

A Review
of the
Birds of the Haslemere District



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From time to time it is necessary to make a new estimate of the Bird life of the district. Changes in land use affect the birds, while the increasing number of active bird-watchers gives a more complete knowledge of their status.

The first local list was compiled by W. A. Shaw in 1921; this was revised in 1954 by P. M. Bond. The present list attempts to bring the picture up to date at the end of 1967. The records, therefore, refer mainly to occurrences between 1954 and 1967. In the case of a few rare birds earlier dates are included.

The classification used is The Check-List of the Birds of Great Britain and Ireland, 1952. Birds recorded ringed in this area were ringed by P. G. Davis.

The area covered is (as before) within a six-mile radius of Haslemere Town Hall. A large proportion of records come from Frensham Ponds, not only because they are much favoured by the birds, but also because they are more intensely watched than any other part of the area.

Such a list depends necessarily on the co-operation of many observers. We thank all those who have contributed observations, and remind others that authenticated notes on birds in this area are always welcomed at Haslemere Educational Musuem.

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Order COLYMBIFORMES

Family COLYMBIDAE

- 1 **Black-throated Diver.** *Colymbus arcticus*.
Very rare visitor. One at Frensham, badly oiled, on 26.1.57 (MLW, JB).
- 2 **Great Northern Diver.** *Colymbus immer*.
Very rare visitor. One was watched at Frensham on 20. and 21.12.59 (DAW, PMB, LCT). One frequented the Great Pond from Jan. 5 to Feb. 21, 1964 (TGW, PGD).
- 4 **Red-throated Diver.** *Colymbus stellatus*.
Occasional winter visitor. Recent records: one at Lurgashall Mill Pond, 30.3.55 (PMB, NB). A dead immature bird found on the ice at

Frensham, 12.2.56 (JRT, JJS). Single birds reported at Enton, 1.1.57 (ADW), Cutt Mill, 6.1.57 (HC), Frensham 17.2.57 (ADW), and from 28.2.60 to 27.3.60 (IHB, PGD).

Order PODICIPIDIFORMES

Family PODICIPIDAE

- 5 **Great Crested Grebe.** *Podiceps cristatus*.
Present on most large stretches of water in the area and breeds at Frensham with considerable success in spite of disturbance. In 1967 at least twelve young were reared by three pairs at the Great Pond. A few remain for the winter unless the water is completely frozen, and numbers begin to increase early in February.
- 6 **Red-necked Grebe.** *Podiceps grisegena*.
Very rare straggler. A pair at Frensham, 9.7.25 (PMB, NB); single birds there on 23.1.49 (NJW) and 3.12.59 (PGD).
- 7 **Slavonian Grebe.** *Podiceps auritus*.
Occasional visitor between October and April. One at Frensham, 11.11.62 (PMB, DAW); another on the unusual date, 1.8.65 (DAW, AJR). The latest record is of a bird seen on 5.11.67 (DAW, PMB, PGD) and again on 11.11.67 (DAW).
- 8 **Black-necked Grebe.** *Podiceps caspicus*.
Rare visitor, usually in autumn but occasionally in spring. The most recent records are of one at Frensham, 6.12.59 (RSPB, PGD), one there on 25.11.62 (PGD), one on 4.11.67 (RH) and possibly the same bird on 12.11.67 (LCT) and 19.11.67 (PGD).
- 9 **Little Grebe.** *Podiceps ruficollis*.
Apparently much less common than previously. No recent breeding records and the passage flocks (e.g., 102 at Frensham on 9.10.48) appear to have ceased.

Order PROCELLARIIFORMES

Family PROCELLARIIDAE

- 12 **Leach's Petrel.** *Oceanodroma leucorhoa*.
Very rare straggler. One found in a hot-house at Plant Protection, Fernhurst, 8.12.48, died later (BR, CEO). One reported from Unstead Sewage Works, 28.9.52 (EP).
- 14 **Storm-Petrel.** *Hydrobates pelagicus*.
Very occasional straggler. A storm-driven bird at Hambledon, 26.8.51, did not survive (EP). One was found dead at Easebourne, 29.10.52 (JC).

Order PELECANIFORMES

Family SULIDAE

- 27 **Gannet.** *Sula bassana*.
Very rare straggler—probably all storm driven birds. One on a

garden pond at Easebourne, 3.11.52 (JC); one at Frensham, 27.8.63, remained for five days but eventually died (IHB, PMB, DAW).

Family PHALACROCORACIDAE

28 Cormorant. *Phalacrocorax carbo*.

Occasional straggler. At Frensham the bird is reported once or twice in every year between October and April; also occasionally at Shillinglee and Enton.

29 Shag. *Phalacrocorax aristotelis*.

Very rare straggler. One at Frensham, 27.2.37 (DB, JCMN), and one there, 1.1.61 (DAW, JB). One appeared on a window-sill at Hindhead, in snow, on 13.2.60 (MM) and one in a garden shed at Inval, 16.2.63, also in snow (MMH).

Order ARDEIFORMES

Family ARDEIDAE

30 Heron. *Ardea cinerea*.

Frequent on even quite small waters at all times of the year. During the severe winter of 1962/63 a nestling ringed at Alice Holt (our nearest heronry), was found dead near Boussac, France, on 16.2.63.

31 Purple Heron. *Ardea purpurea*.

Very rare straggler. A juvenile at Frensham from 18. to 24.9.55 is the only recent record (RSPB, MMH, LCT, PMB).

38 Bittern. *Botaurus stellaris*.

Rare straggler. It occurred at Peper Harow Park in January 1947 and January 1963, at Frensham in January 1956 and in 1962. Soon after this last observation a Bittern flew into the power lines at Bordon, killed itself and cut off the electricity supply.

Order ANSERIFORMES

Family ANATIDAE

45 Mallard. *Anas platyrhynchos*.

Common resident and winter visitor. Breeds widely. Occasional big flocks in winter, e.g., one hundred and fifteen at Frensham, 22.9.63 (PGD).

46 Teal. *Anas crecca*.

Resident and winter visitor. Small parties, occasionally as many as thirty or forty, are seen in winter on reedy waters. It has become scarce at Frensham.

47 Garganey. *Anas querquedula*.

Very rare visitor either in autumn or spring. A male at Frensham, 24. and 25.3.58 (PMB, JMB); a male there on 24.5.59 (RSPB, MLW) and five on 4.9.60 (RSPB, JB).

