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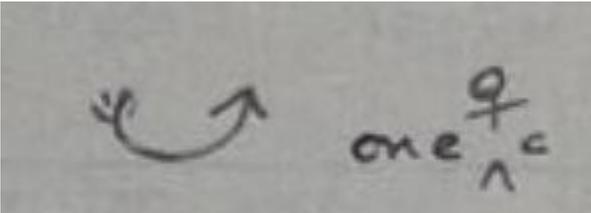
Arrival or migrants **1919**

March 28 <sup>th</sup>	Chiff Chaff
April 11 <sup>th</sup>	Swallow
April 16 <sup>th</sup>	Willow Warbler
April 18 <sup>th</sup>	Tree Pipit Grasshopper Warbler Male Blackcap
April 19 <sup>th</sup>	Cuckoo
April 21 <sup>st</sup>	Sandpiper
April 29 <sup>th</sup>	Sandmartin
May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Swift Whitethroat (H.E.) <We think this might be Harold Evans who has a nursery at Llanishen see below>
May 12 <sup>th</sup>	Cormorant (H.E.)
May 13 <sup>th</sup>	Garden Warbler House Martin
May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Lesser Whitethroat
May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Red Backed Shrike Turtle Dove Nightjar (H.E.)

Last Dates –

August 11 <sup>th</sup>	Swift main body gone
August 28 <sup>th</sup>	Swift 1 straggler seen
September 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Chiff Chaff
October 18 <sup>th</sup>	Swallows
October 25 <sup>th</sup>	House Martins

April 1 <sup>st</sup> 1919	The Mistle Thrush in Newport Road is now sitting
April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Herbert reports having seen a Buzzard soaring over Heath yesterday afternoon
April 5 <sup>th</sup>	Took Louis on my <b>carrier?</b> & met Herb at the Lake. Walked up to Woods Covert Nightjar wood & had a look around. Saw a Kestrel hovering over the wood, also saw a Magpie, 2 Jays, 3 Bullfinches, Heard a couple of Chiff Chaffs & a Green Woodpecker. Herb found 5 Longhorn Beetles under some oak bark & I saw a couple of honey bees flying about. Brought home a root of Primroses & some Willow Catkins.
April 11 <sup>th</sup>	Saw two swallows today hawking over Waterloo Gardens
April 12 <sup>th</sup>	Took Louis on the carrier of my push bike & started for Cefn Onn. Pair of Magpies on the tallest Poplar in the Wild Park & I also heard a Chiff Chaff there. Going up road to

	<p>camp we picked Primroses, Wood Anemones, Dog Violets. Stitchwort &amp; Lesser Celandine.</p> <p>Prossers wood has <u>quite</u> gone. Heard several Chiff Chaffs &amp; a Green Woodpeckers. Saw Brimstone butterfly.</p> <p>In the wood over tunnel between ventilators 2 &amp; 3 saw a large nest at the top of an oak tree. As it looked new I walked across to it &amp; standing a little way off clapped my hands, &amp; off sailed a Carion Crow. Could not get at the nest to see what was in it. Eggs I fancy as the bird was sitting so closely. No signs of Buzzards, or their old nest, and no signs of Willow Warbler yet.</p>
April 16 <sup>th</sup>	Herbert reports Willow Warblers have arrived. Seen by him in Wild Park & Heath.
April 17 <sup>th</sup>	Started by myself for Nightjar Wood. Passing the Quarry east of Lake heard a willow warbler. In Nightjar Wood I heard several more & any number of Chiff Chaffs. Found 1 specimen of Diurnea fagella resting on a tree trunk, also fund a Song Thrush sitting on 4 eggs. Nothing else of note seen or heard
April 18 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Called for Herb at 9:30 A.M. &amp; we set out for Nightjar Wood Saw several</p> <p>Brimstone butterflies &amp; heard a Willow Warbler &amp; a Tree Pipit by Heath Halt.</p> <p>In Nightjar Wood saw several more Brimstones &amp; 1 large White. Heard a lot of Chiff Chaffs &amp; Willow Warblers &amp; found several specimens of D. fagella on tree trunks &amp; 1 T. <i>creepusevlaria</i>? which I boxed. Heard a Tree Pipit but could not spot it. Down at the bottom of the wood I heard a Grasshopper Warbler reel &amp; later on we saw it &amp; its reeled in a bush about 4 yards from us. We also saw the Tree Pipit &amp; heard another. Walked back thro the Wild Gardens where a male Blackcap Warbler greeted us with his song &amp; we soon saw him perched in an alder tree singing merrily. Caught a pair of grass snakes.</p> <p>In the afternoon I walked as far as the Lake with Belle and Louis &amp; saw a Small White on the way up Penylan.</p> <p>A beautiful fine &amp; sunny day, the warmest we have had. The Grasshopper Warb reeled in the bright sunshine.</p>
April 19 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Met Herbert at Heath Halt at 2:30 P.M., &amp; we went on to the flat. I having my camera &amp; the two snakes with me. Let the snakes loose &amp; took 6 snaps of them I.S.R., Bush Bis Telar. 14", F11. 1/40<sup>th</sup> sec, (ed. See <a href="http://www.earlyphotography.co.uk/site/entry_L44.html">http://www.earlyphotography.co.uk/site/entry_L44.html</a>)</p> <p>Watched a pair of Kestrels soaring over the flat. They mounted on outstretched wings with widely spread tails to a very considerable height following each other</p> <p>around </p>

	one female a little below the others. Saw Brimstone, Small Tortoiseshell, Wite, & Peacock butterflies. I heard a Cuckoo, a long way off, but unmistakable. Tree Pipits also heard from the trees by Pond, also Chiff Chaffs and Willow Warblers.
April 21 <sup>st</sup>	Got up at 5:30 A.M. & went on my bike to the Wild Park. As I passed the lake, I spotted a Sandpiper on its edge. Took a good look & there was no mistaking his "bobbing" walk. Heard a couple of Cuckoos. Found nothing in the Wild Park except 3 or 4 empty nests, 3 thrushes, 1 Hedgesparrow, neither robbed or just completed. The Magpie flew out of the tree with the old nest in. Perhaps they are going to renovate & use it again. Saw a Tree Creeper & a pair of Ring Doves.
April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Met Herberts at top of Wild Park at 2:30 P.M. & we cycled up past Nightjar Wood & on to Cefn Mabley Park. Caught a Grass Snake sunning itself a finely marked specimen with orange & black collar & black spots liberally spotted over its back & sides. Saw a pair of Chiff Chaffs nest building, also saw a pair of Kestrels by the park & heard a Tree Pipit there also. Come back thro Lisvane & Llanishen hearing a Blackcap at the latter place.
April 29 <sup>th</sup>	Herbert Reports Sandmartins at the Heath
May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Went out by myself at 2:20 P.M. to Nightjar Wood. The Song Thrush has young ones about a week old. The old bird was covering them & went off very reluctantly & only to the other side of the bush where she fluffed all her feathers on end & snapped her beak at me every snap being accompanied with a jerk of her tail downwards. The snapping of the beak was quite loud. Had a look around but found nothing. Watched a Tree Pipit for some time. No sign of the Grasshopper Warblers Saw the first swifts, two flying over the wood, also saw a couple of Swallows. No signs of Whitethroats.  Met the keeper who says there is a Nightingale at the Filter Beds, Heath. It arrived about 10 days ago.
13 <sup>th</sup> May	Started at 5:15 A.M. for the Wild Gardens. As I entered by eastern gate I heard a bird singing in the tops of the very tall Poplars North of the lake & knew that although very like, it <u>was not</u> a Blackcap, so must be a Garden Warbler. Dismounted from my bike & got my glasses out & soon spotted it right at the top of one of the tallest trees. The light was not good & I could not make certain about its head, which as far as I could see was not black. It flew down into a tree in the wood in the Wild Gardens & I lost sight of it. Put my bike in the shelter & came back thro the wood where I heard the bird singing again.  Could not spot it in the wood until I walked nearly on it & it then flew out at the south end & I followed it on to the path. It was back in the poplars again & as the sun was now shining I got my glasses on it and saw without doubt that it was a Garden Warbler, a new species for the Wild Park. Watched it for some time as it moved from tree to tree singing all the while. The song is lower than that of the Blackcap and sometimes harsher, although mostly more mellow & fuller. It seemed to prefer the tops of the trees while the Blackcap loves to skulk among the lower bushes. I moved off & soon heard a Black cap singing so was able to compare the two songs. The are really quite distinct. The Garden Warbler sometimes sang in a strange muted manner, a thing I have never heard a Blackcap doing. The song is much longer sustained, slow, going on for minutes at times.  Searched the Rhododendrons in centre & discovered a Thrush sitting on the 5 eggs, & a Blackbird (2) sitting on the same number. Looked around about found nothing

	<p>until I got the other side of the brook, when near the lower bridge, a chaffinch flew out of some twig on a tree, about 18" from the ground. It flew quite close to the ground only about 20 yards before rising. Examining the place I found the nest (3) with 3 eggs. A very low situation for a Chaffinch. I then searched the Rhododendrons near west gate &amp; discovered a Greenfinch (4) sitting very closely on 1 egg, a Chaffinch (5) also with 1 egg. I also found a couple of unfinished nests in the same place, &amp; one by the upper bridge.</p> <p>Coming past the lake home, I heard no less than 3 more Garden Warblers one in the trees by the Quarry. As I went down to the office later I saw that the House Martins had got back to Westville Rd. a couple flying around the eaves of the houses.</p>
May 16 <sup>th</sup>	As I went up to see Willie Bennett this evening, I heard a Lesser Whitethroat singing, about half way along Ty Gwyn Road, Penylan, also on the top of the hill White throats.
May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Went up to Llanishen in the afternoon & called at Harold Evans Nursery. Has a look around the place & found seven nests, Thrushes, Blackbird, Hedge Sparrow, Chaffinch. 2., Greenfinch & Bullfinch. H.E. told me that Whitethroats were back on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> & Corncrakes on the 12 <sup>th</sup> . He also mentions that Whimbrels pass on migration. Saw first Orange Tip
May 18 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Started at 5:30 A.M. for the Heath. Passing the Botanic Gardens heard a bird uttering a song something like a Greenfinches trill. "puddle, puddle, puddle" &amp; then repeated in a lower tone, saw the birds which was very like a &lt;Lesser&gt; Whitethroat, but could not distinguish its markings. It flew up into some tall poplars. Passing the lake saw a Mallard with about 12 young, just out. While passing down the road at foot of embankment from Heath to Three Arches bridge, I spotted a fine male Red Back Shrike &amp; watched it thro my glasses for some time. Went on to the Heath pond on North of that heard &amp; saw a Turtle Dove, also a Whitethroat was very busy building.</p> <p>Went across to Nightjar Wood where I saw two more Turtle Doves, &amp; heard a Nightingale singing in the middle of The wood. As I was walking away quietly down a path, a rabbit ran out of cover &amp; up the path toward me. When it at last spotted me it stopped &amp; got up on its hind legs &amp; watched me for quite two minutes, finally passing to the right of me quite calmly.</p> <p>Hardly had I started to move on than a fix trotted out on the path &amp; seeing me trotted back. There are a couple of Garden Warbs in the wood. Heard no G'hopper Warbs however &amp; no sign of the Nightjar.</p> <p>Passing lake on way home saw the Swan had hatched out 5 cygnets who were with her on the lake.</p>
May 20 <sup>th</sup>	Received a note from H. Evans reporting Nightjar. May 18 <sup>th</sup> & a Lesser Redpolls nest with eggs in Nursery. Herbert reports Nightjar 19 <sup>th</sup> .
May 21 <sup>st</sup>	Went out to Llanishen at 6PM to have a look at the Redpoles nest. Its is about 6 feet from ground & can be worked with a little trouble. Contained 2 eggs on Sunday. Did not examine it but saw the bird as she slipped off. Found another Chaffinches & a Warblers nest under construction in a small privet, most likely a Blackcaps. Spotted Flycatcher nest reported

May 29 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Went out to Llanishen H.P. Nursery at 6pm and had another good look around. The Lesser Redpoles still have eggs. The Bullfinch female was sitting &amp; the Greenfinch near her has young about a week or 9 days old, so has the Chaffinches in the bamboos at the bottom of the bridge. The low nest of Chaffinches has been robbed.</p> <p>Wilfred Evans met me &amp; showed me a Whitethroats with 4. The nest is practically on the ground &amp; the eggs are very heavily marked with <span style="color: red;">????</span> at larger end the markings cloudy &amp; dark greyish green very unlike the usual type.</p> <p>The nest in the privets is, I think, a Garden Warblers &amp; now has 4 eggs.</p> <p>Evans also showed me a Linnets with eggs, another Chaffinches with 4 eggs, a Swallows with eggs, also another Greenfinches with 5 eggs.</p>
May 30 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Got up at 5PM &amp; went up to Nightjar Wood, but had no luck. A couple of pair of Turtle Doves are there this year. Not a sound or sign of a Grasshopper Warbler.</p> <p>Met Wilfred Evans at 5:30PM outside North Lewis's house, The Orchard, Lisvane, at 5:30 PM &amp; took some photographs of the gardens with him. Had a run thro the grounds &amp; wood &amp; then returned to the Nursery. Found that the Lesser Redpoles are really Linnets up on examination of nest and eggs. Put up some stuff in front of the Whitethroats. Found a thrushes nest with 1 egg &amp; 4 young just hatched.</p>
May 31 <sup>st</sup>	<p>Went up to Llanishen H.P. Nursery at 2 P.M. taking up the hide, set it up in front of the Song Thrushes nest &amp; got inside &amp; waited. Sun very hot &amp; the newly hatched young felt it very much so as the old bird did not seem inclined to return. I gave it up after <math>\frac{3}{4}</math> hour &amp; moved the tent which I set up at the Whitethroats cleaning away some of the grass in front of the nest at the same time. Found Linnets with 1 young &amp; three eggs &amp; nothing else.</p>
June 1 <sup>st</sup>	<p>Reached Llanishen soon after 8:30 AM &amp; was soon inside the tent in front of the Whitethroats. In about 20 mins, the bird returned &amp; after several false starts settled down on the nest. She was off again within 10 mins &amp; the other bird arrived to make a change, but instead of taking the place vacated it hung around for a long time.</p> <p>Both birds continually used a spray of Guelder Rose the perch on, so I trained the camera upon that &amp; soon had a chance, Got another shot in a few minutes more &amp; I had hardly pushed the trigger before the other bird arrived &amp; there were the pair on the spray. It was hard times as I did not get another chance at the pair. Used a single combination of my lens &amp; got two more. Altogether I got six but the birds were shy of returning to the nest so I packed up at 11:30.</p> <p>Was shown a Greenfinches with young about a week old.</p>
Saturday June 7 <sup>th</sup> 1919	<p>Cycled across to Kenfig and struck across the Sandhills. In the first bay put up a pair of Redshanks, as usual, but could find nothing although they were extremely agitated and kept flying around. Went on and struck the old gullery, and two more pairs of Redshanks.</p> <p>Pushed on to the Pyle Brook and started to look around for the Merlins at the old place.</p> <p>No signs of the birds, but I climbed to the top of several sandhills and after I had tried about six, the bird dashed off from the top of one as I touched the grass at the</p>

	<p>summit. There was a fine nest right overhung with the marram grass, with 4 eggs. The nest was entirely composed of dead marram grass, lined with pieces of the same chopped up small. There was one flight feather included, which I took. No room for a hiding tent or even to hide my camera, so I put up my tent on the next sandhill and got inside with the reflex with the hope of getting a snap as she returned. Saw her several times, but had to give it up.</p> <p>Hid the bike etc. under the tent and leaving my camera made my way down to the brook. As I reached it I saw a couple of B. headed Gulls mobbing an immature Gull, so decided to have a look at the original gullery. Waded the brook, and made my way into the place and was greeted by <u>six</u> birds. Walked the whole length of the place but could see no nests. Sat down at the very end and watched the gulls. A couple went down very quietly, about ½ way down the valley, near the old spot. Gave them a chance to settle and then stood up, and marked the place they rose from. Walked there and found a nest with 1 egg and 2 yards away another with 2. Collected some timber and stuck it up by the one with 2. Walked on another dozen yards and there was another with 3. Put up some more timber there and left.</p> <p>Waded back and picked up my bike and things. The Merlin was sitting <u>very</u> tight and took no notice of shouting or of a bone I threw up among the grass. I thought she was not on but on climbing up off she went. Set off for Kenfig, seeing the <u>pair</u> of Merlins for the final time. Found a Wheatears breeding burrow. Tried the Redshanks again but although I marked the bird up could find nothing. Made for Porthcawl.</p> <p>Birds seen and heard. Cuckoo, Blackbird, Thrush, Sparrow, Yellow hammer. Swift. Swallow. Willow Warbler. Barling. Whinchat. Wheeler. Meadow Pipit. Oyster catcher. Ring Plover. Lapwing. Redshank, 3 pairs. B'headed Gulls, 3 pairs. Merlin, pair. Snipe, 3. Teal, 1. Shelduck (about 20) Mallard, 4. Lesser B. B. Gull, 1 mature bird. Pyle Book. Immature Gulls, 3. Magpie. Skylark</p>
<p>Sunday June 8<sup>th</sup> 1919</p>	<p>Went out over the sandhills towards Merthyr Mawr to look for the other Merlins. Saw a Merlin twice but could find no trace of a nest. Came across a freshly killed homing pigeon and took the rings off its legs. Also came across a Merlins kill.</p> <p>The only birds I saw were Rooks, Wheatears with young on the wing, Meadow Pipits, Linnets, Sand Martins, Swallows, Lapwings.</p>
<p>Monday June 9<sup>th</sup> 1919</p>	<p>Went over to Merthyr Mawr again. Got up on top of a high sand hill and kept a lookout with my glasses. Saw a Merlin once but lost it behind a sandhill and did not see it again. Came across a fresh kill of a Peregrine, but the carcass was missing. Found an older kill and removed ring and rubber band from legs. Saw a House Martin, Whitethroat, immature GBB Gulls and a couple of birds I took for Corn Buntings.</p>

