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Dear Dr. Lowe:

Thanks for your letter. Data on relative abundance in Britain are of course important and I shall certainly consult the authorities you mention. The problem, as I pointed out in my letter to Dr. Calman, also essentially involves range, and any information available as to abundance in different regions, and for this I think I shall have to rely on the knowledge of the Museum. You have no doubt obtained information as to the regions over which the different species breed, and at least a general knowledge of abundance expressible in broad categories - very abundant, abundant, common, common locally, rare, very rare, etc. I shall want to put the British species within each group at least approximately in order of total abundance, and I should be glad to know what help, if any the Museum can offer on this. Accuracy within, say, two fold is recognised as probably impossible.

Yours sincerely,