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FOREWORD

WE are pleased to have got the report to the printer in reasonable time this year but this has been achieved at the expense of practically all reports from the Isle of Wight except those from the group who keep migration watches at St. Catherine's Light.

The report has been written by J. H. Taverner and E. J. Wiseman to whom we are more than grateful; as may be imagined, it is an arduous job. The remaining members of the editorial committee share the responsibility. We thank all observers who have supplied notes in good time and we ask them to be no less diligent this year.

Among resolutions adopted at a meeting of the committee on the 10th February, 1960, was this one :

"That all records are to be considered on their merits by the committee irrespective of any decision given by the Rarities Committee of *British Birds*."

I should like to draw attention to the following noteworthy records during the year: Thirty-three Spotted Redshank at Needs Oar on 4th October and fifty Greenshank at Farlington Marshes on 2nd September, both being the largest gatherings of these species ever recorded in the county. A Pectoral Sandpiper on three dates, a remarkable autumn passage of Curlew Sandpipers, six Grey Phalaropes together (previously never more than two), one each of Pomarine Skua, Sabine's Gull and White-winged Black Tern, being respectively only the third, fourth and second records since *Kelsall and Munn*. Among passerines six Shorelarks, one spring and no fewer than twenty-four autumn records of Ring Ousel, five breeding pairs of Whinchats in the New Forest, five Bluethroats (one in spring and four in autumn), one Icterine or Melodious Warbler, six spring and three autumn records of Firecrests, a large and prolonged autumn immigration of Starlings, large coasting movements of Goldfinches in October/November and up to a hundred Twites resident on Farlington Marshes from 21st October until the end of the year.

All these and many others to be found in the report are, I think it will be agreed, evidence of many hours of keen watching by a satisfactorily large number of observers. I think we may claim that Hampshire is now being put on the map where birds are concerned.

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BIRD RECORDS, 1959

Hill Head refers to the sea off Hill Head, Fareham (not Hill Head, Calshot). Titchfield Haven refers to the marsh and fresh water area there, not the sea.

- 1 Black-throated Diver.** Nearly all from the East. Up to 7th March from Black Point (3 dates—MB, BWR, EW), Eastney Point (twice—PG), Lee-on-Solent (once—TEB), Hill Head (4 dates but the birds dead on 3 of these—SLW) and Warsash (1 going NW—SLW). 1 and 1 probable, St. Catherine's Point, 30th March (SPG). Nearly all the above were singles but 8 were off Hill Head, 24th January (SLW). None West of Southampton Water.

From 2nd December up to 4 off Hill Head (5 dates—MTe, SLW) and 1 at Black Point (SLW).

- 2 Great Northern Diver.** Not many early in year. Up to 28th March, 1/2 at Hill Head/Brownwich (3 dates—TEB, SLW), Hurst (once—EW) and Bournemouth Bay (3 March dates—JHT). 1 at Hatchet Pond, 1st February/20th April (KHP *et al*), 3 moved East, 1st January and 1 West, 14th March, St. Catherine's Point (SPG) and 1 was at Hurst, 9th May (DW).

From 28th October, up to 3, from Black Point (once—GHR), Hayling (once—SLW), Hill Head (11 dates, 1 dead—CS, SLW, LWi), Hook (once—TEB), Millbrook (15th/31st December—MCA) and Ryde Pier (once—JKB). At St. Catherine's Point, 2 moved West, 1st November (SPG).

- 3 Red-throated Diver.** East of Southampton Water, up to 3 on several dates to 28th March and from 15th November (m.o.). At St. Catherine's Point, the only record was 1 going East, 30th March (SPG). Otherwise, 1/2 at Hurst on 3 January dates (EJW, DW), 1 at Hatchet Pond, 1st February/6th April (KHP *et al*), 1 at Hengistbury on 2 March dates (FRC, JHT) and 1 at Millbrook on 30th December (EW).

Diver spp. At St. Catherine's Point, odd birds moved East on most April days, the maximum 3 on 20th April. 1 May record, a single on 16th. In Autumn, 2 moved West there on 16th August, 1 East on 25th October and 1 was on the sea off the Point on 8th November (SPG).

- 5 Great Crested Grebe.** 4 pairs bred but not all waters were visited (FRC, TH, MWT, PW). 1 ♂ at Sowley Pond on 31st May (HB).

Most birds had left the coast by late March (cf. 1958), early year maxima being 28 at Langstone, 4th January (PG) and 17 at Black Point, 25th January (MB, BWR). The last winter bird was at Needs Oar Point, 4th April (JHT) but 2 were at Hill Head on 19th May (SLW—the previous date from there being 7th January!). Inland, numbers built up at Fleet Pond in February/March to 15 on 15th (PJB).

Up to 5 summered in Langstone Harbour (cf. 1958—PG).

1 was at Hill Head, 18th July (SLW) but the first real return to the coast noted on 25th September, when Langstone numbers rose to 14 (PG). Late November saw the main return, 47 being at Langstone at this time, numbers there rising to a maximum of 67 on 5th December (PG).

At St. Catherine's Point, a flock of *ca.* 8 flew East, 24th October (SPG).

- 6 Red-necked Grebe.** 1, Langstone, 24th January/8th February (5 dates—RHD, PG). 2 or 3, Hengistbury, 20th November (NWO). 2, Hill Head, 19th December (SLW). 1, Black Point, 27th December (WHT).

- 7 Slavonian Grebe.** Coastal records to 7th March but February records only from Hill Head where the species was seen on most days (SLW). 1 was off Hill head on 21st/22nd May (SLW). *ca.* 10, Hengistbury, 20th November (NWO) were the first returns and this was the maximum count for the year. After this, some 17 records, mostly from Hill Head, Black Point and Langstone (m.o.).
- 8 Black-necked Grebe.** Mainly from Langstone. Last Spring record there, 4th April, the first return, 25th August, end of year maxima being 20 on 15th March and 36 on 5th December, the latter count after a sudden influx on 8th November (PG). Late year numbers at Langstone higher than the early months, as with Great Crested Grebes. Otherwise, small coastal counts within these dates, with some suggestion of regularity from Pennington/Keyhaven (MCA, JVB, EC, EW).
- 9 Little Grebe.** Coastal gatherings dispersed through March and began to assemble again in late October, the first return being earlier, on 28th August (PG). Late year numbers higher than the early months, respective maxima being 34 and 14 (cf. other grebes). 2 pairs known to have bred (CS), possibly a third (BWR).
- 16 Manx Shearwater.** 1 off Hill Head, 18th August (SLW). At St. Catherine's Point, 2 flew East on 30th August and 3 East on 24th October (SPG).
- 16 Balearic Shearwater.** All at St. Catherine's Point. 13 flew East, 19th May, the wind being NE, force 3 (RB, AS, EW). 1 flew East 28th August, 3 West on 26th September, 1 West on 17th October and 6 East on 24th October (SPG).
Shearwater spp. At St. Catherine's Point, 2 singles flew East on 24th October (SPG).
- 26 Fulmar.** At St. Catherine's Point, the first date was 14th March and there were up to 5 after this in Spring. 2 singles flew West there on 29th August (SPG). 1 was prospecting the West cliff at Hengistbury for a few minutes on 21st April (JVB). No other mainland records.
- 27 Gannet.** St. Catherine's Point records as follows : birds seen on most visits, movements of note being 28 going East and 5 West on 30th March, and 120 going East (7 West) after SW gales on 17th October (SPG). At Main Bench, 12 and 6 seen fishing on 11th and 12th July respectively (RB, AS).
From the mainland, 3 adults oiled and dead at Brownwich in January and February (SLW), 2 Galkicker, 14th October (JSm), 60 in one party off Hengistbury, 17th October (FRC), 1 off Hill Head 2nd November (DP) and 1 off Hengistbury, 22nd November (NWO).
- 28 Cormorant.** Maxima as follows : Black Point, *ca.* 50, 1st January (EW); Dibden Bay, 70+, 4th and 18th October (MCA); Christchurch Harbour *ca.* 40, 30th March (JHT). Frequent records from the Stour, Avon, Test and Itchen Valleys (JKB, FRC, GHR, JHT, W) and on 8th February, 41 were roosting in trees at Avon Village (FRC).
ca. 20 pairs reported at Main Bench (RB, AS), the only record from there.
A flock of 32 flew West past Hill Head, 10th January (SLW).
A total of 36 flew SW/NE along the usual flight line over Beaulieu Heath in the breeding season.
- 29 Shag.** Frequent records from the South of The Island but 2 off Ryde Pier on 21st November (JKB). From the mainland : 2, Southbourne, 11th January (JVB), 1, Black Point, 17th January (WHT, EW), 1, Lee-on-Solent 7/9th November and again the following week (TEB) and 1, Black Point, 20th December (DFB, GHR, CRT).

- 30 **Heron.** Heronry counts of occupied nests : 24 Tournebury, 21st March (GHR); 1 between Whitchurch and Micheldever (LJW); 18 Sandy Balls Wood, 22nd April (JSA); 17 Sowley, 17th April (EC) 12 Pook's Green, 17th April (EC) 6+ Hinton Admiral, 14th April (EC).

Movement at St. Catherine's Point; 1 flushed from the Pools, 15th March, 3 flew East 28th August and 1 flew East, 5th September (SPG).

Autumn build-up in harbours : **Langstone**, up to 7 until 5th July, up to 22 from 12th July to 8th September, 44 on 12th September, 53 on 19th September, 61 on 17th October and 13 on 21st November (PG—some smaller counts in between the high ones but within the dates given, the variations were not usually very large). **Stanpit**, 2 on 13th August, 5 on 24th August, 8 on 15th September, 19 on 25th September and a maximum of 30 later in the Autumn (NWO, EC). **Dibden Bay**, 10/19 in July/October (MCA). At Dibden, the birds were mostly immatures.

- 32 **Little Egret.** 1 at Langstone Harbour on 26th July, presumably the same bird that was seen later throughout August at Birdham (Sussex) (DFB, MWB, JSi, AW). The record has been accepted by *British Birds*.

- 38 **Bittern.** 1, Titchfield Haven, 30th January and 24th February (TEB, SLW). 1, Warsash, 3rd February (RHD). 1, Titchfield Haven on about forty dates from 14th September onwards (SLW *et al*). 1, Charlton, 11th October (PW). 1, Browdown, 14th November (DP).

- 45 **Mallard.** General pattern, numbers decreasing from January peaks through February and March. Widespread breeding reports. Return passage began in July, numbers increasing most in October and November to very high end of year counts in some places. Particular numbers within this pattern : Sowley, early and late year maxima, *ca.* 100 on 17th January (JKB) and 283 on 28th October (KHP); the Alresford Group, numbers fell from *ca.* 900 in January to 209 on 15th March (W); Stratfield Saye, 400 18th January, 245 on 15th February, 52 on 15th March, 570 on 13th September, *ca.* 750 on 18th October and 1,000+ (a very high count) in early November (MWT); Titchfield Haven, early year maximum 148 on 31st January, then 120 on 17th August, 153 on 22nd August, 358 on 17th September, 233 on 26th September, 363 on 25th October, *ca.* 700 on 20th December and *ca.* 400 on 27th December (JKB, CS, MTe, SLW).

On 5th November, 370 flew South over Portsdown (LWi, GA). 1 going West on 18th October is the only St. Catherine's record (SPG). 1 ♂ ringed Slimbridge 6/11/55 was shot at Exbury on 19th September.

- 46 **Teal.** Early maxima mainly in January, decreasing to early April with fluctuations; e.g., **Titchfield Haven**, 401 4th January (CS *et al*) and 35, 11th April (WHT); **Dibden**, *ca.* 350, 3rd January (EW) and 50+, 22nd March (HB); **Needs Oar**, 200+, 24th January (JHT) and *ca.* 15, 22nd March (EW); Sowley, *ca.* 140, 17th January (TGP) and 4, 15th February (EC); **Hurst**, 200, 25th January (DW—no Spring count); **Ibsley area**, *ca.* 700, 21st Feb. (Early year maximum for county—JKB, GHR, JHT) but no Spring count.

Few summer records; 3/4 pairs known to have bred. Return passage began second week August. A peak of 515 at Titchfield Haven, 20th September, followed by lower counts then more high ones indicates a passage at that time. Counts of over 200 only from Titchfield Haven where maximum was *ca.* 1430 on 20th December (JKB), only 420 being counted there a week previously and 311 eight days later (cf. Mallard).

1 ♀ ringed Abberton 30/11/56 shot at Beaulieu 25th January.

3 flew East at St. Catherine's Point, 2nd September (SPG).

- 47 **Garganey.** Remarkable Spring influx. Localities, extreme dates and maximum numbers: **Ashlett**, 27th March, 3 (DW); **Avington**, 31st March, 1 (EW); **Avon Village**, 27th March, 2 (FRC); **Farlington**, 21st March/21st June, 9 (PG); **Needs Oar**, 21st March/17th May, 4 (JHT, WHT, EJW, EW); **Stanpit**, 1st/19th April, 2 (RJJ, NWO); **Titchfield Haven**, 20th March/4th June, 5 (RHD, CS, SLW); **Winnall**, 18th March/5th May, 5 (TGP, JHT, EW).

Up to 4 in Autumn passage, 10th July/11th September from four localities with 4 at Needs Oar on 29th October (EW) and 1 at Titchfield Haven, 1st October (SLW).

