

continue to flourish.

Margaret Weeden.

PREFACE

The Recorder wishes to thank all contributors. This year they have not only carried out the usual amount of fieldwork for our annual report, they have also worked intensively and often thanklessly on the atlas survey. In all cases they have worked to a date-line.

Your Recorder has been honoured to work for four years now with a fine and competent group of observers: they will excel themselves in this the final atlas survey year.

Several new nesting sites and breeding species for the area will be noticed, it is rewarding to enter such records and reflects well on our club. I want all probable but unproven breeding records pursued this spring, please give every effort and if in need of support contact me or your 10km square leader. Volunteers still needed.

The Editor thanks the Committee for proof-reading and advice on the Report.

Peter Hutchinson 29th March,
1972.

PETER PEARSON

Peter Pearson has now moved (on promotion to H.M. Inspector of Taxes) to Manchester. He was a founder member of the club and was largely instrumental in its re-organisation 6 years ago. His interests were diverse and many; lately his lecturing work and involvement in photography kept him occupied. At the same time he studied for his professional qualifications. Peter and I represented the club some years ago in the re-asserting of rights of way in the E. Riding - we were to in several thousand. Later Peter became the driving force that eventually saw a planning enquiry into Skipwith Common and its elevation into a Nature Reserve.

Our natural wastage always seems to take the better ornithologists it seems. Peter Pearson was among our best and we shall miss him.

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CLASSIFIED LIST

The order used is that of the B.T.O. (1952). Checklist and English names follow current practice.

The records are selective. Place names or map references are given. In certain cases both are supplied.

KEY

*** Species widely distributed and common throughout York

** Species widely distributed as common breeding summer visitor

* Species widely distributed as common winter visitor

F = Female M = Male

5 GT CRESTED GREBE Bred in the following areas: Castle Howard, Bishopthorpe, Oulston, Dringhouses and two York suburbs (GC).

Also recorded Bishopthorpe, Dringhouses, Oulston, Stearsby. (GC IN AJW DB PD)

9 LITTLE GREBE BRED: lower Derwent, Bishopthorpe, SE 74, 73, Strensall, Brandsby, Oulston 2 pairs, C. Howard C3 Pairs. Terrington, Bubwith.

Also Rowntrees Park, Pulford Ouse - robbed by B H Gulls 3 March (FO) Stubb Wood, said to be 'common' L. Derwent 24th Jan. (G3) (FO. PH.GS.IN.)

30 HERON Throughout year Derwent Valley including Westow, Leavening (PR) Healaugh, Clifton, Brandsby, York suburbs, Strensall. The following 10 km references were mentioned: 54 55 66 76 and 74 at Pocklington Canal. (MW PH IN PR DB FO)

It is not known what effect the Scampsten lake draining had on food collection. Certainly cans at about 50 yards range did not interrupt feeding (over the 1971/2 Winter) from small ponds or streams (P'H)

45 MALLARD Bred Fulford Ouse Tollerton Strensall Common Castle Howard River Foss York suburbs Sand Button Gilling Earswick Dringhouses Clifton. Bred in at least 11 of our 15 10 km squares.

Max Numbers at C. Howard mid February °700 (PH)

46 TEAL BRED SE 73 74 also Tollerton (GC) Bishopthorpe (PO)

Also Healaugh - max 20 Sept/Nov (IM) C. Howard (GS)

Crayke Brandsby Newburgh.

No counts from Derwent of particular significance. (FO IN GC GS MW)

WINTER 1000 11 Dec Bubwith reducing to 30 on 10 April (GS)

50 WIGEON SE 54 Healaugh from 1st Jan 20 to °400 late Jan (PD) SE 65 York suburbs

1st Jan (GC WL)

SE 73 c1000 Bubwith 11 Dec (GS) 20 on April 10th (GS) Max 2500 13 Feb (GS)

52 PINTAIL Healaugh 19 Feb. 4, also 19 September Bishopthorpe Sept.

N Duffield 6 pairs on 28th Feb.

Wheldrake Derwent 38 on 9 Jan.

