a Thrushes with 1 egg &amp; met Herbert. While walking through the wood Herb saw a young rabbit on the top of the leaf mould heap to north of wood. We soon captured it and took it over by the shealter &amp; I fetched my camera and took two photos of it. @ F.5.8. 1/4" &amp; 1/2 " P.E.S.R. Plates. We then put it back where we had found it. Herbert found a Blackcap nest partly built. Morrey spent his time in the tents starting with the Blackbirds &amp; then going over to the Robins. Just as we were going one of the gardners came up and offered to show us a Chaffinches nest. We went with him &amp; found it was a beauty built low down in a splendid place for photographing. Heard 1 Cuckoo, 6 Blackcaps and about 12 Willow Warblers.</p>
May 3 <sup>rd</sup> 1912	<p>Started at 5.A.M. for the Wild Park with Morrey. He went into the tent by the blackbirds while I looked around. Tried to get a photo of the Bullfinch by leaving my camera in front of the nest but she would not come back so moved the camera to the Chaffinches &amp; tried her. She stayed on until I was nearly ready &amp; then went off so I left the camera. She soon came back &amp; I crept up and opened the shutter but she started off when she heard it. Found two more Willow Warblers and a Song Thrush, or [?] Chaffinch &amp; another Blackcaps nest.</p> <p>Watched a Gold Crest chasing a Willow Warbler away from the tree in which it had its nest.</p> <p>In the evening Morrey &amp; I went to St-y-Nyll pond taking a hiding tent down which we put up in front of the Little Grebes nest. Altogether I heard &amp; saw 6 Swifts, 8 Swallows, 3 Chiff Chaffs, 8 Blackcaps, 1 Whitethroat, 1 Corncrake, 1 Sand Piper, and about 20 Willow Warblers. 3 Cuckoos</p>
May 4 <sup>th</sup> 1912	<p>Started at 5.A.M. For the Wild Park with Morrey. We both got photographs of the Chaffinch and after a deal of trouble, of the female Bullfinch also. Found a Greefinches nest with unspotted eggs, and found the first Willow Warblers eggs. Wren No 7 has 1 egg also. The nest was built in March.</p> <p>In the afternoon we went down to St-y-Nyll and I went into the tent with my stereo camera. Morrey shut me up &amp; cleared off and almost directly one of the Grebes came back as far as the back of the nest. For an hour she was doing this going on to the nest once but clearing off almost as soon as she got on. Then the two birds came back together and were constantly swimming &amp; diving around the nest. In about an hour &amp; a halves time the male got on to the nest &amp; started to uncover the eggs the female helping from the water. He then settled on to the eggs and so remained during a sharp rain storm taking no notice of any row I might make. The female cleared off and did not come back again.</p> <p>By this time I had used my plates and so whistled to Morrey. He came up &amp; the Grebe hearing him covered the nest and dived off. I changed my camera for the reflex &amp; Morrey went into the tent while I walked around. Came back in an hours time and found the bird had only come back once &amp; he had had enough. Started on a tour of the pond &amp; found 3 moorhens, 1 coots, &amp; 1 Blackcaps with eggs. Saw and heard 10 Swifts, 6 Swallows, 10 Blackcaps, 4 Cuckoos, 6 Chiff Chaffs, 2 or 3 Whitethroats, 20 Willow Warblers &amp; 1 Sandpiper.</p>
May 6 <sup>th</sup> 1912	<p>Started for the Iron Mines on the Little Garth with Herb. &amp; Morrey at 4.30.A.M. When we arrived we went to a hole in which Morrey thought there might be a Stock Doves nest and found it inhabited 2 eggs being in the nest. This is in a hole about as long as your arm, situated in the slope down to the bottom of the pit. Set up the stereo camera &amp; focussed it. Left it open, as the exposure required was 30 mins, &amp; started to look for</p>

	<p>Jackdaws nests on the neck of rock between the two shafts. Morrey found one &amp; pulled out the 5 eggs &amp; at the same time I found one built under a ledge of rock with brambles all around it with 5 eggs. A very fine place to photograph it.</p> <p>Saw a Stock Dove come out of one of the shafts as we dropped stones down, so descended to the bottom to see if we could find its nest. Climbed right down &amp; examined a couple of likely places but found nothing. Time being up we climbed back to the camera &amp; closed the shutter. I then took it on to the rock bridge &amp; photographed the Jackdaws nest while Morrey took a view of me doing so. He then came over &amp; took a couple of the nest. Herbert formed another with 4 eggs. Saw &amp; heard about 20 Swifts, 4 Whitethroats, 2 Blackcaps, 2 Chiff Chaffs &amp; 6 Willow Warblers.</p>
May 7th 1912	<p>Started at 5.30 A.M. For the Wild Park with Herb &amp; Morrey. Morrey &amp; I opened up the Bullfinches nest, and then took a look around. Willow Warbler 61 has two, and the Greenfinches in the Rhododendrons 2. Came back &amp; I tried to get the female Bullfinch with my stereo camera. She stayed on until I closed the stops &amp; then she cleared so I had to move the camera. I tried again later &amp; Morrey also tried but although she stayed each time until we were nearly ready to make the exposure, she went off each time before we were ready. At last it started to rain &amp; I got one of her on my next visit before she went off. Then Morrey got one and I got 3 more closer views. Took my camera over to the Chaffinches and got 2 near views of her sitting. Found a couple more nests and looked at the others we had previously found. Heard &amp; saw 5 Swifts, 1 Swallow, 2 Cuckoos, 4 Blackcaps, 8 Willow Warblers &amp; 1 Whitethroat. Raining heavily most of the time.</p>
May 9th 1912	<p>Started at 4.30 A.M. With Morrey for St-y-Nyll. Put on the waders &amp; went out to the Grebes nest only to find that the eggs had been taken. Removed the tent and took it up to the Moorhens at north end where we set it up. I took a photo of the nest &amp; eggs and then went off to the Coots. The water was very deep, over my hips &amp; the footing of reeds very insecure. The nest contained 8 eggs and I took 3 photos of it. Packed up the waders and camera &amp; strapped them on to the bike, and then had a look around. A Sedge Warbler attracted my attention by its loud chattering and looking around I found its nest slung among some grass stems at the roots of a small bush. A very deep cup shaped nest decorated with little blobs of cotton grass. Saw &amp; heard 50 Swifts, 4 Swallows, 12 Whitethroats, 15 Willow Warblers, 3 Chiff Chaffs, 4 Blackcaps, 3 Cuckoos, 1 Corncrake &amp; 1 Sedge Warbler &amp; 1 Spotted Flycatcher.</p>
May 11th 1912	<p>Started at 5.30 A.M. With Morrey for St-y-Nyll to clear the reeds in front of the Moorhens nest. While Morrey was doing this I looked around. Caught a large Grass Snake</p> <p>The Sedge Warblers nest looks to be finished and we also found a Wood Pigeons nest that seems to be a new one. Picked some splendid spikes of horse chestnut. Saw and heard 14 Swifts, 3 Swallows, 8 Whitethroats, 8 Blackcaps, 6 Willow Warblers, 3 Chiff Chaffs, 2 Cuckoos, 1 Corncrake and 1 Spotted Flycatcher.</p>
May 12th 1912	<p>Started at 6.20 A.M. by the GWR for Port Talbot with Herb and Salmon, Evans having lost the train. Arrived at Port Talbot at 7.15 and set off for the sandhills on the coast. Near the Morfa Colliery is a large marsh where we heard Snipe drumming, and saw Coots, Sedge Warblers and Wild Ducks, also a number of Wheatears near the colliery and a couple of Willow Warblers.</p> <p>On getting among the sandhills we found some of the hollows full of rain water and upon one of these we came upon 6 Teal and a couple of Shelducks. Morrey found a Lapwings nest with 4 eggs. Rabbits were numerous and I also saw a Hare and a Couple of</p>

	<p>Partridges. On approaching the spot where Morrey found the Black Headed Gulls breeding last season, we saw 5 aloft with their laughing cries. Another joined them making 3 pairs. The breeding ground is a large open space among the sandhills, covered in small flat round clumps of Dwarf Willow. In one of these Morrey found 2 nests of the B. H. Gull, one with one egg and the other building, and in another I found a Meadow Pipets with five eggs, chocolate colour with fine hair markings in black at longer ends. Morrey also found another Lapwings with 4 eggs and we came across 5 baby Lapwings. I took photos of the 8 H. Gulls nests and eggs, the Meadow Pipets nest and eggs, &amp; two of the young Lapwings.</p> <p>We then made a move for the coast and on the way Herb found a Ring Plovers with 4 which I photographed. Saw 6 Shelducks on the Pyle Broad which we crossed &amp; came out on the shore. Left the cameras in a small bay among the Sand Dunes and started along the coast towards Porthcawl. Here Bert Evans met us having come from Pyle by train and walked down to meet us. Went back to cameras &amp; had lunch, after which we set out to outwit an Oyster Catcher that evidently had a nest inside this bay. I found a Ring Plover with 2 eggs before we left. Watched the Oyster Catcher go inside the bay &amp; and then crept up and saw her standing on a spot which we marched down and walked up to. The nest was within a foot of it and contained 3 eggs – one with scuff lines &amp; two with spots. Took photos of it &amp; then we started for Sker Point. Saw on the way 14 Lesser Terns and a number of Oyster Catchers, also 4 Sanderlings &amp; several other small birds with them which we could not identify. They were slightly smaller than the Sanderlings &amp; had black waistcoats &amp; long beaks – <u>Dunlins</u>.</p> <p>Had our tea on Sker Point where we saw a flock of 37 Oyster Catchers and 4 Common Terns &amp; then walked into Porthcawl and left for Cardiff at 7.40 P.M. after a very exciting &amp; interesting day's sport.</p>
May 14 <sup>th</sup> 1912	<p>Started at 5 A.M. for the Wild Park with Herb. &amp; Morrey. Found that the Greenfinches had been eaten by mice &amp; also several of the others ditto. Found a Hedge Sparrows with near by fledged young &amp; opened it up as to get a photo but when I came back with the camera they had left the nest. Got some more photos of the Chaffinch &amp; the Bullfinch both of which have young ones &amp; are very tame. Saw the Kingfisher two or three times. Heard and saw 1 Cuckoo, 2 Swallows, 6 Swifts, 15 Willow Warblers, 6 Blackcaps.</p>
May 15 <sup>th</sup> 1912	<p>Started at 5 A.M. with Morrey for St-y-Nyll to see if we could discover the Ring Doves nest that Evans found on Saturday. Put up a pair from a small fir and found the nest we were looking for the bird being on. It also was up a small fir &amp; we found one of the eggs just hatched, the young and shell being in the nest and the other pipped.</p> <p>As it was a very poor place for a photo we left it, and then it commenced to rain. Had a look around &amp; found another Doves with one young about 3 days old. Heard and saw 2 Cuckoos, 6 Swifts, 12 Whitethroats, 1 Chiff chaff, 6 Willow Warblers &amp; 2 Blackcaps.</p>
May 16 <sup>th</sup> 1912	<p>Started at 5 A.M. with Herb. &amp; Morrey for the Heath wood &amp; flat to see if we could find the nests of the Nightingale and Whinchat. Heard the Nightingale in the wood, but could find no trace of the nest. I went up to the flat and walked from one end to the other without seeing a sign of the Whinchat. On the way back however I spied a small bird &amp; on bringing my glasses to bear on it saw it was a female Whinchat. The male soon joined her and the two watched me for almost 10 minutes. Every now &amp; then the male would chase off a Skylark that persisted in hanging around.</p>

	<p>After about 15 minutes waiting perfectly still &amp; watching through my glasses, I saw the female disappear into a small patch of grass, and she failed to reappear. I concluded the nest must be in that place. Walked up to it and examined it but could see nothing, so tried a little further on. Happening to glance around I saw the female fly up from the grass I had been examining. Returned &amp; after careful search I discovered the nest which contained 5 pale blue eggs with very faint brown speckles.</p> <p>Fetches the camera &amp; called Morrey &amp; Herb. The female was on when we got back &amp; only left when we nearly touched her. The nest now contained <u>6</u> eggs, so she had evidently just laid one. Took 2 of the nest &amp; eggs. Also found and photographed some Bog Beans. Saw &amp; heard 30-40 Swifts, 1 Swallow, 3 Whinchats, 6 Cuckoos, 8 Willow Warblers, 6 Whitethroats, 1 Nightjar.</p>
May 18 <sup>th</sup> 1912	<p>Started at 5 A.M. with Morrey for Heath flat. The Whinchat was sitting very closely &amp; and only left when we almost touched her. Took 3 photos (stereo) of nest &amp; eggs, &amp; one of the patch of grass with nest covered. Cycled back to Wild Park &amp; had a look around. I took a photo of the Blackcaps that now contains 5 eggs. The gardener came up and showed us a Willow Warblers with 4 eggs and a Wild Ducks with 8.</p> <p>In the afternoon Herb., Morrey &amp; I cycled down to St-y-Nyll for Morrey to try the Moorhen again. Shut him up in the tent &amp; Herb &amp; I went off. I tried the Wood Pigeons nest &amp; found the young one dead &amp; the shell, and a whole egg in the nest. Threw the young one out &amp; arranged the shell in such a way that it looked like a whole egg, and then managed to get a photo of the nest after a lot of trouble. Found a lovely Dragonfly at nest on some leaves &amp; got 3 stereos of it. About 1 ½ inches long. Golden brown with light lemon notches &amp; flat body. Looked around the woods &amp; found a pair of Marsh Tits feeding their young in a hollow tree, also Wood Pigeons with young. Herb left &amp; I had my tea and at 6.30 P.M. Morrey signalled to be let out of the tent. He had succeeded in getting one photo of the bird. On the way back he showed me a Bullfinches with 2 &amp; a Whitethroats with one. Saw &amp; heard many Swifts, 8 Swallows, 2 Cormorants, 6 Cuckoos, 4 Blackcaps, 2 Spotted Flycatchers, 12 Whitethroats, 10 Willow Warblers, 6 Chiff Chaffs, 4 Whinchats.</p>
May 20 <sup>th</sup> 1912	<p>Started at 5 A.M. for the Wild Park by myself. Morrey joined me at about 6 A.M. Found a Blackbirds with 3 and a Moorhens with one. Watched the Long Tailed Tits &amp; found they were feeding their young. There are <u>3</u> adult birds &amp; all are engaged in the feeding. One of them has a curved tail &amp; this one went inside while the two others came to the nest with food which they passed over to the one inside. I climbed to the Chaffinches close by &amp; found one newly hatched young &amp; one egg. The nest is a very poor affair, the bird only filling up the gaps between the branches. Morrey climbed the ash tree with the Long Tailed Tits nest in it &amp; removed some branches. We mean to try for the bird later on. Saw about 12 Swifts, 4 House Martins, 3 Cuckoos, 8 Willow Warblers, 4 Blackcaps.</p> <p>In the evening Morrey &amp; I went up to the Wild Park to put up a "dummy" camera at the Long Tailed Tits nest. As the Wild Pond was not closed went to the Night Jar Wood. We waited &amp; listened on the road for some time, and heard two Nightjars "churning" also a Green Woodpecker &amp; 2 Cuckoos. Came back &amp; found Wild Park closed so we let ourselves in &amp; fixed up the "dummy". Saw a rat swimming in the stream.</p>
May 21 <sup>st</sup> 1912	<p>Started at 5 A.M. with Herb &amp; Morrey for the Wild Park. I climbed out to the dummy camera with my reflex and rubber release. Took off the dummy &amp; put into place the reflex &amp; set the shutter. Came down &amp; in 5 minutes the birds returned and I secured a snap. Altogether Morrey &amp; I secured 12 snaps, the last six being taken from the tree as the birds became very bold &amp; would come to the nest while we were in the tree. There</p>

	were <u>four</u> birds feeding the young today, one pair being much bolder than the others. Saw & heard about 20 Swifts, 8 House Martins, 8 Willow Warblers, 4 Blackcaps, 4 Cuckoos.
May 24 <sup>th</sup> 1912	Started at 5 A.M. with Morrey for the Wild Park. Fixed up his camera at the Long Tailed Tits nest & spent the morning up the tree photographing the birds. There were four of them engaged in the work. Took 7 in all the last being of the two birds. Heard & saw 3 Cuckoos, 3 House Martins, many Swifts, 4 Blackcaps, & about 8 Willow Warblers.
May 25 <sup>th</sup> 1912	Started at 5 A.M. for Wild Park. Morrey coming up ten minutes later. Fixed up my reflex at the Long Tailed Tits & used my 10" lens setting the shutter at 1/10 sec. This was too slow however, and after spoiling two plates changed the speed to 1/50 sec. Took four of the birds at this speed. Heard & saw 6 cuckoos, 2 House Martins, many Swifts, 4 Blackcaps, 8 Willow Warblers.
May 26 <sup>th</sup> & May 27 <sup>th</sup> 1912	<p>Started at 6.5 A.M. train for Port Talbot taking my bike &amp; cameras. Cycled nearly to Kenfig &amp; then turned into the sand dunes &amp; made for the coast keeping a look out for Morrey &amp; Evans. Followed the river down to its mouth where I crossed &amp; pushed the bike thru the sand hills to the shore where I soon spied a paper flag on one of the hills &amp; then struck the camp. Has some breakfast &amp; started off to see what we could find. During the day we found 4 Oyster Catchers &amp; 4 Ring Plovers besides the Black Headed Gulls nest. I went into the tent opposite the Gulls nest and got a dozen of the two birds, and showing the male bringing some nesting material. Had our tea at the camp &amp; then took the tent down to one of the Oyster Catcher nests on the beach where we set it up. It was about 9 P.M. &amp; a lovely moonlight night &amp; we went to the river &amp; had a wash &amp; back to camp. Nightjars were churning all around.</p> <p>Up at 5 A.M. next day &amp; after breakfast I shut up Morrey at the Gulls nest &amp; came back to the Oyster Catchers where Evans shut me in. The bird was back in no time &amp; became so tame I had an awful job to get her to leave her eggs. Shouting was no good, so I had to flap my focussing cloth from the back of the tent. Got 14 photos of her &amp; then Evans turned up &amp; I shut him in. Met Morrey soon afterwards &amp; we had our tea, after which I packed up &amp; cycled to Pyle where I caught a train home.</p>
May 28 <sup>th</sup> 1912	Found a Whinchats nest & 6 eggs today near Cuckoo House. Made a heap of bracken near it & put up a perch.
May 29 <sup>th</sup>	Took up my Stereo camera & tubing. The birds are using the perch all right. Hid the camera in the bracken & managed to get 2 photos of the birds ( <i>ed Whinchats?</i> ). These were all the plates I had. Changed the plates at night.
May 30 <sup>th</sup>	Got up at 6 A.M. & got 6 more photographs of the birds ( <i>ed Whinchats?</i> )
June 4 <sup>th</sup> 1912	Started @ 5 A.M. for the Heath. I had to walk as my back tyre had burst. Morrey took my camera. Found Morrey & Evans up there & was shown the Nightingales nest with the 3 fully fledged young. Also saw Bullfinches with four, the female being at home, and a Whinchat with 3 young. Went back to the Nightingales nest & found the young had gone. Searched about & found one which we captured & took away to photograph. I took 6 of it sitting in a bramble <i>spray?</i> & we then replaced it in the nest. Both parent birds were close to us nearby all the time uttering their hoarse alarm rattle.
June 5 <sup>th</sup> 1912	Went up to the Heath at 5 A.M. with Morrey taking my stereo & reflex cameras. Morrey showed me the Lapwings & we put up my Reflex & after decorating it with twigs left taking a long thread into hiding. In two minutes the bird was back & I pulled the string. I

