

*Hirundo urtica*, middle of April.

*Hirundo apus*, early in May.

LATEST APPEARANCE IN 1813.

*Hirundo apus*. This species was missed, as usual, in the middle of August.

*Hirundo rustica*. Stragglers seen as late as October 20.

*Hirundo urtica*, 21st October.

Having given the above sketch of the earliest and latest appearances at Clapton, of some of the swallows during a few years, I shall conclude by advising the following mode of furthering the inquiry into the winter retreat of swallows in particular, as well as of birds in general. A regular table should be made out annually, from accurate observation, and it should consist of seven or eight columns, as follows: thus,

TABLE I.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Species of bird.							
Day of appearance.							
Direction and force of wind at the time.							
Previous and supervening currents.							
The state of thermometer.							
The state of barometer.							
Weather and clouds.							
Place of observation.							

TABLE II.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Species of bird.						
When became common.						
Prevailing wind.						
General state of weather and clouds.						
Barometer.						
Thermometer.						
Place of observation.						