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## PREFACE

Every year, *Bristol Ornithology* tries to combine the familiar with the exotic, the experiences and knowledge to be gained from local birding together with the more rarefied rewards of further-flung observations. This edition continues the tradition, with perhaps an added emphasis on work in the immediate vicinity of Bristol.

Brian Slade, following the customary assiduous research always required, contributes the Review of 1983, while Geoff Upton enlarges upon an earlier report in his study of the birds of Royal Portbury Dock. Both that paper and John Tully's work at Blaise Woods provide object lessons to every birdwatcher on how to get the most out of one's local patch. Their efforts must not only have given them an added interest, but have added to the general sum of ornithological knowledge in the area.

Other contributions, ranging from David Warden's detailed study of Reed Warblers at Chew Valley Lake to the notes of Bernard King and K.E.L. Simmons, once again reflect the depth and breadth of interest to be found among Club members.

On behalf of the membership, I would like to thank the editorial committee for its dedication and all the contributors whose work brings credit on the Club.

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