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PREFACE

This issue of *Bristol Ornithology* has a distinctly local flavour. The main papers deal with a study of breeding birds at Milton Hill, Weston-super-Mare, a review of waterfowl at Blagdon Lake, and detailed notes on the Long-billed Dowitchers which appeared at Chew Valley and Blagdon Lakes. Issue Number 12 was also local in character and it is perhaps timely to remind people that our policy is to encourage Club members to produce serious papers on ornithological subjects be they local, national, or indeed international.

Keith Vinicombe's Review of 1979 is interesting in enabling us to see the effect of the year's appalling weather on the birds in Avon. The effect of the weather on the bird-watchers is not described! Our thanks to all those who kept the reports flowing despite rain and snow and postal charges. Once again we have an interesting selection of shorter notes. They are always of interest and certainly provide a way for a new contributor to put his toe into the water. Notes can be submitted to the editorial committee at any time during the year. The greater the number of people contributing the greater is the value of the eventual publication.

I know that many hours of work have been given to this edition of *Bristol Ornithology*. The Club's thanks are due to the editorial committee, contributors and illustrators for maintaining the usual high standard.

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