- 49 **Gadwall.** **Needs Oar**, a pair, 17th January/4th April (JKB, JHT, EW, W). 1/2 on 28/29th November (JHT, DW, EJW). **Hatchett Pond**, 2, 29th November (EJW). **Warsash**, 1 ♀, 6th February (SLW). **Titchfield Haven**, a pair, 14th/21st February (SLW, LWi). **Langstone**, 1/2, 1st/22nd March (PG). On 27th February, 3 flew East past Hill Head (SLW).

- 50 **Wigeon.** Main localities with early and late maxima: **Black Point**, ca. 200, 22nd November (DFB, CRT); **Langstone**, 500, 18th January (PG) and ca. 140, 22nd November (PG); **Titchfield Haven**, 560 11th January (CS) and 950, 26th December (SLW—high counts in December but this nearly double any other); **Millbrook**, 200, 30th December (EW); **Dibden**, 153, 15th February (KHP) and ca. 175, 21st December (EW); **Needs Oar**, 700+, 24th January (JHT) and 600, 24th November (KHP); **Hurst**, 300, 25th January (DW); **Sowley**, 100+, 7th February (MCA); **Ibsley**, 500+, 7th February (JHT); **Hucklebridge**, 5/600, 6th February (MH). Numbers generally increased in early January, the main decline occurring in March. Last, 19th April, Langstone and Titchfield Haven (PG, SLW). 2, Cranbury Park, 13th March, were most unusual (JHT).

First return, Langstone, 12th August (PG). Steady increase but high numbers at Titchfield Haven in December indicate a large arrival at this time.

70 flew SE from Hengistbury, 15th February (FRC); 1 flew East, St. Catherine's Point, 8th November (SPG).

- 52 **Pintail.** Up to 22nd March and from 19th July, mainly from the coast. Records scattered and there were no more than 7 except for Langstone in March when the maximum was 23 on 15th March (PG); none at Titchfield Haven at this time.
- 53 **Shoveler.** As usual, fluctuations in numbers suggesting much movement. Most stable at Titchfield Haven. Early year maxima, 57 at Sowley on 8th January (KHP) and 47 at Titchfield Haven on 16th January (SLW). 23 at Alresford, 23rd January, the most from inland (EAG, GGP, TGP). Few records for May and July, very few for June with no evidence of breeding.

Numbers at Titchfield Haven and Langstone rose in August, followed by low September counts (PG, CS). Highest end of year counts, 35 at Needs Oar on 28th November (EW) and 27 at Titchfield Haven on 20th December (JKB).

- 55 **Scaup.** 1 ♀ Dibden, 26th January (AJH). 2 ♂ ♂ Langstone, 22nd February (PG). 2 ♂ ♂ Hengistbury, 22nd February (FRC). 1 ♂ Hengistbury, 5th April (JHM). 1 imm. ♂ Langstone, 1st and 8th November (PG).
- 56 **Tufted Duck.** Not many records April/May, one for June, three for July, none for August and two for September. Otherwise, scattered records, most regularly from Titchfield Haven, and Sowley Pond, the maxima being 24 at Stratfield Saye, 13th December (MWT—otherwise few), 24 at Woolmer, 7th March (JKB, GHR), 21 at Fawley Reservoir (KHP—the only visit), 17 at Titchfield Haven, 14th February (CS) and 28 at Blashford on 13th February (JW).

A pair and 8 small young were at Bramshill, 7th June (MWT).

- 57 Pochard.** Absent from the coast from 22nd April/11th July and inland from 11th May/30th July, inclusive. Numbers at the end of year low. The four main waters, with maxima, were Blashford, 33 on 13th February (JW, TWo), Alresford, 29 on 26th January (W) and Titchfield Haven, 47 on 24th January (SLW). All counts from elsewhere less than 20.
1 shot at Damerham, 13th January, is observer's first record for area (JSA)
- 60 Goldeneye.** Main localities: **Langstone**, highest numbers 31st January/1st March, maximum 59 (9 ♂) on 15th March and from 12th December, maximum 40 (1 ♂) on 12th (PG); **Dibden** (and Southampton Water) highest numbers in second half of February (cf. Langstone), maximum 31 on 22nd (KHP). Otherwise, very few from elsewhere. First and last dates, 30th March and 31st October, both Langstone.
Inland, 1 ♀ Sowley, 15th November (EC) and 1 imm. Winnall, 13th March (JHT).
- 61 Long-tailed Duck.** 1, Hill Head, 7th January (SLW). 1 going East, St. Catherine's Point, 24th April (SPG).
9 going East (+4 possibles), Hill Head/Gilkicker, 17th October (SLW). 1/2 on seven dates from 28th November, Langstone (PG). 2 going West, St. Catherine's Point, 24th October (SPG).
- 62 Velvet Scoter.** 1 ♀, Black Point, 25th January (MB, BWR).
1 ♂ flew West, St. Catherine's Point, 1st September and 3 flew East and 1 West there on 8th November (SPG). 1, Hill Head, 8th November (CS) and 28th December (SLW). 1 imm. ♂, Emsworth Channel, 12th November (EW). *ca.* 15, Hengistbury, 20th November and *ca.* 6 there, 24th November (CHG). 1, Langstone, 22nd November (PG). 1/3 Millbrook, 16th, 17th and 30th December (EW).
- 64 Common Scoter.** As usual, regular winter flock, Bournemouth Bay. Early and late year maxima there: 140+, 14th March and 262 (+/- 15) on 24th December (JHT). Otherwise, apart from migrating birds, several records of small numbers from the mainland coast. **Movement:** *ca.* 50 going SE, Lee, 14th April (MDS); 73 going East off Hill Head, 10th May (SLW—other ducks, waders, terns, etc., moving on this day); at St. Catherine's Point, 439 flew East, 28th March/17th May. In Autumn at St. Catherine's, small numbers moved in both directions on many dates, maxima 40 West, 3rd August and 34 West and 95 East, 8th November (SPG). 20 flew West at Eastney, 17th August and 31st October (PG).
- 67 Eider.** On the mainland up to 1st March and from 8th November, mainly at Black Point where early and late year maxima were 4 on 25th January (MB, BWR) and 23, 22nd November (DFB). Otherwise 1 ♀ Hengistbury, 17th January (DJG) and 1 imm. ♂ there, 1st and 24th February (EC, DJG); Hurst, up to 6 on 3 dates in late year (JHT, EW, DW); Pennington, 3 ♀ ♀, 19th December (EW); Boscombe Pier, 1 ♀ with Scoter, 24th December (JHT); Eastney, 1 ♀, 26th December (BWR).
At St. Catherine's Point, 2 flew East on 22nd April (SPG).
- 69 Red-breasted Merganser.** Highest early counts in January. Numbers low in March with few April records. Last 19th April except for 1 at Langstone and 2 off Hill Head on 10th May (PG, SLW—see C. Scoter, movement). First return, 1 Eastney, 19th August but next mainland record was 31st October (PG). Maxima from localities: **Hurst**, 15 (4 ♂), 28th December (DW); **Titchfield Haven**, constant in January and several in February, maximum 15 (5 ♂), 7th January (JHT); **Black Point**, 18 (3 ♂), 17th January (EW) and 15+ (2+ ♂), 27th December (WHT); **Langstone**, 14 (7 ♂), 10th January (PG) and 19, 21st December (MDS).

On 13th December, 71 flew out of Chichester Harbour mouth (DFB).

At St. Catherine's Point, 10 flew East in Spring, whilst on 8th November, 6 flew East and 6 West (SPG).

- 70 Goosander.** 5 (2 ♂) flying East, Hill Head, 17th January (SLW). 2 (1 ♂), Dibden Bay, 20th February (AJH).

1 Redhead, Langstone, 1st November (PG). 1, Titchfield Haven, 10th December (TEB). 1 off Crofton Cliffs and 2 off Meon Shore, 13th December (MTe, DP *et al* respectively). 1 Hayling Gravel Pit, 31st December (TEB).

- 71 Smew.** 1 imm., Weston Shore, 17th December (EW).

- 73 Shelduck.** Full details from main locality, **Langstone**, selected counts being : 200 5/1, 800 18/1, 1,000 24/1, 1,200 25/1, 2,000 1/2, 3,000 15/2, 2,800 1/3, 2,000 8/3, 500 22/3, 650 30/3, 2,000 1/4, 400 5/4, 150 17/4, 100 26/4, then *ca.* 70 through Summer. 94 30/9, 150 3/10, 200 10/10, 200 8/11, 500 22/11, 650+ 4/12, 1,500 13/12 and 2,000 16/12. Maximum at Christchurch 73 on 21st April when Langstone birds were dispersing. 280 at Dibden on 18th January (KHP) the most from elsewhere.

Juvenile gatherings, 23 at Dibden (MCA), 42 at Stanpit (RBU, EC) and 70 at Langstone (PG).

10 flew East in Spring at St. Catherine's (SPG) and a pair were at Main Bench on 21st March (EJW). 1 was at Petersfield Lake intermittently from 23rd January/8th February and 10th March/15th May, always leaving to the NE (WPW).

Several breeding reports from coast and *ca.* 12 pairs from the New Forest.

- 75 Grey Leg Goose.** 4, Petersfield Lake, 21st April (WPW) could possibly have been escapes. 1 off Brownwich, 13th December (MTe).

- 76 White-fronted Goose. Avon flock:** Maximum *ca.* 500, 7th February (JHT); last, 350 on 28th February (GHF—none on 6th March); first return, 25 on 1st November (EC, NWO); 131 there on 13th December (JW). At Damerham, flocks almost certainly of this species moved East on 4th and 7th March, the last flock numbering *ca.* 150 (JSA). *ca.* 100 going North over Picket Post, 7th February, were probably the Avon flock (JHT).

Otherwise, 9 flew West, Hill Head, 16th January (SLW), 15 flew West Langstone, 24th January (PG), 2 were on a gravel pit near Aldershot, 26th March (JAM) and 1 flew SW, Langstone, 28th December (PG).

Grey Geese. Several reports from the coast but inland, 1 at Winnall, 2nd January (W) and 12 flying West, Basingstoke, 11th April (SLBL).

- 80 Brent Goose.** Mainly at Langstone where numbers rose with fluctuations to *ca.* 700 on 21st and 22nd March, then 250 on 25th, *ca.* 40 on 28th, 14 on 30th and 4 on 26th April. At Black Point, the maximum was *ca.* 250 on 22nd February (BWR), whilst 45 were at Hurst, 7th January (JKB, TGP, JHT). Otherwise a few records of small numbers from the mainland coast. Last, 26th April, 4 at Langstone (PG).

First, 3, Hill Head, 4th October (CS). Then a few spasmodic records until 45 at Langstone on 4th December, *ca.* 400 being there on 13th and 500 on 24th (PG). End of year maximum at Black Point, *ca.* 130, 31st December (BWR, AY).

- 82 Canada Goose.** Highest counts at **Dogmersfield**, 78–80 1/2, 18 15/2, 6 1/4, 77 17/10, 44 15/11 and 66 20/12 (JMB). At **Bramshill**, the most seen in winter was 18 on 15th March with 39 (18 imm.) on 5th July (MWT). No more than 8 seen at **Stratfield Saye** outside the breeding season (MWT). On **Petersfield Pond**, apart from 7 tame birds which were resident, there were several visits of other birds from the NE up to 12th April; 11 stayed there from 28th August onwards (WPW).

Breeding : pair + 6 young, Yately G.P. (MWT), pair +8, Stratfield Saye (MWT), 4 pairs +6, 6, 4 and 2, Bramshill (MWT) and pair +5, Petersfield Lake (WPW).

Otherwise, 1 flew East, Hill Head, 13th March (SLW), 10 flew NE, Gurnard Bay, 3rd August (SLW) and a total of 12 moved over Titchfield Haven on four dates between 14th June/19th July, either North, East or NW (CS).

- 84 Mute Swan.** Winter gatherings, Canoe Lake, Southsea, smaller than last year, maxima being 56 on 7th January and 48 on 10th September (PG). At Stanpit, low numbers February/March, then 117 on 2nd May, *ca.* 183 on 13th August, 116+ on 15th September and 37 on 25th September (EC, JHT).
- 91 Buzzard.** Many records, very widespread. Many Winter records from the Forest of up to 9 birds and 34 pairs probably bred within the Forest boundary (m.o.). Elsewhere, 4 pairs are said to have bred around Winchester (EAG, EL). Outside the Forest, records show a concentration in September/October, indicating passage, possibly of Forest birds. 9 together, Damerham, 17th August (JSA).
- 93 Sparrowhawk.** Records from the Forest on 28 dates throughout the year (m.o.). Scattered records from elsewhere but only 1 definite breeding report, near Catisfield (GA, BAH, LWi).
1 flying steadily SW over Farlington, 6th September (PG).
- 94 Goshawk.** 1 ♂, Needs Oar, 27th September, flew to the Island (DW). 1 Pilot Hill, 3rd September; accepted by *British Birds* (LRL). *This record was submitted by observer.*
- 98 Honey Buzzard.** 1 Needs Oar, 3rd October (DW). Seen at close range by observer familiar with species.
- 99 Marsh Harrier.** At Titchfield Haven, up to 2 on many dates till 13th March (CS *et al*) and 1 14th/18th November (CS *et al*). Singles were at Farlington in May (twice), August (3 dates) and September (once—all PG). One of these on 19th May, had several feathers missing on the left wing as had another seen at Bishop's Dyke on 23rd May (JKB, JHT, WHT, EJW). Otherwise, 1/2 seen on 11 dates from the West Solent coast and the Forest between 21st March/24th October (MB, ELJ, JHT, WHT, EW, DW, EJW).
- 100 Hen Harrier.** 1 "ringtail", Damerham, 25th January, 7th and 9th March (JSA). An adult ♂ was seen in the North of the Forest on 6 dates between 3rd January/3rd April (JKB, RHD, GHR, AWGS, EW, EJW), 1 ♂ in the South Forest on 28th March (DW), 1 ♀ in the North Forest, 7th and 8th November (DW) and 1 ♂, also North Forest, on 26th December (WHT).
- 102 Montagu's Harrier.** Present in 2 localities; nested unsuccessfully in one (MCA). Single birds at Damerham between 5th May/6th August (6 dates—JSA). 1 "ringtail" Micheldever, 23rd August (AM).
- 103 Osprey.** 1, near Tidworth, 30th August (W). 1, Titchfield Haven, 3rd/23rd September on 8 dates (MB, CS, SLW *et al*). 1 at Farlington, 7th September (MTe, JWa). 1 imm. Pennington 1st September (PHD). 1 Calshot, 9th September (KHP).
- 104 Hobby.** At St. Catherine's Point, 1 came in off the sea, 9th April (JKB, JSi, JHT, AW) and another did likewise on 16th May (JSi, AW). 1 going North at Fareham, 30th April (JKB). Probably 12 pairs bred in the Forest (m.o.) and there was one breeding record for the North (DFB, BWR, WHT). Last, 1 going SE, Stanpit, 11th October (NWO).