<p>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June 1919</p>	<p>Started at 2 PM and cycled to Kenfig taking the tent to put it up at the Gulls nest. Left bike below the Prince of Wales and struck off across the sandhills.</p> <p>Put up the Redshanks again but could discover nothing.</p> <p>Waded the brook and got into the gullery to find <u>all</u> the nests robbed. There were <u>four</u> pairs of birds there. Recrossed the brook and found a Oystercatchers nest with 3 eggs. Picked up some scollop shells and went on to the Merlins. The female left in a hurry. There are 2 newly hatched young and one egg in the nest. The other egg was lying just outside and picking it up I found it was very light, empty. There is a small chip of shell out of it and the contents had evidently escaped thro that hole, where is a mystery. Put it in my pocket and then walked off and out on to the beach.</p> <p>No signs of birds of any sort there. Struck back to the Pool seeing another pair of Redshanks. There are about 6 pairs among the dunes I should say.</p> <p>Had another try for the Redshanks but failed once more.</p> <p>Got home about 6.15 PM</p>
<p>Saturday June 14<sup>th</sup> 1919</p>	<p>Norman called for me at 10 AM and we set off for the mouth of the Ogmore. Saw any number of rabbits as we crossed the dunes. While searching around for the Merlins which we had heard, I flushed a female Nightjar from her 2 eggs laid on the bare sand. Could not spot the Merlins so made for home at 12 o'clock.</p> <p>Set of by myself at 6 PM taking hiding tent with me to put up at Nightjars.</p> <p>Saw the male Merlin mobbing two Ravens and watched their antics thro my glasses. It was a pretty sight. The merlin would get above one of the Ravens and then 'stoop' like a flash and the Raven would turn right over and receive the merlin with feet and beak uppermost, grunting with fright. The hawk really closed once or twice, and then dropped below the Raven who would right itself and make off followed by the game little Merlin who soon caught it and getting above it once more repeat the stoop. In the nest was near and I guessed on the opposite side of the valley on another very high line of sandhills, as that was the direction she evidently came from. Crossed the valley and climbed the other ridge and almost immediately flushed her from two young, -just out- and 2 eggs. The nest is not workable except by long release and that means two persons work.</p>
<p>Sunday June 15<sup>th</sup> 1919</p>	<p>Made an early start at 6 AM and proceeded to the tent at the Nightjars. Was glad to find the bird at home and after seeing her safely off the premises was soon inside. She returned in about ½ an hour alighting for a moment and leaving again immediately but was down again before I realised she had gone seemingly being driven back by another bird which I could not see but heard. She did <u>not</u> cover the eggs but sat herself alongside facing the tent. I made an exposure upon her and then changed the slide and made another without disturbing her. As she was so small on the plate decided to use ½ lens so set about it and accomplished the job without disturbing her. Found I was too close to move the tent nearer. Got outside</p>

	<p>without putting her off and took a snap of her from outside. She left as I was manoeuvring for another.</p> <p>Moved tent and got inside again. Could see the Merlin on his perch. Waited for another ½ hour and as the light was getting bad for the Merlins decided to give it up and go over there.</p> <p>Wrote a notice and pinned it to the tent and left.</p> <p>Got up to the Merlins nest putting off the male the female being in the usual perch. Still 2 young and 2 eggs. Took some snaps with the reflex and then fixed up Guys little camera and took 4 with that. One of the youngsters made a trial? at performing its toilet. Noticed that one of the eggs looked 'deathly' and so picked it up. The leg of a dead chick protruded from it and it smelt awful so removed it and left. Subsequently I cleaned the egg out.</p>
<p>Monday June 16<sup>th</sup> 1919</p>	<p>Made a start at 9.30 AM and went out to the Nightjars at Ogmore. Found that bird had deserted so took the eggs and removed the tent. Saw the male Merlin mobbing a Peregrine Falcon. Went over to the Merlins nest and after disguising my camera set it up but the thing was much too conspicuous and the bird was very agitated over it so I removed it after waiting nearly an hour. Saw 4 Curlew on the beach feeding.</p> <p>After dinner I went down to Pyle brook to take the other nest. There are 3 young now. Took several photographs and as I was taking one of the site saw NVS and gave him a call. Afterwards we took a walk as far as the Oystercatchers nest and found 2 young and 1 egg. Used my last plate on them and after picking up some more scollop shells made a bee line for Kenfig. Passing thro the lake to the north of the Pool, a Redshank got up very excited, and a few steps further a young Redshank got up on its legs and trotted off. Soon captured it. It was about 3 weeks old and very long in the leg which were yellow. Feathers on the back and covets and quills about 1 ½ inches long. As I had used up all my plates I had to let him go and it trotted off at a fine rate. The is the first <u>absolute</u> proof I have had of this species breeding in Glamorgan.</p> <p>It was just my luck to have used my last plate, and so lost a splendid chance.</p>
<p>Saturday June 21<sup>st</sup> 1919</p>	<p>Met Morrey (who has been demobbed) at Fair Oak at 2 PM and cycled up to Llanishen. Had a look around the nursery and found that all the nests are now vacant the young having left. Found a Blackbirds with 2 eggs, and a Greenfinches with fully fledged young and 1 addled egg, Took a walk across the road to the wood where the Nightjars are and searched thro it. Put up the male and Morrey thinks the female but could find no trace of any nest. Heard 3 Grasshopper Warblers reeling in the wood, the first I have heard since April</p>

<p>Sunday June 22<sup>nd</sup> 1919</p>	<p>Called for Morrey at 8 AM and made for St-y-Nyll, seeing a Turtle Dove close to Llandaff en route.</p> <p>When we got there there was a Little Grebe on the pond with 1 young a few days old, 2 Swans, a couple of Moorhens, a Mallard, a pair of Coots with 3 young about 2 weeks old who were already expert divers, and Morrey saw another Coot at the top of the pond. Found a Ring Doves nest with 1 egg at the bottom end of pond and in the wood another with 2. Put up the mallard who had a brood of well grown young ones with her. Captured one out of a family of Jays which were on the wing, and secured some photographs of it. Saw a Brown Owl being chased thro the wood by one of the old Jays.</p> <p>Surprised a Pheasant at the top of pond with a brood of young one who were able to fly. Came across a young Magpie well on the wing. Altogether we spent quite an interesting morning.</p>
<p>Wednesday June 25<sup>th</sup> 1919</p>	<p>Met Morrey at 2 PM at Fair Oak Rd and cycled with him to Nightjar Wood. Had a good look around by found nothing but a Song Thrushes nest with 3 eggs. A family of fully fledged Jays were flying around. Put up a Pheasant who left behind three very tiny chicks. Captured a female adder and carried it out into the main drive where I took some photographs of it.</p>
<p>Sunday June 29<sup>th</sup> 1919</p>	<p>Called for Morrey at 6.15 AM and taking our bikes we caught the 6.35 train to Bridgend. Cycled from there to Kenfig where we left our bikes and made for the Pool. Saw a female Shoveller Duck on the pool and also put up a bird which we took to be a Harrier, as it was certainly not a Merlin, Kestrel, Sparrow Hawk or Buzzard. It appeared to be a Montagues Harrier. Put up a large number of Snipe at different places on our way to Pyle brook. Visited the Merlins nest, the bird heralding its proximity by flying around uttering its alarm note.</p> <p>It is to be noticed that when the bird has eggs or very small young, it refrains from making an alarm until the nest is actually reached, but when the young are too old to be brooded, an intruder who comes anywhere near the nesting area is greeted with great alarm. The 3 young have grown greatly and tails and quills were sprouting. The down is grey now and the legs light yellow. No sign of food in the nest. Took some photographs, and then waded the brook and made for the gully, seeing only 1 BH Gull.</p> <p>No Gulls nests there although 4 birds collected from somewhere.</p> <p>Saw the bird we had taken for a Montagues Harrier once more.</p> <p>Set off back for Kenfig Pool seeing on the Pyle brook a pair of Teal. Crossing the brook we kept to the coast until we came opposite the pool when we struck in toward it and had lunch on its western edge. A female mallard had brood of 6 young on the water and there were also about 8 Coots feeding at the edge and 3 or 4 Redshanks. After lunch walked along the marshy edge of the pool. As a pair of</p>

	<p>Redshanks exhibited every sign of having young in the vicinity we instituted a thorough search but only succeeded in finding 3 young Lapwings. Walked off some distance and lay down and watched the birds without any luck and after another good look around we gave it up and set off for the mouth of the Ogmore via Kenfig Common and Newton.</p> <p>Found the Merlins there all right the two young being if anything slightly more advanced than those at Pyle. The old birds were not much in evidence here and we only heard one once, after which we saw no more of them. One of the youngsters had fallen below the nest, about 5 feet down and was full of sand. Restored it to its place. It was full of fight turning over on its back and striking out with claws and beak, uttering yells of wrath the whole time. Took some photos of them and of the site and then made off for Candleston Castle. Reached the track and cycled into Merthyr Mawr and had tea by the side of the river. Strolled around after tea and left for Bridgend soon after 9 o'clock. Found a freshly emerged Privet Hawk moth (ed. <i>Sphinx ligustri</i>) resting on a telegraph pole not far from Bridgend. Caught the 10.2 PM for Cardiff.</p>
<p>Thursday July 3<sup>rd</sup> 1919</p>	<p>Met Morrey at Fair Oak Rd at 7 PM and we walked up to Nightjar wood. Nothing of interest to be seen except that we noticed the Turtle Doves were still there. At 9.15 PM (ST) a Grasshopper Warbler struck up and ten minutes later a Nightjar churred for a second or two. Walked over toward the sound until we reached the main drive where we waited for it to make another effort. It came very shortly, the usual churr for about 4 secs, which then descended into the bubbling churr.</p> <p>Made into the wood towards the sound once more, and waited close to where we thought the bird was. Waited quite quietly for some minutes and then the bird got up right behind us about 7 feet away and started flying around us uttering loud 'coo wicks'. As it passed we saw it was a male and it was closely followed by another bird, also a male. They flew around for some time with many 'coo wicks' and eventually separated, one bird perching on a tree somewhere behind us and starting a churr which lasted some minutes. The other bird continued to fly round for a minute or two calling coo wick and once clapping its wings above its back. It then perched on a tree in front of us and also started to churr. The bird behind us was still at it and continuously, but the one in front only made spasmodic efforts and soon moved its position. We turned and examined the spot the bird had risen from and saw it was evidently a favourite roosting place and there were quite a large collection of droppings. The bird must perch on some dead sticks on the ground and had evidently churred from this place when we first heard it.</p> <p>Made for the road and home. Both birds were still churring and three or four G Hopper Warbs were reeling as we left.</p> <p>On the way up we passed a family of Spotted Flycatchers just outside the Bamboo Gardens.</p>

<p>Sunday July 6<sup>th</sup> 1919</p>	<p>Arranged to meet Morrey at 6.30 AM but got up late so made my way to Nightjar wood as hard as I could go.</p> <p>Morrey had arrived and I soon ran across him and later on we ran across the keeper and his boss who politely informed us that we had no right in the place, so we cleared off determined to get a permit.</p> <p>Went across to the Heath. Saw a family of Spotted Flycatchers by the brook alongside the path. Explored the bog and also the wood close by where we picked a fine lot of Monkshood. Found nothing and set off home passing another Spotted Flycatcher near the quarry by the lake.</p>
<p>Friday July 11<sup>th</sup> 1919</p>	<p>Went straight from the office and met Morrey at corner of Cathedral Rd at 5.15 PM, and made for St-y-Nyll taking a hide with us. There were a number of birds on the pond. Coot and young mostly, ready for some 'wait and see' work on Sunday next.</p>
<p>Sunday July 13<sup>th</sup> 1919</p>	<p>Called for Morrey at 6 AM and we set off for St-y-Nyll. Arrived at 6.50 and Morrey soon had the waders on and set up the camera inside the tent.</p> <p>Left him at 7.30 and strolled to bottom end of pond where I sat down. A coot and one young one were feeding among the reeds and crowfoot at bottom west end and I got a shot at the adult bird with my reflex. As it was very cold sitting in the wind I strolled thro the wood and visited Ring Doves nest. It contains 1 very large young bird. After looking around the wood and finding nothing, I returned to bottom of pond. 3 fairly large young coots were feeding here and a Dabchick was also just inside the reeds, while another was about halfway up the pond. Saw several more coot and Moorhen with 1 young one, also a couple more Dabchicks flying at the top end. There seemed to be a number of birds feeding close to the tent.</p> <p>Went across and sat under the big willows where I had something to eat. At 10.45 Morrey appeared having used up all his plates, and I was soon inside the waders and in the tent using his camera and 13" F5.4 Telecentric @ F11 1/100 sec. The first bird to turn up was a well grown young coot who swam about among the crowfoot in front of the tent, eventually being driven off by an adult coot who had a couple of young, about a week old, with it. A Moorhen then came past and at the same time the young coot returned. Tried for the two but one was out of focus (the Moorhen).</p> <p>The family of 3 young coots were close at hand all the time with their parents. Had a try for one of the adults which came fairly near.</p> <p>During the rest of my 2 ½ hours stay in the tent the only birds I saw were the coots, 2 moorhens, and a Little Grebe a large one, but except the coots, nothing came near enough to get a shot at. The large young coot returned many times and was always driven off by the adult with the 2 small young ones. This adult and a moorhen spent a lot of their time just inside the reeds, preening themselves.</p>

	Left the tent at 1.30 having secured 10 shots, at the young coots and adult.
July 14 <sup>th</sup> 1919	Morrey reports having received from Mr Grimes a young fully fledged Hawfinch, which killed itself on Saturday night (12 <sup>th</sup> last?) by flying against a lighted window. Evidently the bird must have been reared in one of the large gardens on Penylan Hill, or Convent (Ty-Gwyn) Road.
July 17 <sup>th</sup> 1919	Met Morrey at corner of Cathedral Road at 5.15 PM and went to St-y-Nyll taking my hide, which we erected to the left of Morreys tent.  Moorhens and Coots were very much in evidence, but nothing else
July 26 <sup>th</sup> 1919	Started at 6 AM and called for Morrey, then making our way to St-y-Nyll. Donned waders and made for the tents. Found mine had gone and Morrey found his pulled to bits.  Spent some time wading around the top end of pond examining the bullrushes for a special 'bug' which Hallett told us was to be found on the brown part of the rushes. I found one single specimen. Saw a Kingfisher on the pond. Got wet going home.
July 29 <sup>th</sup> 1919	The bug turns out to be the required one and is new to the county. First specimen recorded of ??
August 5 <sup>th</sup> 1919	Flight of ants tonight. They were emerging from a nest in the garden and after many unsuccessful trials eventually getting off and mounting into the air where hundreds of B.H.Gulls awaited them. Nearly all the Gulls displayed the visible signs of moulting having very ragged wings and tails.
	MEMORANDA  March 18 <sup>th</sup> 1919  At the C.N.S. Council meeting tonight, Harold Evans, Llanishen, told me some very interesting news about Buzzards.  In 1915 they had a nest in Cefn On in a large tree. He and Max Wright saw this nest. The birds are still about and have been since the above date. He rather thinks they nest in the woods by Draethen now.  <u>Siskins</u> . He reports a large flock of some 40 to 50 birds at Llanishen, about Xmas 1918 to March 10 <sup>th</sup> 1919  <u>Long Eared Owl</u> . Nest found near Southern down Easter 1918 with eggs.  <u>Little Owl</u> Numbers near Newton Nottage  <u>Water Rail</u> . In swamp below his nurseries every year.

	<p>(Ed. Nursery marked on map OS 25 inch 1892-1914 above Coed y Caeau wood, Llanishen- swampy ground marked)</p> <p><u>Grasshopper Warblers</u>. Very scarce during 1917 and 1918. Only two birds heard where previously there were at least 20 pairs.</p>
	<p>Nature Records. 1919</p> <p>Jan 1<sup>st</sup> Song Thrush singing  Jan 15<sup>th</sup> Missel Thrush singing  Feb 8<sup>th</sup> Great Tit using spring notes  Feb 13<sup>th</sup> Chaffinches using spring song  Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> Coltsfoot in flower. Hazel Catkins. Blackbird singing 6PM  Feb 24<sup>th</sup> Blackthorn in flower  March 20<sup>th</sup> Missel Thrush with nest well on the way to completion. Newport Rd.  March 26<sup>th</sup> Lesser Redpolls seen in Lake Park also Wild Park. Marsh Tit seen  March 28<sup>th</sup> First Chiff Chaff seen also Lesser Redpolls and pair of Marsh Tits.  April 11<sup>th</sup> First Swallows seen today, 2 over Waterloo Gardens.  April 29<sup>th</sup> Sand Martin. Heath.  May 3<sup>rd</sup> Swifts (2) over Nightjar Wood  May 5<sup>th</sup> About 12-16 Swifts over Gold St.  May 6<sup>th</sup> Blackcap singing in Roath Court  May 7<sup>th</sup> Willow Warblers (4) seen. House Martins (2) seen  May 13<sup>th</sup> flock of 8 Shelduck at cavel? Entrance also 2 Mallards and immature Blackhead, Black Backed and Herring Gulls. 1 immature GBB Gull  May 16<sup>th</sup> Whitethroat and Lesser Whitethroat heard. Ty Gwyn Road. Penylan  May 17<sup>th</sup> Orange Tip Butterfly seen  May 18<sup>th</sup> Male Red Backed Shrike and Turtle Doves seen. H Evans reports Nightjar</p>
March 8 <sup>th</sup> 1919	<p>Several Marsh Tits seen by Heath Pond</p> <p><b>** ? out of order entry **</b></p>
August 7 <sup>th</sup> 1919	<p>Two Nightjars seen Woods Covert. Birds of the year. Turtle Dove also seen in same place.</p>
August 8 <sup>th</sup> 1919	<p>Numbers of Swifts diminishing</p>
August 9 <sup>th</sup> 1919	<p>Swifts still less in numbers</p>
August 11 <sup>th</sup> 1919	<p>All Swifts gone</p>
August 17 <sup>th</sup> 1919	<p>Morrey reports a Nightjar in his garden, also Spotted Flycatchers.</p>

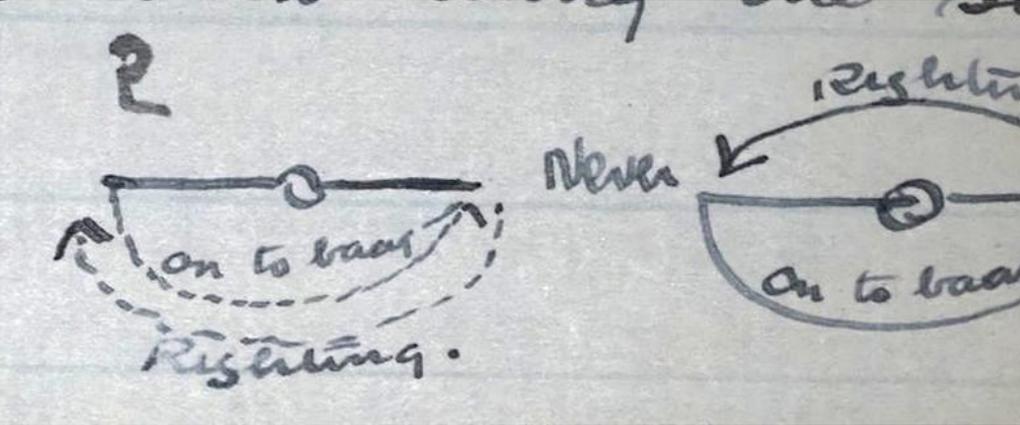
August 22 <sup>nd</sup> 1919	Swallows nest with young just hatched in shed in H. Evans Nursery. 2 <sup>nd</sup> brood in a fresh nest.
August 28 <sup>th</sup> 1919	One Swift seen. Roath Court.
August 30 <sup>th</sup> 1919	Male Stonechat seen Llantwit Major.
September 6 <sup>th</sup> 1919	Large numbers of Swallows and House Martins Penylan. Two Little Grebes on Lake RP.  Morrey reports 2 Corncrakes. Cog Farm fields, Sully.
September 11 <sup>th</sup> 1919	Chiff Chaff heard. Roath Court.  <b>Entered 28.9.1919 GCSI</b>
September 12 <sup>th</sup> 1919	Flocks of Swallows and a few House Martins passing over Amesbury Rd 7 AM (GT)
Sept 21 <sup>st</sup> 1919	Swallows seen
September 23 <sup>rd</sup> 1919	Chiff Chaff heard Roath Court. Sand Martin seen, also 1 Swallow
September 26 <sup>th</sup> 1919	Several Swallows seen.
October 1 <sup>st</sup> 1919	1 Swallow seen.
October 4 <sup>th</sup> 1919	Walked with Morrey and Louis to mouth of Rumney river. Very large flocks of Redshank, Wild Duck, Shelduck, Teal, BH Gulls and Herring Gulls. 1 GBB Gull, 1 Lesser BB Gull. 6 Herons, 1 Cormorant, 4 Carrion Crows. Meadow Pipits and Skylarks seen. At Pengam Farm 1 Grey Wagtail and 1 Pied, the latter a bird of the year.
	1.30PM  ** entry on page below added leaf **
November 13 <sup>th</sup> 1919	H Evans reports Ring Ousels at Llanishen, beginning of the week, also a small owl he is certain is a Little Owl. Morrey reports Peregrine Falcon stooping repeatedly at a Herring Gull, Sully  Entered 14.11.19 GSCI
November 18 <sup>th</sup> 1919	Herbert reports a Water Rail on the canal at Tongwynlais.