53 SHOVELER Healaugh 6/19 Feb (PD SR) 4 Sept (IN)

Castle Howard 12 April (GC) Skipwith Common 5th May. Bred Derwent Valley SE 73 74 (GS) 9 May (GS)

GADWALL C. Howard 3 on 12th April (GC)

56 TUFTED DUCK BRED Bubwith area (GS) C. Howard (AJW)

Dringhouses pond (PD) Brandsby (P) Stearsby (PM) Skipwith Common (GS) Terrington (PH) Present over a wide area throughout winter

57 POCHARD all records

SE 55 Wintered Dringhouses (PD) SE 56 Tollerton 3 May 1 ? (GC)

SE 57 Crayke pond. Stearsley pond Jan (PU) SE 65 York 16 April

3 stayed a day (GC) SE 73 Derwent displaying (GS) 4

SE 77 24 Jan C. Howard 12 (PD) also 12 April (GC) 25 April (AJW) No significant records

from R. Derwent.

60 GOLDENEYE January C. Howard 9 on 12th 10 on 24th (PH. PD) 24 Jan. L. Derwent
4. (G3)

70 GOOSANDER SE 57 Late Feb. 2 of Newburgh (PH)
" SE 77 12th April single at C. Howard (GC) Single F Aughton
7 Feb (GS)

73 SHELDUCK Lower Derwent. Seen displaying in two 10 km squares (GS) Castle Howard 12 April
(GC) 9th May 3 on Lower Derwent 9th May IF (GS) 3 pairs displaying on Derwent 28
March (GS)

75 GREY GEESE 10 Oct. Flight of 40 Huntington (IN)
Castle Howard 12th April 3 (GC) Probably Captive birds.

78 PINK FOOTED GEESE 24 Jan. 15 overhead at Cottingwith (PD & CO)
24 Jan. L. Derwent 18 flying NE (GS)

82 CANADA GEESE No counts of C. Howard breeding numbers. Counts of "C 95 late in year" and
"70 feeding on stubbles near lake Feb." (P.U.) Birds present over breeding period in Brandsby
area did not apparently breed & could have been captive birds. (PU)

*** 84 MUTE SWAN Present throughout year York Ouse, Oulston, and York Suburb. Bred SE 73 74
54 10 km squares (FOGS) WL. G.C. IN. P.U.)

85 WHOOPER SWAN SE 55 Askham 15 Jan. 7 flying S. (PD)
On the very northern border of our recording area 4 arrivals
early November 3 left after several weeks the other dying and being
heavily infested (PH) All records otherwise from Derwent floods area.

86 BEWICKS SWAN Few precise dates or counts from Derwent valley area.
First arrivals 25 on 25th Nov. (GS) 25 Ellerton 4 Dec. 7th March
32 birds present (CS) Max numbers on 17 Jan by (GS) was 147
including 9 juveniles.

ROUGH LEGGED BUZZARD A dead specimen handed in to York Nat. History Museum (CS)

91 BUZZARD SE 55 April 18th Poppleton Two (GC)
SE 65 June 20th York, Single soaring over Rowntrees factory (MW)
SE 77 June 21st Wombledon (MW)
SE 57 July 26th Brandsby. Soaring above escarpment (PH) These interesting
records could indicate nesting not too far away.

93 SPARROWHAWK More records this year, the Bird Protection Act combined with the reduced amount
of chlorinated hydrocarbons crop sprays showing results. Sparrowhawks are undoubtedly
persecuted as only a minority of gamekeepers are as yet enlightened or intelligent enough to
tolerate them. The few that are usually good all round naturalists. They often take pleasure
in their raptors. Vigilance is advised.

All records:

SE 53 Bred PD) SE 57 two records 2 miles apart 12/15 April (PH) November o/flew fast and
low on hunting flight "his course could be followed by the disturbance he caused" (PM) SE
66 29 June (IN. PD) SE 65 1st July (IN)
SE 67 Two March records (PH) "By 9 Aug. a brood became accustomed to a felling gang complete
with power saws " in this square (PH) SE 76 displaying (PR) SE 77 17 August (IN)
Fledglings were taken from a nest near Haxby, children thought they were Kestrels (remember
KES?) It was investigated at school level but too long after the event for strong action.
Interestingly, the nest site was in a tree in a field hedge, an ornithologist living near by
was not aware of the nest. (CS)

103 OSPREY SE 77 May (P .)

110 KESTREL Throughout year in area. Apparently successful and recorded in every 10 km square
several times over breeding period. Some nesting sites; Stubb Wood, Selby Forest, Nun Appleton,
Strensall Brandsby, Easingwold, Warthill, Holtby, Askham Bog, Acaster, York suburb, a Church
tower, Westow. (BP MW FO IN GS PD RH PR)

115 RED LEGGED PARTRIDGE Bred: Upper Derwent valley SE 64 (FO) Bishopthorpe Area, Askham
Bog (FO) (IN) SE 76 14 pairs bred (PR) Skipwith Common (RH) Lower Derwent area (GS)
Strensall (IN) More breeding records would be welcomed. Fewer sightings from north
YOG area.

