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We adopt the order and also the serial numbers used in the B.O.U. checklist (1952). The English names are in general those used in *British Birds* (vide Vol. XLVI, p. 1).

Objects.—The principal object is to record in a systematic order unusual occurrences, whether of birds rare at any time of the year or of commoner birds seen at unusual times of year or in unusual localities. In addition, records are published which give detailed information on migration, since relatively little is known on this subject, and counts of breeding populations and other work of a fairly exact nature.

A secondary object is to publish information on Sussex birds within the scope of the principal object mentioned above but not relating to the year of the Report and which has either not been published before or if published and accepted as correct seems open to doubt upon consideration of unpublished details. Generally, this information will come from unpublished diaries but it is perhaps worth adding that only the more important records of previous years will be dealt with. We should greatly appreciate the chance to see any diaries and similar material known to readers.

The Report is in no sense a guide to Sussex birds and it cannot be fully appreciated without a good knowledge of the subject or frequent reference to *A History of Sussex Birds* (1938). Considerations of space prevent us from taking a wider view of the function of county reporting.

Contributions.—We welcome contributions from all observers, but reserve the right to decide what to include in the Report without explanation. All records are, however, kept on separate species-sheets and much which is not referred to in the Report may prove of value in years to come. Care is taken to assess the accuracy of records, but observers would greatly assist if they would particularly study the note on this subject which appeared on page 1 of *British Birds* Vol. xlv.

It is helpful if records are sent in periodically, but not more often than at three-monthly intervals (except in the case of extreme rarities which should be reported immediately), but observers are particularly asked to avoid sending in a large volume of notes after the end of the year when the Report is being drafted. If periodic instalments are burdensome then observers are asked to send the bulk of their records along in November or December and then a supplementary sheet covering the last weeks or days of the year later. All records should be received by us not later than mid-February.

Many regular contributors do not normally send records unless specifically asked to do so by letter. The extra correspondence entailed for this reason—as well as in collecting the price of the Report—ought surely to be unnecessary!

Abbreviations.—“G.P.”: gravel pits. “S.F.”: Sewage Farm. “E.” “W.” etc.: cardinal points of the compass are intended only to give a general direction unless the context indicates otherwise. In particular this applies to birds going up or down the Channel and which are referred to as flying E or W.

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ADDITION TO 1958 REPORT

389. **STARLING**.—One ringed at Southwick by B.A.E.M. on March 18th was caught by a cat at Cherikov (Mogilev), U.S.S.R., in May.

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO 1959 REPORT

All the records published as "under consideration by *Brit. B.*" were accepted except for that of a Sabine's Gull at Selsey Bill on November 2nd (N.M.) which should therefore not be regarded as valid.

64. **COMMON SCOTER**.—A male, probably oiled, at Darwell Reservoir on November 26th (R. V. White).

80. **BRENT GOOSE**.—In Chichester Harbour, 104 on December 16th, 108 on 23rd and 130 on 31st (A. Y. Norris).

103. **OSPREY**.—One at Darwell Reservoir on September 6th and 2 there on 20th (R. V. White).

175. **WHITE-RUMPED (BONAPARTE'S) SANDPIPER**.—The bird at Thorney was last seen on November 28th (R. J. Johns).

404. **CROSSBILL**.—Four near Mountfield Halt on September 20th (R. V. White).

SUSSEX WILDFOWL COUNTS, 1959-60

During the period under review, counts have been made in Chichester Harbour, Chichester G.P., Pagham Harbour, Darwell Reservoir, Weir Wood Reservoir, Powdermill Reservoir, the Arun Valley, Burton Park Lakes, Knepp Lake, the Cuckmere, Pett Level, Glynde Level and Blackwall Level. Information was also received from many small waters in the Horsham and Crawley area, and in the Autumn, counts were started on Pevensey Levels.

The numbers of duck present in the County, especially those of Mallard, Teal and Wigeon were all considerably larger than in 1958/59. The outstanding records will be found in the main body of the Sussex Bird Report.

The "priority" count scheme has entered its second year. Weir Wood, and Darwell Reservoirs and the Arun Valley have all retained their priority status. The resultant Interim Reports are issued each month summarising the National populations of Surface Feeding Ducks, together with Pochard, Tufted Duck and Goldeneye.

I would like to express my thanks to all the counters for all their hard work, help, and time, which have gone into making the counts run so well during the season under review.

P. R. MILLS,
Regional Organiser.

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BIRD RINGING

Ten ringers, 5 of them resident in the county, ringed between them 3,084 birds of 76 species. The slight decline in the total as compared with 1959 is largely due to the very wet weather towards the end of the year. The largest individual totals were: J.S.—1,634, all for Shoreham; D.D.H.—560, nearly all for Eastbourne; J.A.W.—386, nearly all for Burgess Hill. A number of interesting recoveries are given under the species concerned.

SELSEY BILL

A group of observers again devoted nearly all their spare time to maintaining a watch at this locality and achieved very favourable results, including the addition of 2 new species to the Sussex list. It is intended to continue this activity during 1961 and in order to facilitate the compilation of material from this locality observers are requested to send in records from Selsey Bill to B. A. E. Marr, 59 The Green, Southwick.

CLASSIFIED RECORDS FOR 1960

- 1. BLACK-THROATED DIVER.**—An oiled bird at Pagham on January 22nd was later found dead. An oiled bird at Aldwick on February 10th. One at Pagham on March 7th and 9th (W.W.A.P.).
One off Selsey Bill on several occasions between October 17th and 31st (many observers). One at Pett Level pools on December 14th (F.J.W.).
- 2. GREAT NORTHERN DIVER.**—In January, one at Pagham on 6th (W.W.A.P.); one in the Shoreham-Southwick area on 24th (G.A.S.) and 25th (C.M.B.); one at Newhaven on 31st (M.H.P., G.A.S.).
Two off Selsey Bill on November 20th (B.A.E.M., R.J.S. D.J.T.). Three there on December 4th (S.F.K., B.A.E.M. *et al.*). One at Newhaven on 7th (R.H.C.) and 2 off East Head, West Wittering, on 26th (D.F.B., G.H.R. *et al.*)
- 4. RED-THROATED DIVER.**—One at Weir Wood Reservoir on March 13th (M.H.P.) and 27th (R.L.R.). One at Darwell Reservoir on April 10th and 31st (R.V.W.). Several coastal records for May up to 22nd. Very few about towards the end of the year.
- 5. GREAT CRESTED GREBE.**—On July 23rd an adult and a juvenile swimming W off Langney Point (D.D.H.) and on 24th one moving W off Selsey Bill (B.A.E.M., M.S. *et al.*). These are most unusual dates for this species to appear on the sea.
- 6. RED-NECKED GREBE.**—One at Pagham on February 29th (T.E.B.). One off Langney Point on November 9th (D.D.H.).
- 7. SLAVONIAN GREBE.**—Up to 6 seen together off the coast in January and February and one in March. Only 3 recorded in the latter half of the year, all in December.

8. BLACK-NECKED GREBE.—Up to 6 seen together in the early part of the year. One on the Cuckmere Old Channel on August 14th (R.H.C.) and one at Darwell on 20th (M.H.P.). Only one subsequent record (for October).

9. LITTLE GREBE.—One on the sea off Langney Point on August 1st (D.D.H.), an unusual date for this.

14. STORM PETREL.—Single birds flying W off Selsey Bill on October 21st (B.A.E.M., C.R.T.), November 20th (B.A.E.M.) and 21st (B.A.E.M., R.F.P., D.B.W.), all at ranges of 200-350 yards.

16. MANX SHEARWATER.—Two flying W together c. 800 yards off Selsey Bill on May 15th (M.A.J., B.A.E.M., M.H.P.). One flying W c. 300 yards off Langney Point on June 8th (R.H.C.).

BALEARIC SHEARWATER.—On June 21st 7 flew SE-NW some way out off Selsey Bill (M.A.J., B.A.E.M.) and later one passed there on the same course (M.A.J., B.A.E.M., A.B.S.). "About size of Manx; dark, almost blackish upper parts. Under parts appeared uniformly dark brown and afforded no obvious contrast with upper parts... light conditions excellent." There are no previous county records for this month. One flying E off Selsey Bill, c. 400 yards out on July 10th (R.J.S., K.W.). One flying W c. 350 yards off Langney Point on September 25th (R.H.C.). Full descriptions have been recorded.

26. FULMAR.—Between April 4th and June 25th up to 2 were seen together on many occasions off the coast. The only later record is of one off Selsey Bill on September 1st (J.R., G.A.S.).

27. GANNET.—Five flying W off Selsey Bill on January 24th (B.A.E.M., A.B.S.), 2 E there on February 7th (M.A.J.) and 4 W there on 21st (M.A.J., B.A.E.M.). On June 29th there were 11 (2 of them adults) together off Langney Point (D.D.H.). The largest number recorded was c. 90 off Selsey Bill on September 17th (B.A.E.M., A.B.S. *et al.*).