- 105 Peregrine.** 1 ♂ and 1 ♀ seen at Main Bench (RB, AS, JHT). Singles on the mainland on 28 dates from widespread localities; 26 of these were in the period January/April and August/December. No mainland records for May/June (cf. 1958).
- 107 Merlin.** 1 ♂, Forest, 3rd January (EJW). 1 ♀, Danebury, 8th January (W). 1 ♀, Woolmer, 22nd February (WHT). 1 ♂ dead, Damerham, 2nd March (JSA). 1 ♀, Needs Oar, 21st March (EW). 1 ♀, Forest, 27th March (JKB).
1, Farlington, 14th September (PG). 1 ♂, Harbridge, 1st November (EC, NWO). 1, St. Catherine's Point, 8th November (SPG). 1, Wickham, 10th December (SLW). 1, Damerham, 16th December and 2 there on 19th (JSA). 1, Farlington, 20th December (PG).
- 108 Red-footed Falcon.** Seen on 9 dates between 16th May/6th June at Bishop's Dyke. 5 birds on the first day (1 adult ♂, 1 1st Summer ♂, 1 adult ♀ and 2 imm. ♀ ♀). 4 on 17th, 3 on 18th, 4 on 23rd/24th, 1 28th/30th and 1 (adult ♂) on 6th June. Accepted by *British Birds*. Seen by DFB, JKB, JVB, MB, MWB, BWR, JSi, JHT, WHT, EJW, AW.
- 110 Kestrel.** Usual Autumn increase at Farlington, 26th July/28th September, maximum 6 (PG). At St. Catherine's Point, increase from usual 4 to 6 on 20th October (SPG). Birds moving at the latter locality, singles West 25th August and 24th October, 1 in off the sea on 1st September and singles likewise on 26th September and 24th October and 1 flew SW on 19th September (SPG).
- 115 Red-Legged Partridge.** Several Forest reports but very few from other areas. Information on this species is very scanty.
- 116 Partridge.**
- 117 Quail.** 2 in kale and turnips, Damerham, 16th January (JSA). 2 broods, Damerham, 24th August (JSA). 1 injured, Basingstoke, 21st October (Capt. B. Hutton-Croft).
- 118 Pheasant.**
- 119 Crane.** 1 adult at The Gins on 5th November (per EC), 21st (DW), 28th (JHT) and found dead on 29th (DFB, GHR). Accepted by *British Birds*.
- 120 Water Rail.** Not definitely recorded between 22nd April and 16th August. Numbers highest at Titchfield Haven where maxima were 10 on 14th January (SLW), 10 on 7th October (SLW), 11 on 25th October (DP), whilst at Hamble there were 16 on 8th November (DP). At Langstone, more were recorded in September than later months (see other rails—PG).
- 121 Spotted Crane.** 1, Hamble, 29th January (RHD). 1, Farlington on 6 dates between 25th August/19th September (PG, AY). 1, Titchfield Haven, 19th and 20th September (MB, CS), 3 on 23rd September (CS), 1 on 6th October (SLW) and 1 on 8th and 22nd November (MTe, SLW *et al*). 1, Farlington, 26th December (SLW) (cf. September counts of other rails).
- 124 Little Crane.** 1 ♂, Farlington, on 5 dates between 14th/20th September. Accepted by *British Birds* (MB, MWB, NM, JSi, AW, EJW).
- 125 Corncrake.** 1, St. Leonard's, 27th July (NWO). 1, Micheldever, 7th August (AM). 1 Farlington, 5th and 13th September (DFB, JSi). 1, Damerham, 9th September (JSA). Nest with *ca.* 10 eggs, May/June, in the Hook/Brownwich area; the bird has been seen by the observer in the same field for the past few years (per SLW).
- 126 Moorhen.** Large gatherings: *ca.* 50, River Meon between Corhampton and Warnford, 10th January (BWR). *ca.* 40 Brownwich, 24th September (CS) and *ca.* 30 there on 27th September (LWi *et al*). 25, Titchfield Haven, 22nd November (CS).

- 127 Coot.** Winter flocks dispersed March, early year maxima being 266 at Titchfield Haven, 21st February (JSm) and 288 at Stanpit, 5th February (EC).

Return of flocks more complicated. At Titchfield Haven, numbers increased in July/August to 103 by 15th (CS). They then remained fairly steady, decreasing in late November to build up again from 12th December to *ca.* 300 (CS). Stanpit and Redbridge also had build-ups from mid-December. Sowley Pond reached maximum of 150 on 13th September, had steady counts till late December when numbers decreased (EC, KHP, EW). Frensham Pond had maximum of 475 on 18th September (AFM).

- 131 Oystercatcher.** Not many reports received. Early year maxima, *ca.* 200 Langstone, 11th January (PG—no other count over 100), 100 at Dibden, 22nd February (KHP—a high count) and *ca.* 150, Pennington, 19th February (EC). Inland, 1 flew NE over Sandleheath, 16th February (JSA). A roost in January/February at Brownwich reached 67 birds (SLW).

Little Spring movement seen. 3 flew West at St. Catherine's Point, 28th March, 7 flew East there the next day and 3 West on 20th April (SPG). 40 flew NE over land, Hill Head, 2nd May (SLW).

7 pairs bred West of Southampton Water.

Increased numbers, late July/September, indicate return passage; at St. Catherine's Point, 25 flew West and 11 East, 1st August/20th September (SPG). 135 Needs Oar, 4th October (DW), 100 Langstone, 12th September (PG) and 138 Hook, 6th September, are the end of year maxima, all within the period of Autumn passage. The Brownwich roost reached 175 on 10th November (SLW).

The albino was seen at Langstone, 4th January and 27th September (PG).

- 133 Lapwing.** Winter flocks dispersed by early April; first post-breeding flock on 30th May, Farlington, and several reported for June. The largest flock reported was 3,000 at Ibsley, 21st February (JKB, GHR, JHT). Otherwise, the most was 800+, and they were very widely distributed.

Much movement, most notably 10th/14th January when birds were reported moving West on the coast (particularly on the 11th) and South inland; at Damerham on 13th there was an enormous increase (JSA). This was presumably a cold weather movement. On 31st January, *ca.* 150 flew SW over Buriton (GHR).

In October/November, several small parties were seen moving on or near the coast, mainly flying between North and NW.

At St. Catherine's Point, 18 came off the sea, 14th March, 1 flew East on 23rd April, 2 flew East 4th October and 1 flew East, 25th October (SPG).

- 134 Ringed Plover.** No three-figured counts early in the year. Spring passage late April/May, no large numbers involved. At this time, 6 flew NNW over Portsdown Hills, 4th May (PG) and 1 was inland at Winnall, 11th May (JHT).

15 pairs known to have bred (MCA, CHG, NWO, KHP, SLW).

Autumn passage late July/September. On 25th July, numbers at Farlington rose to *ca.* 50 from less than 10 and 200+ were there on 18th August (PG); *ca.* 70 were at Stanpit, 25th September (EC—12 the next highest count); at St. Catherine's Point, 1 flew West, 22nd August (SPG); 2 were inland at Winnall, 25th August (JHT).

Numbers highest from October onwards, maxima being *ca.* 500, Portsmouth Airport, 16th December (AY) and *ca.* 400 Warsash, 25th October (LWi *et al.*). 100+ at Needs Oar, 4th October, the only count of 100 West of Southampton Water (DW).

- 135 Little Ringed Plover.** 1 nested unsuccessfully at a new site (SLW), locality No. 4. 1 imm. at Dibden Bay, 19th, 26th and 27th July (MCA, KHP).

- 136 Kentish Plover.** 2, Langstone, 15th July (DFB). 1 ♂ Hill Head, 4th September (CS, SLW). 1, Stanpit, 11th/14th September (JVB, RBu, EAG, DJG, CHG). 2, Black Point, 23rd December, 1 ♂ (AY).
- 139 Grey Plover.** Langstone the main locality as usual; *ca.* 300 on 14th February was a big increase and by far the highest early year count, numbers after this being below 100 with 30 or less between 1st May/2nd August; *ca.* 50 on 8th August, 100+ on 22nd, *ca.* 200 on 20th September after which counts varied but never exceeded 200 (PG). Otherwise widespread in winter, numbers being small except for 100+, East Hayling, 15th September (EJW). Apart from Langstone, few reports for April/July (possibly birds not reported).
- 140 Golden Plover.** Last 26th April, first 23rd July, both at Farlington (PG—the latter date coincided with a wader influx there). Many records but the largest flocks were : Andover area, 90 January (W); Brownwich, *ca.* 330 28th January (SLW) and *ca.* 600 15th November (LWi); Chilling Moor, 157 8th November (LWi *et al*); Eastleigh Airport, 450/500 14th February (JHT); Kingston, 120 4th January (FRC); near Ringwood, 250 4th January (DW); Sowley, *ca.* 150 7th February (EJW); Winchester, 200+ 30th October (W); Winkton, *ca.* 100 late December (NWO)
38 flew West, Farlington, 10th January (PG), 19 flew SW, Titchfield Haven, 16th January (SLW) and 3 flew North, Farlington, 31st January (PG).
- 143 Turnstone.** Widespread coastal records for Winter, numbers East of Southampton higher than those in the West but only one count over 100 for the whole county, 134 at Warsash, 10th August (SLW). Spring movement, last week April/mid-May, during which time 57 left Langstone over Portsdown Hills (PG), 52 flew NE at Titchfield Haven, 7th May (SLW) and 5 flew East there, 10th May (SLW).
Autumn movement, not very large, mid-July/early September (see Warsash count, above).
1 arrived at St. Catherine's Point on 20th September (SPG).
- 145 Snipe.** Winter counts in the East lower than last year, the only numbers of any size being *ca.* 150, Titchfield Haven, 23rd March (SLW) and *ca.* 100, Farlington, 5th April (PG). No other early counts exceeded 100 anywhere in the county. Last Spring record Farlington was 5th May, the first return migrant there being 21st June (PG). Numbers increased gradually after that date but on 16th August, 13 at Farlington and 27 at Titchfield Haven were more than before and were probably an influx (PG, SLW). Maximum end of year counts, 150 Stratfield Saye, 13th December (MWT), *ca.* 100 Basingstoke Sewage Farm, 15th December (SLBL) and *ca.* 100, Titchfield Haven, 12th November and 31st December (DP, SLW).
1 flew West, high, on 1st August at St. Catherine's Point (SPG).
- 147 Jack Snipe.** Recorded from 14 localities, mostly coastal, but 3 reports from the Forest (MCA, KHP). Last in Spring, 9th April at Farlington (PG); first returns 13th September at Farlington (PG) and Dibden (KHP). Autumn passage from this latter date to end October, maxima being 9 at Farlington (PG) and Titchfield Haven (SLW). Only 1 or 2 in December at Titchfield Haven (CS, SLW) and only one in this month at Farlington (PG), after November counts of up to 6. The winter maximum was 15 at Stanpit/Hengistbury on 21st November (CHG) where singletons were seen regularly November/December (NWO).
1 flew West, Black Point, 16th December (AY).

148 Woodcock. Widespread records for winter and the breeding season. 1 at St. Catherine's Point, 31st October and 8th November (SPG).

150 Curlew. Early year maxima, 1,000+ Needs Oar, 24th January (JHT) and *ca.* 1,500 Langstone, 23rd February (PG). Flocks decreased through March, the first returns to Forest breeding grounds being on 7th March, two localities (JHT, EW). 2 were at Woolmer, 15th March (JAM). Birds moving between SE and NNE in the East of the county between 8th March/21st April (PG, SLW) but no large counts recorded. 1 on 17th May was the only St. Catherine's record (SPG).

29 pairs recorded breeding in the Forest (m.o.)

Coastal numbers increased from second week June; e.g., *ca.* 600 Langstone on 14th, was double previous counts (PG) and *ca.* 250 at Needs Oar on 13th (EW). Further arrivals in July, numbers at Dibden increasing to 600 from *ca.* 300 on 17th (KHP *et al*) and *ca.* 1,500 were at Langstone on 5th (PG). *ca.* 2,000, Langstone, 19th July, was the end of year maximum, numbers there being over 1,000 in subsequent months (PG). 900+, Dibden, 4th October, the highest count from elsewhere (MCA, KHP). No large movements seen.