	<p>was left in no doubt as to the shutter having gone off as the bird shot into the air as though she had been blown up. Got 5 photos moving the camera nearer for the last two. Also took the Nightingales nest with the two eggs.</p>
June 6 <sup>th</sup> 1912	<p>Started at 5 A.M. with Herb. &amp; Morrey for the Heath. Morrey &amp; I had put up my tent at the Lapwings nest last night, so I took my Stereo camera and made my way to it. The bird was sitting all night &amp; I set up my camera, Herb shutting me in. Waited for ½ an hour &amp; the bird came back and settled on her eggs. Made an exposure &amp; she shot off the nest like mad &amp; did not come back again for nearly ¾ of an hour. Just as she was about 2 feet from the nest Morrey came into sight to drive off the cows that were smalling around the tent. She would not come back again although she was within 5 or 6 yards of the nest all the time &amp; in full view from the tent. The cows turned up again &amp; started to nose about the tent. When I looked out there were 5 or 6 of them all staring as hard as they could. Packed up and took the tent down.</p>
June 11 <sup>th</sup> 1912	<p>Started at 5 A.M. with Morrey for the Heath to try for the Lapwing again. She was sitting all night and got up as I came near. Set up the camera, and then Herbert turned up. He had found another Lapwings nest further on he put up his camera there and Morrey had his at the Whinchats. After a fairly long wait my bird came back but potted about the nest a long time before she would sit. At last she covered the eggs and I pulled the string the click of the shutter sending her off in a hurry. Changed the plate but she would not come back again so packed up.</p>
June 12 <sup>th</sup> 1912	<p>Started at 5 A.M. with Morrey for the Heath to have another go at the Lapwing. Fixed up camera and before 10 mins were up she was on. Pulled the release and the bird shot up but when we got across we found the shutter had not gone off. Reset it and went into hiding. She soon came back and I got one of her sitting and later on another of her walking on to the nest.</p>
June 13 <sup>th</sup> 1912	<p>Went up to Woods Covert Nightjar wood near the reservoir with Morrey at 5 A.M. to see if we could find any trace of the Sparrow Hawk that was breeding there last year. Close to the old nest Morrey found a small stump that the male had evidently used recently as a table as the remains of a freshly killed bird were scattered around. This stump was evidently a favourite place as there was a large number of bones and feathers strewn about. We knew the nest must be somewhere pretty close, and luckily I walked right up to it after a five minute search. Calling Morrey I climbed the tree, a small oak, and found 5 eggs four of which were quite without markings and the other faintly blotched with light brown. As I was looking the female came back and came within a foot of me. I thought she was going to perch near the nest.</p> <p>Morrey set off for the Heath to get his dummy camera which was hidden there and I started to search the open part where we found the Nightjars. I saw something that at first I took to be a mouse slip out of a clump of grass and run off quickly among the undergrowth. As it disappeared I saw it was a bird, a Grasshopper Warbler and in the grass I found its nest with 4 half grown young. Near the top of the wood I put up a pair of Nightjars Morrey came back with the dummy which we fixed up a small tree close to the Sparrow Hawks nest and giving a nice clear view of it.</p> <p>Afterwards I showed Morrey the Grasshopper W's nest. As we were examining it the bird was running around quite close to us and in fact came within 3 inches of our feet once. She was within a yard of us all the time sometimes fluttering her wings but never once did she utter a sound. She looked more like a mouse than a bird and ran with great swiftness. Opened out the nest a little and left for home.</p>

<p>June 14th 1912</p>	<p>Started at 5 A.M. with Morrey for Nightjar wood. Morrey had been up the night before and put up a tent in front of the Grasshopper W's nest. We opened up the nest and while we did so the female was moving around and sometimes she would come right up to the nest and stand over the young defying us to touch them. She flew at our hands like a little fury and pecked and hit out at them with her wings.</p> <p>She is a splendid little mother and quite fearless. Afterwards we went out into the wood to see if the Sparrow Hawk was safe. There were 3 of the eggs chipped and the nest also contained the plucked and headless carcass of a skylark. Removed some branches that were in the way and shifted the dummy higher up. We then went back to the Grasshopper W's and Morrey got inside the tent with his camera and I shut him up. In half an hour he came out having secured 7 photos and I took his place. The female was back directly and covered the young. I whistled softly and instantly five heads were thrust out from beneath her with open mouths. I took two of her sitting and then the male returned and she slipped off as soon as she caught sight of him. He fed the young and then went off again the female returning at once. Altogether I got 6 photos of them. They are quite fearless and easy and do not move very quickly when at the nest.</p>
<p>June 15th 1912</p>	<p>Started at 4.30 A.M. for Nightjar wood with Morrey to try for the Sparrow Hawk. Roped the trees together to steady the camera which we then fixed in place. While we were doing so the female Hawk returned and alighted on the nest for a minute or two. She did this 2 or 3 times. After fixing the camera and putting on the electric release we retired about 20 yards away to a spot where we could get a clear view of the nest. The bird was back in 2 minutes and I pressed the release and secured the first photo.</p> <p>Altogether we got 13 of her. It was a fine sight to see her perched on a branch near the nest or on the side of the nest, listening and watching. She covered the eggs and chick (one egg was hatched) and on one occasion while we were changing plates, I watched her for nearly 10 minutes performing her toilet as she sat. She is a splendid bird and her fine bold expression and yellow eyes made for a sight worth watching.</p>
<p>June 17th 1912</p>	<p>Started at 5.15 A.M. for Nightjar wood taking my stereo camera. Morrey followed me up about 10 minutes later. The Sparrow Hawk has 4 young ones and one egg now. Fixed up my stereo camera and took the end of the thread into hiding. Morrey went over to the Grasshopper Warbler. In a few minutes the female Hawk returned and I pulled the thread and secured her photo. Altogether I got 7 of her. The last time she went off the nest she carried two of the young ones with her, the first time as far as the edge of the nest and the next time, one was carried right over the edge and fell to the ground. Put it in my pocket and climbed up and restored it to the nest.</p>
<p>June 19th 1912</p>	<p>As Morrey is away I started by myself at 5.30 A.M. for the Nightjar wood intending to photograph the Grasshopper Warblers. When I arrived however I found the young ones had flown so went into the wood and fixed up my reflex at the Sparrow Hawks. I got three of the female with the 7 1/4" lens and then put on the 10". While I was doing so I looked across the tops of the trees and saw the hawk on one of the tall trees that emerge from the wood. She was watching me and directly I went down she was back at the nest. Got 2 more with the 10" lens.</p> <p>As I was taking down my camera I heard a Jay screaming most fearfully and looking towards the tree where I had seen the hawk, I saw a most amusing sight. She was perched on a branch quite immovable, and a Jay with all its feathers on end was screaming at it and pretending to make dives at it as though to knock it off the branch. I watched for about 5 minutes and all the time the Jay kept up its squawking and diving</p>

	<p>but the hawk was quite unmoved by it. The two birds made a fine picture of "dignity and impudence".</p>
June 21 <sup>st</sup> 1912	<p>Started at 5 A.M. with Morrey and went to the Heath Flat. The nest of the Lapwing I photographed is empty and there was no sign of the birds. Herberts bird was sitting and when we first caught sight of it, was doing its best to scare some sheep away by crying and flapping its wings. Morrey set up his camera and we took the release into a hiding place I built. I walked away and left Morrey covered up. The bird came back in 5 mins, and after walking around a little while walked on to its eggs and sat down, and Morrey secured its photo. After changing the plate we hid up again but this time the cows, our arch enemies turned up and immediately found the camera which they proceeded to lick so we had to get up and drive them off.</p> <p>After Morrey had hidden up I walked off again and made my way back to him thro the wood arriving in time to see the bird rush on to the nest before Morrey could get a photo. He took another of her sitting however and then walked away a little way and got up and changed the plate. She was back again in 10 minutes and he managed to get her on the point of settling on to her eggs. I took photos of Morrey in the hiding place and the nest and disguised camera.</p>
June 22 <sup>nd</sup> 1912	<p>Started for Nightjar wood at 5 A.M. with Morrey to photograph the young Hawks. I fixed up my stereo camera first and managed to get 4 of them. There was the remains of 'a skylark in' the nest together with another that only had the head missing. Morrey also took 3 with his ½ plate camera. Afterwards the men at work in the open part of the wood showed Morrey a Nightjars nest with 2 young ones 9 weeks old.</p> <p>In the afternoon we went up again at 2 P.M. to try for the old bird. Morrey fixed up his camera and electric release and went into hiding while I watched from the other side of the nest for the birds return. She flew back in about 5 mins but catching sight of the camera would not go down on the young ones, and alighted about 10 yards away. In a few minutes she flew up again and this time alighted in front of the camera. I signalled and Morrey set off the shutter. On coming up to change the plate we found that she had moved the young a good foot and a half further back so the photo was no good. Replaced the young and put a bit of stick behind them to prevent movement and hid up again. Morrey watched while I set the shutter off. The bird was soon back and Morrey by creeping up could see with the aid of his glasses that she was sitting so signalled and I set off the shutter. In this way we got 5 of her before we left.</p>
June 23 <sup>rd</sup> 1912	<p>Started with Herb and Morrey for Bridgend by the 6 A.M. train taking our bikes with us. From Bridgend we cycled to Kenfig and then took the bikes across the sand dunes. By Kenfig pool we saw a pair of Redshanks which by their behaviour seemed to have young around. Also saw a Snipe and further on in one of the numerous flat clearings I found &amp; caught a young Oystercatcher nearly fledged. After photographing it we went on and eventually arrived in the big clearing near the mouth of the Kenfig river. The very first birds we saw were the pair of Merlins. Watched them for some time and then they flew off.</p> <p>Pushed our bikes down on to the coast and hid them in one of the bays. Searched the shore and found an Oystercatchers nest with 3 eggs and also a Ring Plovers with 4. Put up my camera by the Ring Plovers covering it with an old basket. The bird came back nicely and I secured her photo. Morrey then turned up to tell me he had found the Merlins nest, but that it contained 3 partridge eggs. Evidently someone had found the nest and taken the eggs and put the Partridge eggs in instead. Went across with him to see it. The bird was flying around all the time uttering his alarm cry. It is situated on the</p>

	<p>very top tower like sandhill looking over the clearing along the river. The eggs were evidently partridge eggs. Left it to see if the birds would return and then had our dinner.</p> <p>Afterwards Morrey and Herb went over to the Merlins to put up the camera while I tried the Ring Plovers again. Got 4 more of her and went over to help Morrey. They had fixed up the camera and were waiting the return of the bird that was hovering around. I took Herberts place and Morrey and I waited. Bye and bye the bird alighted at the nest and Morrey set off to release the shutter. The release owing to the shortness of the wire was some way off and before he could get to it the bird flew up. Morrey waited close to the release while I put myself in a place where I could see both him and the bird. She was back before long and alighted. I signalled but Morrey was not looking and she was off again before he did. She came back again and this time Morrey saw me and rushed for the release but she was off before the shutter.</p> <p>We then re-arranged the wire and put on a short length and I also dug out a hiding place where Morrey could sit and hold the release and also see me. The bird seemed shy now and would not return. I put my hand up to scratch my head and Morrey thinking it was the signal let off the shutter. Herbert changed places with me and I set up my stereo camera at the Ring Plovers. Got 8 of her and then went over to see how Morrey was getting on. He had secured one snap. We then packed up and cycled along the shore back to Sker and from thence to Pyle and so to Bridgend and trained home.</p>
June 25 <sup>th</sup> 1912	Photographed the young Sparrow Hawks
July 1 <sup>st</sup> 1912	Photographed the young Sparrow Hawks
July 8 <sup>th</sup> 1912	Photographed the young Sparrow Hawks. Young left nest July 15 <sup>th</sup> .
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Jan 25 <sup>th</sup>	Walked around the lake on the lookout for birds. There were a large number of Wild Duck & also about 12 Wigeon but no sign of Tufted Duck. Saw 2 pairs of Little Greben, 1 Coot, & several Moorhens. Also saw a male Blackbird with a mottled white back head & neck
Feb 23 <sup>rd</sup>	A very large flock of Tufted Duck on the lake today numbering about 80-100
March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Watched a Missle Thrush mobbing a pair of Jackdaws in the grounds of Roath Court. The birds wished to alight on a beech tree that the Thrush had evidently selected as a nesting site 7 it was very amusing to watch is chasing the poor Doves from pillar to post
March 5 <sup>th</sup> 1913	Started out by myself at 6.10 A.M. for the Wild Park. Thrushes, Blackbirds, Robins & Hedge Sparrows singing as I cycled up. A number of Duck on the lake mostly Mallards & Tufted although I heard a Wigeons whistle several times. Chaffinches & Wren singing as I entered the Wild Gardens Had a look through the wood & around the South-east end but found no signs of any nest. Saw a Magpie & heard a Green Woodpecker. Also saw a pair of Long Tailed Tits two or three Moorhens Great Tits, Blue Tits, & heard the Bullfinches. Nice clear morning & very mild Marsh Mallows, Daisy's & Primroses in

	bloom & leaves appearing on Hawthorn, Honeysuckle, Field Rose & a number of other Trees & Shrubs
March 13 <sup>th</sup> 1913	Met Herb at Fair Oak Tram Terms at 6.AM. and went up to the Wild Park. A fine cold morning with a heavy white frost. Searched around & found several nests under way some nearly finished others only started, about 8 in all 2 Blackbirds & 6 Thrushes also one Wrens. I watched a female Song Thrush building. She was very busy & did not notice me. From the heap of leaf mould she was bringing leaves & long grass stems & working them into shape. Once, after she had placed the last bindle she had brought into place, she paused & uttered a few notes of her song, very quietly to herself & then flew off for another load. The Kingfishers were seen several time flying around & up & down the brook. Thrushes, Blackbirds, Hedge Sparrows, Wrens & Chaffinches singing everywhere also Robins. Saw a Missel thrush & heard a Green Woodpecker put up a large Hare in the wood.
March 20 <sup>th</sup> 1913	Met Morrey at Fair Oak Rd., at 6.AM. and went up to the Wild Park. Some of the nests we found last week are nearly finishes. We found another Wrens nest and watched a pair of Robins building. The Missel Thrushes nest was discovered up an Alder near the shelter & the birds were seen. Saw the Goldcrests & the Bullfinches & heard then Magpies. The Kingfishers nesting hole was examined & it looked as though the birds had been working on it. Sunny, but heavy rain showers from the North West.
March 21 <sup>st</sup> 1913	<p>Called for Morrey at 5.55 A.M. &amp; we caught the 6.4 train to Bridgend. Walked thro Merthyr Mawr to Ogmore Castle. As we came through Merthyr Mawr we saw two Tree Creepers clinging to the wall &amp; searching for food. At Ogmore Castle the stepping stones were under water, but we crossed getting our feet wet in doing so. A heavy rainstorm started &amp; we found shelter from it under a hedge. When it cleared we took a look at the river thro our glasses before starting again. There were L.B.B., Herring, &amp; Kittiwake gulls flying around and a Sparrow Hawk flew over us quite near at hand &amp; then turned &amp; flew back to the woods across the river.</p> <p>We walked on examining the banks of the river from time to time. Saw a Curlew and a Shag was sitting on a post in the river. Shellduck &amp; Wild Duck were feeding and a pair of Oystercatchers. Later on we saw two or three pair of L.B.B. Gulls, B.Headed Gulls a pair of Stone Chats and the first migrants, a pair of Wheatears. Walked down on to the cliffs at the Black Rocks &amp; had something to eat there about 9.30 A.M. After grub we walked along the edge of the cliff examining the ledges to see if there were any traces of Gulls old nests. Found none, the cliffs being too low &amp; the waves sometimes sweeping right over them. Nearer Dunraven Castle they are higher however.</p> <p>Walked out on to a point to examine then &amp; my attention was drawn by hearing a hoarse croak, to a pair of big black birds that were doing their best to drive off some jackdaws. Upon examining them thro our glasses these turned out to be Ravens &amp; later on a Kestrel appeared and one of them drove at it full tilt. There was some pretty play now as the Kestrel repeatedly git above the Raven &amp; stooped at it turning aside however before touching it. The Raven was wonderfully clever on the wing, but was no match for the smaller bird who eventually flew off. The Raven returned to the cliff where its mate had been flying from ledge to ledge. We examined the cliff thro our glasses and almost at once Morrey spotted the nest. It was a large bunch of sticks on a small ledge about 20 feet from the top which overhanging it. One bird, evidently the female kept flying to it &amp; perching on a small point of rock near it.</p> <p>Morrey went to see if he could find Bert Evans who had promised to meet us at the Dunraven Arms, while I stayed &amp; watched the birds thro my glasses. One of them glided</p>