- 49 Gadwall.** *Anas strepera*.
Very rare visitor, usually in April and May but occasionally in November and December. Only one record since 1955—a bird at Frensham on 19.4.58 (MMH).
- 50 Wigeon.** *Anas penelope*.
Regular winter visitor. The earliest date of arrival is 19.9.53 (GF), and the latest recorded is 23.4.49 (IHB).
- 52 Pintail.** *Anas acuta*.
Rare winter visitor. Twelve records from five local ponds between 1930 and 1967, the latest being at Frensham—a pair, 18.3.60 (PGD) and two birds, 1.1.61 (RSPB).
- 53 Shoveler.** *Spatula clypeata*.
Regular winter visitor but has been seen in every month except July. Most records come from Frensham but Alice Holt Pond, Enton and the Moat, Elstead, are also noted. In 1954 there was a brood of six at Sweetwater, Witley (LJR). The maximum recorded at Frensham is thirteen on 25.10.46 (PMB).
- 54 Red-crested Pochard.** *Netta rufina*.
Very rare straggler of which we have only three records. One bird at Frensham, 19.11.31 (PV); one in eclipse at Enton, 5.8.59 (GSE, RMF) and a male at Frensham, 28.11.61 (DAW, LCT, AJR).
- 55 Scaup.** *Aythya marila*.
Occasional winter visitor. One or two were recorded most winters up to 1957 at Frensham. Six were there, 14.10.31 (PV) and five females at Wades Marsh, 17.12.44 (MMH). Two males and a female were at Lowder Mill, 13.3.54 (REE) and one female at Enton, 20.10.57 (GDW).
- 56 Tufted Duck.** *Aythya fuligula*.
Common resident and winter migrant. At Frensham the largest numbers usually occur in November, e.g., 460 in 1958, 200 in 1959, since when numbers have been under 100, possibly due to the increased sailing there.
- 57 Pochard.** *Aythya ferina*.
Regular winter visitor. Birds begin to arrive in September and usually leave in March. Numbers vary from single birds to large flocks of over one hundred. Ninety were present at Frensham, 20.10.67 (RH, GHP). Also seen in summer; two birds at Frensham, 29.6.59 (IHB) and a male, 16.5.67 (RH).
- 58 White-eyed Pochard** (Ferruginous Duck). *Aythya nyroca*.
Very rare straggler. One was at Frensham on several dates between 29.12.60 and 17.1.61 (AFM, DAW).
- 60 Golden-eye.** *Bucephala clangula*.
Occasional winter visitor to Frensham, Thursley, Enton, etc. In 1963

one or two birds were present from July to December, and in 1964 from 1 Feb. to 14 March, but in these exceptional cases one suspects that the birds are either wounded by shot or slightly oiled.

- 61 Long-tailed Duck.** *Clangula hyemalis*.
Very rare straggler. A female was seen at Enton on 15.12.57 (ADW), an immature at Frensham on 9. and 10.11.61 (PGD), and three different birds between 28.10. and 26.11.67 (PGD, DAW, PMB, RH).
- 62 Velvet Scoter.** *Melanitta fusca*.
Very rare straggler. Two records only: an immature at Frensham three times in November, 1956 (LCT, PMB, DAW, RMF) and one there 26.3.61 (PGD, RSPB).
- 64 Common Scoter.** *Melanitta nigra*.
Occasional visitor, increasing since 1958; generally in winter and spring, but five males on 4.8.63 (PGD). Generally seen at Frensham but also at Flashes Pond and Enton (once each).
- 67 Eider.** *Somateria mollissima*.
Very rare straggler. The first appearance in this district was a male in partial eclipse at Frensham on 10.7.65. It appeared shy and kept to the centre of the pond (PGD).
- 69 Red-breasted Merganser.** *Mergus serrator*.
Very rare visitor, recorded four times at Frensham. Twenty-five birds 31.1.39 (MMH), four on 27.4.54 (CJFB, DC), one 7.2.60 (LCT, ECM, RSPB) and one female, 14.2.60 (RMF).
- 70 Goosander.** *Mergus merganser*.
Occasional winter visitor. One or two have occurred at Frensham most years since 1955, usually between November and March.
- 71 Smew.** *Mergus albellus*.
Uncommon winter visitor. Odd birds are at Frensham most winters, and occasionally at Enton Ponds.
- 73 Shelduck.** *Tadorna tadorna*.
Uncommon visitor, generally confined to late autumn, winter and spring. Seen most years at Frensham and once at Enton on 30.4.57 (ADW).
- 80 Brent Goose.** *Branta bernicla*.
Very rare straggler. A pair at Frensham, 23.4.23 (PS, LCT). One at Frensham, 23.3.53 to 2.4.53 (NB, LCT).
- 82 Canada Goose.** *Branta canadensis*.
Frequently seen on most local waters. Two or three pairs breed annually on a private lake at Liphook and a flock of up to sixty birds assembles there each winter.
- 84 Mute Swan.** *Cygnus olor*.
Common resident, numbers increasing in winter. One ringed, 7.8.63,

was recovered at Wapping, London, in October 1965. Another ringed the same day was recovered at Kingston-on-Thames, Surrey, on 31.8.64.

85 Whooper-Swan. *Cygnus cygnus*.

Very rare winter visitor. Two with Mute Swans at Frensham, 27.2.22 (LCT, NB) and two adults and two immature birds there on 8.3.53 (MMH, DAW). Two at Frensham, 23.4.67 and again on 30.4.67, one on 10.12.67 (RH, GHP).

86 Bewick's Swan. *Cygnus bewickii*.

Rare winter visitor. Four records at Frensham since 1955 and one at Enton when seventeen were there on 25.3.58 (ADW).

Order FALCONIFORMES

Family FALCONIDAE

91 Buzzard. *Buteo buteo*.

Resident in small numbers. Believed to have nested in the area every year since 1954. The local birds are presumably descendants of nine birds which were turned loose in Witley Park in 1939, and which bred and increased.

93 Sparrow Hawk. *Accipiter nisus*.

Fairly common resident during the first half of the century, becoming rarer latterly. Reported several times taking small birds from bird-tables.

94. Goshawk. *Accipiter gentilis*.

One soaring over Frensham Common on 13.5.61 (PMB, PGD) and again the following day (PGD).

99 Marsh-Harrier. *Circus aeruginosus*.

Very rare visitor. A female and male in first summer plumage at Thursley, 10.5.59 (MJC); a female at Frensham on 17.10.60 (NE) and a female at Elstead on 27.7.61 (DAW) are the only recent records.

100 Hen-Harrier. *Circus cyaneus*.

Occasional visitor which may stay in the area for several weeks. Between 15.2.58 and 20.4.58 a bird was frequently seen in the Ockley/Thursley/Hankley area. More recently a female was found dead—the body contained shot—at Haslemere on 14.6.63 (PMB).

