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M called at 5 A.M. and we went to Flemingstone to complete the hide at the Herons nest. Chiff Chaffs in the wood. We soon fixed things up and left. Coming home saw a Swallow at Bonvilstone.

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M called at 8 A.M. and we set off to attempt the Herons. Tossed for first turn and M won. Had him safely shut up by 9.45 and left. When I got out of the wood among the gorse, 9 Herons were standing in a field a little distance from the wood. The gorse was full of Linnets and down on the moors I made out Moorhens, Coot and Lapwings feeding. A pair of Crows had a nest in a tree in one of the hedges. Walked along the top edge of the wood and saw a Marsh Tit, and found a fresh Green Woodpecker boring in an excellent place some 10/12 feet from the ground. Continued on to the road and had a look to see if the car was o.k. then walked down the lane in the direction of Tre-guff. Halted at a stile where I could see the end of the wood and the field where the Herons had been standing. The latter had all gone except one and I could make out three at the most. A wren was very busy building a nest under a tuft of grass on the top of a wall on the roadside just behind me, carrying in beakfulls of green moss. Saw three Kestrels all together and several magpies. Went into the East end of the wood and had a look around but found nothing although I put up a Brown owl from an ivy covered tree. Heard a Willow Warbler singing.

Wound my way back to where we had left the food and had just secured it when I heard M hooting, so went to him. He had done a two hour spell and had secured a good series, so I took his place in the hide and was securely fixed up by 1 o'clock.

Thunder in the distance spoke of a coming storm, one of the birds came back almost immediately and perched on the tree just over the nest, but out of range of my camera. Another then came along and perched in the tree to the right of the nest, and was followed by a thud. One of these two was an immature bird and was chased off, the bird which had been perched over the nest then coming down and perching on the nest. It seemed to have brought no food, but stood pensively looking at the young or eyeing the "hide". It then turned its back to the young and walked to the edge of the nest where it stood awhile, eventually departing. Thunder was rolling continuously and a strong wind swayed the hide from side to side. The light was failing gradually. An appalling smash of thunder following a vivid flash of lightning made the four young herons start up in the nest and look about, Pheasants crowed all around and M says Little Owls cried. One of them had been moaning in a most heart rending way and kept it up all the time, changing the pitch of his note occasionally. They all four moved about at intervals stretching themselves and flapping their wings vigorously. As the birds did not return and it became very dark. I hooted M up at 3 P.M. and just as he arrived rain began to fall heavily so we packed up and departed.

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M called at 8 A.M. and we made for Flemingstone where I took first turn in the hide at the Herons nest where I was safely ensconced by 9.30. The presumed female returned in about 15 mins but she only stood on the nest and preened herself very carefully all over running the pendant breast plumes thro her long bill yawning occasionally displaying her long red tongue which is barbed, and scratching her head with her foot. She left but returned within 20 mins, and left again after going thro the same performance. M turned up at 11.30 but I decided to wait another hour in the hope that the male would arrive with his mate. The female returned at 12.10 and was assailed by the hungry youngsters who grabbed her bill in theirs and tried to persuade her to

	<p>disgorge. She pulled herself free standing in the middle of the crowd, but as soon as she put her head down again two or three of the young grabbed her again. This went on for some time the young chipping and growling in a weird chorus with crests erected and open beaks. Eventually she put her head right down in the bottom of the nest out of sight and must have disgorged food for the young commenced to fight and yell with increased vigour, when she lifted her head, and were very busily employed in picking up something from the bottom of the nest. The female then jumped on to one of the branches below the nest growing out towards the "hide" and walked along to the end only a few feet from me where she stayed preening for a little while. Then a loose stick in nest caught her eye and she walked back to it and had to pull it out or adjust it. After which she took wing and departed. M turned up almost immediately afterwards and we changed places. I had some lunch and then went across the line and onto the moor. Carrion Crows and Lapwings were numerous and there were also a number of moorhen and coot. Two herons were looking for food and I heard several Willow Warblers. Released M at 3.45 P.M. we packed up and returned home seeing two Swallows at Bonvilstone.</p>
<p>April 13<sup>th</sup> 1925</p>	<p>Left Cardiff at 8 A.M. bound for Chapel-y-ffin near Llanthony, and the Ravens nest there located by H A Gilbert in the Taren-yr Esgol rocks. Called at Tregunno below the Darren rocks to pick up the keeper Hooper, but he was at the Queens Head so we returned there and captured him. Continued on to Capel-y-ffin where we left the car and walked up the road past the monastery and up the mountain to the Honeycombe rock where the Ravens have their nest. Found the heap of stuff that HAG had left as a hide and fixed up my hide inside and the camera and I crawled in and M covered me up and left. It had been raining hard up to now and my legs were soaking from the knees down but the wind rising cleaned off the rain but made the hide which was on an exposed ledge of the cliff jolly draughty and bitterly cold. The Ravens were soon back and flying around cawing gruffly and the young sometimes raised their heads over the nest rim and opened their beaks but although I waited over 2 hours the old birds came no nearer than flying close in to the nest and close past the hide. The Peregrines mobbed them every time they ventured up the valley and the calls of the two species were incessant. M returned at last and let me out numb and cramped with cold. We decided to strengthen the hide and leave it until Sunday.</p> <p>After improving the hide we left, and as soon as we were out of sight we had some food and walked back to the car where we dumped our stuff and started off up the Honddu valley. Examined some nests there but only found a pair of kestrels busy around a hole and saw ample of Wheatears. Returned to the car and ran down to Hoopers house where Mrs Hooper gave us some tea and we left for home at 7 P.M. arriving at 9 o'clock. <b>Query positon of this paragraph?</b> Back to the road and picked flowers in the wood with the children. Released M at 6 o'clock and we soon had the Princes stove going and a picnic tea set out. Returned home via Aberthaw and Rhoose arriving soon after 8 o'clock.</p>
<p>April 26<sup>th</sup> 1925</p>	<p>M called at 8.30 A.M. and we set off for the Ravens nest in the Taren-yr Esgol rocks, Capel-y-ffin. Got up there soon after 11 o'clock and found all ok. The nest is now liberally whitewashed and the old birds very demonstrative. The backs of the young show up over the edge of the nest.</p> <p>As I was shutting M into the hide we heard a whistle blown below us and looking around I spotted two figures climbing up the slope below the cliff. Glasses revealed Gilbert and Brook loaded down with ropes etc. They were soon with us and we bound for the</p>

	<p>Peregrines on the rocks a little further on so we abandoned the operations at the Ravens nest pro-tem and accompanied them.</p> <p>Searched all the likely places but beyond a very good scratching surrounded on various prominent points by the remains of fresh kills found nothing else, and did not see the birds until we were making our way back to the Ravens, and then the tiercel appeared suddenly followed by the falcon.</p> <p>Brook hid up under a hawthorn to watch them while Gilbert and I went back with M and shut him up in the Raven's hide. Afterwards we joined Brook and it was decided that I should watch the Peregrines while they made off to Cwmyoy and explored the Darren rocks. I walked up to the top of the valley and made myself as comfortable in the shelter of a high nook.</p> <p>We had had several severe storms of snow and hail and there was a bitter N.E. wind blowing down the valley. Another blinding storm now broke and covered the hills with a white blanket, but it soon blew over. The Peregrines haunted a certain stretch of rock the male perching on an ash tree with a broken top while the female chose outstanding rocks at the summit of the cliff. Twice she dashed off and with strong purposeful flight flew straight away across the hills only to return in a short while and alight on the rocks. One of them constantly uttered the whining light pitched mateing call quaeuup qu-eeeeeeap, and once or twice they sported play fully in the air but mostly they stuck to their perches and preened, only leaving to buffet the Ravens of the latter ventured near.</p> <p>There are a number of Ring Ouzels in the valley, quite 6 or 8 pairs. I explored to the stream Nant Brook and across the other side seeing a Grey Wagtail afterwards recrossing and making for the Ravens nest to release M. who had 3 1/2 hours sitting. The Ravens greeted me with ferocity evidently being annoyed M had secured one snap the bird only having been back twice, and then only for a few seconds. He was cramped and stone cold and as it was nearly 5 o'clock we decided to abandon operations and stake the hide removing the material but leaving a pile of heather and boughs behind. Our last glimpse of the Raven was being furiously mobbed by the pair of Peregrines. Returned to the car seeing a male Redstart en route and several Wheatears and Ring Ouzels. Waited about in Capel-y-ffin for Gilbert and Brook to return, and while doing so visited a Dippers nest under the bridge there and found a double nest or rather two side by side touching each other, one of them containing one egg.</p> <p>G and B returned and we joined forces to work the Darren rocks so entering our cars we set off. Arriving at the keepers cottage we picked up Hooper and his assistant who carried the ropes and we made for the top of the cliff. G roped up and M and I lowered him over some half a dozen places, but although we put off the tiercel there was no sign of his mate. Put off a Raven from eggs also a Kestrel and a cloud of Jackdaws. Saw a couple of Stonechats and also Ring Ouzels. Returned to Hoopers house where we had tea at 8.20 P.M. and after saying goodbye to G and B set off home arriving 10.30 P.M.</p>
<p>May 2<sup>nd</sup> 1925</p>	<p>M called at 2.15 P.M. and we set off for the Herons at Coed Colwa. I ascended the tree with my camera and was soon ready M leaving at 3.30. Only one of the young could be seen in the nest and it was bunched up with it's bill showing straight up in the air looking like nothing on earth. At 3.45 the youngsters in the nest to left of hide was fed, and the noise they made, induced a second youngster in my nest to shake his head up and take a look around. In another 20 mins the young in the nest in front of the hide and beyond my nest was fed, and then the remaining two young ones in my nest put up their heads</p>

	<p>and the whole four took a short walk around but two soon got tired and returned to the depths of the nest while the others remained on their legs.</p> <p>One went to sleep standing up, but the other was very alert and watched everything that passed on wings sometimes craning neck to its full extent. A heron alighted on the tree to the right of the nest, and I soon saw it. The young took no notice of it and when I got a good view of it I saw it was an immature bird lacking the white forehead and black stripe on head and black shoulder tufts. The bill was pinkish and there were no plumes on its back. A second had alighted on the tree, at the top and there also was an immature bird.</p> <p>Both left and alighted near the nest in front of hide and beyond my nest, and then they returned to my nest tree.</p> <p>They moved about a good deal during the next hour, but spent a lot of time in my nest tree, preening and every now and then uttering a loud harsh <b>croak</b>.</p> <p>Eventually one alighted on the end of the branch sticking out below the nest and then the alert youngsters walked towards it with upward wings. I slewed the camera to bring it to bear, but as I did so with a harsh scream one of the parent birds flew down on to the nest and the intruder went off with a rush. The four young were up at once and mobbed their parent in the way before described, trying to get her beak and pull it down. Eventually the old bird put her head down and disgorged and there was a general scramble. She then flew off, and M turned up a few minutes later.  Heard cuckoo and wood warbler.</p>
<p>May 10<sup>th</sup> 1925</p>	<p>Met M at the Wild Park at 7.30 A.M. He reports having been to the Little Garth yesterday and finding there a Jays nest with 4 eggs in an excellent place for photography. Also reports numbers of wood warblers in the wood there. We went to the Lesser Redpolls nest in the Yes at S.E. corner and found the nest finished and 4 eggs therein. Fetched a ladder from the keepers shed and did some trimming. The female came around close to us as we did so uttering her plaintive alarm note. The site is a splendid one for photography. The Redpolls nest in the wood appears to have disappeared, possibly the birds have done the same thing as those we watched two years ago, and removed out elsewhere.</p> <p>The Grey Wagtails were escorting fledged young on the stream by the keepers shed, and in the wood a pair of Tree Creepers were feeding 3 fledged youngsters. I watched, at close quarters the three being fed as they cling to a trunk sitting on their tails like miniature woodpeckers. One flew after its parent to another tree but the two others remained, eventually flying off, and ascending to a good height two other trees where they were fed. The parents searched diligently among the trees close to me exploring the trunks in characteristic fashion.</p> <p>Found a Great Spotted Woodpeckers hole and the birds returned and were working there while I was watching the creepers. It is to be hoped that they will breed in this hole. Also found a Marsh Tit sitting on eggs, the female leaving and being fed by the male as we watched, a couple of Blue Tits busy building, and a Goldcrests' nest among ivy some 20 feet up a tree in the wood.</p> <p>Blackcaps, Willow Warblers, Chiff Chaffs, and Cuckoo heard.</p> <p>Went on to the Reservoirs and found absolutely nothing on the water, no sound of Grasshopper Warbler from wood to west of Llanishen. Coming back we explored the</p>

