

second broods of Grey Warblers may have been caused by interference of the cuckoo. Fantails which bred just outside the study area raised two to three broods in a long breeding season (September–February) and three to four young left each nest. A few Goldfinches, Redpolls and Greenfinches bred in the area and from the successful nests 4–5, 2–4, and 2–3 young fledged respectively. The numbers of these birds were too small to allow examination of mortality factors.

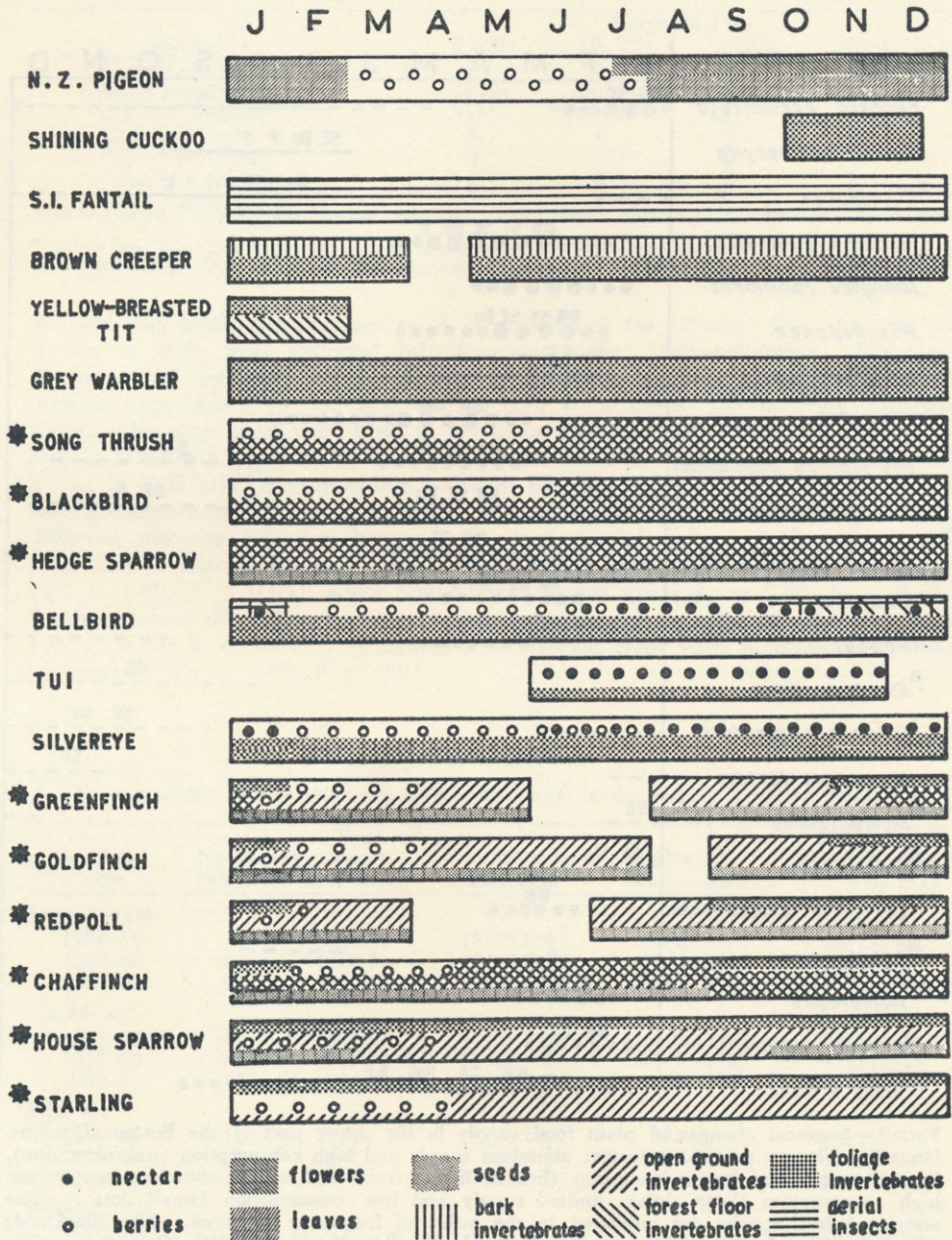


FIG. 7.—Schematic diagram showing seasonal changes in the feeding habits of birds observed at the Botanic Gardens, Dunedin. The asterisk indicates a naturalized species.