

## LETTERS.

## HOLLY TREE RINGED BY GREEN WOODPECKER.

*To the Editors of BRITISH BIRDS.*

SIRS,—With reference to Mr. Wynne-Edwards' note and photograph appearing on pages 260-261, I have to record that in a wood in east Suffolk there is a tall holly tree whose trunk is ringed by a Woodpecker in a manner essentially identical with that of the lime tree in Mr. Wynne-Edwards' photograph. The keeper informed me that the scars were the work of a Green Woodpecker (*Picus v. virescens*); chips being struck out and scattered at the foot of the tree. T. G. POWELL.

## GANNETS AND CHOUGHS ON GREAT SALTEE ISLAND.

*To the Editors of BRITISH BIRDS.*

SIRS,—In his interesting article in the March issue of *British Birds* on birds at the Saltee Islands, Mr. R. S. Pollard expresses a doubt that the Gannets hatched their young in 1933 (*antea*, p. 290). I visited the Great Saltee several times in 1933 and saw the young bird during the first few weeks after hatching. I have also seen films of the young Gannet at various ages up to almost full size, and I have been assured that the bird got away safely.

The Chough is another bird that seems to have come to the Saltees about the same time as the Gannet. At least it was not, so far as I know, recorded before 1929. Now several pairs nest annually.

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