	<p>field below the Llanishen Reservoir and saw there a pair of stonechats, a pair of whinchats, whitethroats, Linnets and skylarks. Also saw Swifts, Swallows and Sand Martins.</p> <p>M and B.L went to Little Garth in afternoon and found 2 more Jays nests, with eggs a Mistle Thrush with 5 eggs and a Stock Doves nest.</p>
May 12 <sup>th</sup> 1925	<p>M called for me at 6 P.M. and we visited the Little Garth ascending from the Morganstown side. We looked at the Stock Doves and put up my hide in a place commanding the hole from which the bird departed, and then went on to the Mistle Thrushes nest and found her seated thereon. The nest is only about 30 inches from the ground and plainly visible from the path. Visited one of the Jays nests and found the eggs had been taken so went on to No 2. There were 4 eggs on Sunday and we found five so laying must have begun on the 6th inst. We cut some back branches and erected a screen at a suitable spot and then left for Jay No 3. This we found deserted, the 4 eggs being cold and wet so we removed them and returned to the car. Heard wood warblers.</p>
May 13 <sup>th</sup> 1925	<p>See entry after 17<sup>th</sup>.</p>
May 16 <sup>th</sup> 1925	<p>M called for me at 2.30 pm &amp; we made for Little Garth. Shut up Morrey in the Stock Dove hide &amp; left.</p> <p>Visited the Jays nest &amp; found the 5 eggs there but cold &amp; apparently deserted.</p> <p>Searched through the wood but found nothing. Heard several Wood Warblers in the part looking across to Castel Coch. Crowds of people about &amp; at 6.30 pm Morrey gave up as the dove had not returned there being too many persons passing.</p>
May 17 <sup>th</sup> 1925	<p>Wild Park with M at 8 am.</p> <p>Fixed camera at Lesser Redpolls nest &amp; stood beside it. The female was soon back &amp; I secured 3 or 4 of her sitting.</p> <p>Then the male returned &amp; fed her she shivering on the nest with wings &amp; tail vibrating so rapidly you could scarcely see them. She left several times &amp; I took a couple of her returning &amp; then retired while M took a turn. On tapping the tree with the G.S. Woodpeckers hole in it, the bird put her head out rapidly withdrawing it on catching sight of us. This means she is sitting, the first G.S.W. to be recorded as breeding in the Wild Gardens.</p> <p>Found a Chiff Chaffs nest nearly completed, a Wrens with 2 eggs, &amp; a Blackbirds with young. The Blue Tits have a nest among the stones on the stream bank below the bridge as usual.</p> <p>No signs of Spotted Flycatchers.</p>
May 13 <sup>th</sup> 1925	<p>Went up to Woods Covert at 6 pm by myself. Very wet &amp; muddy everywhere. Saw three Turtle-doves fly down into the woods, &amp; found a Chaffinch's nest. Later on I put up a Turtle-dove from a birch thicket. Garden Warblers numerous, &amp; I heard a Grasshopper Warbler calling &amp; by creeping up cautiously located it in a bush &amp; got to within 6 feet of it. No sign or sound of Nightjars.</p>
May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<p>Morrey called at 2.30 pm &amp; we visited Coed Colwa. Worked our way through the wood, seeing a Brown Owl but finding nothing else. Arrived at the Heronry M climbed to our</p>

1925	<p>hide to find it occupied by a pair of Chaffinch's which had a nest &amp; five eggs among the ivy stems inside. The young herons had gone leaving one behind dead in the nest. There were two new nests &amp; one of the birds was sitting &amp; very anxious to return to her task. Below another nest we found a youngster dead. Worked back through the bottom of the wood &amp; had not gone far from the Heronry when a female Sparrow Hawk appeared &amp; flew round mewling fretfully &amp; carrying a bird in her claws. She flew all around us &amp; was evidently anxious so we turned back &amp; started exploring all the large trees eventually discovering the nest from which the male bird dashed as we approached. It was some 35/40 feet up a large oak &amp; we reached it with difficulty as the start of the climb was bad. There were four eggs in it, one clouded beautifully, one with a zone of colour at the smaller end, one blotched all over &amp; one clouded &amp; blotched, a fine clutch. The nest itself was a poor affair being built where four branches met &amp; were flattened into a platform. The twigs of the nest only went about <math>\frac{3}{4}</math> of the circle the last quarter being filled up by the platform live junction of a branch.</p> <p>Decended &amp; started searching afresh &amp; eventually M found a Jays with five eggs in a fairly good place but rather high up. There is a good Ash tree over looking it however &amp; something might be made of it.</p>
<p>May 24<sup>th</sup> 1925</p>	<p>Morrey called at 8 am &amp; we visited the Wild Park. The Lesser Redpolls have been robbed &amp; so have the Chiff Chaffs. The Marsh Tits had young &amp; were very busy feeding them so we set up the camera &amp; using the 13" Telecentric were able to get some shots at the birds. One was bold &amp; the other shy. When I took over the camera, one of the birds had evidently returned in our absence &amp; was brooding the young. When the other returned with food, it shivered its wings as it approached the hole &amp; was not able to enter but handed over its catch (green caterpillars, every time) &amp; left followed immediately by the other bird. The next time it returned it entered the hole immediately without any wing shivering &amp; when it reappeared it carried a dropping with which it flew away out of sight.</p> <p>Hearing the woodpeckers behind me talking I turned just in time to see one bird leave the tree &amp; fly off over my head, while its mate alighted below the hole &amp; after pausing a moment entered, evidently changing over. 10/12 Long Tailed Tits seen in the trees. We packed up &amp; went on to the Little Garth &amp; I entered the hide at the Stock Doves while Morrey went across to the Missel Thrushes. After waiting 40 mins. the dove returned, but instead of pausing entered the hole with a rush giving me no chance. I clapped &amp; shouted but it was no good &amp; the bird did not leave until Morrey returned 45 mins later. It was then raining hard so we packed up &amp; taking the hide left for home.</p>
<p>May 30<sup>th</sup> 1925</p>	<p>Down to Coed Colwa with M. in the afternoon. The Jay is sitting all right &amp; the Sparrow Hawk also. Visited the thicket near the railway seeing among the gorse as we emerged from Coed Colwa a vixen &amp; two well grown cubs sunning themselves.</p> <p>In an old ash tree in the thicket we found a pair of Green Woodpeckers engaged in feeding young so piled up a mass of stuff in view of the nest hole &amp; left.</p> <p>Saw two Turtle Doves &amp; heard one or two Sedge Warblers.</p>
<p>May 31<sup>st</sup> 1925</p>	<p>Visited the Wild Park at 7 am &amp; fixed up the camera on tree next to G. S. Woodpeckers nest attaching a string &amp; retiring behind bamboo clump. The birds returned boldly &amp; M. &amp; I soon had six shots between us.</p>

	<p>The birds were bringing great beakfulls of grubs &amp; when one returned it entered the nest hole &amp; remained inside until its mate returned, and called when the other would leave immediately.</p> <p>The Marsh Tits nest has been dug out. Saw Spotted Flycatchers &amp; the King fishers are hanging about on the roots outside upper holes.</p> <p>At 10 o'clock we went on to Coed Colwa &amp; tried for the Green Woodpeckers but they were very shy &amp; we failed completely.</p> <p>A Nightingale was singing all day in the thick stuff above the line, &amp; we saw a Water Rail on the moors &amp; heard a Grasshopper Warbler. Saw a Coot sitting on a nest on the moors.</p> <p>Watched the Green Woodpecker catching ants digging into the hills with powerful strikes &amp; leaving a hole &amp; then picking up the ants.</p>
June 1 <sup>st</sup> 1925	<p>Up to Wild Park at 7 am &amp; worked the G. S. Woodpeckers again getting 6 shots each. Did not see a sign of the young at entrance hole the adults entering as last week &amp; feeding inside.</p>
June 6 <sup>th</sup> 1925	<p>Flemingstone with M. in the afternoon. The Green W. peckers have either deserted or the young have gone.</p> <p>Saw some 20/24 Long Tailed Tits in this thicket &amp; found two Wood Pigeons nests with eggs.</p> <p>Visited the Jays nest in Coed Colwa &amp; found it deserted 3 eggs gone &amp; the remaining two cold.</p> <p>Found a Kestrels nest with 2 eggs in an old magpies near the top of an oak. A fine place &amp; the view from the nest over the surrounding country &amp; the wood was superb.</p>
June 7 <sup>th</sup> 1925	<p>Visited Wild Park at 7.30 am &amp; found that the G.S. Woodpeckers had left &amp; were among the trees of the wood.</p> <p>Saw a party of 10/12 Long Tailed Tits.</p> <p>Morrey fixed me up under a heap of Rhododendron boughs in front of the Kingfishers perch &amp; after an hours wait the bird returned &amp; I got five shots at it before it left again.</p>
June 9 <sup>th</sup> 1925	<p>We visited Coed Colwa on the evening only to find that the Kestrels eggs had gone. There are large numbers of Rooks, Jackdaws &amp; Crows in the wood &amp; have been for the last 3 weeks &amp; evidently they are responsible for the plundering of the Jays &amp; Kestrels nests.</p>
June 13 <sup>th</sup> 1925	<p>Field Day of Biological &amp; Geo Section &amp; Morrey took Belle &amp; I in his car to Margam Abbey.</p> <p>H.E. David led the party &amp; he told us he had been in Gower &amp; found the Puffins back on Worms Head, &amp; also had discovered a Merlins nest &amp; eggs among the heather on Rhossilli Down, &amp; a Peregrine at Yellow Tops.</p>
June 14 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Wild Park with Morrey at 7.30. M. tried for the Kingfishers while I wandered around seeing a Hedge Sparrows nest with young nearly fledged, a Greenfinch building in a tall</p>