102 Montagu's Harrier. *Circus pygargus*.

Now a very rare straggler, formerly a breeding species. Last nested in 1917. An immature was present in the Elstead area on 14, 27 and 28.5.67 (NEGE).

103 Osprey. *Pandion haliaetus*.

Very rare visitor. One seen fishing at Frensham, 27.4.53 (FSDA). One seen at Frensham and over various private ponds in this area on

numerous occasions between 27.8.67 and 27.9.67 (PGD, LCT, MLW, FJB, RB, DW and others).

104 Hobby. *Falco subbuteo*.

A sparsely distributed summer visitor which probably nests or attempts to do so every year. There were at least two successful nests in the area in 1963.

105 Peregrine. *Falco peregrinus*.

Rare winter visitor which used to winter at Woolmer. Nine reports between 1937 and 1957; since then, four only. One on Hankley Common, 23.3.58 (RMF) and Ockley, 7.6.59 (AQ, RMF); at Thursley, 27.2.60 (DP) and Roundhurst, 30.1.62 (FJB).

107 Merlin. *Falco columbarius*.

Rare winter visitor. Eight records between 1934 and 1954. Since then seen once at Milford, 26.12.57 (GSE), once at Thursley, 22.10.61 (DP) and one male at Hankley Common, 12.3.67 (TGW).

110 Kestrel. *Falco tinnunculus*.

Fairly common resident.

Order GALLIFORMES

Family TETRAONIDAE

113 Black Grouse. *Lyrurus tetrix*.

No recent records. "A Grey Hen shot on Blackdown, 15.11.90, by Col. F. Glennie is now in Haslemere Museum. In 1899 a cock bird was shot near Hindhead. Two pairs near Thursley, 1898 and 1899, and a pair in the same locality in 1905" (was). Mrs. Dowling says her father, John Aslett, "went out regularly to get a pair for a gentleman; the next pair he kept for himself". A pair shot near Hankley about 1896 are in Haslemere Museum.

Family PHASIANIDAE

115 Red-legged Partridge. *Alectoris rufa*.

Uncommon resident. Once numerous in this area, now rather rare.

116 Partridge. *Perdix perdix*.

Uncommon resident. Once widely distributed; numbers now much reduced.

117 Quail. *Coturnix coturnix*.

Very rare visitor. One record near Haslemere, 11.11.18 (was) and one at Elstead, 10.5.54 (AFM).

118 Pheasant. *Phasianus colchicus*.

Very common resident.

Order RALLIFORMES

Family RALLIDAE

120 Water-Rail. *Rallus aquaticus*.

Scarce resident, or at least one that is not often observed. It has

been seen at Frensham most years since 1949, and occasionally at
Cutt Mill, Punch Bowl and Pudmore.

- 121 Spotted Crake.** *Porzana porzana*.
Very rare straggler. Reported at Witley Park, 1906. A pair
remained in a marsh near Witley Farm from April to July 1930 (HT).
- 125 Cornerake.** *Crex crex*.
Very rare visitor. The only records since 1940 are one at Witley
Park, 28.8.46 (JCB); a male near the Devil's Jumps, 9. and 10.7.51 (FV);
one on Ockley Common, 5.5.54 (HEP) and one on Thursley Common,
29.4.55 (JRT).
- 126 Moorhen.** *Gallinula chloropus*.
Very common resident on streams and ponds of all sizes.
- 127 Coot.** *Fulica atra*.
Very common resident on the larger ponds, and passage migrant.
There have been large passage movements at Frensham in the past,
e.g., 600 in November 1950, 900 in February 1951, 700 in November
1958 but in recent years numbers have dropped to under 200 birds.

Order CHARADRIIFORMES

Family HAEMATOPODIDAE

- 131 Oystercatcher.** *Haematopus ostralegus*.
Rare straggler. Single birds reported from Frensham on five occa-
sions between 1922 and 1962, and more recently on 4.4.63 (AJR), 1.9.63
(DAW) and 8.5.65 (PGD).

Family CHARADRIIDAE

- 133 Lapwing.** *Vanellus vanellus*.
Regular breeding species in small numbers. Some flocks come into
the district in autumn and winter. Reports of greatest numbers come
from Enton where, in 1955, four to five hundred were reported (ADW
and GSE). About five hundred flying south over Hankley in December
1961 (MJC).
- 134 Ringed Plover.** *Charadrius hiaticula*.
Occasional visitor in spring and autumn; seen most years at
Frensham. Four eggs were found in 1909 (HB).
- 135 Little Ringed Plover.** *Charadrius dubius*.
Very rare straggler. Six reports only, all from Frensham and fairly
recent. One seen, 5.5.61 (PGD), one with Ringed Plover, 19.5.63 (EW,
DAWH.), and 17.3.66 (RH and MEGD). One juvenile, 22.5.66 (RH), an
adult, 24.5.66 (RH) and one on 26.3.67 (PGD, DAW).
- 139 Grey Plover.** *Charadrius squatarola*.
Very rare bird of passage. Reported in flight, 29.10.37 (RCB) and
1.10.38 (HT). One bird at Frensham, 9.4.67 (RH) and 15.5.67 (DWB).

- 140 Golden Plover.** *Charadrius apricarius*.
Rare visitor. Fifty in winter plumage at Frensham, 24.3.49 (PL).
Our most recent report is of one bird at Liphook, 14.12.52 (GAH).
- 143 Turnstone.** *Arenaria interpres*.
Very rare straggler. Reported three times at Frensham, 20.5.21
(RF-C), 11.5.62 (vzw), and 5.5.67 (DAW).