November 23 <sup>rd</sup> 1919	Great Tit using spring notes. Mackintosh Inst.
November 24 <sup>th</sup> 1919	Song Thrush singing Waterloo Gardens.
December 13 <sup>th</sup> 1919/ January 24 <sup>th</sup> 1920	December 13 <sup>th</sup> 1919/ January 24 <sup>th</sup> 1920  While in Sanatorium below Leckwith saw the following birds:- Rooks, Jackdaws, pair Carrion Crows, Starlings, pair Magpies, Barn Owl, Kestrel, Green Woodpecker. Great and Blue Tits in parties of 8-12 both species. Song Thrushes, Blackbirds.
January 28 <sup>th</sup> 1920	Missel Thrush singing. Roath Court.
Jan 31 <sup>st</sup> 1920	Chaffinch singing. Roath Court.
Feb 6 <sup>th</sup> 1920	Hedge Sparrow singing Roath Court.
Feb 8 <sup>th</sup> 1920	Morrey called for me at 9.30 AM and we started over Penylan, around by the Reservoirs into Lisvane and back thro Llanishen and the Wild Gardens and Park. Chaffinches singing everywhere, also Sky Larks. Hedgesparrow, Song Thrush. Missel Thrush, the latter singing while flying from one tree to another, and a Blackbird. Saw 4 pairs of Magpies, one pair Penylan, one pair below Reservoir. One pair Lisvane (also pair of Carrion Crows at same place), and one pair Wild Park. Saw also a Sparrow Hawk at Woods Covert, a Kestrel at Lisvane, Bullfinch at Woods Covert, Yellow Hammer, 2 males at Lisvane, Grey Wagtails, 1 Penylan, 1 Lake, Pied Wagtails. 1 Lisvane, 2 Lake, Coot on the Reservoir, also about a dozen on the Lake (which is out). There were a large number of Tufted Duck in small parties on the lake, also about 6 Widgeon. Morrey tells me there was a Redshank on the lake when it was drained Winter of 1909. A new record for the Park. Th Tufted Duck were tamer than I had ever seen them and pairs? Were swimming quite close to the edge of the water  <b>Entered 11.2.20 GCSI</b>
February 17 <sup>th</sup> 1920	Queen Wasp abroad?
February 25 <sup>th</sup> 1920	Herbert reports a Barn Owl at the back of his House. Heath
February 29 <sup>th</sup> 1920	Went for a walk on my own around the lake and Wild Gardens. Saw nothing of any great interest except on the lake where there were 6-8 Tufted Duck, 3-6 Widgeon, and 6-8 Pochard, beside a number of Mallards and Coots. Moorhens plentiful

	<p>around the islands which are high and dry. A grey Wagtail was feeding at the top end. The Pochards were nearly all surface feeding and their procedure was very interesting. Lifting themselves in the water until they sat on their tails, with bill depressed on chest, they would plunge, until nothing but their tail was visible. Sometimes they went right under, and stirred up the mud with wings and feet moving rapidly.</p> <p>A male Tufted was swimming a yard from <b>coping?</b> At dam end, and two Coots we <b>(were?)</b></p>  <p>feeding about 10 yards away. Nearest I have been to these two species in the open. House Sparrows collecting building material.</p>
<p>March 7<sup>th</sup> 1920</p>	<p>Met Morrey at Fair Oak Rd at 6.30 AM Snowing hard but it cleared as we reached the Wild Park.</p> <p>The Kingfishers were busy about the brook and were seen several times. Morrey saw the Tree Creepers, and we also observed a couple of Ring Doves, a Magpie, and a Gold Crest. The only nest discovered was a Mallards found by Morrey who put the bird off from the bushes were of the brook near the south bridge. There were 2 eggs on the nest. No signs of Thrushes or Blackbirds building although Morrey says the Robins in his garden have been hard at work. Saw a pair of Missel Thrushes but could see no sign of a nest. Taking advantage of the barges? Under the hedge to leave we searched carefully for any sign of a dippers nest, but could see nothing. There were very few birds on the Lake. Tufted Duck, Pochard, Coot and Moorhen were seen beside Mallard.</p>
<p>March 14<sup>th</sup> 1920</p>	<p>Met Morrey at 6.30 AM at Fair Oak Rd. Cold and showery with wind SW. Coot still on the lake and we saw 1 male Tufted Duck. Looked around the Wild Gardens but found nothing except the Magpies building in a fir on West side next to the road. The Kingfishers were very much in evidence, chasing each other up and down the stream. Saw a Green Woodpecker, and there was a pair of Ring Doves on the tall poplars centre of wood. Not a single Song Thrush seen in WG's, although we saw several in the Lake part and below.</p> <p>There seems to be no shortage of Blackbirds, Robins, Hedge Sparrows, Wrens or Chaffinches, in the W.G's</p> <p>The Ducks (No1) was sitting, &amp; would not budge until Morrey touched her. He had to pretty well push her off, &amp; she crouched at the back of the nest with all her feathers</p>

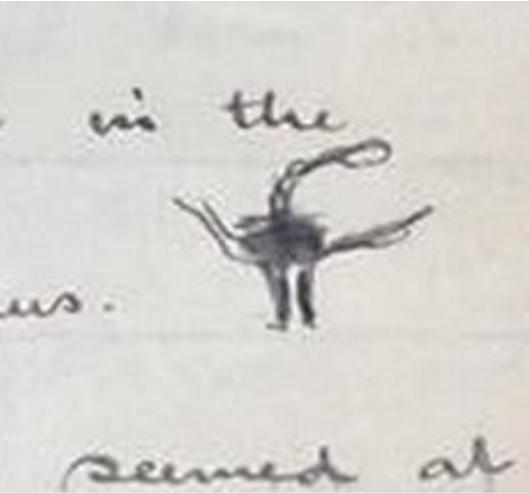
	<p>on end and wings drooping while we examined the nest. There are now 9 eggs but no sign of down in the nests yet.</p> <p>Walked up to the Lake with Belle and Louis, later in the morning. No ducks on the lake except the Mallard, &amp; there were about 6 coot. Wind due south, but very cold.</p>
March 20 <sup>th</sup> 1920	<p>Went out to Llanishen in the afternoon to see Harold Evans who told me that there was a party of 10 Goldfinches on the nursery on the 16<sup>th</sup> ??? also that a small flock of some 20 Lesser Redpoles visited the nursery daily. The bird he takes for a Little Owl is still about &amp; he hears it regularly.</p> <p>We looked around for nests, but there was nothing doing &amp; we only discovered and pulled out some ancient structures.</p> <p>A perfect sunny day, sunny and very warm. H.E. tells me that the author of "Observers" notes in the Echo, was Mase Wright &amp; the Smew was his record for the lake.</p>
March 21 <sup>st</sup>	<p>Met Morrey at 6:30 A.M. at Fair Oak &amp; made for the Wild Gardens. Saw a party of 5 magpies on the trees on one of the islands as we passed.</p> <p>Found a Song Thrush (3) nest well under way in the Rhododendrons in the centre and discovered another (4), either Song Thrush or Blackbird in about the same condition of construction. Watched the Mistle Thrushes which were hanging around the ??? trees near upper bridge, &amp; Morrey came up just as one of the birds went into a tree. We soon spotted the nest (5) &amp; with our glasses could see the tail of the bird sticking over the edge of the nest. Morrey climbed the tree &amp; I another close by which commanded the nest which we found to contain 2 eggs.</p> <p>Heard Herbert outside &amp; let him in, afterwards I tried for the Duck (1) with my camera. Got one &amp; then she marched off. The nest now contains 13 eggs &amp; there is a fair amount of down. Morrey saw a Jay in the wood, &amp; I, a Tree Creeper, also heard the Ring Doves, &amp; a Carrion Crow. No signs of the Chiff Chaff.</p> <p>A perfect morning, sunny and warm.</p> <p>3 or 4 Tufted Ducks on the Lake which is nearly full again</p>
March 29 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Herb reports Chiff Chaff at Heath &amp; Wild Gardens on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.</p> <p>Morrey reports 28<sup>th</sup> inst in Wild Gardens.</p> <p>New Mistle Thrush,,3 eggs. F4d.</p> <p>New Song Thrush, Far E side. 2 eggs, D2a.</p> <p>New Blackbird, Building, D7a, spruce N end</p> <p>New Blackbird on Sta, Rhododendrons SW entrance, Building C3a.</p> <p>New Wren, building No 9. Yews, Bamboos</p> <p>The nest in the Rhododendrons centre is a Blackbirds &amp; has 1 egg. The nest found in Rhododendrons S.W. last Sunday (21<sup>st</sup>) remains untouched as found on that day.</p>

<p>March 31<sup>st</sup> 1920<sup>h</sup></p>	<p>Out by myself to Wild Park at 6:30. Chiff Chaff in the wood centre, the first I have heard this year. Examined nests at B.7.a. &amp; found both to be in the same state, unfinished.</p> <p>Went across to Mistle Thrush at F.4.d. &amp; climbed the tree to find the nest deserted. Eggs wet &amp; lining pulled up in places. Cannot understand it. Next examined Blackbirds D4d &amp; found the bird sitting on 4 eggs. Passed on to nest C3a, &amp; found it still unfinished. The Song Thrush at D2a was sitting lightly on 4 eggs. While among the bamboos at north end I thought I heard s Blackcap singing in the wood so proceeded to investigate. Soon verified my suspicions, the bird coming close to me several times but it was very restless &amp; I could not get a sight of it. Very easy record. Set up stereo camera &amp; went across to the Duck B6b who was sitting very lightly. Took 2 stereos of her. A gardener same up as I did so &amp; told me he has caught a fine dog Otter on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Also showed me Kingfishers supposed nest hole, &amp; he said he thought the Ring Doves were breeding on the Islands. The Blackcap was singing all the time mostly from the wood &amp; trees near Rhododendrons at D4d.</p>
<p>April 1<sup>st</sup></p>	<p>Went up to Wild Park at 6:30 AM. On my own. We'd not have much time to look around. A Great Spotted Pecker was drumming in the Wood, and I saw a couple of Cole Tits, &amp; the Ring Doves. No sign or sound of Blackcaps, but the Chiff Chaff was still there. Carrion Crows very noisy in fields to East. The Duck is still sitting.</p>
<p>April 2<sup>nd</sup></p>	<p>Called for Morrey at 8 AM &amp; we caught the 8:25 to Treherbert to look up the Ravens I had seen there in 1915.</p> <p>Noted the beginnings of a Rookery in some small birch trees at Port, 2 complete &amp; 1 partly built nests.</p> <p>The weather was very doubtful when we neared Treherbert. Climbed up the south face of Mynydd Blaenrhondda, &amp; waked around to where it overlooks Blaenrhondda village. The cliff facing east looked very promising &amp; almost immediately Morrey spotted a nest. Climbed down to a spot where we could look into it with glasses &amp; found it did not look very finished, in fact we put it down as last Seasons home. Within 20 yards of it we spotted the sticks of another &amp; a climb to a nearer view point showed us the back of a bird sitting. She spotted us almost immediately &amp; sailed off to tumble &amp; roll in the air uttering short sharp bouts of rage. As she closed her wings to roll she uttered two &amp; sometimes three liquid notes, a un Raven like sound, more like a deep whistle. These peculiar notes were only uttered when she rolled, as far as I could make out.</p> <p>We could not quite see into the nest as it was a very deep one, but a portion of 1 egg was plainly visible. The nest was quite ungetatable without ropes being in a sheer, slightly overhanging cliff. Spent some time taking 5 photographs 2 with 13" Telecentric, 1 with 7' lens &amp; 2 with my small ¼ plate camera. The Raven had been joined by its mate and both flew around tumbling &amp; banking &amp; uttering the liquid notes mentioned above. Moved along the east face &amp; had some lunch. There was a number of Wheatears all about, also Meadow Pipits, &amp; a pair of Carrion Crows. After lunch we left the cameras in a dry cache, &amp; proceeded to follow up the east face to the north. Morrey saw a female Ring Ouzel the first time we have come across this species. Where the Rhondda splits up into 3 streams we saw a magpie. A very new spot &amp; there are a couple of very pretty falls on the left &amp; centre streams at this place. Followed the entire stream up &amp; eventually landed at the cairn on top of Craig-</p>

	<p>Eynon (1969 feet). We found ourselves enveloped in mist so turned back at this spot.</p> <p>On the way down a fine male Merlin flew swiftly past us, the only bird beside Wheatears, Skylarks &amp; Meadow Pipits was saw in the wild spot.</p> <p>Terribly boggy &amp; the ground was covered with moss hags which made walking a burden. Saw nothing else until we got back to the Raven Rocks. One bird was on guard near the nest &amp; sailed off followed in a moment by the bird from the nest. Both resumed their aerial gymnastics. The never rolled right over but would half close wings, roll to the left onto backs &amp; return themselves along the same path thus.</p>  <p>Both birds were expert divers &amp; rollers and it was a wonderful sight to watch. The "roll" backs, to right side up was accomplished at a faster rate than the roll over on to back</p>
April 5 <sup>th</sup>	Morrey reports finding 6 Lapwings nests on marshy fields Heath, some with 4 eggs & the others with 3 and 2 in the 4 <sup>th</sup> nest.
April 6 <sup>th</sup>	Started off my myself at 6:30 AM. Searching Wild Park at 6:45. There was a Little Grebe on the lake N of the islands as I passed. The duck is still sitting. The nests are all in same incomplete condition. Saw a Robin in the wood carrying nesting material & hid up & watched her to the nest (E5a). Morrey called just then & I let him in. He showed me the wrens which is immediately above the Robins nest. We saw the pair of Ring Doves & a small part of 4 Marsh Tits. The Kingfishers are back on the brook again. As we were leaving we heard the Blackcap & we also heard on the Islands a couple of Willow Warblers, the first of the season. There seemed to be a couple of Chiff Chaffs in the Wild Park. Saw one of the Tree Creepers at the N edge of wood. Great Tip seen going into Park, NE side Islands.
11 <sup>th</sup> April 1920	Met Morrey at Fair Oak 6. A.M. & we made for the boat stage at lake, embarking in the "Doris" at 6:10. Landed on Island No 4. The first nest we found being a Song Thrushes with 2 eggs (no 23). I saw a Mistle Thrush so into a birch tree & looking up spied the nest. Morrey climbed to it & found 4 eggs therein. At the base of the tree among the ivy about 6 inches from the ground was a Wrens nest, lacking the lining. There is a swans nest on this island carefully guarded by both birds but quite empty. Crossed to Island 5. There discovered a new breeding species for the park, a Ring Doves nest in a fir tree with two <b>hard set</b> eggs. Morrey discovered it by shaking the tree & off dashed the bird. On this Island we also found a Wrens building, Mallards

	<p>nest with 11., 6., 4., 7., &amp; 10 eggs respectively, &amp; a Grey Lag Goose sitting with hen mate defending her. A Swan has a nest with 1 egg.</p> <p>Island No3 only yielded a Mallards nest with 7 eggs, and a Wrens building.</p> <p>Island No2. A mallards with 6 eggs and a Wren building.</p> <p>Island No 1. Mallards with 11 eggs, &amp; 1 egg, a Song Thrushes in a very fine position in a Yew with 4 eggs &amp; the inevitable Wren building. We found a wrens nest on each of the 5 islands.</p> <p>Landed at top of Lake &amp; went into the Wild Gardens. Morrey went up to Mistle Thrush F4d, &amp; found the eggs gone so pulled the nest. The Duck is still sitting &amp; was pretty well covered with dead leaves which she had heaped up around &amp; over her. I climbed to magpies B6b &amp; found the inner lining of fine rootlets has been put in, but no eggs &amp; no sign of birds. Watched a Mistle Thrush near here &amp; believe there is a nest among the ivy on the trees B5b.</p> <p>Walked up to see if I could spot it &amp; caught sight of a supposed Marsh Tit in a Hawthorn. As I watched it flew to a hollow alder stump &amp; disappeared inside. It was carrying something in its bill that looked like nesting material. In a moment it was out again. Watched some time for its return but did not see it again. Scanned the place &amp; found that the bird had dome some excavating the surrounding leaves &amp; ground being carved with freshly excavated pieces of rotten wood. I wonder if it is a Marsh or Cole Tit. The Tree Creepers are evidently building in the old apple tree opposite shelter. There is a lot of new stuff in the <b>cracks</b></p> <p>Returned to the lake &amp; landed on Island 4. To try &amp; get some photos of the Grey Lag. The male would get in the way. The female resented his attentions by snapping at his beak &amp; tugging hard when she managed to get hold of him. Also tugged a feather of his breast &amp; hissed at him. Managed to get 4 exposures. F6.8. 3-5 secs.</p> <p>As we moved down the lake we noted the first Swallows, about a dozen, hawking over the water. There were also one of two Sand Martins with them. Observed the Carrion Crow in the trees in the Wild Park. Sparrows building in the trees near boat stage. Willow Warblers were pairing, chasing each other from tree to tree with the peculiar fluttering, or parachuting flight so noticeable at that time.</p>
April 12 <sup>th</sup> 1920	Herbert reports a Tree Pipit in the Wild Gardens 11-4-1920
April 14 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Started at 6-5AM for the Wild Park. Willow Warblers have found this their way to the Recreation Grounds and there was a Chiff Chaff in the Pleasure Park. Saw a small flock os 8-10 Wood Pigeons leave the Islands and pass over the Wild Gardens. The Mallard is sill sitting &amp; there was no sign of the supposed Marsh Tit (12). Made my way round to top end. The nest in the yew (no8) is still in same condition. Searched central Rhododendrons, the Blackcap arriving in then &amp; singing over my head as I did so. The eggs in the Black birds (4) have been taken so I pulled out the nest. Nothing else to be seen. The Robin (11) has three eggs. Nothing doing in Wren (9). Found another Wrens nest (36) in wood @ F6a &amp; as I passed a stump a ?Marsh Tit flew around me excitedly. Stood &amp; watched it &amp; its came quite close to me. Could not decide as to species. Head certainly very black but appears glossy.</p> <p>As I watched it another bird came out of an Alder stump about 2 feet from me. Withdrew &amp; kept a watch thro my glasses &amp; in five minutes both birds were back &amp; I</p>