1925	<p>Cypress about 15 feet from the ground, &amp; the young Magpies conducted by their parents in the wood.</p> <p>M. failed to get the Kingfishers so we went on to the reservoirs finding there Lesser B.B. Gull &amp; Herring Gull, also Sedge Warbler.</p> <p>Yellow Hammers &amp; Stonechat in field south of reservoir with fledged young.</p>
June 18 <sup>th</sup> 1925	<p>Mr Rees of Amesbury Rd. Invited me into his garden to see two sparrows which were nearly white. I had a good look at one thro glasses &amp; found it to be a juvenile, very light french grey in colour with a darker top to head. Yellow beak, flesh legs, &amp; dark eyes. A very beautiful bird to look at.</p>
June 20 <sup>th</sup> /22 <sup>nd</sup> 1925	<p>Left Cardiff with Morrey at 4.10 pm &amp; arrived at the flagstaff on Rhossilli Head at 7.20. Ravens &amp; Corn Buntings seen on the Head. Had some tea &amp; repaired a tyre &amp; then packed up &amp; walked down the cliff path at 10 pm carrying a blanket each, food, cameras &amp; hides. The crossing to Worms Head was barely uncovered, &amp; we got over in 25 mins. Put up several rats as we walked along the Inner Head &amp; the crossing of the Neck &amp; Devils Bridge was safely accomplished by 11 o'clock not without trouble &amp; labour however. Wrapping our blankets around us we lay down near the rocks separating the Lesser B.B. Gulls breeding ground from the Outer Head. The gulls were very restless &amp; some were calling &amp; flying around at 12.30 in fact it was 1.30 am before they were settled &amp; even then one or two were flying or calling at intervals.</p> <p>No sight or sound of Shearwaters or anything except gulls &amp; curlew.</p> <p>We slept until about 4.30 am when we started to walk around to get back some warmth. The morning was cloudy &amp; dull. Had some breakfast then started to work. Discovered the nest &amp; 2 eggs, of a pair of Great B.B. Gulls &amp; saw altogether 4 pairs of these fine birds on the Head. The Lesser B.B. Gulls have increased to about 20 pairs &amp; they had young, in one or two cases in the nest recently hatched. There were very many pairs of Herring Gulls, Guillemots &amp; Razorbills the former having young, also the Razorbills, while we saw many Guillemots eggs on their ledge, while some were feeding young.</p> <p>Descended the west face, on Front of the Head &amp; found the Cormorant colony. There were nine nests altogether. 4 with 3 youngsters in them, &amp; 5 with eggs, (4. 3. 2, &amp; two nests with 1).</p> <p>Here we saw Puffins for the first time a part of 6 floating on the sea below us. Later we traced them to the North face &amp; the end of the Guillemots ledge where they were returning carrying fish, &amp; evidently feeding young. They numbered about 6 pairs. Got some good shots at the Cormorants at close quarters also Razorbills &amp; a youngster.</p> <p>Got around to the west end of the Guillemot ledge &amp; secured some snaps from there, seeing 2 Ringed vars. &amp; getting some pictures of one of them.</p> <p>Other birds seen on the Head were Rock Pipits, Stonechat, Oystercatchers, Heron, (a solitary bird flying over &amp; mobbed by the gulls), Redshank, Curlew, &amp; Jackdaws. Saw a seal swimming among the rocks below the Cormorants nests, &amp; a school of Porpoise.</p> <p>We had to wait on the Head until 11 o'clock pm June 21<sup>st</sup>., before we could cross &amp; arrived back at the car on Rhossilli Head at midnight after a most enjoyable experience, although the crossing in the dark was no joke.</p>

	We got the stuff packed & the car on the move as quickly as possible as the wind on Rhossilli Head was bitterly cold. Stopped on the road just past the Port Eynon turn & made a cup of tea, & eventually we reached Cardiff at 3.20 am June 22 <sup>nd</sup> .
June 28 <sup>th</sup> 1925	Made a trip to Coed Colwa starting at 8 am.  The Sparrow Hawks have hatched their eggs & there are 4 young in the nest about 12 days old.  Found two more Wood Pigeons nests with eggs, & heard two Lesser Whitethroats singing at the edge (Flemingstone) of the wood, also saw here a Garden Warbler with fledged young.  Went across to have a look at the Moors & counted 15 Herons feeding there. Saw a Spotted Flycatcher the other side of the Rly line.
July 4 <sup>th</sup> 1925	To Flemingstone with Morrey in the afternoon. Put up a hide at the Wood Pigeons nest on the Flemingstone edge of Coed Colwa. Saw 7/8 snipe on the moors also Herons, Mallard, & many Lapwings & crows.  Ringlet, Speckled Wood, & Meadow Brown butterflies on the South edge of Coed Colwa. Red-backed Shrike male & fledged young in the hedge near crossways.  Entered Nov 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1925.
July 14 <sup>th</sup> 1925	Morrey reports three pairs of Lesser Terns nesting at the Leys two of which were busy feeding young. A new nesting site for this species in the County.
August 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1925	Large gathering of Swifts over Waterloo Gardens this evening.
August 6 <sup>th</sup> 1925	The House Martins nesting on our gable (22 Waterloo Rd.) hatched their eggs today & I picked up a shell under the nest this evening.
August 7 <sup>th</sup> 1925	Large number of Swifts seen over Newport Rd. this morning.
August 9 <sup>th</sup> 1925	Reservoirs at 7.15 am. Many Herring, Lesser B.B., & B. Headed Gulls. Very large flock Sand Martins, many Swifts, 4/5 Swallows, Common Sandpiper 1., Chiff Chaffs & Willow Warblers, nine Magpies, Robins singing, four Grey Wagtails.
August 30 <sup>th</sup> 1925	The young House Martins left the nest today giving a fledging period of 24/25 days.
September 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1925	Morrey reports from Sully numbers of Whitethroats, a few Grasshopper Warblers & one Turtle Dove.
Sept 6 <sup>th</sup> 1925	Visited Roath Park, & saw or heard Swallows, Sand & House Martins, Chiff Chaffs & Willow Warblers. On the lake the first Tufted Ducks, two, also 4 Little Grebes & many Moorhens adult & juv.
September 13 <sup>th</sup> 1925	Reservoirs at 7 am. One Lesser B.B. Gull, Herring & B. Headed Gulls, 1 Tufted Duck, 1 Little Grebe, 1 Spotted Flycatcher, Chiff chaffs, Willow Warblers, Swallows, Sand Martins, Kingfisher, Grey & Pied Wagtails & Meadow Pipits.
Sept 18 <sup>th</sup> 1925	Chiff Chaff at Roath Court.
Sept 20 <sup>th</sup> 1925	Set out for Reservoirs 9.30 am.

	<p><u>Roath Park Lake</u>. 4 Pochard, &amp; 2 Little Grebes &amp; saw in the park 6/8 Long Tailed Tits, &amp; Chiff chaff.</p> <p><u>Reservoirs</u>. 1 Tufted Dk., 2 Lesser B.B. Gulls, <u>Common</u>, &amp; B. Headed Gulls. 2 <u>Ring Plover</u>, Grey &amp; Pied Wagtails, Meadow Pipits, 4 Magpies, 3 Swallows &amp; a flock of 70/80 Sand Martins.</p>
Sept 22 <sup>nd</sup> 1925	Heard Chiff Chaff. Roath Court.
Oct 3 <sup>rd</sup> 1925	Heard Chiff Chaff. Waterloo Gardens.
Oct 4 <sup>th</sup> 1925	<p><u>Roath Park</u>. 6/8 Little Grebes on lake. Saw several Long Tailed Tits &amp; heard Song Thrush singing.</p> <p><u>Reservoirs</u>. 1 Tufted Dk. 1 Common, &amp; 1 Lesser B.B. Gull. Many Herring &amp; B. Headed Gulls. 1 <u>Coot</u>. Several Grey &amp; Pied Wagtails, Blue, Great, &amp; Long Tailed Tits, Greenfinches &amp; Linnets, Willow Warblers, Swallows &amp; Magpies.</p>
Oct 5 <sup>th</sup> 1925	Blackbird heard singing today.
Oct 11 <sup>th</sup> 1925	<p><u>Roath Park</u> 4 Little Grebes on lake. Saw several Long Tailed Tits.</p> <p><u>Reservoirs</u>. 9 Tufted Dk., 1 Coot., 1 Common, 1 Herring, &amp; several B. Headed Gulls, Swallows, flock of Linnets, 1 Stonechat, &amp; 20 Magpies.</p>
October 18 <sup>th</sup> 1925	<p><u>Roath Park</u>. One Little Grebe &amp; 40/50 Pochard on the lake. Green Woodpecker seen &amp; also a pair of Magpies on the road outside the Wild Park picking at a dead rat.</p> <p><u>Reservoirs</u>. 4 Coot, 13 Tufted Dks, 47 Pochard, 1 Kittiwake, Common, Herring &amp; B.Headed Gulls, also 2 Lesser Black Backs. 12/15 Long Tailed Tits.</p>
Oct 25 <sup>th</sup> 1925	<p><u>Roath Park</u>. On the lake 3 Teal. (2 male &amp; 1 female), &amp; 5 Little Grebes.</p> <p><u>Reservoirs</u>. 40 Pochard, 15 Tufted Dk., 6 Coot., Herring, Common, &amp; B'headed Gulls., 20 Magpies &amp; a large mixed flock of Greenfinches &amp; Linnets feeding near the ponds on the <u>seeds</u> of Knapweed.</p>
November 1 <sup>st</sup> 1925	<p><u>Roath Park</u>, Five Little Grebes on the lake.</p> <p><u>Reservoirs</u>. 75/80 Pochard, 30/35 Tufted Dk., 2 Wigeon male &amp; female., 1 Lesser B.B. Gull, Common, Herring &amp; B. Headed Gulls, 13 Coot, &amp; 7/8 Long Tailed Tits.</p>
November 4 <sup>th</sup> 1925	Redwings heard passing over St Margarets Church. 8.15 pm.
November 8 <sup>th</sup> 1925	<p><u>Roath Park</u>. One Little Grebe on the lake.</p> <p><u>Reservoirs</u>. 200 Pochard, 40 Tufted Dk., 1 Goldeneye. (ad. Female), 16 Coots, &amp; 20 Magpies.</p>
November 14 <sup>th</sup> 1925	Morrey reports from Kenfig Pool today 4 Bewicks Swans (ad.), & 1 Goosander female.
November 15 <sup>th</sup> 1925	Morrey reports from R. Park Lake 6 Pochard, & from Reservoirs. 200 Pochard, 70/80 Tufted Dk, 90/100 Coot, 1 Goldeneye, 3 Goldfinches.

