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GENERAL INTRODUCTION

PROVENANCE

The papers were received from the Edward Grey Institute of Ornithology, Oxford, during summer 2008.

OUTLINE OF THE CAREER OF (EDWARD) MAX NICHOLSON

Nicholson was born in Kiltarnan, near Dublin, in 1904, of English parents. His father, a photographer, was working temporarily in Ireland at the time and the family soon returned to England. Nicholson as a boy became used to the family regularly moving around the south of England. After short stays in London, Portsmouth and various parts of Sussex, they eventually settled at Worthing when Nicholson was twelve years old. His interest in birds had started in London with a visit to the Natural History Museum in 1911 and he began recording sightings of new birds before he was nine. About this time he also started reading Gilbert White's *Natural History of Selborne*, a book that always remained close to his heart and profoundly influenced his development as an ornithologist. He attended Fairholme Preparatory School, Worthing, before going to Sedbergh School, Cumbria, in September 1919.

Nicholson's years at Sedbergh were against a background of the end of the First World War and a difficult family life, as his father was absent for long periods and had trouble supporting the family financially. While there his love of birdwatching, in his own words, 'became much deeper and more intense, so much so that it at times became my dominant and focal interest.' Unable to complete his schooling because of his father's insufficient income, Nicholson left Sedbergh before he was eighteen, and went to stay with his parents in Cologne, Germany. While he was there his first scientific article, on the Icterine warbler, was published by *British Birds* (1922). On returning to England, with apparently little prospect of going to university, he continued to publish articles on birds and began to examine ecological and population aspects of ornithology. Some articles on current affairs that he submitted to *The Times* enabled him to make the acquaintance of Geoffery Dawson, the Editor, who advised him to sit for an Oxford scholarship. Nicholson succeeded in winning a history scholarship to Hertford College in New Year 1926, going up the following October at the age of 22. In the same year he published his first book, *Birds in England*, which was followed by *How Birds Live* in 1927.

Nicholson's arrival at Oxford coincided with a revival of interest in ornithology, centred on the work of the Oxford Ornithological Society which had been founded a few years earlier. He started the Oxford

Bird Census in 1927 and was involved in a ringing project using a trapping station in Christ Church Meadow. In 1928 his pioneering census of rooks was followed by one of heronries. The latter was the first ever national bird census in Britain and, taken together, these surveys effectively founded modern British field ornithology. B.W. Tucker was Nicholson's principal collaborator in this work through which he was also able to meet scientists such as J.S. Huxley, A.G. Tansley and C.S. Elton. Nicholson's mentor at this time was H.F. Witherby, founder and editor of *British Birds*, who supported the heron census and published the resulting report. Having founded the Oxford University Exploration Club, Nicholson took part in its expeditions, as ornithologist, to Greenland (1928) and British Guiana (1929).

The late 1920s were a watershed in ornithology, with the advance of a new, scientific approach: bird studies now focussed on population and behaviour, with a new emphasis on ecology. Nicholson was instrumental in this development and he followed up his Oxford projects with the launch of a national Great Crested Grebe inquiry in 1931 which attracted the attention of *The Times*. With the growing need to provide an institutional basis for these large-scale surveys involving many volunteers, Nicholson, with Tucker and other leading ornithologists, established the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) in 1933. Principally with funding from the BTO, the Edward Grey Institute of Field Ornithology was founded at Oxford in 1938.

After graduating from Oxford, Nicholson became assistant editor on the *Weekend Review* and in 1931 drafted a supplement entitled 'A National Plan for Britain'. This stimulated much debate and led to the formation of the socio-economic 'think-tank', Political and Economic Planning (PEP), in 1933. Nicholson became Secretary of PEP in 1935, remaining there until the outbreak of the Second World War and later serving as its Chairman. At the beginning of the war Nicholson was given the post of Controller of Literature at the Ministry of Information but resigned after less than two months. In March 1940, at the instigation of Lord Hurcomb, he was drafted into the Ministry of Shipping (re-named Ministry of War Transport) where he served initially as head of the Economic and Inter-Allied Branch, and from 1942 as Head of the Allocation of Tonnage Division. He made numerous transatlantic crossings in this capacity, which also provided opportunities for bird-watching, and also attended the conferences in Cairo, Quebec, Yalta and Potsdam.

Following the election of the Attlee government in 1945, Nicholson was appointed Head of the Office of the Lord President of the Council, Herbert Morrison, a position he held until 1952. In the feverish activity of the post-war years he guided through legislation such as the 1947 Town and Country Planning Act and the 1949 National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act. The latter Act completed the establishment of the Nature Conservancy, an idea that emerged from Julian Huxley's Committee on Wildlife Conservation of which Nicholson was a member. Nicholson also served on the Advisory Council on Scientific Policy and chaired the committee which organised the 1951 Festival of Britain. In 1952 he left central government to become Chairman of the fledgling and

poorly-funded Nature Conservancy whose very survival was in jeopardy. He quickly grasped the need for the Conservancy to encourage and coordinate the disparate voluntary bodies devoted to nature conservation, reversing the policy of his predecessor, Cyril Diver. Despite the opposition of a variety of government departments and vested interest groups in the countryside, the Conservancy greatly expanded its activities and influence, establishing over 100 National Nature Reserves and around 2000 Sites of Special Scientific Interest in its first fifteen years. It also established, in 1963, the Monks Wood Experimental Station, the first research laboratory to investigate the effect of toxic chemicals on wildlife.

Nicholson retired from the Nature Conservancy in 1966 but during the next four years he authored two important books which gave voice to his ideas and concerns in the fields of government and the environment. *The System: The Misgovernment of Modern Britain* (1967) was a sustained attack on the inefficiency and inward-looking attitudes of the civil service; it also offered some radical remedies such as the abolition of the Treasury. In 1970 he published *The Environmental Revolution: A Guide for the New Masters of the Earth* which called on governments to demonstrate new approaches to the natural environment in response to greater public awareness of conservation issues.

In what may be termed the second half of his career, Nicholson founded, or was heavily involved in, a great many organisations concerned with protection of the environment and wildlife and furthering ecological research, increasingly in an international context from the 1960s. In 1961, with Peter Scott, Julian Huxley and others, he founded the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) and served as Vice-President of WWF-UK. He was founder member of the Council for Nature, 1958; Convenor of the Terrestrial Communities Section of the International Biological Programme, 1963-1974; Joint Secretary of the 'Countryside in 1970' series of conferences; founder of Land Use Consultants, the UK's first environmental consultancy, 1966; founder of the Trust for Urban Ecology, 1972; President of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, 1980-1985; Chairman of the Committee responsible for the UK's response to the World Conservation Strategy, 1981-1983; founder of Earthwatch Europe, 1985; Vice-President of the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust; and, in his nineties, founder of the New Renaissance Group. The mission of latter organisation, described by Nicholson as a 'New Humanist Group', was the formation of an environmental strategy to take into the 21st century. He also had significant involvement in organisations such as the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources and the International Council for Bird Preservation. His participation was instrumental to the success of two major European conservation programmes at Coto Donana, Spain, and S'Albufera, Mallorca, Spain, the latter principally through Earthwatch Europe. Outside conservation he played a key role in organising the celebrations for the Queen's Silver Jubilee and was responsible for the creation of the Silver Jubilee Walkway in London.

He was colleague and friend to a great many of the individuals who played prominent roles in the progress of the conservation movement in the UK and overseas. Sir Peter Scott, Guy Mountfort, Phil

Hollom, Sir Martin Holdgate, Luc Hoffmann, R.E. Boote, Sir Julian Huxley, Aubrey Buxton and Richard Fitter are just a small group of those who shared his vision and philosophy. Despite his career branching out into public administration, and then into increasingly diverse conservation and ecological projects, Nicholson never lost touch with his roots in ornithology. He regularly gave talks to regional societies and was involved, in various capacities, in a multitude of organisations, such as the 1937 Bird Club, the Royal Naval Birdwatching Society and the Gilbert White Museum. Nicholson also made enduring contributions to ornithology in an editorial capacity. He was Senior Editor of *British Birds*, 1951-1964, and served continuously on the editorial board of *Birds of the Western Palearctic* which was produced in nine volumes between 1977 and 1996.

Nicholson was awarded a CB in 1948 and CVO in 1971. His other awards include Premio Europeo Cortina-Ulisse, 1971, Europa Preis für Landespflege, 1972, World Wildlife Fund Gold Medal, 1982, and the Busk Medal, Royal Geographical Society, 1991. He received Honorary Doctorates from the Universities of Aberdeen and Birmingham and from the Royal College of Art.

Nicholson married Eleanor Mary Crawford in 1932 (divorced 1964); they had two sons. He married Marie Antoinette Mauerhofer in 1965; they had one son. Nicholson died on 26 April 2003.

DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

The material covers the period 1913-2009.