» 116 COMMON PARTRIDGE

117 QUAIL SE 66 27/29 June Heard and seen (IN) & CO

25/27/28 July (AJW PD & CO)

Could be recorded from a roadway. No record of breeding. An adjacent speedway, or 'Tick Hunters', could have discouraged nesting.

*** 118 PHEASANT

120 WATER RAIL SE 53 Church Fenton on 14- Feb (H)
SE 67 Brandsby Area 9 May - seen (PH)
SE 64- Fulford Area (CS)

Believed to have bred in both cases. In the case of the Brandsby record it was heard first by a gamekeeper. Your Recorder believes that this species could be present in almost every 10 km square, in fact wherever there are dykes ditches and large ponds. Dusk is the only time as they are only seen by good luck. Please verify all reports this spring but plan now!

*** MOORHEN 126 *** COOT 127

14.0 GOLDEN PLOVER SE 55 on 27 Dec. c120
" SE 56 Overton early Oct. 300 (PH) SE 64. Over Winter. Max c250 in a flock
(GS) 10 Jan.

145 COMMON SNIPE Bred Healaugh Clifton Ings Sand Hutton Derwent Valley
Bishopthorpe Stubb Wood Tollerton Strensall Selby Forest Westow area
Allerthorpe area Bubwith Ings dooming heard 28 Feb at N. Duf field (GS)
(PD PH IN GS FO RH PR)

148 WOODCOCK Recorded roding: Grimston Forest, Dale End, Skipwith Common Crayke, Gilling (IN FO PH) and during breeding period Strensall, Stubb Wood, Westow, Woodthorpe, Bubwith. (GS FO IN PR PH)

150 CURLEW First prospectors second week March: Ouse Ings, Wheldrake and Skipwith Strensall Westow (from 1st March) Breeding records from the above and Askham Bog, Tollerton, Stubb Wood, Selby Forest, Castle Howard, Allerthorpe area, Bubwith, Acaster.

131 OYSTERCATCHER Chapmans Pond. August (DB. PD)
24 Jan. L. Derwent (GS)

133 LAPWING Displaying from 15 March Askham Bog (IM) Post
breeding flocks of c650 mid August (IN) and 350 Newton Ouse
early September (GC. PH.)

Bred Tollerton Fulford Ings Bishopthorpe Selby Forest Westow Allerthorpe Brandsby.

134 RINGED PLOVER Quaker Wood 29 Oct. Single overhead calling (PD)
L. Derwent 1st May a single with Dunlin flock (GS)

135 LITTLE RINGED PLOVER York area. October. Single migrant (PD)

139 GREY PLOVER Single on 10/16 Jan. with Dunlin flock (GS) Bubwith area.

159 COMMON SANDPIPER Chapmans Pond 6 August a single (PD)
A record early May near Brandsby was not seen afterwards (PU)
Two on 17 July Naburn SF (GS)

156 GREEN SANDPIPER S singleton Naburn SF on 27 July (GS)

161 REDSHANK Breeding season records from SE 74 Bishopthorpe, Stubbwood, Fulford GC. York Ouse Acaster Dringhouses Chapmans Pond, Upper Derwent (PD FO PR GC GS) Lower Derwent produced 20 pairs 28 March (G3)

178 DUNLIN Lower Derwent carried flocks of 400 to 40 from New year until Feb. (GS)

BLACKTAILED GODWIT SE 73 A pair flushed, circled and flew up river 1st May. Lower Derwent (GS) also 9th May produced a single.

198 GT. BLACK BACKED GULL All records:
SE 63 Selby Forest from April to Sept. (RH) SE 55 Clifton Ings 22nd
Aug. Single (IN) SE 65 York suburb a pair 1st Jan. (WL GC) SE 77 C.
Howard 3 on 12 Sept. (IN) Seen late summer at Strensall tip.