November 22	<p><u>Roath Park Lake</u>. A mixed flock of Pochard, Tufted Duck, &amp; Coot. Saw a Kingfisher.</p> <p><u>Reservoirs</u>. 20/25 Pochard, 35/40 Tufted Duck, 200/250 Coot, 1 Little Grebe, Herring, Common, &amp; B. Headed Gulls, 2 Kingfishers.</p>
November 29	<p><u>Roath Park Lake</u>. Mixed flock of over 100 Tufted Duck, &amp; Pochard, also 30/40 Coot, &amp; 4 Black-headed Gulls.</p> <p><u>Reservoirs</u>. 18/20 Pochard, 25/30 Tufted Duck, 150 Coot, 2 Little Grebes, Herring &amp; B-headed Gulls, 1 Snipe, 1 male Bullfinch, 6/8 Redwings, 2 Stonechats, flock of 25/30 Goldfinches, Green Woodpecker digging for ants, Kingfisher, Grey &amp; Pied Wagtails.</p>
December 6	<p><u>Roath Park lake</u>. A large mixed flock of Tufted Duck, Pochard, &amp; Coot.</p> <p><u>Reservoirs</u>. 30/40 Tufted Duck, 80/100 Pochard, 150/170 Coot, 3 Goldeneye, 3 Snipe, 2 Dunlin, 1 Green Sandpiper, 6/8 Redwings, 1 Stonechat, Black-headed Gulls, 10/12 Magpies, Gray &amp; Pied Wagtails.</p> <p>Heard a Green Woodpecker shrieking at the top of its voice, &amp; saw it diving for the cover of a wood hotly pursued by a Sparrow Hawk who chased it into the trees, but appeared to lose it there &amp; give up the chase, the Woodpecker diving into the heart of the wood uttering unearthly cackles of laughter.</p>
December 13	<p><u>Roath Park lake</u>. Tufted Duck, Pochard &amp; Coot in numbers the latter predominating.</p> <p><u>Reservoirs</u>. 20 Tufted Duck, 50 Pochard, &amp; 6 Goldeneyes, the most we have seen together on the reservoirs, 175/200 Coot, few B-headed Gulls, 1 Sparrow hawk, 2 Bullfinches, Redwings 6/8, Kingfisher, Pied &amp; Grey Wagtails, Magpies 9/12.</p> <p>I explored the marsh below Morgans house, wading into the very centre &amp; putting up 1 Water Rail, the first I had seen in flight, &amp; 3 Jack Snipe. All the Jacks got up silently except one which uttered a very weak cry as it rose, something like the s c a a p of a Common but almost inaudible. The Water Rail dived back into cover after flying a short distance &amp; I could not put it up again.</p>
December 20	<p>Met Morrey at 9.30 AM.</p> <p><u>Lake Roath Park</u>. Large numbers of Coot, also many Tufted Ducks &amp; Pochard. <u>Reservoirs</u>. Black-headed, Common &amp; Herring Gulls, 25 Tufted Duck, 30 Pochard, 6 Goldeneye, about 150 Coot, 1 Common Snipe, 1 Kestrel &amp; many magpies.</p>
December 26	<p>Morrey called for me at 10 oclock AM &amp; we set off for Kenfig Pool arriving 11.15 AM. On the Pool we identified 4 adult Bewicks Swans, 3 Mute Swans, 1 Goldeneye, a fair number of Teal, Wigeon, &amp; Mallard, a few Shovelers &amp; Tufted Duck &amp; one or two Pochard. 1 Little Grebe, many Coot, 3 Cormorants, &amp; 1 Heron. Redshanks were heard but none seen, &amp; there was one Goldfinch among the dunes at north end of pool. We made for the beach to the West &amp; on arrival found Herring, Common, Black-headed, Great Black Backed Gulls &amp; one Kittiwake. Walked along the shore towards the entrance to Afon Kenfig seeing Oystercatchers, Ring Plovers, 16/20 Dunlin, &amp; 25/30 Sanderling. On the side of the river we spotted a goose which had been hidden by a ridge in the</p>

	<p>sand. When it saw us it squatted &amp; stretched its neck out horizontally &amp; remained quite still until we were some 70 yards away, when it rose without any great hurry &amp; flew off presenting its stern to us as it left. We had taken several good looks at it before it left &amp; noted pink beak with no band &amp; apparently white nail, uniform grey plumage side view showing no light markings. When it flew the tail was barred with one black band leaving a <u>broad white band</u> at the end of the tail &amp; a white one at the root, rump apparently light grey. It was evidently a Grey Lag Goose, probably immature as the light grey of the shoulders was not conspicuous in any way.</p> <p>We crossed the Afon Kenfig with difficulty &amp; the aid of a tree trunk as there was a flood coming down, &amp; struck across the old Gully to the Moors where we were fortunate enough to see several small parties of Geese 4 to 8 or 10 in number flying towards us from across the G.W.R. line. We dropped to earth &amp; they alighted in the fields immediately in front of us &amp; began to feed &amp; we had no difficulty in picking up the white faces of the White Fronted Goose. Altogether we saw about 30 as one or two more parties one numbering 8 came in &amp; alighted as we were eating lunch. Morrey set off to get nearer putting up a Water Rail enroute. Lapwings were busy feeding &amp; also a Heron. We set off to recross the Kenfig seeing among the trees on the stream side a Marsh Tit, 3 Long Tailed Tits, several Pheasants a Magpie &amp; a Green Woodpecker. Crossed the stream by way of a fallen tree &amp; made for the car, crossing the big open space where we had found the Redshank nesting on two occasions. Here on a mound we discovered the remains of a redwing, the head being left &amp; a mass of feathers &amp; some of the internal organs. The wings &amp; the legs etc. had gone &amp; the bird could not have been killed more than an hour, perhaps &amp; most probably by our friends the Merlins.</p>
December 27	<p>Out by myself at 9.30 AM.</p> <p><u>Roath Park Lake</u>. A fair number of Pochard, Tufted Duck, &amp; Coot but not nearly so many as last week.</p> <p><u>Reservoirs</u>. 2 Mallard male &amp; female, 20 Teal, 18 Pochard, 24 Tufted, 5 Goldeneye, 70/80 Coot, 25/20 Magpies in one flock, 10/12 Redwings, 1 Jay. Heard a Great Tit using "saw sharpening" notes, &amp; a Song Thrush in full song.</p> <p>Entered 30/12/25.</p>
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January 3	<p>Out with Murray 9.30 AM.</p> <p><u>R. Park Lake</u>. Tufted Ducks, Pochard &amp; Coot.</p> <p><u>Reservoirs</u>. 1 Goldeneye, 30 Tufted Duck, 18 Pochard, 75/100 Coot, 2 Lesser B.B. Gulls, Herring &amp; B'headed Gulls.</p>
January 10	<p><u>R. Park Lake</u>. Tufted Duck, Pochard, &amp; Coot.</p>

	<p><u>Reservoirs.</u> Tufted Duck 25, Pochard 20, Goldeneye 7 (1 ad male), Lesser B.B. Gull 1, Great B.B. Gull, 1 Juv., Herring &amp; B'Headed Gulls, Coot 70/80. Mistle Thrush singing.</p>
January 16	<p>Morrey saw a Brambling on Leckwith Common. Mr Grimes reports a Waxwing at corner of Linden Avenue, &amp; Tydraw Rd, in a birch tree.</p> <p>Heavy fall of snow night of 16<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup>.</p>
January 17	<p>H.M.S. out by himself.</p> <p><u>Reservoirs.</u> 2 ad male Goldeneye, Teal, Pochard, Tufted Duck, &amp; Coot. Mr Grimes reports a party of 6 Bullfinches in his garden 5 male &amp; one female.</p>
January 20	<p>Mr Grimes saw an Albinistic Redwing on the mud of the R.P. lake which has been drained.</p>
January 21	<p>I heard a Chaffinch singing today. Roath Court.</p>
January 24	<p>Out with Morrey 9.30 AM.</p> <p><u>R.P. Lake.</u> Tufted Duck, Pochard, Coot, Blackheaded Gulls &amp; 1 Little Grebe.</p> <p><u>Reservoirs.</u> Common, Herring, &amp; B'headed Gulls. 1 ad male &amp; 4 other Goldeneyes. 20 Tufted Duck, 18 Pochard, 70/80 Coot, 6 Magpies.</p>
January 31	<p>Out with Murray 9.30 AM.</p> <p><u>Lake.</u> Tufted Duck, Coot, &amp; many B'headed Gulls.</p> <p><u>Reservoirs.</u> 1 Lesser B.B. Gull. Common, Herring, &amp; B'headed Gulls, 20 Pochard, 24 Tufted Duck. 7 Goldeneyes (2 ad male &amp; one immat male), 50/60 Coot. 1 female Reed Bunting, 10 Magpies. Redwings 15/20. The immature male Goldeneye was evidently assuming 1st summer plumage. Head looked chocolate brown &amp; the white patches on lores were distinct but ill defined. Fore: Neck &amp; upper breast mostly white &amp; a lot of white dotted along the sides &amp; the body. Mantle dark grey spotted with a lot of white.</p> <p>Entered 2-2-26.</p>
February 6	<p>Saw a flock of 16/20 Blue Tits all together in Waterloo Gardens today.</p>
February 7	<p>With Morrey to the Reservoirs. Numbers of Gulls, 40/50 Coot, 12 Tufted Duck, 10 Pochard, 6 Goldeneye 2 ad male B. The male Goldeneye were displaying &amp; sketches were made &amp; notes taken of this. In first display the birds swam along quickly tails dragging low in water, heads &amp; breast raised &amp; lowered quickly half a dozen or 8 times, then the head thrust forward to full extent of neck, &amp; quickly thrown back until it touched &amp; rested on the back, beak pointing straight into the air &amp; closed, this position being held for some 5 or 6 seconds, when normal swimming attitude was resumed, &amp; the performance repeated. The second display was different. The head drawn back onto the shoulders beak open &amp; the breast thrust under water, at the same time the wings were partially opened &amp; the tail elevated, a jet of water being kicked up astern.</p>

	All these movements were simultaneous & done like lightning, the second movement being the stretching of the head & neck straight into the air beak open & in line with the neck.
February 14	Out by myself. A Snipe flew across the road as I passed along between the Wild Park & Llandennis Gardens. Lake completely drained. On the reservoirs where 1 Lesser B.B. Gull, Common & B'headed Gulls, 35 Tufted Duck, 15 Pochard, 6 Goldeneye 2 ad male. 25/30 Coot. The male Goldeneyes were displaying again but only No 2 display was seen. Saw a Sparrowhawk.
February 21	Out by myself. A flock of 30/40 Redwings in the Wild Gardens. On the Reservoirs were 20/25 Tufted Duck. 15/20 Pochard, 5 Goldeneye 3 female, 1 ad male & 1 immature male. 14 Coot, & 1 Black-necked Grebe.
February 28	Out by myself. On the reservoirs were 16 Tufted Duck, 6 Pochard, 1 Black-necked Grebe, 2 Great Crested Grebes, 10 Coot, 5 Goldeneye 2 ad & 1 immature male, Jay. Green Woodpecker, Crows 3, Magpies, Meadow Pipits, & 2 Grey Wagtails.  All the three male Goldeneyes had moved on to Llanishen & the three females were still on Lisvane. The G.C. Grebes were displaying head shaking & touching back with their beaks. 4 Lapwings on old breeding ground.
March 6	Out with Murray to Coed Colwa. Walked right along to the little copse overlooking Flemingston Moors where we spotted a flock of 50/60 geese feeding. Got onto line & identified them as White Fronted. Also saw on the moor Water Rail, huge flock of Lapwings, some Moorhens & a couple of Herons. Returning to Coed Colwa we found 7 or 8 Herons nests & some of the birds at home upon them.
March 7	Reservoirs with Morrey. 4 Lesser B.B. Gulls. Common, Herring, & B'headed Gulls. 1 G. Crested Grebe, 17 Tufted Duck. 7 Coot, 2 Mallard male & female, 6 Goldeneye (2 ad male & 1 immature on Llanishen, & 4 females on Lisvane), flock of 12 Magpies, 1 male Stonechat, & female Sparrowhawk.
March 13	To Hensol with Morrey. Very large numbers of Teal, & many Widgeon, Shoveler, & Mallard. Few Coot & 3 pairs G. Crested Grebes.
March 14	Reservoirs by myself. The male Goldeneyes have all gone. 3 female on Lisvane. 8 Tufted Duck, 6 Coot, one female Mallard, flock 8 Magpies. Found the Crows nest in the wood & also found a Mistle Thrush building in a small holly tree only 4 feet from ground by the fishponds.
March 21	Reservoirs with Morrey. The Mistle Thrush was sitting & has 2 eggs. Nothing but gulls on Llanishen. On Lisvane 3 female Goldeneye, 5 Tufted, & 7 Coot. A Chiff Chaff was singing in the wood nearest the huts, the first of our summer birds. Our attention was attracted to three wagtails, 2 of which were obviously Pied but the third looked lighter. They split up at our approach the two pied whose black backs were plainly to be seen passed us & light bird flew ahead by itself. When it alighted we got within a dozen yards of it & had a splendid sight of its back which was grey. The deep black bib which was