Section A, Biographical, includes Nicholson's unpublished autobiography on which he had been working for many years. The work is rich in anecdotes, discussion of his beliefs and philosophies with regard to the environment and human institutions, analysis of his own character, and details covering the key activities of his life, including his childhood and youth. There are other autobiographical drafts and notes in this section and material relating to various interviews that he gave between 1970 and the last years of his life, including his appearance on BBC Radio 4's 'Desert Island Discs' in 1995. Childhood material, dating from 1913, chiefly consists of bird lists and diaries (some from trips to France and Germany); in addition there are other natural history notes and some school exercises and reports. Papers covering Nicholson's years at Hertford College, Oxford, are slight: significant material relates to his involvement in the Vane Society (play-reading). There is an exceptionally good collection of Nicholson's hand-written journals covering, intermittently, the period from 1964-1994, with a few pages of entries from the 1940s. Some of these document UK and overseas travel, while a numbered series of ten journals cover most of his activities during 1970, including records of conferences and discussions, thoughts and observations, and family matters. Engagement diaries date from 1995 to 2001. There is some documentation of holiday travel, particularly during the 1980s and 1990s, with notes or detailed accounts of trips often included. A

small quantity of family correspondence dating from 1929 survives; other personal correspondence spans the period 1927-2002. There is also material concerning personal engagements and some miscellaneous papers which include various official documents.

Section B, Ornithology, presents a comprehensive record of much of Nicholson's ornithological fieldwork, both organised and casual. The material largely comprises manuscript lists of bird sightings, many organised on a geographical basis, e.g. England (by county, district), Wales, European countries, non-European countries. These range widely in date, from 1915 to the 1980s; a considerable quantity are from the 1930s, 1960s and 1970s. There are a few papers from the 1928 Oxford Bird Census. These loose lists are augmented by a series of ten ring-binders, seven forming an alphabetical sequence: the greater portion of these lists date from the 1920s, though the coverage continues to the 1980s. Nicholson's participation in the two Oxford University Exploration Club expeditions, to Greenland, 1928, and to British Guiana, 1930, is also represented in this section. The Greenland papers include drafts and notes on birds etc and general observations, a draft talk to the Oxford Ornithological Society and several photographs annotated by Nicholson. Among the British Guiana material are four ornithological field notebooks, further notes and logs, drafts of at least three published papers and correspondence arising from the expedition. One much later expedition is also documented: Nicholson's ornithological survey of bird population and ecology in Baluchistan, Pakistan, 1952. Various field notes survive and there is also a draft of a paper on the survey given at a 1961 British Ornithologists' Union Conference.

Section C, Nature conservation and environment, is the largest section in the catalogue and reflects the diversity of Nicholson's activities, associations and ideas chiefly from the early 1950s to the last years of his life and his international standing as a conservationist during this period. Papers and correspondence from his years as Director-General of the Nature Conservancy, and immediately before, are not extensive. There is his correspondence with officials at the Nature Conservancy Scotland, various committee papers, papers and correspondence appertaining to the Monks Wood Experimental Station and the Biological Records Centre, including later correspondence, 1988-1990, in connection with financial difficulties at the Centre. There are also photographs from Conservancy trips, most annotated by Nicholson. All the other material (non-Nature Conservancy) in this section is presented in an alphabetical sequence of organisations, projects and topics, with some miscellaneous papers at the end. There are groups of correspondence and papers documenting important European conservation / national park projects in the following locations: the Camargue, France; Coto Donana, Spain; and especially S'Albufera, Mallorca, Spain, Earthwatch Europe's first major contribution. Nicholson's wider international roles are represented by organisations such as the World Wide Fund for Nature, International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources, International Biological Programme, World Conservation Strategy and International Council on Bird Preservation. Organisations concerned with British ornithology include the British Trust for Ornithology, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust,

Oxford Ornithological Society and Fair Isle Bird Observatory Trust. Other places which were the focus for specific conservation activities include the Falkland Isles (1981-1984) and the Isle of Rhum (1958-1997). Among the UK-based bodies concerned with environmental conservation more generally are Land Use Consultants, 'Countryside in 1970' conferences, Environmental Data Services, Trust for Urban Ecology and, especially, the New Renaissance Group (NRG). A very large body of papers and correspondence documents the seven year existence of the NRG, 1995-2002, including many drafts and notes by Nicholson and minutes of meetings. 'Biodiversity', 'Culture', 'the Environmental profession' and the future direction of the conservation movement were some of the principal topics on which the NRG focussed its attention. A large proportion of the miscellaneous material consists of notes and jottings by Nicholson on various subjects; in many cases these are ideas or plans which he seems to have noted down outside of his official activities.

Section D, World War Two, chiefly presents papers and correspondence relating to Nicholson's work at the Ministry of War Transport. There is some earlier material from his brief spell at the Ministry of Information, including a note of an interview with the Foreign Secretary and notes on possible pamphlets. As well as general Ministry of War Transport business, there is significant coverage of the role of the Middle East Supply Centre (MESC), chiefly in the form of correspondence, 1942-1945, between Nicholson and R.G.A. Jackson, the Director-General of the MESC. There are later correspondence and papers concerning Nicholson's assistance with histories of wartime shipping and the MESC. A few papers survive from Nicholson's attendance at the Potsdam Conference, July 1945, and there are some miscellaneous wartime correspondence and papers.

Section E, Office of the Lord President of the Council, includes a small amount of documentation of Nicholson's role in the preparations for the Festival of Britain in 1951, but considerably more with respect to Festival anniversary events and history. The remainder of the section consists of correspondence and papers on general business of the Lord President's office, a few papers relating to the Advisory Council on Scientific Policy.

Section F, Publications, presents a chronological sequence of Nicholson's drafts, 1925-2000, which encompasses the range of his work and interests, with a strong emphasis on ornithology. A sizeable body of ornithological papers is from the 1920s and 1930s and includes papers relating to the 1928 Census of heronries and drafts resulting from other studies undertaken by Nicholson in the late 1920s. Also from the 1930s are a series of articles on exploration, with particular reference to Greenland, various articles for *The Times* on economics, industry and population, and an unpublished book titled 'England Has No Plan'. Bird notes from surveys are sometimes found with drafts of papers, such as those on North Atlantic birds (1946) and shearwaters (1952), and there are also papers and correspondence, 1955-1998, relating to the long-running controversy over the 'Hastings Rarities'. From the 1960s the topics of articles broaden to cover environmental conservation, ecology, land use etc. Some draft material for *The System: The Misgovernment of*

Modern Britain (1967) survives and there are related articles by Nicholson as well as considerable correspondence arising from the book's publication. There are notes, synopsis etc for his next book, *The Environmental Revolution: A Guide...etc* (1970), and a large body of notes for *The Big Change: after the Environmental Revolution*, published in the USA only in 1973. Other draft material by Nicholson includes many review articles, letters to *The Times* and other publications on various subjects, obituaries and a few unpublished books on environmental conservation. The section is completed by editorial correspondence, much of this documenting Nicholson's long-standing commitment to *Birds of the Western Palearctic* (BWP); some of his draft material for BWP is included. His editorial role and involvement in *British Birds* is also covered and there is further correspondence relating to his 1987 book *The New Environmental Age* and his position as a Trustee of *The Observer*.

Section G, Lectures, talks and addresses, covers the period 1927-2000, and reflects the range of speaking engagements that Nicholson undertook. The sequence of material begins with a draft of Nicholson's first public talk in 1927 on the Oxford Bird Census. Many lectures to ornithological organisations, national and regional, are documented; some significant ones include the Bernard Tucker Memorial Lectures, 1961 and 1976, the Witherby Memorial Lecture (British Trust for Ornithology), 1971, and a lecture given to the American Ornithologists' Union, 1980. There are lectures on ecology and environmental issues given to a wide variety of organisations and audiences, such as the Horace M. Albright Lecture at the University of California, 1964, a series of three Esme Fairbairn Lectures at King's College, London, 1980, and the 'First World Conservation Lecture' at the Royal Institution, 1981. After-dinner speeches and speeches given opening ceremonies are included.

Section H, Broadcasting, is slight. Nicholson's appearances on, and contributions to, various radio and television programmes are documented. Covering the period 1932-2002, these were chiefly on environmental topics and the history of the Atlee government. Material relating to a 1930s film on bird migration is included.

Section J, Travel and conferences, comprises papers covering Nicholson's overseas tours, in various capacities, and attendance at conferences in the UK and abroad at which he often gave papers. The material spans the period 1949 to 2001. Principal ornithological conferences to which he contributed include the Tenth International Ornithological Congress, Uppsala, Sweden, 1950. In the 1950s and 1960s a number of his tours and visits resulted from his position as Director-General of the Nature Conservancy and his role in the International Biological Programme (IBP). Among the former were a wide-ranging tours of the USA in 1955 and 1959 where he held discussions with the Conservation Foundation, the National Audobon Society and other organisations, visited National Parks and universities and met many leading American conservationists. The following are examples of major trips made on behalf of IBP: New Zealand, Antarctica, Australia, Thailand and other countries,

November 1964-January 1965; various South American countries, July 1967. Other extended foreign trips include an expedition to Jordan in 1963, with Guy Mountfort, Julian Huxley and others, which combined studies of ecology and conservation with ornithology; a visit to Japan which took in the 11th Pacific Scientific Congress; and a survey of the Red Sea desert region of Egypt in 1984 in connection with *Birds of the Western Palearctic*. Numerous conferences and seminars on environmental topics are documented: among these are various International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources conferences, 1951-1969, and two Countryside Recreation Research Advisory Group conferences, 1983 and 1985.