Family SCOLOPACIDAE

- 145 Snipe.** *Capella gallinago*.
Resident in small numbers. Several pairs probably bred at Thursley
Common in 1962 (DAWH.), and birds were heard drumming at Liphook
21.3.64 (JHP), and at Frensham, 12.6.66 (LS).
- 147 Jack Snipe.** *Lymnocyrtes minimus*.
Very rare winter visitor. It has been seen near the Devil's Jumps,
6.1.36 (PV) and Pudmore, 11.11.36 (HT). Two were at Frensham,
15.1.39 (PMB, RCB), and a few were seen in December 1955 at Enton.
- 148 Woodcock.** *Scolopax rusticola*.
Resident in suitable places but has become scarce since 1956.
- 150 Curlew.** *Numenius arquata*.
Summer resident. A few pairs breed in the Thursley/Elstead area
and occasional birds pass over the district, e.g., heard over Haslemere,
6.3.60 (MMH) and 12.8.64 (DK). Two birds on Weaver's Down, 10.4.65
(EAL).
- 151 Whimbrel.** *Numenius phaeopus*.
Rare passage migrant usually only heard passing over in spring and
autumn. One was seen at Woolmer Pond, 21.5.34 (RCB) and one on
Thursley Common, 29.3.61 (DF), and one at Haslemere, 3.8.65 (LS).
- 154 Black-tailed Godwit.** *Limosa limosa*.
Only one record—at Imbham's Farm Pond for about twelve days,
leaving on 30.8.57 (JS, PMB).
- 156 Green Sandpiper.** *Tringa ocropus*.
Occasional visitor. It has been observed in all months except June
at various ponds.
- 159 Common Sandpiper.** *Tringa hypoleucos*.
Regular spring and autumn migrant at Frensham, peak months being
April and May, July and August. Very rarely in June. Generally in
numbers under ten but about twenty-five on 28.8.60 (IHB, UBT). It is
occasionally seen on other large ponds.
- 161 Redshank.** *Tringa totanus*.
Regular spring visitor to Frensham, usually arriving in mid-March.
Has bred in the district on several occasions. Is also seen at Frensham

in autumn. Most recent reports are: two birds, 10.7.67 (IHB), one, 23.7.67 (DAW) and one, 6.8.67 (GHP).

162 Spotted Redshank. *Tringa erythropus*.

Very rare spring visitor. Recorded at Elstead and at Frensham where it was last identified on 2.5.66 (RC, RH).

165 Greenshank. *Tringa nebularia*.

Very rare visitor. Single birds at Frensham on 31.5.59 and 21.8.60 (PGD, MLW).

169 Knot. *Calidris canutus*.

Very rare visitor. Only two occurrences at Frensham since 1922 (PMB, AFM) and one at Enton on 12.1.57 (ADW).

171 Little Stint. *Calidris minuta*.

Very rare visitor. One at Frensham in company with Dunlin, 22.7.19 (HB). One also at Frensham allowed very close approach on 10.10.46 (PMB) and three there on 14.9.57 (JMB).

178 Dunlin. *Calidris alpina*.

Occasional visitor. One or two occur every year at Frensham and occasionally at Enton. Such visits have occurred in every month of the year.

179 Curlew-Sandpiper. *Calidris testacea*.

Very rare visitor to Frensham. One showing a considerable amount of red plumage, 13.4.06, and an immature bird, 16.8.20 (WAS). One was feeding there on 1.11.63 (AC).

181 Sanderling. *Crocethia alba*.

Very rare visitor to Frensham, recorded on 2.5.60 (PFLB, MLW), 14.8.66, when two were ringed (DAW, PGD), one on 22.5.66 in summer plumage (RH) and two there on 24.5.66 (RH).

Family RECURVIROSTRIDAE

185 Avocet. *Recurvirostra avosetta*.

Very rare visitor. Recorded at Frensham in 1839, Lurgashall 1848. The only recent record is of a pair at Frensham, 16.3.29 (JB).

Family PHALAROPODIDAE

187 Grey Phalarope. *Phalaropus fulicarius*.

Very rare straggler. Single birds at Frensham, 25.1.53 (GF), 16.9.57 (RSPB, ECM) and 9.10.60 (RSPB, PGD).

Family BURHINIDAE

189 Stone-Curlew. *Burhinus oedicnemus*.

Very rare straggler. One at Hankley Common, April 1895 (WAS). A male bird was picked up dead under an electric cable at Headley Mill, Bordon, on 22.5.58 (JC).

Family LARIDAE

- 198 Greater Black-backed Gull.** *Larus marinus*.
Uncommon visitor which has occurred almost every month of the year. The number of records has increased considerably since 1962, with thirteen reports in 1964 and eleven in 1965.
- 199 Lesser Black-backed Gull.** *Larus fuscus*.
Occasional visitor. As with the previous species the number of records appears to be increasing. Three or four birds fed regularly at Haslemere Sewage Farm during the winter of 1962/63.
- 200 Herring Gull.** *Larus argentatus*.
Occasional visitor, but again the numbers have increased in recent years.
- 201 Common Gull.** *Larus canus*.
Occasional visitor. As with the other gulls numbers have increased considerably since 1962.
- 207 Little Gull.** *Larus minutus*.
Very rare visitor. One seen at Enton on 21.9.57 (ADW). An immature bird found dead at Cowdray, 18.11.36 (MMH). Two at Frensham in first winter plumage on several dates in November 1948 (MMH) and one, probably a first year bird, there 26.8.51 (GF).
- 208 Black-headed Gull.** *Larus ridibundus*.
The commonest gull in the area. Odd birds may be seen in flight almost anywhere and at any time of the year.
- 211 Kittiwake.** *Rissa tridactyla*.
Rare straggler. A few storm-driven birds have occurred in the area, and on 17.1.55 six were watched flying over Frensham (CJFB, RSPB). An adult was at Frensham, 16.5.67 (RH).
- 212 Black Tern.** *Chlidonias niger*.
Regular passage migrant. Has been seen at Frensham each year (except 1959) since 1946. In 1948 a migration passed through rising from two birds on 16.5.48 to over fifty on 21.5.48 (DC). The latest date is of one on 7.11.67 (RH, PGD).
- 217 Common Tern.** *Sterna hirundo*.
Fairly regular passage migrant at Frensham, observed most years in small numbers since 1947, more often on autumn migration than spring. On 28.4.47 fourteen were seen there (PMB), and between 2 and 11.9.56 numbers varied from thirty to one (PMB).
- 218 Arctic Tern.** *Sterna macrura*.
Rare visitor, but as identification is difficult it may be more frequent at Frensham than we know. The first record for the district was on 27.4.47 when two were at Frensham (LCT). Seven were there on 21.5.48 (DC), and one in summer plumage on 6, 7 and 8.9.56 (FMG, PMB, LCT).

222 Little Tern. *Sterna albifrons.*

Rare visitor at Frensham. There are about seven records since 1930, one in spring and the rest in autumn.

223 Sandwich Tern. *Sterna sandvicensis.*

Very rare visitor. One was resting on a post at Frensham 17.9.47 (HEH); four were there 29.4.48 (IHB) and one on 4.9.49 (MMH).

Family ALCIDAE

226 Little Auk. *Plautus alle.*

Very rare straggler. One in the Charterhouse collection was picked up at Haslemere (was). One was found dead at Easebourne 12.2.50 (BG).