	<p>rounded off, leaving the shoulders grey, &amp; black head &amp; nape contrasted with the grey shoulders back &amp; rump, &amp; left us in no doubt that <u>this</u> at any rate was a male <u>White Wagtail</u> &amp; the first we had been able to identify with absolute certainty.</p> <p>Entered 21-3-26.</p>
March 28	<p><u>Wild Gardens &amp; Lake</u>. Two Tufted Duck &amp; a few Coot on lake. In W.G's, a small flock of Redwings were singing. Found a S. Thrushes nest partially built. Saw a pair of Long Tailed Tits, Tree Creepers &amp; a Bullinch.</p> <p><u>Reservoirs</u>. 4 Lesser B.B. Gulls, Herring &amp; B'headed Gulls, 3 Goldeneye female, 6 Tufted Duck, 3 Coot 18+ female Stonechats, 4 Chiff Chaffs. Mistle Thrushes nest has been plundered by Magpies. Pulled it to pieces &amp; found a good lot of mud used in foundation.</p>
April 1	Round lake & Wild Gdns with Noel. Chiff Chaff in W.G's.
April 2	Up to Blaen-Cwm with M. & Bert. Walked across mountain to Craig-y-llyn & back down Pen Puch. Saw a Wheatear, 9 Ravens, 1 Peregrine, Skylarks & Meadow Pipits. Found a spec. of Mottled Grey moth on Mynydd Blaen Rhondda. Found 2 Ravens nests one on Craig-y-llyn overlooking Llyn Fawr & one with young on Pen Puch one of the old birds being on brooding & remained for some time as we watched. Found specs of the following beetles which are additions to the Glam. list Peterosichus vitrens, & Aphodius lapponium, also a black var. of Quedius molochinus.
April 4	<p>Willow Warbler in Llandennis Gardens.</p> <p><u>Reservoirs</u>. Male &amp; female Shoveler, 3 male &amp; two female Tufted Ducks, male Mallard, 1 G.C. Grebe, 2 Common Sandpipers, Chiff Chaffs everywhere. Coot &amp; Goldeneyes all gone.</p> <p><u>Hoopoe</u> seen Lavernock by S.W. White.</p>
April 5	<p>Went with Belle &amp; the children to Cefn-on, &amp; spent day there. Chiff Chaffs &amp; Willow Warblers everywhere. Saw a pair of Little Owls in beech tree by the Cottage west of the Cwm farm.</p> <p><u>Hoopoe</u> seen Swanbridge by E. Lawder.</p>
April 6	To Coed Colwa with M. taking Belle & Noel with us. Seven Herons nests occupied, one with eggs & the rest young. Saw a Swallow at Bonvilston & another at Waterhall. Chiff Chaffs in Coed Colwa but no Willow Warblers.
April 10	Morrey saw two Sand Martins on the Leckwith Road.
April 11	<u>Wild Gardens</u> . Three Blackcaps singing in the wood. Found Blackbirds nest with 2 eggs, a Mallard sitting, & what looks like the Ceepers nest.

	<p><u>Reservoirs.</u> 1 G.C. Grebe, 1 male Tufted Duck, 3 Mallard 2 male, 6 Sand Martins, Mistle Thrush singing.</p> <p><u>Woods Covert.</u> No sign of Tree Pipits or Grasshopper Warb's.</p>
April 17	To Swansea with Morrey to join Swansea Naturalists trip to Penlly-gaer. Saw Heron, Coot, Mallard, Marsh & Coal Tits, Rooks, Jackdaws, Carrion Crows, Sand Martins, Willow Warblers & Chiff Chaffs.
April 18	<p><u>Reservoirs.</u> 1 common sandpiper, Tree Pipits, Common Whitethroats, Tufted Duck male &amp; female, Mallard, 8/10 Magpies in flock, many Sand Martins, 6 Swallows, put up Snipe in bog.</p> <p><u>Woods Covert.</u> Garden Warbler but nothing else.</p> <p>H. M. Hallett heard a cuckoo today.</p>
April 25	<p><u>Wild Gardens.</u> Cuckoo. Found following nests. Song Th. C/3, Blackbird C/5, Hedgesparrow 2, Greenfinch, two nests complete, Wren lining nest, Chaffinch building.</p> <p><u>Reservoirs.</u> 1 male Tufted Duck, 3 male Mallards, 2 Lesser B.B. Gulls, Sand Martins, Swallows, Tree pipits, Common Whitethroats, Willow Warbs, Chiff Chaffs, Chaffinch sitting, Mistle Thrush with young 5/6 days old. One Snipe in bog.</p> <p>H.M. Hallet put up a cock Red Grouse on the Garth Mountain today.</p>
April 29	<p>Up to Woods Covert in the evening, but heard or saw nothing but a Tawny Owl.</p> <p>Morrey reports Swifts, House Martins, &amp; Redstarts from Brecks.</p>
April 30	I saw two Swifts at Radyr.
May 2	<p>Started for Builth with M. at 6.45 AM. Picked up Arthur Brook there &amp; set off for a Peregrines nest among the hills 6 miles north of Rhyader.</p> <p>Found 3 eggs in a this seasons Ravens nest from which the lining of hair &amp; wool had not been removed. Fixed up M. in the hide &amp; A.B. &amp; I set off over the hills as far as the old Aberystwyth road finding a Kestrels fresh scrape &amp; seeing a peregrine attacking a pair of Buzzards. I went down on rope to hide to release M. who had had no luck.</p> <p>Back to Builth at 7.00 PM &amp; out along the old Brecon road to a Buzzards nest built low down (15 feet from ground) in a small oak. One egg only in nest &amp; the bird sitting. In nest were fresh green leaves &amp; a spray of Mountain Ash also three or four tufts of mountain grass. A lot of fresh larch twigs were woven into rim of nest also Honey suckle &amp; stems bearing fresh green leaves. Egg red well marked. Heard Wood Warblers. Left Builth 9.00 PM arriving home midnight.</p>
May 9	<u>Wild Gardens.</u> The Kingfishers are feeding young. Found a Greenfinches nest with 5 eggs & saw a pair of Coal Tits, & heard & saw a Lesser Whitethroat.

	<p><u>Reservoirs</u>. 6 Common Sandpipers, very large numbers of Swifts &amp; Sand Martins, also four Swallows &amp; House Martins.</p> <p><u>Woods Covert</u>. No sight or sound of Turtle-doves, or Grasshopper Warblers.</p>
May 12	A pair of House Martins returned to our house (22 Waterloo Rd) today.
May 16	<p><u>Wild Gardens</u>. Found a Long Tailed Tits nest in the wood, which had been pulled to pieces. This is the first nest recorded since winter 1916/17.</p> <p><u>Reservoirs</u>. 5 or 6 immature gulls, 1 G.C. Grebe, 1 Common Sandpaper, very many Swifts, a few Sand Martins, 2 House Martins, 5 or 6 Swallows, Pied Wagtails nest with 5 eggs, Chaffinches nest with young, the young Mistle Thrush has one on the wing.</p>
May 23	Hensol with M. Saw a male R.B. Shrike near Radyr, & a Goldfinch near Hensol. G.C. Grebes with young on the lake. Found two Ring-doves with young. On upper pond a pair of Coot with 7 young. Only 3 Herons nests all with young. Found a Wood Warblers nest with 6 eggs.
May 24	Up to Capel-y-ffin with M. to peregrine which has laid on ledge below last seasons Ravens nest. There are 3 eggs. Hid Morrey up in old hide but although the falcon returned she would not stay. Found a Meadow Pipits nest with 4 eggs & saw male Redstart. Ring Ouzels singing all along the screes in the valley. Saw four peregrines altogether.
May 25 <sup>th</sup> 1926	Morrey went to Dinas Powis & saw a nest with young Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. Nest hole in upright of an ornamental pergola
May 30 <sup>th</sup> 1926	Hensol with M. & worked the Wood Warblers. Very good sitters & secured several of the female on a small sycamore growing over the nest. The male also came several times & hung around fluttering suspended over the nest. He does not use the alarm note which the female so constantly utters
June 5 <sup>th</sup>	To Hensol by myself to try the Wood Warblers again. Found nest robes only one egg remaining. The male was singing near the fence. Saw a family party of Marsh Tits, also Tree Creepers & a Great Spotted Woodpecker
June 6 <sup>th</sup> 1926	<p>Set off for Capel-y-ffin with Morrey. Saw a Yellow Wagtail between Usk &amp; Abergavenny. Going up the Llantony Valley saw a Redstart near Hoopers Cottage &amp; another was singing in the trees near the Monastery above Capel-y-Ffin. On nearing the rocks we spotted the Peregrine on the ledge &amp; so knew it was all OK. Were greeted by the pair who flew around chattering with rage the cocks notes being pitched higher than his mates. The three eggs had hatched &amp; the youngsters looked to be 5/6 days old. Had Morrey Shut up in good time &amp; left him at 11 AM. Making my way across the upper valley &amp; over the rise where I could watch thro my glasses.</p> <p>Both birds flew backwards &amp; forwards for some time &amp; then the cock disappeared. The female twice alighted on the ledge but left quickly each time &amp; flew past the hide chattering with rage. Every now &amp; then she alighted on some favourite perch &amp; rested for a few moments before returning to her beat up &amp; down past the nesting ledge with many checks as though she was going to alight</p>