Section K, Societies and organisations, consists of papers relating to Nicholson's involvement in organisations whose principal roles and interests lie outside nature conservation and ecology. Political and Economic Planning (PEP) material includes a notepad used by Nicholson at the 'original meeting' of the PEP in April 1931, correspondence and other papers concerning its founding and early years, and papers and correspondence appertaining to the 'System Group' which met under the auspices of the PEP to follow up ideas in Nicholson's book *The System*. Other bodies with which he had significant associations include Dartington Hall School and Trust, Idea-Systems Group ('think-tank' for synthesising existing ideas and knowledge) and the Silver Jubilee Walkway Trust.

Section L, Correspondence, presents an alphabetical sequence of Nicholson's correspondence with friends and key colleagues and associates. C.P. Blacker, Jacob Bronowski, H.J. Coolidge, C.S. Elton, J-P Harroy, C.W. Hurcomb, Sir Julian Huxley, Ludwig Koch, Nicholas Polunin, Sir Arthur Tansley and E.B. Worthington. Nicholson's letters of condolence to widows etc and obituaries by him are sometimes included. There is a small group of Nicholson's selected ornithological correspondence, 1928-1998. Stanley Cramp, P.A.D. Hollom, V.C. Wynne-Edwards and Phyllis Barclay-Smith are some of the correspondents. The section is completed by a sequence of general correspondence, 1920-2002, chiefly personal and covering all aspects of his working life. R.E. Boote, R.S.R. Fitter, P.A.D. Hollom and Aubrey Buxton are some of the principal correspondents.

There is also an index of correspondents.

LOCATION OF SIGNIFICANT MATERIAL HELD ELSEWHERE

A large quantity of Nicholson's archives relating to the British Trust for Ornithology (43 archive boxes) were deposited by him at the Trust's Library, Thetford, Norfolk, in 1987 and 1990. This material includes papers, c.1930-1937, relating to the establishment and early years of the BTO, as well as its 'prehistory' which goes back to the Oxford Bird Census. There are also bird census and survey papers 1928-1940s, including the Greenland expedition, 1928; Nicholson's correspondence with individuals such as B.W. Tucker (1927-1940, 1950), R. Moreau (1927-1960) and H.F. Witherby

(1929-1940, 1968); and publications material and papers concerning other organisations with which Nicholson was involved.

The Linnean Society holds papers relating to Nicholson's role in Earthwatch Europe, the World Wide Fund for Nature, the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources and the Nature Conservancy Council. There is also material appertaining to various conferences and the Geogram, as well as miscellaneous correspondence c.1952-1995.

The Royal Geographical Society holds 21 boxes of Nicholson's papers consisting of Oxford University Exploration Club material, 1928-1929, and correspondence and papers relating to work for the International Biological Programme, 1952-1980s.

The archives of Political and Economic Planning are held by the London School of Economics and these include papers covering Nicholson's involvement.

For lists of some of this material and details of locations of other groups of Nicholson papers see A.136.

Simon Coleman
Timothy Powell
Bath November 2009

SECTION A	BIOGRAPHICAL, A.1-A.149	1913-2009, nd
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| A.1-A.49 | AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL |
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| A.110-A.129 | HOLIDAY TRAVEL |
| A.130-A.133 | ENGAGEMENTS AND SOCIAL FUNCTIONS |
| A.134-A.149 | MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS |

A.1-A.49	AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL	[c.1923]- 2009
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| A.1-A.6 | Obituaries |
| A.1 | <i>The Guardian</i> , 28 April 2003, by R.E. Boote (copy) |
| A.2 | <i>The Daily Telegraph</i> , 29 April 2003 |
| A.3 | <i>The Independent</i> , 29 April 2003 |
| A.4 | <i>The Times</i> , 30 April 2003 |
| A.5 | <i>The Ibis</i> , 146, July 2004, by C.M. Perrins |

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| A.13-A.24 | Other autobiographical writing | [c.1923]-
2002, nd |
| | Some of this material may have been used in the unpublished autobiography (A.7-A.12). | |
| A.13 | Poems | c.1923-1927 |
| | Poems and drafts of poems, in Nicholson's hand, on small pieces of paper. A few are dated or inscribed with a rough date. | |
| | Contents of an envelope inscribed 'Max's poems 1925-1927'. | |
| A.14 | 'Autobiographical outline' | October 1983 |
| | 8pp typescript in which Nicholson describes and analyses his character and personal qualities. | |
| A.15 | 'Involvements in Ecology 1922-1988' | November
1988 |
| | 2pp typescript notes so titled. | |
| A.16 | 'Max Nicholson's Environmental Background' | 1994 |
| | 12pp typescript notes so titled. A note on the first page explains that this material was prepared by Nicholson as a result of queries about his environmental career in connection with his 90th birthday. | |
| A.17 | 'Background of Max Nicholson's life' | December
1995 |
| | 9pp detailed typescript notes so titled. | |
| A.18 | Various writing by Nicholson on events, periods and aspects of his life | 1926, 1947-
c.1953, 1982-
2002, nd |
| | Included are some records of his dreams, notes on his character etc and 1p typescript titled 'Some memories of days at Hart House [Sedbergh] 1919-1922'. | |

Biographical, A.1-A.149

- A.19-A.20 Manuscript and typescript chronologies of parts of Nicholson's life, diary entries and lists of his movements etc during certain periods
- These seem to have been compiled at several stages of his life. The entries begin with his birth and continue intermittently until the 1990s. There is much material covering the earlier part of his life (up to World War Two).
- Included are detailed notes, some in the format of diary entries, for particular periods, especially the 1970s, and records such as 'Wartime journeys' and 'Diary 1940' (both A.19).
- 2 folders.
- A.21 'The Cinderella Science', review by Nicholson of his involvement in urban ecology, with some discussion of the significance of his wartime work as Head of Allocation of Tonnage in the Ministry of War Transport ?1990s
- Published in *Green Pages*.
- 4pp typescript with biographical note; photocopy of printed version; letter re publication.
- A.22 Lists of Nicholson's publications, speeches etc c.1988-1992
- There are 3 separate typescript lists titled as follows: 'Articles, speeches etc', 'Books, chapters and forewords', 'Memorials, obituaries and key people'.
- A.23 Further notes on Nicholson's publications 1980-1998,
nd
- Included is a 2pp manuscript list of 'Published Notes, Articles and Reports' covering publications 1917-1924.
- A.24 Miscellaneous notes by Nicholson on aspects of his life, including list of 'people who have enduringly influenced me' 1978-1997,
nd
- A.25-A.46 Interviews and profiles 1970-2002,
nd

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- A.25 'Man's impact on his own natural environment', by Fraser Darling, *The Glasgow Herald*, 2 January 1970 1970
- Cutting. The article analyses the importance of Nicholson's book *How Birds Live*, London 1927, and discusses his broader career.
- A.26 'Renaissance', Nicholson in conversation with Henry Brandon, publication (USA) unknown, May 1971 1971
- Pages from offprint.
- A.27 Interview for first issue of *ECOS* (No.1, Winter 1980), the journal of the British Association of Nature Conservationists (BANC) 1979-1980
- Correspondence *re* arrangements for the interview and the ideas behind *ECOS*; draft text of the interview with revisions in Nicholson's hand; printed version, titled 'Landmarks in Conservation', taken from offprint; brief later correspondence.
- A.28 'Eco-watcher', by 'Pendennis', *The Observer*, 16 December 1979 1979
- Cutting.
- A.29 'What do they do?', profile of Nicholson by John McCormick, *Wildlife*, February 1982 1982
- Printed article taken from offprint; letter to Nicholson from author.
- A.30 'Dedication to Max Nicholson', *The Environmentalist*, 3, 1983 1983
- Photocopy from offprint.
- A.31 'Turning Points: Max Nicholson', profile in *Earthlife News*, February 1986 1986

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- /... 12pp draft of the article with revisions in Nicholson's hand; photocopy of printed version with further corrections.
- A.32 'My Hero', 'Marcus Binney on Max Nicholson', *The Independent Magazine*, 13 May 1989 1989
Offprint; copy of letter arising from Nicholson to Binney.
- A.33-A.35 Interview with S. Bocking, a doctoral student at the University of Toronto, Canada, May, June 1990 1990-1996
Nicholson provided assistance with Bocking's dissertation, a major part of which covered the work of the Nature Conservancy.
- A.33 Correspondence *re* arrangements and arising, with transcripts of the two interviews (32pp in total) 1990
- A.34 Correspondence *re* the completed dissertation, with the text of the relevant chapters and 3pp comments and corrections by Nicholson 1991
- A.35 Later correspondence arising from further research by Bocking 1995-1996
Nicholson's letter of 19 April 1996 recounts some of the important periods of his career, in particular his years at the Nature Conservancy.
- A.36 'Interview 3 July 1991 JSR: Max Nicholson, Brasenose College [Oxford]' 1991
7pp transcript so titled, with manuscript revisions by Nicholson.
A later manuscript note by Nicholson at the top of the first page states the following: 'This important interview delves deeply into Herbert Morrison's views & activities as Lord President 1945-51. It is also highly relevant to MN's [Max Nicholson's] career'.