199 LESSER BLACK BACKED GULL Selby Forest April and September (RH)

200 HERRING GULL Great numbers Strensall Tip all winter perhaps a thousand on occasion. Also Selby Forest, York, in small groups (RH PH GC WL)

201 COMMON GULL 1st Jan. York Ouse 6 (GC WL) and after throughout winter. (IN) remarks that they are common around York environs. 150 max in a group. They appeared to be recorded less often in more rural areas to the north (PH) although c200 were logged 6 Feb. SE 54 by (PD SR)

20ft. BLACK HEADED GULL All year round in many areas. Breeding records from Skipwith Common Strensall Common otherwise no significant records. First change to summer plumage was noted mid Feb. (IN)

212 BLACK TERN A single record, 27 May near Linton Ouse (PH)

217/8 COMMON/ARCTIC TERN Mid May - several passed Linton Locks over a week end vide Anglers (PH)
25 July at Castle Howard - single (AJW)

232 STOCK DOVE Few precise breeding details but recorded during breeding period as follows: Selby Forest, Brandsby, Strensall, Sheriff Hutton, Castle Howard, Bubwith, Healaugh, Acaster. (PD IN GS PH AJW MW etc.)

234 WOODPIGEON In great numbers over winter. Demand on food supply

235 TURTLE DOVE No significant records. Bred: Tollerton Strensall Selby Forest Stubb Wood Bishopthorpe Sand Hutton Overton Stamford Bridge York suburb Bubwith Westow Burythorpe Rufforth Acaster and probably in every suitable habitat throughout Y.O.C. area. (GS GC PH BR DB IN FO RH SR)

COLLARED DOVE Widespread but not common throughout Y.O.C. recording area. Can almost always be seen near Cattle food mills or large poultry batteries. A 3 mile stretch of road near Ripon (Not our area) produced 19 records in June (PH) Elmfield Terrace York produced 8 breeding pairs (GC WL)

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241 BARN OWL Probably bred Strensall Crayke Brandsby Easingwold Westow Rufforth area. Also SE 74 (G3) Bishop Wood (PD) Otherwise frequently seen hunting at dusk in many areas. A bird has hunted the Wigginton Road verges for several years (PH) also Warthill (BP) and Allerthorpe (GS)

246 LITTLE OWL Breeding status is difficult to ascertain because of undemonstrative behaviour. Rarely can more than a single bird be seen. Usually it moves from probable or possible, breeding area in late summer then abruptly reappears Feb/March. Further evidence welcomed especially from York outskirts. Stubb Wood 19 June (FO) Tollerton (MW) Strensall (BP) Askham Bryan Sept. (IN) Bred Westow (PR) York (PD) Crayke, Brandsby, Thornton Hill (PM) Allerthorpe/Elvington (GS)

247 TAWNY OWL Records March to September. C. Howard Tollerton Strensall with young. Selby Town, Elvington Stubb Wood Bishopthorpe with juv. Acaster Selby Woodthorpe Quaker Wood 2 JUL. Bishop Wood Westow Sand Button Grimston York Also SE 55 three pairs. Hogg Bridge PR GS SR MW BP PD FO GC MW

248 LONG EARED OWL Bred SE 66, (IN) attacked by pair Wrens 9 July (IN) also Skipwith roost. There are almost certainly more than two breeding sites within our area. Atlas recorders who turned out on cold March evenings reported no new 'hearings'. Please 'Phone your Recorder from now with each and every record.

24.9 SHORTEARED OWL Bred Tollerton area (GC MSW) a new record.

252. NIGHTJAR SE 55 A single record (SR) with no follow up? Skipwith site occupied (GS) FO) SE 66 A new site with probably breeding (CS)

Two newly occupied sites this year. Last year also produced two new sites neither of which developed into breeding. The range of this species is contracting otherwise. 1972 will almost certainly reward anyone prepared to spend a few evenings in likely places

258. KINGFISHER Apparently established in considerable numbers; perhaps to the pre 1963 winter numbers. Anglers appear to have little adverse effect on Ouse breeding records. All records shown. Bred in the following areas: Sand Hutton (IN) Linston Ouse (PH) Fulford Ouse (FO) Boroughbridge (PH) Tollerton GC H/SW Aloreby Hall (FU) Bishopthorpe (FO) Malton and Buttercrambe Derwent (PH) York Ouse (FO) Oulston (.PH) Seen fishing: Chapmans Pond, York Foss, Elmfield Terrace, Yearsley Foss, Sleaford, Farlington (IN GC PH)

262 GREEN WOODPECKER Present in breeding season at Selby Forest, Brandsby, Newburgh, Hovingham - two areas.

Strensall (RM PH) Also 10 km squares SE 74 66 and 54 (GS IM PD)
Also present Claxton Pond (IM) Westow (T'R)

263 GT SPOTTED WOODPECKER A 20 acre wood held 3 breeding pairs (PH) Castle Howard two pairs. Bishopthorpe Woods (FO) Howsham two pairs (PR) Askham Bog. Strensall Common, Sand Hutton (IN) Quaker Wood (PD) SE74 (GS). The hardwood areas are currently being felled before maturity such is the haste to plant softwoods. We should treasure every mature mixed wood while we can.

