

SOME FURTHER OBSERVATIONS ON THE
BIRDS OF LUNDY, JUNE 1914.

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My only visit to Lundy Island lasted from the 10th to the 18th (inclusive) of June 1914, but as my notes during that period supplement, in some instances, those of Mr. Loyd (*antea*, p. 148), they may be of interest.

RAVEN (*Corvus c. corax*).—I saw three on June 10th, and one on the 16th. I was informed that there were two pairs on the island that year. Owing to the Ravens' alleged depredations upon sheep, the young of one pair had been shot in the nest, where their remains were still visible.

CARRION-CROW (*C. c. corone*).—In 1914 they were plentiful. My note is, "many all over the Island."

JACKDAW (*Colæus m. spermologus*).—I have no note of any.

CHOUGH (*Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax*).—I searched carefully, but saw none. Mr. Heaven (nephew of the then owner), who was living on the island in 1914, told me he had seen none for fifteen years, but that before that time they were "common as crows." This, roughly, agrees with Mr. Loyd's note.

LINNET (*Carduelis c. cannabina*).—Numerous.

HOUSE-SPARROW (*Passer d. domesticus*).—Mr. Heaven told me that when the first pair came to Lundy his uncle wanted to have them shot, but the then tenant of the farm refused to allow it. They were fairly plentiful in 1914.

MEADOW-PIPIT (*Anthus pratensis*).—Numerous.

TREE-PIPIT (*A. t. trivialis*).—Several, June 11th, many 12th.

SPOTTED FLYCATCHER (*Muscicapa s. striata*).—One seen June 13th in the grounds of the Manor House.

MISTLE-THRUSH (*Turdus v. viscivorus*).—One in song June 11th.

RING-OUZEL (*Turdus t. torquatus*).—One female June 10th.

WHEATEAR (*Enanthe æ. ænanthe*).—Numerous.

WHINCHAT (*Saxicola r. rubetra*).—Several, June 14th.

STONECHAT (*S. torquata hibernans*).—Numerous; breeding.

WREN (*Troglodytes t. troglodytes*).—One, June 11th.

SWALLOW (*Hirundo r. rustica*).—Two, June 10th. I saw two fly in over the sea from the west, 6.30 a.m., on the 15th.

MARTIN (*Delichon u. urbica*).—One, June 10th, two, 18th.

SWIFT (*Apus a. apus*).—One, June 11th.

WOODPECKERS.—I saw none.

CUCKOO (*Cuculus c. canorus*).—One, June 11th, one, 15th.

SHORT-EARED OWL (*Asio f. flammeus*).—A shepherd told me he had shot two long-eared Owls. Date not given. As

he added that they came with the Woodcock, they were probably Short-eared.

PEREGRINE (*Falco p. peregrinus*).—There was one eyrie in 1914; the Eyasses were taken for hawking purposes while I was on the island. I was told that at one time there was a second eyrie in another part of the island, but I saw no signs of more than one pair.

KESTREL (*F. t. tinnunculus*).—Seen on June 15th and 16th. No evidence of nesting.

COMMON BUZZARD (*Buteo b. buteo*).—One pair had partly fledged young in the nest. I saw another pair in a different part of the island, but did not discover if they were nesting.

GANNET (*Sula bassana*).—I searched carefully the vicinity of the former breeding-place, but saw none. Crossing from Lundy to Ilfracombe on June 18th, I saw one.

MANX SHEARWATER (*Puffinus p. puffinus*).—Heard often at night. I was told of one nesting place, but found no nests. The lighthouse keepers told me they often came to the light-houses.

TURTLE-DOVE (*Streptopelia t. turtur*).—Three, June 10th.

OYSTER-CATCHER (*Hæmatopus o. ostralegus*).—Two, June 13th.

LAPWING (*Vanellus vanellus*).—One, June 10th, one, 15th.

COMMON CURLEW (*Numenius a. arquata*).—One heard June 15th. Saw no signs of their nesting.

BLACK-HEADED GULL (*Larus ridibundus*).—Three, June 15th.

HERRING-GULL (*L. a. argentatus*).—In great numbers. Like Mr. Loyd, I saw them eating Guillemots' eggs. Nesting.

BRITISH LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL (*L. fuscus affinis*).—In great numbers. Nesting.

GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL (*L. marinus*).—Two pairs. I was informed these were the only ones on the island that year.

KITTIWAKE (*Rissa t. tridactyla*).—Nesting in large numbers.

RAZORBILL and COMMON GUILLEMOT (*Alca torda* and *Uria t. troille*).—Nesting in immense numbers.

BRITISH PUFFIN (*Fratercula arctica grabæ*).—Nesting in countless thousands, particularly at the N.W. end. A light-house-keeper said he did not think they were decreasing, but were shifting more to the west of the island since the battery on that side ceased to exist.

CANADA GOOSE (*Branta canadensis*).—Mr. Heaven showed me a lady's hat made out of the skin of a Canada Goose shot on the island recently.