	<p>watched them into the hollow I had noted (37 F6c). Watched them for half an hour curing which time they came to the place about 20 time, the one bird ?female carrying in great beakfulls of green moss &amp; the other (? Male) following hen &amp; sometimes taking a peep inside, in fact he went in twice &amp; each time the female returned with moss &amp; both were in the hole together. I think they are marsh &amp; not willow Tits, for I got splendid views of both birds, but it is hard to decide. Sometimes the cap looks to be dull black, it is certainly not blue black &amp; there is little if any gloss. The site however is a Marsh Tits ??? &amp; does not appear to have been excavated by the birds. Went across to see if I could get a sight of the other birds again, &amp; was lucky as one went into the hoe immediately I got there. It was out so quickly I couldn't not identify it but I thought I saw some white on its neck. It visited the hole four times &amp; its mate came with it. The notes the latter used were quite different from the marsh Tits &amp; at last I got my glasses on to him &amp; saw at once that it was a Cole Tit, a new breeding species for the Wild Park. Green moss was being carried here as with the Marsh Tits.</p>
<p>April 22nd</p>	<p>Out by myself 5:50 AM &amp; made for the Wild Park. Saw a female &amp; 3 ducklings on the shore of the lake, perhaps the Wild Park bird, as the nest I found empty &amp; all the eggs hatched out. If so where are the other 10 ducklings? Did not see any sign of the Cole or Marsh Tits. Climbed to Magpies nest No2, the bird leaving as I approached tree. There were 3 eggs. Found a wren building in the wood (No 38) Wren (14) as 1 egg. Robin (11) was sitting hard so did not disturb her, Found in the Rhododendrons at D4d. a Chaffinch building (39) a Blackbrid with 3 eggs (40) &amp; a Blackbird or Thrush building (41). Among the bamboos at North and and found a Hedgesparrow building (42) &amp; a Song Thrush with 2 eggs (43)</p> <p>There was a Tree Pipit singing from one of the trees near lower fish ponds. Heard the Cuckoo several times &amp; saw the male Blackcap.</p>
<p>April 24<sup>th</sup> 1920</p>	<p>Started out at 5:50AM for Wild Park. In the Hawthorn near shelter there were 3 or 4 Warblers either Blackcap or Garden skulking. As I tried to get a sight of them Morrey turned up. The scolding note was unlike a Blackcaps &amp; we soon got a good sight of one &amp; identified it as the Garden Warbler. A pair of Blackcaps were hanging about a bush near the small fish ponds. Here we discovered a Mistle Thrush in the first fork of a small birch tree sitting on 4 eggs. Also found a Wrens with 6 eggs. The Cole Tits nest if nearly completed. No sign of the Marsh Tits about their stump. The Tree Pipit is still in residence &amp; was singing from a tree North centre of park.</p>
<p>April 30<sup>th</sup> 1920</p>	<p>Met Morrey at Fair Oak at 6AM. &amp; made for the Wild Park. As we passed the lake a Sandpiper was seen on the edge near the top. Had a look around &amp; found a Robins (46) with 2 in the wood &amp; a Hedge Sparrow (47) building, also what looks like the start of a Blackcaps nest in a small bramble. Robin 11 has 2 chicks &amp; 1 egg. The Tree Pipit is still there &amp; singing from same spot. Hears a birds note I did not know. Something like a Hawks Keening cry, coming from S.West end. Walked down &amp; spotted a small bird showing a lot of white on breast among the tops of the tall Poplars near S.W. gate. Called Morrey &amp; got my gasses on it &amp; saw immediately that it was a new species to me, &amp; the pair of Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. We both watched it for some 3 minutes as it flew from the top of one tree to the next perching &amp; flying in characteristic "pecker" fashion. It then flew off towards the Heath. Hear the Kingfishers several times. Saw a Whitethroat just outside the lake N end. 8 or 9 Swifts were flying over the Lake.</p>

<p>May 5<sup>th</sup> 1920</p>	<p>Out by myself to Wild Park at 6 AM. Heard a Whitethroat in the Recreation Grounds, another in Botanical Gardens, another on the Islands and a fourth among the Bamboos, N. end of Wild Park. Found a Blackcaps nearly completed nest in a low Rhododendron behind the Azalea clump, ?? quite in the open &amp; with no over whatever, thus</p>  <p>A most exposed nest. No one seemed at home at the Marsh Tits, but in a bramble</p>
<p>UNKNOWN . Probably May 5<sup>th</sup></p>	<p>Within a couple of yards of their nest stump I found a female Blackcap Warbler sitting on 5 eggs (eggs very much like a robins in markings, only browner). The Cole Tits seem to have given up as there was a cobweb spun over the entrance hole. Broke some of the bark away &amp; found nest more than <math>\frac{3}{4}</math> finished. Saw one of the kingfishers.</p> <p>Passing down lake saw that there had been an immigration of Swallows. There were great numbers hawking over the water also Swifts &amp; on the big Ash tree neat the bathing stage there were 30-40 Swallows perched. A pair of House Martins were seen around the new house near Pows Farm.</p>
<p>May 7<sup>th</sup> 1920</p>	<p>Went up to the Wild Park at 5:50 AM. As I passed along I heard a Tree Pipit singing from the trees below the Convent.</p> <p>The female Blackcap was sitting all snug. Found a Robins nearly completed quite close to the Blackcaps. Hear the Marsh Tit, one bird, but the other did not appear to be sitting as I kicked the stump without any result.</p> <p>Found a Wren building, the bird leaving dived over a hollow, upright alder stump. Went up to north end &amp; tied tried the bamboos, finding a Bullfinch with 4 eggs, the female being at home. Also a Greenfinch with 4 eggs. There was also a nest very much like a Linnets with nothing in it. Come back to the wood where I saw 4 birds in the tops of the trees, which could only have been Lesser Redpoles. The Magpies are busy repairing their old nest in the wood. Saw a bird which looked like a</p>
<p>CONTINUE D probably May 7<sup>th</sup></p>	<p>Spotted Flycatcher, but I could not get a clean sight of it.</p> <p>Morrey turned up &amp; we visited the Blackcaps nest finding the male at home.</p>

	<p>Morrey spotted the bird I had taken for the Spotted Flycatcher &amp; completed the identification. This is the first time I have actually seen one of these birds in the Wild Park.</p> <p>Big immigration of Swallows &amp; Sand Martins. They were everywhere around &amp; over the lake.</p> <p>Morrey saw a Lesser Whitethroat near the reservoir where he has been prior to coming into the Wild Gardens. He also reports 2 eggs in the Chiff Chaffs in Woods Covert.</p>
<p>May 9<sup>th</sup> 1920</p>	<p>Called for Morrey at 6:10AM, en route for Kenfig, &amp; we picked Herbert up at G.W.R. Station. Cycled from Bridgend near which place we heard two Cormorants. On Stormy Down a male and female Whin Chat were seen. The first birds seen on &amp; by the pool. Kenfig were 4 or 5 Mallard drakes, 2 Sandpipers, a Black Headed Gull &amp; a Redshank. There were a pair of the latter birds in the old spot but they flew right away without any demonstration. Worked around towards the sea &amp; back to the Pool seeing 2 more pairs of Redshanks, one of which were particularly noisy. Near the Pool our attention was arrested by the angry barking of a Raven, somewhere aloft. With glasses we soon spotted it flying at a great height, soaring &amp; tumbling, while above it soared a pair of Buzzards evidently the cause of the tumble. It was a great spectacle. The Raven eventually made off for the hills behind Margam Abbey &amp; one of the Buzzards followed. We found two Lapwings nests near the Pool but nothing more. Saw a pair of Ravens flying across towards Sker. Had some grub &amp; then made for Pyle Brook. Morrey found a Mallard with eight eggs</p> <p>I heard a Merlin cry some considerable distance from Pyle Brook. Herbert ran into quicksand &amp; sank up to his knees before where he was, but soon extricated himself. Locality "A" was searched but nothing found but the remains of a young rabbit, quite fresh, on the summit of one of the sand dunes. Merlins were heard calling among the dunes N.W. of locality A about 300 yards away &amp; we spotted them with our glasses &amp; so walked over on the change of their having moved there. 5 or 6 low dunes in the valley was looked promising &amp; sure enough, the very first one I climbed had the prize on the summit, a nest with 3 perfect fresh eggs, very finely marked specimens. The dune has little grass on summit &amp; that mostly dead. The nest is quite a good one constructed of dead grass and overlooking it is another &amp; higher dune which ought to accommodate a hide easily. Took several photos of nest &amp; site. The female flew past once or twice uttering a scream.</p> <p>Forded Pyle brook seeing a flock of 15 Shellducks &amp; also saw a Male Teal, and a small party of Dunlins. Had dinner at entrance to Gully which we afterwards explored. Only 2 pairs of B.H. Gulls flying around &amp; a pair of Redshanks. Found a Meadow Pipit with 4. Hid up &amp; watched the Redshanks but they appeared to be only feeding.</p> <p>Walked nearly to the mouth of Pyle brook seeing a Sandpiper, &amp; a pair of Redshanks, &amp; waded across. Had our tea at the Redshanks favourite <b>resort</b> &amp; made our way to the bikes. Saw a Heron and later a Sparrow Hawk &amp; found among the trees below the Prince of Wales, a magpie's nest with 2 young although the clutch of the Merlins seems incomplete, the bird is sitting as the eggs were very hot &amp; when we passed the nest on our return the bird was sitting.</p>

<p>May 10<sup>th</sup> 1920</p>	<p>Accompanied the Biological Section on a round of the Park under Mr Pettigrews leadership at 6:30PM. Visited the Llandennis Gardens &amp; Morrey &amp; I slipping off found a Whitethroats nest nearly complete. Also found a Hedgesparrows which had been robbed, one of the eggs lying stuck on a twig below the nest, &amp; a Song Thrush on the same, one egg, with only one spot on it, stuck on a grass stem below the nest.</p> <p>The House Martins are building on the houses near Pow's Farm.</p>
<p>May 11<sup>th</sup> 1920</p>	<p>Met Morrey at 6AM &amp; we went to the Wild Park. The Magpies nest was been robbed also the Greenfinches at North End. Bullfinch sitting tight. Saw a pair of Whitethroats near. Found a Wrens nest with 3 eggs, a large dead ivy leaf having been arranged to cover the entrance hole. Examined Marsh &amp; Cole Tit sites, north appearing to be "wash outs". The Blackcap is sitting tightly. Female on nest. Grasshopper Warbler in field across the road East side, reeling merrily. Found a Chaffinches with 2 eggs. Saw the Marsh Tits also a Spotted Flycatcher.</p>
<p>May 12<sup>th</sup> 1920</p>	<p>Met Morrey at 6:30PM &amp; we went out to Llanishen to see Harold Evans. Found him in bed again.</p> <p>Had a look around the nursey &amp; found that several of the nests we had discovered before had been robbed or were deserted. Found a Linnets the young leaving just flown, &amp; a Blackbirds bult right on the bank on the crown of a hedge from which the young had also just flown. Also found a Greenfinches 4 eggs, Song Thrush 2 eggs, Linnet 2 young 1 added egg., &amp; a Chaffinch with 4 young. Had a talk with H.E. who supplied us with dates for Yellow Wagtail, April 28<sup>th</sup> &amp; Sedge Warbler on same date. He also told us a Wryneck was seen on the Nursery May 1<sup>st</sup> 1903, &amp; another bird of the same species on April 27<sup>th</sup> 1916.</p> <p>Passing the Wild Park the Grasshopper Warbler was heard close to road on East.</p>
<p>May 14<sup>th</sup> 1920</p>	<p>Met Morrey at 6AM &amp; made for the Wild Park. Saw a bird go down into the rough stuff in front of Azaleas &amp; after a search discovered the nest, a Blackcaps (56) containing 2 eggs. The Other Blackcaps (48) has one chick and 4 eggs. Robbins (11) has taken off her young, as the bird was off when we visited the nest, but arrived back as we were looking at it &amp; was very excited &amp; angry. While I was watching a wren near the south bridge, a small bird flew into a Hazel tree about 6 feet from me. Glancing at it I was struck with the bright carmine crown of the head immediately recognised it as a Lesser Redpole. Another bird was with it but disappeared while the one I was watching commenced to preen its feathers. Moved off to the bridge from where I watched it. It moved once or twice &amp; was joined by the other bird, but I could not get a clear view of both. The eventually moved to an Alder near the shelter &amp; one disappeared again, &amp; following it with my glasses I saw it moving about in a partly constructed nest about 12-15 feet up an Alder on a horizontal branch. Moved to the other side near shelter and watched, the birds returning several times, one to the nest &amp; the other to the tree to preen as it waited.</p> <p>Moved back to the bridge&amp; from here saw two Spotted Flycatchers in the trees over the brook. Spotted a Blue Tit &amp; watched it go into a hole among the stones of a patch of wall supporting the bank. On examination, a nest was found under construction (58). Was joined by Morrey who has seen a pair of Garden Warblers among the tangle near small fish ponds.</p> <p>Showed him the Redpoles, &amp; we watched the birds who were very busy. Morrey drew my attention to the fact that there were three of them &amp; careful watching</p>

	<p>revealed a male with very bright throat &amp; head &amp; 2 conspicuous buff wing bars, the other birds both being dull with no crimson on throat, only on head presumably (Two) females. The 3 birds indulged in a lot of chasing, twisting about in a compact bunch among the trees, going at times some distance from the nest, at others dodging among the branches of the tree in which the nest is built. Only the supposed 2 females visited the nest &amp; then only one at a time the other bird remaining in the tree preening, occasionally seemingly trying to drive the male off who assumed all kinds of awkward postures. The two females would depart on nesting material hunt, but he would sit in a tree close to nest crouched down with tail spread out.</p> <p>On one occasion he seemingly displayed to the bird who was sitting in the tree preening, raising his wings above his back &amp; hopping from one branch to another dead one &amp; back again spreading his tail &amp; uttering a low hissing note, &amp; keeping his wings raised all the while, sometimes slowly fluttering.</p>
<p>May 15<sup>th</sup> 1920</p> <p>(Entered 3.10.20)</p>	<p>Out to Wild Gardens with Morrey at 6AM taking materials to make a hide. Cut some bamboos &amp; soon has a hide constructed with the aid of some socking. Saw a Marsh Tit while we were moving it &amp; a Spotted Flycatcher. Before moving the hide to the Blackcaps nest (48) we has a look at it. Found the bird off. It only contains 1 young as the other 4 eggs are still unhatched. The young was cold &amp; nearly dead, evidently we had been keeping the bird off while moving the hide, so we did not move it over, deciding that I should visit the park in the evening and move it then. No sign of Lesser Redpoles.</p> <p>Went up to Cefn On in the afternoon with Belle and Louis. Saw 3 pair of Carrion Crows and spotted a nest which the birds seemed to visit.</p> <p>Went up to the Wild Park in the evening starting at 8:30PM. As the place was not closed cycled to Woods Covert &amp; walked up the hill past wood hoping to hear the Nightingale or Nightjars. Heard nothing but coming back I waited by the gate &amp; soon heard a couple of Nightjars chirring. One bird afterwards flew around uttering its coo-wick call, but I could not see it. As I left I saw one bird Flying over field at lower edge of wood. Heard Grasshopper Warblers.</p> <p>Found the Wild Gardens locked up, so I let myself in. Too dark in the wood to see if the Blackcap was on but on putting out my hand the bird slipped off and remained in the bush. The nest still contains only 1 young &amp; the 4 eggs are very warm and snug. Moved tent quickly, putting off a large bird from a tree top over the nest as I did so. Too dark to see it but it was bigger than a pigeon.</p>
<p>May 17<sup>th</sup> &amp; 18<sup>th</sup> 1920</p>	<p>A mallard Duck &amp; Drake with 2 young were seen all together, on both days, nesting close to bridge by side of Stream in Waterloo Gardens, Noth Side.</p> <p>Morrey reports Turtle Dives in Woods Covert also a Grasshopper Warblers nest. 6 eggs &amp; 2 Whitethroats with 4 eggs each. Reservoir field.</p>
<p>May 19<sup>th</sup> 1920</p>	<p>As Morrey was not at Fair Oak at 6AM went up to Wild Park by myself. Climbed to Lesser Redpoles nest (57) &amp; found that it contained 3 eggs, pale blue, &amp; marked like a Linnets only the eggs are slightly smaller. The nest is placed among some small shoots growing from a horizontal branch. Externally it is untidy in appearance &amp; made of small twigs &amp; grass stems, but tho cup is marvellously neat, lined with vegetable down &amp; a few horsehairs. There was no sign of the birds. The Blackcap (56) now has five eggs &amp; the female was very perturbed hopping about the tree close at hand &amp; scolding in no uncertain terms. Morrey here turned up so we went off</p>

	<p>to the reservoir field. The Chiff Chaff in Woods Covert Has 6 eggs &amp; was on the nest. Went across to the Grasshopper Warblers nest which is on a low bank overlooking a marsh piece of land. It is covered by low dead bracken fern &amp; a very stunted bramble. On tapping this covering the bird ran off in characteristic fashion dodging about among the dead fern. The nest is right on the ground. It is composed entirely of dead grass lined with same &amp; has six eggs. Closely freckled with ??? ???. Two of them are marked with a fine hairline. Photographed the nest with stereo camera. F16. 4 secs. &amp; then left. The bird was skulking in a small bush near at hand &amp; uttered no sound of any sort. Heard &amp; saw a male Whinchat, also a Tree pipit. Called in at Wild Park again &amp; had a look a Blackcap (48).</p> <p>No more eggs hatched but one has gone &amp; we took the other three. The female was at home when we arrived. Moved hide nearer &amp; left for home.</p>
<p>May 21<sup>st</sup> 1920</p>	<p>Left for Wild Park at 5:10 AM. Climbed to Redpoles nest only to find it had be robbed. Took some photos of the site &amp; was joined by Morrey. Sa the Kingfisher &amp; discovered what looks like a fresh breeding burrow under excavation.</p> <p>The male bird was at home on Blackcap 56 which still has 5 eggs, and the female bird was covering the one young in Blackcap 48 nest.</p> <p>Heard the Garden Warbler up by the small fish ponds. Found 4 eggs in a greenfinches nest (60). Found a Wrens nest by the side of the stream (62) with nothing in it yet, &amp; as I looked at it heard a scolding note behind &amp; turned to find a Spotted Flycatcher watching me.</p> <p>Looking at the wrens nest again I saw that the S.F'catcher has built her nest (61) on the top of it. There was nothing in it</p> <p>in fact, it was not quite finished.</p> <p>Met Morrey who had been watching the Kingfishers. The bird had visited &amp; entered the hole twice as he watched, flying straight in without alighting. There are evidently young in the nest. He also says Blue Tit (58) is very busy, &amp; a pair of Tree Creepers visit a tree near the bridge</p>
<p>May 23rd</p>	<p><b><i>Pages from a field observation notebook stuck in. On the left of the first sheet there is an annotation "Merlins"</i></b></p> <p>10.20 Male sat on edge of the nest 5 mins then sat on eggs with back to tents. Exposed after 10 mins &amp; then he dashed off. Raked eggs udder him with beak.</p> <p>10.40 Male back again far edge of the nest. Exposed &amp; he went off again. Coming back to nest flies over tent kecking as he comes. Flies around kecking occasionally. Has flown close over nest twice in last 5 mins</p> <p>10.45 Female returns. Snaps. She leaves but she is back again immediately. Snap again &amp; she leaves once more. The difference in size &amp; colour with male is very noticeable.</p> <p>10.48 Male returns &amp; cover eggs back to camera. A movement of my hand as I change the stop makes him leave and fly around kecking.</p>

	10.53 Female returns and sits, but is off again in in one moment without any reason. Flit around uttering alarm
	10.55 Both birds flying around uttering alarm. Females alights for a moment & is off again. Flies around the tent.
	11.00 Both are flying back and forward over the tent uttering alarm. The male's keck is much shriller than the female's.
	11.20 Female returns for a moment but is off again. Male perched somewhere near the left of tent. Both birds now perched near.
	11.22 Female alights on sand (?) about 20 yards behind nest. But only stays one moment on this
	11.23 Female returns & stands on near edge of nest for 3 mins. Very suspicious. Breeze getting up causes slight movement of tent, thus seemingly worrying her. Walks on to eggs & word facing ½ right. Male flies off from left with a few keecks.
	11.25 In trying to relieve my cramped legs some slight movement sends her off again
	11.37 She is flying around cursing the tent again.
	11.46 Female returns again & after a pause covers eggs facing R  (Note in covering nest she seems to literally throw herself over the side of dune & dips down almost to the level of sand below & then mounts)
	11.48 She has turned face on to tent, and is shuffling her eggs about.
	11.52 Seems uncomfortable. Has turned again L. Evidently feels heat as she has her beak open.
	11.55 Snapped & she is off like a shot
	12.13 Female back again. Snap & she is off again
	12.15 <i>Note this entry is on the reverse of a page which is glued on. It cannot be read without tearing off the page. Not clear if it belongs to this section as it talks about BH Gull &amp; Lapwing</i>
	12.25 Male is perched near tent to left & uttering his alarm from time to time to tune. Both birds are now about (some text missing).
	12.28 female dashed down to nest for a second. The male seems to be trying to entice the female back.
	12.31 female has returned & male has ceased his ????. Female pauses 1 moment and then covers eggs facing R.
	12.37 She is off again without a sound. ? reason.
	12.45 Male has returned to perch on L & is again calling.
	12.53 Female returns and after a pause ??? on to eggs & covers them.