29. SHAG.—An extraordinary number of records covering the whole year and much of the coast. In January and February not more than 8 were recorded together but on March 5th 35 in all flew E close in off Selsey Bill and 32 did likewise on 6th (M.A.J., B.A.E.M., A.B.S.) and from then up to May 13th from one to 7 were seen moving E there on many occasions. Nearly all these birds were seen in the early morning and it is possible that dispersal from roosting was taking place at least in some cases, and that not many more than the 35 seen originally were actually involved. On April 6th R.H.C. found 21 at Seaford Head, numbers appearing to increase until on 29th D.D.H. saw 46 there. In May up to 52 (R.H.C.) were counted there, most being seen in the evenings when the birds assembled to roost. By June 2nd numbers had fallen to c. 30 and by 20th to c. 25, the latter number still being present on July 25th. Only 6 were seen on August 14th and the same number on October 12th and November 9th (R.H.C. *et al.*). Single birds were seen at Langney Point on a number of occasions in August (D.D.H.), and up to 4 together elsewhere during the latter part of the year. Nearly all those recorded, including all at Seaford Head, were immature.

30. HERON.—At Selsey Bill 3 together flew E, c. 1/2 mile offshore, on April 3rd. Two flew out SSW there on 30th and one flew in N on May 12th. On August 30th one flew in NW there and 2 flew out SW as did a party of 6 on September 25th (many observers). One flew in from SW at Langney Point on September 19th (R.H.C.).

All known heronries were visited, the numbers of occupied nests being: Fishbourne 37 (S.J.K.E.); Parham 25 (P.D.W.); Henfield 6 (C.A.G.); Firle Park 7; Glynde 3 (E.P.T.); Eridge 35 (E.B.); Glyleigh 6; Udmore 4 (J.A.H.); Leasham 17 (J.A.). The Boreham Street site where nesting took place in 1959 was not occupied but new sites were found at Wartling 3 (J.P.); Pagham one (W.W.A.P.); Chichester G.P. one (D.B.M.).

31. PURPLE HERON.—On April 27th an adult flew in from the sea at Cuckmere Haven and spent c. 1½ hours in the area before flying off inland (G.T.C., R.H.C.). This record has been accepted by *Brit. B.*

38. BITTERN.—On January 16th one was put up from the side of Eridge Lake (G.P.) and on 22nd an adult female was found dying at Sidlesham and taken to Bognor Museum (J.V.S., E.M.V.).

45. MALLARD.—The largest numbers were again recorded from Chichester G.P. where there were a maximum of c. 1,000 on August 31st (P.R.M.).

46. TEAL.—Most were recorded from the Amberley-Pulborough area where there were upwards of 1,000 in early December (B.A.E.M., P.R.M.).

47. GARGANEY.—Recorded in spring from March 13th. Records suggesting breeding come from only two localities.

49. GADWALL.—In February 3 at Pett Level on 14th (R.H.C.) and 5 there on 23rd (F.J.W.); one at Wiggonholt on 27th (B.A.E.M.). Three at Sidlesham Ferry on March 21st (L.P.A.).

Two at Weir Wood Reservoir on September 18th (M.H.P., G.A.S.) and on October 21st (D.D.H.). Two at Pagham on October 16th (W.W.A.P.).

50. WIGEON.—Most were recorded in the Pulborough—Amberley area where P.R.M. counted over 4,000 on January 31st and c. 2,700 on December 17th.

Two at the Wicks on May 6th (D.D.H.) and 8th (R.H.C.) and 2 at Chichester G.P. on 27th (W.W.A.P.). Two at Darwell Reservoir on August 31st (R.H.C.).

52. PINTAIL.—The largest number recorded was c. 80 at Amberley on January 31st (P.R.M.).

53. SHOVELER.—Most recorded at Amberley where there were c. 90 on March 13th and c. 140 on December 11th (P.R.M.).

Two pairs at Rye Harbour G.P. (R.H.C., D.D.H.) and 2 males in the Pagham-Sidlesham area during May, 5 males being seen in the latter locality on 29th (W.W.A.P.).

54. RED-CRESTED POCHARD.—A female at Chichester G.P. on January 24th (D.L.) and a female at Manhood End on April 3rd (M.A.J., S.F.K., A.B.S.). These records have been accepted by *Brit. B.*

55. SCAUP.—A female at Weir Wood Reservoir on November 6th (D.M.B., M.R.S.) and December 2nd and 24th (G.J.B.).

56. TUFTED DUCK.—Nearly 200 at Chichester G.P. at both ends of the year (P.R.M.).

Two pairs again bred successfully at Rye Harbour G.P. (R.H.C.). Three broods seen at Darwell on August 7th (R.V.W.). Seventeen birds at Weir Wood on July 10th but no young, doubtless due to destruction of cover. Two pairs with young on a lake at Sheffield Park on July 16th (D.D.H.).

57. POCHARD.—The largest number recorded was 279 on the Greatham floods on December 17th (P.R.M.).

A pair bred at Rye Harbour G.P. (D.B.O.). This is the 8th breeding record for the county.

60. GOLDENEYE.—Maximum numbers were c. 20 in Chichester Harbour on March 5th (D.L.) and 17 there on December 26th (E.J.W.). The first autumn record was of one at Pagham on October 14th (W.W.A.P.).

61. LONG-TAILED DUCK.—The 2 at Pagham recorded in the 1959 *Report* stayed until April 25th, a third bird being sometimes present (W.W.A.P. *et al.*).

One off Selsey Bill on January 31st (A.B.S.) and single birds at Chichester G.P. on January 3rd (D.L.), and February 29th (T.E.B., W.P.W.) and April 2nd (D.L.) may well have been from Pagham. One off the Seven Sisters on January 10th (R.H.C.).

On July 17th D.E. and W.J.V. spent an hour watching 3 (one an adult male) at ranges of down to c. 20 yards at Nook Beach, Rye Harbour. A full description has been given by the observers, who are familiar with the species. This is the first summer record for the county.

One at Manhood End on November 20th (T.W.G.), an adult male off Selsey Bill on December 18th (B.A.E.M.) and an adult male (probably the same) off East Head, West Wittering, on 31st (M.J.H., B.A.E.M.).

67. EIDER.—In January and February was recorded only from the Pagham-Selsey Bill area, with a maximum of up to c. 50, apart from 2 at Cuckmere Haven on January 3rd and 10th (R.H.C.), and one at the mouth of the Arun on January 3rd (R.J.O.). More were seen along the coast during March and April, with a maximum of 41 off Selsey Bill, numbers elsewhere being small except for 12 flying E off Langney Point on March 12th (D.D.H.). In May up to 11 were recorded off Selsey Bill (on 15th) and there was one off Rye Harbour on 8th (D.R.E., W.J.V.). In June there were 4 immature males off Selsey Bill on 12th.

In July there was an immature male at Selsey Bill on 3rd and 6 birds there on 23rd and 30th (B.A.E.M., A.B.S., *et al.*), up to 7 in August and up to 12 in September. The maximum for October there was 19 (on 2nd) with smaller numbers for November and December. Elsewhere the only autumn records were of 3 E off Langney Point on October 15th (D.D.H.) and of 10 off Seaford on November 13th (L.A.C.). At least 10 adult males were recorded in the early part of the year and 3 at its end.

69. RED-BREASTED MERGANSER.—In May 8 flew E off Newhaven on 9th (L.P.A.) and 3 off Cuckmere Haven on 13th (R.H.C.) while the latest records for this month at Selsey Bill were of single birds on 15th and 21st (several observers).

70. GOOSANDER.—One in the lower Cuckmere valley on January 11th (G.J.B.). The 2 at Chichester G.P. recorded in the 1959 *Report* stayed until February 15th (D.L., A.B.S., W.P.W.). One at Pagham on February 5th and one there March 25th-29th (W.W.A.P.). Two at Weir Wood Reservoir on February 13th (D.D.H.) and 3 there on March 27th (R.L.R.). One at Newhaven on April 15th (L.A.C.). On May 2nd an adult male flew E close inshore off Selsey Bill (A.B.S.). This is the latest spring date for the county.

Three at Weir Wood Reservoir on December 22nd (G.J.B.).

71. SMEW.—One at Chichester G.P. on January 23rd, 6 there on 24th and until February 1st then lesser numbers until 15th (D.D.H., D.L., W.P.W. *et*

lines ran almost the whole length of the trailing edge of the underwing. The head was small but prominent, protruding some way in front of the leading edge of the wing." The observers are familiar with the species at one of its breeding stations.

99. MARSH HARRIER.—An adult male near the Rother estuary on March 31st (D.B.O.) and April 1st (F.J.W.). On September 25th one flew S out to sea at Selsey Bill (M.A.J., S.F.K., B.A.E.M. *et al.*).

100. HEN HARRIER.—Again very scarce. One near Littleington on January 3rd (M.H.P.) and one at the Wicks on November 23rd (R.H.C.).

