

HM SALMON DIARY 1914 (North British & Mercantile Insurance Company)	
Saturday 14 th March	6.15am. Cycled up to Reservoir fields. 4 pairs of Lapwings there. One female seemed to be sitting but could not find no trace of nest. Large flock of gulls on reservoir. Saw male Kestrel on top of tree in N'jar [Nightjar] Wood. Flew over towards Reservoirs when passed. Went through small wood by Keeper's house but found nothing. Disturbed pair of Pheasants.
Tuesday 17 th March	At Yeovil midday. Found Thrushes nest and eggs and saw another bird sitting. Saw a Weasel sucking Blackbird's eggs. Nest 3 eggs. Saw him sitting on edge of nest finishing second egg. He ran down as I went near but came up again in a few seconds and after nosing about, lifting the lining, took the third one sideways in his mouth & ran down to the ground & ate it.
Saturday 21 st March	6.0am. Wild Park. Blackbirds nest 2 eggs (barberry bush S. end). Blackbirds partly built – another in holly bush (S. end). S [Song] Thrush near gate 4 eggs. Blackbirds 2 eggs in Rhododendron bush in wood. Robin nearly finished in laurel (N. end). Blackbird 3 eggs, near fish hatchery, good place for photographs. Greenfinch singing. Saw Kingfishers. About a dozen Redwings.
Sunday 22 nd March	Saw Chiffchaff in garden. Photos of sparrows, Starlings & Robin.
Monday 23 rd March	6.0am. Radyr Quarry. In wood Song Thrush nest 3 eggs. Blackbird finished. Thrush finished bird sitting close. No eggs. Blackbird half built. Blackbird 3 eggs. Mistle Thrush carrying bldg. [building] material – fine dry grasses. Saw pair of Goldcrests. Song Thrush not finished in Quarry. Saw Kingfisher on small pond.
Tuesday 24 th March	6.0am Wild Park. HNS & HMS. HNS found Mistle Thrush's nest 4 eggs. Robins nest has 3 eggs of very peculiar shape. Started putting up cover for tent near Blackbird nest. Blackbird nest in Barberry bush deserted. Ducks nest 1 egg in hedge
Thursday 26 th March	Greenhill. Went out past park. In bushes near train terminus saw one Redwing. Saw Kestrel fly from W. [Wild] Park in SE direction. Robin 4 eggs. At Greenhill some Rooks sitting, also pair of Carrion Crows, nest probably partly built.
Friday 27 th March	6.0am. W [Wild] Park. Photo'd Robin eggs (F16, 2secs). Saw pair of Treecreepers.
Saturday 28 th March	5.30am. R'voir [Reservoir] and R'voir [Reservoir] Wood. Frosty. Lapwing not nesting, only 2 pairs. Several scratchings. Visited old Sparrowhawk nest- took 3 photos of it & the tree & platform. Saw one Sparrowhawk.
Monday 30 th March	Wet
Tuesday 31 st March	Wet
Wednesday 1 st April	R [Radyr] Quarry Wood. 5.30 with AD. Most nests found previously robbed. Found Song Thrush's nest 3 eggs & another with 1 egg. Several partly completed. Wren's nest complete not lined in Bracken. Heard & saw one Chiffchaff. Saw male Sparrowhawk in tree near ash tip. One Chiffchaff on River Bank. Several immature B.H. [Black-headed] Gulls.
Thursday 2 nd April	Wild Park. 6.0am. HMS. Put up tent at Blackbird's nest & disguised it. Watched Treecreepers building for some time. Mistle Thrush still unhatched. Saw Kingfisher. Robin sitting. Heard 4 Chiffchaffs. Song Thrush in laurel 4 eggs. Blackbird hatched.
Friday 3 rd April	Wild Park, 5.30am. HMS, GCSI. Had a look round first thing, but saw nothing special. About 5 Chiffchaffs. Went into tent at Blackbirds nest Female brooding, but male did not come back to nest though he came near several times. Photo'd female.
Saturday 4 th April	Wet
Monday 6 th April	Wet
Tuesday 7 th April	6.0am. Wild Park. Mistle Thrushes hatched probably yesterday or Sunday. Saw Mistle Thrush, Song Thrush & Blackbird taking ivy berries from tree close to hedge. Robin nest on stream bank unfinished. Moved tent nearer Blackbird & got 4 photos; female leaving, male feeding, 2 female brooding, F6,8, 1/15. Saw 4 Chiffchaffs.
Wednesday 8 th April	Wild Park. Willow Warbler. In tent B'bird [Blackbird]

Thursday 9 th April	Wild Park
Friday 10 th April	Wild Park
Saturday 11 th April	Not out
Monday 13 th April	Wild Park
Thursday 16 th April	Reservoir Wood
Friday 17 th April	Llanishen Marsh. Snipe nest
Saturday 18 th April.	Llanishen Marsh. Cuckoo
Tuesday 21 st April	3.50pm. Grey Wagtail nest. Chiffchaff Bldg [building]
Thursday 23 rd April	Grey Wagtail
Friday 24 th April	R.voir [Reservoir] Wood. Mag.3
Saturday 25 th April	Not out
Monday 27 th April	Not out. Put xxxx on & cyclometer (?). 6.0pm
Tuesday 28 th April	Llanishen Marsh. Yellow Wagtail, Lapwing robbed. Snipe 1 chipped
Wednesday 29 th April	5.0am. Llanishen Marsh
Friday 8 th May	Wild Park
Saturday 9 th May	Wild Pk [Park]
Monday 11 th May	St-y-Nyll.
No further entries after this	