1 flew NW, Damerham, 29th October (JSA). 11 flew West, 2 East, St. Catherine's, in Autumn (SPG).

151 Whimbrel. First, 15th March, 1 at Langstone (PG). Large Spring passage all along the coast, 23rd April/24th May, birds mainly moving between North and East; in particular, 73 flew East, St. Catherine's, 23rd May, and others heard at the Light on 25th (SPG—5 other birds from here), 54 at Ashlett, 10th May, was the most from the West (KHP), 150+ at Langstone, also 10th May, the maximum for the county, 52 being seen to leave there within the dates given above (PG). Only 5 June records for the whole county.

A few recorded early July, the main return passage being mid-July/end August. Much smaller than Spring passage, 64 at Langstone on 27th July and 70 there, 18th August being the highest counts (PG, EW). 3 October records, 2 for November and 1 for December (PG, NWO, DW), all single birds.

154 Black-tailed Godwit. Except for 10 at Stanpit, 13th June (AJW), none seen January/June other than at Langstone, Titchfield Haven and Needs Oar. **Langstone**, numbers high (maximum 750, 28th March) until mid-April (600, 15th), then *ca.* 180 on 19th thereafter less than 100 until Autumn. 4 left WNW, 19th April and 22 left NW, 28th April (PG). **Titchfield Haven**, 100, 3rd January (JHT), decreasing to *ca.* 40, 24th February with 4 on 28th March the last till Autumn (CS, SLW). **Needs Oar**, first, 4 on 4th April (JHT), then Spring passage mainly from 29th April/early June (MB, WHT, EW, EJW), the maximum 33 on 19th May (W). Inland, up to 4, Winnall, 4th/9th April (GHR, EW).

ca. 60, Langstone, the first increase of note, 210 there on 18th July being a large increase and also the Autumn maximum. Numbers at Dibden rose from *ca.* 40, 1st July to 100 on 22nd whilst the most at Needs Oar was 31 on 18th July (EJW). 18th/23rd July seemed to be the peak. Thereafter numbers fell with few records for November/December except for the Langstone and Titchfield Haven areas. Numbers around Langstone rose in December, 500 on the airfield, 20th December, being the maximum (PG).

35 flying West, Stanpit, 15th September, by far the largest count there (CHG).

- 155 Bar-tailed Godwit.** East of Southampton, a few reports of small numbers, mainly in May and August/October. Mainly at Langstone and Black Point, numbers varying due to roosting and feeding at different sites. At Langstone, 15/80 until early June, then low counts until 40 in mid-August, then low again (none in September) until December, when there were *ca.* 150 on 20th (PG).

13 flew East, Hill Head, April (JKB, CS, SLW) and 34 West on 14th August (SLW).

On 20th December, *ca.* 175 were at Tournebury (DFB—cf. Langstone maximum) and *ca.* 300 were at Brownwich on the same date (DP).

- 156 Green Sandpiper.** Early year records from Farlington (January/April, 1/2 on 15 dates—PG), Charlton (up to 4, January/April—PW), East Anton (2, 3rd April—ELJ) and Dibden (2, 12th April—DW). May records only from Farlington.

First few returns in late June with passage mainly latter half July/August, widespread inland and coastal. Double figures only from Dibden, the main locality (12, 18th July—JHT) and Stanpit (10+, 29th August—NWO). No more than 5 together elsewhere.

Several October records; wintering birds at end of year from Matley Heath, Bartley Water and Ovington/Alresford.

- 157 Wood Sandpiper.** May records from Farlington, 1 on 10th, 2 on 17th and 19th (PG).

Autumn passage, 2nd July/2nd September from : **Stanpit**, 12 dates, maximum 5 on 15th August (RBU, FRC, DJG, RJJ, NWO, AJW)—(cf. Green Sandpiper). **Farlington**, 21 dates, maximum 2 (PG). **Titchfield Haven**, 12 flew up the Meon on 4 August dates, 7 on 11th; 2 singles also in August (CS, JSm, SLW). **Dibden**, only 1 on many dates (MCA, AJH, KHP, DW—cf. Green Sandpiper; and this species for Stanpit). **Beaulieu Heath**, 1, 4th August (KHP). The bulk of the records were in August (cf. 1958).

- 159 Common Sandpiper.** Recorded January (4 dates) and March (3 dates). 1 Hurst, 5th April was probably the first migrant (KHP). Main Spring passage late April/mid-May, widespread coastal and inland, the maximum together being 5, Titchfield Haven, 4th April (TEB). At St. Catherine's Point, 3 on 22nd April, 1 on 24th, birds heard early on 25th and 1 flew East, 16th May (SPG).

Heavy Autumn passage. 8 at Dibden, 29th June, the first return of any numbers (KHP). Peaks varied slightly in different places but main passage for the whole county was mid-July/end August (cf. Green Sandpiper). Maxima from main localities : **Langstone**, 43, 29th July (PG); **Dibden**, 22, 16th July (KHP); **Stanpit**, *ca.* 50, 15th August (NWO); **Keyhaven** area, 20, 30th August (NWO). At St. Catherine's, singles on most days August/19th September (SPG).

13 flew up river in a flock, Titchfield Haven, on 14th July (SLW).

Several records October/November and 3 in December.

- 161 Redshank.** Many large coastal gatherings in winter. First return to breeding ground near Petersfield, 8th March (WPW—when birds heard moving over Portsmouth—PG). First return Itchen, 15th March (GGP). Widespread in breeding season.

At Dibden, 200/500 all autumn (MCA, EW *et al.*). Largest counts at Farlington, 1,000+ 18th July, 2,000 3rd August, 1,000+ 14th September and 1,500+ 3rd October (PG). Also 1,000+, East Hayling, 15th September (EJW). At St. Catherine's, flocks heard 31st July and 1st August and 1 came in off the sea, 30th August (SPG).

- 162 Spotted Redshank.** Mainly from : **Dibden**, 1/3 January/October (0 May) with 4 on 29th August (KHP, DW *et al*); **Needs Oar**, all months except May, August and December, quarterly maxima being 10 on 21st March (JHT), 17 on 27th June (RB, AS), 14 on 20th September (DW) and 33 on 4th October (DW—high but varying counts October/November); **Farlington**, 1/2 May/June (6 dates), 1 5th July/23rd August then a small increase (7 on 3rd September) until 14th September, then 1/2 for the rest of the year. Scattered records from elsewhere, mainly within the peak period of Autumn passage, last week August/mid-September.
1 Hayling, 13th December (MB).
- 165 Greenshank.** Recorded January/March from 7 coastal localities, 1/4 birds, but 6 flew up Meon with Curlew, 19th March (SLW). Small spring passage, mainly in May; very few June records.
Heavy Autumn passage; peaks vary for localities but 12th July/4th October saw the main passage. Chief localities: **Farlington**, mainly 12th July/4th October with peaks of 44 26th July, 50 2nd September and 36 8th September (PG); **Dibden**, up to 11 1st July/17th August, then higher counts till 4th October (KHP *et al*), maximum 22 on 24th August (ABW); **Needs Oar**, maximum 19 4th October (DW—the last big count there); **Hayling** (Northney), maximum 21 15th September (EJW).
At St. Catherine's Point, 1 heard 22nd and 30th August (SPG). Inland, 2 at Charlton, 5th July (PW).
November/December records from 8 coastal localities.
- 169 Knot.** Not many early year records, the most being *ca.* 60, Langstone, 8th February (PG). Very small Spring passage in May; 9 flew West, Hill Head, 10th May (SLW).
Heavy Autumn passage, mainly from : **Stanpit**, mainly August/September (CHG), maximum *ca.* 50, 29th August (NWO); **Dibden**, single figures 26th July/29th August, then peak till 29th September, maximum 25, 1st September (MCA, KHP, *et al*); **Langstone**, numbers high 27th August/end of year, maxima 100 24th September and *ca.* 150 21st November (PG).
Other high end of year counts : 35 Dibden, 6th December (HB, KHP), 41 Warsash 27th November (SLW) and 70 Black Point, 31st December (BWR).
12 flew East, Hilsea, 20th July (PG). 24 flew West, Warsash, 27th September (SLW).
- 170 Purple Sandpiper.** 1 Stanpit, 30th August/2nd September (CHG). 1 Stanpit/Hengistbury, 16th and 18th October and 3 there 24th October (CHG). 1 flew SW, Spithead, 23rd November (AY).
- 171 Little Stint.** 1, Black Point, 8th February (MB).
Autumn Passage : 1, Stanpit, 29th August/30th September (9 dates—JVB, CHG, NWO); 1, Dibden, 27th July/21st August (not continuously) then 1/3 6th/15th September (MCA, KHP, DW *et al*); Farlington, 4th August/13th September, mainly in September with 14 on 4th, 6th, 7th and 8th (PG); 1 Titchfield Haven, 11th/15th October (CS, SLW, AY); 1, Black Point, 6th November (JKB, JHT) and 1/4 there in December (DFB, BWR, CRT, SLW, EW). Note wintering at Black Point both ends of year.
- 173 Temminck's Stint.** 1, Titchfield Haven, 8th October (SLW).
- 176 Pectoral Sandpiper.** 1, Farlington, 26th and 27th July (PG) and 6th August (TEB). Accepted by *British Birds*..

- 178 Dunlin.** Winter counts of 1,000+ from Dibden (EW), Warsash (a high water roost—SLW), Langstone (maximum 10,000 20th December—PG) and Portsmouth Airport (at high tide) maxima 12,000 24th January (PG) and 22,000 16th December (AY). Many other counts of hundreds.

Spring passage mainly from Langstone, 554 leaving there between North and NW over Portsdown, 19th April/16th May, all but 6 in May (PG). Elsewhere indicated by higher counts; e.g., Stanpit early maximum, 400, 2nd May (JHT). At St. Catherine's Point, birds heard at the Light 25th April (SPG).

Very few June records. Autumn passage began June, mainly late July/first two weeks August; *ca.* 1,200 at Langstone, 25th July (PG). At St. Catherine's Point, apart from odd birds on 3 dates, a flock was heard on 2nd August (SPG).

Inland, 1 at Ibsley, 21st February (JKB, GHR, JHT). 1, Winnall, 25th August (JHT)

- 179 Curlew Sandpiper.** 1 Langstone, 26th April (PG).

Remarkable Autumn passage: **Dibden**, apparently 6 parties, (i) 26th July/1st August, maximum 14 on 27th and 28th. (ii) 1 on 10th August. (iii) 19th August/23rd August, maximum 15 on 20th, 21st and 22nd (iv) 25th/29th August, maximum 10 on 27th. (v) 1st/4th September, maximum 12 on 2nd. (vi) 6th/17th September, maximum 19 on 8th (MCA, AJH, KHP, ABW, DW, *et al*). **Stanpit**, up to 8, 21st August/3rd September (CHG) and 1 on 6th and 19th September and 11th October (NWO). **Farlington**, 6th August/5th October, maximum 34 on 12th September with the peak from 4th/20th September (PG). **Hayling**, maximum 34, 16th September (PG). **Warsash**, maximum 18, 20th September (SLW). Otherwise, low numbers at Black Point and Keyhaven.

1/3, Langstone, 1st and 22nd November (PG), 1 Back Point, 6th November (JKB).

- 181 Sanderling.** Mainly from Hayling, January/March and November/December, maxima being 60 on 17th January and *ca.* 80 on 23rd December, Black Point (WHT, EW, AY), 70 Hayling Bay, 4th December (BWR), *ca.* 40 Emsworth Channel, 21st March (GHR) and *ca.* 45, Hayling Ferry, 24th January (PG). At Stanpit in May with 49 on 1st (AJW) and small counts there, August/November (JVB, EAG, DJG, NWO). 1/2 at Dibden 27th July/12th August (5 dates—MCA, DW).

24 flew East, Hill Head, May (SLW).

- 184 Ruff.** A few records up to March; 8, Pennington, 12th February (MH, per EC). Small Spring passage in May. First return, 1 ♂ 20th June, Farlington (PG). Then followed moderate Autumn passage from the coast, mainly in the East and at Dibden, the maximum being 12 at Dibden, 10th September (MCA, KHP) and 8 at Warsash, 29th August (TEB). Main passage late August/first half September. Last, 18th October at Dibden and Titchfield Haven, apart from November birds at Brading (once—JKB) and Titchfield Haven (3 dates) (TEB, CS, SLW).

1 flew West, St. Catherine's Point, 24th August (SPG).

- 185 Avocet.** 1, Needs Oar, 21st March (JHT, EW). 1, Stanpit, 29th May (RBu). 1, Langstone, 24th December (PG).

- 187 Grey Phalarope.** 1, Hook Lake, 24th September (TEB). 2, Brownwich, 27th September (SLW). 1, Portsmouth Harbour, 12th October and 2, 2 miles off St. Catherine's Point on the same day (AY). 6, Hengistbury, 18th October and 2 there on 22nd and 24th October (CHG). 1, Titchfield Haven, 25th October (DFB, GHR) and 1 at Mudeford on the same day (NWO). 1, Milford, 19th November (EC).

