

## LETTERS.

## LUNDY BIRDS.

To the Editors of BRITISH BIRDS.

SIRS,—In his paper on the Birds of Lundy (*antea*, pp. 212–219) Mr. Harrison comments on the absence of information about Redstart (*Phoenicurus p. phoenicurus*), Redshank (*Tringa totanus*) and Common Gull (*Larus c. canus*) during the last ten years. Perhaps all are regular visitors on passage. Twenty-five years ago, i.e. in 1907, I was on Lundy with T. A. Coward from August 28th to September 4th. A Redstart was seen near the Manor House on August 30th. A Redshank passed over on the 29th, and several Common Gulls were daily about the cultivated ground near the village.

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