	<p>over me several times the male while the female kept to the cliff near the nest driving off any stray gulls or Jackdaws that came near. The Kestrel now appeared again and was chivvied about by the female who was constantly charging at it &amp; if it alighted anywhere she would drive it off again. The male flew around &amp; performed some amazing arial gymnastics closing his wings &amp; rolling onto his back &amp; then righting himself as he glided along. It was most interesting to watch him gliding &amp; rolling.</p> <p>Morrey came back there was no sigh of Bert Evans &amp; we took some photographs of the nest &amp; birds near it.</p> <p>A heavy storm came up &amp; we cut for shelter under a wall. When it had passed we came back to the cliff edge. The female was sitting &amp; left the nest when she saw us. Took some more photos &amp; then tried to find a place where we could get a nearer view of the nest, but failed owing to the rocks hiding it from view.</p> <p>Left these interesting birds and saw two more Wheatears as we descended to the sea shore. Walked around the point &amp; then on to the Nash seeing another Raven &amp; a pair of Oyster Catchers. Near Nash point we ascended a little valley (Marcross Cwm) where we had dinner &amp; then walked up to the lighthouse and along the cliff to St Donat's castle &amp; continuing from there over walls &amp; wire to Llantwit major. Seeing another Kestrel, one more Wheatear &amp; another pair of Stonechats. Took train from Llantwit Major &amp; arrived Cardiff 5.50 P.M.</p>
March 26 <sup>th</sup> 1913	<p>Met Morrey at Fair Oak Road at 6. A.M. &amp; went up to the Wild Park. The pair of Magpies were getting sticks from the Birch Trees on the left of the islands as we passed. Morrey found a Thrushes nest with the bird sitting. I put her off &amp; found there was one egg in the nest. Afterwards I climbed to the Missel Thrushes nest &amp; found 4 eggs therein. The bird was flying around all the while. The Blackbirds in the wood is finished &amp; lined, but there are no eggs yet.</p> <p>Found another Robins building &amp; a Blackbirds in the Heather near the Rhododendron. Saw a pair of Great Spotted Woodpecker in the wood. Also the Kingfishers who appear very busy about something. Fine, but a cold east wind blowing.</p>
March 28 <sup>th</sup> 1913	<p>Met Herbert at 6. A.M. at Fair oak Road &amp; went up to the Wild Park. Thrush has 3 eggs, and there are 2 in Thrush 2's nest and one in Blackbird 1's nest. I found a male and female Dotted Border Moth (<i>ed Agriopis marginaria</i>) on the underside of a small branch &amp; "boxed" them both. We found another Thrushes (10) nest lined but mud still wet, and also a Wrens (11) It started to rain at 6.45 A.M. heard &amp; later on saw my first Chiff Chaff of the season &amp; later on heard another</p>
April 4 <sup>th</sup> 1913	<p>Left the office at 5. P.M. &amp; cycled down to Rhydlarfa with Herbert. Searched carefully but only found a number of Lapwing scratchings, some lined and others not. Put up several Snipe in pairs and saw a number of Lapwings. Picked some primroses &amp; watercress</p>
April 5 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Met Herb at 6.AM. at Fair Oak Rd. and went up to the Wild Park. The Missel Thrushes were both at their nest by the bridge (No. 12) &amp; left as we cycled past. I climbed to it and found 5 splendid eggs. Took a walk around &amp; notes the various nests in my nest record. Found two new ones a Song Thrushes with 4 (No. 14) one of which I accidentally smashed and a Blackbirds with 3 (No 13). Heard &amp; saw 3 Chiff Chaffs. A very fine morning with a strong easterly wind. Found another Wrens nest (No. 15)</p>
April 9 <sup>th</sup> 1913	<p>Wild park by myself at 5.40 A.M. The Missel Thrush by the bridge was sitting &amp; left as I looked at her. The Robins underneath has 5 eggs. Was sorry to find that both the</p>

	<p>Blackbirds in the wood Nos 1 &amp; 13, had been cleaned out by rats the egg shells lying in &amp; around the nests telling that story. Had a look at a couple of the others nests &amp; found the birds sitting so did not disturb them. The other Thrushes must have young ones for I observed both birds taking food to the nest. Saw a Marsh Tit, a Green Woodpecker a pair of Long Tailed Tits, and one or two Chiff Chaffs. Took a couple of photos of a Moorhens tracks in the soft mud of the wood and one of some Marsh Marigolds.</p> <p>Slide 1. Marsh M &amp; Moorhens tracks F16 45 sec I.N.F.  Slide 3. Moorhens tracks F16 40 sec I.N.R.  Slide 2. Marsh Marigolds F16 45 sec I.N.F.</p> <p>Very dull but quite fine. Wind south east &amp; very slight</p>
<p>April 12<sup>th</sup></p>	<p>Met Morrey &amp; Herb at Fair oak Road at 5.30 A.M. &amp; went up to the Wild Park to try and get some pictures of the Missel Thrushes nest by the bridge. Lashed the two small trees growing near together &amp; managed to fix up my Stereo camera after a great struggle. Tied myself up with a rope in order to have my two hands free and focussed. Exposed 6 plates I.S.R &amp; I.N.F @F11 2 secs &amp; then lowered my camera &amp; Morrey fixed up his &amp; took 3 half plates.</p> <p>Heard two or three Chiff Chaffs</p> <p>In the afternoon met with Herb &amp; Morrey at tope of Newport Rd at 2. P.M. &amp; taking the lower road through Rumney made for Marshfield. Saw a couple of Herons &amp; tried to ??? with my reflex but had no luck. Later on saw another also plenty of Reed Buntings. Took our bikes into a field &amp; hid them then started off across country jumping the dykes as best we could. Spied a Carrion Crows nest in a tall willow &amp; made for it. We stood underneath &amp; shouted &amp; the bird herself left. Morrey &amp; I climbed up &amp; found a nice nest with 5 eggs one very pale green with faint markings. It was quite unphotographable so climbed down &amp; Herbert went up &amp; inspected it.</p> <p>Walked on jumping dykes all the time &amp; reached a small thorn tree with a Magpies nest in it. I climbed up &amp; found the nest mud lined, but lacking the inner lining yet. Crossed the railway &amp; made our way to some tall Elms one of which had two Carrion Crows nest in it. As we got near the female bird left the higher one. The nest was quite ungetatable the upper branches being too thin to bear us. Started back for our bikes seeing no less than 9 Carrion Crows all together. Also saw about 6 pairs of Wild Duck.</p> <p>Struck the road some way below the place we had hidden our bikes so we had to walk along it until we reached them. Passing a farm I saw a bird which I took for a House Martin at first, but the next sight of it showed it as a Swallow &amp; then another was seen. I examined a couple of cart sheds a little further on &amp; found 3 old nests of Swallows. Found the bikes all safe &amp; made for home</p>
<p>April 15<sup>th</sup> 1913</p>	<p>Met Morrey &amp; Herb at Fair oak Road at 5.30 A.M. &amp; went up to the lake. Got out a boat &amp; made for the islands. Landed on No. 1 and found two Wild Ducks nests (Nos. 16 7 17) and the nest of an <b>upland</b> goose (no. 18) all with eggs.</p> <p>Pulled over to No. 2 island but found nothing on it so crossed to No.3. Here we found four Wild Ducks (Nos. 20,21,22 &amp;23) &amp; one Aylesburys nest (No. 19) all with eggs. Three of the Wild Ducks were at home when we called. While embarking for No4 island we saw about 8 Swallows flying over the lake. On No.4 there was nothing to be seen so made for No 5. As we were landing I thought I heard a Blackcap Warbler singing &amp; a</p>

	<p>little later I heard it again, this time on the island &amp; seen caught sight of it a male. On No. 5 we made another haul, 3 Wild Ducks (No 24,26,27), 2 Aylesburys (Nos 25 &amp; 28) &amp; a Blackbirds No. 29 all with eggs. Two of the Wild ducks an Aylesbury &amp; the Blackbirds nest were all in one patch of grass &amp; could have been covered by a doormat.</p> <p>We afterwards moored the boat &amp; made for the Wild Park. Missel Thrush (12) was sitting. Morrey examined the Kingfishers nesting burrows &amp; found some small fish bones at the entrance. Thrush 10 has been robbed. Heard &amp; saw the first Willow Warbler &amp; found another Thrushes (30) nest with 2 eggs.</p> <p>Made for the lake again in pouring rain &amp; pulled down. As we left the boat stage saw four Sand Martins flying around the refreshments house. Very dull &amp; wet all the morning. Wind S.W. mild heard about 8 Chiff Chaffs</p>
<p>April 17<sup>th</sup> 1913</p>	<p>Met Morrey at 5.30 A.M. &amp; made for the brick ponds on the Rumney Rd. where we noticed a pair of Swans on Saturday. The bird was not sitting &amp; when we got to the nest found it had been destroyed. Made for the Tide fields over the river &amp; cycled along the sea wall until we spied a Crows nest. Left our bikes &amp; walked across the bird leaving the nest as we drew near. Morrey climbed up &amp; found one egg. The nest is in a good position for getting photos of the birds. Walked along the sewer to the edge of the mud &amp; then along the wall back to the bikes. Observed a pair of Linnets the female with nest material in her beak. Watched them &amp; found their nest well under way. Aso saw a fox which broke cover close to us &amp; made off over the fields. Curlew were calling &amp; larks singing. Saw 4 Shelducks, 2 Wild Ducks, 4 Curlew, 3 Wheatears &amp; 1 Swallow</p> <p>Showery, but mostly sunny Wind N.W.</p>
<p>April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1913</p>	<p>Left the house @ 5.20. A.M, &amp; cycled up to the Wild Park by myself. Had a look round and observed a bird flying into the Rhododendrons in the middle of the farm. Watched thro my glasses and saw it was a female Black cap Warbler &amp; upon searching the spot found a very good start of a nest. Sat down near and watched &amp; bye &amp; bye the male flew out of the bush &amp; started to search for long dry grass stems near me. He made several trips but the female was not energetic &amp; I did not see her again. Walked on &amp; found that the Blackbird in the Heather had deserted her 2 young ones who lay wet &amp; dead at the bottom of the nest. Saw a pair of Wild Duck up by the fishponds &amp; upon searching the bank of the hedge came across the nest. The eggs 6 in number had been carefully covered up but the bird had not started sitting yet the eggs being wet &amp; quite cold.</p> <p>Crossed the brook &amp; looked at the Robins nest in the bank. [No.8] The bird was on but flew off as I moved the Ivy. The nest contains 4 eggs. Also looked into Robins nest [4] at the foot of the tree with the Missel Thrushes [5] nest in it. There had been a tragedy here as the eggs were gone &amp; on the edge of the nest was a mass of feathers &amp; among them two legs &amp; feet all that remained of the Robin that had evidently been caught on the nest &amp; devoured by a rat. Crossed at the south end and made my way thro the wood seeing another female &amp; later a male Blackcap. Went thro the wood &amp; observed the female Bullfinch breaking off twigs. She was accompanied by her mate but I could not see where they flew to. A the top end I watched the female Blackcap busily building</p>

	<p>&amp; saw the male also helping. Heard the Cuckoo &amp; saw &amp; heard 6 Chiff Chaff &amp; about 25 Willow Warblers. Dill but fine &amp; warm.</p> <p>Saw one Swift as I was cycling home up Stacey Road @ 5.15.PM</p>
April 23 <sup>rd</sup> 1913	<p>Met Morrey at 6.30.P.M @ Fair Oak Rd, &amp; we cycled up to the fields behind the Heath flat.</p> <p>Heard a Cuckoo &amp; as we were cycling along the tip heard a Grasshopper Warbler. Left our bikes &amp; walked over to the fields. In the first we found two Lapwings nests, one with 3 &amp; one with 4 eggs &amp; in the next field four more nests all having their full clutch of four eggs. Put up a Gorse bush near one of them. Walking back we saw 3 or 4 Wagtails. Altogether we heard &amp; saw 4 Chiff Chaff, about 30 Willow Warblers, 3 Cuckoos, 3 Grasshopper Warblers, 4 Yellow Wagtails.</p>
April 24 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Met Herb &amp; Morrey at 5.A.M. at Fair Oak Rd. &amp; cycled up to the Lapwing fields. I put up my camera at the nest we had prepared the previous evening &amp; retired behind the hedge with the string while the others walked off. After a 20 minute wait the bird returned &amp; walked on to the nest. Let her settle comfortably &amp; then pulled the string the click of the shutter sending her off in a hurry. Changed the plate &amp; hid up again. A bird alighted a little way from the nest in about 15 mins &amp; I thought it was coming on but instead of that it settled down some little way off &amp; upon examining it thro my glasses saw it was evidently sitting. My bird would not return this time and after being pretty well devoured by gnats had to give it up.</p> <p>Morrey and Herb turned up &amp; we walked to the spot where I had seen the other bird &amp; found a nest with 3 eggs. Also found another with 4. Morrey went up to the Mags nest &amp; found one of the birds at home but no eggs yet. Heard &amp; saw the following migrants. 25-30 Willow Warblers. 4 Chiff Chaffs. 2 Cuckoos. 1 Blackcap Warb. 3 Grasshopper Warb's, 4 Yellow Wagtails, 1 Tree Pipit, 1 Swallow.</p>
April 26 <sup>th</sup> 1913.	<p>Met Morrey &amp; Herb at Fair Oak Rd at 5.A.M &amp; went up to the Wild Park. The nest near the entrance is a Blackbirds &amp; contains 4 eggs. The Blackcaps nest was complete &amp; the female at home so we left her for the time. Wild Duck has 10 eggs but was not on. Searched around &amp; found a Hedge Sparrows with 4 eggs, &amp; a Song Thrush with 4 in the wood. In one of the flowering bushes at south end found the Long Tailed Tits nest with about 6 eggs. Also found a Blackbirds with 3. a Hedge Sparrow, &amp; Robins nests building &amp; a Wrens. Passing the Blackcaps again found the bird off &amp; 1 egg in the nest. <u>Very early</u>. Also found an Aylesbury Ducks nest with 7 eggs. Heard &amp; saw the following migrants. 2 Chiff Chaffs 20 Willow Warblers. 4 Blackcaps. 1 Cuckoo. 9 Sand Martins.</p>
April 28 <sup>th</sup> 1913	<p>Met Morrey at Fair Oak Rd @ 5.A.M. &amp; went up to the Wild Park. Put up our cameras &amp; made our way to the Blackcaps nest. The female was sitting &amp; allowed me &amp; later Morrey, to take her picture. Went over to the Long Tailed Tits which I photographed. Afterwards I tried the Wild Duck who was sitting but she cleared off so I took stereos of the nest covered &amp; uncovered, while Morrey took the Long T. Tits. Morrey also took the Hedge Sparrows &amp; I found another Hedge Sparrows with 4 &amp; close to where Morrey</p>