Biographical, A.1-A.149

- A.37 'The advocate of bloom becomes the prophet of doom', 1993
Scotland on Sunday, 14 March 1993
- Cutting. The article discusses Nicholson's fading
 optimism about the response of governments to the
 environmental crisis.
- A.38 Interview (probably BBC) concerning Nicholson's 1993-1994
 reminiscences on his ornithological career, March 1994
- The interview was with Dilys Breese.
 Correspondence chiefly with Jeremy Greenwood *re* the
 background to the interview; typescript draft notes for the
 interview and revised 10pp 'final version' titled 'How my
 interest in birds took shape'.
- A.39-A.40 'Desert Island Discs', BBC Radio 4, 17 September 1995 1995
 (talking to Sue Lawley)
- A.39 Correspondence *re* arrangements for recording; various
 notes by Nicholson in preparation for the recording; list of
 music chosen by Nicholson for the programme; letter of
 thanks from the programme producer.
- A.40 Letters to Nicholson following the programme from
 listeners and friends
- A.41 'The green who won't give up', profile by Charles Clover, 1997
 Daily Telegraph, 20 September 1997
- Cutting.
- A.42-A.43 Interview for contribution to a book *Life Stories*, ed. 1996-2000
 Heather Newbold, University of California Press, 2000
- The book contained contributions from leading life
 scientists. Nicholson was interviewed, by telephone, by
 Heather Newbold on 16 May 1996.
- Correspondence *re* arrangements and arising, with
 manuscript and typescript drafts of the interview text and
 photocopy of printed version.
- 2 folders.

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A.44	<p>'Note of a talk between Max Nicholson and Dr Paul Merchant and Dr David Matless...subject: Cultures of Nature: The Formation of Environmental Knowledges in England 1945-70', 9 July 2002</p> <p>Nicholson gave the interview to assist with a funded research project.</p> <p>16pp summary of the talk, titled as above, with annex and further notes.</p>	
A.45	<p>'Discoveries: profiles of principal investigators: Edward Max Nicholson, the Practical Visionary', publication unknown</p> <p>Photocopy (badly faded) of printed article.</p>	Nd
A.46	<p>Short profile of Nicholson, publication unknown</p> <p>1p photocopy (badly faded) of printed article.</p>	Nd
A.47-A.49	<p>Cuttings and pages from newspapers, journals etc and offprints</p> <p>Various articles mentioning Nicholson, referring to his books, or reporting his views.</p>	1925-2001, nd
A.47	1925-1958	
A.48	1965-1979	
A.49	1980-2001, nd	
A.50-A.57	CHILDHOOD	1913-1925, 1997
	See B.48 for further childhood bird notes.	

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| A.50 | Letter from Nicholson, aged ten, to his father | 1914 |
| | Written from Portsmouth. Describes seeing sailors, a soldier etc. | |
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| A.51 | 'Moth lists 1913-1918' | |
| | Contents of an envelope so inscribed. | |
| | Manuscript lists of moths describing distinctive characteristics, some with dates of identification. The containing envelope, which has been retained, is inscribed with a later explanatory note. There is one further list of 'collections' of various objects and mathematical exercises on verso. | |
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| A.52 | Bird diary | 1914-1919 |
| | Large hardback diary chiefly containing records of bird sightings with notes on eggs found. Other natural history observations and details such as locations visited on walks and bicycle rides, descriptions of the weather etc are also included. The volume appears to be an amalgamation of more than one diary: entries for 1918 start at the front of the volume and appear to be in chronological sequence, while those for other years are dispersed among the remaining pages. The bulk of the entries are for 1917 and 1918. | |
| | In a few places there are brief notes which Nicholson has added at a much later date, often giving the town where his family were living at the time. | |
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| A.53 | 'MS Notes c.1916-17 Topography only on localities near Broadwater Sussex' | c.1916-1918 |
| | Contents of an envelope so inscribed. | |
| | Manuscript topographical notes, lists of distances for bicycle trips and sketch maps. | |
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| A.54 | 'Bird notes Worthing/overseas' | 1915-1921,
1924, 1925 |
| | Contents of an envelope so inscribed. | |

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- /... Manuscript notes on bird sightings, with dates. Entries cover Sussex, Hampshire and visits to France and Germany (1920-1921).
- A.55 'Early bird lists' c.1915-1918
Contents of an envelope so inscribed.
Manuscript lists, no dates on any pages.
- A.55A Fairholme Preparatory School, Worthing, Sussex c.1916-1919
Answer papers for exercises in French, Mathematics and Latin (those dated are 1919); school reports for Nicholson and his brother, Basil, 1919; various other writings and sketches for school work and activities (those dated are 1918-1919).
- A.56 Manuscript bird notes (on distinguishing characteristics of species) 1919, 1997
Found together with a later page of comments by Nicholson (1997).
- A.56A Hardback pocket bird diary 1920
The entries record birds seen and heard, nests found etc and include those from a stay in Dieppe, France, July-September. All appear to be for 1920. There are further notes at the end of the volume, including some on 'New birds 1920'.
Inserted near the front is a 3pp manuscript titled 'The Turtledove' on which is a later inscription 'Sedbergh 1920-21'.
- A.57 Cutting of Nicholson's first published bird article: 'In Konigsforst - Bird Life in Springtime', 'Cologne [rest of newspaper title missing]', 10 April 1921 1921
There is a later note by Nicholson at the bottom of the page stating that this was probably his first bird article, '18 months ahead of my first paper in 'British Birds'.

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A.58-A.63	HERTFORD COLLEGE, OXFORD	1926-2001, nd
A.58-A.59	Papers relating to the Vane Society The Vane Society, of which Nicholson was a member, was a play-reading group at Hertford College.	1926-1975
A.58	'Vane Society records' Manuscript summaries of play-readings, in the hands of various members of the Society, including Nicholson's.	1926-1927
A.59	Nicholson's personal correspondence with friends he knew from the Vane Society	1927-1934, 1966, 1975
A.60	Miscellaneous manuscript papers dating from Nicholson's time at the College Chiefly in Nicholson's hand. Much of the material is only partially legible; some possibly relates to College protocol etc.	c.1926-1929
A.61	Letter to Nicholson from the College Principal informing him of his election to an Honorary Fellowship, with brief correspondence arising	1993
A.62	Dinners and functions Correspondence, invitations etc.	1993-2001, nd
A.63	Miscellaneous papers relating to Nicholson's association with the College	1933-2001

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A.64-A.79	CAREER, HONOURS AND AWARDS	1929-2002
A.64	Geoffroy St Hilaire Gold Medal, Société National d'Acclimatation de France, May 1956 Letter of notification; 1p manuscript notes in French by Nicholson related to the award.	1956
A.65	Godman-Salvin Medal, British Ornithologists' Union, 1962 Printed announcement of the award and citation, from <i>Ibis</i> , 105 (1963).	1962
A.66	Honorary Degree (Doctor of Laws), University of Aberdeen, 9 July 1964 Correspondence etc <i>re</i> arrangements and arising, with printed citation and press reports.	1964
A.67-A.68	Premio Europeo Cortina-Ulisse, August 1971 The prize was awarded to Nicholson for his book, <i>The Environmental Revolution</i> , London 1970.	1971
A.67	Correspondence chiefly <i>re</i> acceptance and arrangements; two 1p manuscript drafts of Nicholson's acceptance speech	
A.68	Press cuttings, in Italian, reporting the award of the prize	
A.69	Europa Preis fur Landespflege, Strasbourg, 1972 Correspondence chiefly <i>re</i> acceptance and arrangements; 4pp typescript draft of acceptance speech and offprint containing printed version; cutting of newspaper report.	1971-1973

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| A.70 | Founder Membership of the Netherlands Order of the Golden Ark, 1972

Letter of congratulation from Sir Marcus Sieff; further letter <i>re</i> the award. | 1972-1973 |
| A.71 | Honorary Membership of the Mark Twain Society

Letter of notification of election. | 1977 |
| A.72 | World Wildlife Fund Gold Medal, 9 June 1982

Correspondence <i>re</i> acceptance and arrangements; 2 typescript drafts of acceptance speech, 1p typescript notes and revised version of the speech; correspondence arising. | 1982 |
| A.73 | Honorary Degree (Doctor of Laws), University of Birmingham, 15 July 1983

Correspondence etc chiefly <i>re</i> acceptance and arrangements; brief correspondence <i>re</i> offer of an Honorary Degree in 1974 which Nicholson declined. | 1974, 1983 |
| A.74 | Busk Medal, Royal Geographical Society, June 1991

Copy of Nicholson's letter of acceptance inscribed with notes in his hand. | 1991 |
| A.75 | Honorary Fellowship, American Ornithologists' Union, 1991