102. MONTAGU'S HARRIER.—A juvenile at the Midrips on September 14th (R.H.C.) and 15th (D.D.H.).

103. OSPREY.—On May 9th one flew in from the SSW over Newhaven Head (L.P.A.).

One at Shoreham on September 11th (J.S.). One at Weir Wood Reservoir from September 25th to October 9th (L.W.C., P.F.S.C., V.A.G., A.G.G. *et al.*).

104. HOBBY.—Nested successfully in two localities and probably in two others.

One at the Midrips on October 2nd and one there on 6th (D.B.O.). One flew in S to N at Selsey Bill on 9th (A.B.S.).

105. PEREGRINE.—There is no evidence that breeding took place in the county though single birds were seen in several localities.

107. MERLIN.—The only record for the early part of the year was of one over Hove on January 17th (A.B.S.).

One at Pagham (W.W.A.P.) and one at Langney Point (D.D.H.) on October 1st. About 12 were recorded for this month, mostly from Selsey Bill where single birds flew out to sea on 7th, 9th and 28th and in from the sea on 9th, and 11th (many observers). The only November record was of 2 at the Midrips on November 23rd (R.H.C.). None in December.

110. KESTREL.—Single birds flew in N at Selsey Bill on April 9th and 24th (several observers).

Single birds were seen to fly in from the sea on 9 dates between August 31st and October 26th in four localities. Departure out to sea was recorded on seven dates between October 9th and 30th at Selsey Bill.

117. QUAIL.—On May 7th one was put up from the beach under Belle Tout (D.D.H.). Two were calling on the downs above Eastbourne on June 15th (R.H.C.). During late May and throughout June 2 were calling on Lancing Downs (B.A.E.M., R.J.W. *et al.*). One was flushed near Rackham on October 29th (per G.d.F.).

125. CORNCAKE.—One was calling at dawn near Chanctonbury on May 15th (J.M.T.). One at Sidlesham on August 31st and one there on September 11th (J.V.S.).

127. COOT.—One swimming W off Selsey Bill on May 15th (M.A.J., B.A.E.M. *et al.*). One swimming E off Langney Point on July 8th (D.D.H.).

131. OYSTERCATCHER.—C. 600 at East Head, West Wittering, on February 2nd (P.R.M.). Three pairs attempted to breed at Pagham (W.W.A.P. and at least 3 pairs did so, with little success, in the Rye-Wicks area (R.H.C., D.D.H.).

al.) Two at Weir Wood Reservoir on January 15th (G.J.B.) and then one there until February 21st (many observers).

One at Weir Wood Reservoir on December 22nd and 24th (G.J.B.).

73. SHELDUCK.—In early May a pair frequented a dew pond near Beachy Head (T.B., D.D.H.). A pair again bred in the lower Cuckmere valley, (R.H.C., R.G. *et al.*). A pair bred near Newhaven (L.P.A., L.A.C., D.D.H.), the first breeding record for this locality.

75. GREY LAG-GOOSE.—Six at Pagham on February 29th (T.E.B.); 5 there March 17th-26th (D.L., W.W.A.P.); 2 there on April 3rd and 4th (W.W.A.P.). Two flying E close in off Selsey Bill on March 6th (B.A.E.M., M.A.J., A.B.S.) were probably from Pagham.

76. WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE.—In January 11 over Chichester G.P. on 3rd (D.L.); one, Pulborough-Wiggonholt floods, on 10th (M.H.P.) and 4 there on 31st (G.M.M.); 7 on Pett Level on 12th (R.H.C.); 26 on the sea off Selsey Bill on 16th (B.A.E.M.). In February, one, Pulborough-Wiggonholt, on 7th (B.A.E.M.) and 3, Glynde Levels, on 14th (C.F.B.).

80. BRENT GOOSE.—January and February records are confined to the Pagham-Chichester Harbour area with a maximum of 56 birds except for 9 flying E off Brighton on January 9th (L.P.A.) and one at Rye Harbour G.P. on February 14th (R.H.C.). On March 6th there were 183 in Chichester Harbour (J.T.R.S. *et al.*) and during this month up to c. 60 together were seen along the coast, mostly flying E. A few were recorded in April, up to 10th.

Four on the sea off Selsey on September 27th (W.W.A.P.). One at the Midrips on October 1st (G.d.F., C.W.G.P.E., M.D.M.). Subsequent records are again confined to the Pagham-Chichester Harbour area, except for 7 in the lower Cuckmere valley on December 31st (V.E.S.), and numbers were small except for c. 250 over East Head, West Wittering, on December 31st (B.A.E.M.).

86. BEWICK'S SWAN.—An immature off Cuckmere Haven on January 16th (D.D.H.). One on Newhaven Levels on 17th (L.P.A.). Four on the sea, Pevensey Bay, on 18th (R.H.C.). One on Glynde Levels on February 10th (R.H.C.). Five (3 of them immature) at Wiggonholt on 17th (D.D.H.) and 21st (M.H.P., G.A.S.).

Five (4 of them immature) at the Midrips on December 27th (D.G. *et al.*).

91. BUZZARD.—Single birds were recorded from six localities but not in the breeding season.

93. SPARROW HAWK.—On April 24th one flew in from the S at Beachy Head (B.E.C., J.C., M.N., A.Q.).

95. KITE.—On November 1st one was seen in flight over Selsey Bill (T.E.B., R.B., S.L.W., D.B.W.). This record has been accepted by *Brit. B.*

98. HONEY BUZZARD.—On August 27th B.E.C., M.N., and A.Q. saw one in flight at fairly close range at Beachy Head. It eventually made off NNE. Flight with loose deep wing beats and intermittent glides, either with wings slightly drooping or very noticeably so. Wings . . . long and straight with no noticeable carpal kink and appeared of even width throughout their length. The wing tips were rounded . . . and . . . slightly fingered. The tail was longish . . . and broader towards the tip. The upper parts were dark greyish brown with some obscure darker markings. The upper tail appeared slightly paler. The under parts were pale greyish brown on the breast and whitish on the belly. The under wing was greyish white . . . Two prominent blackish brown lateral

157. **WOOD SANDPIPER**.—The only spring record is of one N of Pagham Harbour on May 20th and 21st (W.W.A.P.).

Between August 4th and September 18th c. 15 were recorded from the coast.

159. **COMMON SANDPIPER**.—At the beginning of the year one was wintering in the lower Cuckmere valley (R.H.C.) and one at Manhood End (D.L.). At the end of the year one was wintering at Piddinghoe (M.J.H.) and one by the lower Rother (F.J.W.).

On July 20th a party of 3, first seen far out, flew in SE-NW at Langney Point (R.H.C., D.D.H.).

162. **SPOTTED REDSHANK**.—In January and February single birds were recorded at East Head, West Wittering (R.J.S.), Manhood End (D.L.) and Shoreham (C.F.B., J.M.T.).

During March 3 other birds than the above were recorded and not many more in April and May (up to 9th). One at Weir Wood Reservoir on June 4th (T.E.).

One at Manhood End on July 3rd (A.B.W.), one at the Midrips on 23rd (D.B.O.) and one at Chidham on 30th (B.A.E.M.). C. 40 were recorded, August-October. One at Pagham on November 5th (B.A.E.M.) and one at Shoreham on 11th (C.F.B.).

165. **GREENSHANK**.—None recorded before April 23rd. One in the lower Cuckmere valley on June 20th (R.H.C.); 3 at Manhood End on 11th (A.B.S.); 4 there on 18th and 7 on July 3rd (A.B.W.). The largest autumn number was c. 45 at Thorney on September 18th (R.M.L.). One in the lower Cuckmere valley on November 22nd (L.A.C.) and one at Pagham on December 10th (W.W.A.P.).

169. **KNOT**.—Four at Pagham on July 4th and 12 there on 24th (W.W.A.P.). The largest number recorded was c. 100 at the Midrips on September 24th (D.D.H.).

171. **LITTLE STINT**.—One at the Midrips on April 16th (D.B.O.); one at Sidlesham Ferry on May 11th (R.J.J.); one at the Midrips on June 5th (R.H.C.).

Unprecedented numbers were recorded in autumn. One at the Midrips on July 21st (D.B.O.). In August, one in the lower Cuckmere valley on 28th (R.H.C.) and 2 at the Midrips on 31st (D.D.H.). In September numbers were normal until 20th when there were 25 at the Midrips (D.B.O.), this number increasing to 40-50 on 22nd (D.D.H.), c. 60 on 23rd, c. 70 on 29th (R.H.C.) and on October 1st (D.D.H.) after which fewer were seen there, 25 on 6th (D.D.H.) and then not more than 6. Elsewhere most were recorded at Camber, 17 on September 27th (F.J.W.), the lower Cuckmere, 16 on October 4th (R.H.C.), Manhood End, 22 on September 25th (P.R.M.) and Sidlesham Ferry, 31 on the same date (M.S.). In less favoured localities numbers were also well above normal and a very rough estimate gives a total of c. 250 for the county during late September and early October. All records were for the coast except for 2 at Weir Wood Reservoir on September 16th (D.J.B.) and 3 there on 18th (M.H.P., G.A.S.).