230 Puffin. *Fratercula arctica.*

Very rare straggler. One storm-driven bird was found at Thursley 16.2.38 (GOA).

Order COLUMBIFORMES

Family COLUMBIDAE

232 Stock-Dove. *Columba oenas.*

Fairly common resident, scattered about the district. Sometimes seen in large numbers, as on 8.11.43 when hundreds were seen in flight over Weydown (CIB).

234 Woodpigeon. *Columba palumbus.*

Very common resident, in autumn augmented by immigrant flocks, sometimes of immense size. A flock estimated at ten thousand birds settled in a wooded valley below Marley on 12.11.34, taking fifteen minutes to pass. A large migration in parties of from two to five hundred birds passed over Haslemere from 7.15 to 7.45 a.m. on 24.10.38 (RJH).

235 Turtle-Dove. *Streptopelia turtur.*

Common summer resident, arriving usually during the last week in April.

Collared Dove. *Streptopelia decaocto.*

Very rare visitor. Its first appearance was at Beacon Hill, Hindhead, on 3.9.64 (DAW).

Order CUCULIFORMES

Family CUCULIDAE

237 Cuckoo. *Cuculus canorus.*

Very common summer resident which usually arrives about April 11. Early dates, 2.4.62 (EMH), 1.4.64 (DK) both at Haslemere.

Order STRIGIFORMES

Family STRIGIDAE

- 241 **Barn-Owl.** *Tyto alba*.
Once a common resident; has become very scarce.
- 246 **Little Owl.** *Athene noctua*.
Resident in small numbers. Bred at Frensham 1967 (PGD).
- 247 **Tawny Owl.** *Strix aluco*.
Common resident.
- 248 **Long-eared Owl.** *Asio otus*.
Very uncommon resident. Only four records since 1934, the last being from Churt, 11.4.54 (HT).
- 249 **Short-eared Owl.** *Asio flammeus*.
Very rare visitor. Reported Hindhead, 17.4.41 (MMH), Churt, 1.10.46 (HT) and Blackdown, 1.1.52 (JD).

Order CAPRIMULGIFORMES

Family CAPRIMULGIDAE

- 252 **Nightjar.** *Caprimulgus europaeus*.
Regular summer resident, though becoming less numerous. Usually heard in first or second week of May. In 1967 reported at Frensham in May and June (DK, GHP); nested near Tilford (RH) and was present at Hankley during the breeding season (DAW).

Order APODIFORMES

Family APODIDAE

- 255 **Swift.** *Apus apus*.
Common summer resident and passage migrant, usually appearing last week in April. Large numbers pass through the district on migration, e.g., on 31.7.66, six hundred to seven hundred were at Frensham at 8 a.m. but almost all had gone by 11 a.m. The earliest date recorded is of two at Frensham 20.4.67 (AJR).

Order CORACIIFORMES

Family ALCEDINIDAE

- 258 **Kingfisher.** *Alcedo atthis*.
Resident in small numbers. In the last ten years it has been seen regularly at Frensham and has been reported at Shottermill Ponds, Chiddingfold, Hammer, Shulebrede, Bell Vale, Three Gates Lane, and Inval.

Family UPUPIDAE

- 261 **Hoopoe.** *Upupa epops*.
Occasional visitor, usually in April and May but occasionally in autumn. A male, first seen on 16.5.63 remained at Frensham for the

whole of the summer and was frequently seen at the entrance to a large hole in an old oak. Between 1957 and 1961 single birds were reported each year.

Order PICIFORMES

Family PICIDAE

- 262 **Green Woodpecker.** *Picus viridis*.
Common resident up to 1962 but suffered severely in the 1963 freeze-up. By 1965 it had largely recovered its normal status.
- 263 **Greater Spotted Woodpecker.** *Dendrocopos major*.
Has become more common in the past twenty years, due, perhaps, to the invasion of birch trees on to many commons and also to the recently acquired habit of the bird to frequent bird-tables. A nest only three feet from the ground and another only four feet were found at Frensham in 1967 (JMB, PGD).
- 264 **Lesser Spotted Woodpecker.** *Dendrocopos minor*.
Well but sparsely distributed resident. Reported occasionally at bird tables. Nested in a garden in High Street, Haslemere, 1951 (Jc).
- 265 **Wryneck.** *Jynx torquilla*.
Rare summer resident. This species has decreased much since was wrote "Fairly common usually". Present in the Frensham/Tilford area between 1953 and 1958 and again between 1964 and 1966 and probably nested more than once. One seen at West End Lane near Haslemere, 14. and 15.5.65 (DRT).

Order PASSERIFORMES

Family ALAUDIDAE

- 271 **Woodlark.** *Lullula arborea*.
Resident and scattered in small numbers over commons and dry fields in most parts of the district but has become more restricted in range during the last ten years.
- 272 **Skylark.** *Alauda arvensis*.
Common resident.

Family HIRUNDINIDAE

- 274 **Swallow.** *Hirundo rustica*.
Common summer resident though not so numerous as the House Martin. Average date of arrival is about April 16 but there are several March records, the earliest being at Frensham, 19.3.61 (PGD). A pair have been seen feeding young as late as 11.10.50 (PMB), and the latest record is of one at Frensham, 12.11.62 (DAW). A nestling ringed 10.9.64 was trapped and released at Beachy Head, Sussex, 27.9.64.
- 276 **House-Martin.** *Delichon urbica*.
Common summer resident. A number of pairs nest regularly in

Haslemere High Street. Earliest recorded arrival, 26.3.55 (mw); average arrival time, third week in April. Latest recorded date, 25.10.42 (MMH).

- 277 **Sand-Martin.** *Riparia riparia*.
Summer resident, but no known colonies in area. Frequently seen feeding, especially over water at Frensham Ponds, where large autumn flocks collect. Four hundred estimated, 17.7.66 (JMB).

Family CORVIDAE

- 279 **Raven.** *Corvus corax*
Very rare straggler. Only recent record is of one bird at Frensham, 16.11.56 (JJS).
- 280 **Carrion-Crow.** *Corvus corone*.
Common resident. A roosting flock of about a hundred was noted at Thursley in 1954 (PFLB).
- 281 **Hooded Crow.** *Corvus cornix*.
Rare visitor. It has occurred at Blackdown, Frensham, Cowdray, Whitmore Vale and Milford during the last twenty years.
- 282 **Rook.** *Corvus frugilegus*.
Common resident, well distributed. In the past huge winter roosts existed, one of about seven thousand five hundred Rooks and Jackdaws at Birtley in December 1936 (EEHJ). In 1948 the Ministry of Agriculture ordered a general reduction in the number of Rooks, and winter flocks of this size are no longer seen.
- 283 **Jackdaw.** *Corvus monedula*.
Common resident.
- 284 **Magpie.** *Pica pica*.
Very common resident.
- 285 **Nutcracker.** *Nucifraga caryocatactes*.
Very rare straggler. One was seen at Frensham on 31.8.57 (IHB, MLW) and later by ECM.
- 286 **Jay.** *Garrulus glandarius*.
Very common resident.