Letter of notification only. | 1991 |
| A.76 | Stamford Raffles Award, Zoological Society of London, June 2000

Brief correspondence <i>re</i> acceptance etc. | 1999-2000 |

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A.77	Honorary Fellowship, Royal Geographical Society, 4 June 2001 Correspondence etc <i>re</i> acceptance and arrangements.	2001
A.78	Honorary Fellowship, Institute of Biology, 14 October 2002 Correspondence <i>re</i> arrangements and citation; page from 2002 Annual Report mentioning the award.	2002
A.79	Miscellaneous correspondence and papers relating to career and honours Included is correspondence with Geoffery Dawson (1930-1933) <i>re</i> his advice concerning Nicholson's career possibilities etc. Also included is a typescript list of Nicholson's honours and list of organisations in which he held a principal office or position.	1929-1981
A.80-A.102	DIARIES AND JOURNALS Manuscript, in Nicholson's hand.	1945-2001
A.80	'Various trips 1964-83 INCL. S. America, Donana, Tunisia' Pocket softback ringbinder so inscribed on cover. The entries are detailed and in journal form. The main foreign trips recorded are as follows: South and Central America, February 1964; Tunisia, April 1975; Coto Donana, Spain, April-May 1976. UK visits and engagements, 1982-1983, are included.	1964-1983
A.81-A.90	Series of ten numbered journals for 1970 With the exception of the first, a large notepad, these are identical softback, ring-bound exercise books. They have been used by Nicholson as journals (though he has inscribed some 'Diary' on the cover) recording, in detail, his activities from early February to December 1970. The	1970 /...

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/... entries cover conferences (foreign and UK), topics discussed with leading conservationists and colleagues, other conservation business such as the International Biological Programme, engagements and personal and family matters. He includes his thoughts, observations and opinions.

Significant conferences and foreign trips covered are given in the following descriptions.

A.81 No.1: 8 February - 13 March

Includes European Conservation Conference, Strasbourg, and a visit to the USA (see J.54).

A.82 No.2: 14 March - 19 April

A.83 No.3: 20 April - 25 May

At back is one inserted page of manuscript notes headed '1st Harmony'.

A.84 No.4: 26 May - 29 June

A.85 No.5: 30 June - 19 July

Several pages at the end unused.

A.86 No.6: 20 July - 19 August

Includes holiday in Mallorca.

A.87 No.7: 21 August - 22 September

Includes a conference in the Netherlands (probably an International Ornithological Conference).

A.88 No.8: 23 September - 15 October

Includes conferences in Rome and Madagascar.

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The entries cover Nicholson's activities, observations and thoughts during this extended visit. The journal also covers visits to Italy and Zurich, Switzerland, which followed the Australian leg of the tour. There are a few inserted manuscript papers as follows. At front: 'provisional arrangements for Australian CT meetings' and rough itinerary on verso; at back: bird lists for Australia and Tahiti, notes headed 'The Big Change', and further brief observations in Alaska.

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| A.93 | Journal inscribed on cover 'Intermittent diary' | 1956, 1973-
1979, 1992,
1993 |
| | <p>The journal entries begin in 1973 and document UK travel and general activities, with Nicholson's thoughts, opinions, records of dreams etc. Visits covered include the following: Orkney and Shetland, July 1973; South-west England and East Anglia, September 1993. There are also notes following a visit to Cyril Hurcomb in hospital, 1975.</p> <p>A few intercalated papers, one dated 1956, are included.</p> | |
| A.94 | 'Russian diary', September-October 1978 | |
| | <p>This is a detailed journal written in a notepad inserted into an official conference document wallet labelled 'Moscow-Ashkabad [sic] 1978'. It covers the 14th International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources General Assembly and Technical Meeting at Ashkhabad, USSR (see C.240-C.242).</p> <p>Entries are paginated in a single sequence but are divided into two parts in the journal.</p> | |
| A.95-A.101 | Pocket engagement diaries | 1995-2001 |
| | <p>Bird observations are sometimes included.</p> | |
| A.95 | 1995 | |
| A.96 | 1996 | |
| A.97 | 1997 | |
| A.98 | 1998 | |
| A.99 | 1999 | |
| A.100 | 2000 | |

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A.101	2001	
A.102	Large engagement diary for 1996-2001 Nicholson has only used the diary for April-July 1996. The rest of it is blank.	1996
A.103-A.109	FAMILY AND PERSONAL CORRESPONDENCE	1927-2002, nd
A.103	Family Various papers and correspondence relating to Nicholson's family. Letter from Nicholson's mother to him and his brother, Basil, 1929; undated 1p notes, chiefly typescript, by Nicholson on the 'life and character' of his brother Basil (referred to as 'BDN'); letter from Nicholson's son, David, to his parents, 1979, and copy of a letter from Nicholson to David, 1983; a few miscellaneous papers <i>re</i> family matters.	1929-1994, nd
A.104	'Sedberghians' Contents of an envelope so inscribed. Correspondence, almost all to Nicholson, with two friends from his school years at Sedbergh School, Geoff Rotheray and Hugh Maingay. Rotheray is the principal correspondent.	1927-1980, nd
A.105-A.109	Miscellaneous personal correspondence Chiefly with friends, including many letters of condolence etc from Nicholson following deaths.	1938-2002, nd
A.105	1938-1954	
A.106	1960-1977	

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A.107 1978-1987

A.108 1988-1993

A.109 1994-2002, nd

Included is a typescript list of 'Memorials, obituaries and key people'. Nicholson wrote obituaries for some of the individuals on the list, attended memorial services or corresponded with thier relatives.

A.110-A.129

HOLIDAY TRAVEL

**1927-2001,
nd**

A.110 Tirol, Austria, July 1927

Inscribed envelope and two blank postcards. The inscription on the envelope explains the connection between scenes shown in the postcards and places where Nicholson and his companion, Marurice Brown, stayed.

A.111 Ireland, August-September 1957

This was a tour which took in several parts of Ireland.

Brief correspondence *re* arrangements, hotel receipts etc; manuscript notes *re* a car accident and rough lists of photographs or scenes recorded on film.

A.112 Scotland, May-June 1976

Family holiday, accompanied by Kurt Spillman.

Typescript itinerary with brief notes on the object of the holiday.

A.113 Wales and Ireland, August 1976

Typescript itinerary.

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- A.114 Greece, August-September 1979

Family holiday, accompanied by Kurt Spillman.

1p typescript itinerary etc.
- A.115 Scotland and northern England, August-September 1982

Family holiday accompanied by Kurt Spillman.

Brief correspondence *re* arrangements; manuscript and
typescript itineraries and notes on the trip.
- A.116 Northern England and Scotland, August 1984

Family holiday.

Itinerary and 5pp typescript account of the holiday.
- A.117 Scotland, September 1985

Typescript possible itinerary.
- A.118 Airship flight over London, 24 July 1987

1p manuscript notes on the flight and 2pp detailed
typescript notes; 11 colour photographs taken during the
flight, with annotations on the back in Nicholson's hand.
- A.119 Italy, June-July 1990

Nicholson and his wife were accompanied by Kurt
Spillman.

11pp manuscript account of the trip; notes on other
matters found with the account.
- A.120 Devon and Cornwall, May-June 1991

The trip began with a stay at Dartington Hall, Devon.

Manuscript notes taken during discussions or a course at
Dartington (Schumacher College); manuscript bird lists

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- /... chiefly during the Cornish part of the trip; 2pp typescript account of the Cornwall visit; miscellaneous notes etc concerning the trip.
- A.121 Northern England, June 1992
- Itineraries etc; manuscript notes on the trip and 4pp detailed account; 7 colour photographs of scenes in Cumbria with annotations on the back in Nicholson's hand.
- A.122 Exmoor and Cornwall, 1993
- Typescript possible itinerary dated February 1993.
- A.123 Devon and Norfolk, September 1993
- In Devon Nicholson stayed principally at Dartington Hall, before travelling to Norfolk where he met Aubrey Buxton and visited nature reserves.
- Itineraries etc, with brief correspondence *re* arrangements and arising.
- A.124 Wales and the west of England, June 1994
- The holiday included a few meetings concerning conservation business, including one with the Head of Habitat Section, Department of the Environment, Bristol.
- Typescript accounts of the trip, with notes on business which preceded it.
- A.125 Austria, Hungary and Prague, September 1994
- The tour included attendance at the International Ornithological Congress, Vienna, in August, where Nicholson delivered a presentation on 'Birds of the Western Palearctic'.
- Itineraries etc and typescript account of the tour; 4pp rough manuscript notes for the Congress presentation, 2 manuscript drafts and typescript of the text; copy of letter by Nicholson to C.M. Perrins *re* the Congress.