There were no November records apart from one at the Midrips on 4th (D.M.B.) but there were 2 at East Head, West Wittering, on December 17th (P.R.B.), one at Sidlesham Ferry on 18th (M.S.) and 11 at Thorney on 27th (L.P.A.).

133. **LAPWING**.—The usual large S and W movements were recorded during the cold spell on January 10th-12th. On February 21st c. 55 flew in from the S over Seven Sisters (R.H.C.) and 26 flew in at Selsey Bill. On 26th 2 flew out S at Selsey Bill and on 28th 6 flew out SSW there and one flew in N (several observers) and c. 40 flew in from the S at Langney Point (R.H.C.).

On October 15th 13 flew in at Langney Point (D.D.H.) and 2 at Selsey Bill (B.A.E.M., A.B.S. *et al.*). On 16th c. 20 flew in from the S at Beachy Head (B.E.C., J.C., M.N., A.Q.), and 4 flew in at Selsey Bill. On 29th 7 flew in there (many observers).

135. **LITTLE RINGED PLOVER**.—Breeding again took place successfully at the same site as in 1959, 2 young being seen (G.J.B.). A bird was present there on October 2nd (V.A.G., P.J.W.). The only other record is of one at the Midrips on August 4th (L.A.C.).

139. **GREY PLOVER**.—C. 230 at Pagham on January 31st (A.B.S.) C. 15 appear to have summered in this locality (W.W.A.P.).

140. **GOLDEN PLOVER**.—On February 21st 3 flew in SE to NW at Langney Point (D.D.H.). Among a flock of c. 60 at Sidlesham on March 27th 3 showed the characteristics of the Northern race and at least 10 similar birds were seen there on April 2nd (J.V.S.). On December 16th 2 flew S out to sea at Langney Point, weather conditions being mild (D.D.H.).

143. **TURNSTONE**.—Four at Pagham on July 8th were the first there since the end of May (W.W.A.P.).

145. **COMMON SNIBE**.—One at Manhood End on May 4th (A.B.S.) and 2 flying W at Selsey Bill on 9th (M.A.J.). On July 27th, a party of 4, first seen far out, flew in S to N at Langney Point (R.H.C., D.D.H.).

147. **JACK SNIBE**.—One on the Crumbles on September 22nd (D.D.H.).

148. **WOODCOCK**.—In March, one in bushes near the cliff edge at Holywell, Eastbourne, on 16th (D.D.H.); one at Ovingdean on 26th (J.M.B.S.); one on the beach at Selsey Bill on 27th (B.A.E.M.).

150. **CURLEW**.—Between June 6th and July 15th a few were flying W at Langney Point (R.H.C., D.D.H.). Three pairs nested on the usual breeding ground (R.H.C.).

151. **WHIMBREL**.—One at Pagham on April 1st (W.W.A.P.), the earliest spring date for the county in recent years. C. 90 at Chidham on July 30th (B.A.E.M.).

154. **BLACK-TAILED GODWIT**.—In the Chichester Harbour area the maximum monthly numbers were: c. 600 on February 28th and in early March (M.S.); c. 170 on April 17th (L.P.A.); 260 on July 30th; 120 on August 6th (B.A.E.M.); c. 200 on September 11th (R.M.L.); c. 300 on October 16th (T.G.W.). At Pagham there were c. 20 on April 20th, c. 50 throughout May and c. 30 throughout June (W.W.A.P.). Elsewhere the species occurred only in small numbers on passage.

155. **BAR-TAILED GODWIT**.—No large numbers recorded. A small party seems to have summered at Pagham (W.W.A.P.).

156. **GREEN SANDPIPER**.—Two were recorded in January-February and 2 in December. Between April 9th and May 1st c. 4 were reported. One at Rye Harbour G.P. on June 17th (D.D.H.). One at Sidlesham, on July 1st (J.V.S.). Fewer than usual in autumn.

179. **CURLEW SANDPIPER**.—One at Pagham on April 16th (W.W.A.P.), the earliest spring record in recent years. No others for spring.

Nine at the Midrips on July 28th (D.B.O.) and 2 there on August 31st (D.D.H.). Between September 1st and October 25th c. 40 were recorded, all on the coast, most being 12 at the Midrips on September 4th (G.P., R.B.B.).

184. **RUFF**.—One at Thorney on February 17th (D.D.H.). C. 6 were recorded on the coast in March and about the same number in April and only 2 in May (up to 11th).

Between August 22nd and October 28th over 100 were recorded, most being c. 20 at Camber and 22 at the Midrips on September 1st (R.H.C.).

A party of 6 on Glynde Level on December 10th (D.D.H.) and one flying E close in off Selsey Bill on 11th (B.A.E.M.).

185. **AVOCET**.—Two at Pagham on February 14th (B.E.C., A.Q., M.S.). One at Manhood End on March 30th (A.R.) and April 3rd (M.A.J., S.F.K., A.B.S.). Nine flying E off Hove, c. 200 yards out, on April 2nd (G.A.S.).

One in Pagham Harbour on December 10th (W.W.A.P.). One close in-shore at Langney Point on 16th was attacked by gulls and eventually flew E (D.D.H.).

187. **GREY PHALAROPE**.—More records than usual. In September, one at Pagham on 15th (M.D.M.), one at Sidlesham on 17th (W.W.A.P.), one at Weir Wood Reservoir (M.H.P., G.A.S.) and one in the lower Cuckmere Valley (K.V.) on 18th, one at Lancing on 28th and 29th (J.M.T.). In October c. 30 were recorded for almost the whole of the coast, most being 10 off Selsey Bill on 8th (B.A.E.M., A.B.S. *et al.*). In November there were c. 13, all for the coast except for one on flood water above Alfriston on 5th (L.A.C.). On December 4th there were 2 at Nutbourne (M.J.H.).

188. **RED-NECKED PHALAROPE**.—A bird of the year at the Midrips, September 22nd-24th (D.D.H., D.B.O. *et al.*).

189. **STONE CURLEW**.—A pair probably bred in the extreme E of the county (D.B.O.).

193. **ARCTIC SKUA**.—One flying E off Selsey Bill on April 3rd, a very early date (M.A.J., S.F.K., B.A.E.M.), one E there on 5th (M.S.) and 2 on 10th (B.A.E.M., P.J.M., R.J.O.). Between May 1st and 9th c. 77 were recorded for the coast, including a party of 28 flying E off Selsey Bill on 8th (M.A.J., S.F.K., M.H.P., A.B.S.). Three flying E off Selsey Bill on June 11th (several observers) and one off Langney Point on 22nd (R.H.C., D.D.H.).

One off Langney Point on July 2nd (D.D.H.). Between August 14th and November 12th over 70 were recorded, 63 of them from Selsey Bill.

194. **GREAT SKUA**.—One flying E c. 4 mile off Selsey Bill on April 9th (M.A.J., B.A.E.M., R.J.O., A.B.S.). One flying W there on May 9th (M.A.J.). On August 28th one on Camber sands, apparently tired (B.S.M.), and one flying W off Selsey Bill (S.F.K., B.A.E.M., J.R., M.S., G.A.S.). One off there on September 17th (A.B.S.) and another on October 8th (R.F.P., M.S.).

195. **POMARINE SKUA**.—One flying W c. 400 yards off Selsey Bill on October 6th (A.B.S.). "Rather heavy looking, showing a considerable amount of white on both upper and under side of wing. Under parts off-white with dark breast band. Central tail feathers elongated and thick, whole of tail appearing rather heavy. Broad-winged."

198. **GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL**.—Winter records inland were 4 at Weir Wood Reservoir on January 17th and one, Wiggonholt-Ambertley, February 7th-17th (several observers).

199. **LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL**.—A few at both ends of the year, including c. 30 at Chichester G.P. on January 24th (B.A.E.M., A.B.S.). Most of these winter birds showed the characteristics of the Scandinavian race.

A pair bred at Seaford Head (R.H.C., D.D.H.). One, with the characteristics of the Scandinavian race, at Selsey Bill on July 23rd (D.B.W.).

203. **ICELAND GULL**.—The bird first reported in January, 1958, in the Shoreham area was present throughout the year (many observers).

205. **MEDITERRANEAN BLACK-HEADED GULL**.—A first year bird at Selsey Bill on April 13th (P.J.M., R.J.O.). A similar, probably the same, bird at Manhood End on 16th (A.B.S.). A second year bird at Selsey Bill on May 11th (M.A.J., R.J.S.). A first summer bird at Langney Point on June 16th (D.D.H.).

An adult at Selsey Bill on July 30th, August 6th and 7th (B.A.E.M., A.B.S. *et al.*). An adult at Brighton on October 9th (G.A.S.). An adult at Selsey Bill on 16th, 17th and 23rd (B.A.E.M., M.H.P., R.F.P., G.A.S.).