	<p>was wowing a Robins with 3 nearly fledged young. We moved the tent over to this nest &amp; left.</p> <p>Heard and saw 4 Chiff Chaffs. 20-30 Willow Warblers, 2 Swallows, 4 Blackcaps, &amp; 2 Cuckoos.</p>
<p>April 29<sup>th</sup> 1913</p>	<p>Met Morrey at the same time &amp; place &amp; went to the Wild Park. As we were opening the gate heard a Whitethroat. Cycling over the bridge I heard a clanking noise &amp; something snorting &amp; getting off our bikes &amp; looking under the bridge were astonished to see a fine Otter caught in a steel trap. We quickly unlashed our tripods &amp; taking a leg each rushed across to see if we could free it. Hauled it by the chain of the trap up to the top of the bank &amp; endeavoured to force open the jaws of the trap with the tripod legs. But the otter was wild with fright &amp; rage &amp; bit &amp; tore at the trap &amp; the tripod legs like a fiend. It had been caught by the trap across the middle of its fore paw &amp; the bone was broken. The way it twisted around on the flesh was horrid to see. Could do nothing with the tripod legs as the trap had two extremely powerful springs one at each end of the jaws. After a lot of trouble &amp; risk of some nastey bites Morrey got his boot on one spring &amp; I mine on the other &amp; putting our weight on it together, keeping the Otter at bay with our tripod legs, we forced the jaws of the trap apart &amp; the Otter slipped out under the bridge &amp; away up stream on three legs. Good luck to him &amp; may his leg heal up quickly, say we. We pulled up the long spike to which the chain &amp; trap was fastened &amp; after photographing it I took it &amp; buried it in the wood so that it could not be put down again. Morrey then went into the tent at the Robins &amp; I strolled around. Took a Stereo of the Song Thrush in the wood as she sat, &amp; raked out the frame work of my old tree trunk which we were going to patch up. I took my turn in the tent afterwards &amp; spent ½ an hour therein during which time the birds came &amp; went freely. The male would dash down deliver his catch &amp; be off again in a second but his mate was not so shy. The young could see their parents returning &amp; with open mouths, heralded their appearance. During the waits between meals they preened themselves &amp; stretched their wings. The female when cleaning the nest on one occasion ate a portion of the excrement &amp; carried the rest away. As I waited in the tent I heard the notes of a Wood Warbler &amp; when I joined Morrey outside we both watched it for some time. The first record of this bird for the Wild Park. Its yellowness distinguished it very clearly from the Willow W &amp; Chiff Chaffs. Found a Chaffinches nest nearly finished &amp; also spotted the Magpies nest on one of the Islands. Heard &amp; saw the following migrants. 1 male Whitethroat, 1, Wood Warbler. 4 Swifts. 3 Cuckoos. 4 Blackcaps. 4 Chiff Chaffs. 15 Willow Warblers. 3 Swallows</p>
<p>April 30<sup>th</sup> 1913</p>	<p>Met Morrey &amp; Herb at Fair Oak Rd at 5.30 A.M. &amp; went up to the Wild Park. Raked out the framework of my old artificial Tree Trimmer &amp; started to repair &amp; recover it. This took us all the morning but we made a good job of it &amp; afterwards set it up in the wood opposite the Song Thrushes. I found a Chiff Chaffs nest nearly completed while walking over to the tent by the Robins. These are still at home. Put up a hare in the wood. Saw &amp; heard the following migrants.</p>

	1 House Martin. 4 Chiff Chaffs. 15-17 Willow Warblers. 4 Blackcaps, 1 Whitethroat, 3 Swifts, 1 Swallow, 20 Sand Martins.
May 1 <sup>st</sup> 1913	Met Herb & Morrey @ 5.39 AM & went up to the Wild Park. Found that the Robins had departed so spent the time looking about. Found another Robins with young nearly fledged, a Blackbird with 4 very large eggs, a Song Thrushes with newly hatched young & a Blue Tit building in the roof of the shelter. It was interesting to watch the Tit bringing nesting materials, quite at a loss to remember which ridge of the corrugated iron roof, it had selected. Nearly every time it arrived it tried two or three places before hitting off the right one, which by the way, had a much larger opening than the others. Morrey observed a new species for the Wild Park viz a Sandpiper at the north end pool of the brook. Saw & heard 20 swifts, 4 Cuckoos. 4. Blackcaps. 3 Whitethroats, 15-20 Willow Warblers, 4 Chiff Chaffs.
May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Met Morrey & Herb at 5 AM. & cycled up to the Night Jar Wood [Woods Covert] to see if we could find any trace of the Sparrow Hawks. Spread out thro the wood searching & just near to the last years nest I spied the new one a very big affair near the top of an oak a rotten tree to climb. I went up & there was one very fine egg splendidly marked. A very fine place for wowing the bird if only the nest remains unrobbed. Searched the wood carefully for any trace of a Jays nest but only saw the bird.  Heard & saw. 4 Swallows. 6 Chiff Chaffs, Willow Warblers, 2 Blackcaps, 6 Sand Martins. 1. House Martin, 4 Cuckoos.
May 5 <sup>th</sup> 1913	Met Morrey at 5 AM & cycled to Rumney. The Swans on the Brick Ponds seem to be nesting again. Went to the Carrion Crows nest & after photographing it from the ground Morrey climbed up with the aid of the irons, taking a line with him. This he let down & I fastened on the stage he had made for the camera which he nailed up. I took a stereo of him from underneath. After he came down we cycled a little further to see the Linnets nest. This seems completed but nothing is in it yet.  Heard and saw. 4 Swallows. 2 House Martins, 3 Swifts, 3 Sedge Warblers 2 Whinchats, 2 Wheatears, 4 Cuckoos, 6 Yellow Wagtails
May 7 <sup>th</sup>	Met Herb & Morrey & cycled up to the Wild Park. I opened up the Blackcaps nest & left it afterwards going to the Thrushes in the wood. Moved the tent nearer & opened up the nest. Got inside the tent with my camera & Morrey shut me in. The female was back in 5 mins & covered the young the male arriving in about another 5 with a fine beakful of worms. He handed part of them to the female & both fed the young after which the male flew off & and the female after cleaning the nest & eating the excrement covered the young again. The male returned three times while I was watching & once the female left the nest & returned quickly with food. The light was so bad I had to give it up. The male Blackcap was sitting as I passed & I tried for him but he was shy & left as I focussed. Came back in 5 minutes & the female was sitting & I got 3 of her easily moving the branches over her again when I had finished without disturbing

	<p>her. Found a Willow Warblers nest. Heard &amp; Saw 20 Swifts; 4 Swallows, 1 Whitethroat. 4 Chiff Chaffs, 20 Willow Warbs. 3 Cuckoos. 4 Blackcaps.</p>																									
May 8 <sup>th</sup> 1913	<p>Met Morrey at 4.30 &amp; cycled to the Night Jar wood to see the S Hawks nest. Found there are now 4 eggs &amp; that the bird had been sitting the eggs being warm so evidently No.1 was laid on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. No.2 on 4<sup>th</sup>., No.3 on 6<sup>th</sup>, No4 on 8<sup>th</sup>. We married them respectively 1.2.3. &amp;4 in the order they were laid the colours easily giving us the clue. The 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> eggs ground colour had faded to dirty white, No 3 was a dirty pale blue white No 4 was a beautiful clean pale blue. The markings on all are splendid one end of No 3 being entirely covered with a hughe blotch. The nest is mostly composed of small dead birch twigs with a few larger &amp; rotten oak twigs &amp; one or two of the alder with the dead catkins still on, also one or two of the oak twigs are fresh, the only ones in the nest as the others are all dead. Took a photo of the nest &amp; tree from the ground &amp; then went across the other side of the drive to cut some poles for our proposed shealter. While doing so found the Jays last years nest. Examined the old Sparrow Hawks nest &amp; found it full of bones with one or two castings. Some of the bones had been freshly plumed so evidently this nest is used sometimes for that purpose. Heard &amp; saw 10 Swallows, 2 Grasshopper Ws. 4 Blackcaps. 4 Whitethroats, 6 Chiff Chaffs 3 Cuckoos. 20-30 Willow Warblers. 2 Swifts. 1 Sand &amp; 1 House Martin.</p> <p>As we cycled up a <u>pair</u> of Kestrels flew across the road &amp; into the Wild Park &amp; then out over the lake.</p>																									
May 9 <sup>th</sup> 1913	<p>Met Herb &amp; Morrey at 5 A.M. &amp; cycled out to the Carrion Crows nest a Rumney which we found deserted. Looked around but found nothing. Saw &amp; Heard 4 Sedge Warblers, 4 Willow Warbs. 2 Whitethroats, 1 Cuckoo. 1 Whinchat, 6 Yellow Wgs. 30 Swifts. 4 Swallows.</p>																									
May 10 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Met Morrey at 5 A.M. &amp; went up to the Night Jar wood to see the Sparrow Hawks nest. The bird left when I was within 6 yards of the tree. I climbed up &amp; found 5 eggs in the nest the last one being more speckled than blotched &amp; the markings very much lighter. Numbered it 5. Hauled up &amp; fixed Morreys camera &amp; we took 2 colour plates of the nest after which we took a couple of ordinary &amp; then I put up my stereo &amp; we took 3 more with that. Saw the bird once or twice &amp; heard the two of them calling constantly. Measured the eggs, the particulars being as follows:-</p> <table> <tr> <td>No. 1.</td> <td>Length.</td> <td>1" 14/32 full</td> <td>X 1" 9/32</td> <td>male</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2.</td> <td>Length.</td> <td>1" 18/32 full</td> <td>X 1" 9/32</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>3. .</td> <td>Length.</td> <td>1" 20/32</td> <td>X 1" 8/32</td> <td>female</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4.</td> <td>Length. .</td> <td>1" 22/32</td> <td>X 1" 8/32 full</td> <td>female</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5. .</td> <td>Length.</td> <td>1" 18/32 full</td> <td>X 1" 8/32 full</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>Saw &amp; heard the following migrants</p> <p>About 40 Swifts, 2 Swallows, 3 Cuckoos, 4 Blackcaps, 6 Whitethroats, 4 Tree Pipits, 3 Grasshopper Warbs. 6 Chiff Chaffs, 20 Willow W's, 1 Sedge Warbler.</p> <p>In the afternoon we went to St-y-Nyllth straight from the office. I discovered a Little Grebes nest &amp; Morrey putting on his waders went out to it and found three eggs. Evans</p>	No. 1.	Length.	1" 14/32 full	X 1" 9/32	male	2.	Length.	1" 18/32 full	X 1" 9/32		3. .	Length.	1" 20/32	X 1" 8/32	female	4.	Length. .	1" 22/32	X 1" 8/32 full	female	5. .	Length.	1" 18/32 full	X 1" 8/32 full	
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	<p>turned up with his waders &amp; he &amp; Morrey explored the pond. Found 5 moorhens &amp; 2 coots nests one of the coots having hatched out 2 young one of which they caught &amp; brought in shore where I took its photograph. I found a moorhens with 8 &amp; a Ring Doves with 2 eggs. Put up a tent at the Little Grebes nest &amp; left for home. Heard &amp; saw the following migrants. 1 Corncrake, Willow Warblers many, 8 Chiff Chaffs, 6 Blackcaps, 4 Cuckoos, 8 Whitethroats, Swifts &amp; Swallows.</p>
<p>May 13<sup>th</sup> 1913</p>	<p>Met Morrey at 5 a.m. &amp; went up to the Night Jar wood to start our hiding at the Sparrow Hawks nest. Morrey took a view of the nest from the ground the bird returning as he did so &amp; alighting on the branch behind the nest. We then started &amp; lashed on a frame work at the top of the four small birch trees, lashing them into a square. This took us a long time &amp; it was 7.45 before we left the spot. The bird came back several times alighting on the tree once. Heard &amp; saw about a dozen Swifts, 6 Swallows, 1 Grasshopper W, 4 Blackcaps, 4 Chiff Chaffs, 20 Willow Ws., 3 Cuckoos.</p> <p>Met Bert Evans at Llandaff at 1.20 p.m. &amp; cycled to St-y-Nyllth. I got into the tent at the Little Grebes with the stereo camera. About 10 minutes after I had been shut in by Bert one of the Grebes came back swimming thro the reeds at the back of the nest. It passed &amp; re-passed the nest several times &amp; then the other bird turned up with a long wet &amp; dead leaf of the bull rush in its beak. I thought it was going to swim up to the nest with it but instead of that it dived away again. The other now swam up &amp; jumped on to the nest but jumped off again in a second or so &amp; stayed in the reeds just behind scratching its head &amp; preening itself. In five minutes it was back &amp; uncovering the eggs. I snapped it as it did so &amp; it paused on hearing the click of the shutter &amp; then went on with the uncovering &amp; settled down on the eggs. The noise I made changing my slide sent her off again but she was back again in five minutes &amp; after some banging &amp; head scratching at the back of the nest she came on once more. It now became a job to get her off &amp; the only thing that moved her at last was hitting the front of the tent smartly. She dived instantaneously leaving the eggs uncovered &amp; as I had used my six stereo plates I fetched &amp; fixed up my small ¼ plate camera. Five minutes after everything was quiet she came back. After getting three more of her I signalled Bert &amp; changed places with him. I changed the plates I had used &amp; in a little while Bert signalled &amp; I gave him a fresh supply. Found a Lapwings nest in the field by the pond &amp; took a stereo of the Water Crow foot. Bert came out of the tent having secured six &amp; we packed up &amp; made for home.</p>
<p>May 14<sup>th</sup> 1913</p>	<p>Met Herb at 2 p.m. &amp; we cycled to the field south of the reservoir to see if we could find any Yellow Ammers (ed <b>Hammers</b>) Nests. The first bird I saw was a male Stonechat &amp; for the rest of the afternoon we did nothing else but watch these birds, (for the female soon joined him) &amp; try &amp; locate their nest. From 2.30 to 5.30 we watched constantly and at 5.30 we at last outwitted them. I hid Herbert &amp; walked away &amp; then the female dropped into a small gorse bush &amp; Herb called me &amp; we walked up to the place where I at once spotted an egg &amp; beyond it the nest with 3 young about a week old. I took the egg &amp; we cleared off home. We also dropped across a Linnets nest with 5 eqqs. The male Sparrow Hawk was sighted twice hunting for birds.</p>
<p>May 15<sup>th</sup> 1913</p>	<p>Morrey and I met at 5 a.m. &amp; I took him to the Stonechats nest. We decided to try for the birds so fixed up his ½ plate camera &amp; attached the electric release &amp; hid up. The male returned promptly &amp; alighted on a bit of gorse. Pressed the release &amp; he flew off. Found the gorse was out of focus of the lens so moved camera &amp; focussed on this place. Altogether we succeeded in getting 10 Snaps. 5 of the male and 5 of the female before</p>

	7.30. They soon got used to the shutter & did not move when it went off. The food brought was of a very varying kind. Saw the male Sparrow Hawk again & also a Kestrel.
May 16 <sup>th</sup> 1913	Met Morrey at 5 a.m. & we cycled up to the reservoir field to try the Stonechats again. I fixed up my stereo camera & used the long pneumatic release with a pump. Hid up in the middle of a clump of broom & waited. The male soon returned & I fired the shutter, the noise of which frightened him away. I secured four of him before the hen gave me a chance. The male came quite close to me in his search for food, several times & I watched him picking up small caterpillars etc. from among the grass. Secured 10 pictures altogether six of the male and four of the female. Yellow Hammers, a Whitethroat, a Tree pipit & a Linnet alighted quite close to me at different times.
May 17 <sup>th</sup> 1913	Morrey & I went up to the Night Jar wood & went on with our hiding at the Sparrow Hawks. She was sitting tightly & only left as I came under the tree. We made good progress fixing the floor & putting up one piece of canvas in the front. The hawk came back constantly alighting on the nest several times.  In the afternoon we went down to St-y-Nyllth straight from the office. Morrey went into the tent at the Grebes & I went for a walk around. Found a Chiff Chaffs with 3 eggs and that was all. Morrey came out about 5 p.m. & Bert Evans turned up. He had found a Long Tailed Tits nest with young ones & eggs which he showed us. I took a photo of the Moorhens nest with 15 eggs. A very pretty nest it is with the reeds bent over as a canopy.
May 19 <sup>th</sup> 1913	Met Morrey at 5 a.m. & made for the Stone Chats again. We both put up our cameras & the male was soon back closely followed by his mate. Altogether we secured 11 each. Saw the female Sparrow Hawk fly across the field also a Magpie & Lone Pheasant feeding. The young Chats are very nearly fledged.  At about 6.15 p.m. I left the house & cycled up to the Stonechats nest taking my ¼ Folding camera. Opened up the nest and just as I was focussing the camera Morrey arrived. I took 3 of the young ones & Morrey took a couple. Found a very pretty orchid growing near the lip being pinkish mauve & faintly spotted with deep pink & the canopy the same colour veined very closely with sage green. Took three of it. The Linnets nest is all safe so far.
May 20 <sup>th</sup> 1913	Did not go out this morning but received a note from Morrey to say that the Sparrow Hawks nest had been robbed. What wretched luck.!
May 21 <sup>st</sup> 1913	Met Morrey at 5 a.m. & made for the robbed Sparrow Hawks nest where we took down the canvas of the "hiding" leaving only the floor up. Walked out into the open part & started to look for the Nightjars & Grass hopper Warblers nests. Morrey found a Grass W. Nest with 6 & a Whitethroats with 5 eggs & I found a Tree Pipits with 5 eggs. Went across to reservoir field & I found another Grass W's nest nearly completed. The young Stonechats were still at home.
May 22 <sup>nd</sup> 1913	Met Morrey at 5 a.m. & started off to photograph the nests we found yesterday. Took all three both stereos & colour in my case. I also took a colour plate of some ground ivy. Saw both of the Sparrow Hawks & on one occasion watched the male being mobbed by a Missel Thrush who simply hurled itself at its foe putting the hawk out sadly and causing it to break its stride every time.