	<p>12.58 She leaves without a sound hopping on to edge of nest before launching herself into the air.</p>
	<p>1-1 The alarm is sounded left of tent and she is flying at the tent again.</p>
	<p>Cannot read time Morrey &amp; Herb are coming back bird departure.</p>
	<p>12.04 (?) Morrey &amp; Herb are coming ??? departure.</p>
<p>May 22<sup>nd</sup> 1920</p>	<p>Morrey and I caught the 3.20 P.M. to Porthcawl where we arrived at 6 o'clock. After tea we took the hiding tent &amp; set off for the Merlins nest. Between Porthcawl &amp; Nottage we saw a Goldfinch. Found the Merlins all safe there being 4 eggs in the nest now. Dug out the dune behind &amp; erected the tent covering it with grass &amp; roots and left for Porthcawl. Saw and heard Corn Buntings near South Connolly. Put up a big hawk just before we reached the Merlins but could not identify. ?Peregrine.</p>
<p>May 23<sup>rd</sup></p>	<p>Left at 8.40 &amp; made for the Merlins. Ran across Herbert directly we got among the dunes. Saw a Peregrine Falcon. Arrived at the Merlins &amp; I was soon inside the tent having won the toss for first attempt.</p> <p>After Morrey &amp; Herb had released me we shut Herb inside, Morrey and I had some lunch after which we crossed the Kenfig and examined 2 Ring Plovers nest 4 &amp; 3 eggs, &amp; 2 BH Gulls, 3 &amp; 2 eggs. Had to recross to let Herbert out of the tent as he was cuckooing. He had secured 4 snaps and said the bird (the female) took no notice of talking, singing or whistling <u>but</u> was very nervous about the shutter. Crossed the Kenfig again and searched around finding another Ring Plovers with 4 eggs. Had some tea &amp; then set off for our bikes. Came across several pairs of Redshanks but could locate no nest or young. Near Kenfig we <small>[end of Diary 5_053]</small> made a diversion in the direction of a spot from which we had seen some B.H Gulls. Soon found the place, a large sheet of water dotted about with islands. There were 10 Shelducks &amp; several Mallards upon it, also 3 pairs of Gulls.</p> <p>Morrey and I took off our shoes &amp; soon found the 3 nests, all on islands &amp; each contained 3 eggs. After saying farewell to Herb we made for Porthcawl arriving at 8 P.M. Saw a pair of Stone Chats on Kenfig Common. Heard Corncrakes in 2 places between S Connolly &amp; Porthcawl. After dinner walked across the Porthcawl Common in direction of Golf huts. Heard another Corncrake &amp; saw a Nightjar <b>hawking</b> across the Common.</p> <p><b>(Entered 4.10.20)</b></p>
<p>May 24<sup>th</sup> 1920</p>	<p>Set off for Merlins at 8.30 A.M. and had Morrey shut up in the tent by 9.30. I made for old camping spot and found a young Ring Plover en route, which I photographed. Crossed the river Kenfig and took a photograph of the Ring Plovers nest in the marram grass Found that the B Headed Gulls nests had all been robbed. Ring Plovers nest with 3 found yesterday, now has 4 eggs. Photographed this and crossed river. It being 12 o'clock walked over to the hide to find that the bird had only been back three times, so Morrey decided to stay for another half hour or so. Went back to Camping spot &amp; lit a fire &amp; boiled the kettle, then returning to the hide. The bird had not been back so Morrey decided to come and have something to eat &amp; see if she was back by the time we had finished. Had lunch &amp; returned to find that the bird had not been to the nest. Decided to dismantle the hide and make for the gulls near Kenfig. Took tent down &amp; tidied up then packed everything &amp; set off for the gulls.</p>

	<p>I erected my tent in the water near a small island with a nest on &amp; Morrey set up his on a larger island with the idea of waiting to see what would turn up.</p> <p>I went into my hide &amp; almost as soon as Morrey had gone inside his my Gull came back. I soon secured a dozen various snaps of her returning &amp; alighting &amp; leaving. Changed places with Morrey &amp; went inside his hide where I occupied myself in changing plates. Morrey took some 7 or 8 of the gulls &amp; we adjourned for tea after which we had a look around for Redshanks again. Found a Meadow Pipit with 4 young &amp; a Lapwing with 4 eggs but could not locate the Shanks. Found the remains of a young Redshank killed &amp; plucked by ?Merlin. Packed up &amp; hid the tent etc, &amp; reached Porthcawl at 8.30 P.M.</p>
<p>May 25<sup>th</sup> 1920</p>	<p>Set off for Gullery at 8.30 A.M. I put up my tent in a spot commanding the Gulls nest of yesterday also several other places where Gulls alighted. Morrey decided to look for Redshanks so I got inside my hide &amp; he went off.</p> <p>I waited inside for a couple of hours, during which time I secured several photographs of the Gulls and of immature birds which they chased off. The only visitors to the place were Lapwings &amp; Redshanks but neither came within range. Got out and went to look for Morrey. He had found nothing, so we both got up to high hills commanding the ground &amp; watched. I soon located a bird running on the ground, &amp; watched it for a long time but it visited no spot in particular. Morrey moved across to me &amp; I went to meet him. Searched the ground where I had seen the bird but without success. Starting to move back to the Gullery for lunch, I suddenly spotted a nest &amp; 4 eggs in a clump of dwarf willow &amp; there was our prize, our first Redshanks nest, built right in the heart of the clump, a depression lined with the broad, dead blades of grass. Eggs very similar to Lapwings only yellow in <b>ground?</b> &amp; spotted &amp; blotched with dark red brown, <u>not</u> black. As we had no cameras, went across to Gullery where we had lunch after which Morrey went into his tent &amp; I into mine &amp; we did a bit more waiting.</p> <p>Got some more of the gulls, &amp; Morrey also &amp; a pair of Redshanks. I soon got fed up so crawled out &amp; made across to Redshanks &amp; took 4 pictures of the nest, returning to meet Morrey. Had tea &amp; then went across to Redshanks again where Morrey took photo of the nest &amp; I [end of Diary 5_056] of the site. On our way back I picked up a Redshank egg containing a fully developed chick. Also came across the remains of another egg which had hatched successfully.</p> <p>Packed up everything, including Morrey's old tent &amp; some bamboos &amp; set off for Porthcawl arriving 6.30 P.M.</p> <p>Caught the train home at 7.55 so bringing to an end a most successful &amp; enjoyable 3 days.</p>
<p>May 28<sup>th</sup> 1920</p>	<p>Met Morrey at 6 A.M., &amp; went to Wild Park. Morrey found the Tree Creepers leave a nest (65) in the <b>ivy</b> stems on the oak right of S bridge, which contains 2 eggs. The Spotted Flycatcher (61) was sitting &amp; also has 2 eggs. On the same tree that has the Creepers nest we found a very nice variety of <b>Bistoitata? (ed probably Peppered Moth. Biston Betularia)</b> melanistic, very black with clear white sub-marginal line. Found a Chaffinches with 3 eggs (66). The youngster in Blackcap 48 has taken its departure, while Blackcap 56 was covering 5 newly hatched chicks. It was the female &amp; she sat until my hand almost touched her. The Blue Tit (58) was at home &amp; evidently has eggs. Would not leave the nest when the entrance was tapped but</p>

	<p>hissed like a snake. Morrey found a Great Tit (69) feeding young in a hole in an alder about 8 feet from the ground. This is the first breeding record for the species.</p> <p>Also found a Willow Warblers nest (67) with young &amp; a Chaffinch (68) with 1 egg. The Bullfinch in the bamboos (49) is still sitting but there are only 3 eggs in the nest. She has been sitting 21 days. It looks as if the eggs were added.</p>
May 30 <sup>th</sup> 1920	<p>Set off at 5.40 A.M. for the Grasshopper Warblers nest in the Reservoir Field taking my hide with me. Upon arrival found that the nest had been robbed, pulled out and was lying on the ground. Pulled it to pieces &amp; found it composed entirely of dead grass, the long flat kind. Went back to the Wild Park &amp; opened up the Blackcaps nest &amp; set up hide in front of it. Waited for 2 hours but the birds would <u>not</u> come back although the male came to the back of the nest and with a large green caterpillar in his beak. It uttered snatches of song as he flitted about the bush holding the food &amp; the sound was very subdued and muted owing to him having to keep his beak closed. At other times he was singing loudly &amp; constantly in the bushes &amp; trees near the nest.</p> <p>Heard two cuckoos in the wood. One was nearly an octave lower in tone than the other. Also heard one whose second note was breaking. Came out of the tent at 9 A.M. &amp; photographed the young. The Spotted Flycatcher has 4 eggs and was sitting tightly. The Creeper has three, but there was no sign of the birds. As I was cycling home I saw a bird very much like a Pratincole with a peculiar flitting zig zag flight about the size of a Thrush fly over my head but could not identify it.</p>
May 31 <sup>st</sup> 1920	<p>Went for an evening walk with the CNS Biols. Section. Tram to Caerphilly &amp; over Cefn On to the Halt. Found some nice fossils in the Clay Pit near Caerphilly, also in the wood near, found a Whitethroats nest with 3 young just hatched &amp; 1 egg. Heard a Turtle Dove in this wood, &amp; also heard one near Cefn On Halt. Norton found a Treble Bar Moth Morrey a Drinker Caterpillar.</p>
June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<p>Out with Morrey at 6am to Wild Park. Set up camera at Flycatchers but the accidental breaking of a branch sent her off the nest. Left the camera there hoping she would return &amp; had a prow around. The Flycatcher still has 4 eggs &amp; the Creeper was sitting on 4 also. Found nothing new. Returned to camera and found the bird at home. Secured 4 exposures. Removed the Lesser Redpolls nest for the N.M. of W. also the Greenfinch in the bamboos.</p> <p>In the evening we went across to Clevedon to see Arthur Loveridge. Spent a most interesting evening looking thro his collection. He gave me a Sun Birds skin.</p> <p>As we were waiting on the Pier heard a Nightjar churring.</p>
June 4 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Out with Morrey at 6 A.M. to Wild Park. The Kingfishers are still feeding young in the nest, also the Magpies (71) in the wood. Found a Song Thrushes (70) nest with 4 eggs, also what looks like a Bullfinches under construction in the Rhododendrons @ B.7.C. &amp; a Blackbirds. Saw nothing else, but Morrey reports a brood of Tree Creepers on the trees in the wood &amp; a Gold Crest.</p>
June 7 <sup>th</sup> 1920	<p>Morrey reports a Red Backed Shrikes nest in a hedge close to farms by Jews Cemetery. W of lake it contains 5 eggs. Also a Whitethroats with young close to it. Yellow Wagtail seen by filter beds June 6<sup>th</sup> 1920</p>

<p>June 13<sup>th</sup> 1920</p>	<p>Morrey reports that the Merlins at Pyle Brook not having hatched out on the 13<sup>th</sup> he removed the eggs &amp; found them all to be wrong uns. On the 20<sup>th</sup> he found the nest of the pair at Merthyr Mawr with 2 young &amp; 3 addled eggs. The B.H. Gulls at Pyle brook have laid again. 5 nests found. This makes 8 pairs breeding. 5 at Pyle Brook &amp; 3 at <b>mawdlam?</b></p> <p>Grasshopper Warbler head in bushes among dunes, Sandy Bay, Porthcawl</p>
<p>June 14<sup>th</sup> 1920</p>	<p>On Breen Down Peregrines sites. The female very demonstrative. Both birds flying around, but only the female comes anywhere near. Males notes much <b>shorter</b> Remains on rocks above, Pigeons &amp; young fledged Starlings, 2 of the latters decapitated heads lying on rock. Several pieces of raw flesh lying amongst feathers in one spot, also remains of a young rabbit (part of skull). Just put up a fully fledged young Peregrine flies strongly. Left behind remains of Pigeon. Further along I found remains of a mature Herring Gull killed by the Falcons.</p> <p>At N.W. end saw 3 Ravens flying past &amp; over me. Other birds seen were Shelduck, in Large numbers, Linnets, Wheatears a big flock of Mallard on the mud. Rooks, Jackdaws, Starlings, Swifts, Swallow, Blackbirds, Pied Wagtail near farm. Gulls (?sp)</p>
<p>Friday June 18<sup>th</sup></p>	<p>Small wader feeding on edge of sea <b>uphill?</b> Size of Dunlin light brown back brown throat, White lower head &amp; hindparts. White wing bar as in Redshank. Long bill (? Sanderling)</p> <p>At Peregrines eyrie remains found hind quarters young rabbit, Starling</p>
<p>Tuesday June 22<sup>nd</sup> 1920</p>	<p>Morrey came over at 9 AM. While waiting for him by the pier located a Rock Pipits nest with young ones in a hole in the wall. The parent birds were constantly going in with food which they <b>???</b> with among the seaweed at the edge of the sea. Went on to Breen Down. The female Peregrine was on the cliff below the lookout. Searched the cliff carefully &amp; found the remains of a Lapwing, also a couple more Pigeons.</p> <p>Found <b>???</b> spot where it is likely that the nest had been so presume the young were moved here. They have gone now as the female was the only bird seen &amp; she cleared off in about 5 minutes.</p> <p>While we were having lunch a pair of Shelduck returned below us &amp; by the actions of one they had a nest near. After several false starts we watched her back to a <b>???</b> among the <b>???</b> &amp; descending to the spot Morrey caught the bird on the nest &amp; pulled her out. We took our photographs of her &amp; then placed her back on the nest which contained eggs.</p> <p>Coming back we saw 6 Ravens all together. Also saw a Kestrel, Whitethroats, Greenfinch, Carrion Crows, Mallard. One Shelduck had a brood of young on the sea. Found &amp; photographed a Bee orchis. Saw numbers of mature herring Gulls. Yellow Helianthemum near fort &amp; east sides.</p> <p>House Martins &amp; Rock Pipits also seen.</p>
<p>June 24<sup>th</sup> 1920</p>	<p>While driving to Burrington Coombe (<b>ed Mendip</b>) saw a Red backed Shrike. Picked a spike o the Bee orchid in Cheddar Gorge.</p>

<p>June 30<sup>th</sup> 1920</p>	<p>Met Morrey at Fair Oak Road at 5.30 AM. &amp; went with him to visit the R.B. Shrikes at Jews Cemetery. The birds were seen as soon as we entered the field. While opening up the nest the youngsters slipped off being fully fledged, these were lost beyond recapture in the thick hedge. Set up my camera opposite a favourite perch, some dead twigs on the top of a Holly tree in the hedge using the 17" Ross. Set shutter to 1/250 sec &amp; attached string &amp; retired to shelter.</p> <p>The female was sitting on a small apple tree about 50 yards away from the spot where we hid &amp; spent a lot of time performing his toilet. At other times she scolded us moving her tail from side to side &amp; round &amp; round. The male was the first to attempt to visit the nest, moving by stages from perch to perch. At last he alighted on the Holly twigs, but rather low down.</p> <p>Released the shutter &amp; moved out and changed the plate. The female visited the nest twice, but always missing the Holly perch although she used all the others. A chaffinch perched on the holly twigs &amp; the male Shrike immediately drove it off &amp; perched there himself, carrying something in his beak.</p> <p>Pulled the strong, but when I went to change the plate found the shutter had not been release. Went into hiding again &amp; both birds came and perched on the apple tree mentioned above, The female again visited the next, avoiding the Holly tree &amp; then the male with a catch in his beak.</p> <p>He however flew back to the Holly tree still carrying his catch &amp; the shutter went off this time all right. This was the last I got as it was then 7.20 and we had to pack up by 7.30. While we were doing so both birds were perched on the western hedge near a Song Thrush's nest The latter was in no end of a state, hopping about screaming with all her feathers on end. Saw a Yellow Wagtail in the field &amp; heard a Tree Pipit. A large flock of some 150 immature B.Headed gulls were at rest in the recreation grounds as I set out at 5.20 A.M. 3 Little Grebes on lake</p>
<p>July 3, 1920</p>	<p>Spent weekend at Herberts "Sandhurst" Porthcawl, (ed 273A New Rd Porthcawl CF36 5BG) being accompanied by Morrey, Shown a Hedge Sparrows nest in the garden containing 2 nearly fledged young</p>
<p>July 4<sup>th</sup> 1920</p>	<p>Set off at 10-45 AM. With Herb &amp; Morrey to visit the Merlins at locality "B" (Ogmore Mouth). Found the site to be 50 yards nearer P'Cawl &amp; 100 nearer the sea, on a long razor backed ridge. The young are about 21-22 days old &amp; appear to be male and female. Both parents were very demonstrative, and flew around uttering their alarm. The presumed female chick answered several times in a shrill harsh voice. Took several of the youngsters at the nest &amp; held on Morreys wrist</p> <p>Went across to where I found the Nightjar last year &amp; on the way examined a group of Mulleins &amp; found a large number of the Mullein moth some appearing fully fed while others were very small. Took 2 photos of one fully fed one with Herbs camera &amp; then sat down &amp; started to change my plates.</p> <p>Morrey went on a 100 yards or so &amp; flushed the female Nightjar from 2 fully fledged young within 20 yards of last years nest site. I tried stalking the female but she was very wild &amp; I only got 1 long distance shot with the 17" lens. Took several of the young which could fly six or seven yards.</p> <p>Had out lunch &amp; saw a Raven walking about the dunes on the edge of the shore After lunch made for ??? hills at back &amp; at the foot flushed another Nightjar from 2</p>