All these records have been accepted by *Brit. B.*

207. **LITTLE GULL**.—Two adults off Goring on January 1st (R.M.L.). An immature at Selsey Bill on February 7th (M.A.J.). An immature at Newhaven on March 20th (L.P.A.). One at Newhaven on April 17th (B.E.C., J.C. *et al.*) and one at Piddinghoe on 18th (A.B.S.). An immature E off Selsey Bill on 20th (R.L.K.J., P.J.M., R.F.P.). An immature and an adult E there on May 1st (B.A.E.M., N.M., A.B.S.). An immature at Pett Level Pools on 10th (F.J.W.).

In August an immature W off Selsey Bill on 14th (B.A.E.M., A.B.S. *et al.*); an immature off Langney Point on 24th (R.H.C.) and one W off Selsey Bill on 28th (B.A.E.M., J.R. *et al.*). An adult W off Beachy Head on September 17th (B.E.C., J.C., M.N., A.Q.) and an immature at Langney Point on 27th (D.D.H.). Between October 7th and November 30th c. 22 were recorded from the coast.

208. **BLACK-HEADED GULL**.—C. 200 pairs attempted to breed at Rye Harbour but few young were raised (R.H.C., D.D.H.).

211. **KITTIWAKE**.—As usual a few, mostly single birds, during the summer months.

212. **BLACK TERN**.—More recorded than ever before. First recorded on April 27th when 7 flew E off Selsey Bill (R.L.K.J., N.M., R.F.P.). Between May 8th and 21st 247 were counted flying E there, most being on 11th (95) and 12th (110) (many observers). During the same period 44 were recorded elsewhere, 28 of them on 11th.

Between August 7th and September 21st 64 flew W and 15 E off Selsey Bill, most (24 W) on August 29th (many observers). Elsewhere c. 40 were recorded from other localities in August and September. In October c. 30 were reported up to 11th.

213. **WHITE-WINGED BLACK TERN**.—One flying E with Black Terns c. 400 yards off Selsey Bill on April 27th (R.L.K.J., N.M., R.F.P.). A juvenile flying W c. 200 yards off Langney Point on September 23rd (D.D.H.). Both these records have been accepted by *Brit. B.*

215. **GULL-BILLED TERN**.—At Selsey Bill single birds flying E close inshore were seen on April 23rd (M.A.J., R.J.K.J., R.F.P.), May 1st (B.A.E.M., N.M.,

A.B.S.), 4th (A.B.S.), 9th (M.A.J.), 14th (M.A.J., B.A.E.M., A.B.S.) and 15th (M.A.J., B.A.E.M., M.S.). It is naturally impossible to determine how many individuals were involved but it would conceivably have been only one or two.

One flying W close in at Langney Point on July 2nd (D.D.H.) and one close in off Selsey Bill on 3rd with 2 there on 16th (B.A.E.M.). One flying W there, c. 70 yards out on August 24th (P.R.M.). All these records have been accepted by *Brit. B.*

216. **CASPIAN TERN**.—One flying E c. 200 yards off Selsey Bill on May 6th (A.B.S.). This has been accepted by *Brit. B.* but since it is the first fully authenticated record for the county a description is given here. "A very large tern, size of Common Gulls, 3 of which were also passing up-Channel. Flight and appearance like a very large Sandwich Tern but with more deliberate and deeper wing beats. Under side whitish as was upper wing, showing slightly darker colour on primaries. Black crown, tail white and not markedly forked. . . . Two features particularly attracted attention: the heavy red bill and the black on the underside of the primaries."

217. **COMMON TERN**.—Nesting at Rye Harbour was largely unsuccessful, only c. 20 young flying, owing to human interference (R.H.C.). On June 30th c. 50 passed E close in off Langney Point (D.D.H.).

218. **ROSEATE TERN**.—At Selsey Bill 2 flew E on May 8th (M.A.J., S.F.K., M.H.P., A.B.S.), one E on 9th (M.A.J.), 2 E on 22nd (M.A.J., B.A.E.M., A.B.S., *et al.*) and one W on June 12th (B.A.E.M., A.B.S.). As in the case of the Gull-billed Tern records not more than 2 birds could be involved here. One, slightly oiled, at Pagham on June 16th (W.W.A.P.). One flying E off Langney Point on May 22nd (R.H.C.).

On July 9th one arrived from the E and came down on the shore at Selsey Bill (R.J.F.C., M.A.J., B.A.E.M.). Two flying W c. 30 yards out there on July 23rd (D.B.W.) and one W there on September 3rd (B.A.E.M., J.R., A.B.S., G.A.S.). Full descriptions have been given in all cases.

222. **LITTLE TERN**.—W.W.A.P. estimates that 60-80 pairs attempted to nest at Pagham. One W off Selsey Bill on October 9th (several observers).

223. **SANDWICH TERN**.—As usual a few were recorded throughout the summer and on June 30th c. 20 flew E off Langney Point in an hour (D.D.H.). One off Selsey Bill on October 31st (R.F.P.), a late date.

226. **LITTLE AUK**.—One W off Selsey Bill on November 3rd (R.F.P.) and one, arriving from the W, came down on the sea there on 12th (D.B.W.). One flying W close in there (B.A.E.M., R.F.P.) and one flying W off Langney Point (D.D.H.) on 26th. An immature female was found dead at Sidlesham on December 9th and taken to Bognor Museum (W.W.A.P., E.M.V.).

227. **GUILLEMOT**.—One swimming W close in off Selsey Bill on April 15th showed the characteristics of the Northern race (B.A.E.M., A.B.S., R.J.W.).

230. **PUFFIN**.—One flying W c. 200 yards off Selsey Bill on May 9th (M.A.J.).

232. **STOCK DOVE**.—On January 16th 4 flew in S to N at Selsey Bill (B.A.E.M.).

235. **TURTLE DOVE**.—The following late dates were recorded: one at Sidlesham on October 14th (M.S.), one on the Crumbles on 18th (D.D.H.), one at Manhood End on 22nd (H.C.D.), one at Selsey Bill on 23rd (several observers), one at Sidlesham Ferry on 24th (M.S.).

COLLARED DOVE.—One at Alfriston was first seen about February 29th (H.C.) and remained until about April 19th (L.A.C.), being seen by several

observers. On July 5th M.S. saw one at Selsey. Soon afterwards the same observer found 3 at a site at West Wittering. A local resident (R.A.B.) states that the species was first seen there in 1958 and that one or 2 pairs have been present ever since though he has no proof of breeding. On September 10th A.B.S. found a pair with 2 young able to fly in Selsey. Subsequent enquiries showed that the adults had been present there since May. These are the first records for the county.

237. **CUCKOO**.—On July 20th one, first seen far out, flew in from the SE at Langney Point and then turned to follow the coast W (R.H.C., D.D.H.).

239. **YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO**.—On December 14th one was found dead at Middleton by L. D. Smith. It was taken to Bognor Museum where it was identified as an adult female. It appeared to have died of starvation 4 or 5 days earlier. It is now an exhibit in Bognor Museum (W.W.A.P., E.M.V.). This is the second record for the county and has been accepted by *Brit. B.*

248. **LONG-EARED OWL**.—One was flushed from bushes near Pagham Harbour on October 14th and 15th (W.W.A.P.). This was no doubt a migrant.

249. **SHORT-EARED OWL**.—None were reported before May 1st when one flew in S to N at Selsey Bill (B.A.E.M., N.M., A.B.S., M.S.) and there was one at Beachy Head (B. E. C., J.C., M.N., A.Q.). No more records until August 12th when one was seen at Sidlesham Ferry (M.S.). C. 20 were recorded, September-December, including one which flew in NW at Langney Point on September 20th (D.D.H.) and one which flew in from the sea at Selsey on October 16th (S.F.K., M.H.P. *et al.*).

255. **SWIFT**.—One at the Wicks on April 18th (R.H.C., D.D.H.). Arrival was unusually early since there were c. 20 over Eastbourne on 19th, many there on 20th (D.D.H.), many coming in at Beachy Head on 24th (R.H.C.) and 200-300 at Chichester G.P. on 27th (M.S.). One flew SSE at Selsey Bill on October 5th (A.B.S.).

261. **HOOPOE**.—One at Langney Point on May 10th (R.H.C.). One at Westham on 11th (J.P.). One on downs at Burreham on July 21st (W. Ingram per F.P.P.). One at Seaford, September 3rd-5th (per D.L.S.).

263. **GREAT SPOTTED WOODPECKER**.—One flew in S to N at Selsey Bill on April 24th (M.A.J., R.L.K.J. *et al.*). One at the tip of the Bill on October 15th (B.A.E.M., A.B.S. *et al.*).

265. **WRYNECK**.—One at Church Norton on April 16th (W.W.A.P.).

271. **WOODLARK**.—One flew S out to sea at Selsey Bill on September 25th, and one was present there later in the day (B.A.E.M., A.B.S. *et al.*).