	<p style="color: red;">Need to check if page has been missed</p> <p>partially covered &amp; brooded for some time, but the young were restless &amp; were constantly poking their heads out compelling her to rise. She looked up skyward &amp; uttered one or two loud "hacks" &amp; the male swished past the hide &amp; circled around "Kecking" uneasily, but she took no further notice of him &amp; he soon sheared off. The youngsters also put out their heads &amp; seemed to be watching their father as though expecting food. They were undoubtedly hungry &amp; would not settle down properly. Changing the slide did not disturb the falcon but resetting the shutter was a difficult job. She caught a movement &amp; immediately stood with an angry ??? lifting one wing as she turned &amp; walked hurriedly to the extreme end of the ledge where she stood "hacking" loudly. Then she turned &amp; walked swiftly back &amp; settled on the young. Flattening them once more &amp; sending showers of dust to her rear as she scratched with her feet.</p> <p>She settled down to a long spell of brooding &amp; became so used to noise etc. she soon took no notice of anything in fact &amp; gently pushed the corner of my handkerchief thro the peep hole, as a signal to Morrey without her moving &amp; she stuck on the young until Morrey was on the ledge behind the "hide" and she went off even then with reluctance. Her chin is quite white, throat with a very few small black streaks &amp; breast heavily streaked. I had been in the hide for over 3 hours so Morrey took another turn &amp; I cleared off. I saw her back on the ledge 10 minutes after I left &amp; at 5.5 o'clock I heard the male calling the long drawn "e-e-e-Meh", "e-e-e-Meh", "e-e-e-eeep" food call &amp; the female left the ledge &amp; returned almost immediately carrying something. M. saw it was a pigeon &amp; as she took up her stand on the ledge with her back to the lens he was not able to do anything but watch.</p> <p>She fed the young for 20 mins &amp; then left carrying the carcass with her to a perch a little way off from the ledge where she apparently left it &amp; returned immediately to the young. Morrey pushed out the signal &amp; I climbed up &amp; released him at 5-35 PM. This was the only time the young ones were fed from 10-30 AM.</p> <p>I fancy the female must have been feeding them when we arrived at that time as she was standing on the ledge doing something &amp; was not brooding them.</p> <p>When landing on the ledge the female flew in at a fine pace &amp; alighted with a heavy thud, her wings flapping loudly.</p> <p>During the time the female was feeding the young. The male was perched on a rock a little way off also apparently feeding himself.</p> <p>Morrey saw six Red Grouse on the top above Tarren-yr-Escob rocks &amp; I saw altogether 3 pairs of Redstarts, Wheatears, Tree Pipits, Fledged Ring Ouzels, Meadow Pipits, Carrion Crows, Willow Warblers right up to the top of Tarren-yr-Escob &amp; five Peregrines. Wood Warbler singing in the wood behind monastery</p>
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<p>June 13<sup>th</sup> 1926</p>	<p>M. being away Miss Acland called for me &amp; we went to Capel-y-ffin to see if she could get some pictures of the peregrine. The pair met us as we struck the path up the rocks shouting vociferously &amp; swooping around. Hid up until 7 P.M. but had no luck. Birds seen in valley in addition to those mentioned on the 6<sup>th</sup> Two pairs of Wood Warblers, one in monastery wood &amp; one in small wood half way up valley above, Lesser</p>
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	Whitethroat, Tawny Owl, Whinchat, Green Woodpecker, Pair of Goldfinches near Llanfihangel Crucorney.
June 19th	Belle & I went to Kenfig Pool with the B. & G. section. Met S.W. white. Saw 2 Lesser B.B. Gulls 25/30 Mallard, pair of Shoveler. 3/4 Shelduck, 6/8 Redshank, 1 Snipe, Partridge, Wheatears, Lapwing, Meadow-pipits, Skylarks.
June 20 <sup>th</sup> 1926	M. still away so Miss Acland & Miss Ware picked me up & we went to Capel-y-ffin.  Shut Miss A. into hide & Miss Ware & I set off over the moor to the Cairn at Balmawr. Put up one Grouse & saw several Ring Ouzels carrying food. Ring Ouzels still singing. Saw Goldfinches near Cwmyoy. Adults very fierce & the male came swooping down at me swishing over my head with a fierce noise & only some 20 feet above & as I left after fixing Miss A into the hide.
June 27th	<p>Capel-y-ffin with Morrey at 7.30 A.M. Took a turn in hide from 1 P.M. to 7 P.M.</p> <p>Saw in valley Whitethroats, Tree-pipits, Willow Warblers, fledged Redstarts, fledged Whinchats, &amp; Wheatears. Ring Ouzels have ceased to sing. Saw Heron near Llanthony Abbey &amp; Spotted Flycatcher. Between Usk &amp; Abergavenny two Turtle-doves &amp; coming home Barn Owl flying around 9 P.M.</p> <p><u>June 27<sup>th</sup> 1926 Peregrine @ Capel-y-ffin</u></p> <p>Morrey shut me into the "hide" at 1 P.M. &amp; left. Two young are huddled together pressed against the rock behind a tuft of grass. The third is standing propped against the rock at the far end of the ledge, facing the hide. They remained like this except for an occasional snap or shake of the head when a blue bottle fly worries them. The ledge is filthy &amp; most of the grass trampled &amp; dead. The only remains I can see are a couple of pigeon legs picked clean.</p> <p>At three o'clock the smallest of the three, evidently, by his size, a male, shakes himself free of his sister who is lying on top of him, stretches a wing along his foot, &amp; walks to the edge of the ledge &amp; peers over &amp; all around, casting an eye on the sky. His plumage is more advanced than either of his sisters &amp; his barred breast &amp; flank feathers are showing very noticeably. The other two immediately wake up &amp; all line the ledge &amp; look around, stretching themselves &amp; pushing each other over as they stretch out a wing. They remained like this for some half hour &amp; then the two females lie down, but the male mounts guard standing on the edge &amp; peering all around watching passing birds with a keen eye &amp; head on one side. He is also vastly interested in the doings of his sisters who are preening themselves. They all return to the inner rock &amp; lie down at four o'clock remaining quiet until 5.30 when they once more break into activity. The male is the first to make a move again &amp; he indulges in a bout of wing flapping &amp; his sisters follow his example making the down fly. Evidently hungry one of the females gets hold of one of the pigeons legs &amp; holding it down firmly in her talons begins to tear at it but with little success. The male watches this proceeding keenly. The second &amp; larger female now takes a turn at the pigeons leg &amp; she is stronger &amp; manages to get a</p>

	<p>few of the remaining bits of flesh away which she swallows. After five mins. She retires &amp; the male takes his turn but he tries to get the toes off &amp; tears at them in vain. At 5.50 P.M. they are all preening, &amp; ten mins. later they begin to sing excitedly a squeaking cry &amp; the mother lands on the ledge with a thump bringing a big bird in her talons.</p> <p>I fire off, &amp; she flings herself away backwards taking the food with her. The young look around eagerly but she does not return &amp; eventually they creep back to the rock &amp; huddle up there, where they remain until S turns up &amp; releases me at 7 o'clock after a six hour sitting. Immediately I appear from the tent &amp; look over the top the young all break into the harsh yack yack yack of their parents who are also yelling as they fly around. The tiercel is evidently very fed up, for he circles above his mate &amp; several times closing his wings he drops like a stone upon her, &amp; she immediately she sees him coming stops her cries &amp; dashes off avoiding his stoop with a sudden turn &amp; a sharp cry.</p> <p>It is a wonderful sight to watch them circling around banking at acute angles &amp; turning sharply, dropping suddenly with half closed wings or sweeping upwards on wide spread and motionless wings.</p>
July 4 <sup>th</sup> 1926	<p>Capel-y-ffin &amp; the peregrines with M. &amp; Bert Evans. Saw a R.B. Shrike between Caerleon &amp; Usk, a Turtle-dove between Usk &amp; Abergavenny, &amp; a Lesser Spotted Woodpecker near Cwmyoy. The young peregrines are all safe &amp; look fit to leave. The young male made off when we appeared at back of hide &amp; fluttered to a ledge out of range of the camera. Took first turn 11 to 1.30 but no luck. M took 1.30 to 7 P.M. &amp; got one as the female returned with a pigeon at 6.15 P.M.</p>
July 25 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Around the lake with Noel. Found four specs o B perla on the usual wall, 2 Little Grebes, a brood of 4 mallard just hatched &amp; another brood of 3 a week old.</p> <p>Brood of 3 Moorhen just out. Bullfinch in Wild Gardens.</p>
August 1 <sup>st</sup> 1926	<p>Took Noel for a walk to Rumney &amp; down to Llanrumney Hall, across the river to Morgans Tea Gdns. Willow Warblers singing softly.</p> <p>In evening 4:30 to 6 P.M. a large flight of ants attracted hundreds of gulls Herring &amp; B.-headed which were catching them.</p>
August 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<p>Willow Warbler singing at Cefn On.</p>
August 6 <sup>th</sup>	<p>St Fagans in evening with Miss Acland. Ringed Swallows in the saw mill sheds. Found Stock-doves nest with one well grown young in hollow oak. Heard Tawny &amp; Little Owls.</p>
September 12 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Self only. No birds on the Roath Park Lake. <u>Reservoirs</u> 12 Lesser B.B., a few Herring &amp; Common, &amp; many B-headed Gulls. Many Pied &amp; Grey Wag's, Swallows, Sand &amp; House Martins. 1 male Tufted DK, 3 Linnets, 1 Kingfisher, 1 Green Woodpecker, 1 Wheatear, 4 common Sandpipers and 3 [11] Greenshank. Morgan told me the latter arrived in the middle of August. They are the first I have seen.</p>

Sept 19 <sup>th</sup>	Five little Grebes on the R.P. Lake. <u>Reservoirs</u> 9 Lesser B.B. Gulls, Common, Herring & Black-headed gulls, 1 G.C. Grebe, 4 male Tufted Dks, 1 Coot, 1 Greenshank, 2 Linnets, 4 Pied Wag's 6 /8 Swallows, 6 /8 Meadow Pipits.
Sept 25 <sup>th</sup>	Miss Acland reports on the shore below Peterstone Wentloog, (Mon) 1 Wheatear, & 1 Whimbrel.
Sept 26 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Reservoirs</u> . 3 Lesser B.B., Herring, Common, & B-headed Gulls, 1 G.C. Grebe, 8 Tufted DK (7 males), 1 Little Grebe, Green & Great Spotted Woodpeckers, Sparrow Hawk, Few Grey & 10 /12 Pied Wagtails. Small flocks of Skylarks, Linnets, Greenfinches, Chaffinches, & Meadow Pipits. 2 /3 Goldcrests, 3 Wheatears, 1 House Martin, & several Swallows.
October 3 <sup>rd</sup> 1926	<u>R. P. Lake</u> 4 Pochard, 2 Tufted DK  <u>Reservoirs</u> 16 Lesser B.B. Gulls, 1 G.C. Grebe, 1 Little Grebe, 4 Wigeon (1 male), 11 tufted DK, Wheatears & Swallows.
October 5 <sup>th</sup> 1926	3 Landrails reported seen at Flemingstone by S.W. White
Oct 10 <sup>th</sup>	<u>R.P Lake</u> 2 Little Grebes  <u>Reservoirs</u> 3 Lesser B.B., Herring & B-headed gulls, 13 Tufted DK, 1 Grey Wag, 6 /8 Pied Wag's Meadow Pipits, 2 /3 Swallows
Oct 17 <sup>th</sup>	<u>R.P. Lake</u> 5 Little Grebes, 1 Coot.  <u>Reservoirs</u> 7 Lesser B.B., Common, Herring & B-headed gulls, 1 G.C. Grebe, 1 Little Grebe, 14 Tufted DK (11 males) 1 male Pochard, 5 Grey & 1 Pied Wags, 1 House Martin, large flock Linnets, pair Bullfinches, 2 Snipe in bog.  H.M. Hallett reports Wheatear at Sully.
Oct 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Morrey reports flock 25/30 Fieldfares
Oct 24 <sup>th</sup>	<u>R.P. Lake</u> 6 Pochard, 6 Tufted, 5 little Grebes.  <u>Reservoirs</u> Common, Herring, & B-headed gulls, 2 G.C. Grebes, 3 Pied & 1 Grey Wag, 12 Pochard, 20 Tufted, 1 female Goldeneye, 17 Coot, 1 Swallow, 1 Snipe, 1 Stonechat, Flock Linnets. One of the G.C. Grebes flew up from Lisvane & alighted in Llanishen. Looks a very black & white bird & when alighting spread its legs far apart & behind hanging down & struck the water breast first.
Oct 30 <sup>th</sup>	Morrey reports flock of Redwings.
Oct 31 <sup>st</sup>	<u>R.P. Lake</u> 4 Little Grebes, 6 Tufted DK.  <u>Reservoirs</u> Common, Herring, & B-headed Gulls, 1 G.C. Grebe, 1 female Goldeneye, 75 Pochard, 32 tufted, 60/70 Coot, 1 Swallow.

