

YORK ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB

1966 REPORT

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

A growing and vigorous membership recently impelled a new and progressive outlook and attitudes with the Club and this year's Report is one result of this.

All records are confined to our area, a special report on which appears elsewhere. Future Reports will, it is hoped, also contain a separate Section dealing with the most notable records from outside our area. Y.N.U. officials assisted your Committee in selecting the boundaries. Many other subjects were discussed during this very convivial meeting. I believe that all members will appreciate why our records should be confined to a specific area and I also believe that more members are showing an interest in contributing to it. Does it really sound pretentious to say that our record could have scientific value in the future? I think not.

I do not propose to acknowledge the efforts of all who have contributed to or assisted in this 'log' but two people who should be mentioned are Frank Thompson (now in Uganda) and Vic Pulleyn who have done most of the work. The 1967 Report will probably be more ambitious with more detail and specialist articles. I ask all members to keep their personal records up to date, especially in first/last dates and breeding records.

The Club is fortunate in having Peter Pearson as Secretary. His efforts on our behalf are considerable, his experience and know-how indispensable. A glance through the fixture card will give a brief insight into his work. Mrs Pearson and Mrs Ginniver also deserve our thanks and gratitude. How often your Committee monopolised the sitting-room and ate all before them!

Peter Hutchinson.

FIELD EXCURSIONS

An encouraging aspect of this Club is the very high percentage of members who attend Field Outings. It must be in the order of 70%. I believe this attendance to be a recommendation to our more experienced members who have never been reticent with our youngsters or supercilious with our 'triers'. The outings are invariably stimulating regardless of the venue; Humberside for instance in December with a force 4 Easterly gale and 30 F still drew 16 members.

It would be nice to think that members simply like to meet each other for a 'natter' or a brisk walk in convivial surroundings. If we agree that knowledge rubs off on Field Outings (and many people believe this to be the best way to gain ornithological knowledge) then we at York are in a strong position in having this regular mingling of members and the large choice of habitats to consider and observe.

It is, perhaps, invidious to mention favourite but certainly Derwent and the East Coast are always supported -and so, of course, is Spurn. The ornithological value of Spurn could be reduced to nothing within twenty years. I refer to the projected Humberside Development, which among other things will involve the industrialisation of the Inner Humber up to Spurn. So make the most of each visit, your grandchildren might be impressed to hear that birds other than House Sparrows and Starlings once

knew Spurn Point.

Finally, this article on Field Outings should perhaps hint at outings for purposes other than bird study. Two members took part in the Millington Pastures march just over a year ago and reported the Club. Should York Ornithological Club give stronger and more active support to the various bodies and groups involved in the preservation of our diminishing Moors, Commons, Footpaths and Rights of Way. Certainly the subject is pertinent at this moment to anyone interested in the amenities of the countryside.

Peter Hutchinson.

A BLACKBIRD ENQUIRY IN YORK.

The yew bushes on the lawns behind Heslington Hall contain a large roost of Blackbirds. The terrain is ideal for the use of mist nests, and in the winter of 1965/6 a ringing programme was put in hand under the leadership of Alan Walker of Harrogate. So far between 500-600 birds have been ringed, including about 200 1966/7 birds with an additional magenta colour ring.

In 1965/6 the Statistics Department of the University kindly estimated the size of the roost to be 950 (plus or minus 150), based on retrap numbers. No estimate has been made this year, but all observers are agreed that numbers are considerably fewer (possibly a reflection on the generally mild winter).

So far only ten birds have been recovered. All have been local except CA77443 an adult female ringed on 23/1/66 and recovered in early November, 1966 at Longside, Peterhead (Aberdeen), 245 miles north of York. This strongly suggests that some of the Heslington birds are of Continental origin.

Appeals were made through the press for sightings of the colour ringed birds in the York area. It is really too early to report on this aspect of the project, but so far sightings have come mainly from the Hull Road/ Osbaldwick area. Readers are kindly asked to send any reports of colour-ringed Blackbirds to R.D. Ackerly.

I should like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have sent in information already, and also the many volunteers who have given up their free time to help with the ringing - sometimes under acutely uncomfortable weather conditions.