272. **SKYLARK**.—Large W movements were recorded on the coast during the cold spell, January 10th-14th. At Selsey Bill birds were seen flying out to sea between SE and SW on 10 days from February 26th to May 3rd, 55 birds being involved. Most, 25, left on February 28th. During the same period 18 were seen to fly in from the sea there, nearly all singly (several observers).

Between September 29th and November 13th 471 left Selsey Bill between SW and SE and between September 25th and November 13th 545 flew in there, most on October 15th (274) and 16th (158 in 10 hours) (many observers). During the same period a few were seen to fly out to sea elsewhere and arrival from the sea was also recorded, again most coming in on October 15th, when D.D.H. saw 115 arrive in 2 hours at Langney Point, and 16th when c. 200 flew in at Beachy Head (B.E.C., J.C., M.N., A.Q.).

298. **TREE CREEPER**.—On March 16th there was one in low trees at Cuckmere Haven and on 20th there were 2 in the wood near Belle Tout (R.H.C.).
299. **WREN**.—One ringed at Shoreham by J.S. on October 23rd, 1959, was found dead at Great Bookham, Surrey, on January 31st.
301. **MISTLE THRUSH**.—On March 5th 3 flew out SSE and 2 out S at Selsey Bill (M.A.J., A.B.S.).
302. **FIELDFARE**.—The usual W movements were observed on the coast during the cold weather, January 10th-16th. On October 16th 2 flew in N at Selsey Bill (B.A.E.M., A.B.S.) and on November 6th 12 flew in at Beachy Head (B.E.C., J.C., M.N., A.Q.).
303. **SONG THRUSH**.—A cold weather movement W along the coast, January 12th-14th. One at the end of Langney Point on March 16th and several near the edge of the cliff at Belle Tout on 25th (D.D.H.). The largest spring number at Beachy Head was 25 on April 3rd (B.E.C., J.C., M.N., A.Q.). One ringed at Shoreham by J.S. on November 22nd, 1959, was found dead at Aylsham, Norfolk, on May 6th. A juvenile ringed at Shoreham by J.S. on May 25th was found dead at St. Pierre Eglise (Manche), France, on November 6th.
- Between September 22nd and October 31st birds were recorded along the coast on many occasions under circumstances suggesting migration. Between October 15th and 24th 16 flew in from the sea at Selsey Bill (many observers). A pair nesting at Saltdean had their first egg on November 29th (G.N.S.).
304. **REDWING**.—A cold weather movement W along the coast, January 10th-16th. One at Goring on May 7th (R.M.L.), a late date. At Selsey Bill 11 flew in N on October 16th and 18 on 29th (several observers).
307. **RING OUZEL**.—Two at Beachy Head on March 19th (B.E.C., J.C., M.N., A.Q.). This is the earliest spring date for the county. Between April 7th and May 2nd 10 were recorded from the coast. In September one at Beachy Head on 18th (B.E.C., J.C., M.N., A.Q.) and one at Newhaven on 29th (D.D.H.). Between October 1st and 30th c. 100 were recorded for the coast and the downs. Most were c. 40 in an area of c. 2 square miles at Patcham on 1st (M.J.H.) and a similar number in the Beachy Head area on 2nd. Of these latter a party of 12 and one of c. 15 were seen to fly SSW out to sea in the evening (B.E.C., J.C., M.N., A.Q.).
308. **BLACKBIRD**.—A few were seen moving W along the coast during the cold weather of January 14th-16th. Between March 19th and April 7th up to 60 were seen together on 4 occasions in the Beachy Head-Belle Tout area (B.E.C., J.C., D.D.H., M.N., A.Q.). An adult female ringed at Shoreham by J.S. on January 30th was found dying at Moor Dorf, nr. Oldenbourg, Germany, on April 6th.
- An influx on the Crumbles on September 22nd (D.D.H.). Increases at Selsey Bill on many dates between late September and early November. On October 16th 3 flew in N there and 5 flew in on 26th (several observers).
311. **WHEATEAR**.—The earliest recorded was one at Langney Point on March 16th (D.D.H.). With the mild autumn and winter birds stayed later on the coast than is usual. There are a number of records for early November, including a bird showing the characters of the Greenland race which was trapped and ringed at Selsey Bill by B.A.E.M. and which remained there until 3rd. One at Shoreham until 19th (C.F.B., J.M.T.) and one at Pett level and one at Camber on 19th (D.D.H.). One remained at Langney Point until December 4th (R.H.C.,

273. **SHORELARK**.—One at Pagham on October 14th, a rather early date (W.W.A.P.).
274. **SWALLOW**.—The first recorded was on March 6th, over Ashburnham Lake (S.D.C., E.P.). One at Sidlesham on 30th (J.V.S.). One at Sidlesham on December 7th and 8th (M.S.) and one, probably the same, at Pagham on 26th (P.B.). This is the latest date for the county.
276. **HOUSE MARTIN**.—At least 4 pairs nested on the chalk cliffs at Seaford (D.D.H.). This is the first time such a locality has been recorded since the War. One at Pett Level on December 2nd (D.D.H.) and one at Bexhill on 9th (L.A.C.).
277. **SAND MARTIN**.—One flying E at Selsey Bill on October 23rd (B.A.E.M.) and 2 at Chichester G.P. on 24th (W.P.W.).
278. **GOLDEN ORIOLE**.—On May 28th a male was singing in dense foliage near Lancing in both morning and afternoon (F.S., J.S., J.M.T.). Only brief glimpses of the yellow under parts could be obtained but the song is well known to J.S.
281. **HOODED CROW**.—One on Hawkenbury rubbish tip, near Tunbridge Wells (B.A.E.M.). Inland records have been very rare in recent years. One at Beachy Head on October 16th and 23rd and on November 6th (B.E.C., J.C., M.N., A.Q.). One at Pagham on October 27th (W.W.A.P.) and one at Shoreham on 30th (L.P.A., C.F.B., J.M.T.).
282. **ROOK**.—At Selsey Bill 4 flew out S on February 28th. Between April 2nd and May 15th 39 flew out between SW and SE there on 15 days. At the same locality 23 flew in S to N there between April 19th and 23rd, 14 of them on 20th (several observers). Between September 24th and October 30th 25 left Selsey Bill between SW and SE (many observers). On November 6th 3 flew in N there (B.A.E.M., R.F.P.) and one did so on 13th (B.A.E.M. *et al.*).
283. **JACKDAW**.—At Selsey Bill between March 2nd and May 8th 7 flew out S or SSW on 4 days while 6 flew in N there on 3 days (several observers). A few were seen to fly out there between September 24th and October 30th (many observers).
286. **JAY**.—One at Selsey Bill on May 7th flew off N after alighting (B.A.E.M., M.A.J.). One flying W over Sidlesham Ferry a few hours later (B.A.E.M.).
288. **GREAT TIT**.—One ringed at Shoreham by J.S. on March 12th was found dead at Bremerhaven, Germany, on July 7th. Two flew out SSE at Selsey Bill on April 12th (several observers).
289. **BLUE TIT**.—A juvenile ringed at Shoreham by J.S. on August 22nd, 1959, was found dead at Wisborough Green on March 16th. An adult ringed at Shoreham by J.S. on December 28th, 1959, was found dead near Maidstone, Kent, on February 10th. A first winter bird ringed at Eastbourne by D.D.H. on February 11th was recovered at Crowborough on March 19th. At Selsey Bill 3 flew out S on March 20th and 3 SSE on 26th. On April 12th 2 flew out SSE there and one S on 15th. A single bird flew in there on March 26th, one flew in N on April 11th and 5 did so on 15th (several observers).
294. **LONG-TAILED TIT**.—In autumn, particularly between October 13th and November 13th, more than usual were recorded from the coast. So far as any movement was observed it was mainly W.
295. **BEARDED TIT**.—Three at Pett Level Pools on November 6th and 2 there on 13th (D.E., W.J.V.). These records are under consideration by Brit. B.

D.D.H.) and there was one at Northpoint Beach, near Camber, on 15th (F.J.W.). There is only one previous county record for this month.

312. DESERT WHEATEAR.—A female was first seen at Selsey Bill by R.E.G., B.A.E.M. and C.R.T. on October 28th and remained there until at least November 8th. Towards the end of its stay it was obviously growing weaker and probably did not survive the rough, wet weather. It was seen by many observers including R.H.C., D.D.H., M.H.P., A.B.S., G.A.S. This record has been accepted by *Brit. B.* but since this is the first county record (it is the 13th for Britain) a description is given here, mainly taken from that made by B.A.E.M. Rather smaller than a common Wheatear. Head sandy-grey. A very faint trace of a darker area running through the eye and a suggestion of a creamy supercilial stripe. Mantle and scapulars pale sandy tinged greyish. Wings: first primary all black, secondaries blackish with broad silver-white edgings, forming a pale patch on the wings. Wing coverts generally pale brownish with white edgings and tips, the tips of the greater coverts forming a pale bar. Primary coverts had rather darker centres than rest of coverts, with silver white edgings. Rump and upper tail coverts off-white with a distinct buffish tinge, not contrasting with the rest of the plumage as in a Wheatear. Tail black nearly to base, fairly clearly cut off from rump. Under parts generally off-white with a faint orange-brown wash on throat and upper breast. Chin whitish.

