surprising, to the entire neglect of its own young, which seldom if ever live more than three days after they

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During the pairing-season the male performs a number of grotesque and animated motions, and approaches the female with ruffled feathers and outspread wings and tail.

Although the Pied Wagtail is an inhabitant of our island during the whole of the year, I have not failed to notice that it is much more numerous in certain localities at one season than at another, and that, if it be not strictly migratory, it certainly, like other birds, affects a change of situation. Any one who may visit the banks of the Thames during the month of September will find both old and young congregated in thousands, spreading over the margins of the river and roosting on the aits at night. I have myself seen them there at that season in swarms like the Sand-Martin; and that some more or less extensive migration then takes place I am certain, for a short time afterwards their numbers are greatly diminished. Where they go to, no one can say; all we know is that the greater number of them disappear, and that but few remain during the winter. At the period alluded to, the old birds have thrown off the black colouring of the throat (the characteristic of summer) and assumed the white one of winter; the early-spring broods have the throat suffused with yellow, and their backs mottled black and grey; and the later ones are less gaily attired, having the upper surface brown, and the under one grey, with only a trace of the black pectoral band. The sexes are very similar at all seasons, except that the colour of the female is less intense, her back not so black as that of the male, and in some instances grey, but never of so light a hue as in M. alba.

The Plate represents a male and a female, of the natural size, in their full summer dress, and a young bird in the first autumn of its existence, when the face and throat are usually suffused with yellow.

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