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OUR CHOSEN AREA

For some time arguments have been advanced both for and against the adoption of a specific area around York for which the Club would be responsible. Eventually, by a resolution passed at the 1966 A.G.M., the Committee was directed to fixing an area and pursuing a policy of proper ornithological coverage of it. After several meetings the Committee had formulated a unified policy and decided to discuss this matter with representatives of the Y.N.U. Unfortunately Mr Bob Dickins was prevented by fog from attending at the last minute but Mr John Mather Mr Alan Walker attended together with the Officials and Committee. The meeting was remarkable for the friendly atmosphere and the virtual unanimity of thought and ideals on this subject. The Committee met later and completed its plans which were formally put to the Members at the January, 1967 meeting at the Settlement.

The area chosen is based upon the National Grid System and covers an area of 15 x 10 Km. squares around York. This is a fairly big area, rectangular in shape and extending from Coxwold in the northwest to Kirby Misperton in the northeast, from Sherburn in Elmet in the southwest to Eastrington in the southeast. It must be explained that there is no intention, either explicit or implied to attempt a methodical survey of this area. The most obvious first effect is in the concentration of our 1966 Report on sightings in this area.

This is an area in which nearly all our and is therefore already quite well watched. In addition, there are certain special, mainly private, surveys and studies being undertaken and it is hoped that more will be started. The studies included the Club Survey of the Birds of York, which is several years old, and the following:

Strensall Common

Skipwith Common

10km Square including Heslington and Wheldrake, Naburn Sewage Farm and several others.

What about the future? Well the membership is rising and the overall standard of ability of members is also rising. There is a growing core of members who are quite capable either alone or in groups. It is hoped that more will commence the B.T.O. Census of Breeding Birds or, areas of special interest to them. This is probably the best way of achieving an almost complete understanding; of the variety and numbers of birds of an area during the breeding season with an indication of the relative year by year breeding success.

There is scope for a modified form of this Census which is the BTO Survey based on the 10 Km Square. Two or three friends could, quite easily give the required coverage to an area of this size, and this work would again produce urgently needed basic knowledge as to distribution and members.

Both the York Survey and the Naburn S. F. Study could do with more help. Four permits for entry to Naburn S.F. are held at my home and can be obtained at any time. The instructions printed on the permits must be strictly observed. Log sheets are also kept with the permits.

Apart from these special studies the area abounds with a variety of habitats and places worthy of attention. Wheldrake Woods, Castle Howard, Buttercrambe, Strensall, Derwent Valley are just a few of the places of County importance if not higher. It may be obvious, but nevertheless worth mentioning, that whilst one is spending two hours travelling to a more distant venue, one can be enjoying often superior birding in one of these nearer haunts.

The Birds of Prey Survey of 1964 is being repeated this year. Our Club has been given a special mention on more than one occasion for the work we did for the last Survey. Let us all insure that an even better result is obtained this time. Keep records of all Owls and Birds of Prey, in particular, Kestrel, Barn Owl and Sparrowhawk. There is greater emphasis on breeding evidence this time

We now have an area worthy of our Club; let us be equally worthy of it.

Peter Pearson

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Notes on the Report

A good deal of coordination has been necessary in preparing this years report and it is hoped that no-one will be too disappointed if their particular notes for any species have not been used. Future Reports will, it is hoped, include more detail about some of our commoner species. For this Report they have been mentioned by name only.

More members have contributed this year and to all I give my thanks. To those who have not found time to help this year may I make a special plea for something towards our 1967 Report? It would be a great help if members would send their notes to the Recorder throughout the year. An ideal method would be for reports to be sent in quarterly. Please make a special effort over the earliest dates of arrival and latest dates of departure of our summer visitors and also 'keep notes of the breeding success and relative numbers of our more common birds.

Short notes and reports on any ornithological topic will also be needed.

Vic Pulleyn

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1966 Report for the York Ornithological Club Area

5. Great Crested Grebe

Castle Howard Spring and Autumn
 Max. Spring 8 on 13/3 (F.T.)
 Max. Autumn 12 during October (J.G.)
 None in December

Pondhead, Yearsley Spring
 Max. 4 on 20/4 (P.H.)

Any positive breeding records wanted for 1967.

9. Little Grebe

Birdsall 1 on 20/3 (Y.O.C.)
Hagg Bridge 2 on 3/4 (B.P./D.W.)
Naburn S.F. 3 on 4/8 & 19/9 (C.T.)
York Waterworks 2 on 8/10 & 26/12 (E.C.)
Beighton 1 pr. breeding (C.T.)
York Waterworks, River Foss 2 prs. suspected breeding (J.G.)