Nov 7 <sup>th</sup> 1926	R.P. Lake 2 Little Grebes, 3 Tufted DK, 4 Pochard, 3 Coot.  <u>Reservoirs</u> Common, Herring, & B-headed Gulls, 1 G.C. Grebe, 1 Goldeneye female, 75/80 Pochard, 30 Tufted, 100/120 Coot. Song Thrush singing.
November 14 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Reservoirs</u> Common, Herring, & B-headed Gulls, 60 Pochard, 30 Tufted, 1 female Goldeneye 150 Coot, 4 Fieldfares, 1 Goldfinch, 1 Grey Wag.
Nov 15 <sup>th</sup>	Song Thrush singing well in Waterloo Gardens
Nov 18 <sup>th</sup>	Morrey reports 4 Black-necked grebes on Kenfig Pool.
Nov 21 <sup>st</sup>	Self only. <u>Reservoirs</u> Common, Herring, & B-headed Gulls, 30 Pochard, 60 Tufted, 1 female Goldeneye, 1 Black-necked Grebe.  Male Sparrow-hawk chasing a small bird.
Nov 28 <sup>th</sup>	Seven Little grebes on Lake.  <u>Reservoirs</u> Only 2 gulls. 130 Coot, 80 Pochard, 30 Tufted, 1 female Goldeneye, 25/30 Redwings
December 5 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Reservoirs</u> Self only. No gulls at all. 140 Coot, 40 Pochard, 24 Tufted, 1 female Goldeneye, and an adult male & female Smew. The first male I have seen in full adult white plumage.
December 11 <sup>th</sup>	By myself to mouth of Rumney river on Monmouthshire side. Long-tailed tit, Grey Wag. 8 Skylarks, 8/10 Shelduck, 20 Carrion Crows, 13 in one flock, huge flocks of Dunlin, small flocks of Redshank, several Godwits ? sp.
Dec 12	<u>Reservoirs</u> No gulls. 120/130 Coot, 25 Tufted, 18/20 Pochard, 1 female Goldeneye, 1 female Mallard, 1 Grey Wag.
Dec 18 <sup>th</sup>	By myself to mouth of Rumney, Mon side. 1 Peregrine, Flock Redwings, flocks Dunlin, 2 Redshank, numbers of Grey Plover, 4 Shelduck, 1 Great B.B gull, Skylarks, & Meadow-pipits. Got to within four feet of a solitary Dunlin among the small pools & it ran along in front of me for some distance.
December 19 <sup>th</sup> 1926	<u>Reservoirs</u> No gulls. 21 Tufted, 26 Pochard 4 Goldeneyes all female or juv's, 140 Coot, 3 Grey Wags, 6/8 Redwings.
Dec 26 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Reservoirs</u> Herring, Common, & B.-headed gulls, 200 Coot, 50 Pochard, 25 Tufted DK, 5 Goldeneye, 1 ad.male, 2 Common snipe in bog.
January 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1927	<u>Reservoirs</u> Herring, Common, & B.-headed gulls, 175 Coot, 34 Pochard, 21 Tufted, 4 Goldeneye (1 ad. Male)
January 4 <sup>th</sup>	Great Tit using spring call.

Jan 9 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Reservoirs</u> Huge flock of gulls mostly Black-headed. 200 Coot, 35/40 Pochard, 16/20 Tufted, 5 Goldeneye (1 ad Male) 1 Grey Wagtail.
Jan 12 <sup>th</sup>	Mistle Thrush singing.
Jan 16 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Reservoirs</u> Very foggy Self only. Common, Herring & B.H. gulls 160/170 Coot, 40 Pochard, 25 tufted, 4 goldeneye (1 ad Male). The adult male Goldeneye got up from the water close to me in the fog & demonstrated its local name of Rattlewing very clearly. The sound of its wings was a creaky whistle which was very loud & attracted my attention to the flying bird.  Miss Acland reports 6 Bewicks Swans on Kenfig pool.
Jan 30 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Reservoirs</u> Herring, Common & B-headed gulls, 170/180 Coot, 23 Pochard, 20 Tufted, 6 Goldeneye (1 ad Male) , 1 G.C. Grebe.  Picked up dead miniature male Tufted DK  Th ad. Male Goldeneye was displaying. Kicks up a jet of water behind with its feet & shakes his head after each display. Two females doing the same as they swam with him only not so fully; the kick often missing & the neck stretching very half-hearted & scamped.
Jan 31 <sup>st</sup>	Chaffinch singing.
February 1 <sup>st</sup> 1927	Blackbird in full song.
Feb 6 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Reservoirs</u> Herring, Common, & B-headed gulls, 140 Coot, 14 tufted, 6 Pochard, 5 Goldeneyes (1 ad Male) Hedge Sparrows singing.
Feb 27 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Reservoirs</u> Common, Herring, & B-headed gulls. 1 Lesser B.B. Gull, 120 Coot, 4 Goldeneye (1 ad. Male) 16 Tufted, 2 Pochard. One Black-headed gull with full hood.
March 6 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Reservoirs</u> Herring, Common & B-headed gulls, 80 Coot, 7 Tufted DK, 2 Pochard, 3 Goldeneye (1 ad male), 5 Magpies, 10 redwings, 1 Slavonian Grebe. First winter plumage. Very brown on head & back & front of neck. Tufts on head just showing. Coltsfoot in bloom.
March 13 <sup>th</sup>	Pochard & Tufted DK on Lake.  <u>Reservoirs</u> Black-headed & 2 Lesser B.B. gulls, 42 Coot, 5 Tufted, 3 Goldeneye all females, 3 redwings, Lapwing, 1 Slavonian Grebe the same bird as last week. Top of head turned nearly black, cheeks clouded black, chin black, Reddish-brown streak behind eye to nape, reddish neck, white breast, dark stripe down back of neck. Sketched the bird roughly.  Wood anemones in bloom.
March 20 <sup>th</sup> 1927	Only Tufted DK on Lake.

	<p><u>Reservoirs</u> Herring &amp; 2 Lesser B.B. gulls, 28 Coot, 6 Tufted, 2 Mallard, 1 Pochard, 2 Goldeneye both female, 2 Curlew, flock of 12 Lapwings, 1 Slavonian Grebe.</p> <p>Male Sparrowhawk soaring like a Buzzard over south dam of Llanishen rising in spirals to a great height, but had to flap wings at least once to every spiral.</p>
March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Mr Grimes reports a Common Whitethroat in his garden today.
March 27 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Self only. Three Tufted DK on the lake. Visited the Wild Gardens &amp; the first thing I saw was a carrion Crow busy breaking off small twigs from the White Poplar near the S.E. gate. On reaching the shelter I spotted a Crows nest partially built in one of the big Poplars in the centre of the wood. This is a new breeding species for the Park. Watched from the shelter &amp; both birds returned to the nest bringing small twigs which they added. Also found two Blackbirds nests, one with 2 eggs &amp; one with three eggs, a Song Thrushes with 4 eggs, &amp; a Mistle Thrushes partially built. On to the <u>Reservoirs</u> where I was joined by H.M.S. Found a Mistle Thrushes nest with 4 eggs in a small Beech tree some 10 feet up, near the stable &amp; in a good position for photography. Birds on water 1 B-headed Gull, 2 female Goldeneyes, 2 Tufted DK, 20 Coot, several Meadow-pipits, 1 Pied Wagtail, 2 Lapwings. Over to <u>Woods Covert</u> &amp; found a last seasons Bullfinches nest &amp; saw two pairs of these birds. No sound <u>or sight</u> of Chiff Chaffs.</p>
March 31 <sup>st</sup>	Norton & Welhanty report hearing the Chiff Chaff at Cefn Mabley. March 20 <sup>th</sup>
April 3 <sup>rd</sup> 1927	<p>Self only. 1 male Tufted DK on the lake.</p> <p><u>Wild Gardens</u> Crows nest nearly completed &amp; birds busy lining it. Very wary &amp; quiet at their work. Found a pair of Goldcrests busy building a nest among a tuft of ivy growing at the top of a dead branch some 20 feet from ground. Saw a pair of Long Tailed Tits in the wood, also a pair of Marsh tits, &amp; twice heard a G.S.W'pecker. Kingfishers heard calling on the brook.</p> <p><u>Reservoirs</u>. 1 Herring &amp; 2 lesser B.B. Gulls. 1 G.C. Grebe, 2 Tufted DK, 1 female Goldeneye, 14 Coot, 2 Chiff Chaffs in wood west Llanishen Res. Also saw there a flock of 10 Magpies all perched in the same tree. Sometimes they were perched in pairs all over the tree, but constantly changed places, hopping about &amp; grouping themselves in various formations, chattering all the time. One would occasionally fly off and then return. A pair of Common Crows have built a nest in this wood. Pair of Lapwings in east fields.</p>
April 5 <sup>th</sup>	Mr Grimes reports seeing a Willow Warbler in his garden today.
April 19 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Nothing on the lake. In the Wild Gardens the Crow was sitting on the nest &amp; its mate was perched on a branch over it. Morrey turned up &amp; we had a look around finding Song Thrush with 3 eggs, a Blackbird with 2 eggs, &amp; a Robin building. Marsh Tits hanging around 1925 nesting site.</p> <p><u>Reservoirs</u> 5 Lesser B.B. &amp; 4 Herring Gulls, 1 G.C Grebe, 1 female Goldeneye, 4 Tufted DK, 7 Coot, 2 Jackdaws, 3 Lapwings, Redshank, 3 Wheatears 1male 2 female, 2 Sand</p>