318. WHINCHAT.—One at Selsey Bill on July 9th (R.J.F.C., M.A.J., B.A.E.M.) and one at Pett Level on 24th (R.H.C.).

320. REDSTART.—One on Goring front on March 31st (A.H.M.). A female ringed at Shoreham by J.S. on September 19th, 1959, was shot at Neuborn, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, on May 11th.

A male on Highdown Hill on November 5th, a late date (S.H.C.).

321. BLACK REDSTART.—Only one record for January and none for February. Between March 15th and April 9th c. 15 were recorded on the coast.

A pair again bred at Eastbourne and a male was singing at a new site there (R.H.C.). An adult male at Holywell, Eastbourne, August 7th-21st (it was caught and ringed) may have been a local bird (D.D.H.). Otherwise no records until October when c. 20 were recorded on the coast, October 16th-November 3rd. At the end of the year wintering birds were recorded from suitable localities all along the coast.

322. NIGHTINGALE.—One was singing at Upwaltham on April 7th (D.L.) and one on the Crumbles on 14th (D.D.H.).

325. ROBIN.—One ringed at Holywell, Eastbourne, on October 8th, 1959, by D.D.H. was recovered at Seville, Spain, on January 30th. On March 25th fair numbers were present on the coast between Langney Point at Cuckmere Haven and smaller numbers on March 31st and April 1st (R.H.C., D.D.H.).

Between September 19th and November 6th this species was recorded along the coast on many occasions. Some of these birds showed the characteristics of the Continental race, particularly one, caught together with a "normal" bird on the Crumbles on September 29th by D.D.H. and 6 seen at Selsey Bill on October 26th (B.A.E.M. *et al.*).

332. GREAT REED WARBLER.—One singing in bushes at the end of Selsey Bill on May 16th (M.S.). This record has been accepted by *Brit. B.* It is the second fully authenticated record for the county.

333. REED WARBLER.—One at Pagham on October 3rd (R.J.O., W.W.A.P.). On 7th there was an unusually late influx in the Eastbourne area, one being seen

at Langney Point (R.H.C., D.D.H.) and 2 being caught and ringed on the Crumbles (D.D.H.).

337. SEDGE WARBLER.—One at Pett Level on April 5th (D.E., R.E., W.J.V.) and one at Shoreham on 7th (J.M.T.).

In October one at Pett Level on 8th (D.B.O.), one in the lower Cuckmere valley on 9th (R.H.C.) and one at Pagham on 10th (W.W.A.P.).

343. BLACKCAP.—A female was caught and ringed at Hailsham on January 3rd (P.R.). One in an Eastbourne garden in mid-January and on February 17th (C.G.M.S.). Two females at Shoreham on January 27th, one of which was caught and ringed (J.S.).

One at Shoreham on November 22nd (J.M.T.) and a male at Burgess Hill on December 11th (J.A.W.).

352. DARTFORD WARBLER.—A pair were seen feeding young in May (S.F.K.). This is the first complete evidence of breeding for some years. In a totally different locality M.A.M. and T.B.S. recorded a singing male in April and May.

354. WILLOW WARBLER.—An adult ringed by D.D.H. at Eastbourne on August 13th was found wounded at León, Spain, on October 2nd. A first winter bird ringed at Shoreham by J.S. on September 5th was recovered at Berango, Spain, on September 12th. A somewhat late bird was caught and ringed at Holywell, Eastbourne, by D.D.H. on October 16th.

356. CHIFFCHAFF.—Single birds on the Crumbles on January 3rd and 29th and on February 1st (R.H.C.). One at Portslade on January 12th (G.A.S.). One at Lancing on 29th (J.M.T.). One at Shoreham, January 29th-February 7th and another there, February 27th-29th (J.S.). Otherwise the earliest record is of one at Pagham on March 7th (W.W.A.P.). On March 12th birds were recorded from a number of localities.

One at Shoreham on November 21st (F.S.), one on the Crumbles on 27th (R.H.C.). One, probably of this species and not a Willow Warbler at Sidlesham on December 22nd (W.W.A.P.) and a similar bird at Weir Wood Reservoir on 25th (V.A.G., P.J.W.).

364. GOLDCREST.—Seen along the coast on many occasions between March 5th and April 11th and between September 23rd and November 13th. One flew in from the sea at Selsey Bill on October 23rd (B.A.E.M., R.F.P.) and one did likewise on 26th (B.A.E.M.).

365. FIRECREST.—One at Holywell, Eastbourne, on March 16th (D.D.H.). One at Beachy Head on 24th and one there on 25th (R.H.C.). One at Crawley on 30th (M.R.S.). One at Holywell, Eastbourne on 30th and 31st (D.D.H.). One at Camber on April 2nd (D.E., R.E., W.J.V.). One at Telscombe (J.G.C.) and one at Church Norton (W.W.A.P.) on 4th. One at Holywell, Eastbourne, on 8th (D.D.H.).

In September 2 at Langney Point on 27th. None there on the morning of 28th but 4 there in afternoon and 3 on 29th (R.H.C., D.D.H.). Otherwise 10 were recorded for the coast between the Wicks and Selsey Bill, October 19th-30th.

368. PIED FLYCATCHER.—The only spring record was of one at Shoreham on May 3rd (M.J.H., J.M.T., P.J.W.).

Between August 25th and September 25th only c. 7 were recorded. One at Selsey Bill on October 9th (B.A.E.M., A.B.S. *et al.*).

373. MEADOW PIPIT.—At Selsey Bill departure out to sea was observed on 8 days between February 29th and April 14th, only 29 birds being involved

(several observers). Spring arrival from the sea was as usual recorded along the coast.

Between August 30th and November 27th 4,890 left Selsey Bill, most flying S. The largest departure, c. 1,630, was on October 4th (many observers). Six flew out to sea at Pett Level on September 29th (R.H.C.). Only c. 500 were seen coming in from the sea at Selsey Bill, between September 21st and November 5th. A similar movement was seen elsewhere on the coast (many observers).

375. TAWNY PIPIT.—On September 17th one at Langney Point (D.D.H.) and one at Selsey Bill (B.A.E.M., R.F.P., R.B.S.). On 18th, 2 at Langney Point (R.H.C.) and 3 at Selsey Bill, the latter being considered different birds from the one seen the previous day (B.A.E.M., A.B.S. *et al.*). On 19th, 3 at Langney Point. On 25th again one there (R.H.C.) and one on 27th (R.H.C., D.D.H.). All these records have been accepted by *Brit. B.*

376. TREE PIPIT.—At Selsey Bill 74 left, mostly S, between August 27th and October 6th, most (36) on August 27th (many observers). One there on October 15th (B.A.E.M., A.B.S.) and one at Beachy Head on 16th (B.E.C., J.C., M.N., A.Q.).

379. SCANDINAVIAN ROCK PIPIT.—One showing the features of this race was seen at the Pett Level Pools on March 27th (R.H.C.).

WATER PIPIT.—One at Selsey Bill on February 14th and 27th (B.A.E.M., A.B.S.) and on March 7th (N.M.). On 19th, one at Bracklesham Bay (B.A.E.M.) and one at Pett Level (D.D.H.). On 23rd, one at Pagham (W.W.A.P.).

One caught and ringed at Lewes Sewage Farm on November 29th (R.R.L.). Full descriptions have been recorded in all these cases.

380. PIED WAGTAIL.—At Selsey Bill between September 24th and November 13th c. 450 "Alba" wagtails flew out between S and SSW, most (93) on October 4th. During about the same period a few flew in there and elsewhere on the coast (many observers).

381. GREY WAGTAIL.—At Selsey Bill between August 27th and October 17th 32 flew out to sea, mostly S (many observers).

382. YELLOW WAGTAIL.—In March, 2 at Rye Harbour G.P. (D.B.M.) and one at Pagham (S.R.S.) on 26th; 2 at Pett Level Pools on 27th (R.H.C.).

On May 16th R.H.C. saw in the lower Cuckmere valley a variant with the following features: "bill very noticeably black; crown, nape and the whole of the back a bright slate blue grey. A very light buff line from bill over eye to tip of ear coverts. Grey on back went down over scapulars on to wing-coverts but most of latter a dark grey brown. Secondaries same with white tips to feathers. Primaries noticeably brown with faint white lines running along edge of feathers. Chin very light; throat, breast and rest of under parts pale primrose yellow. A black spot in middle of upper breast." On September 22nd D.J.B. saw a variant at Weir Wood which had "a white head with very slight brown markings round the eyes. No eye-stripe . . . Basic coloration of rest of plumage as normal but very pale in colour."

