

I. Rennie; C. R. Riley; Mr. and Mrs. J. Seamer; F. R. Shaddick; C. G. Taylor; Miss Toogood; L. J. Trump; A. S. Warman; R. C. Welch; J. B. Whitby; Miss Christine White (Life Member).

GRAND DRAW 1967

The winners of this Draw have now been notified and prizes distributed. A list of winners will be sent to any member by the Organiser, A. J. Vickery, Esq., 4 Taw View, Bishop's Tawton, Barnstaple, on receipt of a stamped self-addressed envelope.

The proceeds of the Draw were over £200 and our thanks are due to Mr. Vickery and all the members who helped in this successful result.

WARDEN'S REPORT 1967

C. S. WALLER

The Observatory was manned from March 16th until November 10th, and the year turned out to be one of quite outstanding ornithological interest with a remarkable list of rare birds recorded even by Lundy standards: the Black-billed Cuckoo being added to the Island list and also the Spotted Crake which had previously been in square brackets. The occurrences of other rarities included Hen Harrier, Hobby, Long-eared Owl, Pectoral Sandpiper, Dotterel, Hoopoe, Wryneck, Golden and Baltimore Orioles, Melodious, Marsh, Barred, Wood and Yellow-browed Warblers, Woodchat Shrike, Red-breasted Flycatcher, Richard's Pipit, and Scarlet Grosbeak.

The increase in ringing is already yielding valuable results with a number of most interesting recoveries which are included in the section of the Report devoted to that subject, but one which must surely be worthy of mention here was the control of a Lundy ringed Pied Flycatcher reported by the Moscow Ringing Bureau in the South West outskirts of the city, this constituting the first record of a British ringed Pied Flycatcher from the U.S.S.R.

While ornithologically none of us have ever had any doubts about the Field Society as an enterprise there have been times when we have been more than a little worried about the financial future, because to maintain the Observatory with a full-time Warden entails a considerable income a year, for which we depend very largely on you our members, who contribute your annual guinea, we hope therefore, that you will continue to support us and perhaps persuade some of your friends to subscribe to us as well.

It may well be that during 1968 the Field Society will have to do without a full-time Warden so as to be able to recoup some of the losses incurred over the last few years. If this does turn out to be the case I would like to take this opportunity to ask all bird watchers visiting the Island to fill in the daily log and make notes of their observations, and that they fully substantiate the record with every possible detail of description which should have been made in the field before any reference to text books. All records will be subjected to the severest scrutiny, and will not be published in the Report or passed on to the Rarities Committee unless fully authenticated. If any records are rejected it should not be taken to imply that the identification is regarded as wrong, as it may only mean that insufficient proof has been supplied.

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It is very sad for me to be writing this my last report as Warden of Lundy and I would like to thank everyone for making my stay such a happy one.