	<p>young a day or two older than the first pair. The female bird was wilder even than the first &amp; we could not get near her, although she made a fine picture perched on a withered stem of last years Mullein right on the top. Took some snaps of the youngster. Hear a raven note coming from a great distance &amp; at last spotted 2 birds soaring over a wood behind Southerndown across the river. The note of this bird carries a great distance for the wind was slightly against us hearing it. Explored the top but found nil, so made our way back across the top descending by the targets on the Newton Range. Here we found a great number of Fragrant orchis growing, also 1 Pyramidal &amp; some Spotted &amp; Tway blade. Marsh Helleborine was found by Merthyr Mawr.</p> <p>In the evening walked to Newton Bay. Saw a Spotted Flycatcher. Found Marsh Helleborine growing around the dunes opposite the house (Sandhurst)</p>
July 5 <sup>th</sup> 1920	Saw a party of Redshank in Porthcawl harbour as I wated at the station
July 8 <sup>th</sup>	Met Morrey at 6 AM. Fair Oak Road & went to Wild Park. Large flock of Gulls B. Headed in recreation grounds. Whitethroat singing. Looked around the Wild Park & found that the Spotted Flycatcher has taken off its brood. The Wren (62) under this nest has 6 eggs. Saw the Kingfisher perched on the post outside nest burrow, Morrey went down later to examine the latter & one of the birds flew out from the burrow. Evidently, they are working on a 2 <sup>nd</sup> brood. A male Blackcap was busily escorting & feeding a fledged young one, singing snatches of song between ??? While in the wood another male was singing incessantly & Morrey reported a third singing at North end. A Blackbird uttered a few notes. Wrens singing loudly, also Whitethroat.
July 9 <sup>th</sup>	Herbert showed me at the office a Kingfisher which he had picked up dead new the Merlin's nest at Ogmore (8.7.20) He reports the young Merlins on the wing & the young Nightjars have flown
July 10 <sup>th</sup> 1920	Morrey reports having met Ansaldo, who tells him a pair of Hobbys nested near St Fagans this season & brought off a brood of young. They also nested in the same spot last year.
July 11 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Met Morrey at Fair Oak at 9 AM. &amp; went up to Woods covert. The first bird we saw was a Turtle Dove perched in the dead tree near the path. Separated to search for the nest. I found a spot very much used by the Nightjar &amp; fancy I heard the bird go off, but did not see it. The usual dead sticks lying on a bare patch of ground surrounded by bushes. Walked all round but found nothing but a Clouded Boarder which I boxed. Met Morrey who had seen nil. Went across to ??? drive which we crossed &amp; worked our way to top of wood where we again separated. Heard the Jays &amp; saw Wood Pigeons. Ran into a family of 9 or 10 fledged Willow Warblers, also saw a Garden Warbler &amp; heard it singing. Found a nest which was evidently a Garden Warblers just vacated. Made my way down to the old Yew where I met Morrey. He had found no ???? but a fine specimen of the Peppered Moth which we killed.</p> <p>Determined to try the wood near the road so set off there &amp; separated. I found nil but heard T. Dove in S.E. part of wood &amp; returned to the place where we had left our bikes &amp; was soon joined by Morrey who had found the T. Doves nest near the road. Went across to see it &amp; found it was built in a low ???? shrubs about 8 feet up, on a small horizontal branch about 2 feet from main stem. Quite a strong looking nest with 2 eggs &amp; the site offers possibilities for photographs. Made our</p>

	<p>way back to the bikes finding on our way a 5 Spot Burnet var <span style="color: red;">????</span> spots just emerging from a chr. [chrysalis] on a rush. Pictured the rush &amp; buried the moth. Heard one or two Grass Warblers reeling at various times.</p>
<p>July 13<sup>th</sup> 1920</p>	<p>Morrey &amp; I went up to woods Covert to take some photographs of the Turtle Doves nest. The bird left the bushes some 10 yards away. Found that the eggs had gone, &amp; on looking carefully discovered they had been eaten by a Magpie or Jay, pieces of shell being found near the nest, and the largest part of one eggshell under the nest on the ground. The crime had been committed recently, more likely that afternoon. Decided to photograph the nest so rigged up the camera on two tripods, and were then joined by Herbert. Replaced the broken eggs in the nest &amp; made 6 exposures. The bird flew over our heads at a good height, once as we did so. The nest is constructed of birch twigs with a lining of fine heather stems. This lining is very springy &amp; the nest very flat with the lining placed on top of it. When we left, we found both birds sitting together on a tree not far away.</p>
<p>July 17<sup>th</sup> 1920</p>	<p>While at the Park this afternoon saw 3 Spotted Flycatchers in the Botanical Gardens. They were all engaged in hunting for flies, and looked like youngsters just fledged.</p>
<p>July 18<sup>th</sup></p>	<p>With Morrey at 6.30 A.M. &amp; made for the Wild Park. Saw the Kingfisher by the side of the lake &amp; the female Red Backed Shrike &amp; one of the youngsters were on the hedge near their nest. The youngsters have been out of the nest 18 days, but have not moved an inch from their locality. Strolled round the Wild Park in the main &amp; noted that the wren (62) is still sitting on eggs. A Spotted Flycatcher was feeding a fledged young one at North End, &amp; we also saw a Coal Tit there. There was a family party of Blackcaps in the Wood, also the young Magpie &amp; a Wood Pigeon. Hear Bullfinches &amp; saw a couple of Whitethroats. Went into the south part where we saw 2 adult Spotted Flycatchers &amp; a couple of youngsters, in different parts. Two Little Grebes &amp; one fledged youngster on the Lake. A male Blackcap flew from one of the Islands. Took some snaps of the Swan family &amp; some Ducks.</p> <p>Entered 12-20-20</p>
<p>July 25<sup>th</sup> 1920</p>	<p>Called for Morrey at 8 A.M. &amp; we set off for St-y-Nyll. Halted under some trees just outside Llandaff on account of rain &amp; while waiting spotted a Yellow Bunting visiting a particular spot in the hedge bank. Looked &amp; found the nest with 3 nearly fledged young. All showed signs of yellow on the throat. Went on to the top pond &amp; the first bird we saw was a Common Sandpiper which got up from the south end of the pond. On the pond itself we saw three families of coots of three different ages &amp; two pairs of adults. Evidently, one pair had just hatched a second brood. There was also a Little Grebe &amp; a young one, &amp; one or two Moorhens. Several Spotted Flycatchers seen to south end. Captured a Gold Tailed Moth ovipositing &amp; boxed it.</p> <p>There is a Pheasant hatching at N.W. end of the pond, and other young birds were sitting on top of the coop. Wandered all around the pond &amp; then went across to examine the old nest where we had seen the couple of Kestrels while going around the pond. The birds were not at home but the site had been used recently as the wall was liberally whitewashed &amp; there were fresh coatings on the floor. 2 Corncrakes were heard <span style="color: red;">‘croacing’</span> on the outskirts of Llandaff.</p>
<p>July 28-29<sup>th</sup></p>	<p>Song Thrush singing in each of above days. Waterloo Gardens 28<sup>th</sup> Chimney of house Waterloo Road. 29<sup>th</sup> Newport Road. 30<sup>th</sup> Fair Oak.</p>

Aug 1st	Met Morrey at 6 A.M. In the Recreation Grounds were a flock of B.H. Gulls, several Herring Gulls, Rooks, & Jackdaws. The first bird seen in the Wild Garden was a Lesser Redpoll – we saw there was a small party of them feeding on the bushes near S.W. entrance. Pair of Wood Pigeons in centre. The Wrens nest (62) is deserted & there are 4 eggs still in it. Saw a female Blackcap & a youngster about 14 days. The only birds singing were Willow Warblers. Saw several Spotted Flycatchers in the Lake Park, and also 6 or 8 Pied Wagtails some immature. Young fledged Moorhens on the Lake & two Little Grebe. Took 6 photos of Mallard & 1 young & Greylag Geese. Not so many Swifts seen. One or two Whitethroats seen. Passing the big oak tree (Pleasure Gardens, Fair Oaks) saw a bird fly across the road & into the tree. By the way it showed in flight I knew it was a Redstart, a new bird for the Park. We stopped & got one or two more peeps of it & reconfirmed the identification. It was a female. The tail shank [?] was much in evidence & once it uttered its alarm “what, chuck, chuck, chuck”. Brown upper parts & light <b>????</b> underparts very noticeable.
August 3 <sup>rd</sup> 1920	Out with Belle & Louis in the morning. Found 8 specimens of B. perla (the Marbled Beauty) ( <b>ed now Cryphia domestica</b> ) nesting on the old stone wall of the house with tower, junction of Lake Rd East & Cefn Coed Rd. Found another specimen on the old red brick wall of Roath House, Kimberley Road. Saw two adult Spotted Flycatchers in different parts of the Pleasure Park. Swifts still here but not so many. In the evening coming from cinema took another on the red brick wall of the laundry, Waterloo Road.
August 4 <sup>th</sup>	4 Swifts <u>only</u> seen today.
August 5 <sup>th</sup>	1 Swift seen today.
August 6 <sup>th</sup> to 11 <sup>th</sup>	Large number of Swifts seen.
August 7 <sup>th</sup>	Big congregations of Swifts seen this morning where during last day or two only one or two birds have been seen. Saw three separate parties of over 50.
August 8 <sup>th</sup> 1920	Meet Morrey at 6 A.M. at Fair Oaks. Saw a small party of Swifts passing over the lake from east to west. The following birds were seen in the Wild Gardens & Lake Park – Lesser Redpoles 5 or 6 feeding on bushes, Green Woodpecker, 2 Marsh Tits, three families of Spotted Flycatcher, 5 or 6 Whitethroats, numbers of Willow Warblers, a Blackcap, the Magpie family, one Coa] Tit, the adult & one young (bird of the year) Little Grebes. Later in the morning walked over Penylan with Belle & Louis. Large party of 50-60 Swallows (looked lie birds of year) passing over east to west. In the evening saw a family of Spotted Flycatchers in the churchyard of St Margarets.
August 12 <sup>th</sup> 1920	Only 2 Swifts seen today.
August 13 <sup>th</sup>	No Swifts seen. Appear to have all gone.
August 15 <sup>th</sup>	Morrey reports a Whitethroat in his garden, Richmond Road.

August 19th	Willow Warbler heard today Newport Road.
August 22 <sup>nd</sup> 1920	Out with Morrey to the Wild Gardens & Lake. Rooks & Gulls (Herring and Black Headed) in the Recreation Grounds, also Willow Warblers (2 heard). Party of 5 Red Wagtails on Lake side. In the Wild Gardens saw the Kingfisher, 1 male Blackcap & a youngster, 1 Chiff Chaff. Willow Warbler on islands. 5 or 6 Lesser Redpoles. Heard a Spotted Flycatcher by [?] the lake in Bot. Gardens, the only one seen or heard. No Whitethroats seen. House Martins still in Shirley Road & Ty Draw Road. The three Little Grebes are still on the Lake.
August 24th	Saw two Swifts this evening over Botanical Gardens.
August 28 <sup>th</sup>	In Botanical Gardens watched a Spotted Flycatcher feeding young & saw a Whitethroat & a Lesser Whitethroat.
August 29 <sup>th</sup> 1920	Called for Morrey at 8 A.M. & we set off for Welsh St Donats. Heard a Chiff Chaff at St-y-Nyll. Visited the lower pond first. There was a small flock of Mallard on it & a Moorhen, one pair of Coots, & a Swan with 3 well grown cygnets. The Mallard flew off, all except one which by her actions appeared to have a brood of young hidden away. A Little Grebe was next spotted, and 2 or 3 Snipe got up from the margin of the pond as we walked around. Discovered several clumps of Sundew, and among the heather took two caterpillars of the Fox Moth, which I boxed for Herbert. Saw a Whitethroat & heard a Green Woodpecker. We next visited the upper pond on the North side of the road & found it nearly dry & choked up with rushes etc. The heather was particularly fine here. Found a small patch of pure white heather & several stay [?] pieces of pure white heath.
Sept 4 <sup>th</sup>	Eleven Little Grebes on the Roath Park Lake this afternoon. Three together near the N end, 5 centre, & another party of 3 south of them.
Sept 7 <sup>th</sup>	Chiff Chaff heard today in Newport Road, near Wordsworth Ave. Swallows feeding fledged young near Roath Court.
Sept 8 <sup>th</sup>	Out with Morrey & Howard in the G.N. (ed Godfrey Nash) car at 7 o'clock. Saw 2 Little Grebes on Lake. Chiff Chaff heard in gardens Amesbury Road, as I was shaving.
Sept 12 <sup>th</sup>	Out with Morrey & Howard in car. Had a look around Wild Gardens & Lake but saw nothing very interesting. Chiff Chaff in Wild Gardens. 5 Little Grebe on Lake.
Sept 19 <sup>th</sup>	Morrey reports two Ravens seen flying over Richmond Rd. & Herbert reports two Ravens over the Recreation Grounds in the evening – a new Park record.
Sept 21 <sup>st</sup> 1920	Went out to St Fagans at 5 P.M. to see T.W. Proger. Cycled out & passed along Pencisely Road, Llandaff, came across a party of 5 Goldfinches feeding on thistle heads on a waste bit of land. T.W.P. states that he has had a letter from Harold Evans reporting a Hobby mobbed by Swallows in Llanishen. Morrey reports having seen Turtle Doves & numbers of Stonechats at Sully on the 18 <sup>th</sup> inst
Sept 25 <sup>th</sup> 1920	10 Little Grebes on the Roath Lake this afternoon. Morrey reports having seen many Grasshopper Warblers on migration, among the Clover at Cog Farm, Sully.

Sept 26 <sup>th</sup> 1920	<p>Morrey called for me at 8.10 A.M. in his car with Herbert, &amp; we set off for St. Brides, Mon. Just as we turned off down to the farm we saw a Kingfisher. Watched out to the sea wall &amp; along to the west to the inlet. Large numbers of birds feeding at edge of sea &amp; on the sea. Huge flocks of Gulls at Sewer outfall. Birds identified are as follows: Black Headed Gulls in large numbers, one or two Herring Gulls, 5 Common Gulls, 1 GBB Gull – a fine bird with jet black back. Shelduck in large flocks, Mallard in ditto, a small flock of ? (Wigeon), many Curlew &amp; Redshanks, two very large flocks of Lapwings, several odd Carrion Crows, two Heron, one or two small parties of Pied Wagtails, 2 Kestrels, &amp; a male Sparrow Hawk, also Meadow Pipets.</p> <p>Entered 13.10.20</p>
October 9 <sup>th</sup> 1920	Morrey reports a Corncrake seen at Sully today.
October 19 <sup>th</sup> 1920	Norton showed me a photograph of a young Hawfinch taken from a nest of four at Merthyr Mawr in August.
October 31 <sup>st</sup> 1920	Herb. reports 3 Grey Wagtails on the stream. Wild Park, today.
November 6 <sup>th</sup> 1920	Only Mallard on the lake this afternoon. No sign of Coot, Grebe, or other species of Duck. 4 or 5 Redwing seen Penylan.
November 7 <sup>th</sup> 1920	Morrey reports a flock of 40 Tufted Duck on the lake this morning and 2 Coot. Song Thrushes and Chafinch singing.
November 8 <sup>th</sup> 1920	Song Thrush singing 8.30 AM Waterloo Gardens.
November 13 <sup>th</sup> 1920  **	<p>Hallett reports that a Mr David saw in Gower this season, a pair of Eider Duck which he presumed were nesting.</p> <p>(entry appears crossed out in pencil?- see diary entry 19/11/1920)</p>
November 13 <sup>th</sup> 1920	Song Thrushes singing in Roath Park this afternoon. No Duck on lake except Mallard.
November 14 <sup>th</sup> 1920	<p>Met Morrey at Fair Oak at 7.30 AM and went up to the Wild Park. Passing Lake saw a flock of about 32 Tufted Duck about a 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of which were males.</p> <p>An adult Pied Wagtail and 2 youngsters were also seen and six Coot on the lake. A Jay was seen in the hedge of the fields to left of Wild Park. In the latter the following were seen. Sparrow Hawk on the hunt which sheered off on seeing us. Two Moorhen on the North ponds. A Grey Wagtail near Keepers shed. A Goldcrest, a Blackbird with a few white feathers near its tail. A Jay, and 2 Magpies, besides the usual other small birds. Thrushes singing. Mild and inclined for rain. Wind SSW and strong. Walked back thro</p>

	<p>lake seeing the Coot and Tufted Duck again also several Moorhen. No sign of Little Grebes.</p> <p>Morrey went down to Bridgend and Southerndown, and reports seeing a Little Owl at Ewenny</p>
<p>November 19<sup>th</sup> 1920</p>	<p>Morrey has received a letter from H.E.David giving particulars of the Eider in Gower and other things as follows.</p> <p>April 18/22 1918 Male Eider and 2 Ducks off Burry Holm. Gower</p> <p>April 23<sup>rd</sup> 1919 Male Eider seen at same place as above.</p> <p>April 12<sup>th</sup> 1918 Purple Sandpipers seen at same place as above, and one Killed and identified.</p> <p>He also reports the Long Eared Owl as breeding at Llanmadoc, Gower, in 1918</p>
<p>November 21<sup>st</sup> 1920</p>	<p>Met Morrey at 7.30 AM at Fair Oak, and went up to the Lake. Entered at SW entrance and walked right around it.</p> <p>There was a large flock of Tufted Duck over on the last side which we afterwards counted as numbering over 50 birds, as well as several scattered parties of 5 or 6. Altogether there must have been 60-70 Tufted Ducks on the lake. Very few of the males appeared to have their full pure black and white plumage, although there were many birds in mottled dress. The remainder of the flock were females. Among the tall alders NW of lake was a very large flock of Lesser Redpolls, well over 100 birds. On one of the small alders, growing over the lake NE end, was a nest, placed at the end of a bough at the very top of the tree. Morrey climbed to it and cut the bough off.</p> <p>The nest was a Lesser Redpolls, the foundation being made of alder twigs nearly all of which had ancient alder cones attached. The body of the nest was grass, and the cup was lined with vegetable down with one or two horse hairs. By the look of the nest, the young had been successfully reared. I wonder if this nest belonged to the same pair of birds which built in the Wild Park and were robbed? Coming down the east side saw a pair of Kingfishers, many more Lesser Redpolls, a Great Spotted Woodpecker, a Kestrel and among the Tufted Duck but a little apart, a male Pochard and 2 females. The first record for the lake this winter.</p> <p>We also noted a number of Jackdaws in the trees in Wild Park, and on the lake, a very lightly coloured Little Grebe, four Coot, about a dozen Moorhens, and a Black Headed Gull, with a few dark feathers on its head, the first I have seen actually <u>on</u> the lake.</p> <p>There were also one or two really wild Mallard, easily distinguished from the other by their alert and shy pose.</p> <p>Herbert reports that in the afternoon he saw about 20 Siskins on the alder, N Lake., and that there were 4 or 5 Little Grebes on the lake.</p>