A.126	Tuscany, Italy, October 1995	
	Nicholson and his wife were joined by friends.	
	2pp typescript account of the trip.	
A.127	Cumbria, June 1998	
	The trip included a visit to Sedbergh School.	
	Letter <i>re</i> arrangements; 7pp manuscript notes (written in diary / journal format on small pieces of paper) and 2pp manuscript summary of the trip; letter arising.	
A.128-A.129	Miscellaneous papers relating to holiday travel	
A.128	'Packing lists' for various excursions in the UK and abroad	1927-2001, nd
	Most are undated.	
A.129	Miscellaneous hotel invoices, itineraries and brief correspondence relating to UK and overseas travel	1928-1982, nd
	Included are 3 photographs of birds in captivity, annotated on the back in Nicholson's hand, taken in Switzerland, 1982.	
A.130-A.133	ENGAGEMENTS AND SOCIAL FUNCTIONS	1932-2002, nd
A.130	Replies to invitations to a party held by Nicholson and his wife to celebrate their marriage	September 1932
A.131	'Housewarming 31 May 1938', contents of an envelope so inscribed	
	Replies to invitations from Nicholson and his wife to a party at their house, with guest list.	

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A.132-A.133	Miscellaneous invitations to engagements, dinner menus etc 2 folders.	1936-2002, nd
A.134-A.149	MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS	1920-2003, nd
A.134	Nicholson's 90th Birthday Letter of congratulations from HRH the Prince of Wales; a few other papers <i>re</i> the occasion of Nicholson's birthday.	1994
A.135	'Action' lists Nicholson's rough lists of important tasks to carry out, with a few similar lists relating to personal matters.	1974-2001, nd
A.136	Books and archives Correspondence, lists and notes <i>re</i> Nicholson's library of books (contents, binding, disposal etc) and the disposal of his personal archives. Included are lists of his archives held in various organisations and a list of his books c.1920.	1920, 1969- 2001, nd
A.137-A.139	Miscellaneous official documents	
A.137	2 driving licences One issued in 1927; the other issued in 1932 and used until 1971.	1927-1971
A.138	United Nations certificate of travel For Nicholson's visit to Baluchistan as leader of the Joint United Nations and Food and Agriculture Organisation Economic Development Survey Team (see B.35-B.40).	1952

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A.139	Various passes and permits; notes (1992) by Nicholson on passports issued for him since 1920	1947-1970, 1992
A.140-A.148	Miscellaneous notes, correspondence and papers The notes are chiefly rough jottings, often without clear headings or titles, on a variety of personal and general matters. Included are quotations from books, notes on thoughts, ideas, activities, incidents etc; correspondence and papers concerning personal expenditure; annotated newspaper cuttings.	1923-2003, nd
A.140	1923-1941	
A.141	1945-1970 Included are 9pp paginated manuscript notes, August 1965, chiefly under the heading 'Notes <i>re</i> women, family etc', the remainder on 'The British system of misgovernment'.	
A.142	1971-2003 Includes a photograph of Nicholson, late in his life.	
A.143-A.148	Nd 6 folders.	
A.149	Book 'Pains Hill Park', by N. and B. Kitz, 1984, with inscription inside cover in Nicholson's hand The inscription states that the book was presented to Nicholson from the authors in 1989.	

SECTION B	ORNITHOLOGY, B.1-B.88	1915-1999, nd
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| B.1-B.10 | BIRD NOTEBOOKS |
| B.11-B.40 | EXPEDITIONS |
| B.41-B.88 | BIRD LISTS AND NOTES |

For further bird lists and notes see sections A, C and F.

B.1-B.10	BIRD NOTEBOOKS	[c.1918]- 1988, nd
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B.1-B.7	'Birds': alphabetical series	[c.1918]- 1960, 1983
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Series of seven hardback ring-binders. Notes chiefly in Nicholson's hand, with some typescript notes.

Each volume contains Nicholson's detailed notes on bird sightings, arranged alphabetically by species. The volumes are labelled on the spine in a continuous alphabetical sequence from 'A' to 'W' (one for 'Y', 'Z' was not found). The entries for each species give dates and locations of sightings (sequence is chronological), usually followed by further notes on a species' distinguishing features; sometimes information on eggs found etc is included. They cover sightings from trips abroad as well as from many parts of the UK. A small number of photographs of birds and nests are found, stuck to pages with adhesive, in a few of the volumes.

The volumes have been used over several decades, additional pages of notes having been added over time. The bulk of the entries are from the 1920s; very few are post 1950s. It appears that Nicholson began writing up these notebooks in c.1918-1920, though there are a few references to earlier bird sightings (from c.1916). It seems likely that he copied some of his very early records into these notebooks.

B.1	'Birds A - B'	[c.1919]-1952
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Extensive notes for Blackbird and Black-headed gull. Four photographs under Black redstart included.

B.2	'Birds C - F'	[c.1919]-1960
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| B.3 | 'Birds G - J' | [c.1919]-
1952, 1983 |
| | Extensive notes for Hawfinch. Three photographs under Icterine warbler included. | |
| B.4 | 'Birds K - L' | [c.1918]-1951 |
| | Includes many pages of notes for species M - P, following those for L (ending with 'Long-tailed tit'). | |
| B.5 | 'Birds M - R' | [c.1918]-1953 |
| | Extensive notes for Mallard. Three photographs under Marsh warbler (two annotated on back); three photographs under Red-backed shrike; and one photograph under Reed warber included. | |
| | See B.4 for further notes on birds M - P. | |
| B.6 | 'Birds S - T' | [c.1919]-1954 |
| | Extensive notes for Starling. | |
| B.7 | 'Birds V - W' | [c.1919]-1952 |
| | Extensive notes on Willow-tit. | |
| B.8-B.10 | Other notebooks | 1922-1988,
nd |
| | These volumes comprise sets of notes, which are not in chronological order, covering numerous ornithological trips in the UK and mainland Europe. Most of these sets have titles and dates. | |
| B.8 | 'Birds 1922-194[?]' | 1922-1979 |
| | Hardback ring-binder so labelled on spine. Mostly in Nicholson's hand, with a few typescript pages. | |
| | Included are notes on the following topics (from the front): 'Bird Census of Kensington Gardens', 1925 (8pp manuscript); house sparrow, [c.1922]-1951; 'List of Birds seen 1908-26'; 'Ecology' with various sub-headings, c.1924-1926, nd; 'The Spring Migration 1925'; 'The | |
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/... Autumn Migration 1925'; various bird censuses 1927-1951 (England, North Wales, Ireland, France, Germany, Sweden etc); 'Birds seen in Greece', August-September 1979.

B.9 'Birds of Specific Areas in Great Britain' c.1923-1988

Hardback ring-binder so labelled. Almost entirely in Nicholson's hand, with a few typescript pages.

Bird lists and notes including those from the following areas (from the front): Scilly Isles, 1946-1962; Cornwall, 1968; North Kent marshes, 1950; Sandwich Bay, East Kent, 1951; South downs, Sussex, 1926; Weycombe Estate, Surrey, 1926; Little Marlow, Buckinghamshire, 1924-1925; East Suffolk, 1949-1952; Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, 1923-1924; Hoy, Orkney, 1939; Scotland (various locations), 1950-1951.

Also included is brief correspondence, 1976-1977, *re* sighting of an unusual warbler by Nicholson.

B.10 'European Bird Notes, outside Gt. Britain' 1926-1976,
nd

Hardback ring-binder so labelled. Mostly in Nicholson's hand, with a few typescript pages.

Chiefly bird notes and lists, those from the following countries / areas are included (from the front): Italy ('Italian sparrow'), nd; Sardinia, Italy, 1973; France (Normandy and Brittany), nd; Switzerland, 1954; Germany, 1975; Ireland, 1925, 1976.

B.11-B.40 EXPEDITIONS 1928-c.1987

B.11-B.16 Oxford University expedition to Greenland, June-August 1928

B.17-B.34 Oxford University expedition to British Guiana, July-November 1929

B.35-B.40 Baluchistan, Pakistan, June-September 1952

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**B.11-B.16 Oxford University expedition to Greenland, June- 1928-1932
August 1928**

Nicholson was one of the ornithologists in the party led by T.G. Longstaff of Christ Church College (naturalist). Nicholson's brother, Basil, was also on the expedition. The main object of the expedition was the ecological study and census of the land bird population of Greenland. The census was carried out over an area of more than eight square miles and studies were made of birds' feeding habits. Nicholson's work and observations on the expedition produced a number of ornithological papers including the following: 'Bird Notes from the North Atlantic', *British Birds*, Vol.22, No.6, November 1928; and 'Field Notes on Greenland Birds (Parts 1 and 2)', *The Ibis*, April 1930. He also wrote some more general articles on Greenland.

**B.11 'Ornithological results of the Oxford Greenland Expedition 1928
1928', talk by Nicholson to the Oxford Ornithological
Society (OOS), 8 November 1928**

12pp typescript draft with manuscript revisions; photocopied letter *re* arrangements and OOS notice; manuscript 'Colour chart of birds likely to be met in Greenland' and further notes on birds' appearance, found with the draft.

B.12 Various drafts and notes relating to the expedition 1928

2pp typescript draft headed 'East Greenland Expedition 1928'; several pages of rough manuscript drafts and notes on the expedition, sightings of birds and other wildlife, and general points about Greenland (a few pages in unidentified hands).

B.13 Printed material relating to the expedition 1928-1932

The material authored by Nicholson is as follows: cutting of article about the expedition, published in *The Times*, August 1928; reprints of the two ornithological papers (published in *British Birds* and *The Ibis*) referred to in the introductory note above.