- 189 Stone Curlew.** First, 26th March at Damerham (JSA) and 27th March at Andover (ELJ). 2 Spring Forest records (KHP, NWO). Several records through Summer from the chalk lands with 18 near Andover on 20th September (CRT). Last, 6 at Suttton Scotney, 10th October (AM).
- 193 Arctic Skua.** At St. Catherine's Point, 8 flew East 22nd/24th April and 7 flew East 16th/17th May (SPG). In Autumn there, 1 flew West 28th August and 1 East 17th October (SPG).
From the mainland, 1 Langstone, 28th April (PG), 1 flew East Eastney, 10th May (PG), 1 Southsea, 11th June (AY), 1 Keyhaven, 14th June (DW) and 8 flew East, Eastney, 28th September (PG).
- 194 Great Skua.** At St. Catherine's Point, 1 flew East 21st April (JSi, AW), 1 flew East 22nd August, 2 did likewise 27th August, 1 was present 30th August, 1 flew East 19th September and 3 flew East together, 24th October (SPG).
From the mainland, 1 flew East, Hill Head, 12th July (SLW), 2 flew East, Eastney, 28th September (PG) and 1 was off Hengistbury, 17th October (FRC).
- 195 Pomarine Skua.** 1 flew East, St. Catherine's Point, 23rd April (JSi, AW).
Skua spp. At St. Catherine's Point, 3 flew East in April, 1 East on 22nd August, and 2 flew West 20th/21st October (SPG). 1 flew East, Hill Head, 12th February (SLW).
- 198 Greater Black-backed Gull.** Highest counts from : Langstone, *ca.* 300, 20th December (PG); Portsmouth Airport, *ca.* 200 at high tide 10th January and *ca.* 100 at Portchester on the same day (MB); Redbridge, 65+, 23rd November; Dibden, 50+, 10th September; Lymington, 60+, 23rd December (all MCA); 40/60 through Autumn at Stanpit and 100 there 30th December (EC, NWO).
General increase, Langstone, 29th July/31st August (PG) and apart from usual winter records Itchen/Test, 1/2 at Winnall, 6th and 9th July (JHT).
At St. Catherine's Point, small numbers of adults and immatures moved both directions 1st August/1st November, peak 27 West, 24th October (SPG).
1 adult, Main Bench, 21st March (EJW).
- 199 Lesser Black-backed Gull.** First, 7th March, 2 *graellsii* flying East, Woolmer (JKB, GHR) and 10th March, 12+*graellsii* at Stanpit (EC). Then followed a few March records including a party flying North at night, Damerham, on 26th (JSA) and 4 flying SE, Woodfidley, 29th (JKB, GHR). Small coastal passage in Spring with 17 at Langstone, 19th April the maximum (PG), whilst inland, 1 was at Winnall, 9th April (EW). At St. Catherine's Point, 76 flew West and 40 East, 27th March/19th May, the most being 18 flying West, 1st April (SPG).
Large return passage, mainly August/September, during which time 420 flew East, Hill Head (90% *fuscus*—SLW). Inland, 1/2 at Chilbolton, Winnall and Fullerton (once each—ELJ). At St. Catherine's Point, between 1st August/8th November, 642 flew West and 191 East on 28 dates (mainly *graellsii*—cf. 1957/58); on 5th September, *ca.* 50 (mainly *fuscus*) came in from the sea and coasted West (SPG).
Few mainland records October and from 5 mainland localities November/December, maximum 4 except for 100+, Stanpit, 8th November (probably over 50% *fuscus*, cf. 1958—CHG).
- 200 Herring Gull.** Hardly any records submitted. Usual winter records Itchen/Test but 1 adult, Winnall, 6th July and 11th August (ELJ, JHT). At St. Catherine's Point, the only obvious movement was 58 flying East and 6 West on 14th March (SPG).

- 201 Common Gull.** 352 flew West, Hill Head, 0730–0830 hours on 10th January (SLW). 10,800 counted flying into Langstone from inland, evening of 22nd February (PG). Strong Easterly movement Langstone, evening of 22nd March and a small East movement there on 27th March (PG). **At St. Catherine's Point**, considerable West movement in the late afternoon with West winds in mid-April, maximum 371 West, 19th April; on 23rd April, the wind had changed to Easterly and movement was East, 56 flying East 23rd/24th April; only 1 May record (SPG).
Large winter numbers by day, Itchen/Test, as usual. 20+, 6th July, Dibden (MCA) and 80+ in a field, Southampton, 26th July (JHT) indicate the beginning of the main return.
At St. Catherine's Point in Autumn, a few flew West on most days August/September, fewer in October. *ca.* 70 flew West there, 1st November (SPG).
- 203 Iceland Gull.** 1 second winter bird, Farlington, 3rd May (DFB, JSi, EJW *et al.*). 1 second winter bird, Salterns Rubbish Tip, Portsmouth, 3rd November (MWB).
- 205 Mediterranean Gull.** 1, Langstone, 4th January (MB, EJW). 1, Hayling Ferry, 24th January (EJW). 1 second winter bird, Langstone, 1st November (DFB). All accepted by *British Birds*.
- 207 Little Gull.** 1 flew West, Hill Head, 10th January (SLW—cf. Common Gull). 3, Stanpit, 1st February (AJW). 1, Lepe, 23rd April (TEB).
Several August/October; 1 imm. Stanpit, 3rd September/24th October (6 dates) and 2 there 20th November (CHG); 1 imm. Dibden, 29th August/5th September (5 dates—HB, KHP, DW); 1 Hurst, 28th September (EJW); 2 imm. Hayling Ferry, 28th October (TEB).
From 29th November when 1 was dead on Hook shore (BAH), singles were seen on 5 dates from the East coast of the county (TEB, WHT, SLW, AY).
- 208 Black-headed Gull. St. Catherine's Point:** West movement on most Spring days with West winds until 23rd April when movement changed East with wind (cf. Common Gull). Largest movement, 103 flying East, 23rd/24th April. In Autumn, a large increase 24th August when 221 (mainly adults) moved West in the evening. On 27th September, 11 came in from the sea and coasted West (SPG).
Incomplete breeding coverage but 558 pairs nested Keyhaven (EC *et al.*).
5,100 flew into Langstone from inland in the evening, 22nd February (PG—cf. Common Gull).
500+ Stockbridge, 11th October, the largest of many inland counts (ELJ).
1 ringed as *pull*, Keyhaven on 12/7/59 recovered Brest on 16/11/59.
1 ringed as *pull*, Needs Oar, 9/7/59 found dead Hill Head, 21st November (DP).
- 209 Sabine's Gull.** 1 flying East, 3 miles off St. Catherine's Point, 16th October (AY). Accepted by *British Birds*.
- 211 Kittiwake. Mainland:** 1, Langstone, 22nd February (PG) and 2 dead birds in April. Odd birds recorded from the whole coast from 30th August/end of year on several dates but on 28th October, 44 flew out of Chichester Harbour West along Hayling (GHR) and on 26th December, *ca.* 20 flew East at Hurst (JKB).
At St. Catherine's Point, 1 on 29th March, 19th and 24th April. 3 flew West and 1 East in August. 1/2 imm. present 22nd August and 21st October. 2 flew West and 27 East on 24th October after SW gales. 2 imm. flew West on 25th October. 30 flew East on 8th November (SPG).

- 212 Black Tern.** Odd birds in May but on 10th, 57 flew East at Hill Head into 10 knot East wind, 0730–0910 hours (SLW—waders, ducks, etc., moving as well). Inland, 1, Winnall on 20th May (W) and 1, Chilbolton, 16th May (DMG). June records only from Titchfield Haven, singles on two dates (TEB, CS).

Return passage 19th July/15th September, peak latter half August and 1st September. Maxima, Stanpit 7+, 20th August (RBu), Keyhaven 7, 22nd July (RD), Calshot 3, 30th August (KHP), Hythe, 9 flying South, 17th August (DW), Dibden, 5 18th August (KHP), Titchfield Haven 11, 1st July (SLW) and Langstone 7 flying SW, 18th August (PG).

- 213 White-winged Black Tern.** 1, Langstone, 14th September (NM, EJW). Accepted by *British Birds*.

On 1st September, a number of "black terns" were at Titchfield Haven, some of which had no dark shoulder patches and could have been this species (CS).

1, Farlington, 20th August (MB, BWR). Rejected by *British Birds*. Description: Small tern, appearing slightly larger than Little Tern due to heavier body and broader wings. Forehead white, cap on head black extending to below eye and clear cut, i.e., not streaked, in all respects like cap on Black Tern. Upper wing pale grey shading to darker grey along leading edge and on outer primaries. Upper surface of rump and tail white. Whole of underparts white with no trace of dark shoulder patch of Autumn Black Tern. Bill reddish black; legs dark red. Flight similar to Black Tern. On the basis of this description, we feel the record should stand.

- 215 Gull-billed Tern.** 1, Stanpit, 2nd September (HJC). Accepted by *British Birds*.

- 217/218 Common/Arctic Terns.** First 13th April, 23 flying East, Meon Shore (SLW). After 24th April, many coastal records, then 23 off Hill Head, 9th May (JKB) and 300 moving East at Hill Head, 0730–0910 hours, 10th May (see Black Tern—SLW); ca. 1,000 terns were moving but many were too far out to identify. Movement smaller for the rest of May, 61 seen to move East along the coast (7 dates). At St. Catherine's Point, 2 flew East 20th/21st April and 9 flew East, 16th/17th May (SPG).

Incomplete breeding coverage: 47 pairs bred Keyhaven (DW) and 22 at Lymington (RD).

Peak return passage mid-August/mid-September; 150+ Calshot on 28th August and 270 there on 30th (KHP); ca. 50 Newtown, 4th September (EAG, JHT); over 60 birds left East, West or South from the Portsmouth area, including 19 South 19th August, 19 East 20th August and 26 South 5th September (all Langstone—PG); 71 Southsea Front, 5th September (PG).

At St. Catherine's, 6 flew West and 33 East in August, 54 flew West 5th September, whilst 18 going West and 5 East the next day were the last from there (SPG).

1 Portsmouth, 27th October, was the last (TEB).

- 219 Roseate Tern.** 1 flew East, Hill Head, 29th May (SLW). 1 Keyhaven, 12th July (RES). 1 Stanpit, 31st July/1st August (FRC, JHM).

- 222 Little Tern.** First, 2 Langstone, 17th April (PG). Then several records till 2nd May with increasing reports up to 10th May, when 47 flew East, Hill Head (cf. Black and Common Terns—SLW). Smaller passage through May.

Incomplete breeding records; 10 pairs bred Hurst (MCA) and 8, Needs Oar (RD).

Autumn passage early July/22nd September; peak 19th July/22nd August, county maximum at Langstone, 63 on 2nd August and 74 on 3rd (PG). Last, singles at Eastney (PG) and Warsash (SLW), 22nd September.

- 223 Sandwich Tern.** First, 2 going West, Hengistbury 28th March and 15 going West at Needs Oar, 4th April (JHT). Few April records until *ca.* 80 flying East, Hill Head, 13th (SE wind—SLW). Remaining Spring passage mainly moving East. On 10th May, 175 flew East, Hill Head (cf. Little, Black and Common Terns—SLW). At St. Catherine's Point, 1 flew East 19th April and 1 or 2 thereafter (SPG).
Breeding: 46 pairs in 3 colonies (RD, DW).
Return passage very small—apart from Langstone and St. Catherine's, hardly any records. At St. Catherine's Point, 9 flew East and 18 West, 1st August/2nd September (10 dates—SPG).
Last, 1 Langstone, 17th October (PG).
- 224 Razorbill.** 1 dead, Warsash, 20th January (RHD). 1 dead, Hill Head, 22nd January (SLW). 1 dead, Hill Head, 4th March (SLW). 1 Hengistbury, 12th April (JVB). 2 Hurst, 28th September (EJW). 1 Black Point, 20th December (DFB, CRT). 1 Eastoke, 31st December (BWR).
ca. 65, Main Bench, 15th March (RB, AS—the only record).
1 ringed as *pull*, Cape Fréchal on 16/6/59, found at Titchfield Haven on 12th November but died later (SLW).
- 226 Little Auk.** 1 Watershoot Bay, 21st November (SPG). 4 flew East, St. Catherine's Point, 17th May (JSi, AW).
- 227 Guillemot.** 3 dead, Hill Head/Brownwich, January/February (SLW). 1 Eastney, 23rd May (MB). 1 Langstone, 7th October (PG). 1 dead, Warsash, 11th October (SLW). 1 Browndown, 2nd November (DP). 1 Black Point, 21st November (EJW). Remains of 1, Browndown, 24th December (DP).
ca. 20, Main Bench, in March (RB, AS, EJW—no later counts).
- 230 Puffin.** 9 on sea, Main Bench, 15th March (RB, AS), 6 there on 21st March (EJW) and 1 on 11th July (RB, AS).
- 232 Stock Dove.** At St. Catherine's Point 3 departed SW out to sea on 21st April, but 3 returned 1½ hours later (SPG).
11 flew West, 5 flew SW out to sea, and 4 flew NW off sea on 1st November (SPG).
- 234 Wood Pigeon.** Flock, 3,000+, Twyford Down on 12th April (JHT).
Influx at St. Catherine's Point on 24th October (SPG), and 160 flew West and 50 North off sea on 1st November (SPG). On 4th November 4,135 flew North at Weston Shore between 0700 and 0800 hours (KVE). At Titchfield Haven *ca.* 8,400 flew NNW between 0700 and 0830 hours on 5th November (SLW).
- 235 Turtle Dove.** First record 1 at St. Catherine's Light on 24th/25th April (SPG), 1 at Petersfield on 27th April (AAS). First at Damerham was 1 on 1st May; all gone (early) by 8th September (JSA). Last date 1 at Fareham, 16th October (GA, LWi).
- 237 Cuckoo.** 1, Dibden Purlieu on 11th April (KHP).
At St. Catherine's Point, 1 immature left out to sea SSW on 1st August and 1 flew in off sea on 3rd August (SPG). 1 at St. Catherine's Point on 20th September was last Autumn record (SPG).
- 241 Barn Owl.** The decrease in the SE of the county remains, although no decline around the Winchester area.
- 247 Tawny Owl.**