November 26 <sup>th</sup> 1920	Blackbirds singing. Richmond Road.
November 28 <sup>th</sup> 1920	<p>Met Morrey at Fair Oak at 7.30 AM and went up to the lake. Song Thrushes singing as though it was a Spring morning. Small parties of Tufted Duck on the lake numbering altogether between 60 and 70 birds. Two male Pochard also, 6 Coot, 2 Little Grebe, and about 20 Moorhen.</p> <p>In the alders to the North, Lesser Redpolls and Linnets were seen, also Chaffinches and Blue Tits. Four Carrion Crows seen.</p>
December 4 <sup>th</sup> 1920	<p>Ran up to the lake this afternoon on my bike to take 'a look-see' for tomorrow. Blowing a gale right down the lake and a very heavy sea breaking on dam. Seven Tufted Duck making very bad weather about 100 yards north of East Shelter. Another flock of 15-20 in lee of Islands also some 20 Coot. And another flock of Tufted Duck about 30-40 among the Islands. The water looks deep and I am afraid it will take <u>some</u> wading. Good spot for hide on SE Island at its NW corner, under some laurels.</p>
December 5 <sup>th</sup> 1920	<p>Morrey called for me in his car at 6.30 AM. Pitch dark and very cold. Wind from NE very strong. Pushed the car into the Park and hid it. Put on gum boots and tried the water. Too deep opposite island. Tried another 4 places all without success, the mud being too soft and the water too deep. Morrey went and fetched a boat into which we put our stuff and went across to SE Island.</p> <p>Erected a screen on West side, near the North end, under some laurels, and behind low brambles. Everything finished about 8 AM and we fixed up our cameras and waited.</p> <p>A Tufted Duck and 4 females were in the open water NW and remained there.</p> <p>The next visitors were Coot, and before long 3 Little Grebes arrived and came quite close to the coping as also did the Coot and a Moorhen. Small parties of Tufted Duck kept passing and repassing, also numbers of Coot. Tufted and Coot with 3 Moorhens, the 3 Little Grebe were in sight for a long while. A Robin visited our back entrance and was regaled with biscuit. Spent 5 hours in the hide and secured 2 dozen photos. Packed up at 1 PM. Morrey taking the car around while I rowed the boat back.</p>
December 10 <sup>th</sup> 1920	<p>As I was passing Waterloo Gardens on my way to the office at 8.30 AM a Snipe got up from the brook, flew towards me and then turned and headed for the Moors.</p>
December 12 <sup>th</sup> 1920	<p>Met Morrey at Fair Oak at 6.30 AM on our bikes. Bitterly cold and dark. Took out a boat and made for the Islands. Landed on SE one which we found had be(en) cleared of undergrowth during the week, so we punted across to the NE one, and cut some laurels and yew branches, returning with these to SE Island.</p>

Constructed a hid at NW corner and disguised it well, our friend the Robin turning up and being fed on bread. He walked around within 3 inches our backs picking up crumbs. All ready and hiding at about 7.45 AM. Before it was properly light Coot commenced to feed off our hides and a few Tufted Ducks joined them. From then until 10 o'clock we watched, it being too dark and dull for photography. It was amusing to see the Coot following the female Tufted Duck, and gathering round whenever one dived wating for the food stirred up by the diving bird to come to the surface. As long as the Duck they did not, but when the Duck rested they dived on their own account. There were a large number of Coot scattered over the open in front of us and the sound of their dives came from all around. I noticed 3 Coot following up what I took for a female Tufted, but this bird, I noticed, had a dark and rich chocolate coloured head and had a light ring around the base of its bill, also it stayed under much longer than the Tufted. Scaup crossed my mind and looking it up at home I found there is no doubt about it. Later on I saw another single bird of this species. Both these were males. These two birds kept apart from the other duck, but could not shake off their abundant Coots. On another occasion I saw a Coot deliberately peck a male Tufted Duck on its tail, to hurry him out of the way. About 11 o'clock our attention was attracted by a bird flying directly towards our hide uttering a loud whistle as it flew. The flight was very like a common Sandpipers partly flexed and rapidly fluttering wings. It alighted at the foot of our hide at the edge of the water and directly I got a clean sight of it I thought 'Sandpiper'!

It seemed a little smaller than a Redshank. Straight blackish and slender bill, greenish legs. The back was a dark smoky grey with whiteish freckles, rump and underparts white. A light stripe over the eye and a white patch on each side of head extending from under the bill to each eye. It bobbed like a Piper and uttered a short note like 'chic', cluck', 'cluck'.

I had a splendid view of it as it stood within 4 feet of me. Morrey tried to move his camera to get it and scared it off. It took wing with a loud clean whistle and its white rump was particularly noticeable as it flew off flying low down the lake. A Green Sandpiper without a doubt, the first I have seen and a new record for the Park.

Just before 12 o'clock, it started to snow heavily and soon the ground was white and the lake blotted out. Coot, and Tufted Duck came very close to the hide and the sleeping ducks soon had a white coat on their backs. Packed up at 12.50 PM after a most profitable and interesting but very cold morning. My snaps included some of the 2 Scaup female.

Other birds seen were a Kestrel and a Sparrow Hawk flying across. A Little Grebe passed several times and one or two Moorhen.

In some lights the heads of the Scaup look almost red, and quite distinct from their back plumage which was much lighter.

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Met Morrey at Fair Oak at 7 AM. Very raw and cold. Wind from East. Got out a boat in the dark, only to find when it touched the water that there was a thick sheet of ice on the lake. Broke with for about 30 yards and then gave it up as was too thick and we knew the islands must be frozen in. There was open water on the east side so we cycled around. The entrance of the brook was not frozen, and there were a few (about 6-8) duck there, one a male Tufted but too dark to see what the others were. Islands frozen completely in. A lane of water following the east bank and widening as it approached the bathing stage was the only open water. It started about 100 yards below the islands.

Here were collected all the duck and a very large number of Coot, 200 at least. The duck were mostly Tufted and there were well over 150 birds. Two male Pochard were there also. Decided to cycle round and get the cameras and then spend some time in the east shelter watching the birds.

The lane of open water there, was about 30-40 feet with narrowing to 12-20 to the north and opening out greatly to the south. A party of some 20-30 Tufted Ducks were feeding at the narrow end N of shelter and were being continually joined by small lots of 3-4 birds. By creeping behind the evergreens we got nearly up to this lot and examined them thoroughly with the glasses. Saw some 8 or 9 birds with white or yellow on the face at the base of beak. Nearly all had tufts on their heads. One bird was very white and another pale buff, both having tufts. The white patch was about  $\frac{3}{4}$ " deep and absolutely white. The other birds showed white or buff in varying degrees. They puzzled us greatly. Some showed quite a plain white patch on the wing, others nil. One bird has a white stripe on a brown and grey flank, but apparently only on one side. A party of 4 Pochard arrived and joined the other two. They were made up of 1 male and 3 immature birds, or females. Sides of head showing yellowish grey.

Noticed 2 birds well out SW of shelter, holding their heads up, every now and then tossing them back and opening their beaks as they did so. Did not appear to have any tuft on he was or white. Surely immature Scaup males. Apart from the two pints mentioned there was no telling them from Tufted females, except that they appeared to be slightly larger in size.

Noticed two birds flying around preparing to alight. The(y) came down on the ice and paused for a moment and we at once saw that one was a different species to any we had yet seen. They slid off into the water and we soon saw that this bird was a Smew, an immature female. The head was brown and appeared to have a short tuft or lump on it. Back of neck and collar grey. Cheeks and throat white, breast white. A very conspicuous white bar across the wing. It was very wild and when Morrey went out of the shelter to snap some Tufted Duck, it at once got up and made off, but circled round once or twice and eventually alighted again, accompanied by a couple more Pochard.

It was now after 10 o'clock and people were beginning to walk around. A couple of fools came in and rushing to the waters edge clapped their hands and waved their

	<p>arms. Up went the Smew and also the Pochards, 9 in number, and one or two small strings of Tufted. The latter returned but not the Smew or the Pochards.</p> <p>About 10-45 we saw 3 more birds holding themselves up, tossing their heads and opening their bills. No tuft and no white. Male Scaup, immature. They were pretty nervy for they took wing on their own, when a man walked past, although the Tufted were unmoved.</p> <p>Some of the Duck were making a horse grunting sound and I spotted one doing it. Yellowish patch on face, no tuft. Every time it grunted it tossed its head up with open beak.</p>
December 26 <sup>th</sup> 1920	<p>At Fair Oak at 7 AM, but no sign of Morrey. Waited 15 mins, and then went on leaving a patch of paper on the park gate to let him know I had gone in. Launched a single and rowed up. Bright moonlight and very mild and calm. Put up several little flocks of Tufted on the way up. Landed and found the hide all secure. Made everything ready and at 8 AM heard Morrey hooting outside, so rowed across and fetched him.</p> <p>We waited all the morning until after 11 o'clock and then gave it up, as all the birds were feeding down the lake.</p> <p>Flock of 35-40 Tufted Duck off boat stage and a very large number of Coot dotted all over the lake. The only birds that came near us were 3 or 4 Coot, two Moorhens, a Little Grebe and the Kingfisher. Watched the latter kill and devour a small fish. It also perched on the top of one of the notice boards and preened. Saw one Marsh Tit feeding on an alder. Great Tit using spring notes.</p>
December 27 <sup>th</sup> 1920	<p>Took Louis for a walk in the morning around the lake. Heard a Mistle Thrush singing. The only birds on the lake were two Coot. All the boats were out. At top of lake picked up a Coot lying on the side of path. Frontal patch of white knocked off and bone bruised. Evidently flown against something. Brought it home and it died during the evening. Sent it to Dr Simpson.</p>
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January 15 <sup>th</sup> 1921	<p>Walked up to the lake with Louis in the afternoon. It is very nearly empty. There were about 50 Tufted Duck on the water. Timed some of them diving, a female. 11 sec., 10 sec., 11 sec., 14 sec., 12 sec., 15 sec. A male. 4 sec., 12., 14 sec., 11 sec., 15 sec.</p> <p><b>Entered 15 Jan 1921 GCSI</b></p>
January 16 <sup>th</sup> 1921	<p>Met Morrey at Fair Oak at 7 AM and went as far as the lake. Quite dark, and we took up our position under the trees on East side.</p> <p>Several parties of duck went off before it was properly light. When it was light enough to see we soon spotted a <u>Smew</u> hard at work diving. It had a very dark head, more chocolate, than red, and showed very little white on the wing. Of the 80 odd Tufted Duck it was noticed that quite 2/3rds were male, nearly all adults.</p>

	<p>Walked up to the islands and explored two, the centre and NW ones, getting to them on planks laid out. Nothing much seen. An adult male Sparrow Hawk flew across the dam as we were leaving.</p>
February 5 <sup>th</sup> 1921	<p>Walked as far as the lake with Louis. The only birds on the water, which is considerably lower than it was last month, were a male Tufted Duck, the Smew and several Coot. Watched the Smew for some time. When floating high on the water it shows a considerable amount of white on the flanks. Once it landed and began to preen, all its upperparts appeared glossy white. Later on it embarked once more and dived once or twice only staying under for a few (6-9) seconds each time.</p>
February 6 <sup>th</sup> 1921	<p>Met Morrey at Fair Oak at 7.30 AM and visited the lake. Only a few Coots and the Smew were to be seen and by careful stalking we got close to the latter during one of its dives. When it came up it spotted us immediately and took wing, scuttering over the water for a yard or so, before getting clear. It flew out into the middle of the water. We then cycled up to the top of the lake, seeing a Gold Crest on the way, and 8 or 10 Redpolls. We were able to walk out to 'Wait and See' Island, and there collected our hide and returned with same. Went into the Wild Park, where there was a large flock (50-60) of Redwings perched on the tall Poplars, centre and east. Among the tangle by the fishponds (centre) where we had seen the Garden Warblers constantly, last season, we found an undoubted Garden Warblers nest, built on a small shrub among nettle, about 4 feet from the ground. This adds to the species as a breeding bird on our list.</p> <p>Coming home we examined a very large flock of gulls which were feeding in the Recreation Grounds and were delighted to spot among them 8-12 specimens of the Common Gull, a new species for the Park. The remainder were mostly Black Headed. Two of the latter were conspicuous by having their heads very nearly black, whereas the others only had a very few black feathers on the head. Song Thrushes and Chaffinches singing everywhere.</p>
February 13 <sup>th</sup> 1921	<p>Met Morrey at Fair Oak at 7.30 AM, and visited the Lake. The Smew was still there, and the only other birds were two Little Grebes and several Coots. The Smew landed as we watched, and went to sleep, so we crept around and over the mud toward it, getting within 20 yards of it before it went off.</p> <p>A Grey Wagtail was seen on the mud near the outfall. Cycled around the lake and visited the NW Island en route. Saw a small flock of Lesser Redpolls at usual place. Some were on the mud drinking from a small stream. A few Redwings were seen on some trees at east side of lake, also a pair of Magpies.</p> <p>Ten to a dozen Moorhens were feeding on shore and on the mud. Some were youngsters, smaller than the adults and lacking reds on the beak and head, these parts being greenish brown. Their plumage was also lighter.</p>

<p>February 20<sup>th</sup> 1921</p>	<p>Met Morey at Fair Oak at 7.30 AM and visited the lake. The Smew is still there and some 6-8 Coots, but nothing else except Mallard.</p> <p>Cycled up to the Wild Gardens, and I took a couple of photos of the Garden Warblers nest. Had a look around seeing the Kingfisher, a pair of Marsh Tits, the Magpies, and a small party of 6-8 Great Tits. Found a Blackcap Warblers nest in the wood, we missed last summer. It contained the remains of 1 egg. Marsh Marigolds in flower.</p>
<p>February 26<sup>th</sup> 1921</p>	<p>Passed the lake this afternoon. The Smew is still there and there was one Little Grebe, and 6-8 Coot. Nothing else. Jays heard in wood behind Edward Williams' house, Cefn Coed Rd.</p>
<p>February 27<sup>th</sup> 1921</p>	<p>Met Morrey at 7 am and called at lake on way to Wild Gardens. Smew still there and several Coot, but nothing else.</p> <p>***? Does 096 follow 095 ***</p> <p>Went on to Wild Park and had a thorough look around. Found no nests started as yet and the only birds we saw were 6-8 Wood Pigeons in the wood. Fine and sunny with very hard white frost. Bitterly cold.</p> <p>Coming back examined Gulls in Recreation Grounds. Counted over a dozen Common. One B. Headed had a completely dark head, others in various stages from a few dark feathers to ¾ dark.</p>
<p>March 6<sup>th</sup> 1921</p>	<p>Morrey called for me at 8 AM in his car and we started off for Morfa and Kenfig. Dull and inclined for showers. The only birds of interest seen on the way down were on Cowbridge Common one male Stonechat, Stormy Down, one female Stonechat, and top of Crack Hill, a pair of Kestrels.</p> <p>Turned left at Margam and after crossing the railway left the bus on the side of road. Raining hard, but cleared before we were ready to set off across the moors to Morfa Pool. The first bird we saw as we got out onto the moor was a Common Buzzard sitting on the top of a thorn. A very light bird with white breast and neck. It took wing and flapped off slowly. The underside of wing appeared like the sketch.</p>  <p>As the tail appeared dark there was no chance of it being a R.L. Buzzard. As we watched it two geese got up near us and made off. Dead against light so could not spot the species. Appeared to have white rumps and barred tails. White fronted.</p>

As we neared the pools I spotted a large bird sitting on top of a ruined wall. Got our glasses on it and saw it was another Buzzard, a considerably darker bird.



Common Buzzard perched on wall Morfa Marshes March 6<sup>th</sup> 1921

Stalked it and got a closer view before it flapped away, showing as it did so a very much darker underwing surface than the first bird. It alighted on a **post** and then flew off towards the mountains. We were now close to the Morfa Pool, so crept up out of sight. Six or 8 Mallard in pairs were close to us, standing on the shore feeding at edge. Two female Pochards, and 7 Tufted Duck. (4 male, 3 female) were well out on the pool, and a party of six Teal were feeding on the opposite side in shallow water among the reed. There were also 5 Heron standing around. Heard a Snipe drumming and saw a Curlew fly over. Moved across the pool by plank pathway seeing 7 more Teal and a lot of Coot and Mallard. Struck thro the sandhills to the sea. On the beach were 5 or 6 Oystercatchers, 2 Common Gulls, a flock of some 30 Dunlin, and a few Ring Plovers, while out at sea was a large flock of Duck diving continuously, all appearing to go down together. They were too far out for identification although they might be Scoters. Looked back thro the sandhills again toward the gullery and Kenfig river seeing en route, a male Stonechat, a pair of Partridges, a Hare, and a Merlin. On the sandhills east of the gullery, picked up the remains of a Goose (\*White Fronted) recently devoured by some large animal (? Fox). Could not identify, head and feet missing. Picked up parts of wing and sundry other feathers and down hoping to get them identified. Struck back to the moors and made a bee line across them to the car, seeing on the way a Kestrel and several Pheasants and Carrion Crows. Near the car we saw the light coloured Buzzard one more. Had our dinner on the road at 1 o'clock boiling the water on Morreys Primus stove.

Packed up and made for Kenfig, leaving the car by railway bridge, just out of sight among the sandhills.

Struck off for New Gullery, finding a dead Stote on the way. Standing on a high dune I caught sight of 4 or 5 Swans swimming on a sheet of water among the dunes. They all held their heads as sketch



necks stiff, and were watching us. We dodged out of sight but were too late and they were off, eight of them, Whoopers undoubtedly, the first we had seen. Saw a small flock of 7 or 8 Redshank west of that spot.

Walked east to Kenfig Pool seeing some Teal. 3 or 4, and Snipe en route, also a Hare. Approached the Pool cautiously by creeping up behind dunes, and were rewarded with a great sight. Well out on the pool was a fine adult male Golden Eye together with two Pochard and numbers of Tufted Duck. Close in shore, or standing on the shore, were about 18 Teal, 30 Wigeon, many Mallard and first we had seen, 2 adult male Pintail and 1 female. One male was asleep ashore, and the pair of birds were feeding close in dipping their heads and depressing their tails as they did so, sometimes up ending with depressed tails. There were also 4 Shoveler males fast asleep and 1 female and on the pool were 4 more males and 1 female, all the adult birds in splendid full dress. There were also six Shelduck on the pool. Moved on our stomachs to a place where we could get a nearer and clearer view of them. From here spotted a female Smew. A big flock of Golden Plover came to rest near us, about 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of them were showing the black underparts. Other birds seen on, or at the edge of the Pool, were a mature Great Black Backed Gull and an immature bird, very many Black Headed Gulls, 2 Oystercatchers, and the freshly killed carcass of a Common Gull. Watched these birds for a long time, and then made our way back to the bus, near which we made a fire and had our tea. Started for home at 6 PM arriving at 7.20 PM.

Among the sandhills near Kenfig Pool we found the feathers of a Pigeon, and later a Partridge which had been killed by some hawk.