264 LESSER SPOTTED WOODPECKER Heard in 10 km squares 57 late April again. Seen on several occasions until July (PH) Another site in the same area also produced a displaying male (per PM) The site has since been reduced to bare earth. Near Wigginton. A nesting site was used but no follow up was made (PH)

*** 272 SKYLARK

27A SWALLOW

** 276 HOUSE MARTIN

277 SAND MARTIN First records 12 April at Castle Howard (GC) Breeding sites on the Ouse at Tollerton, York, Linton, (FO IN GC) Also Haxby. York & Strensall Foss, Derwent at Malton and several sites toward Stamford Bridge (PH PR) Poppleton Ouse & Nidd (PD)

*** 280 CARRION CROW A hooded crow 29th October at Askham Bog (PD) Bubwith 30 Nov. a single (GS)

*** 282 ROOK

*** 283 JACKDAW

*** 28A MAGPIE Apparently successful throughout the area breeding at Stubb Wood Brandsby Selby Forest Crayke Castle Howard Huntington Nun Appleton.

*** 286 JAY Present in breeding period at Wigginton Grimston Oulton Askham Bog C. Howard Westow Nun Appleton Sipton Pocklington. Otherwise in many areas. (SE GS PH GC PD MW SW PR IN)

*** 288 GT TIT

*** 289 BLUE TIT

290 COAL TIT Few records. Breeding records from Selby Forest, Stubb Wood, Bishopthorpe, C. Howard, Westow, Stamford Bridge, Pocklington Rufforth Brandsby Quaker Wood (FO RH GS GC PD SR)

292 MARSH TIT Recorded from several new breeding areas as result of Atlas summary work. C. Howard, Strensall, Askham Bog, Huntington, Skipwith Common Westow. Bishop Wood, Rufforth area, Healaugh. (MW SR PD IN PR GC)

293 WILLOW TIT Some new breeding areas: Selby Forest, Strensall, C. Howard, Foss Islands, Askham Bryan, Huntington, Poppleton, Quaker Wood (RH IN GC SR PD) Also Ampleforth Brandsby Sheriff

Hutton and Easingwold (PH)

294. LONG TAILED TIT Apart from the isolated winter groups, records during breeding season were from Selby Forest, Stubb Wood, Bishopthorpe Strensall Brandsby, Castle Howard, Westow area produced 3 pairs (PR) Bubwith area, Pocklington area, Stockton Forest, Strensall pond, Claxton, W. York, Quaker Wood, (IN SR PD PH GC PR GC FO RH)

298 TREE CREEPER Some new breeding areas: Westow, Bubwith, Stockton Forest, Sand Hutton, Strensall, Pocklington, Nun Appleton, Elmfield Terrace, Rufforth, Healaugh, (PD GS PR IN FO SR)

299 WREN Encountered in all suitable breeding areas throughout the area. In winter in gardens and near houses.

*** 301 MISTLE THRU3H Earliest breeding pair 19 Feb. at Healaugh A loose flock of 9 at turn of year. Bred Strensall, Brandsby, Gilling, Ampleforth, Newburgh, Askham Bog, Nun Appleton.

* 302 FIELDFARE A group of 11 were recorded near Malton on 26th April

*** 303 SONG THRUSH

•304 REDWING

308 BLACKBIRD

311 WHEATEAR A very early male on 7 Feb. at Haxby (AJW) This is a remarkable record being almost a month before the first migrant Ring Ousel. SE 57 a new breeding record for the YOC recording area (PH) Passage birds from C. Howard, Westow, York, Crayke.