30. Heron

Wheldrake Ings 1 on 14/8 (C.T.)
R. Ouse near Benningbrough 3 on 16/9 (E.C.)
Skipwith Common 1 on 14/10 (P.P.)

Exceptional numbers of Wildfowl on the Derwent floods caused by extraordinary flooding

45. Mallard

Max. Nos. Bubwith C140 on 28/12 (P.P.)
 " Castle Howard C850 on 18/12 (J.G.)
 " Skipwith C5,000 on 14/9 (B.P./D.W.)

46. Teal

Max. Nos. Aughton C60 on 3/4 (F.T./D.W./B.P.)
Bubwith C60 on 28/12 (P.P.)
Skipwith Common C400 on 16/10 (P.P.)

50. Wigeon

Max. Nos. Aughton C5,000 on 10/2 (C.T.)
 " Skipwith Common C80 on 11/12 (P.P.)
Naburn S.F. 1 f on 18/9 (C.T.)

52. Pintail

Derwent Floods C45 on 30/1 (Y.O.C.)
Aughton C25 on 6/3 (B.P./D.W.)
Aughton 5 prs. on 3/4 (F.T./B.P./D.W.)
Aughton 4 m on 20/11 (C.T.)
Skipwith Common 6 on 11/12 (P.P.)

53. Shoveller

Wheldrake 3 on 17/2 (C.T.)
Castle Howard 2 on 11/4 (P.H.)
Naburn S.F. 1 f on 26 & 27/8; 10/9 (C.T.)
Naburn S.F. 2 on 19/9 (C.T.)
Skipwith Common 6 on 14/9 (B.P.)
Aughton 1 m on 23/11 (C.T.)
Castle Howard 6 on 11/12 (B.P./D.W.)
 " 2 f on 18/12 (J.G.)
Bubwith 1 on 28/12 (P.P.)

55. Scaup

Aughton 3 on 6/3 (B.P./D.W.)

56. Tufted
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| <u>Aughton</u> | C45 on 6/3 | (B.P./D.W.) |
| <u>Castle Howard</u> Spring max. | 6 on 11/4 | (P.H.) |
| Autumn max. | 1 on 13/11 | (V.P.) |
| <u>Pondhead, Yearsley</u> | 25 on 6/3 | (P.H.) |
| <u>Dringhouses, Brick Pond</u> | 1 on 28/6 | (F.T.) |
| <u>Skipwith Common</u> | 1 on 14/9 | (B.P./A.S.) |
- Red Crested Pochard
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| <u>Aughton</u> | 1 m on 6/3 & 20/3 | (C.T./B.P./D.W.) |
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57. Pochard
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| <u>Derwent Floods</u> | 12 on 30/1 | (Y.O.C.) |
| Max. No. <u>Aughton</u> | C325 on 6/3 | (B.P./D.W.) |
| <u>Naburn S.F.</u> | 3 on 4/8 | (C.T.) |
| Max. No. <u>Castle Howard</u> | C60 on 13/11 | (V.P.) |
- Any breeding evidence is required for 1967.
60. Goldeneye
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| <u>Derwent Floods</u> | 1 on 30/1 | (Y.O.C.) |
| <u>Castle Howard</u> | 1 pr. on 9/2 | (B.P.) |
| <u>Bubwith</u> | 5 on 4/12 | (V.P.) |
67. Eider
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| <u>Bubwith</u> | 1 shot during winter 65/66 | (per J.G.) |
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75. Greylag Goose
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| <u>Derwent Floods</u> | 1 on 30/1 | (Y.O.C.) |
| Max. <u>Castle Howard</u> | 22 (wild) on 18/12 | (J.G.) |
76. White Fronted Goose
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| <u>Bubwith</u> | 7 on 13/2 | (J.G.) |
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- Pink Footed Goose
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| <u>Castle Howard</u> | 1 on 18/12 | |
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82. Canada Goose
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| Reported from <u>Pondhead, Yearsley;</u> <u>Fishponds, Stearby</u> | | (P.H.) |
| <u>Aughton</u> | 9 on 2, 5, 6/2 | (C.T.) |
| Max. <u>Castle Howard</u> | 82 on 22/10 | (V.P.) |
85. Whooper Swan
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| Max. <u>Wheldrake</u> | 8 on 2/2 | (C.T.) |
| <u>Castle Howard</u> | 1 throughout Oct/Nov | (V.P./J.G.) |
86. Bewick Swan
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| <u>Bubwith</u> | C190 on 9/1 | (F.T.) |
| <u>Bubwith</u> | C206 on 30/1 | (Y.O.C.) |
| Max. <u>Aughton</u> | C255 on 6/2 | (C.T.) |
| " <u>Bubwith</u> | C127 on 28/12 | (P.P.) |
91. Buzzard
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| <u>Skipwith Common</u> | 1 on 11/12 | (P.P.) |
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93. Sparrow Hawk
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| <u>Nunthorpe School</u> | 1 on 23/5 | (J.G.) |
| <u>Boroughbridge Rd., York</u> | 1 on 23/10 | (J.G.) |
| <u>Bishop Monkton</u> | 1 on 23/10 | (E.C.) |
| <u>Skipwith Common</u> | 1 m during Oct/Nov. | (P.P.) |
- 1 f seen several times during the year at Skipwith Common (P.P.)
1 f juv. seen at Skipwith Village (P.P.)
Evidence suggests that 1 pr. bred during 1966 at Skipwith (P.P.)