May 24 <sup>th</sup> 1913	Wild Park with Morrey at 5 p.m. to get some studies of the Lesser Whitethroats nest & eggs. With the aid of a tresle & by lashing two tripods together we got our photos. Moved the tent in front of the nest.
May 26 <sup>th</sup> 1913	Wild Park by myself at 5 a.m. Moved the tent nearer the Lesser W.'s nest. & then had a good look around. Found nothing but a Moorhens with 1 & a Chaffinches with 3 eggs. Saw the Wild Duck on the stream with 9 young ones & got 2 photographs of her.
May 28 <sup>th</sup> 1913	Went up to the Nightjar wood by myself at 6 a.m. As I walked up the drive one of the Hawks rose from a stump in the lane to left & so I walked over there & found they use four of the stumps as feeding places feathers being strewn around them all. Walked up thro the wood making for the hawks nest. Passing a large oak tree I observed a bunch of stuff in some honeysuckle growing against the trunk & striking the tree with a stick a Jay flew off. Climbed up & found five young ones about 5 days old. The old Jay flew around screaming & making savage dives at my head. She alighted close to me several times & started cawing like a rook & picking off leaves & twigs which she dropped on me. The cawing business was very strange. Left her in peace & went on to the hawks nest. Climbed to our platform & found that the egg Morrey had put in the nest was gone. Made for the open part of wood to visit the G.Warbs etc. putting up on my way a pair of Nightjars from the old spot. Made my way over to the Heath where the Nightingale was singing in the same place as the nest was last year but I could not find any trace of it. Saw a pair of Whinchats on the flat.
May 29 <sup>th</sup> 1913	Started at 5 a.m. for the Jays nest Morrey following five minutes later. Climbed up & fixed up my stereo camera & managed to get two of the nest & young. The old Jay did not put in an appearance until we had nearly finished when she came back & contented herself with uttering all sorts of strange notes. Got out into the open part & started a search for the Nightjars. No sign of them but Morrey nearly put his foot on a Pheasant who was covering 3 newly hatched chicks. Captured these & I took 3 photos of them. The mother was crouching in the grass quite close & I tried to stalk her but it was no go. Saw the Sparrow H in the clearing of the wood as I made for the Jays nest & as we were taking the pheasant chicks the male flew by mobbed by a pair of Missel Thrushes & holding a small bird in its talons. The Missel Thrushes were giving it a hot time & did not give up the chase until the hawk was well in the wood.
May 30 <sup>th</sup> 1913	Wild Park at 5 a.m. with Morrey & Bert Evans turned up later on. Nothing doing except that the Moorhens nest that had 1 egg in it on the 26 <sup>th</sup> now has 7 eggs. Found a Chaffinches with 4.
June 1 <sup>st</sup> 1913	Herb & I caught the 6-4 a.m. train to Bridgend taking our bikes. Arrived Bridgend at 6.45 a.m. & made for Kenfig which we reached at 7.30. Made our way to the Pool & then round the north end of it. Saw a couple of pair of Redshanks & found a Teals nest with 2 eggs. While I was making my way across a valley partly under water I saw a young Redshank on one of the Islands. Made my way towards it as quickly as I could but lost sight of it & failed to find it again. Meanwhile the parents flew over my head uttering their warning whistles & making a great fuss. Searched for some time but had to give it up & made my way on to the Merlins nesting place. Arrived there & located the tump? I thought the nest was on & walked up to it and as I came near the bird left. Climbed up and there were the 4 eggs & quite a respectable nest of grass. Took some photos of it & then covered myself & the reflex with my tent & tried to get the bird returning but she would not come back although she was flying around uttering her alarm notes all the time. Went over to where Herbert had made the camp & then into the bay by the shore where I found an Oyster Catchers with 3. Boiled the kettle & had some grub & then

	<p>made my way into the valley N.E. of the brook. Nothing to be seen there but coming back saw a brood of 8 or 9 Shelducks being led off by their parents. Gave chase but ran into quicksand &amp; had to retreat &amp; make a detour. This gave the ducks a good start &amp; I had a terribly long chase before I got up to them. They scattered &amp; I captured one &amp; then Herb who had seen me running, arrived &amp; captured another &amp; I got one more. The rest got off. Photographed one &amp; then the two others – let them go. Made our way back to camp &amp; then climbed the 50 foot dune &amp; spied out the land with my glasses. Saw a Ring Plover below &amp; watched it on to its nest which upon examination was found to contain 3 eggs. Had our dinner &amp; then photographed the Oystercatchers nest &amp; the Merlins again, and then set off to the S.East with our bikes to try &amp; locate the Gullery having seen the birds flying over from that direction. Walked &amp; cycled nearly as far as the Pool, only near to the coast &amp; suddenly I struck a big valley full of water with islands of all sizes dotted here &amp; there over which a dozen birds were flying &amp; clamouring. Examined those islands I could reach without taking my boots &amp; socks off but they were untenanted so I stopped &amp; waded to the others thro water to my knees. On the first was a BHG's nest with 3 eggs. On the next ditto, while the next had an empty BHGs nest &amp; a Wild Duck flew off as I landed from a nest with 7 eggs. The next island had another BHG's with 2 &amp; on two others there were two more nests with 3 eggs &amp; on another island was another Ducks nest with 7 eggs. This last was a well made nest of grass &amp; rushes &amp; the eggs were a pale sea green in colour &amp; covered when found with down &amp; pieces of rush. The nest was placed in the middle of a tuft of rushes. ? Shoveller.</p>
June 5 <sup>th</sup> 1913	<p>Started off by myself at 4.45 a.m. to get some more photos of the young Jays. Climbed up &amp; found them looking very fit &amp; nearly feathered. Herbert arrived &amp; we photographed the young in the nest after which we had a look around the open space &amp; called on the Whitethroat, Tree Pipit &amp; G.Warbler all of which have young.</p>
June 9 <sup>th</sup> 1913	<p>Fair? Oak at 5 a.m. but no sign of Morrey so I went on up to the wood to the Jays nest again. As I put my hand on the branch by the nest two of the fully fledged young left the nest with a rush &amp; then another. Two remained &amp; the parents went made with rage &amp; stooped at me like hawks sometimes mewling like cats and at others cawing like rooks. Put my hand on the two that were left but one managed to get away. Put the other in my pocket &amp; climbed down. Looked around &amp; saw one sitting about 12 feet up a small tree which I shook &amp; down he came &amp; was duly captured also another which I found in a similar place. With these three in my pocket I left the wood &amp; looked around in the open space for a good place to get their portraits. Found an old stump &amp; just as I put my camera down up flew a hen Pheasant leaving a brood of about 8 or 10 behind. Captured five &amp; put them in my camera case &amp; then started to get some photos of the Jays. Morrey then turned up &amp; we soon had them sitting nicely &amp; secured several pictures each. While this was taking place we also captured at different times 5 more young Pheasants making 10 in all. After finishing with the Jays we turned the Pheasant family out &amp; got their photos also. The Whitethroats are gone.</p> <p><b>In this interval Louis was born &amp; I photographed Nightjar, but dates &amp; particulars have slipped my memory.</b></p>
July 2 1913	<p>Morrey &amp; I went to fields behind Heath flat to photograph the nest &amp; eggs of a Yellow Wagtail that he had found.</p>
July 12 1913	<p>Out with Morrey at 5 AM to Yellow Wagtails nest Morrey had put up a tent the night before so I soon had him safely shut up &amp; departed accompanied by the female bird till I was out of the field. Sat under the hedge &amp; watched the tent &amp; the stick I had put up by the nest for the birds to alight on. The pair of birds were back directly I sat down &amp;</p>

	<p>although the male flew off again the female remained &amp; was up &amp; down from the nest to the stick all the time. Cows &amp; horses appeared &amp; three times I had to chase them away from the tent. At 7 AM Morrey &amp; I changed places &amp; I got into the tent. The female was back on the stick directly &amp; up &amp; down from the nest all the time covering the chicks for a minute &amp; then running out &amp; flying up to the stick. The male returned &amp; fed the young two or three times. He always alighted about 12 feet from the nest &amp; approached by running along the ground to it. Once he alighted on the stick with a small moth in his bill &amp; I got a snap of him. Also got 5 of the female. Took down the tent &amp; hid it &amp; then departed.</p>
July 16 1913	<p>Up at 4.15 AM &amp; set off by myself for the Yellow Wagtails. Unearthed the tent &amp; soon had it up &amp; was inside. Had to get out again just as the female came back, to drive off some horses. In about 10 minutes the male returned running through the grass with food in his bill. He fed the young &amp; cleaned the nest carrying off the excreta &amp; flying away with it. The female then came on to the stick also with food &amp; in about 5 mins. flew down &amp; fed the young. The pair fed the young about once in 3 minutes regularly &amp; the food they brought consisted mostly of small moths, small flies, spiders, a bright coral red insect I could not identify, &amp; a crane fly <u>once</u> brought by the female. The male only used the stick 3 times. Got 2 snaps of him but the third time he came I was changing plates &amp; lost the chance. Cows came right up to the tent &amp; then fed in front about 20 yards off. The pair of birds followed at their heels &amp; caught the insects they disturbed. It was interesting to watch them flying around the cows alighting now &amp; then &amp; then bringing their catches to the nest.</p>
July 19 1913	<p>Fair Oak Rd at 5 AM but there was no sign of Morrey so set off for the Yellow Wagtails by myself. Upon arrival found the nest empty &amp; no sign of the birds. As I returned to the bike I put up a young skylark but although I flushed it three times it was flying too strongly to capture. Found a Wrens nest in a small holly which offered a good chance of getting the bird. Cut away some of the bush that obstructed the light &amp; set up the tent &amp; got inside. In less than ten minutes the bird had returned &amp; fed the young &amp; in half an hour I had six snaps of her.</p>
July 21 1912 (probably an error should be 1913)	<p>Arrived at Fair Oak Rd at 5.10 but Morrey was not there so went on to Wrens nest. As I walked along the bank of the small stream I saw no less than 3 Water Voles &amp; the place seemed to be alive with them. Set up my tent at the Wrens nest &amp; as I was focussing my camera Morrey turned up. The Wren also returned with a large white moth which she gave to the young. We identified the moth as a Gold Tail. Morrey put up his tent &amp; we both got inside. The birds returned boldly twice bringing small butterflies which were identified as Dingy Strippers. One of these escaped as the bird offered it to the young &amp; she was down after it like a flash but failed to recover it. Got a number of snaps. The young are ready to fly.</p>
August 19 1913	<p>Left the office at 4 PM &amp; called for Morrey &amp; with him set off for Capel Llaniltern to photo some young Barn owls Mr Jacob had told me of. Fred Jacob met us &amp; took us to the nest which was in an old oak tree in the middle of a hedge running across a field. The tree had a very large girth &amp; the main trunk was about 8 feet high being hollow all the way up. The nest was right on the ground &amp; to get at the young Fred had to lower himself down, the hole being too small for Morrey or I to get into. Only three young were at home although the original number was six. One was quite fully fledged &amp; the others were also well feathered but still had a lot of down &amp; were much smaller. The older bird was very quiet &amp; docile &amp; allowed us to take his portrait several times as he sat on an old tree stump but the other two fought like young demons &amp; insisted on lying on their</p>

	<p>backs instead of standing up. After a struggle which was accompanied by a great deal of snapping &amp; hissing we secured photos of the lot &amp; returned them to their home.</p> <p>Entered 19.9.1919 GCSI</p>
<b>1914</b>	
March 7 1914	Met Herb at Fair Oak at 6.30 AM & went up to the Wild Park. Nothing much doing yet & we only found a couple of nests underway.
March 21	Met Morrey & Herb at 6 AM & went up to Wild Park. Altogether we found 5 nests. 4 with eggs & one just finished. The nests with eggs were I say Thrushes. 4 eggs. 2 Blackbirds with 2 eggs each & one with 3, & a Robin's nearly finished.
March 22	Morrey saw a Chiff Chaff today.
March 27	Met Morrey at 6 AM & went up to the Wild Park. Examined the Missel Thrushes nest & found 4 eggs in it. Good place for getting the birds. Went over to the Robin's nest where there are four very queer shaped eggs. Very long & thin & almost unmarked. Photographed them in the nest & also on a focussing cloth. While we were doing so a pair of Tree Creepers came close to us searching the tree trunks for insects. First record of these birds for the Wild Park. Saw nothing much else so went down to the Botanical gardens to see if we could hear anything about the Kingfisher which is reported to be nesting behind the <b>Chrys.</b> House. Saw <b>Brown</b> the foreman & he showed us the hole where they nested four years ago, & quite close to it is what appears to be a freshly dug one. He promises to keep his eye on the place for us.
March 28	Met Morrey at 5.30 AM & we cycled up to the reservoir fields to see how the Lapwings were getting on. Only three birds there & all we found was one or two scratchings. Called in at Wight for wood & visited the 1912 & 1913 nests of the Sparrow Hawk. Took pictures of the 1913 nest & hide. Saw the Hawks but no sign of Chiff Chaffs yet. Went onto the Wild Park & put up some more protections for the Blackbird.
April 1 1914	Out by myself to Wild Park. Near the south end I spotted a Chiff Chaff, the first of the season. It was quite silent & I did not see or hear it again. Stuck up some more branches at the Blackbirds nest & found another Blackbirds with two eggs. Saw the Tree Creepers again several times & as I was watching a Robin building I spotted one of the Tree Creepers flying & following it with my glasses saw it alight on a large oak & then noticed it had building material in its beak. It disappeared into a niche between some large ivy roots & the tree trunk. Watched it carrying materials in for some time & then examined the place, & found it had just started nest building.
April 3	Met Morrey at 5.30 AM & went up to Wild Park. Heard & saw several Chiff Chaffs. Disguised the tent in front of the Blackbirds nest still further & at 7 o'clock Morrey went inside with his camera. I thought I would try for the Tree Creepers, but found they were not at their tree & saw no sign of them. Morrey reported that the male Blackbird is very shy & had not returned.
April 8	Out at 6 AM to Wild Park with Morrey & as we were unpacking the cameras I heard a Willow Warbler & then another. Altogether we heard & saw about 10 & 3 Chiff Chaffs. I went into the tent at the Blackbirds. The birds were both about but as soon as Morrey went the female returned & I snapped her going on @ 1/25 sec. Altered the shutter to a 1/50 & waited for the male to return. The female went off about 6.45 & returned 2 mins later but not did not bring any food. At 6.57 the male came with a big beak full of worms.

	<p>He had been in the bushes to left of tent some time as I had heard him clucking. I snapped as the female rose up to take the worms he had brought &amp; at the click he was off like a rocket. At 7.15 he came as far as the branch to left of nest but did not wait a second. Saw no more of him &amp; at 7.35 I snapped the female sitting. While she was covering the young she dozed several times &amp; her 3<sup>rd</sup> eyelid was constantly passing over the eye. Wren came &amp; perched on branch below the nest &amp; a pair of Robins were also very much in evidence. Young were not fed as nest cleaned during the time I was in tent. Whistled for Morrey &amp; he came &amp; let me out the female remaining at her post all the time. Morrey took a snap of me with my face about 18 inches from the bird &amp; later I was as close as 6 inches without her moving. Morrey reports that the creepers are busy about a tree in the wood.</p>
<p>April 9</p>	<p>Met Morrey at 6 AM &amp; went up to the Wild Park. It was so dull we could not do anything at the Blackbirds so wandered around to see if we could find anything. Discovered the Gold Crests nest &amp; a couple of thrushes. Heard &amp; saw about 6 Chiff Chaff &amp; the same number of Willow Warblers.</p>
<p>April 10</p>	<p>Met Morrey 7:30 AM &amp; we went up to the Wild Park. Tossed up &amp; I took first turn at the Blackbirds. Entered the tent at 8 AM. Female came back but brought nothing &amp; went off again in 5 mins. Male then made his appearance coming to the nest but clearing again directly. Female brought a mass of wet bread with which she fed one of the young ones &amp; then covered them. Male dashed thro the bush but did not stop at the nest. Female slipped off again &amp; returned with more bread &amp; fed the young afterwards picking off the bits that remained on their beaks &amp; also taking those that had fallen to the bottom of nest. Removes faeces &amp; swallowed same &amp; again covered chicks. 9 AM Morrey relieved me &amp; I took his camera &amp; had a look around. Saw a Water Vole by the lower bridge &amp; tried to get a snap but it dived when it saw me &amp; I did not see it again. Saw the Tree Creepers &amp; found they were building in the old Crab tree near the shelter. Tried to stalk them &amp; succeeded in getting two snaps. They were very busy bringing dead ivy stems &amp; chips of rotten wood. The bird chiselled these latter off like a miniature woodpecker making the chips fly as she dug the pieces out.</p> <p>Relieved Morrey at 10.15 at the Blackbirds. The female came back with two small worms at 10.20 &amp; fed one young one going off again after removing faeces. Returned with one ivy berry which she gave to one of the young. They all seemed very hungry &amp; in her absence there were several false alarms &amp; the whole three would rise up with necks stretched to their utmost &amp; mouths wide open. One of these false alarms was caused by one of the youngsters stretching himself &amp; the other two immediately rose up with wide open mouths to be joined by the third who evidently thought that something was coming. The third time the female returned she brought a very big load of worms but only two chicks were fed, the third continuing to beg after the others had settled into the nest again. Female went off &amp; chivied the male who was hanging around singing quietly with a beak full of worms but afraid to venture back to the nest. While waiting to be fed the young ones sometimes like chirruped like sparrows, quite a different note to the singing they gave forth when about to be fed. Female returned again as far as the back of nest with a lot of small worms &amp; 3 ivy berries on a stem. She did not come to the nest however but flew off again &amp; returned 5 mins later minus the berries. Fed two chicks &amp; cleaned the nest taking no notice of chick 3 who was clamouring for food. Went off again &amp; returned with two ivy berries which she gave to one chick which was one of those she had fed on the last trip.</p> <p>rrMorrey relieved me at 11.20. While waiting near the tent I saw a small White butterfly the first of the season. Morrey came out at 12.20 &amp; we packed up &amp; went home. Saw &amp;</p>