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Out at 6-50 AM to meet Morrey at Fair Oak. As I passed the Recreation Grounds I noted among a large flock of Gulls at rest there, one with a conspicuous black lower breast and underparts. Got out my glasses and had a good look at it and then saw there were two more like it. Evidently they were Black Headed Gulls, but the three of them appeared to have black legs and feet and the black lower breast and underparts were very pronounced, also the white on the upper parts appeared more yellowish than it was on the rest of the birds. These three must have been floating in tar or oil by the look of them. Morrey had not turned up so went and entered the lake part. The lake is full for more than ¾ of its length the water stopping short at about 20 yards

	<p>below the islands. Nothing to be seen lower end, so cycled up west side seeing a Little Grebe en route.</p> <p>Spotted the Smew resting on a sand spit on the south of the SE Island. This bird has been here for some months now and must be disabled in some way although it can fly a little at any rate.</p> <p>Went into the Wild Gardens and had a look around. Observed the Magpies carrying sticks to the old nest in the wood (E.5c) and could see them at work repairing the dome of the nest. Next noticed a Blackbird flying into the Rhododendrons (D.4d) It made two or three trips as I watched and on going to the spot I found a nest well advanced, the first for this season. Morrey then called and I went to south end and gave him the key.</p> <p>When he came in he drew my attention to a pair of Missel Thrushes carrying nesting material. We watched these birds and Morrey spotted are going to the nest which is in the topmost fork of a tree covered with ivy at D7.c.</p> <p>Morrey also found a Song Thrush building in one of the small yews near SW gate A.8b. Saw a pair of Marsh Tits and the Kingfishers. The latter have been doing some cleaning up to their burrow as the shore below is covered with fresh mould. They also appear to be attempting to excavate a fresh burrow close to the old one.</p> <p>There was a small party of 10-12 Redwings in the Poplars SW ends.</p>
<p>March 16<sup>th</sup> 1921</p>	<p>Met Morrey at Fair Oak at 6.30 AM and visited the Wild Park. Saw nothing fresh and the Thrushes and Blackbirds nests found on Sunday are still in the same condition. The kingfishers were very busy and have started a third burrow at which we saw one of them working. Wind SW and came on to rain heavily before we left at 7.30. The Magpies were very busy about their nest. Little Grebe heard uttering its 'bubbling' notes on the lakes. No sign of Chiff Chaff.</p>
<p>March 19<sup>th</sup> 1921</p>	<p>Morrey called for me at 6 AM and we went up to Radyr Quarry and Wood in his car. The first nest we looked at, a Song Thrushes which was unfinished on the 13<sup>th</sup>, contained 4 eggs, so the first must have been laid about the 14<sup>th</sup>- 16<sup>th</sup> inst. This nest was in the Quarry. In the wood we found another Song Thrushes with 1 egg, and 3 more finished and ready for eggs, also a Wrens nest unlined. Toothwort in bloom everywhere, also Dogs Mercury, Coltsfoot and Anemonies. (ed Anemonies). As we were leaving the wood we heard a Chiff Chaff utter a note or two, and waiting we soon heard it again. The first for this season. Wind N with sharp and very cold hail showers at intervals.</p> <p>Morrey called for me again at 6 PM and we went up to the Wild Park. Found it did not close until 6.30 so walked around the top of the lake. The Smew is still there and very wild yet, for when it caught sight of us it rose from the water and flew off circling around the lake and then back again and alighted among the islands. There were only Mallard and one Coot to be seen beside. A Sparrow Hawk flew across the lake. Went</p>

	<p>into Wild Park again as the keepers were closing up we made a start on our hide by the Kingfisher and soon had one built. One of these birds were seen a little further up the stream.</p>
March 20 <sup>th</sup> 1921	<p>Met Morrey at Fair Oak at 6.30 AM. We made for the Wild Gardens. Soon had our cameras fixed up in the hide, one of the Kingfishers visiting the burrow &amp; we were so engaged. Waited patiently &amp; one of the birds returned &amp; perched on its favourite stick &amp; we both made exposures. About 1 second but with not much hope of luck The stick was loose &amp; one end in the stream so was constantly swayed by the current, also the bird made one or two quick movements.</p> <p>The shutters seemed to scare it as it made off directly afterwards. One more visit was paid by one bird, but it was off almost as soon as it alighted.</p> <p>Waited until 8. AM. &amp; then Morrey left the hide &amp; visited the spot further down the stream. One of the birds flew down &amp; perched for an instant but left before an exposure could be made.</p> <p>Morrey returned &amp; spotted both birds at the other site. We both came out &amp; had a look around. Nothing in any of the nests as yet. Dismantled the hide &amp; made for home at 9.AM. No sign of any Chiff Chaffs. I used my 8" Aldis &amp; Morrey his 13" Telecentric</p> <p>(ed see <a href="https://collection.sciencemuseumgroup.org.uk/objects/co8939720/aldis-anastigmat-f-6-3-8-inch-lens">https://collection.sciencemuseumgroup.org.uk/objects/co8939720/aldis-anastigmat-f-6-3-8-inch-lens</a>)</p>
March 23 <sup>rd</sup> 1921	<p>Met Morrey at Fair Oak at 6.30 AM. &amp; went up to the Wild park. I put on the Waders &amp; went into the brook at the Kingfishers site to fasten the perch they use a little more securely. One of the birds was perched as we entered. Cleaned away some obstructing twigs &amp; fastened in a new perch. The water was nearly four feet deep at this spot. Took a look around afterwards &amp; saw one of the Kingfishers at site No. 2.</p> <p>The keeper showed me a Song Thrushes nest with 2 eggs which we found yesterday built on top of a pile of pea sticks which he had to remove. He moved the nest to a new site a few feet away but it looked wet &amp; deserted. He also showed me another S Thrushes nest on top of one of the Junipers but there was nothing in it. As we left the Kingfisher was sitting on our new perch. Chiff Chaff still about.</p>
March 24 <sup>th</sup> 1921	<p>Went up to the Wild gardens by myself this evening a Morrey has gone away &amp; put up my hiding tent under the holly Tree opposite the Kingfisher perch. Disguised it carefully &amp; left it for the morning.</p>
March 25 <sup>th</sup> 1921	<p>Up at 6.AM. &amp; reached the Wild Gardens at 6-30. Soon had my camera &amp; 17" Telecentric fixed up inside the tent &amp; the F.P. shutter speeded at ½ sec. One of the pair came to the perch at 7.5, &amp; I did not move fearing to alarm it. It flew down into the pool opposite &amp; directly under the nest burrow &amp; returned bearing a fish about 3" long in its beak. It then made off with is &amp; nothing was seen of the pair until 7.30 when one returned. After a second or two I let off the shutter, the bird remaining perfectly still during the exposure, but dashing off immediately afterwards they returned however constantly between 8 &amp; 9-30 AM. &amp; did some excavating work at the lower hole, relieving one another &amp; sometimes taking a spell on the perch. The F.P. shutter scared them badly &amp; they were always off before the exposure was completed thus spoiling 4 or 5 plates. Changed the 17" for the 8" Aldis &amp; found they would face the music of the Acme shutter set off at 1/5<sup>th</sup> sec &amp; later 1/25 sec.</p>

	<p>(ed see <a href="http://www.earlyphotography.co.uk/site/entry_C178.html">http://www.earlyphotography.co.uk/site/entry_C178.html</a>)</p> <p>A Robin used the perch once &amp; I snapped ji,. The beaks of both birds were nearly always covered at the tip with grains of sand or small pieces of clay. It is interesting to see them fly long into the burrow, scraping out the loose earth as they did so which fell into the water in a stream. They shot out of the burrow as though fired from a gun. Got seven snaps altogether &amp; then one of the Robin</p> <p>Decided to leave the hide up so carefully pulled the holly branches all around it &amp; some more yew boughs &amp; left it very well disguised</p>
<p>March 27<sup>th</sup> 1921</p>	<p>Got up about 6-15 AM. &amp; reached the Wild gardens at 6-50. The first bird to greet me was a Chiff Chaff, the first I have heard in the park this year. Put on the 8" Aldis &amp; got the camera fixed finding the tent was all safe &amp; sound. The birds were back twice before I was really ready. Found that they faced the Acme shutter very well today &amp; secured 4 snaps &amp; then changed to the 17". A Moorhen came along once foraging among the rubbish at the foot of the stick &amp; I rushed a snap of it. The above 5 were at F8 ½ sec.</p> <p>I got one snap with the 17" &amp; the bird then had the tip of its beak covered with a lump of clay.</p> <p>Between 8 &amp; 9-15 they were very busy at the burrow again, looking inside for sometimes 3-5 minutes &amp; then coming out &amp; resting for a spell on the branch for almost ½ min. then it would return to work.</p> <p>One of the pair, the female, took 3 spells like this, following, &amp; then flew up to a stick on the bank (running between the bank &amp; the Alder) &amp; persistently called to the male who was upstream. He answered each time but seemed shy of coming, but at last he flew down &amp; dashed straight into the burrow without pausing.</p> <p>Here he worked for 3 minutes &amp; then shot out. The female did not move &amp; in a few seconds he was back inside again &amp; worked for 4 minutes. The female then took his place &amp; hardly had she got inside than he shot in after her.</p> <p>He was out again within 30 secs, but the female did not appear until 3-4 mins had passed. The appear to scrape out the loose earth in the burrow as they go in.</p> <p>They both ignored the perch altogether &amp; dashed in &amp; out resting somewhere close North of the bridge so I gave it up &amp; came out.</p> <p>Saw the pair of creepers who were hanging around close to the tent all the while. Tightened up the tent &amp; added some more Yew &amp; Holly to it's disguise &amp; left it</p>
<p>April 1<sup>st</sup> 1921</p>	<p>Met Morrey at 6-30 AM. At Fair Oak &amp; went up to the Wild Park. The hide is quite safe &amp; one of the Kingfishers flew off from the perch as we crossed the bridge. I examined the No2. Site &amp; found a burrow driven some way into the bank &amp; two other attempts which appeared to have been abandoned after being driven for a few inches.</p> <p>Found a Mistle Thrushes nest (B.4b) &amp; Morrey climbed a neighbouring tree &amp; reported the bird sitting. The site is a very good one for photography. At north end among bamboo found a Hedge Sparrow building (C.2.a) also a Wren (C.2.c) &amp; in a Yew south of the Path a Song Thrush sitting on 5 eggs (C.2.d)</p>

	<p>I visited the Blackbird in Rhododendrons (D.4.d) &amp; found her at home on 4 eggs. Morrey found the beginnings of a Moorhens nest (C.4.a.) &amp; latter on a Ring Doves in the wood (D.6.d) also well on the way.</p> <p>There were two Chiff Chaff in the gardens. Fine sunny morning.</p> <p>Also found the very first beginnings of a Chaffinch nest at E.7.c.</p>
<p>April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1921</p>	<p>Went around the lake in the afternoon with Belle, but neither heard or saw anything new.</p> <p>In the evening Morrey called for me at 6-45 PM. &amp; we went to the Wild Gardens &amp; fixed a tent in front of No2. Perch of the Kingfisher, ready for the morning</p> <p>The times which follow are all Summer Time</p>
<p>April 3<sup>rd</sup> 1921</p>	<p>Set off to meet Morrey at Fair Oak at 7.AM. As I passed the recreation grounds – 6-50. AM. I looked carefully at a flock of some 40-50 Gulls that were feeding &amp; resting there as usual, &amp; almost immediately spotted what looked to the naked eye a pure white gull in company with some Common Gulls, It appeared to be exactly the same size as the latter &amp; I was not long getting off my bike &amp; bringing my glass to bear upon it,</p> <p>The Glasses confirmed the uniform white plumage, but I could see that the tips of the primaries appeared as dark spots. Could not see colour of beak but it looked light, the feet dark. Undoubtedly an immature Ivory Gull a new &amp; interesting record. It had a bit of a fight with a Common Gull over some tit-bit, &amp; it was then very apparent that its size was almost exactly the same as the Common.</p> <p>By Mr Grimes house I noted a Greenfinch collecting material.</p> <p>Met Morrey &amp; went on to the Wild Gardens. Morrey went into the hide opposite the burrow. &amp; I into the hide at No.2 site.</p> <p>A Kingfisher came to the perch about 15 minutes after I had settled down, the female by the look of it. She moved slightly as I made the exposure About 8-15 she was back &amp; I got another exposure. Was visited by a Moorhen which passed close to the hide &amp; also saw a male Mallard feeding downstream.</p> <p>The Kingfisher was back again at 8-45 &amp; I got two snaps – 1/5 sec. F8 Barnett SS plates – before she went off</p> <p>(ed see <a href="https://www.rct.uk/collection/2943754/barnet-glass-plate-negative-box">https://www.rct.uk/collection/2943754/barnet-glass-plate-negative-box</a>)</p> <p>Morrey whistled at 8-55 &amp; I opened the tent. He had had no luck so I turned out &amp; he took over the camera. In about 10 minutes he whistled again. The bird had been back &amp; he had secured 4 of her &amp; wanted his 13” Telecentric. Changed the camera &amp; left him Packed up my camera at 9-45 whistled to Morrey &amp; he answered. He had got one more snap. We packed up &amp; took the hide at No 2 site down.</p> <p>Morrey reports the Tree creepers building at their C.6.d. site by the bridge.</p> <p>He also says that when in the tent at Site 1. The female Kingfisher cane once &amp; sat on the Hazel growing from the bank. The male came from the direction of the lake at 9c carrying a fish which he gave to her then flew off again. She swallowed it immediately</p>

	<p>afterwards dived into the burrow &amp; remained there for 15 mins. Afterwards diving out &amp; flying off upstream.</p>
<p>April 5<sup>th</sup> 1921</p>	<p>Out at 6-20 A.M. A small flock of Gulls 20-30, were in the Recreation Grounds, the majority of them Common with 2 or 3 Herring and some half dozen Black Headed. Met Morrey &amp; went on to the Wild Gardens. I was carrying a saw &amp; Morrey climbed the tree by Mistle Thrushes nest (B.4.b) &amp; sawed off an obstructing branch, afterwards removing some of the ivy around the nest with the aid of scissors on the end of a long bamboo. The old bird was very excited &amp; dashed around with all of her feathers on and screaming frightfully.</p> <p>Nothing of interest seen. The chaffinches (E.7.c.) have completed their nest extensively &amp; made a pretty job of it using green moss &amp; interweaving into it some fine shredded paper used as packaging in chocolate boxes, evidently picked up from around the shelter or one of the seats. Did not see the Kingfishers. The Mistle thrush has young about 6-8 days old.</p>
<p>April 7<sup>th</sup> 1921</p>	<p>Out at 6-25 A.M. Passing the Recreation Grounds carefully examined a flock of 60-70 Gulls, but they were either Common or Black Headed, mostly immature. Met Morrey at the Wild Gardens, &amp; we fixed up a dummy camera at the Mistle Thrushes. Saw a party of four lesser Redpolls chasing each other among the trees over the brook. Also saw a couple of Marsh Tits at same place. Two Chiff Chaffs in the Wild Gardens &amp; two in the Pleasure Gardens. No sign of Kingfishers. I wonder if the female is laying &amp; sitting.</p>
<p>April 9<sup>th</sup></p>	<p>Met Morrey at Fair Oak @ 6-30 A.M. There were no Gulls in the Recreation Grounds this morning. Went up to the Wild Gardens &amp; started to construct a "hide" opposite No 2 perch. This we soon fixed up &amp; left. Saw a pair of lesser Redpolls in trees by the Boat Stage</p>
<p>April 10<sup>th</sup></p>	<p>Out at 6-20 A.M. but Morrey was not at fair Oak so I went on to the Wild Gardens. Fixed up my reflex &amp; Aldis 8" lens in place of the "dummy" at Mistle Thrushes nest. One of the old birds was very savage &amp; constantly flew at me as I worked. Passing several times at great speed within a foot of my head as she did so. After some trouble I got things fixed &amp; descended, taking the string release into some bushes about 10 yards from the tree. The lens was stopped to F5.8, &amp; the shutter set to 1/25 sec. The plates being Barnet Ultra Rapid (ed see <a href="https://adsabs.harvard.edu/full/1920HelOB..19..179G">https://adsabs.harvard.edu/full/1920HelOB..19..179G</a>) One of the birds was not long in returning &amp; I pulled the release, rather too hard however, for the camera toppled forwards.</p> <p>Climbed up with a fresh plate &amp; was in the middle of setting the camera to rights when Morrey arrived. He came up &amp; helped me &amp; we soon had things fixed again. From then to 9-30 we secured 10 snaps without any trouble, the birds returning fearlessly. Packed up at 9-30 A.M. &amp; as the young will be out of the nest in a day or two, took away all traces of the "dummy",</p> <p>Saw a pair of lesser Redpolls in the trees by the nest. No sign or sound of Blackcaps or Willow Warblers, sand Martins or Swallows. Strong Easterly wind, cloudy to fair. Small flock of some 20 gulls in Recreation Grounds, one Herring Gull, half a Dozen B.H.Gulls &amp; the remainder Common Gulls, some seeming immature.</p>
<p>April 12<sup>th</sup> 1921</p>	<p>Out at 6-25 A.M. Small flock of Gulls in Recreation Grounds about two dozen birds, mostly Common Gulls. Met Morrey at Fair oak at 6-30 &amp; we went to the Wild Gardens. Had a look around there, finding two Blackbirds nests with eggs and a Robin building.</p>

	<p>The young Mistle Thrushes are still in the nest. Saw a pair of Marsh Tits, heard the first Willow Warbler in trees over brook North end. Bright morning with strong easterly wind.</p> <p>Morrey reports having seen Swallows at Dinas Powis later in the day.</p>
<p>April 15<sup>th</sup> 1921</p>	<p>It was snowing when I got up 6-10 A.M. but cleared up before I left the house 6-25. Heard a Willow Warblers in the Recreation Grounds and there were a few Gulls there also 10-12. Met Morrey at Fair Oak 6-30 Bitterly cold with N.E. wind and the country white with snow, but the sun now shining brightly.</p> <p>Passing the lake we spotted Swallows 10-12 flying over the water &amp; stopped to look at them. As we did a flock of 50-60 Sand Martins made their appearance from the S.E. flying fairly high, but very feebly. They hung about over the lake for some time, high I the air. Went on to Wild Gardens. There were Willow Warblers everywhere there must have been a fairly big migration of them recently.</p> <p>Spotted a Robin feeding its mate which after it had received the food flew into the bank of the stream a little below the Kingfisher burrow. Went to the spot &amp; found her sitting on 5 eggs C.7.a.</p> <p>Searched the Rhododendron near the S.W. entrance &amp; found a Blackbirds nest with one egg (B.7.a.) The young Mistle Thrushes at B.4.b. have left. Searched the bamboo &amp; flushed out a Greenfinch from a nearly completed nest (C.2.b.) &amp; there are several other partially built nests in the bamboos.</p> <p>Going home we spotted a House Martin being chased by a Sparrow from the houses at corner of Jews Cemetery Rd. Chiff Chaffs seemed common &amp; were heard in several spots in the park.</p>
<p>Red backed Shrike</p>	<p>30/6/20</p>
<p>Coot &amp; Ducks</p>	<p>12/12/20</p>
<p>Kingfisher</p>	<p>25/3/21</p>
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