Family PARIDAE

- 288 **Great Tit.** *Parus major*.
Very common resident.
- 289 **Blue Tit.** *Parus caeruleus*.
Very common resident and probably passage migrant. On several occasions flocks of forty or more have been recorded in autumn and winter, generally with other tits. At Frensham on 14.11.65 three parties numbering twenty-five, forty and twenty-nine were seen by

rgw, and at the same place on 3.12.66 a party of sixty to seventy flew in from N.E., settled in bushes and then flew on (vzw).

Ringed records are as follows:—

<i>Date ringed</i>	<i>Date recovered</i>	<i>Place recovered</i>
22.12.62	22.11.63	Honiton, Devon
28.11.63	7. 4.64	East Grinstead, Sussex
5. 3.61	31. 5.64	Felpham, Sussex
3.12.62	19.11.64	Outwood, Surrey

290 Coal-Tit. *Parus ater*.
Common resident.

292 Marsh-Tit. *Parus palustris*.
Common resident, in no way restricted to marshes.

293 Willow-Tit. *Parus atricapillus*.
Resident, thinly distributed in most damp places where there are birch, willow or alder stumps. In winter it regularly goes to drier situations, particularly hazel hedges (HR).

294 Long-tailed Tit. *Aegithalos caudatus*.
Common resident most years but suffers badly in hard winters, e.g., almost wiped out in 1946 and 1947 but was plentiful again by 1961, only to be badly hit again in 1963. It has now recovered its normal status. Occasionally visits bird-tables in hard weather.

295 Bearded Tit. *Panurus biarmicus*.
Very rare straggler. Two were seen in the reed bed at Little Frensham Pond on 25.10.64 (EH, GH).

Family SITTIDAE

296 Nuthatch. *Sitta europaea*.
Common resident.

Family CERTHIIDAE

298 Treecreeper. *Certhia familiaris*.
Common resident that was nearly wiped out in the freeze-up of 1963. It is recovering its numbers now.

Family TROGLODYTIDAE

299 Wren. *Troglodytes troglodytes*.
Very common resident until the severe winter of 1963 almost wiped it out. Numbers had recovered by 1967.

Family TURDIDAE

301 Mistle-Thrush. *Turdus viscivorus*.
Common resident often seen in large flocks in winter. One ringed 3.8.62 was recovered at Olonne-sur-Mer, Vendée, France, 2.2.63; another ringed 1.1.63 was recovered at Emsworth, Hants, on 3.1.63.

302 Fieldfare. *Turdus pilaris*.

Winter visitor occurring in all parts of the district, e.g. large numbers on the claylands around Northchapel; two hundred on grassland at Frensham, March 1961; a large flock feeds on rotten apples in Churt orchards every winter; about sixty roosting in heather at Hindhead in December 1965 (DAW).

303 Song-Thrush. *Turdus ericetorum*.

Common resident. Previous to 1946 it was rarely seen at Beacon Hill, Hindhead, but is now common there, perhaps due to building and the increase in gardens (DAW). Ringing records are:—

<i>Date ringed</i>	<i>Date recovered</i>	<i>Place recovered</i>
8.7.61	mid 2.63	Brest, Finisterre, France
17.4.64	24.10.64	Villarreal, Spain

304 Redwing. *Turdus musicus*.

Common winter migrant. Frequently in flocks with Fieldfares. Usually arrive mid-October and stay until March, the earliest date being 3.10.55 and the latest 22.3.42 when about fifty were at Kingsley Green (MMH).

307 Ring-Ouzel *Turdus torquatus*.

Occasional passage migrant. Used to be fairly regular at Hindhead on autumn passage. Nine reports in the last twenty years, most recent from Weydown, 14.10.61 (CIB), Frensham, 12.4.64 (PGD), Marley, 19.4.66 (PGD), and Hammer, two males, 29.4.67 (AG).

308 Blackbird. *Turdus merula*.

Very common resident: ringing records are:—

<i>Date ringed</i>	<i>Date recovered</i>	<i>Place recovered</i>
22.12.62	8. 3.64	Brasschaat, Antwerp, Belgium
26. 1.64	15. 5.64	Thames Ditton, Surrey
29.12.64	25. 2.67	Hessen, Germany

311 Wheatear. *Oenanthe oenanthe*.

Regular passage migrant in spring and autumn. It has nested on Hankley Common and possibly still does so. On 13.10.51 a pair with one young were seen on Blackdown (SP) and on 10.7.61 a pair were feeding young out of the nest at Frensham (PGD). It has been seen several times at Weydown and Inval on autumn passage (VKB, MMH) and in March at Haslemere—28 and 29 March 1965 (PGD). Latest record is of one at Frensham, 17.9.67 (DAW).

317 Stonechat. *Saxicola torquata*.

Rather local resident whose numbers decreased after the 1920s when it was common on all the heaths. It practically disappeared during the war but has recovered in the Frensham/Thursley area where there are now a number of breeding pairs. A nestling ringed 25.4.65 was recovered at Cuevas de Vinroma, Spain, on 15.12.65.

- 318 Whinchat.** *Saxicola rubetra*.
 Summer resident and passage migrant that has become very rare as a breeder. For many years a pair has nested in the Thursley area, and two pairs nested there in 1966 and 1967 (RMP).
- 320 Redstart.** *Phoenicurus phoenicurus*.
 Well distributed summer resident. Became very scarce before 1939 but numbers have increased in the last thirty years.
- 321 Black Redstart.** *Phoenicurus ochruros*.
 Occasional passage migrant. Between 1936 and 1953 was reported three times in March, once in October and twice in November. More recently seen at Frensham, 19.4.53 (JB), Fernden Hill, 14.5.55 (MMH), Frensham, 29.4.62 (FGD, DK) and males were ringed at Marley on 2.4.65 and 14.4.67 (FGD).
- 322 Nightingale.** *Luscinia megarhynchos*.
 Summer resident in suitable localities. Records of last forty years show 17 April as the average date for its first song. Numbers are probably decreasing.
- 325 Robin.** *Erithacus rubecula*.
 Very common resident.