	heard about 4 Chiff Chaffs & 8 Willow Wrens. Hover fly about the Douglas firs in numbers.
April 12	Sunday. Large White butterfly.
April 13	<p>Met Morrey at 7.00 AM &amp; we went up to the Wild Park. Moved the tent nearer &amp; more to the left &amp; Morrey went inside. I strolled around with his camera. Noticed the Tree Creeper female busy at her nest &amp; started to stalk her. Got nearer &amp; nearer moving a step forward each time she was inside the nest site until at last I was only four feet from her. She was very busy &amp; sometimes picked pieces of dried moss from the nesting tree itself, at others flying away for it &amp; dried grass stems. She was uneasy sometimes &amp; would not venture round to the front of the tree but would work her way up from the bottom until past the nest hole coming into sight now &amp; then to see if I was still there. Then she would fly down to the foot of the tree &amp; start the whole business over again. Saw nothing of the male bird. At 9.00 AM I walked back toward the tent &amp; as I did so I heard a male Blackcap sing in the wood. Later on heard another.</p> <p>Changed places with Morrey &amp; took up my quarters in the tent. The young Blackbirds are within a day or two of flying &amp; were constantly scratching themselves, preening, &amp; flapping their wings. Every now &amp; then they would eject ivy seeds thro their mouth &amp; I noticed that when the female returned she always picked these ejected seeds out of the bottom of the nest &amp; swallowed them. The female came several times bringing worms &amp; ivy berries &amp; once a caterpillar of some sort. The male would not come back although once he came as far as the branch at the back of the nest &amp; the young were greatly excited there at &amp; stood up shouting at him. They constantly chirped &amp; followed the movements of their parents in the tree above them. The male sang a lot with his beak full of worms sometimes quietly, at other times loudly. His anxious note is a liquid "took" while his mates is a plain "tack". Heard about four Chiff Chaffs &amp; 6 or 8 Willow Wrens.</p>
April 15	Met Morrey at 5.00 AM & went up to the Woods Court Nightjar woods. Searched it thoroughly & found what we think is the Sparrow Hawks nest. Also found a Magpies finished & a Wood Pigeons with 2 eggs & a Song Thrushes with 4. The Grasshopper Warblers have arrived ditto Tree Pipits. Heard about 6 GWs & 2 Pipets. Crossed over to the Stone Chat field & look for the Stonechats. Saw the male & the female but could discover nothing. Saw the first Swallow & also one Sand Martin. Also heard & saw about 20 Willow Wrens, 5 Chiff Chaffs & 2 Blackcaps.
April 17	Met Murray at 5.30 AM & made for the Lapwing field behind Heath flat. Saw a pair of Jays & also a Magpie as we walked across the first field. Several Lapwings in the furthest field. Walked about it & discovered several nests & scratchings but no eggs were to be seen. Saw a Snipe go down in field 1 & also 5 more flying. I made for the marshy corner to see if I could find a snipes nest. Right in the middle a bird got up suddenly about a yard ahead & there was the nest with 4 eggs all covered with mud from the birds feathers. Searched carefully but found nothing more although we put up two more birds who were evidently feeding. Saw & heard about 8 Willow Warblers 2 Grasshopper Warblers & nothing else. Went up by myself in the evening & put up my tent at the nest disguising it with willow branches. Saw two swallows.
April 18th 1914	Met Morrey at 5 AM and we made for the Snipes nest. She was sitting all night and after moving the tent nearer I was soon inside and waiting for the birds return. She was back about 20 minutes after Morrey left but was afraid to come on to the nest. Squatted about a yard on the left of it for about 10 minutes and then got up and walked behind the nest to the right side where she pretended to feed and again squatted. She got up suddenly

	<p>and walked right away and when I saw her again she was behind the nest. Walked away again pretending two feed and I turned around and looked out of the back of tent. When I again turned to the nest she was just slipping onto it. Allowed her to settle down and sit a while and then I released the shutter. She raised her head a little and looked around and then assumed her former position. While trying to view her thro the focussing screen I shook the tent a lot and at last an extra big <b>shout</b> disturbed her and she left and did not again return before I had to shut up shop. Morrey heard and saw a cuckoo and found a Plovers nest with 3 eggs. Heard and saw about 10 Willow Wrens. 3 Chiff Chaffs, one Blackcap, 2 Grasshopper Ws, 2 Tree Pipits.</p>
June 4th 1914	<p>Notes re Nightjar</p> <p>After having to put up tent at Garden Warblers nest we walked down through the wood on the lookout for the Nightjar. Near the bottom of wood a female Nightjar flew up uttering her Kuck Kuck note</p> <p>which was answered by the churring of the male. The female had been sitting on one egg and we put up the male from a stump behind the nest about 30 feet away. No white spots to the seen on the female but the male had very fine wing and tail spots.</p>
June 5th 1914	<p>While Morrey tried the Garden Warblers and made for the Nightjars and put up the female from the egg. She went off without a sound but directly she got up the male started churring. Crept up and found him roosting on the stump again. Tried to get a clean view for the lens of my camera but could not and in attempting to get nearer I scared him and he went off. Still only 1 egg.</p>
June 6th 1914	<p>Wanted the Garden Warblers and got six photos 5 of the female and 1 of the male. The latter only returned after a deal of fussing and I let him feed the young twice before setting off the shutter.</p> <p>At 7.15 AM and packed up and made my way to the nightjars. Could just see that the female was sitting and the male was on his usual perch. Crept up and managed to get two snaps of him without disturbing him. I then crept up to the female and got within 5 feet of her before she jumped up revealing <u>two</u> eggs. They were lying an inch and a half apart. The female flew over the male who remained where he was and did not make a sound</p> <p><b><i>Entered 19.9.1919 GCSI</i></b></p>
<u>1915</u>	
March 17th 1915	<p>Went up to Wild Park and met Herb there at 6.30 AM. Looked around and found 2 Blackbirds, and one Thrushes nests well under way.</p> <p>Saw several Rabbits and Pheasants. Wood anemones in bloom</p>
March 25th 1915	<p>Herb went out this morning and reports the arrival of the Chiff Chaff at the Wild Park. I went up in the evening but did not see or hear it. Saw a Humble Bee and several Pheasants and moorhens also the Tree Creepers.</p>
March 26th 1915	<p>Went to Wild Park by myself arriving at 6.10 AM. Very cold but bright morning with white frost. The Black birds and Thrushes nests found on the 17th all have eggs, three in the B'birds and four in the Thrushes. Found nothing new, but saw the Cock Pheasant and two or three moorhens. Heard a Sparrow Hawk uttering its Keck-Keck note and saw it once dashing around a corner of the wood. In the laurels opposite the shelter I saw a</p>

	<p>female Blackbird who was nearly all white. She appears to be building in the laurels and later on I saw her and her mate a normal male. Must keep a look out for her again.</p> <p>Walked my bike thro the top of the Lake park. There was a pair of Little Grebes close to land and I watched them diving for some little while. I had heard them uttering their bubbling call note before while in the Wild Park. On the gorse I saw a new bird for the Park, viz. four Goldfinches, all in lovely plumage.</p>
April 10 <sup>th</sup> 1915	<p>Started by myself for the Wild Park arriving at 6 AM. Nothing very exciting there. Found the Missel Thrushes who are feeding young and also found two Song Thrushes and a Blackbirds all with eggs. Heard a couple of Chiff Chaffs and on the lake the Little Grebes are still in evidence. Robins very busy building.</p>
April 14 <sup>th</sup> 1915	<p>Went up to Nightjar wood arriving at 5.60AM. Walked up to the top of the wood and back again seeing on the way about 4 Tree Pipits and hearing some half a dozen Chiff Chaffs. Found resting on the trunks of several Oak trees a number of specimens of <i>Diurnea flagella</i> some of which I boxed.</p> <p>Came back to the Wild Park and met Herbert there. Found two more Song Thrushes nests with 1 egg in each.</p>
April 16 <sup>th</sup> 1915	<p>After tea I took my bike and set out for the Nightjar wood to see if any migrants had turned up. Heard a Willow Warbler in the Park at the Lake end. The Keeper in the Wild Park showed me a nest of a Wild Duck with the bird sitting.</p> <p>Went to the Nightjar Wood and found there were plenty of Willow Warblers there also Chiff Chaffs and Tree pipits. While searching the tree trunks for moths I heard a Grasshopper Warbler and later on another. Found several more specimens of <i>D. flagella</i>. but nothing else.</p>
April 17 <sup>th</sup> 1915	<p>Started at 5.20AM for Nightjar Wood taking my stereo camera. Saw and heard several Willow Warblers. Chiff Chaffs and Tree Pipits and about three Grasshopper Warblers. Found a specimen of <i>Xylocampa areola</i> female resting on an oak and photographed it <i>in situ</i>. F32. 14secs <b>Various</b> Record. Also found and photographed a specimen of <i>D. flagella</i> male.</p> <p>Called in at the Wild Park on my way home but found nothing else.</p> <p>In the afternoon took Belle in the side car and went to Newport via the lower road. Saw a couple of Herons and several nests that looked like Carrion Crows but there was no sign of Swallows, Yellow Wagtails, or Sedge Warblers.</p>
April 20 <sup>th</sup> 1915	<p>Started at 5.20AM for the N'jar Wood taking stereo camera.</p> <p>Plenty of Willow warblers, and Chiff Chaffs, also heard a couple of Tree Pipits and one Grass. Warb. Found several spec's of <i>D. flagella</i> but nothing else. No sign of swallows Blackcaps or Cuckoos.</p>
April 24 <sup>th</sup> 1915	<p>Started at 5.15 am for the Nightjar Wood to see if I could find a female of <i>D. flagella</i>. After searching several trees I found one and photographed it. F30. 13 secs <b>Various</b> Record.</p> <p>Came home thro the Wild park and was pleased to find that the Blackcap Warblers had arrived. A male was singing beautifully.</p>

	Met Herb who reports having seen a swallow.
April 28 <sup>th</sup> 1915	Herb. Reports having seen a Sandpiper by the lake today.
April 19 <sup>th</sup> 1915	<p>Started at 5.15AM for Nightjar Wood. Lovely morning. Passing the lake saw a Sandpiper standing on the edge. Saw two Cuckoos and heard a couple more, also one or two Chiff Chaffs and numbers of Willow Warblers. Grasshopper Warblers in good numbers likewise Tree Pipits which seem to have paired.</p> <p>Walked thro the Wild Gardens on my way home and discovered a Chaffinches nest which the bird was just finishing lining. Saw the male Blackcap and as I was leaving, one Swallow. The Sandpiper was still standing by the lake as I passed on the way home.</p>
May 1 <sup>st</sup> 1915	<p>Started at 5.(0)5 AM for Nightjar wood. As I was looking around I saw 4 Swifts fly over and later on 3 more. The Whitethroats have arrived and I heard and saw about 6.</p> <p>Found and photographed specimens of <i>Xylocampa areola</i> female, and <i>Tephrosia punctulana</i> (the Grey Birch). Female. (ed. should be <i>punctulata</i>, and is now <i>Aethalura punctulata</i>) Saw 3 swallows, and there were numbers of Tree Pipits, G'hopper Warblers, and Willow Warblers singing. Also heard a Cuckoo.</p> <p>Called in at Wild Gardens and met Herb. who showed me a Hedge Sparrows nest with 3 eggs. Heard the Chiff Chaff and Blackcap and saw more Swifts.</p>
May 6 <sup>th</sup> 1915	<p>Left the house at 5AM and got the motor bike and went to Nightjar wood. Watched Tree Pipits, and Willow Warblers to see if I could locate a nest, and eventually I found a Willow Warblers building. Saw two or three Cuckoos and a Kestrel. At the top of the wood a Blackcap was singing and I thought I could also hear a Garden Warbler. Went up and found a male Blackcap and a male Garden Warbler engaged in a singing competition. Found a Song Thrushes nest with young in a very good place to get pictures.</p> <p>Went up in the evening and put up a tent at the Thrushes nest.</p> <p>Saw a Sand Martin.</p>
May 7 <sup>th</sup> 1915	<p>Took the motor bike and went up to Nightjar wood arriving at 5.5 AM.</p> <p>Went into the tent and one of the birds came back in about 10 mins. But afterwards neither would come nearer than the back of the nest.</p> <p>Waited until 7 AM and then moved the tent back a little way</p>
May 8 <sup>th</sup> 1915	<p>Took the Motor and arrived at the Nightjar wood at 5 AM. Went into the tent using the Telecentric lens. The birds were not so shy and I soon had a chance of making an exposure. Got six altogether 2 of the female and 4 of the male. They brought worms all the time and when cleaning the nest both ate the excreta.</p>
May 8 <sup>th</sup> 1915	<p>Took the motor and went up to N'jar wood. Moved the tent nearer the nest and tried to get some stereo but the birds were very shy again and I only got one. Gave it up and removed tent. Had a look around. Saw an Orange Tip butterfly and later a Pebble Hook Tip moth (ed. ?<i>Drepana falcataria</i>) also a Peacock Butterfly. Saw a couple of House Martins later on.</p>

May 16 <sup>th</sup> 1915	Took the Motor and went up to N'jar wood. The Willow Warbler is sitting on eggs. Searched around but found nothing new.
May 21 <sup>st</sup> 1915	<p>Went up to N'jar wood on my Motor bike taking stereo camera. The Willow Warbler was sitting all night. Found a female <i>Acronicta rumicis</i> resting on an Oak tree and took 2 stereos. F32. 8 and 12 seconds. J.S.R Good light. Had a careful look around and spotted a Whitethroat building. Located the bush but was afraid to search too thoroughly for fear of frightening the birds away. Observed a Garden Warbler with nesting material and located the nesting site roughly. A pair of Herons flew over and I also saw a male Red Backed Shrike.</p> <p>Thought I heard the Nightjars over in the newly cut portion of the wood and proceeded to investigate. Put up the pair from a dead stick. Gowing towards the bike I heard a G'hopper warbler <span style="color: red;">???ing</span> in a bush and flushed it. Tapping the bush out flew its mate but I had no time to search carefully for the nest.</p>
May 22 <sup>nd</sup> 1915	<p>Went on my Motor bike to N'jar wood arriving at 5 AM.</p> <p>The first thing I found was a Whitethroat with 4 eggs and later a Thrushes with three. Heard the Nightjars but did not see them. Saw the male Shrike again and watched a Kestrel hovering as it came quite close to me I had a splendid view of it thro my glasses.</p> <p>It had a big gap in its tail having lost about 3 or four feathers.</p>
May 27 <sup>th</sup> 1915	Went up to Nightjar wood arriving at 5.30 AM. The Whitethroats nest has been robbed of two of the eggs. The Willow Warbler is still sitting and the lining of the nest is composed almost entirely of Pheasants feathers. Put up the female Nightjar but saw nothing of the male.
May 29 <sup>th</sup> 1915	Called for Herb. at 5 AM and took him up to N'jar wood. Started to look around and near the top of the wood saw a G'hopper Warb. slip out of a small bush I tapped. After a careful search I discovered a nest with four eggs. Found nothing else except a male <i>Ematurga atomaria</i> resting on an Oak tree trunk. Took several stereos of it <i>in situ</i> . Having to raise the tripod by means of three long sticks in order to secure the photographs as it was resting about 6 foot up the trunk.
May 30 <sup>th</sup> 1915	<p>Morrey arrived on leave on Saturday evening so I called for him at 5.30 AM and we went up to Nightjar wood. The bird I have heard cooing up there for some time past turns out to be a Turtle Dove and we saw it, a male, several times. Put up a pair of Nightjars and I spotted the Jays nest under construction, about 30 feet up a large oak tree.</p> <p>Morrey found a Gold Tail larva (<span style="color: red;">ed. ?<i>Sphrageidus similis</i></span>), also a Linnets nest with 5 eggs and I discovered a Hedge Sparrows with young.</p>
June 1 <sup>st</sup> 1915	<p>Called for Morrey and he and I went up to the Nightjar wood. Fixed up my refuge at the Linnets nest and covered it over with fern and left it while we went to look at the Jays nest. Found this to be in the same condition as on Sunday. Put up the male Nightjar but could not see the female. Morrey found a Willow Warbs with young and eggs. Went back to camera and found the Linnet was not sitting so went off again.</p> <p>Morrey found a Whitethroats with 2 eggs and later on I found another with 4.</p>