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B.14-B.16 Photographs taken on the expedition 1928

These are mostly of terrain; a few show some members of the expedition (not close up) and camp site; the only ornithological photograph is of a snow-bunting (B.15).

All are briefly annotated on the back in Nicholson's hand; often locations, features in landscape etc are noted.

3 folders.

B.17-B.34 **Oxford University expedition to British Guiana, July-November 1929** **1929-c.1931, c.1987**

Nicholson was one of the ornithologists in the party led by Major R.W.G. Hingston which included zoologists, a botanist and an entomologist. Nicholson's brother, Basil, was also in the party. A principal objective was to compare life in the rainforest at various levels, from the floor to the treetops. The bird sightings made by the Nicholson brothers on the outward and return trips were recorded in their *British Birds* paper of 1931 (see B.21). Other published papers by Nicholson resulted from the expedition.

B.17 Hardback exercise book inscribed 'Voyages to & from British Guiana 1929' July-October 1929, 1930

In ink; in the hands of Nicholson and Basil Nicholson. The book is chiefly a diary of birds seen on the outward and return voyages, the former written by Nicholson, the latter by Basil Nicholson.

Following the diary entries is the beginning of a manuscript draft (2pp) titled 'An Ornithological Transect of the Atlantic', by Nicholson and Basil Nicholson. A few loose papers have been inserted at the front and back: at the back is a loose letter to Nicholson from 'O.W.R.', 1930.

B.17A Softback pocket field notebook August-September 1929

Inside the cover is the following inscription, added later by Nicholson: 'First original fieldbook used by EMN as ornithologist on the Oxford University British Guiana expedition 1929...August-Sept'.

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- /... In pencil; in the hands of Nicholson and Basil Nicholson. Notes on bird sightings, roughly written, many entries only partly legible.
- B.17B Softback pocket field notebook identical in appearance to B.17A August-October 1929
- Inside the cover is the following inscription, added later by Nicholson: 'Second field notebook mainly Oct-Nov 1929 used by EMN... [etc]'.
- In pencil; in the hands of Nicholson and Basil Nicholson. Notes chiefly on bird sightings; roughly written in places.
- B.17C Very small pocket field notebook, cover missing July-September 1929
- Used from both ends. In pencil; in the hands of Nicholson and Basil Nicholson. Notes on bird sightings.
- B.18 Various logs, notes and lists relating to ornithological and other observations 1929, c.1987
- In Nicholson's hand and typescript. Included are the following:
- 6pp manuscript notes taken from 'daily log' for 19 July-25 August 1929; 6pp manuscript notes headed 'Bustards 1/8/29'; photocopies of typescript logs of treetop watches, 1929, c.1987 (Nicholson appears to have attempted to transcribe or *re-write* the original logs c.1987. These later versions have numerous annotations and revisions).
- B.19-B.26 'Guiana Bird Notes' 1929
- Contents of three large envelopes so inscribed.
- Typescript notes on bird sightings (with dates) and characteristics, by species. Many entries contain a considerable amount of ornithological detail.
- There was no discernible organisation to the papers and they have been kept in the sequence in which found.
- 8 folders.

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- B.27 'Oxford University British Guiana Expedition. c.1929-1930
Ornithological Paper I'

3pp typescript draft with a few manuscript revisions.
- B.28 'Communal Display in Humming Birds', *The Ibis*, January 1931 1930-1931

13pp typescript draft with manuscript revisions; letter *re* publication; 2pp rough manuscript notes on back of 1930 letter from *British Birds*; reprint.
- B.29 'An Ornithological Transect of the North Atlantic', with B.D. Nicholson, *British Birds*, Vol.24, No.10, March 1931

The paper was the product of three crossings between London and Georgetown made by Nicholson and Basil Nicholson as they returned separately from British Guiana.

Softback exercise book containing 28pp manuscript draft, in Basil Nicholson's hand, of part of the paper (a list of contents on the cover is misleading: the draft and a very brief note on the last page comprise all of the used pages); reprint of the paper.
- B.30-B.31 'Field Notes on the Guiana King Humming-Bird', *The Ibis*, July 1931
- B.30 28pp typescript draft with manuscript revisions
- B.31 Various manuscript and typescript papers relating to the article

Chiefly records / logs of observations (included is an incomplete typescript of a possible further article titled 'Field Notes on Guiana Humming-Birds'); reprint of the July 1931 article.
- B.32 Further writing on the expedition, chiefly by Nicholson 1929-c.1931

Included are the following: incomplete 12pp typescript account of the expedition, c.1930-1931; incomplete 5pp typescript draft (?from published talk) headed 'Orn. Res. /...

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- /... O.U. B.G.X. O.O.S. Paper 3.12.31'; cuttings of newspaper articles on the expedition, one by Nicholson, 1929-1930.
- B.33 Miscellaneous correspondence arising from the expedition 1929-1930
- B.34 Miscellaneous papers c.1929-1931
Included are typescript notes for 'Guiana - territory paper' and rough sketches, some headed 'Boundary trail'.
- B.35-B.40 Baluchistan, Pakistan, June-September 1952 1952, 1961**
- Nicholson undertook a major survey of bird population and ecology in the highlands of Baluchistan. The reason for his trip was to lead the Joint United Nations and Food and Agriculture Organisation Economic Development Survey Team but he found time for intensive ornithology as he travelled around the region. His survey eventually resulted in a paper given to the British Ornithologists' Union in 1961.
- Almost all the material in the following descriptions relates to ornithology.
- See A.138 for Nicholson's official certificate of travel.
- B.35-B.36 Set of detailed manuscript notes on birds observed at various stages of the trip (beginning at Karachi, 3 June)
Many of the notes are under names of bird species; other pages are headed with names of districts, locations or numbered 'Bird transects'.
2 folders.
- B.37 48pp typescript revised and paginated version of the notes in B.35-B.36

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- B.38 Letter from J.D. Macdonald (British Museum) *re* Nicholson's trip, May 1952; various rough manuscript notes on bird sightings and other brief jottings made on the trip
- One page is headed '2 June 1952 Journey to Karachi'.
- B.39-B.40 'A Reconnaissance of Bird Population and Ecology in the Baluchistan Highlands', paper delivered at a Conference of the British Ornithologists' Union, York, 24-26 March 1961
- The paper appears to have been published after considerable reduction to the text.
- B.39 3pp manuscript draft of the beginning of the paper and 1p manuscript notes; two copies of 17pp typescript 'first draft' of the paper (both copies have manuscript annotations by Nicholson) with related letter; 2pp further brief typescript and manuscript notes
- B.40 Conference programme; letter *re* publication of the paper with referees' comments attached
- B.41-B.88 BIRD LISTS AND NOTES 1915-1999, nd**
- Chiefly in Nicholson's hand, with some typescript papers.
- The material described here consists of general ornithological records distinct from the notebooks in B.1-B.10. It covers both organised fieldwork and casual observations in the UK and abroad. Many lists and notes are written on small pieces of paper and some are illegible.
- B.41-B.70 Large files organised geographically
- B.71-B.82 Other groups of organised papers
- B.83-B.88 Miscellaneous birds lists and notes

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B.41-B.70 Large files organised geographically 1915-1987

Contents of Nicholson's large files of bird lists and notes which he had organised on a geographical basis and inscribed accordingly. This arrangement is reproduced in the descriptions that follow. Some files were titled 'Bird Lists', others 'Bird Notes', but in respect of the material they contained, this distinction appears to have no significance. The files all contained envelopes relating to more specific geographical areas. These envelopes have been listed in the order in which they were found in the files. No chronological ordering of the papers was found in any of the envelopes and no *re*-arrangement has been attempted.

Correspondence, very small pocket notebooks, and draft material for publications are occasionally found.

The organisation is as follows:

- B.41-B.53 England and Wales
- B.54-B.63 Europe, excluding UK
- B.64-B.70 Non-European countries

B.41-B.53 England and Wales 1915-1977

The first three files in this group (Hampshire, Devon & Cornwall, Southern England) were found tied together.

B.41-B.42 'Hampshire' [?1926]-1959

Material contained in two envelopes with the following inscriptions:

B.41 'Birds Hants mainland' ?1926, 1936-1959

Included is brief correspondence with Edwin [surname not written] *re* a publication, 1959.

Bird lists go up to 1957.

B.42 'Birds Isle of Wight' 1945-1950

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B.43-B.44	'Devon & Cornwall'	1932-c.1971
	Material contained in two envelopes with the following inscriptions:	
B.43	'Bird Notes Devon'	1932-1961
B.44	'Tresco [Scilly Isles] Bird pop[ulatio]n'	c.1971
	11pp typescript draft titled 'A New Tool for Land Studies: Trials on Tresco', with manuscript revisions, and a few related papers.	
	The draft appears to relate to Nicholson's development of the 'Geogram'.	
	See C.454-C.455 for further material relating to the Tresco Geogram project.	
B.45-B.50	'S[outhern] England'	1915-1976
	Material contained in five envelopes with the following inscriptions:	
B.45-B.46	'Oxon Berks Bucks Beds Tring Bird lists'	1926-1976
	2 folders.	
B.47	'Kent'	1934-1946, ?1947
B.48	'Bird Notes Sussex'	1915-1919
	Childhood notes.	
B.49	'Hindon & Chitterne [Wiltshire]'	1932-1933
	Included is a 3pp typescript titled 'Some notes on rookeries', 1932.	

