

6 December 1944

Dear Fisher,

I am enclosing a summary of the counts made at the 35 sites within an area of 6 sq. miles, which for some years I quartered fairly carefully for rooks' nests. I have given no totals for 1931, and 1941, as I evidently had not completed the counts in those years: they are approximately complete in the intervening 9 years. As the Southern boundary of my area passes through the large colony at Childrick Stud Wood, I have in the totals always counted half of this colony within the area. There are a few cases in which individual counts have been omitted (which I have marked with a question-mark) and for the totals

two

I have taken the average of the adjacent years. Generally speaking, as you will see, the numbers rise and fall fairly regularly, though occasionally (often owing to felling or topping trees, but sometimes I think to intensive shooting) the numbers have fallen off abruptly. The general population seems to me remarkably steady.

Yours sincerely,

'31 '32 '33 '34 '35 '36 '37 '38 '39 '40 '41

A	7	3	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	Carlton Road
B	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	Sun Lane
C	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Hollybush Lane
D	16	21	23	21	12	1	.	.	.	4	4	Ox Lane
E	2	.	.	.	.	6	13	9	3	1	.	Sauncey Avenue
F	1	1	.	5	.	5	4	4	8	2	.	Amenbury
G	2	.	2	12	11	7	1	5	1	11	13	Heathfield
H	88x	22	21	16	21	16	16	12	16	13	.	Crabtree Lane
I	60	40	32	23	22	13	17	26	?	21	17	Park Pines
J	2	3	12	29	33	38	40	39	36	39	48	Coleswood
K	50	34	12	19	20	12	3	.	.	.	.	Park clumps
L	11	31	48	48	31	24	39	11	34	11	5	West Common
M	.	8	8	11	10	?	26	14	7*	4	7	Moreton End (*: all deserted)
N	.	16	17	13	18	21	24	0	0	4	4	Banville wood
O	.	103	103	86	64	46	5	68	89	109	59	Childwick street wood
P	.	12	.	8	6	11	14	23	40	16	12	Gasworks
Q	.	1	17	26	41	?	13	18	8	.	.	Townsend Lane
R	.	2	1	.	1	3	7	4	.	.	.	Horseshoes
S	.	1	2	4	11	?	19	45	40	45	.	Hatching Green
T	.	6	2	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	St George's
U	.	15+	19	20	19	19x	.	.	.	.	.	Manland
V	.	1	3	6	7	14	15	10	.	.	.	Horse and Jockey
W	.	.	3	1	4	2	3	3x	.	.	.	Limbrick Hall
X	.	.	.	5	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	Cross Farm
Y	.	.	.	2	1	7	.	9	10	8	8	Midland
Z	.	.	.	1	.	.	3	6	.	.	.	Football field
Aa, Ao	.	.	.	3	5+8	8+5	21	3	.	.	.	Common
Ad	.	.	.	.	.	.	10	3	.	.	.	Walkers Road
Ae	.	.	.	.	.	.	18	9	.	.	.	Piggotts Hill
Af	.	.	.	.	.	2	4	.	.	.	.	Ayres End Road
Ag	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	11	0	34+	The Grove
Ah	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12	.	.	Mill Lane
Al	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8	5	.	High Firs
Ar	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	Luton Road
Ar	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	Westfield

TOTAL - 268 273 317 320 297 312 293 298 240 1/2 - nests

'32 '33 '34 '35 '36 '37 '38 '39 '40

6 square miles

Latitude N 51° 47' 22" to 51° 49' 53" As measured 3 miles  
 Longitude W 0° 19' 24" to 0° 22' 11" on 6 in. map 2 miles

X trees felled.