	<p>Martins, 1 House Martin, 3 Willow Warblers, Chiff Chaffs everywhere. Visited Mistle Thrushes nest &amp; found only one youngster &amp; 1 addled egg in nest. In Woods Covert heard Chiff Chaffs &amp; 1 Willow Warbler &amp; put up a Common Snipe.</p>
April 14 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Morrey called for me at 6.30 P.M. &amp; we went to the Reservoirs &amp; put up a tripod in the tree opposite the Mistle Thrushes nest &amp; a hide on the ground below. Very dull &amp; a fine rain was falling. Morrey went off &amp; I walked around the reservoirs seeing the following 2 female Wheatears, 4 Lesser B.B. gulls, 1 Little Grebe, 5 Tufted DK, 2 Shoveler male &amp; female, 6 Coot &amp; 1 pied Wagtail. Willow Warblers singing. Walked home thro the park. 2 Tufted DK on the lake.</p>
April 15 <sup>th</sup> 1927	<p>Morrey called at 8.15 A.M. &amp; we set off to try the Mistle Thrush at the Reservoirs. Soon had camera fixed &amp; during the morning secured seven exposures each. Had to step up one side of nest as the birds came there &amp; were cut in half by one of the branches.</p> <p>One of the pairs nearly always stayed around &amp; picked up food in front of the hide &amp; below the nest never going more than 50 to 80 feet away, &amp; flying straight up with a capture. Heard a number of Willow Warblers &amp; 1 Tree Pipit. Saw Small White &amp; two Comma butterflies.</p> <p>Also noted common Wren &amp; Great Tits. I find these had not been previously recorded although frequently seen.</p>
April 17 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Self only. One Tufted DK on the lake. In <u>Wild Gardens</u> the Crow was sitting hard. Found another pair of Mistle Thrushes building. Saw a pair of Long Tailed Tits, one carrying a feather but failed to follow its flight line. Gold Crests still busy at their nest, one Chiff Chaff in wood. On to the <u>Reservoirs</u>. No gulls. 2 Great Crested Grebes both adults &amp; displaying (head shaking, etc) 6 Coot, 5 Tufted DK, Tree Pipit, Chiff Chaffs &amp; Willow Warbs. Young Mistle Thrush still in nest. Only Chiff Chaffs &amp; Willow Warbs, in <u>Wood Covert</u>.</p>
April 18 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Spent the day on the Garth Mountain with Belle &amp; the children. Chiff Chaffs, Willow Warblers, Stonechat, Lesser B.B. Gulls flying over. Pair of Pied Wagtails nest building. Several Brimstone butterflies. H.M. Hallett reports Swallow at Tongwynlais, &amp; Morgan the Reservoir Keeper Common Sandpipers on Llanishen &amp; Lisvane Res.</p> <p>A sunny, hot day.</p>
April 19 <sup>th</sup> 1927	<p>Very cold &amp; dull. Around the reservoirs at 7.PM. seeing 4 Tufted Duck, 4 Coot, 1 ad G.C.Grebe, 3 Sand Martins &amp; 10 Common sandpipers</p>
April 24 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Met Morrey at the Wild Gardens. Crow still sitting all right. Robin has 5 eggs. I found the long tailed Tits nest built at the top of a dead tree among the ivy at the N.W. end of the wood. The birds were still busy lining it. Male tufted Duck on the lake. Willow Warbs, &amp; Chiff Chaff in the wood.</p> <p>Reservoirs 1 Wheatear female, 2 Teee Pipits, 25/30 Swallows, 18/20 Sand Marting, 2 Swifts, 9 Common Sandpipers, 4 Tufted Duck (2 pairs), 1 ad G.C.Grebe. All Coot gone Across to Woods Covert, nothing but Willow Warb &amp; Chiff Chaffs. Found a Tawny Owls</p>

	nest with 2 young about 8/10 days old in a Hollow Oak on the edge at S.W. corner of the wood. The old bird was at home & flew off when the tree was tapped. The youngsters were surrounded by the hind quarters of no less than seven partially grown rats.
April 26 <sup>th</sup> 1927	Morrey called at 5.50 P.M. & we set off to try the Tawny Owl at Woods Covert. Set up hide & M got inside with Camera. I tapped the tree & the old bird shuffled & flew off giving M. a chance as she came out. Bird did not return until 50 minutes later & then dived into the cleft without checking her flight & giving no earthly chance of a snap. Changed places with M & got a shot as she came out again in response to M's tapping. Stayed in hide until sunset but was disturbed by people picking flowers. Packed up & stopped up most of cleft in tree with a branch leaving only a small entrance hole withdrew & watched & the owl returned in 15 minutes & had to alight, but dived in very quickly all the same. Heard Grasshopper Warbler singing & got very close to it as we returned thro the wood 8-45 PM.
April 29 <sup>th</sup> 1927	Made another attempt at the Tawny owl at 6-30 P.M. Got a focal plane snap as she came out & then Morrey shut me I the hide where I remained until sunset, but she did not return. Packed up & had a look thro the big trees behind & spotted one of the birds perched low down & close in to one of the tree trunks, perfectly motionless. Heard a Cuckoo & saw some 8/10 Swifts
April 30 <sup>th</sup>	6/8 Swifts over Clifton St/Newport Road this morning
May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Self only. 1 Little Grebe & 1 Common Sandpiper on & by the lake. Lesser Whitethroat heard singing & I marked it down perched on the top of a small Ash on the side of Lake Road East.  Wild Gardens, carrion Crow still all safe. Heard a Blackcap as soon as I entered. The Long Tailed tits nest has been robbed, the lining having been pulled out & was lying on the ground below with the remains of two eggs. Looked like a Magpies work, they having a nest on the islands this year. Willow Warbs & Chiff Chaff also Cuckoo. Kestrel hovering over wood.  Reservoirs 50/60 Swifts, 4 Swallows, 3 Common Sandpipers, 2 Tufted Duck (pair) 2 Common Whitethroats, 3 Tree Pipits, Mallard female with brood of 9 ducklings a day or two old on Lisvane, 2 Cuckoos, Willow Warbs & Chiff Chaffs everywhere.  Woods Covert Blackcap singing
May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Received a Nuthatch in the flesh from Llanarthney, Carm, taken from the claws of a Sparrowhawk shot there April 29 <sup>th</sup>
May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	A pair of House Martins back at the nest on our House (22 Waterloo Rd) tonight
May 7 <sup>th</sup> 1927	Morrey reports a Corncrake at Dinas Powis
May 8 <sup>th</sup> 1927	To Kenfig with Morrey & Bert Evans. Heard a Sedge Warbler at Ewenny. Searched the dunes from Afon Kenfig to the pool, but there were no signs of Merlins anywhere in the district & we came to the conclusion that they were not in residence this season.  Found a Meadow Pipits nest with 5 eggs, & saw a few pairs of Wheatears just west of the Pool & nowhere else, also picked up the half of a newly hatched Wheatear egg. Skylarks & Meadow Pipits all over the dunes. Four pairs of Redshanks S.W. of pool very agitated, lapwings everywhere 6/8/ pair of Ring Plover at Afon Kenfig & one nest with 4 eggs found there. On the beach 8/10 pairs Oystercatchers, 2 pairs of Ring Plover & a

	<p>flock of 50 Dunlin. On Kenfig Pool some 25/30 Shelduck, Mallard, B-Headed &amp; Herring Gulls. Also saw Swifts, Swallows, House &amp; Sand Martins, Linnets, 1 Common Snipe &amp; 3 Curlew. Surprised a bird feeding at the edge of the pool &amp; it got up with an unfamiliar <b>triple</b> whistling call. It flew in quite short &amp; quick zig-zags low over the water. Smaller than a Dunlin, but very like one with reddish back &amp; grey wings. Undoubtedly a Little Stint</p>
May 11 <sup>th</sup>	Mr Sibbering reports an Osprey fishing off the mouth of the river at Aberthaw
May 14 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Miss Acland called &amp; took me off to Welsh St Donats where we inspected both the pools. A number of Swallows flying over the water. They are most numerous this season. Put up a Common Snipe &amp; saw a Moorhen a pair of Stonechats &amp; a pair of Whinchats. A pair of Mute Swans have a nest on the old island. Walked across the road to the upper pond &amp; put up 14 Mallard all males &amp; a few Lapwing. I waded out to the reed-bed, but found the reeds to be too small &amp; scattered to offer attraction to Reed Warblers.</p> <p>Went on to Hensol &amp; visited the Herons wood. The Wood Warbler was back &amp; singing close to the post where we found the nest last season. Heard a Garden Warbler &amp; 2 Blackcaps at the same place. There are three occupied Herons nest.</p> <p>On the lake a G.G Grebe was leading around 3, week old youngsters. A nest was found in the small west reed-bed evidently with eggs as it was covered &amp; the owner was hanging around outside. Walked across to the reed-bed near the castle &amp; found a Coots nest 7/8 eggs &amp; a Moorhen with eggs. Also found 3 other Moorhen nests all empty but fresh. Mallard with brood on water &amp; 2/3 pairs of Coots Heard a Sedge Warbler here. 30 Mallard, all drakes.</p>
May 15 <sup>th</sup> 1927	<p>With Morrey to Llanmadoc &amp; the Whitford Burrows to look for a Merlin. Explored the dunes from one end to the other &amp; only near the extreme point did we find traces of the Merlins. On a <b>??</b> of dunes there discovered fresh pellets, droppings &amp; the remains of a kill &amp; soon after the nest with 4 eggs, eggs slightly warm. The female came flying around as we inspected it. While looking for Merlin traces found the top of a dune halfway to the point a feather &amp; a pellet casting of a Short-Eared Owl</p> <p>Other birds actually seen on the burrows &amp; the marsh 4 Ravens flying over, one calling &amp; tumbling. 5 pairs of Partridges, 2 pairs of redshanks, Very many Oystercatchers feeding on the shore (tide dead out) 8/10 Curlew, Gulls including a pair of Great B Backed many pairs of Shelducks, one nest found clutch contained eggs as I just get my fingers on two I pulled one of them out; many othe burrows found with duck tracks leading into them but eggs out of reach. Severa pairs of Wheatears a pair of Stonechats, a Sedge Warbler singing among the rushes on edge of marsh, Carrion crows, Magpies, meadow Pipits, Skylarks, Many swifts &amp; Swallows, Common Whitethroat.</p> <p>The two pairs of Redshank on the marsh were very agitated &amp; evidently had nests</p>
May 18 <sup>th</sup> 1927	<p>Miss Acland called at 6. PM. &amp; took Belle &amp; I for a trip to the Leys We stopped in Porthkerry Park &amp; visited the ash tree where Miss A. found &amp; Photographed the Nuthatch last season. As we walked across to the wood we heard a Wood Warbler singing. This is a new locality for this species. The mud around then hole in the ash (some 12 feet up) looked to be new so we withdrew a few yards &amp; sat down &amp; waited &amp; soon had the pleasure of seeing one of the Nuthatches return carrying food. It entered the hole so is evidently feeding young in the nest. Went on to the Leys to the western end of the Golf sands where we left the car with Belle inside reading a book. Walked all along the pebble ridge to the end of the spit seeing some 40/50 Dunlin in summer dress</p>

	<p>12/15 turnstones, 2 in full breeding plumage 5/6 Sandling, 20/25 Ring Plover, 60/100 Oystercatchers, 6/8 Shelduck, 2 pairs Lapwing, Meadow Pipits &amp; skylarks. Some of the Ring Plovers &amp; Oystercatchers were evidently breeding, also the Lapwings.</p> <p>There were at least six pairs of Lesser Terns &amp; we found several hollows prepares one of which contained 1 egg, a very early date. Coming back we stopped at the Keepers cottage (Price) &amp; he told us there was a Nightingales nest at Moulton &amp; that another was singing in the wood across the road, also that in the wood he had a Sparrowhawks nest with one egg. We walked down into the wood hoping to hear the Nightingale (9-45 PM. S.T.) but were disappointed. Saw and heard a Nightjar &amp; heard a Brown Owl. Cuckoo still calling at that time, &amp; Blackbirds &amp; Thrushes singing</p>
Hedge sparrow eating excreta May 15 1908	
<p>G C Grebe</p> <p>May 6 1922 7 nests all with eggs  April 15 1923 1 with 3 eggs &amp; three other nest constructing six pairs seen  March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1924 Three on water, 2 Pairs 9<sup>th</sup>. 7 birds 16<sup>th</sup>, 11 on 30<sup>th</sup>  April 21<sup>st</sup> 1924 3 nests with eggs.  April 27<sup>th</sup> 5 nests 2 with 3 &amp; 2 with 4, and one covered  May 4<sup>th</sup> One pair on water with 2 young, 3 nests with eggs still &amp; one nest washed out  May 14<sup>th</sup> 1927 A pair with young at least 14 days old</p>	
<p>Teal R Park Nov 13 1921  Injured Siskin Jan 8 1922  Smew &amp; fish Feb 5 1922  Redpoll May 30 1922  Blackcap May 31 1922  Barn Owl June 8 1922, April 19 1923  White House Martin July 30 1922</p>	