A male with plumage corresponding to that of the Blue-headed race at Sidlesham on April 25th (M.S.) and one near Pagham Harbour on May 25th, 26th and 30th (W.W.A.P.). A similar male at the Wicks on September 24th (D.D.H.). An adult male at Selsey which was watched for some time at close range by M.A.J., B.A.E.M., A.B.S. *et al.* on September 18th had "crown and nape dark olive-brown, considerably darker than nearby *flavissima* . . . Loes and ear coverts dark slate-grey, appearing almost black at times, darker than rest of head . . . Chin white, with a thin white line extending up below the dark

cheeks, sharply demarcated from the cheeks . . . Mantle distinctly darker than in the *flavissima*," but otherwise much as adult male of this race. No or very slight supercilary stripe. This bird was perhaps of the Grey-headed or of the Ashy-headed race.

A male was present at Sidlesham rubbish dump from December 11th to the end of the year (B.A.E.M. *et al.*). There are no previous county records for this month.

384. GREAT GREY SHRIKE.—One at Darwell Reservoir, January 10th-20th (R.H.C., M.H.P., G.A.S.). One in Eridge Park on 13th (G.P.). One at Mile Oak from the beginning of the year to February 6th (M.A.J., G.A.S.). One at Darwell Reservoir on October 21st (R.V.W.). On November 6th one flew in from the S at Selsey Bill (B.A.E.M., R.F.P. *et al.*).

388. RED-BACKED SHRIKE.—Only 3 nesting pairs were reported.

389. STARLING.—Many moving W along the coast during cold weather, January 10th-14th. One ringed at Eastbourne by D.D.H. on February 24th was found dead near Berlin on March 18th. At Selsey Bill c. 1,560 were seen to fly out to sea between SE and SW from January 16th and May 28th, most on March 2nd (500) and 12th (360). During about this same period only 16 were seen to fly in there (many observers).

On September 10th 3 flew out SSW at Selsey Bill and 18 flew out SE on 24th (B.A.E.M. *et al.*). Between October 2nd and November 13th c. 2,500 flew out there, SW to SE and c. 1,600 flew in, most (c. 860) on October 16th (many observers). Elsewhere on the coast arrival from the sea was recorded between October 12th and November 23rd but on a smaller scale than usual.

392. GREENFINCH.—One ringed at Shoreham by J.S. on January 17th was found dead at Stevenage, Herts., on April 15th. Another ringed at the same place by J.S. on February 4th was found dead at Ipswich, Suffolk, on April 17th. At Selsey Bill 92 flew out between SE and SW, March 12th-May 5th and 22 flew in there, March 5th-April 27th. Between October 2nd and November 13th c. 1,600 left Selsey Bill, nearly all S and most (c. 1,280) on October 28th. During the same period only 25 flew in there (many observers).

393. GOLDFINCH.—At Selsey Bill c. 600 flew out to sea between April 11th and May 14th and 76 flew in there. Between September 26th and November 27th c. 3,780 flew out there, most (1,230) on October 28th and only 9 flew in (many observers). C. 30 flew in from the SE at Langney Point on October 12th (R.H.C.) and 2 flew out there on 22nd (D.D.H.).

394. SISKIN.—One at Selsey Bill on May 14th (M.A.J., B.A.E.M., A.B.S.). One at Selsey Bill on September 24th (M.A.J., B.A.E.M. *et al.*). On 25th 6 flying E over the Crumbles (R.H.C.) and one flying E, Beachy Head. Six flying E there on October 23rd (B.E.C., J.C., M.N., A.Q.).

395. LINNET.—A W coastal movement during cold weather, January 10th-14th. At Selsey Bill c. 780 flew out to sea between February 27th and May 28th while c. 180 flew in there between February 27th and May 1st (several observers). C. 20 flew out to sea at Seaford Head on April 22nd (R.H.C.).

One flew out SE at Selsey Bill on July 2nd (B.A.E.M.). Between September 26th and November 13th c. 11,600 flew out there, mostly S. Most left on October 4th (c. 1,260), 6th (c. 1,550), 25th (c. 2,100) and 28th (c. 3,100). During about the same period only c. 250 flew in there (many observers).

396. TWITE.—One at Shoreham on January 12th (J.M.T.) and several at Pagham on 14th (W.W.A.P.).

C. 20 at the Midrips on October 18th (D.B.O.), c. 55 there and 3 at Pett Level on 24th (R.H.C.) and 2 at the Midrips on November 4th (D.M.B.). Five at Paghham on October 30th, one there on 31st and on November 4th and 9th (W.W.A.P.). One at Sidlesham Ferry on November 19th (T.W.G.) and 2 at Langney Point on December 18th (D.D.H.).

397. **LESSER REDPOLL.**—Four flew in from S at Seaford Head on April 28th (R.H.C.).

Four flying E over the Crumbles on September 29th (D.D.H.). Up to 6 together along the coast, October 10th-November 13th, including single birds flying out to sea at Selsey Bill on October 10th and 23rd and one flying in there on November 13th (several observers).

404. **CROSSBILL.**—C. 5 near Graffham on January 5th (D.L.). Seven near Arundel on February 7th (A.R.). A pair at Heathfield on 8th and still there on March 1st (C.L.B.-C.). A pair near East Grimstead on February 17th (H.C.J.). A male at Wadhurst on February 21st (K.J.F.). Up to 3 seen together near East Hoathly, February 26th-April 20th including a singing male and a female carrying nesting material (H.A.C.). A pair nested in a garden in Maresfield Park but later deserted (G.S.B., H.A.B.). This is the first time breeding has been proved since 1943. A pair near Wych Cross on March 8th (W.B.G.). A male near Frant on April 13th (G.P.). A pair at Crowborough on 15th (V.A.G., P.J.W.). Four near Mounfield on 24th (R.V.W.). C. 3, Midhurst Common, on May 7th (P.R.M.).

Two flying E along the coast at Selsey Bill on July 9th (R.J.F.C.). A party of 7 near Cocking on November 29th (D.L.).

407. **CHAFINCH.**—Some flying W near Rye and along the Seven Sisters during the cold weather of January 12th and 14th (R.H.C.). On March 16th c. 60 flew in half an hour at Holywell, Eastbourne (D.D.H.). Five flew out to sea at Selsey Bill on 26th (several observers).

At Selsey Bill 22 flew out to sea, October 6th-28th (many observers). One flew in there on September 26th (R.J.O. *et al.*). On October 15th a large arrival took place all along the coast. At Langney Point c. 320 flew in during 2 hours (D.D.H.), hundreds were coming in at Birling Gap (D.B.M.) and, during the day, c. 1,470 came in at Selsey Bill (many observers). The movement continued on 16th but numbers were much smaller. Arrival, on a small scale, was recorded along the coast at times until November 6th.

408. **BRAMBLING.**—One at Selsey Bill on September 29th (R.J.O.). This is the earliest autumn date for the county. On October 3rd 3 flew in from the S at Beachy Head and 2 did so on 16th (B.E.C., J.C., M.N., A.Q.). Four flew in at Selsey on October 15th (B.A.E.M., R.F.P. *et al.*).

410. **CORN BUNTING.**—Three flew S out to sea at Selsey Bill on October 5th (A.B.S.).

416. **ORTOLAN BUNTING.**—One at Beachy Head on September 25th (J.C., M.N., A.Q.). The description includes: greenish-brown head with a noticeable creamy-yellow moustachial stripe and chin; white eye ring and pink bill. Under parts reddish buff with prominent black streaks, especially on upper breast. Mantle brown with dark streaks. Prominent white outer tail feathers. Call a liquid "quip."

422. **LAPLAND BUNTING.**—One at the Midrips on September 25th (D.B.O.). One there and one at Langney Point on 29th. One at Langney Point on October 5th (R.H.C.). One at Earnley on 22nd (M.S.).

423. **SNOW BUNTING.**—Up to c. 60 in the Rye Harbour-Wicks area in January and February (R.H.C., D.D.H. *et al.*). Two there on March 6th (R.H.C.). One at Pett Level on January 7th (C.V.J.). One at Shoreham, January 20th-24th (J.M.T. *et al.*). One or 2 at East Head, January 16th-18th (L.P.A., D.L., P.R.M.).

In autumn, not recorded before November 4th when there were 2 at Paghham (W.W.A.P.). During this month c. 40 were recorded along the coast, most, c. 25, in the Camber-Wicks area. At the end of the year this number was still present in the latter area and there was a single bird at East Head.

424. **HOUSE SPARROW.**—At Selsey Bill 4 flew out S with Linnets on March 15th and 28 flew out there on October 4th (A.B.S.).

425. **TREE SPARROW.**—C. 100 at Weir Wood Reservoir on January 3rd (H.J.C.). C. 200 at Chichester G.P. during February (several observers). C. 100 near Cissbury Ring on February 7th (R.J.S.).

No change seems to have taken place in the breeding position. A pair bred at Sidlesham (J.V.S.).

On October 14th 10 flew out SSW and 2 S at Selsey Bill (A.B.S.). C. 150 at Langney Point during late December (R.H.C., D.D.H.).