Family SYLVIIDAE

- 327 Grasshopper-Warbler.** *Locustella naevia*.
 Uncommon summer visitor. Since 1955 it has been reported in six localities during spring and summer, including Frensham, Thursley and Ludshott Commons. It was heard singing at Henley Common, 23.4.67 (EMH).
- 332 Great Reed-Warbler.** *Acrocephalus arundinaceus*.
 Very rare summer visitor. First recorded for this area when FGD saw one on 5.6.65 at Frensham. He ringed it on 11 June and it was present there until 19 June. In 1966 a male was present and singing in the identical patch of reeds but it bore no ring. TGW ringed this bird.
- 333 Reed-Warbler.** *Acrocephalus scirpaceus*.
 Summer resident that has increased in numbers since 1955. Being largely dependent upon *Phragmites* it tends to nest where these reeds occur. There are colonies at both Frensham Ponds. Ringing records are:—
- | <i>Date ringed</i> | <i>Date recovered</i> | <i>Place recovered</i> |
|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 17. 7.64 | 26. 9.64 | Gondomar, Portugal |
| 22. 7.64 | 18. 7.65 | Woodbridge, Suffolk |
| 21. 7.65 | 1.10.65 | Tarazona, Spain. |
- 337 Sedge-Warbler.** *Acrocephalus schoenobaenus*.
 Summer resident that nests at Lurgashall Mill Pond and other suitable places but has decreased at Frensham during the last few years.

- 343 Blackcap.** *Sylvia atricapilla*.
Common summer resident which usually arrives in the first half of April. Early record, 23.3.57 (PMB); late record 15.10.66 (PGD). Autumn passage migrants are often seen feeding on elderberries (PGD).
- 346 Garden-Warbler.** *Sylvia borin*.
Common summer resident arriving middle to the end of April.
- 347 Whitethroat.** *Sylvia communis*.
Very common summer resident arriving mid-April. The earliest record is of a bird singing on Lodsworth Common, 1.4.46 (NB). One ringed on 6.8.62 was recovered near Lisbon, Portugal, 28.9.63.
- 348 Lesser Whitethroat.** *Sylvia curruca*.
Uncommon summer resident.
- 352 Dartford Warbler.** *Sylvia undata*.
In the 1930s it was resident on all the commons, RCB estimating ninety pairs in 1939. But its status is always precarious and calamities such as fire, military operations and severe winters play havoc. Since the two freeze-ups of 1961 and 1962-63 it has not been seen.
- 354 Willow-Warbler.** *Phylloscopus trochilus*.
Common summer resident arriving end of March and early April; very catholic in its selection of habitats. Ringing results are:—
- | <i>Date ringed</i> | <i>Date recovered</i> | <i>Place recovered</i> |
|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 6. 7.64 | 6. 9.65 | Caldelas, Portugal |
| 13. 8.63 | 12. 6.66 and 11.6.67 | Aysgarth, Yorks. |
| 27. 8.66 | 1. 5.67 | Halifax, Yorks. |
- 356 Chiffchaff.** *Phylloscopus collybita*.
Fairly common summer resident. Average date of arrival over thirty years is 21 March. Late occurrence, one singing at Brook, 18.11.61 (EH). One ringed 22.8.62 was recovered at Kilnsea, Yorks., 30.3.64.
- 357 Wood-Warbler.** *Phylloscopus sibilatrix*.
Fairly common resident. Its nesting sites seem often to be associated with beech trees. This is probably due to its preference for tall trees with little undergrowth. One ringed as a nestling on 6.7.67 was recovered near San Marcello Pistoiese, Italy, on 29.8.67.

Family REGULIDAE

- 364 Goldcrest.** *Regulus regulus*.
Fairly common resident and probably a winter visitor. Following the exceptionally severe winter of 1962/63 it was considerably reduced, but appears to have recovered well.
- 365 Firecrest.** *Regulus ignicapillus*.
Very rare visitor. One was seen at Thursley, 6.2.34 (HT). During the last week of December 1960 a male and a female were seen on

cotoneaster at Chase Lane, Haslemere (BD). On 3.4.65 a male was ringed at Marley (PGD).

Family MUSCICAPIDAE

366 Spotted Flycatcher. *Muscicapa striata*.

Common summer resident. Average date of arrival recorded over twenty years is 11 May. One ringed 15.6.64 was recovered at Azambuja, Portugal, on 13.9.64 (PGD).

368 Pied Flycatcher. *Muscicapa hypoleuca*.

Rare passage migrant. Recent records: female hawking flies at Lynch, 21.8.56 (JHP); male and female at Churt, 18.8.57 (ECM); male at Frensham, 15.9.57 (ECM, RSPB), and a first year bird ringed, 26.8.67.

Family PRUNELLIDAE

371 Dunnock (Hedge Sparrow). *Prunella modularis*.

Very common resident.

Family MOTACILLIDAE

375 Meadow-Pipit. *Anthus pratensis*.

Common summer resident replaced in winter by small flocks of migrants. One ringed 9.6.61 was recovered at Sao Marcos de Serra, Portugal, on 9.1.62; one ringed 30.8.60, recovered at Killiecrankie, Perthshire, on 24.4.63.

376 Tree-Pipit. *Anthus trivialis*.

Fairly common summer resident. A nestling, ringed 29.6.62, was found at Montemor-o-Velho, Portugal, on 20.9.62.

379 Rock-Pipit. *Anthus spinoletta*.

Very rare visitor. One recorded at Frensham, 22.3.53 (EH) and two at the same place, 4.4.53 (PFLB)

380 Pied Wagtail. *Motacilla alba yarrelli*.

Common resident. Communal roosts are known at both Frensham Ponds and at Liphook.

White Wagtail. *Motacilla alba alba*.

Rare passage migrant. A recent record is of two at Frensham, 26.4.59 (PGD, ECM, UBT).

381 Grey Wagtail. *Motacilla cinerea*.

Regular breeding species which seems always to nest near falling water; in this area this implies a site on a bridge, sluice or other man-made structure.

382 Yellow Wagtail. *Motacilla flava*.

Passage migrant seen fairly regularly at Frensham. On 2.5.60 twenty-six birds were there (PFLB).

Family BOMBYCILLIDAE

383 Waxwing. *Bombycilla garrulus*.

Occasional winter visitor. One was seen at Cutt Mill in November and December 1957 and in three places in 1959, but none nearer to Haslemere than Godalming and Farnham in the great invasion year of 1965.