	When we returned the Linnet was sitting and we secured one photograph and then packed up leaving a bit heap of fern in front of the nest.
June 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1915	<p>Morreys leave being up he left today. I went up to the Nightjar wood in the evening to put up a tent at the Linnets nest. The first thing I saw as I got into the place was a swarm of bees on an oak tree. They had not quite settled down and many were arriving and some leaving.</p> <p>Went up to the Linnets nest and erected the tent and then had another search for the Nightjars nest. Put up the male from his perch but did not see a sign of the female and had to give it up.</p>
June 3 <sup>rd</sup> 1915	<p>Left at 4.35 A.M. for the Nightjar wood. Very dull &amp; misty.</p> <p>The swarm of bees were still there &amp; I took four stereos of them &amp; then went on to the Linnets. Altogether I got six of the female but saw no sign of her mate. She fed the young ones twice on regurgitated food &amp; cleaned the nest, swallowing the faeces. She was pretty bold &amp; as the tent was a little too far away I moved it up closer to the nest when I had had exposed my six plates.</p> <p>Changed 4 plates &amp; took four photographs of the swarm of bees from various distances.</p>
June 4 <sup>th</sup>	Went up to Nightjar wood arriving soon after 5 AM & went into the tent at the Linnets nest. She was soon back & fed the young. Altogether I took 6 stereos and 4. 1/4 plates, the latter being snaps of her returning to the nest. Left the tent @ 7 AM & cleared the Grasshopper Warblers nest in preparation for a tent.
June 7 <sup>th</sup>	Went up to Nightjar wood & moved the tent from the Linnets to the Grass. Warb's nest, which I still further opened out. Searched & eventually put up the pair of Nightjars from a spot below the yew tree. There was no sign of any eggs.
June 8 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Went up to Nightjar wood arriving at 5.30 AM. Entered the tent, at Grass. Warbs. nest and I had hardly settled down than one of the birds returned. They came constantly bringing flies, caterpillars &amp; on two occasions moths (they looked like Latticed Heaths) which they shoved down the young ones throat wings &amp; all. Saw nothing of the "tail display" mentioned by W.F.</p> <p>Sometimes they would run thro the grass to the nest, at other times alight on the top of the bush &amp; slide down a bramble stem.</p> <p>Nest was cleared twice the bird flying off with the faeces each time.</p> <p>Well. Anti Screen Plates., F4.5., 1/10 sec.</p>
June 11 <sup>th</sup>	Went up to Nightjar wood arriving @ 5A.M. & went up to the tent at Grass Warbler. The 3 young have grown immensely & as I opened up the nest very gently, they all took to their legs and went leaving behind one addled egg. Found one of them & replaced it but it would not stay. Got into tent & watched. One of the parents came back with food & fed a chick it found close to the nest. The male returned & visited the nest. He had some food & seemed astonished to find the nest empty. He jumped in and started to sit on the addled egg but soon gave that up & cleared off. Caught sight of him again later on but neither of them came to the nest again. I left the tent & started to cover the nest over & as I did so the birds ran around uttering a note very like a robins alarm "ticic"

	<p>Went over to the Whitethroats &amp; found four nearly fledged young in it. Visited the Linnets where the birds were on the point of leaving.</p> <p>Took some photographs &amp; as I did so, heard a Nightjar churr from the old spot, so when I had finished I looked around &amp; and flushed the male from a stump near the last years nest and the female from near the stump where the male used to roost. No sign of eggs.</p> <p>Found and boxed a Cream Spot Tiger &amp; a Wood Carpet moth. In the evening I secured stereos of the two moths.</p>
June 12 <sup>th</sup> 1915	<p>Called for Herb at 5.10 A.M. &amp; we made for Nightjar Wood. Took my reflex and went over to the spot where I had seen the male Nightjar. He was on the stump but I could not get a clear view of him so tried to get nearer &amp; he went off, followed by the female who rose from behind a bush. Going to the spot from where she came I found one egg. The male had perched on a tree &amp; I tried for him again but had no luck. The young Whitethroats left the nest when I tried to get a picture of them.</p> <p>Herb found an Acronycta Psi at nest on a tree trunk &amp; I took 3 stereos of it. Went back and found the male nightjar had not returned to his stump but the female was sitting <u>beside</u> her egg, not covering it.</p>
June 14 <sup>th</sup> 1915	<p>Went and put a tent up at the Nightjars. The female was sitting but there was no sign of the male anywhere. I made a framework of wood cut on the spot and covered it over with the tent &amp; then hid the lot with bracken fern, bramble and birch boughs. There are now two eggs, and as usual they did not touch each other but there was a space of about 1/2" between them.</p>
June 15 <sup>th</sup> 1915	<p>Went up to the Nightjars. The female was sitting &amp; as usual allowed me to approach quite near to her before she left her eggs. She then flipped over on to the stump where I had first seen the male who by the way, seemed to have taken up his quarters elsewhere.</p> <p>I was soon inside the tent with the 1/4 plate camera fixed up &amp; in about 10 mins the female flew silently over the eggs &amp; went off again. In another 6 or 7 mins she was back &amp; this time hovered over the eggs examining the lens of the camera, &amp; then made off again. She appeared again in about 7 mins, and after hovering as before, alighted with her head held high.</p>
June 17 <sup>th</sup> 1915	<p>Went up to the Nightjars nest at 6 P.M. to fix two lens shades in the tent front to prepare the bird for the stereo camera.</p> <p>The bird was sitting tight &amp; did not leave until I was within 3 feet of her. Fixed the shades &amp; left quietly.</p>
June 18 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Went up to Nightjar Wood at 5 A.M. &amp; found the eggs deserted. Evidently my lens shades had scared her, or something else had happened to keep her away. Spent the rest of my time in looking around. Photographed some Foxgloves &amp; Field Roses.</p>
June 19 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Called for Herb at 5 A.M. &amp; went up to the wood. No sign of the Nightjar &amp; eggs quite cold, so took them. Found &amp; photographed a Burnet moth but saw nothing else.</p>
June 20 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Called for Herbert @ 9.30 A.M. &amp; we went up to Cefn On taking a net. Captured several specimens Large Skippers, Small Heath, White, Burnet moths &amp; a Dark Green Frit.</p>

June 21st

Went up to Nightjar wood arriving about 7.15 P.M.

On my way up picked up several wings of moths killed by Nightjars, Buff Tips, Cream Spot Tiger, White & Buff Ermines & etc. At 8.15 I made my way up to the top of the wood & out into the open part near the old Yew & Holly trees where we had first seen Nightjars. At 8.35 P.M. the first Nightjar churred finishing the churr with a cu.uicic and soon afterwards I spied it flying. It alighted on a dead branch high up on an oak & started churring again & was answered by another. In a moment or so it took to flight with a "coo-wick" & flew off uttering this call as it went. I made my way across towards the old drive & just as I got near the edge a male Nightjar flew up close to me & began to flap around me uttering a sharp "guck" "guck". Although it was now 9 P.M. the white wing & tail spots were very plainly visible. I stood still & the bird settled down, on a dead stem quite close to me but out of sight behind a bush, so I moved to get a view of him. He was sitting quite motionless, but as I drew near flapped up again & fluttered around me like a big brown butterfly, flapping up & down & sailing with wings held high above his back.

He settled down again & again I moved him by walking up to him. After fluttering around me again coming within 4 feet of me, he sailed off on wide spread wings & settled on a dead oak branch some way off & started churring. He then took to flight again with a "coo wick" & made for the tall trees at south east edge of wood, and thro my glasses I could see him hunting around the trees.

I sat down on a stump in the middle of the drive and bye & bye I heard a bird approaching uttering a "coo wick" every now and then. It alighted some way off & started churring. I pulled out my watch to time it and as I did so another Nightjar appeared & hovered around me alighting later on a tree quite close (10 yards) to me & also started to churr. Its effort was spasmodic however & not sustained like the other birds who was still at it & kept it up for six minutes without a pause. It was now nearly 9.30 so I got up & walked a little way down the drive & suddenly saw perched on the top of an upright stick a Nightjar. I walked past it within 3 feet of it & it was only when I stopped & made directly for it that it flew off uttering the "guck, guck, guck" note. It alighted on a dead oak branch & remained there & another bird suddenly appeared evidently its mate & started flying around me quite close, 4 or 5 feet, sometimes hovering with rapidly beating wings & constantly uttering its "guck, guck" note. It alighted somewhere near & then my attention was taken by the appearance of a Barn Owl flying over the open wood & coming in my direction. I kept quite still & it crossed the drive about 20 feet from me looking like a big white moth. I walked a little way up the drive to look for the nightjar that had alighted somewhere up there & was surprised to see it rise from the path in front of me & flutter a few feet & alight on the path again. I walked on steadily & it rose or rather flapped up again & as I still approached slowly, repeated this movement from about 50 yards drawing me on. The whole game was very much like the broken wing game of the Lapwing & it struck me as being very remarkable in a bird like the Nightjar.

Eventually it flew up with a "guck guck" & I turned & went back to the tree where its mate was perched. I passed quite close to it & the bird I had been following then flew up and passed over its mate who took flight & re-alighted some way off.

Made for my bike. Grasshopper Warblers where reeling & another Nightjar churring by the nesting spot. This bird I saw as I unlocked my bike & it alighted on a tree quite near 15 yards to me & began to churr. Passed quite close to a bush where a Grasshopper

	Warb. was reeling. The sound seems more like a clatter when heard close & in the quiet of the night.
June 23 <sup>rd</sup> 1915	<p>Went up to Nightjar Wood arriving about 6.20 P.M. Picked up a few more wings of moths while I waited for Herbert. Just as I heard him arrive, I put up the male nightjar from behind his old roosting stump. Herb and I went to where I had seen the pair of birds on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Searched all around but could find no trace of either so came back into the old part of the wood. Here Herb put up a male who as resting on the ground at the front of an oak. The remains of a Buff Tip lay around &amp; there I <span style="color: red;">????</span> up. At 8.5 P.M. a bird churred down by the old nesting spot. Later on I caught sight of a bird perched at the end of a dead branch &amp; watched it for some time. It seemed to be attending to its toilet &amp; bye &amp; bye took flight silently. As I made my way down towards the bikes I put up a female who was roosting on the ground close to a birch bush. No sign of eggs. She flew up into an oak tree quite quietly &amp; later on moved to another. I walked towards her and as I did so a male flew up &amp; alighted on a tree about 30 yards from the female &amp; within 6 of me. He started churring and was immediately answered by a Grasshopper Warbler from a bush below him &amp; another stuck up in a small bush about two yards from me. I could see this other G. Warb. plainly. After churring for a little while the male nightjar took flight in the middle of one of his efforts, with a great wing clapping. The churr gave place to a bubbly note that sounded very queer. The female followed him &amp; later on three birds passed me flying together, as far as I could see one female and two males. One male passed closer than the other two birds &amp; the white markings were very plainly visible in the dusk. Later on I heard another bird on the wing giving vent to the bubbling churr &amp; clapping its wings very vigorously.</p> <p>When flying the female goes at a very business like pace with an even wing movement &amp; straight flight, but the two males indulge in a great deal of wings high above back, flicking themselves up &amp; down as though on an elastic thread, at other times planing with outstretched wings, and constantly calling "coo-wick".</p>
August 4 <sup>th</sup>	Large gathering of swifts over Gold St. More than 100 birds.
August 6 <sup>th</sup>	One swift seen today
August 8 <sup>th</sup>	Flocks of swifts & house martins observed. Robins & Willow Warblers singing. Coots & Little Grebes on the lake.
August 15 <sup>th</sup>	3 A.M. about six swifts. 7 or 8 Little Grebes on the lake. Numbers of Sand Martins, House Martins & Swallows.
Aug 21 <sup>st</sup>	One swift seen at Sully, and fully fledged young one picked up in a dying condition, seemed starved.
Sept 9 <sup>th</sup>	Spotted Flycatcher seen by Roath Court
Sept 12 <sup>th</sup>	Chiff Chaffs heard. Large flocks of House Martins & Swallows Flying by the water-tower on Penylan. Moorhen on lake with one chick about a week old. Several Little Grebes. The Pied Female Blackbird at the Wild Park still survives & seems to me to be whiter than ever. Only a few black feathers on her back and tail.
Sept 19 <sup>th</sup>	Numbers of House Martins and Swallows seen flying over Water Tower Penylan. About 2 dozen Little Grebes on the lake. While feeding Ducks & Swans, a Moorhen swam up and I threw it a piece of bread, which it took in its beak & carried towards a patch of

	<p>rushes, from whence a chick about 2 weeks old, emerged, and after receiving it from its parent, retired again to the rushes.</p> <p>Watched a kestrel hovering near the Water-tower. It was repeatedly mobbed by about six House Martins who took it in turns to dive down at it, shooting up again when within a foot or two of the Hawk. The later appeared quite unmoved by this assault</p>
Oct 4th	On a beautifully mild & sunny day after a spell of 6 days very cold wet weather. Swallows & House Martins see. Starlings fluttering around in large numbers, hawking flies.
Oct 10th	<p>Walked around the lake &amp; wild gardens. On the hill at the top of Lake Road East I saw a female Redstart, the first I have observed in this district. A small flock of some 15 House Martins were also seen at the same time.</p> <p>Down at the lake I heard 3 Chiff Chaffs among the bushes. Several Little Grebes on the lake, one being a bird of the year which had not yet lost its baby squeak. It was constantly trying to get its parent, who was with it, to feed it.</p>
Oct 17 <sup>th</sup>	Walked around the lake and thro the Wild Gardens going home via the Nightjar Wood road & Haunted House. Sky Larks singing. Six Tufted Ducks on the lake & about 15 or 16 Little Grebes
Nov 7 <sup>th</sup>	Walked around the lake. A large flock of wigeon were nesting on it also a few Tufted Ducks, Little Grebes & Moorhens
Nov 14th	Birds on Lake. Large flocks Tufted Ducks & Wigeons. Few Pochards. Little Grebes & Moorhens
Dec 31 <sup>st</sup>	Kestrel at Rhymney. Gold finches female and male at Marshfield

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March 25 <sup>th</sup>	Morrey and I went up to Prossers Wood on Cefn On. In the field below Williams' cottage saw a male Wheatear, the first summer migrant I had seen. Searched thro the wood for moths & found on the trunks of larch trees, one female square spot, one male square spot & one male Engrailed, all newly emerged by the look of them. No sign of Chiff Chaffs.
March 26 <sup>th</sup>	Called for Morrey at 6:10 A.M. & made our way to the Wild Gardens. Found several nests of Thrushes & Blackbirds, all nearly completed, but no eggs. Saw the pied female Blackbird with her mate, a fine normal male. No sign of Chiff Chaffs. Wood anemones in bloom about 3 days out I should say.
April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Down at Wyndham Colly. Went for a walk over the hills. Magpies busy at a nest in an oakwood. Heard a raven on the top of the hill, several time but could not get a sight of it.
April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Morrey called for me on my motor bike at 6:20 A.M. & we went to the Wild Park. Disturbed a Sparrow Hawk that was sitting on a small tree near the path. All nests as they were last week with the exception of the one near the S.W. entrance to the Rhododendrons, which has one egg on which the bird, a Song Thrush, was sitting. Went

	<p>on to the field by the reservoir but only saw one Lapwing. No sign of sitting birds. Called in at Nightjar Wood &amp; met Herbert there. Saw a Spotted Woodcock also a Green &amp; a Jay &amp; put up a fine hare. Found one spec. of Diurnea fagella, female, nesting on an oak. Called in at the Wild Park on the way home again put off the Sparrow Hawk from the same spot.</p> <p>Heard a Chiff Chaff on the islands &amp; then on it came into the Wild Park</p>
April 4 <sup>th</sup> 1916	<p>Herbert reports the arrival of the Willow Warblers at the park.</p> <p>I went out in the evening to see if I could see anything of them. Got to the Nightjar Wood about 1:10 P.M. &amp; as I was walking across, caught sight of hunting Barn Owl. Stopped behind a tree &amp; watched it for nearly ¼ hour during which time it came very close to me &amp; thro my glasses every feather of its wide spread wings was clearly visible. It alighted on different trees several times &amp; remained perches looking around for a couple of moments and the was off again quietly topping the low bushes, on gliding in &amp; out between them with its eyes on the ground. I did not see it catch anything, although it alighted on the ground twice. Saw no Willow Warblers</p>
April 6 <sup>th</sup> 1916	<p>Out to Nightjar Wood at 6:45 A.M. &amp; met Herb up there. No Sign of Willow Warbs, but heard about 6 different Chiff Chaffs. Found several specs of D. fagella, &amp; one Early Grey which Herb boxed. Herb also found a female Dotted bon dev.</p>
April 6 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Went to Nightjar Wood at 5:45 A.M. Had a good look around but saw no migrants except Chiff Chaffs. The only moths seen were a number of specs of D fagella</p>
April 9 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Started @ 8:15 A.M. on the motor for Cog Moors picking up Herb in Albany Road and Morrey at Cogan. Arrived at the moors we searched for Lapwings nests finding altogether 5 nests. We also found a Song Thrushes, a Blackbirds, a Missile Thrushes &amp; Magpies nearly ready for eggs, the ??? being put in, &amp; two Green Woodpecker holes that may be used. As Morrey &amp; I were looking for Lapwings I heard a Ravens note &amp; looking up we saw thro our glasses three birds flying north two together &amp; one following. Also saw the first Willow Warblers about half a dozen all together. Put up several snipes, one a Jack Snipe which got up about 2 feet from me. Blackthorn in bloom.</p>
April 13 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Out about 5:15 A.M. &amp; I was passing the lake on my way to Nightjar Wood, I thought I heard twitterings of Martins. Stopping, I soon saw several Sand Martins, about 20 – 30 in all, flying over the lake. Went on to Nightjar wood but saw nothing there except of few Chiff Chaffs. Back to Wild Park but the only things ween there were more Chiff Chaffs, &amp; one Willow Warbler. Up to the present Chiff Chaffs are far more common than usual, &amp; Willow Warblers are conspicuous be either their absence or silences. I have only heard one singing, &amp; that only about 4 notes.</p>
April 15 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Started out at 5:50 A.M. &amp; cycled to Nightjar Wood. Heard a couple of Willow Warblers &amp; several Chiff Chaffs. Found one Early Grey also a female &lt;blanks space here&gt; resting on oak leaves. Herbert joined me &amp; we went to the Wild Park. Fancied I heard a Blackcap sing a few notes from apple trees by the shelter but was not sure. Found a Thrush building also a Robin doing the same at the foot of the trees that holds the Thrushes nest. Heard a Blackcap sing, distinctly this time, &amp; at last caught sight of it the male. Saw a Mistle Thrush carrying nesting material into one of the firs at extreme Noth end. Sand Martins flying over the lake, about a dozen.</p>
April 16 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Out at 5:50 A.M. Although it was raining, made for NightJar Wood. Saw nothing of interest &amp; heard no new arrivals. A large number of Sand Martins over the lake. Found a</p>