318 WHINCHAT A new record from Stubb Wood (FO) and Leavening (PR) SE 74 10 km square (G3) and SE 73. Also Fulford Golf Course, Strensall Common (by 1st May) Skipwith Common, Two o/ on 22 Aug. at Thornton le Clay (IN) (GC AM JW PR FO GS) Allerthorpe Common produced 7 breeding pairs 19 June (GS)

320 REDSTART Breeding period records from C. Howard (AJW) Westow (PR) Brandsby (PH) Tollerton (GC MW) Also Nun Appleton Hall 6 June (FO)

*** 325 ROBIN

327 GRASSHOPPER WARBLER Bred at Strensall Common, Skipwith Common (FO GS) and Overton (MW) and some new areas Selby Forest, Strensall, Foss, Huntington and SE 55 (SR RH IN SR MW)

333 REED WARBLER Records only from Strensall area (BP IN) SE 74 (GS) Castle Howard (IM)

** 337 SEDGE WARBLER

343 BLACKCAP Bred at Nun Appleton Stubb Wood Selby Forest Haxby 3rd March (AJW) Westow two pairs (PR) SE 74 (GS) New Earswick, Askham Bog, Bishopthorpe, Quaker Wood (PD FO IN PR AJW)

346 GARDEN WARBLER Some new records Strensall, Tollerton, Stubb Wood, Bishopthorpe, E. York. (AJW GC MW FO SR)

** 347 WHITETHROAT

348 LESSER WHITETHROAT Fulford Golf Course on 21st May A new record (FO) Overlooked to some extent. Probably present in several areas. Song study is the best way.

*** 354 WILLOW WARBLER

*** 356 CHIFFCHAFF Heard by (PD) in mid Sept.

357 WOOD WARBLER A new and unusual record on 25 July at Strensall Common area (AM & JFW)

364 GOLDCREST No significant records.

366 SPOTTED FLYCATCHER Bred at Strensall Tollerton Bishopthorpe Selby Forest Nun Appleton Westow Nunthorpe Strensall barracks and many others) (BP FO SR GS)

*** 371 DUNNOCK

*** 373 MEADOW PIPIT

376 TREE PIPIT New breeding sites at Newburgh, Selby Forest, Flaxton, Tollerton, Westow, Brandsby, Pocklington area. (IN PH RH GC MW PR GS)

*** 380 PIED WAGTAIL

381 GREY WAGTAIL Three new breeding records in SE 57 Brandsby Wass and Ampleforth (PH) Over winter at Newton Ouse York Foss Ampleforth

YELLOW WAGTAIL One new breeding site. Prospecting and foraging birds recorded at Selby Forest, Stubb Wood, Bishopthorpe, Pulford GC. Poppleton, Hopgrove, Pocklington area, Bubwith area, Bred Moor Lane, Strensall, (PD PH GS GC FO SP. RH BP IN) 1st record 21 April Naburn S/F (GS)

382 WAXWING York City late December, early January (GC WL) Malton Road York a group of 10 mid Jan. (IN) Also in January records from Old Malton Bulmer, Huby, Nawton and Brandsby (PH) Feb. Malton Rd. 12 very late SW BP Dringhouses.

383 GT GREY SHRIKE 9 Jan. Wheldrake area per (GS)

*** 389 STARLING

*** 392 GREENFINCH

393 GOLDFINCH Winter flocks of 40 + (IN) singles and small groups throughout year especially post breeding period. Present during breeding season Nun Appleton Selby Forest Stubb Wood Bishopthorpe Stearly C. Howard Westow Acaster Selby E. York Bubwith. (GS FO PH RH PR)

394. SISKIN SE 66 Strensall Common 10 in fine* flock 28 Dec. (MW)
SE 64 Wheldrake Woods 8 among foraging Finches (GS) 9 April

*** 395 LINNET

397 REDPOLL New breeding sites at Overton Stubb Wood Bishopthorpe Sand Hutton Westow Dale End Acaster Selby E. York Bubwith (GS SR PR PD PH IN MW FO)

*** 401 BULLFINCH Ten new breeding sites. Throughout winter territories in groups of 2 or 3

*** 407 CHAFFINCH

408 BRAMBLING Castle Howard, Poppleton Road, Strensall (MW IN PM) Max 55 in a mixed flock on 27 Feb. near Hovingham (PH) Strensall produced 2 o/ in breeding plumage 1st April (IM)

*** 409 YELLOW HAMMER

4,10, CORN BUNTING Still elusive. Some new localities were Selby Forest, 6 pairs ; (RH) Stubb Wood (FO) Tollerton (GC MW) Stockton Lane (IN) Strensall area (AJW) Sand Hutton, Hopgrove, Askham Bog (IN) E. York (SR) Lower Derwent area (GS) All the above records are from breeding season.

*** REED BUNTING

423 SHOW BUNTING N. Duffield in mixed Finch flock (GS)

*** 424 HOUSE SPARROW

425 TREE SPARROW