110. Kestrel
 Reported from 2³ different places in the area.
Colton 1 pr, definitely breeding (J.G.)
 Evidence of breeding i.e. nest sites, required for the 1967 National Birds
 of Frey Survey.
115. Red Legged Partridge
Aughton 2 on 6/3 (D.W./B.P.)
Allerthorpe Common 2 on 5/6 (L.M.)
Heslington 2 prs. bred successfully (J.G.)
- * 116. Partridge
- * 118. Pheasant
- * 126. Moorhen
- * 127. Coot
131. Oyster Catcher
 Flying over Acomb 4 heard calling 17/5 (J.G.)
- * 133. Lapwing
134. Ringed Plover
Naburn S.F. 1 imm. on 19/9 (C.T.)
140. Golden Plover
Copmanthorpe C250 on 3/1 (J.G.)
Derwent Floods 4 on 30/1 (Y.O.C.)
 Max. Aughton C150 on 3/4 (F.T.)
Skipwith 14 on 16/10 (P.P.)
Overtor Grange 20 on 9/11 (E.C.)
Bubwith 66 on 28/12 (P.P.)
145. Snipe
 Seen at Skipwith, Hagg Bridge, Poppleton Ings, Naburn S.F., Newby Hall,
Bubwith, and Red House Wood
 Max. Naburn S.F. C50 on 19/9 (C.T.)
 " Bubwith C30 on 30/10 (Y.O.C.)
147. Jack Snipe
Skipwith Common 1 on 22/10 (P.P.)
Naburn S.F. 3 on 25/10 (J.G.)
Bubwith 1 on 30/10 & 28/12 (Y.O.C.)
148. Woodcock
 Seen at Brandsby, Skipwith Common, Grimstone Wood, Gypsey Plantation,
Askham Bog, Wheldrake Woods, Strensall Common & Red House Wood.
150. Curlew
 Seen at Bubwith, Wheldrake, Aughton, Hagg Bridge, Skipwith Common
& Overtor Wood.
 Known breeding at Brandsby, Askham Bryan, Elvington Airfield and between
 Poppleton and Monkton.
156. Green Sandpiper
Bog Farm Pond, Dringhouses 3 on 7/7 (J.G.)
Naburn S.F. 2 on 26/8 (C.T.)
Skipwith Common 1 (1st record) on 16/10 (P.P.)

