

RECOVERIES OF RINGED BIRDS, 1980

EF98215 Manx Shearwater. Ringed as full grown 27.6.78. Found dead at Bude Cornwall 3.7.80 (43 km S).

SS55908 Razorbill. Ringed as pullus 29.6.73. Found dying on Lundy 8.6.80.
XB94564 Song Thrush. Ringed as first year bird 9.10.79. Ring found in pellet of bird or prey on Lundy 11.4.80.

057796 Firecrest. Ringed as first year male 6.10.79. Found freshly dead (hit glass window) at Den Haag, Zuid-Holland, Netherlands 31.3.80 (625 km E).

XB 94537 Starling. Ringed as full grown female 16.6.78. Found dead at Winchester, Hants 2.3.80 (233 km E).

CONTROL ON LUNDY, 1980

JR64541 Pied Flycatcher. Ringed as pullus (male) at Mansell Lacy, Hereford & Worcester 17.6.79. Controlled on Lundy 16.4.80 (164 km SW).

ADDITIONAL RECORD FOR 1978

GP87742 Guillemot. Ringed as pullus on Great Saltee, Wexford 9.7.78. Found dead (oiled on Lundy end 10.78 (170 km SE).

M32962 Razorbill. Ringed as pullus on Great Saltee, Wexford 1.7.78. Found dead (oiled) on Lundy end 10.78 (170 km SE).

AUTUMN RINGING TRIP 1980

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After my visit to Lundy last autumn, I determined to make a repeat trip in 1980, and as a result some other ringers from Bath expressed interest. Accordingly it was arranged that I should go from 25th September to 16th October, with three others John Arnold, Mike Bailey and Cyril Matthews joining me for the week 28th September to 5th October. Later Steve Sutcliffe from Tenby was put in touch with me, as he was arranging a visit for himself, his wife Anna and two friends Ray and Jean Lowman from 5th to 14th October. The coverage therefore was going to be good, as I should only have a few days at each end when I should have to cope on my own. We all arranged to bring poles and nets to supplement those available from LFS. On occasions we had up to 650' of nets in action.

Birds were around in reasonable numbers right from the day I landed, and the arrival of the rest of the Bath party partly co-incided with a good warbler, goldcrest and swallow movement so that trapping continued at an increasing rate all week, culminating with a catch of 130 birds on 5th October. We did not neglect other activities, and put in an hour's drag netting on several nights which yielded over 50 birds, mainly Meadow Pipits. Mist netting was almost all in Millcombe, though we found the area round Rocket Pole most productive in calm conditions for Swallows and pipits.

The good weather deteriorated when the Bath three left and Steve Sutcliffe's party came: by their second day we were experiencing force 9 westerly winds — according to them the normal conditions when they visit any island! By the following week-end some passage of Redwings and Fieldfares started and on 12th & 13th large thrush and finch movements developed, resulting in catches almost as good as the previous week. At Steve's insistence we also tried a little flick netting for Swallows near Benjamin's Chair — with reasonable success: however, I still think he was really trying for Ravens!

The variation in conditions produced marked effects on the condition of the Swallows passing through: the average weights of birds caught on 30th September was 19.3 gm. On 9th October after the gales and two wet, cold days, this was down to 17.8 gm and some retrapped birds (known therefore to have been delayed on the island) from a day or so before were down to 15.5 gm. On 12th, the new passage birds were once more up to 18.9 gm, but retrapped birds were still only