



The Bird Fancier's Delight
OR CHOICE
Observations.



*And Directions Concerning the Teaching of all sorts of Singing Birds
after the Flagelet and Flute when rightly made as to Size and tone, with
Lessons properly Compos'd within the Compass and faculty of each Bird,
viz for the Canary-Bird. Linnet. Bull-Finch. Wood-Lark. Black-Bird.
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To the Reader .

'Tis still in memory, the old manner of Playing on the Flute, which was by the way of Dots, a memorial of which remains in the Gamut for that Instrument to this time, but it being so impracticable and never to be attain'd to at fight, that the use of the Instrument was almost lost, till introduc'd by the Gamut rules, which has not only brought it much in vogue, but the Performers on it are as ready at fight as on any other Instrument, 'tis not doubted but the like Improvement will be made on the Flagelet by this Method, which Instrument is not only delightfull, but also profitable, particularly to Bird Fanciers, it having been often known that Birds after being taught by the Flagelet has been sold for great value, all Lessons or Airs that are made for the Flute may now be play'd on the Flagelet, which must of Consequence be very gratefull to all Lovers of the Instrument, the improvement of which is owing to the Ingenious M^r Hill, who has made several Incomparable Peices for the Flagelet, and is an excellent performer on it, and to encourage the Lovers of it, he is willing to instruct in this new Method, any that is desirous to learn .

Example of all the plain Notes gradually ascending

The Gamut is Perfectly to be
Learned backwards and forwards
you must observe how the
Notes should upon the Lines
and in the Spaces with the
Proper name to each Note

Left hand Thumb

Right hand

G	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	A	B	C	D	E	F
Gsolreut	Asolreut	Bsolreut	Csolreut	Dsolreut	Els	Ffaut	Gsolreut in alt	Asolreut in alt	Bsolreut in alt	Csolreut in alt	Dsolreut in alt	Els in alt	Ffaut in alt

Beneath these 5 lines observe these 5 which answer the number of holes on the Flageolet and thus directs you how to play your Gamut reaching the upper line the finger Thumb hole and so on these lines on which dots are set these holes must be stop for example Gsolreut has a dot on every line and consequently every hole must be stop and so where there are no Dotts the holes must be open on the upper line of inst 5 you see a Cross on every Note after Gsolreut in alt which directs you to stop but half the upper hole pinching it with the end of your Thumb and makes the Note sound 8 Notes higher than it would with the hole quite Stopt


But in order to play your Notes hold your Flageolet thus Place the middle Finger of your left hand on the third hole and the third Finger of your Right hand on the lowest hole of the Flageolet then the rest of your Fingers will stop the other holes in Course


Example of all the Notes both Flat and Sharp

A Flat is mark't thus b and a Sharp thus \sharp and they are easily distinguished for a Flat sounds half a Note lower and a Sharp half a Note higher than the Note is self as you'l find by the Example note of Crochet Under $G \sharp$ and $A \flat$ Signifies the Notes to be half Sharp

The image shows a musical staff with a treble clef and a key signature signature (one sharp). The notes are arranged in pairs, with the flat note on the left and the sharp note on the right. Above each pair, there are two symbols: a circle with a cross (representing a sharp) and a circle with a dot (representing a flat). The notes are: G proper, G sharp, A flat, A sharp, B flat, B sharp, C flat, C sharp, D proper, D sharp, E flat, E sharp, F flat, F sharp, G proper, G sharp, A flat, A sharp, B flat, B sharp, C flat, C sharp, D proper, D sharp, E flat, E sharp, and F.

Where you see these marks or Repts in any Tune you are to cross playing the length or time of the Notes over them from which Notes they take their names A Repeat is mark'd thus and shows the Strain must be play'd twice over a Bar is mark't thus a double bar thus and shows the strain ends there the Treble Clef is mark'd thus to know what key a Tune is observe the last Note or clef of the Tune for by that Note the key is named Note that all Roudances end with the first Strain