159. Common Sandpiper
Heslington Lake 3 on 16/8 (C.T.)
R. Ouse near Benningbrough 3 on 19/8 (E.C.)
 Max. Naburn S.F. 5 on 6/9 (C.T.)
Naburn S.F. None on or after 16/9 (C.T.)
161. Redshank
Hagg Bridge 3 on 3/4 } (F.T./B.P./D.W.)
Aughton 10 on 3/4 }
Naburn S.F. 3 on 3/4 (F.T.)
Elvington Airfield 1 pr on 28/4 (C.T.)
R. Ouse near Red House Wood 3 on 9/8 (E.C.)
165. Greenshank
Heslington Lake 1 on 15/8 (C.T.)
Bubwith 2 on 18/8 (C.T.)
178. Dunlin
Naburn S.F. 4 on 19/9 (C.T.)
199. L.B.B. Gull
Naburn S.F. 1 on 3/4 (B.P./D.W.)
200. Herring Gull
Naburn S.F. 1 on 3/4 (B.P./D.W.)
Castle Howard 3 on 22/10 (V.P.)
Skipwith Common in May (P.P.)
 Seen at Brandsby and other parts of the area.
- * 201. Common Gull
- * 208. Black Headed Gull
232. Stock Dove
 Reported from different parts of the area.
- * 234. Woodpigeon
Collared Dove
Buttercrambe 1 on 20/3 (Y.O.C.)
Whenby 1 on 4/4 (P.H.)
Askham Bryan 2 prs. bred (J.G.)
 " 20 on 7/7 (J.G.)
Barlby Have bred since 1964
 50 at B.O.C.M. granary
 wharves regularly (P.P.)
235. Turtle Dove
 Earliest Skipwith Common 1 on 3/5 (P.P.)
Brandsby 1 on 16/7 (P.H.)
Farlington 2 on 2/8 (P.H.)
 1967 breeding records should be especially noticed.
237. Cuckoo
 Earliest Skipwith Common 1 on 23/4 (P.P.)
 " 4 on 26/4 (P.P.)
Brandsby 4 on 8/6 (P.H.)
241. Barn Owl
 Reported seen at Brandsby, Wheldrake, Hagg Bridge, Overton Wood, Riccall,
Crayke, Nun Monkton, Red House Wood & East Cottingwith.
 Max. Brandsby 3 during Jan. (P.H.)
Overton Wood 1 pr. on 12/3 (V.P.)

246. Little Owl

Reported seen at Crayke, Hovingham Woods, Longwith, Bog Farm nr. Askham Bryan, Heslington, Farlington, Stearsby Hall, Newby Hall & Low Moor nr. Rufforth.

<u>Bog Farm</u>	1 pr. bred.	(J.G.)
<u>Stearsby Hall</u>	1 Juv. on 7/7	(P.H.)

247. Tawny Owl

Reported seen at Brandsby, Heslington, Overton Woods, Skippenbeck, Strensall, Quaker Wood, Clifton, Skipwith Common, Fulford, North Duffield, Nun Monkton & Beningbrough.

N.B. Positive breeding records during 1967 required.

252. Nightjar

<u>Skipwith Common</u>	2 on 21/5	(N.G.)
"	3 on 10/6	(L.M.)
"	5 or 6 prs. during summer	
	Slight reduction on 1965 (P.P.)	
<u>Wheldrake Woods</u>	3 possibly 4 prs. on 22/6	(Y.O.C.)
	Definite breeding here as 1 pr. was seen feeding Juv.	

1967 status is required.

255. Swift

Earliest <u>Deighton</u>	1 on 3/5	(P.P.)
Latest <u>Brandsby</u>	7 on 27/10	(P.H.)

258. Kingfisher

<u>Naburn S.F.</u>	1 on 6/9	(C.T.)
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262. Green Woodpecker

<u>Langwith</u>	1 on 15/3	(P.P.)
<u>Gypsy Plantation</u>	1 on 13 & 31/5	(C.T.)
<u>Wheldrake Woods</u>	1 on 14/5	(C.T.)
<u>Harewood Whin</u>	1 pr. on 19/6	(E.C.)
<u>Skipwith Common</u>	1 on 1 & 16/10	
	At least 3 prs. bred on Common	(P.P.)

263. See p.11

* 272. Skylark274. Swallow

Earliest <u>Dringhouses, York</u>	1 on 11/4	(F.T.)
Latest <u>En route to Faxfleet</u>	1 on 30/10	(Y.O.C.)

276. House Martin

Latest <u>Clifton</u>	7 on 22/10	(V.P.)
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277. Sand Martin

Several colonies on R.ouse and other rivers in the area.

* 280. Carrion Crow* 282. Rook283. Jackdaw

Several colonies in the area.

* 284. Magpie286. Jay

Seen at Brandsby, Aughton, Bubwith, Skipwith Common, Quaker Woods, Stearby & Kilburn.