- 248 Long-eared Owl.** 1 pair, Holmhurst Estate, Highcliffe (NWO).
- 249 Short-eared Owl.** Up to 4 at Farlington Marsh in January and 4 there on 15th February. On 1st March, 1 flew off East from Langstone Harbour in a manner suggesting departure; 2 North Binness on 22nd March, of which 1 flew off high to the East, was the last Spring record (PG). Very late in arriving at Farlington Marsh at end of year. Pellets found on 21st November but first sight records were 2 on 12th December (PG).
1, Pennington, 9th January (GGP, TGP). 1, Keyhaven 25th January; 1 there on 15th March (EC).
1, Titchfield Haven 25th October (DFB, GHR) and 1 Warsash on 11th November (SLW).
- 252 Nightjar.** As in 1958, continues to breed throughout the county in suitable localities. 1 ♂, Browndown, 4th July (DP). Last recorded on 20th August, at Damerham (JSA).
- 255 Swift.** *ca.* 25, Winchester By-Pass and 1 at Fareham (LWi) on 20th April, were first Spring records. Very heavy NE movement over Portsmouth on morning of 9th May (PG). 7,000 flew North up River Meon at Titchfield Haven on 25th May (SLW). On 18th June 1,400 flew West at Titchfield Haven before a thunderstorm between 0630 and 0715 hours (SLW). Some still passing at 0730 hours (CS).
1, Fort Rowner 23rd September (DP).
- 258 Kingfisher.**
- 261 Hoopoe.** 1, Eastney, 24th March (MB); 1 at Hengistbury on 2nd April (JHM); 1 on a lawn at Portchester 17th April (per JLLP).
- 262 Green Woodpecker.**
- 263 Great Spotted Woodpecker.** 1, St. Catherine's Point, 27th March; 2 there on 2nd August was the only Autumn record (SPG). 1 at Farlington Marsh, 17th September, which is unusual (PG).
- 263 Lesser Spotted Woodpecker.** 1 in reed bed at Harbridge on 8th February (FRC). Reported from 5 New Forest localities during breeding season (JSA, JHT, WHT, EJW), but records very incomplete. Elsewhere reported from Browndown in February, March and December (DP), from Fordingbridge in April (JSA), from Gosport in April, August and November (DP, MTe), from Brownwich in July (LW), from Titchfield Haven in November (BAH, LW), and from the North of the county at Cranbury Park in March (JHT), at Winchester in May (W), at Chilbolton in August (ELJ). Also seen regularly at Bramshill and Stratfield Saye (MWT).
- 265 Wryneck.** 1, Farlington Marsh on 31st August (NM).
- 271 Woodlark.** 41 pairs reported during breeding season in the New Forest (many observers). Several records of up to 2 birds in Woolmer area during Summer but no positive evidence of breeding (GHR, BWR).
- 272 Skylark.** Small Westerly movement at Farlington Marsh on 10th January (PG).
In October 168 flew West and 10 flew East at Eastney on 5 days between 5th and 9th, but at Farlington Marsh on 30th, movement was to the North, continuing all day (PG). Small movement to the West at Brownwich in early November (SLW). At St. Catherine's Point numbers generally low; 31 flew East, 6 flew S.E. out to sea on 4th October, 25 flew West on 17th October, 10 flew West on 25th October and 22 flew NW off sea on 1st November (SPG). 25 flew NW at Dibden Bay on 18th October and 30 did likewise on 29th October (MCA).

- 273 Shorelark.** 3, Black Point, 23rd November (TEB); 3, Sinah Common, on 29th December (DP). Details supplied.
- 274 Swallow.** First recorded on 12th March when a flock of 12 flew NNE off Cowes towards Titchfield Haven (SLW). Then none recorded until 1st April, 1 at St. Catherine's Point (SPG).
Peak movement at St. Catherine's Point was on 19th September when birds were passing East at a rate of *ca.* 240 an hour. 20 flew West on 1st November (SPG), on which day 3 flew West at Brownich (SLW). 1 at Cosham on 23rd November (PG), 1, Needs Oar, 28th November (JHT) and 1 flying West at West Walk on 12th December (SLW) were last 3 records for the year.
- 276 House Martin.** 1 at Fordingbridge on 7th April (JSA). 1, Gosport, 18th April (DP), was the next record. 41 flew East at Needs Oar on 17th May (JHT).
As with Swallow, peak Autumn movement at St. Catherine's Point took place on 19th September, birds moving East at a rate of 375 per hour (SPG). On 26th September a flock of *ca.* 300 left out to sea SE at great height. 10 flew West there on 1st November (SPG). On evening of 23rd September, *ca.* 150 left Titchfield Haven to the West (SLW) and there was a very heavy movement North, involving hundreds of birds, at Farlington Marsh (PG). 3 November records from mainland between 5th and 27th.
- 277 Sand Martin.** First record, 1 flying West at Titchfield Haven on 23rd March (SLW). Several small colonies in West of county besides the large one at Rockford (NWO).
Heavy movement SW all day at Farlington Marsh took place on 18th July (PG). Between 24th and 31st July, there was a large roost of 1,200–1,500 birds in reeds at Titchfield Haven (SLW). They were gone by early August. At St. Catherine's Point, maximum numbers were recorded between 31st August and 3rd September when 130 flew East and 50 flew North off sea on 31st August, 190 flew East on 2nd September and 230 flew East on 3rd September. Relatively few moving on 19th September when heaviest passage of Swallow and House Martin occurred. Last date, 1 flying North at Hamble Common on 10th November (EW).
- 279 Raven.** 2 near Needles throughout year but no evidence of breeding (m.o.).
3 flying together South of Fordingbridge on 3rd August (NWO).
- 280 Carrion Crow.** 2 flew North off sea at St. Catherine's Point on 23rd April. 2 coasted slowly West on 25th October and 2 flew North off sea there on 1st November (all SPG).
- 281 Hooded Crow.** 2, Brownich fields, feeding in stubble with rooks, 9th January, flew off West (SLW).
1 at Millbrook on 10th November (EJW).
- 282 Rook.** 1 flew North off sea at St. Catherine's Point on 19th April. 2 flew East there on 30th October (SPG). A most interesting migration all afternoon on 29th October at Damerham when parties of up to 8 in number flew leisurely over across Downs (JSA).
- 283 Jackdaw.**
- 284 Magpie.** Largest flocks reported were 10 at Farlington Marsh on 22nd February (PG), and 10, Havant Thicket, on 30th November (EJW).
- 286 Jay.**
- 288 Great Tit.** 1 arrived early a.m. on 19th September at St. Catherine's Point and 2 did likewise on 20th September (SPG).

- 289 Blue Tit.** A small increase noted on 26th August at St. Catherine's Point. 4 arrived early a.m. on 19th September and 4 arrived early a.m. on 20th September (SPG). 6 arrived Eastney Point on 7th October (PG). An increase noted at Farlington Marsh on 1st November (PG). 1 flew West at Brownwich on 25th October, 4 flew West, 31st October and 2 flew South there on 7th November (all SLW).
- 290 Coal Tit.** 1, St. Catherine's Point, 2nd September, 2 on 4th October, and 1 there on 25th October (SPG).
- 292 Marsh Tit.**
- 293 Willow Tit.** 1 in a garden at Chandler's Ford on 5th April and 1 in same garden on 17th August; these are unusual and suggest passage (JHT). Reported in small numbers from several localities in SE of the county. Otherwise as in 1958.
- 294 Long Tailed Tit.**
- 299 Wren.** Numbers three or four times normal on Hengistbury Head on 10th October (FRC). 1 at St. Catherine's Light on night of 31st October/1st November. An increase noted at St. Catherine's Point on 8th November (SPG).
- 301 Mistle Thrush.** At St. Catherine's Point 5 flew East 26th September, 11 flew East 4th October, 19 flew West and a flock of 35 arrived high from East on 28th October, and 30 flew West on 1st November (all SPG). 2 flew East and 1 arrived at Eastney on 9th October, 10 flew West there on 31st October and on same day an increase was noted at Farlington Marsh (PG). At Brownwich 20 flew West on 31st October and 49 flew West on 1st November (SLW).
- 302 Fieldfare.** A large increase at Damerham on 13th January (JSA). On 7th March *ca.* 320 roosted at Woolmer Pond (JKB, GHR). Last records: 250+ at Micheldever on 21st April (AM) and 2 at Damerham on 22nd April (JSA).
In Autumn first recorded on 20th October, 1+ at Ashurst (MCA). Movements recorded to West and NW over New Forest and Brownwich between 28th October and 21st November, with peak from 30th October to November 2nd (several observers). *ca.* 1,000 East Close on 30th December (NWO).
- 303 Song Thrush.** Very numerous at Farlington Marsh on 10th January, but a large decrease there next day (PG).
On 9th October 2 arrived high from West at Eastney, and passage took place over Portsmouth after dark 9th/10th October. A general increase at Portsmouth on 1st November. 1 flew NE over Portsmouth on 7th November (all PG). Recorded at St. Catherine's Light on nights of 24th/25th October and 31st October/1st November. Large numbers at St. Catherine's Point on 1st November (SPG).
- 304 Redwing.** Recorded at Stratfield Saye on 12th April (MWT). This was the last Spring date.
First Autumn record, 1 at Netley on 1st October (DBF). Main movements took place between 7th and 31st October, including heavy passages at St. Catherine's Light on nights of 24th/25th October and 31st October/1st November. A first winter bird ringed on Dockens Water on 7th December, 1958, was recovered at Morceaux (Landes), France, 480 miles South, on 21st October, 1959 (per EC).

307 Ring Ousel. 1 ♂ near Needles on 21st March (EJW).

More Autumn records than usual which are given in full: 1 ♂ Highcliff, 30th August (NWO). **Beaulieu Heath:** Recorded on 28th August (2), and singles on 2nd, 3rd and 4th September (all KHP). **St. Catherine's Point:** 1 on 9th September, 19th October, 24th October, 2 on 20th October and 6 on 11th October (SPG). 1 ♂ Eastney Point 5th October (PG), 1 ♂ Farlington Marsh 9th October and 2 Salterns Golf Course pens. 1 at Farlington Marsh on 1st November (all PG). Other records, 1 ♀ Oxenbourne Down 8th October (BWR) and 1 at Danesbury 11th October (ELJ).

308 Blackbird. Increases noted at Farlington Marsh on 12th September, 3rd October and 1st November. At Farlington Marsh on 21st November, 2 flew high to South at dusk (all PG). *ca.* 200 on Oxenbourne Down 8th October (BWR). Many at St. Catherine's Light 31st October/1st November (SPG).

311 Wheatear. 1, Elmore on 16th March (TEB) was the first Spring record. 62 Milford-Hurst on 18th March (EW). A large influx took place on 21st March when large numbers were recorded at a number of coastal localities, including *ca.* 70 at Main Bench (EJW), 50+ Hengistbury (FRC) and 22 at Farlington Marsh (PG). 10 at St. Catherine's Point on 25th April after a rush at the Light during previous night (SPG). Several Greenland Wheatears at Farlington Marsh on 26th April (PG). No breeding on Beaulieu Heath (KHP), and no breeding records from the North of the county.

ca. 12 recorded at St. Catherine's Light on 6th/7th September (SPG), 2 at Black Point on 1st November (SLW).

317 Stonechat. 1 at St. Catherine's Light 24th/25th April (SPG).

Appears to have bred in unprecedented numbers in New Forest. A total of 143 breeding pairs reported including a further increase at Beaulieu Heath where there were 46 pairs, as opposed to 21 pairs in 1957 and 29 pairs in 1958 (KHP). Usual breeding records from Woolmer (BWR). Bred at Ludshott Common (WHT). Apparently did *not* breed at Eastney Point this year (PG). Probably bred St. Catherine's Hill (GGP) where a pair were carrying food on 26th April.

At Farlington Marsh, 3 (1 ♂) on 11th September coincided with an influx of Whinchats (PG). Numbers at St. Catherine's Point rose from 2 to 6 on 31st October and 2 were at the Light on night of 31st October/1st November (SPG).

318 Whinchat. 1 ♂, Longparish, 18th April (PW). On 3rd May recorded from Farlington Marsh (1 ♂), Greenmoor (1 ♂) and Crab Wood (1 ♂) (PG, DW, W, respectively).

5 pairs bred in the New Forest (MCA, NWO, KHP, BWR).

1 ♂ at Farlington Marsh on 18th July (PG) was earliest record of return movement. 1 at St. Catherine's Light on 6th/7th September and 8 present in area next day (SPG). 1 at Farlington Marsh on 28th September (PG).

320 Redstart. 1 ♀, St. Catherine's Light on 14th/15th March. Large numbers recorded at Light on 24th/25th April (SPG). 1 ♂, Bishop's Dyke 29th March (GHR). Suggestion of breeding at Bramshill where there were 5 singing ♂ ♂ and 1 ♀ on 17th May (MWT). Elsewhere as usual.

1, Dibden Bay, 3rd October (HB) and 1, St. Catherine's Point 4th October (SPG) were last two Autumn records.