When Fa mi is to be close shake where Fa ut is sharp first sound Fa ut in the same breath take off
 the middle finger of y^e left hand shaking your thumb on its proper hole there are 2 other shakes viz Fa ut
 sharp in a tune where G sol-re-ut is to G sol-re-ut in alt in a tune where Ala mi re is flat the former is thus to
 be play'd. Sound G sol-re-ut sharp as in y^e scale of flats & sharps directed only taking off the middle finger
 of your left hand (it not altering y^e sound in y^e first) then shake y^e middle finger of your right hand full upon
 its hole concluding with it up to it will give y^e same sound as if your Fa ut Sharp was kept with the proper fingers
 the latter is thus Place your fingers as directed in y^e double. Shake only adding the 3^d finger of your right hand
 on its proper hole blow then shake y^e fore & middle fingers of your right hand together full on their holes
 ending with thumb & 3^d finger of your left hand up. All descending long notes must be close. Shake ascending
 long notes. Swelled Star turn to a 3^d descending Crotchets if a 3^d descending Crotchets come together Shake
 the first Star to the next if a Crotchets happen together in one key. Such the first sound the 2^d plain. A Sigh
 divides a Crotchet into a prick Quaver and Semiquaver. Sherd. the prick & Quaver to be on its proper
 key the Semiquaver on the note or half note just above as thus you must play 2 Crotchets in
 Fa ut in alt 

If 3 Grotchets come together in one key beat if first. Right the 2^d the 3^d play plain if 3 Grotchets gradually & descent beat the 1st Shake on if 1st the 3^d plain if 3 gradually ascend. Right if 1st double roll the 2^d the 3^d plain provided that if movement of the time be slow enough to allow the directing your Grotchet a double roll the 1st Grotchet into 2 Quaver and Semiquaver. Start the Quaver to be Shook on its proper key the 1st Semiquaver to be on the note or half note just below the latter Semiquaver on the Key with the Quaver as thus 1 Grotchet on D Major is double roll the  flat notes are generally played from the half note below Sharp notes from the half note above but if the flats are in a Sharp tune the Sharps in a flat the rule is without exception The G below at Sharp and A above flat are kept alike yet their difference is easily discovered in playing for when you play G below at Sharp and A above flat you first Sound A above in alt and in the same breath Stir down to your G but when you play A flat you must first Sound G below at in alt and in the same breath Stir up to your A flat which may serve for an example to play all other flats and Sharps.

A proper Tune for a Linnet

The first system of music for 'A proper Tune for a Linnet' consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a common time signature (C). It features a melodic line with various note values, including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests. The lower staff is in bass clef and provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes, some marked with '+' signs.

The second system of music continues the piece. The upper staff in treble clef shows a continuation of the melodic line, ending with a double bar line. The lower staff in bass clef continues the accompaniment, also ending with a double bar line.

The Wood Lark

The piece 'The Wood Lark' is written on two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a 5/8 time signature. The melody is characterized by frequent eighth and sixteenth notes, creating a light, rhythmic pattern. The lower staff is in bass clef and provides a steady accompaniment with chords and single notes.

The Bull Finch

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The Bull Finch musical score, first system. It consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). It features a complex, fast melodic line with many sixteenth and thirty-second notes. The lower staff is in bass clef and contains a rhythmic accompaniment with various note values and rests.

The Bull Finch musical score, second system. It continues the melodic and accompaniment lines from the first system. The upper staff shows a continuation of the intricate melodic pattern, while the lower staff provides a steady rhythmic base.

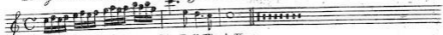
Canary Bird

Canary Bird musical score, first system. It consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The melody is characterized by a series of ascending and descending eighth-note runs. The lower staff is in bass clef and features a rhythmic accompaniment with many beamed notes.

Canary Bird musical score, second system. It continues the melodic and accompaniment lines from the first system. The upper staff shows the continuation of the bird's song-like melody, and the lower staff provides the corresponding rhythmic accompaniment.

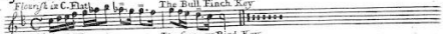
Flourish in C. Natural

The Key for the Linnat



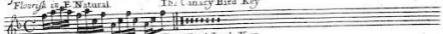
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The Bull Finch Key



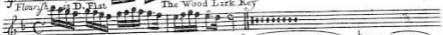
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The Canary Bird Key



Flourish in D. Flat

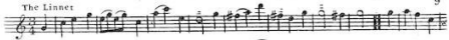
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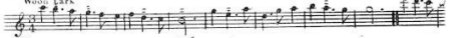
The Linnat



The Linnet



Wood Lark



Wood Lark



Linnet

Two staves of musical notation for the Linnet. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The bottom staff is in bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). Both staves contain a melodic line with various note values, including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests. The piece concludes with a double bar line followed by a repeat sign.