<u>Max. Strensall Common</u>	5 on 13/11	(V.P.)
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- * 288. Great Tit
- * 289. Blue Tit
290. Coal Tit
Reported seen at Wneldrake, Bootham, Skipwith Common, Branby, Ampleforth, Stearsby and Strensall Common.
292. Marsh Tit
Reported seen at Brandsby, Castle Howard, Bootham, Skipwith Common, Ampleforth, Stearsby and Strensall Common.
293. Willow Tit
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| <u>Brandsby</u> | 2 on 27/2 | (PH) |
| " | 1 on 27/6 | (PH) |
| " | 1 on 16/7 | (PH) |
| " | 3 on 26-30/12 | (PH) |
| <u>Skipwith Common</u> | Several breeding | (PP) |
294. Long-Tailed Tit
Fairly common in the area and apparently increasing. Several parties of 6 - 8 reported.
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| <u>Brandsby</u> | c35 during Jan. | (PH) |
| <u>Skipwith Common</u> | c14 on 16/10 | (PP) |
| <u>Stearsby</u> | c24 on 26/11 | (PH) |
296. Nuthatch
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| <u>Castle Howard</u> | in late spring | (JG) |
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298. Treecreeper
Seen at Brandsby, Ampleforth and Naburn S.F.
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| <u>Skipwith Common</u> | 1 pr breeding
on census area | (PP) |
| <u>Nunthorpe School</u> | 1 pr. no breeding
evidence | (JG) |
| <u>Sand Hutton</u> | 1 pr. breeding | (CT) |
299. Wren
Seen fairly frequently in the area and increasing.
Max. Helmsley 10 on 25/7 (PH)
301. Mistle Thrush
Fairly common in the area.
302. Fieldfare
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| Latest <u>Brandsby</u> | 1 on 21/4 | (PH) |
| <u>Brandsby</u> | c1,500 on 8/10 | (PH) |
- * 303. Song Thrush
304. Redwing
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| Latest <u>Brandsby</u> | 16 on 16/4 | (PH) |
| <u>Brandsby</u> | c700 on 6/10 | (PH) |
- * 308. Blackbird
311. Wheatear
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| <u>Heslington Tilmire</u> | 2 on 29/4 | (CT) |
| <u>Crayke</u> | 1 on 2/5 | (PH) |
| <u>Heslington Lake</u> | 1 on 15 & 16/8 | (CT) |
| <u>Castle Howard</u> | 1 on 25/8 | (PH) |
| <u>Naburn S.F.</u> | 1 on 27/8 & 8/10 | (CT) |

318. Whinchat
Skipwith Common 1 m, 1 f on 8/6 (JG)
Overton Woods 1 pr on 10/6 (FT)
Strensall Common 1 pr on 7/7 (PH)
Kilburn 1 pr on 3/7 (PH)
Brandsby 1 f on 24/7 (PH)
Naburn S.F. 2 on 6/9 (CT)

320. Redstart
 Earliest Wheldrake Woods 1 m on 2/5 (CT)
 Latest Nunthorpe 1 f on 6/10 (JG)
 Breeding at Brandsby, Skipwith Common and Strensall Common.

Look out especially for Black Redstarts in our area during 1967.

* 325. Robin

327. Grasshopper Warbler
 Earliest Skipwith Common 1 on 3/5 (PP)
Askham Bog 1 on 10/5 (FT)
Skipwith Common 1 on 8/6 (JG)

333. Reed Warbler
Castle Howard 3 on 23/6 (FT)
Skipwith Common At least 6 prs. breeding (PP)

337. Sedge Warbler
 Earliest Skipwith Common 1 on 29/4 (PP)
Brandsby 1 on 5/5 & 16/7 (PH)
Skipwith Common 2 prs bred on BTO
 census area (PP)

343. Blackcap
 Earliest Skipwith Common 1 on 23/4 (PP)
Sheriff Hutton 3 on 7/5 (PH)
Skipwith Common 5 prs bred on BTO
 census area (PP)

346. Garden Warbler
 Earliest Farlington 1 on 5/5 (PH)

347. Whitethroat
 Reported from Skipwith Common, Askham Bog, Crayke, Brandsby, Allerthorpe
 Common, Strensall Common, Kilburn, Overton Woods, Ampleforth,
 Helmsley, Barlby, Elvington and Wheldrake Woods.
 Earliest Skipwith Common 1 on 3/5 (PP)

354. Willow Warbler
 Earliest Skipwith Common 1 on 13/4 (PP)

356. Chiff-chaff
 Earliest Skipwith Common 1 on 13/4 (PP)

364. Goldcrest
 Reported from Brandsby, Skipwith Common, Nunthorpe, Quaker Wood, Wheldrake
 Woods and Strensall Common.

Positive breeding records required for 1967.