321 Black Redstart. Winter records: 1 at Hurst 2nd January (JVB), 1 ♀ on 17th January (JKB, TGP, JHT), 1 ♀ 24th January (KHP, EW). 1 ♀, Dibden Bay 4th January (KHP), and 1 there on 11th January (HB, CRV). 1 at Stanpit 24th January (FRC).

In Spring first on 24th March, 1 ♀ Eastney (MB); 1 ♂ Malwood 25th March (DW). 1 ♀ at Main Bench 4th April (RB, AS), 1 ♀, Quarley Hill (W), 1 at St. Catherine's Point on 21st April (SPG).

At end of year recorded from Hurst, 1 ♂, 28th December (DW), Hengistbury, 1 on 7th and 8th November (CHG) and Hook shore where there was 1 on 10th November (SLW).

- 322 Nightingale.** First at Damerham, 1 on 15th April (JSA). 3 at Gosport, 18th April (MTe), and 1, Titchfield Haven (CS). 1 at Tanners Lane, 19th April (KMP).

2 pairs nested at Petersfield Heath, the first for many years (Miss P. White).

1, Fareham on 29th September, last Autumn record (BAH).

- 324 Bluethroat.** 1 ♂ of Red Spotted form at St. Catherine's Light on night of 24th/25th April (JSi, AW). Details supplied.

1 in bushes bordering marsh at Keyhaven, on 30th August (NWO). 1 first winter bird trapped at Stanpit, 12th September, 1 ♂ white-spotted form trapped on 19th September (both FRC). 1 seen there on 23rd September (RJJ).

- 325 Robin.** Single birds at Farlington Marsh on 23rd September and 5th October and 2 on 27th September were in unusual places and suggest passage (PG). A large influx at St Catherine's Point on 31st October, when *ca.* 50 were present (SPG).

- 327 Grasshopper Warbler.** First record 1 at Hill Head cliffs on 17th April (SLW).

None reported breeding in the New Forest, but continues to do so elsewhere in the county in suitable localities. 1 at Browndown 21st June (DP).

1 Set Thorns Inclosure on 30th August (MB), 4 in song Irons Wells 6th September (HB) and 1 Bishops Dyke on same day (KHP). 1 at St. Catherine's Point on 4th September (SPG). 1 Ashlett, 11th September (KHP).

- 333 Reed Warbler.** 1, Farlington Marsh on 5th April (PG), was first Spring record. The next record was 1 at Titchfield Haven on 13th April (MDS, SLW).

1, Titchfield Haven on 19th and 20th September (MB, MHT) and 5 at Brownich Lake on 20th September (LW, *et al.*).

- 337 Sedge Warbler.** 1 seen and heard Titchfield Haven on 27th March (SLW). First large influx took place between 13th and 16th April, when there were 12 at Titchfield Haven on 13th April, 38 on 14th April and *ca.* 75 on 16th April (AR, SLW).

Autumn passage between end of July and end September with 2 October records, single birds at Titchfield Haven on 20th and 21st (SLW). 5 at St. Catherine's Light 5th/6th September (SPG).

- 338 Aquatic Warbler.** At Stanpit, 1 on 9th and 1 on 12th August (JHM). Singles trapped on 6th, 8th and 19th September (FRC). All these records have been accepted by *British Birds*.

1 at St. Catherine's Point, 31st August (AS, JSi, AW, EJW). Accepted by *British Birds*.

- 339/340 Melodious/Icterine Warbler.** 1 St. Catherine's Point, 22nd August (MWB, JS, AW, EJW). Accepted as Icterine/Melodious Warbler by *British Birds*.

- 343 Blackcap.** First record 1 ♂, Brambridge, 1st April (MJH). 1 Titchfield Haven on 2nd and 3rd April (SLW and GA, LWi, respectively).

At St. Catherine's Point, maximum Autumn numbers occurred on 3rd September, at least 4 (2 ♂) being present. Last recorded on 24th and 25th October, 1 ♂ on each date at St. Catherine's Point (SPG). Ringing Recovery: 1 ad. ♀ ringed at St. Catherine's Point on 9th September, 1958, shot on 28th April, 1959, near Tetuan, Spanish Morocco (N. Africa) (BAEM).

346 Garden Warbler. 1, Beaulieu Heath on 29th April (KHP).

In Autumn at St. Catherine's Point, single birds occurred on 15th and 29th August and on 6th, 7th and 9th September (SPG). 1, Farlington Marsh, 30th August (PG). Last date, 1 on Ober Water 12th September (EC).

347 Whitethroat. 1, Elmore, 26th March (TEB), 3 Hengistbury 5th April (JHM) were earliest records in Spring. Large numbers were at St. Catherine's Light on 24th/25th April, and on 25th *ca.* 50 were in area (SPG).

At Farlington Marsh evidence of return movement on 21st July when birds were scattered everywhere. Maximum numbers there 19th to 22nd August (PG). *ca.* 30 were at St. Catherine's Light on 5th/6th September (SPG). 1, Hengistbury on 15th October (FRC).

348 Lesser Whitethroat. First 1, Butser Hill 6th April (CRT), then no more records until 16th April when 2 were at Titchfield Haven (SLW). 1 at St. Catherine's Light 24th/25th April (SPG).

As in 1958, very few records in breeding season, but 2 pairs at Damerham where it is still uncommon (JSA).

Earliest evidence of return movement on 10th August when 2 were in a Farlington garden (PG). Singles at St. Catherine's Point on 24th August, 1st and 5th September (SPG). Last record 1 at Farlington Marsh on 6th September (PG).

352 Dartford Warbler. In the New Forest "census area" (see 1957 and 1958 Reports), 28 pairs bred—the highest number for at least 5 years. At least 61 pairs located in Forest, all told. In the East of the county, a pair were seen with 3 fully fledged young (WHT). 1 in gorse at Stanpit on 6th September, (NWO).

354 Willow Warbler. 3, Hilltop, 28th March (ELJ, GHR). Reported from most areas 29th–31st March. *ca.* 70 at St. Catherine's Point 25th April, after many had been seen at the Light on previous night (SPG). Very numerous at Hengistbury 25th April (FRC). 1, St. Catherine's Point, and 1, Fort Rowner, on 4th October (SPG, DP).

356 Chiffchaff. 3, Stanpit 20th February (DJG). 1 St. Catherine's Point, and 1 King's Worthy on March 15th (SPG, GGP). Reported from a number of coastal localities on 21st March (PG, GHR, EW, EJW). *ca.* 30 at St. Catherine's Point on 2nd April were maximum Spring numbers there (SPG).

Several October records, including 10 at St. Catherine's Point on 4th (SPG), 1 at Winchester, 8th October (EAG), and 1 Chandler's Ford on 8th (DBF). 1, North Hayling 22nd November (MB).

357 Wood Warbler. 1, Knightwood Oak, 21st April (EC). 1, Damerham, 24th April (JSA). 1 Beaulieu Heath 29th April (KHP).

More information on the distribution of this species would be welcomed.

364 Goldcrest. Several Spring records from St. Catherine's Point, with maximum of 8 on March 15th (SPG).

Numbers above normal on Hengistbury on 3rd October but on 10th October there must have been well over 100 in Head area (FRC). Numbers at this time at St. Catherine's Point, however, were very low (SPG).

- 365 Firecrest.** 2, Hengistbury, 12th March (Miss E. Batchelor) and 2 on 14th March (FRC). 2 St. Catherine's Point, 14th March, and 2+ on 15th March (RHD).

Autumn records: 1 near Christchurch Waterworks 14th October (NWO). 1 trapped Hengistbury on 16th October (FRC).

1, Boldrewood, 17th November (NWO).

- 366 Spotted Flycatcher.** First arrivals: 1 Titchfield Haven on 29th April (TEB), 1 Southampton Common 6th May (HB), 1 Damerham, 7th May (JSA).

On 23rd August there were 12 at Dibden Bay (KHP), 12 on Hook Golf Course (LWi *et al*) and 6 at St. Catherine's Point (SPG), where maximum numbers occurred between 4th and 6th September. 1, Fort Rowner (DP) and 1, Hengistbury (FRC), both on 4th October, were last 2 records.

- 368 Pied Flycatcher.** No Spring records.

At St. Catherine's Point single birds were present on 23rd, 24th August and 7th September, with peak of 5 on 26th August (SPG). Singles at Cutbush Lane on 19th, 21st, 23rd August, 9th, 12th, 20th September, 2 there on 20th August and 3 on 11th September (all MAO). 1, Dibden Cemetery, 12th September (HB). 1 at Dibden Bay, 16th September. **Hengistbury:** 5, 23rd August (DJG). 1, Farlington Marsh 28th August (PG). 1, Catherington, 17th September (Miss D. Carlos Perkins). Last record, 1 Bransgore, 26th September (DJG).

- 371 Hedge Sparrow.** A large influx at St. Catherine's Point on 1st November (SPG).

- 373 Meadow Pipit.** Main Spring passage between 15th and 28th March. 28 flew North off sea at Main Bench 15th March (RB, AS) and on same day increases noted at Titchfield Haven (JKB, CS, SWL) and Farlington Marsh (PG). On 21st March *ca.* 120 flew North off sea at Main Bench (EJW), 2 flew North off sea at South Hayling (GHR) and there was a small movement North over Butser (GHR). 29 flew North at St. Catherine's Point March 27th-28th (SPG).

Between 22nd August and 1st November, 131 flew West and 689 flew East at St. Catherine's Point, with peaks on 18th September (192 East in 2 hours) and 20th September (332 East, in 3 hours). On 4th October *ca.* 30 flew in off sea from South and SW and turned East on reaching coast all SPG). At Brownwich 110 flew West on 29th October. 160 flew West on 1st November and 111 flew ESE on 21st November (SLW). 145 flew West at Eastney on 2nd November (PG).

- 374 Richards Pipit.** 1, Farlington Marsh, 27th October (AW). Details forwarded to *British Birds* for consideration.

- 376 Tree Pipit.** 1 in off Solent into Titchfield Haven, 30th March (SLW). Single birds at St. Catherine's Point on 20th, 23rd, 24th and 25th April (SPG).

In Autumn at St. Catherine's Point, 15 flew West and 28 flew East on 5 days between 26th August and 19th September, maximum 14 East and 2 West on 26th August. 1 flew North off sea there on 27th September (SPG). 1 flying SW at Ashurst on 13th October (MCA) was last record.

- 379a Rock Pipit.** First Autumn return, 1 at Farlington Marsh 25th September (PG). 1 flew off sea and coasted West at St. Catherine's Point on 31st October (SPG).

379b Water Pipit. 1 at Farlington Marsh, 22nd February, 2 on 1st and 15th March, 3 at Farlington Marsh and 1 at Eastney Point on 7th March, 5 on Farlington Marsh and 1 at Bedhampton 21st March (PG).

3, Titchfield Haven, on 21st November (SLW).

380a Pied Wagtail. 1 ♂ at St. Catherine's Light 14th/15th March (SPG). Many "alba" Wagtails at Light 24th/25th April (SPG). At Main Bench single "alba" Wagtails flew North off Sea on 15th March (RB, AS) and 21st March (EJW).

At St. Catherine's Point 92 "alba" Wags flew East and 29 flew West between 1st September and 25th October on 8 dates; maximum numbers on 4th October, when 68 flew East, *ca.* 50 of which came in off sea from South and SW (SPG). Between 27th and 2nd November, 86 flew East and 18 flew West at Eastney on 9 dates (PG) with Peak on 8th October. 8 flew NNW at Weston Shore on 1st November (EW).

380b White Wagtail. First arrivals on 26th March, 4 at Warsash and 1 at Brownwich (SLW). Between 18th and 20th April a total of 32 left Titchfield Haven to the North, maximum 16 on 18th April (SLW). A total of 50 recorded at Farlington Marsh between 5th April (3) and 21st April (3), with maximum numbers of 13 on 19th and 20th April (PG). 1 at Lee-on-Solent 28th April (TEB). 2 Dibden Bay on 6th May (DW).

Ringling Recovery : A first Winter bird ringed at St. Catherine's Point 13th September, 1958, killed on 22nd March, 1959, at Ondarroa (Viscaya), NE Spain (BAEM).

381 Grey Wagtail. Numbers lower than usual in Autumn at St. Catherine's Point. 16 flew West and 12 flew East between 16th August and 1st November, on 13 dates, maximum 5 West on 16th August. In addition single birds flew in off sea on 29th, 30th August and 26th September and flew North, North and NE respectively (SPG). Singles flew South at Beaulieu Heath on 7th, 9th, 16th, 18th and 24th September, and 2 flew South on August 21st (KHP). 12 flew East at Farlington Marsh and Eastney on 5 days between 12th September and 8th October (PG).

Reported during breeding season from several New Forest localities, but no definite evidence of breeding. At least 3 pairs bred in North of the county and probably many more. No breeding records from SE.

382a Yellow Wagtail. 1 ♂, Hengistbury, 5th April (JHM) and 7 at Farlington Marsh on 15th April (PG) were first 2 Spring Records. Heavy movement of "flava" Wagtails at St. Catherine's Light on 24th/25th April (SPG).

Breeding much as usual, although numbers rather less than in 1958 in Portsmouth area (PG).

Autumn passage from beginning of August to end September with peaks of 80+ at Farlington Marsh on 20th August, 120 flying SE to roost on 22nd August and 20 on 6th September (PG). 40+ on 27th August (CS) and *ca.* 80 on 16th September (CS) were largest numbers recorded from Titchfield Haven. First coasting movements at St. Catherine's Point noted on 1st August, when 3 flew East. During August a total of 32 flew East and 436 flew West on 10 days with maximum of 159 West on 26th. Numbers much lower in September (SPG). 1 Brownwich on 1st November (LWi, *et al.*).