Family LANIIDAE

384 Great Grey Shrike. *Lanius excubitor*.

Scarce winter visitor, becoming more widely distributed in the last ten years. It was seen each year from 1934 to 1939 on the heaths of Frensham, Thursley and Witley and again most years since 1953, one or two spending the winter there. It has been seen as early as 25 September, and as late as 8 April. Other localities where it has been recorded are Brook (four times (EH)) and Grayswood (MB, ESJ).

385 Lesser Grey Shrike. *Lanius minor*.

One was found dead at Holt Pound, near Rowledge, just outside our area on 16.5.67 (rgw).

388 Red-backed Shrike. *Lanius collurio*.

Summer resident that has become increasingly rare in the last forty years. Two pairs bred in the Milford/Witley area in the 1950's up to 1960, one pair at Hindhead 1954 and one pair at Bramshott Common in 1964 and 1965. A bird was on Frensham Common, 28.5.67 (HL).

Family STURNIDAE

389 Starling. *Sternus vulgaris*.

Very common resident and winter visitor. Ringing recoveries are:—

<i>Date ringed</i>	<i>Date recovered</i>	<i>Place recovered</i>
28.5.62	5.8.62	near Bristol
28.1.65	1.7.65	Grifhorn, Germany
6.2.65	8.5.65	Haren, Germany
12.2.63 in Holland	2.1.65	Haslemere

Family FRINGILLIDAE

391 Hawfinch. *Coccothraustes coccothraustes*.

A shy and elusive resident but probably commoner than the records suggest. Most often noted feeding on berries or hornbeam seeds, but there are several records of birds accepting food in gardens. Present during the 1967 breeding season at Kingsley Green and Hindhead (PGD).

392 Greenfinch. *Chloris chloris*.

Very common resident.

393 Goldfinch. *Carduelis carduelis*.

Common breeding species; many migrate in autumn. One ringed,

15.10.63, was found dead at Biscarrosa, France, on 29.1.65; one ringed, 4.10.66, was recovered at Pompejac, France, on 18.2.67 (PGD).

394 Siskin. *Carduelis spinus*.

Regular winter visitor well distributed where there are alders and birches, and often in company with Redpolls, Tits and Goldfinches. Some flocks reach sixty. Songs have been heard in March and April and on 2.5.64 a pair was seen, one of which was singing at Frensham (PMB). One ringed 15.3.64 was recovered in North-West Italy on 3.11.66.

395 Linnet. *Carduelis cannabina*.

Common species present on the heaths throughout the year. During January and February 1961 about three hundred birds were roosting in gorse near Great Frensham (PGD).

396 Twite. *Carduelis flavirostris*.

Very rare winter visitor; only one record since 1920 of a bird at Thursley in February 1933 (HT).

397 Lesser Redpoll. *Carduelis flammea cabaret*.

Resident in small numbers and a regular winter visitor. Bred at Hindhead in 1955 and 1959 (IHB) and at Frensham in 1964, 65, 66 and 67 (PGD). Flock of about three hundred feeding on weeds at Churt, 1.2.65 (DAW). Ringing details are:—

<i>Date ringed</i>	<i>Date recovered</i>	<i>Place recovered</i>
5.11.64	20.10.65	Izegem, West Flanders, Belgium
17. 1.65	11.11.65	Wassenaab, Zuid, Holland
5.11.64	17. 2.65	Weybridge, Surrey
13. 3.65	26.10.66	Goussainville, France
13. 3.65	22. 8.65	near Glasgow

Mealy Redpoll. *Carduelis flammea flammea*.

Very rare winter visitor, reported three times from Frensham in 1930's. Only record since then is of two birds at Inval, Haslemere, 17.4.67 (MMH).

401 Bullfinch. *Pyrrhula pyrrhula*.

Common resident. Its attacks on fruit buds have made it extremely unpopular with gardeners and it is often shot, in spite of which its numbers appear to remain the same. A flock of fifty, predominantly females, were noted at Frensham, 10.12.67 (RH).

404 Crossbill. *Loxia curvirostra*.

Winter visitor. It has occurred regularly since 1953 in varying numbers. First arrivals appear in July and occasionally a few remain to breed, as at Tilford, Grayswood and Frensham, in 1954, Hindhead, 1961, and Liphook, 1963 (GSTJ, HT, DAW, PGD). A female was watched feeding two juveniles on pine seed at Frensham, 10.7.67 (DAW).

407 Chaffinch. *Fringilla coelebs*.

Very common resident and winter visitor. Toxic chemicals do not appear to have affected its numbers in this area as in some others. Ringing records are:—

<i>Date ringed</i>	<i>Date recovered</i>	<i>Place recovered</i>
7. 3.62	8. 5.62	Staines, Middx.
2.12.62	27. 2.64	Crawley, Sussex
18. 1.66	6. 6.67	Sweden
20.10.63, at Brass- chaat, Belgium	16. 2.64	Haslemere

408 Brambling. *Fringilla montifringilla*.

Irregular winter visitor. A few are noted most winters, and sometimes they appear in considerable flocks, e.g., a flock of two hundred feeding on weed seeds at Churt, 27.12.59 (PGD). Occasionally one will patronise a bird-table, as at Haslemere 8.3.65 (HEC). An early arrival was seen at Chase Lane, 7.9.53 (BD), and there are several records of birds staying until April. One ringed 7.12.62 was found at High Wycombe 21.2.65, and one ringed 22.12.62 was recovered at Finisterre 17.2.63 (PGD).

409 Corn-Bunting. *Emberiza calandra*.

Very rare straggler. No recent records until 4.2.68 when one was seen at Frensham (JDERK, PGD).

410 Yellowhammer. *Emberiza citrinella*.

Fairly common resident on heaths.

415 Cirl Bunting. *Emberiza cirius*.

Rare visitor. Single birds have been recorded at Thursley Common, 28.7.57 (JJS) and Enton 4.6.61 (GHG).

421 Reed-Bunting. *Emberiza schoeniclus*.

Resident in small numbers in sedgy places, such as Lurgashall Mill, the Punchbowl, Thursley and Frensham.

423 Snow-Bunting. *Plectrophenax nivalis*.

Very rare winter visitor. A female was observed at Frensham Pond Car Park on 23.11.57, and one at Gibbet Hill, Hindhead, 21.11.66 (DAW).

Family PASSERIDAE

424 House-Sparrow. *Passer domesticus*.

Very common resident.

425 Tree-Sparrow. *Passer montanus*.

Rare winter visitor reported only at Thursley during the first half of the century. Since 1959 it has spread to Churt and Frensham, Imbhams, Haslemere, Milford and Brook in winter, with a breeding colony of five pairs at Northchapel in 1965 (ERW).

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