

—By R. C. Beck, Seaton Park.—

On the 1st March and on the three days following a pair of Bee-eaters, with a brood of four, paid us a visit. The young were content to remain on the clothes-line and allow the parent birds to feed them on large flying insects. The appearance of the food was like bees, and the old birds were very careful to avoid any danger from stings, as they frequently rubbed the insects on the wire before giving them to the young. The parents never returned without food—sometimes their flight was only a few yards. This is the first occasion on which I have observed these birds in the district.