366. Spotted Flycatcher
Reported from Bishopthorpe, Kilburn, Brandsby, Castle Howard, Ampleforth, Nunthorpe, Quaker Wood, Clifton, Overton Wood, Strensall Common and Askham Bog.
Earliest Bishopthorpe Palace 1 on 12/5 (DW)
- * 373. Meadow Pipit
376. Tree Pipit
Skipwith Common 1 on 23/4 (PP)
Strensall Common a few seen breeding (BP)
Skipwith Common 6 prs on BTO census area (PP)
Numbers have increased this year over last.
380. Pied Wagtail
Reported from Dringhouses, Derwent Floods, Skipwith, Brandsby, Hagg Bridge, Naburn S.F., Nun Monkton, Strensall Common, Askham Bryan, Castle Howard, Acomb, Huntington Road and River Ouse.
382. Yellow Wagtail
Fulford 1 on 25/4 (PP)
Strensall Common 1 on 8/6 (FT)
Beningbrough 1 pr on 11/6 (EC)
Rawcliffe Landing 1 on 15/7 (EC)
Dringhouses 1 on 12 & 14/9 (FT)
Strensall Common Up to 15 seen (BP)
383. Waxwing
Clifton 1 on 1/1 Miss M. A. Vowler
384. Great Grey Shrike
Skipwith Common 1 on 22/10 Dr. J. Williamson
- * 389. Starling
Roost at Redhouse Wood c5,000 (VP)
Very large roost near Rufforth c 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ million
391. Hawfinch
Has been seen at the Blackbird roost, Heslington, in early January 1967.
This is a species that might well be in the area and is passing unnoticed.
- * 392. Greenfinch
393. Goldfinch
Reported from Derwent Floods, Castle Howard, Stearsby, Dringhouses, Allerthorpe Common, Skipwith Common, Hagg Bridge, Naburn S.F. and Strensall Common.
Max. Naburn S.F. c35 on 27/8 (CT)
394. Siskin
Allerthorpe Common 4 on 6/3 (BF/DW)
Skipwith Common c20 on 3/4 (FT/BF/DW)
Skipwith Common 1 on 14/9 (BP)
- * 395. Linnet
396. Twite
Castle Howard 3 f, 1 m on 9/2 (BP)
Castle Howard 1 m on 22/10 (VP)
397. Lesser Redpoll
Reported from Moorlands, Yearsley, Quaker Wood, Brandsby, Wheldrake Woods, Stearsby, Strensall Common and Skipwith Common.

401. Bullfinch
Records from most parts of the area.

404. Crossbill.

Barlby

1 m present for 5 days
from 1/11 (PP)

* 407. Chaffinch

408. Brambling

Buttercrambe
Cowthorpe Lane End
Foxwood Hill
Skipwith Common

2 on 20/3 (YOC)
9 on 4/12 (EC)
1 on 26/12 (JG)
small numbers during
December (PP)

409. Yellowhammer

Reasonably common throughout the area.

410. Corn Bunting

Allerthorpe Common
Elvington

2 on 5/6 (LM)
(BP)

421. Reed Bunting

Reported from

Dewent Floods, Dringhouses, Hagg Bridge, Castle Howard,
Strensall Common and Skipwith Common.

* 424. House Sparrow

425. Tree Sparrow

Reported from

Derwent Floods, Yearsley, Brandsby, Hagg Bridge, Castle
Howard, Skipwith Common, Allerthorpe Common, Strensall
Common, Stearsby and Elvington.

All species marked with an * are common throughout the area.

263. Great Spotted Woodpecker

Seen at

Yearsley, Acomb, Allerthorpe Common, Strensall Common and
Rufforth.

Askham Bog

1 pr + next on 14/5 (FT)

Quaker Woods

1 pr resident (JG)

Skipwith Common

1 pr breeding (PP)