Parrot

Two staves of musical notation for the Parrot. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The bottom staff is in bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. Both staves contain a melodic line with various note values, including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests. The piece concludes with a double bar line followed by a repeat sign.

Sky Lark

Musical notation for Sky Lark, consisting of two staves. The first staff is in treble clef with a 3/4 time signature. The second staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The piece concludes with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

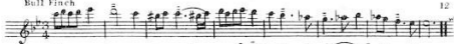
Nightingale

Musical notation for Nightingale, consisting of two staves. The first staff is in treble clef with a 3/4 time signature. The second staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The piece concludes with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

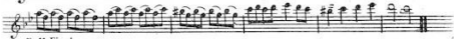
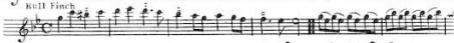
Canary Bird

Musical notation for Canary Bird, consisting of two staves. The first staff is in treble clef with a 3/4 time signature. The second staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The piece concludes with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

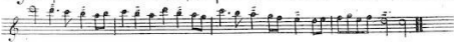
Bull Finch



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Canary Bird

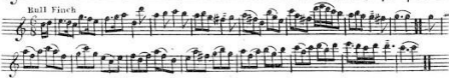
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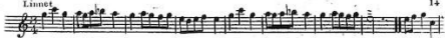
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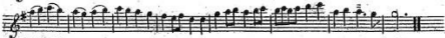
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Linnet



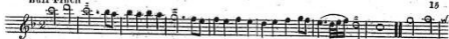
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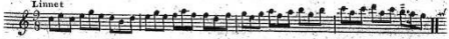
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Sparrow



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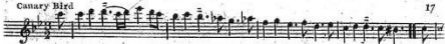
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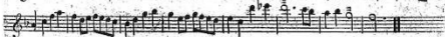
Canary Bird



Canary Bird



Starling



Bull Finch

Two staves of musical notation for the Bull Finch. The upper staff is in treble clef and the lower staff is in bass clef. The music consists of a series of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some rests and a double bar line in the middle of the system.

Wood Lark

Two staves of musical notation for the Wood Lark. The upper staff is in treble clef and the lower staff is in bass clef. The music is characterized by a very fast, repetitive eighth-note pattern, with some rests and a double bar line at the end of the system.

Bull Finch

Two staves of musical notation for the Bull Finch. The upper staff is in treble clef and the lower staff is in bass clef. The music features a slower tempo with dotted rhythms and some rests, with a double bar line at the end of the system.

Canary Bird

The first two staves of the Canary Bird section. The first staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 3/4 time signature. It features a complex, rhythmic melody with many sixteenth and thirty-second notes, often beamed together. The second staff is in bass clef and provides a harmonic accompaniment with a similar rhythmic pattern. Both staves end with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

Bull Finch

The Bull Finch section, consisting of a single staff in bass clef. The melody is characterized by a series of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some notes marked with accents. The piece concludes with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

The first staff of the No. 1 Lark section, written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is light and airy, featuring many sixteenth and thirty-second notes, some of which are marked with accents. The staff ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

The second staff of the No. 1 Lark section, written in bass clef. It provides a harmonic accompaniment for the melody above, using a similar rhythmic pattern of sixteenth and thirty-second notes. The staff ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

Parrot

Musical notation for the Parrot section, consisting of two staves of music. The notation is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat and a common time signature. The music features a complex, rhythmic melody with many sixteenth and thirty-second notes. A page number '20' is visible in the upper right corner of the first staff.

Bull Finch

Musical notation for the Bull Finch section, consisting of two staves of music. The notation is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat and a common time signature. The melody is characterized by a series of quarter notes and eighth notes, with some rests.

Nightingale

Musical notation for the Nightingale section, consisting of two staves of music. The notation is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat and a common time signature. The melody is a series of quarter notes and eighth notes, with some rests.