	female semi wingless moth as yet unidentified. Coming home past the Jews Cem Road a House Martin flew over the railings from the lake, & along the road in front of me.
April 19 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Out @ 5:55 A.M. Very dull &amp; cold with heavy winds. By the Jews Cem Road saw a flock of some 100 birds, which as I got nearer, I saw was Sand Martins with some Swallows. The nearly all settled down on the roof of a motor garage, the Sand Martins on the ridge, the swallows along the Shute &amp; also on the edges of two city lights which were open. Some sand martins perched on the clothes line, others on telegraph wires overhead. Looked over the garden wall &amp; counted about 30 Swallows also two House Martins &amp; the rest were Sand Martins, about 70 birds. Went on to Nightjar Wood. The Barn Owl was out hunting, &amp; as I rose from behind some bushes where I had been examining a Blackbirds unfinished nest, the owl came over from the other side &amp; startled by the sight of be let off a horrible shriek which made me jump.</p> <p>Found nothing. Willow Warblers were common &amp; I also heard some half dozen Chiff Chaffs.</p> <p>Walked thro the Wild Park on my way home but saw nothing new. The Swallows etc were hawking over the lake as I passed.</p>
April 20 <sup>th</sup>	Called for Herb at 2:45 P.M with my motor bike, & we made for Prossers Wood. The first specs found was a fine Early Grey resting on larch. We then came across several Small Engraileds and Engrailed, all on larch & eaten a female square spot & a Early Tooth Stripe, followed by two more Small Engrailed, a Engrailed three Square Spots one a male & two more Early Tooth Stripe. Altogether a very good afternoons spot. Saw two or three Swallows.
April 21 <sup>st</sup>	<p>Wild Gardens at 6:A.M. where I met Herb. We found a Thrushes with one, one nearly finished, a wild ducks with 11, &amp; a chaffinch building. Near the north end, as I was looking in the laurels, I heard a Tree Pipit singing. Watched carefully &amp; after hearing it again, caught sight of it. It then flew into a birch tree growing quite close to us, &amp; there performed its toilet before moving off out of the park. This is a new find for the Wild Gardens. Wet up to Nightjar Wood &amp; as we entered the gate heard a shot. Herbert caught sight of a man at the top of The wood &amp; thro our glasses we could see him carrying something which on a clearer sight proved to be the Barn Owl, which he had shot &amp; was carrying by one wing. What a swine!</p> <p>Saw another Tree Pipit but nothing else.</p>
April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<p>As I was cycling to the office this morning I saw one Swift flying over the Higher Grad School.</p> <p>Called for Morrey at 2:30 P.M. &amp; we picked up Herb. by the Heath Hotel &amp; made for St-y-Nyllth.</p> <p>Morrey put on waders &amp; looked around the pond. I did the wood and found a Carion Crows with one, &amp; a Magpie with four, both in fine positions for photography. Morrey found moorhens with 5 , &amp; two coots with six and a swan sitting. Heard a Sedge Warbler.</p>
April 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Went up to Wild Park arriving ar 6 A.M. As I unlocked the gate I head a Cuckoo in the fields below the railway. Herb & Morrey arrived and we started to search the park. Morrey found the Missile Thrushes nest, & also two of the young birds which had just left

	<p>it. I photographed one which we found sitting on a stump. Herb found a Black Birds with two. Heard another Tree Pipit in the Park.</p> <p>Went on to Nightjar wood where I found a Missile thrush feeding young in the next. Tree Pipits singing but no sign of G'hopper Warbs, or Whitethroats.</p>
April 26 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Went up to Nightjar Wood at 6:30 P.M. Five minutes after arrival I heard a Grasshopper Warb &amp; later on three or four others.</p> <p>Started to stalk one, &amp; soon got a sight of it, deep in a bush. It climbed a little way out and started reeling. The bill is kept wide open during the whole performance &amp; the head is constantly turned from side to side giving the sound a diminishing &amp; increasing effect. The tail vibrates to the notes in a most peculiar manner.</p>
April 26 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Up to Nightjar Wood, arriving at 6 A.M. Passing the Recreation Grounds heard &amp; saw a Whitethroat &amp; in the Botanical Gardens two Lesser Whitethroats. UP at Nightjar Wood was a Tree Pipit conveying nesting materials &amp; got a rough idea of the nesting site.</p> <p>Heard about six more Whitethroats, &amp; watched a Grasshopper W. Reeling. The bird was perched on the very topmost twig of a low birch bush, about 12 feet from me. Noticed the same peculiarities mentioned above. The song was sometimes sustained for three minutes.</p> <p>Watched a Missile Thrush building &amp; saw a Cuckoo, also two jays.</p>
April 29 <sup>th</sup> 1916	<p>Went to Nightjar wood arriving at 5.35 AM. On the way up heard a Corncrake in the fields by the Jews Cemetery.</p> <p>Found nothing in the wood except a Song Thrush with 2 eggs, another with 4 newly hatched young and a Blackbirds with 3 eggs</p> <p>In the afternoon went with Herbert to St-y-Nyllth to put up a Dummy camera at the Magpies.</p> <p>Heard a Wood Warbler several times, and found the Little Grebes nest which has three eggs, quite fresh. Fixed up the 'dummy' and left it. The Carrion Crow nest has been knocked out. Orange Tip seen.</p>
April 30 <sup>th</sup> 1916	<p>Down to St-y-Nyllth at 8 AM arriving about 8.40.</p> <p>Morrey turned up about 10 minutes later and we soon had the camera fixed at the Mags, and a hide put up from which to set off the shutter. I took first turn and waited for 2 hours during which time the bird returned once, but not as far as the nest tree, and then cleared off, and although Morrey waited for over 2 ½ hours there was no further sign of the birds.</p> <p>During the time Morrey was waiting I looked around. Saw a Sandpiper on the pond and found a Streamer moth. (ed. <i>Anticlea derivata</i>)</p>
May 13 <sup>th</sup> 1916	<p>After nearly two weeks of wet &amp; cold weather Morrey &amp; I went to Prossers wood at 2.30 P.M. Found a Chaffinch's with three eggs in the lane up to the wood. In the wood we came across two Grey Bricks &amp; two Engrailed, but found nothing else</p>

May 14 <sup>th</sup> 1916	<p>Picked up Morrey at 5.30 A.M. &amp; went to the Nightjar wood. Found a Common Carpet &amp; a Grey Brick also a pheasant sitting but did not disturb her.</p> <p>Saw a male Garden Warbler</p>
May 21 <sup>st</sup> 1916	<p>Started with Morrey at 7.15 A.M. for Kenfig on the motor, arriving there at 9-25 A.M. Left the bike at the Prince of Wales &amp; made off across the sandhills N.W. of the pool. Put up a pair of Redshanks &amp; later found a Lapwings nest with 3 eggs. Also discovered a small colony of B.Headed Gulls. Of 5 nests one contained 3 eggs, one 2 &amp; one 1. The other two not having been yet completed. Made for the Merlin's haunt finding &amp; capturing on route a Common Lizard (5½ Inches)</p> <p>Arrived at the Merlins haunt &amp; started to look around. While I was on the top of one of the sand hills I saw the bird fly up from another which Morrey was nearing. On moving for it &amp; climbing it found the nest on the top containing 5 eggs quite fresh. Had our lunch on the beach and then crossed back to the old gully where we found one B.H. Gulls nest with 2 eggs, and a Lapwings with one. Made our way back to the Redshanks valley and spent the rest of the time until 6 PM in watching the birds and trying to locate the nest, but had no luck. I really think the birds had young ones hidden away. Found two more Lapwings nests, one with 4 and one with 3 eggs, and two fine Oak Egg Larvae. (<i>ed. Lasiocampa quercus</i>) There are three pair of Redshank around the Pool.</p> <p>Captured two specs of the Yellow Belle (<i>ed Aspitates ochrearia</i>) and found several spikes of Tway- blade some in flower. Also found a Morrel fungus.</p>
May 26 <sup>th</sup> 1916	<p>Went up to Nightjar wood at 6.30 P.M. Started by finding a Willow Warbler with 5 eggs. Heard a dove cooing and by careful stalking got close up to it and identified it as the Turtle dove. Watched it for some time thro my glasses.</p> <p>Found a Robin with 5 and a Song Thrushes with 4, and later another Willow Warblers with 5.</p> <p>Neither saw or heard the Nightjars. Found a Broken barred carpet moth (<i>ed Electrophaes corylata</i>).</p>
May 28 <sup>th</sup> 1916	<p>Down at Ogmore Vale. During lunch time I explored the mountain above the colliery seeing a pair of Ravens. Also saw a Carrion Crow mobbing a raven. Explored several escarpments but no sign of any nests. Found a Brown Silver line moth. (<i>ed Petrophora chlorosata</i>)</p>
May 30 <sup>th</sup> 1916	<p>Went up to Nightjar wood at 6.45 PM but saw nothing and found no more nests.</p> <p>No sign of the Nightjars.</p>
June 3 <sup>rd</sup> 1916	<p>Went to the Heath flat with Morrey at 2.30 PM Came across a spec. of the Argus or Holly Blue, and as we watched it flying around a holly tree, it became entangled in a spiders web and was killed by the spider. We procured it and confirmed the species.</p> <p>Heard a Nightjar, but saw nothing else of interest.</p>
June 4 <sup>th</sup> 1916	<p>Met Morrey at 8 AM at Fair Oak Rd and went to the Nightjar wood. Very dull and raining.</p> <p>I came across a female Pheasant and two chicks, and later on heard a Nightjar churr. Walked my way toward the sound and discovered the male perched on a stump, in a fine place for a photo. Made for the top of the wood and passing a small oak tree out</p>

	<p>dashed the Turtle Dove from its nest which contained one fresh egg. The nest is in a splendid position for a photograph, about 5 feet from the ground and right on the sunny edge of the tree.</p> <p>Joined Morrey and showed him the nest and the roosting Nightjar and we decided to get my camera, which I had left at home, so I started off and returned about ¾ of an hour later.</p> <p>Morrey reported picking up the remains of a White Ermine (<i>ed. Spilosoma lubricipeda</i>) and a Small Blue, from a clear spot at the foot of an oak, evidently a Nightjars leavings. Our attempt to stalk the bird was a failure as her went off suddenly when I was yet too far away for a decent shot. It was now raining heavily so we packed up and made for home soaking wet.</p>
June 9 <sup>th</sup> 1916	<p>Up at 5 AM, and arrived at the Nightjar wood at 5.40.</p> <p>The Nightjar was not on his Sundays Perch and I was sorry to find that the Turtle Dove had deserted. Found nothing but a Grizzled skipper (<i>ed. Pyrgus malvae</i>) covered with white frost, which I photographed. No sign of the nightjar.</p>
July 9 <sup>th</sup> 1916	<p>Morrey having leave, we started for Kenfig at 6.45 AM on the motor bike, arriving at 8.40 AM.</p> <p>Made out way towards the Gulls nests near the pool, and put up a Snipe from its nest containing four eggs. The Gulls nests were all empty, but in the larger pools we found one nest containing 2 chicks and on chipped egg. The parent bird attacked and I obtained some snaps of them also of the nest and young.</p> <p>Walked across to the Merlins haunt capturing and photographing a common lizard on the way.</p> <p>As we came over the sand desert we heard a Merlins alarm note and made it out, perched on the end of the long, high sand ridge where they nested in.</p> <p>Bye and bye she, for it was the female, flew off and came toward us circling round and round, calling all the time. When we drew near the nest we witnessed a splendid sight viz. two fully fledged young and the female bird all perched on a bare sand hill. The female flew off, but the 2 young remained and I started to stalk them from behind another dune.</p> <p>Got quite close, but on crawling around the dune, they spotted me and made off. Altogether I made half a dozen attempts and succeeded in getting four shots, and also two at the female as she flew around.</p> <p>We then crossed the beach and had lunch on the other side, finding a Ring Plovers with 4 eggs close to the place we halted.</p> <p>After lunch we explored the old Gullery and found a young BH Gull about 2 weeks old, and a young Oystercatcher about 8 days old both of which I photographed.</p> <p>We then <del>recxxx</del> the <del>bxxx</del> and <del>wxxked</del> to the sea shore, finding on the way a Ring Plovers with 2 eggs. On the shore was one Lesser Tern and there was no sign of any others. We found another Ring Plovers with 4 eggs and after walking about a mile we turned across the dunes again and made for Kenfig Pool, on the shore of which we</p>

	<p>found a young Lapwing about 8 days old. Had our tea and set off for home at 5 PM arriving at Richmond Road at 6.40 PM.</p> <p><i>Epipactis palustris</i> (ed. Marsh Orchid, would be flowering in July) in bloom in profusion.</p> <p>Re. Merlins. Nearly all the dunes in the vicinity of the nest bare on their tops the remains of the youngsters meals. On one in particular were 4 nearly fresh corpses, one headless but otherwise untouched and quite fresh, and another half eaten, while another had been disembowelled and split. The remains appeared to be those of young fledged starlings and there was also a Greenfinch easily identified by the <i>bxxrs</i>, which was lying near.</p> <p>Altogether we saw four young ones, and the two adult birds.</p>
August 24 <sup>th</sup> 1916	<p>Went up to Nightjar wood arriving at about 6.45 PM. Weather very dull and close, and as there had been considerable rain during the last few days, the place was extremely wet. Looked carefully for moth remains on the path but found nothing. Stuck my bike up by the ditch and then picked some heather growing just where the path crosses the ditch, and was startled by a young Nightjar getting up from the ditch about a yard from the path. I was within four or five feet of it. The place it had chosen to lie up had evidently been used for two or three days, as there was an accumulation of droppings and the bare patch was freely covered with scales from the birds quills.</p> <p>It was situated at the bottom of the ditch which was dry at this point, and was slightly overhung by one of the banks. A nice dry spot well sheltered from the rain. The youngster flew well but was evidently only recently fledged.</p> <p>No remains of any kind to be seen lying around. I searched carefully to see if there was another youngster anywhere but found nothing neither did I see any signs of the adult birds although I looked up their favourite nesting places. I walked around for nearly two hours but found nothing of interest. The wood was strangely silent and the only birds heard were the Green Woodpecker, Robins and occasional Blackbirds alarm notes. At about 8.30 I returned to the place where I had found the young Nightjar. It was getting quite dark, owing to massed of black cloud which were blowing up from the SW. At 8.45 an adult Nightjar flew past me as I stood on the path and it caught sight of me uttered a sharp 'took took', turned and alighted on the path about 20 yards from me.</p> <p>I walked towards it and caught sight of it sitting on the path. It remained there until I was within a dozen feet of it and then flew up uttering its alarm note again and began to fly around sometimes making as though to alight on a branch, but immediately starting off again.</p> <p>It passed quite close to me many times and as I could see no sign of wing or tail spots I concluded that it was the female. At last she alighted along a dead branch, head towards the tree and remained there constantly 'took took' ing, and jerking her head up and down. I turned and walked up the path, jumped the ditch and had gone a few steps further when, from the path about 20 feet away up flew another bird, the youngster again. I retraced my steps and found the female still perched on the branch, so I stood well back in the shelter of a tall bush and watched. It was now so dark I could hardly see the bird at all although the branch was silhouetted against the sky. In a few minutes she began to 'took took' in a very excited manner, and almost immediately the other adult bird, presumably the male, but it was too dark to see for certain by now, passed over my</p>

	<p>head and turning hung suspended in front of me, about 6 feet away with rapidly fluttering wings and tail depressed and then turning quickly alighted at the end of a dead branch, head from tree and crunched flat, where he sat quite silently. The female was still 'took took' ing, and after five minutes had passed took flight, and passing in front of me made for the tree where her mate was perched, and made as tho to alight on the top of him.</p>
	<p>In the Interval served in the Army MTASC (ed. 'Mechanical Transport' and 'Army Service Corps'.) and Welsh Regt.</p>
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<p>March 26<sup>th</sup> 1919</p>	<p>Went for a walk with Louis across Penylan, down to the lake into the Wild Park and home.</p> <p>One pochard on the lake and among the Rhododendrons on the East side of lake abreast the Islands were 6 or 8 Lesser Redpoles feeding on seeds.</p> <p>In the Wild Gardens saw another pair of Lesser Redpoles and a Marsh Tit.</p> <p>No signs of the Chiff Chaff.</p>
<p>March 28<sup>th</sup> 1919</p>	<p>Out with Louis across Penylan, down to the Lake and thro the Wild Gardens.</p> <p>While watching a Robin in the Wild Gardens my attention was attracted by a small olive green bird and turning my glasses on it I saw at once it was a Chiff Chaff the first of the year. Watched it for some time. It was quite silent and fluttered restlessly about, but did not seem to be getting any food. It had chosen the most sheltered spot in the place.</p> <p>A small party of Lesser Redpoles were feeding in the Rhododendrons again. Saw a pair of Marsh Tits and watched them feeding on the ground.</p>
	<p>Entered 19.9.1919</p> <p>Snipe            20+27/4/12</p> <p>O'catcher }    26+27/5/12</p> <p>B-h Gull    }</p> <p>S-hawk        } 13.14.15/6/12</p> <p>Grass Warb }   </p> <p>Little Grebe    13/5/13</p> <p>Yellow Wag    12.16/7/13</p> <p>Tree Creeper   10.&amp;13/4/14</p>