1, ringed Stanpit 17th August, 1959, recovered Rasines (Santander), Spain, on 14th September, 1959 (R. J. Jackson).

382b Blue Headed Wagtail. 2 Dibden Bay, 3rd May (LM, DW).

383 Waxwing. 1 Froxfield 12th February (Mrs. E. E. Pepperdine), 2 Slufter's Inclosure 21st February (JKB, JHT, GHR), 8 Foxhunting Inclosure 24th February (GHR), 2 (1 imm.) flew into Titchfield Haven from direction of Fawley on 18th March (SLW). At Farnborough there were 17 on 18th March, dwindling to 2 on 5th April (PJB). 1 at Brockenhurst on 27th and 30th November (Dr. H. C. and Mrs. Hopkinson, per EC, per MMB) was possibly same bird. 1 Black Point 20th December (GHR). 1 Sinah Common, 29th December, flew in off sea (DP).

384 Great Grey Shrike. 1, Slufter's Inclosure, 28th February (JHT).

388 Red Backed Shrike. Breeding proved in 1 locality outside the New Forest (WHT).

389 Starling. 21 at St. Catherine's Light 14th/15th March (SPG).

A large and most prolonged Autumn immigration. At Beaulieu Heath *ca.* 5,750 flew North and NW, between 21st September and 31st December on 36 days, peak numbers occurring 29th October–5th November (KHP). Between 25th October and 2nd November 7,520 flew West at Brownwich on 7 dates, with maximum numbers (4,000 West each day) on 31st October and 1st November. On 30th October movement was to the North at Brownwich, at a rate of 500 an hour, passage continuing all day. 2,000 flew South there on 6th and 7th November, 4,000 flew WSW on 15th November and 500 flew ESE on 21st November (all SLW). At St. Catherine's Point 57 flew East on 4th October, and 91 flew West on 25th October. On 31st October, 160 flew in off sea from South and SSE, 278 flying West and 340 flying NW off sea on 1st November were peak numbers there. 155 flew North off sea on 8th November. Recorded at Light on nights of 24th/25th October, 31st October/1st November, and 7th/8th November (all SPG).

Ringling Recovery : 1 ringed Stanpit 18th January, 1958, recovered Hemel Hempstead, Herts *ca.* 26th November, 1959, 87 miles NE (FRC).

390 Rose-Coloured Starling. 1 adult, Pilmore Gate Heath, 14th March (JKB, GHR, BR).

391 Hawfinch. Reported from a number of New Forest localities during breeding season (MCA, JSA, JKB, ELJ, JHT, EW). A pair on Southampton Common, 3rd May (HB).

392 Greenfinch. Between 6th October and 23rd November, 35 flew West and NW over Beaulieu Heath on 17 dates (KHP). 200 flew NW at Weston Shore on 1st November (EW) and 100 and 300 flew NW there on 2nd and 4th November respectively (KVE). 2,674 flew West at Brownwich between 25th October and 1st November on 5 days watching with peaks of 960 on 25th October and 729 on 1st November (SLW). 1 flew North off sea at St. Catherine's Point on 4th October and 460 flew West there in $3\frac{3}{4}$ hours, on 1st November (SPG).

393 Goldfinch. Usual Spring coasting movements at St. Catherine's Point. In addition, 98 left out to sea, mostly South, and 27 flew North off sea between 18th April and 17th May, on 7 days (SPG). Small coasting movements West at Brownwich on 9th and 10th April (SLW).

In October, 1,172 flew East at Eastney on 5 days between 5th and 9th (PG). 1,156 flew West at Brownwich on 3 days, 25th October to 1st November (SLW). Heaviest Movement at St. Catherine's Point took place on 1st November when 1,130 flew West in $3\frac{3}{4}$ hours (SPG).

- 394 Siskin.** *ca.* 25 on Hampshire shore of Frensham Pond, 1st January (TEB). *ca.* 100, Stratfield Saye on 18th January (MWT).

Reported from 1 New Forest locality in breeding season (JHT).

An unusual number of Autumn records. 1, Titchfield Haven, 6th October (SLW). *ca.* 20, Pignall Inclosure on 24th October (JKB, ELJ). 9 flew West at St. Catherine's Point on 1st November and 2 were present in area on 8th November (SPG). Up to 45 at Woodmill in November and December (EW), *ca.* 8, Eyeworth, 22nd November (MCA). 50+ at Puckpits 17th November (NWO). *ca.* 30 Mately Heath on 30th December (MCA). A few reported from SE of the county in November and December from Park Gate, Brownwich and Havant Thicket (RHD, DP, EJW), and from North at Stratfield Saye (MWT) and Winnal (EAG, GGP).

- 395 Linnet.** Spring movement at St. Catherine's Point as Goldfinch, but in considerably smaller numbers. 11 flew North off sea between 18th April and 23rd April on 3 days, and 3 flew South out to sea, 19th–23rd April (SPG).

Between 5th and 9th October (5 days), 709 flew East at Eastney (PG). 70 flew West at Brownwich (SLW) and 1,000 NNW, Weston Shore (EW) on 1st November. At St. Catherine's Point 11 flew out to sea to SSW on 25th October and 557 flew West there on 1st November (SPG).

- 396 Twite.** The only early year records were from Farlington Marsh where there were 6 on 3rd January, 11 on 4th January and 6 on 24th January (PG).

First Autumn return to Farlington Marsh was on 21st October, flock *ca.* 50 being present. Numbers had risen to *ca.* 150 by 24th October. Resident from then on until end of year in varying numbers, with 100+ on 22nd November and 50–60 from 12th December (PG). Other records: 1, Stanpit 25th October (SD, AJW). On 1st November 24 flew West at Brownwich, 5 flew WSW on 15th November, and there were 3 there on 21st November (SLW). 3, Hurst 21st November (EW), 38 Hurst on 22nd November +20, Pennington, on same day (EW).

- 397 Redpoll.** 6 on Hants shore of Frensham Great Pond, 1st January (TEB). 1 or 2 at Alderholt Mill at both ends of the year (JSA). 5+ at Damerham on 31st March (JSA).

Present in breeding season in at least 1 New Forest locality (MCA, JVB, MB, KHP).

1, Netley on 10th September, 2 there on 18th September, and 10 there on 2nd November (DBF). 1, Titchfield Haven, 28th October (JKB, SLW) and 2 flying South on 11th November (SLW). 1 North over Langstone Harbour 28th October (PG). 2 (1 ♂) at Enham Arch, 11th October (ELJ). Up to 7 at Beaulieu Heath between 7th October and 15th November (KHP). 2 at Havant Thicket throughout second half of November and December (EJW). 25, Needs Oar Point, 21st November (DW). 30–40 at Basingstoke Sewage Farm in December (SLBL). At St. Catherine's Point 7 flew West on 1st November and 1 was present on 8th November (SPG).

- 401 Bullfinch.** 1 flew NW at Brownwich on 29th October (SLW) and 2 did likewise on 1st November (SLW). At St. Catherine's Point 1 ♀ arrived from West early on 25th October and landed in Lighthouse grounds (SPG). Maximum numbers at Farlington Marsh were 12 on 14th November (PG).

404 Crossbill. 13 at Damerham on 31st January (JSA).

At least 11 pairs bred in New Forest, probably many more. Also in New Forest a total of *ca.* 90 recorded, between 26th July and 27th September from 12 localities (several observers). Smaller numbers October–December, maximum 31 at Slufter's Inclosure on 31st October (JHT). At St. Catherine's Point 5 flew NW on 3rd August, 6 flew West on 23rd August, 3 flew West on 29th August, 2 flew West on 3rd September, and 4 flew West on 26th September (SPG). A "large party" at Damerham on 30th August (JSA). 15 at Bransgore on 19th and 26th September, in a garden where they had been all Summer (FRC, DJG). 1 ♂, Wardown, 28th September (NM), 4 Needs Oar 31st October (EW), 7 Southampton Common on 1st November (MB), 5 Beacon Hill (Ewshott) on 5th November, 3 on 6th November and 1 ♀ on 26th November (VML). 2 flew South at Hurst on 22nd November (EW).

407 Chaffinch. On 27th September 1 flew in off sea at St. Catherine's Point and coasted East. Peak movement there took place on 1st November when 39 flew West and 30 flew North off sea (SPG). Between 7th September and 21st November 513 flew NW over Beaulieu Heath on 27 dates with peaks on 20th October (40), 1st (71), 2nd (47) and 4th (77) November (KHP). At Eastney 57 flew East on 5 days between 5th and 9th October (PG). 310, 75 and 282 flew West at Brownwich on 29th October, 31st October and 1st November respectively (SLW). 40 flew WSW there on 11th November (SLW). 300 flew NW at Telegraph Post on 1st November (DW).

408 Brambling. At Beaulieu Heath 22 flew West between 5th October and 11th November on 10 days, maximum 5 on 7th October (KHP). 25 flew West at Telegraph Post (DW) and 75 flew NNW at Weston Shore (EW) on 1st November. At St. Catherine's Point 3 singles flying West on 1st November were the only records of this species this Autumn (SPG). *ca.* 200 at Basingstoke Sewage Farm in December (SLBL).

409 Yellowhammer. 1 flew West at St. Catherine's Point with other finches and buntings on 1st November (SPG). A considerable influx at Farlington Marsh on 1st November, with 20 there on 8th November, and a further increase to *ca.* 70 on 22nd November (PG).

410 Corn Bunting. A roost in willows at Titchfield Haven between 21st and 26th March, with maximum of 31 birds on 25th March (SLW).

415 Cirl Bunting. On 15th November, 14 flew WSW at Brownwich (SLW), 5 at Farlington Marsh on 22nd November, on which day peak numbers of Yellowhammer occurred (PG).

420 Little Bunting. 1 Farlington Marsh on 27th October (JSi, CRT, AW). Details forwarded to *British Birds* for consideration.

421 Reed Bunting. On Eastern Beaulieu Heath, 18 pairs bred, 11 of which were in dry gorse and 7 in wet bogs (KHP).

In Autumn, numbers at Titchfield Haven rose from 30 on 25th September to *ca.* 150 on 27th September (SLW). 7 flew East at Eastney, 6th to 8th October (PG). At Brownwich 321 flew West in 3 days, 25th October and 1st November, maximum numbers 160 West on 29th October (SLW). On 1st November birds were "everywhere" at Farlington Marsh (PG). 21 flew South at Brownwich on 11th November (SLW). *ca.* 10 flew West at St. Catherine's Point on 1st November (SPG).

- 422 Lapland Bunting.** 1 flew in from East (with skylark) to Farlington Marsh on 30th October (PG). Singles at Farlington Marsh on 31st October, 22nd November and 27th December (PG).
- 423 Snow Bunting.** More records than usual, which are given in full. 1 flew West at St. Catherine's Point on 1st November (SPG). **Farlington Marsh:** 1 ♂ 31st October, 1st, 14th and 28th November; 1, 22nd November, 1 ♀ or imm. 12th December, 4 on 13th December (all PG). **Brownwich:** 1, 3rd November, 2 flying ESE on 21st November (SLW). 1, 20th December (DP *et al*). **Dibden Bay:** Singles on 6th and 13th December (KHP), and 8 on 21st December (EW). Other records: 1 ♂, Butser, 7th November (BWR), 2 ♂, Cowplain, on 15th November (REH). 1, Stratfield Saye, 13th December (MWT). 1, Browdown, 19th December (DP), 1 Black Point, 20th December (DFB), 1 at Hurst, 26th December (JKB).
- 424 House Sparrow.** 97 flew East at St. Catherine's Point on 4th October. 19 flew West on 1st November (SPG). At Brownwich 700 flew West on 25th October, 90 flew NW there on 29th October and 604 flew West on 1st November (SLW).
- 425 Tree Sparrow.** A remarkable Autumn influx (see also Siskin, Redpoll, Brambling and Snow Bunting).
At Brownwich 4 flew NW on 29th October, 12 flew West on 31st October and 97 flew West there on 1st November (SLW). 8 flew East at Farlington Marsh on 29th October (PG). On 1st November 125 flew NNW at Weston Shore (EW); 25 were there on 2nd November and 30 on 4th November (KVE).
At St. Catherine's Point 3 on 25th October left to the West, 2 flew West and there were 10 in the area on 1st November (SPG). *ca.* 25 at Millbrook 29th October (EJW). From 5th December onwards in Damerham district there were small parties of up to 7 birds on many occasions, representing 100+ birds; mostly based on kale fields with other finch flocks (JSA) (Note that a single bird ringed in March, 1958, at Damerham was first record for area). A flock of *ca.* 200 stayed at Stratfield Saye from 11th November to 13th December (MWT). 200+ at Basingstoke Sewage Farm on 15th December (SLBL).

CORRECTIONS TO 1957 REPORT

- 80 Brent Goose.** "... except for 10 at Emsworth on 10th February (BWR) " should read "... except for 10 on Emsworth Channel on 10th February (BWR)."
- 82 Canada Goose.** "11 adults flew into Sowley Pond on 9th August from the North (BWR) " should read "... on 7th September. . ."

ADDITIONS TO 1957 REPORT

- 131 Oystercatcher.** 1 ringed as *pull* at Blakeney recovered near Netley 30th January, 1957.

CORRECTIONS TO 1958 REPORT

- 185 Avocet.** The 35 at Langstone Harbour were on 23rd November, not 23rd October.