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*Bird Notes.*

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Camden Swamp. By J. Sutton.

In company with Dr. A. M. Morgan and Mr. J. Neil McGilp this swamp was visited for three hours on 11th December, 1932. It was found to be completely dry and the surface was covered with rushes interspersed amongst which were many dwarf bushes of samphire. Seventeen species were noted.

Forty-eight Stubble Quails (*Coturnix pectoralis*) were flushed from the rushes. A nest containing eight eggs was found. It was built in a natural depression in a few rushes growing up in a dwarf samphire. It was placed right against the main stem of the samphire and was completely hidden. It was constructed firstly of dried water scum, or algae, then of broken rushes. Round the bush was much dried water scum to a height of four to five inches. The female flushed from the samphire bush, then the male some ten yards away. During the morning about six young birds were flushed.

A deserted nest of the Little Crake (*Porzana pusilla*) containing four addled eggs was found. A young bird was flushed.

Thirty Brown Songlarks (*Cinclorhamphus cruralis*) were seen, many of the birds being females. Two of the latter were watched. They flew to a small patch of samphire in the rushes several times, but no nest or young could be found. They would appear on top of a samphire, and were seen and heard giving a frog-like call (quite new to the three of us). This peculiar call was heard coming from the rushes in other parts of the swamp. The males, as usual, were singing in the air or on top of a bush most of the morning.

Skylark (*Alauda arvensis*).—There were a number of this introduced species (24 noted), and their beautiful song was heard all the time we were at the swamp.

A Brown Hawk (*Falco berigora*) was seen and a Greenshank (*Tringa nebularia*) was heard calling some distance away.

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The body of a Sharp-tailed Sandpiper (*Erolia acuminata*) and the wings and some feathers of a Little Crake were found. Their destruction was probably the work of a fox.

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