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B.50	Untitled envelope, notes chiefly on Sussex and Surrey Bird list for King's Norton, ?Worcestershire, included.	1936-1948
B.51-B.53	'Rest of England & Wales' Material contained in three envelopes inscribed as follows:	
B.51	'Bird Lists N[orthern] England' Chiefly 1935.	[c.1935]- 1938, 1953, 1977
B.52	'Bird Lists East Anglia (Minismere extracted 31.12.96)'	1935-1953, 1971-1972
B.53	'Bird Lists Wales'	1932-1945
B.54-B.63	Europe, excluding UK Contents of a large file inscribed 'Foreign Bird Notes Europe'. Material contained in nine envelopes with the following inscriptions:	1927-1986
B.54	'Foreign Bird Notes Europe Misc. incl. Scandinavia, Yugoslavia'	1933-1976
B.55	'Birds of Ireland'	1935-1955
B.56	'France Pays de Dombes near Swiss frontier'	1937
B.57	'France Roscoff Brittany Carteret Normandy' Notes cover other parts of France and also a visit to Italy, 1952.	1927-1962

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B.58-B.59	'Ohrid [Macedonia, Yugoslavia] Bird List'	1978-1979
	Observations made during Nicholson's visit to attend the 17th World Conference of the International Council on Bird Preservation, June 1978.	
	Correspondence 1978-1979 is included. Three photographs of Nicholson (alone and with a group) are at B.59.	
	2 folders.	
B.60	'Bird Lists Switzerland'	1946, 1954-1986
	Chiefly 1965-1978.	
B.61	'France Biscay Coast & Loire'	1980
B.62	'Spain Portugal Pyrenees'	1944, 1959-1960
	Chiefly 1959-1960.	
B.63	'Netherlands Germany Austria [Finland appears to be crossed out]'	1927-1973
B.64-B.70	Non-European countries	1943-1987
	Contents of a large file inscribed 'Bird Notes Non-European'. Material contained in five envelopes with the following inscriptions:	
B.64	'Tunisia Birds'	1967-1975
	Chiefly 1975. Included is a printed report on 'Tunisia Expedition 1969'; Nicholson does not appear to have participated but the report mentions his role in a 1967 expedition.	

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B.65	<p>'Osprey Yellowstone [National Park, USA]'</p> <p>All the material relates to Nicholson's short account of an incident involving an Osprey which he, and co-author J. Dorst, attempted to publish in the journal <i>The Auk</i>.</p> <p>1p manuscript draft of the paper titled 'Drowning of a Fishing Osprey at Yellowstone'; typescript draft version with manuscript revisions; letters from Dorst to Nicholson, 1972-1975 (in French), and from <i>The Auk</i> with referee's comments.</p>	1972-1975
B.66	<p>'Africa'</p> <p>Countries include Kenya, Uganda and Tunisia.</p> <p>Chiefly 1963-1971.</p>	1943, 1963-1971
B.67-B.68	<p>'Turkish Bird List'</p> <p>2 folders.</p>	1987
B.69	<p>'N[orth] America'</p> <p>USA and Canada.</p>	1944-1946, 1972, 1987
B.70	<p>Loose papers</p> <p>A small quantity of bird lists for the following areas: New Caledonia (south-west Pacific), 1971; Turkmenistan, 1978.</p>	1971, 1978
B.71-B.82	<p>Other groups of organised papers</p> <p>Contents of inscribed envelopes and files or other significant groups of bird lists and notes which could be identified as belonging to particular surveys. Inscriptions on envelopes etc are reproduced in the following descriptions.</p>	1925-1991

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| B.71 | 'London Bird Archives' | 1925, 1926,
c.1949, 1975 |
| | Included are the following: manuscript birds lists for London, 1925 and 1926 (Kensington Gardens); typescript lists from the Kensington Gardens census, 1975. | |
| B.72-B.73 | 'Bird Notes Cornwall' | 1925, 1946-
1975 |
| | Chiefly 1946-1948. Included at B.73 are 7pp detailed typescript notes on observations in North Cornwall, 1946-1948, and correspondence, 1948. | |
| | 2 folders. | |
| B.74 | 'Train bird counts 1920s' | c.1927-1933 |
| | Rough lists and notes from various train journeys in the UK and mainland Europe. | |
| B.75 | Oxford Bird Census | 1928-c.1930 |
| | Manuscript and typescript notes and 'brief memorandum' re the census, with further manuscript pages found with this material, possibly relating to the census (some appear to be from a draft or drafts). | |
| | See C.437 for related papers. | |
| B.76 | 'Bird counts from the train' | c.1932 |
| | Set of notes relating to journeys in England and Wales. | |
| B.77 | Notes from a visit to St David's, Pembrokeshire, August-September 1937 | 1937 |
| B.77A | 'Thekla Lark' | 1960-1984 |
| | Notes 1960-1978; brief correspondence 1975; typescripts 1984, probably for <i>Birds of the Western Palearctic</i> . | |

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B.78-B.79	'Birds at the Nebb, Lowestoft, Suffolk'	1972-1991
	Lists 1973-1991; in addition are notes on a 'Trial Geogram of Somerleyton [East Suffolk]', 1972, at B.79.	
B.80	Notepad inscribed 'Greece Alonnisos Peloponnese 1979'	1979
	Lists and notes.	
B.81-B.82	Holiday in Greece, June 1985	1985
B.81	Notepad inscribed 'Thasos log & Khalkioiki June 1985' on cover	
	Notes on bird sightings, also on general observations.	
B.82	Lists and notes, including further pages covering Thasos	
B.83-B.88	Miscellaneous birds lists and notes	1923-1999, nd
	In chronological order.	
B.83	1923-1935	
B.84	1936-1957	
B.85	1958-1988	
B.86	1990-1999	
	Almost all covering London.	
B.87-B.88	Undated	
	2 folders.	

SECTION C	NATURE CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENT, C.1-C.525	1926-2002, nd
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C.1-C.28 NATURE CONSERVANCY

C.29-C.525 VARIOUS ORGANISATIONS, PROJECTS
AND TOPICS

C.1-C.28	NATURE CONSERVANCY	1950-2002, nd
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Nicholson was Director-General, 1952-1966.

The Nature Conservancy Council replaced the Nature Conservancy in 1973.

See L.92 for correspondence concerning Nicholson's employment at the Nature Conservancy, including his transfer from the Lord President's Office. See C.48-C.55 for papers relating to conservation of the Camargue, France, with which Nicholson was involved partly in his capacity as Director-General.

C.1-C.24	Correspondence and papers	1950-1996, nd
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C.1-C.7	General business	1951-1973, nd
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Included are various memoranda, discussion papers and other documents written by Nicholson.

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C.8-C.14	'Nature Conservancy Scotland'	1950-1989
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Contents of a file so titled.

C.8-C.12	Correspondence, chiefly Nicholson's, with officials at the Nature Conservancy in Scotland (Edinburgh) and other individuals connected with its work, with related papers	1950-1966
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One of the principal correspondents is John Berry, Director of the Nature Conservancy in Scotland.

5 folders.

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| C.13-C.14 | Later correspondence with various individuals and organisations relating to nature conservation in Scotland

2 folders. | 1968-1989 |
| C.15-C.16 | 'NC papers on specific subjects and persons'

Contents of an envelope so inscribed.

Papers and correspondence <i>re</i> various Nature Conservancy committees etc, appointments and other business.

2 folders. | 1951-1970,
1988 |
| C.17 | 'Royal Society Memorandum: Encouragement of Scientific Research'

Various papers relating to the memorandum, with brief correspondence. | 1960 |
| C.18-C.21 | Monks Wood Experimental Station and Biological Records Centre

The Nature Conservancy opened the Monks Wood Experimental Station in October 1963. The following year the Biological Records Centre was established at the Station, under F.H. Perring, though it was not fully integrated into the Nature Conservancy for three years. The Centre was involved with the International Biological Programme and other international projects. | 1963-1996 |
| C.18-C.19 | Various papers, with brief correspondence, <i>re</i> events and anniversaries connected with Monks Wood and other matters

Included is a 2pp manuscript draft of an after-dinner speech by Nicholson at a 21st anniversary celebration, November 1984. C.19 is an album with photographs and signatures of staff presented to Nicholson at the 21st anniversary party.

2 folders. | 1963-1996 |

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| C.20 | Correspondence etc relating to F.H. Perring's visit to North America, 1965, in connection with the International Biological Programme

Chiefly <i>re</i> arrangements.

Contents of a file. | 1965 |
| C.21 | Later correspondence concerning the Biological Records Centre

Chiefly 1988, <i>re</i> the effects of NERC's financial difficulties on the centre. | 1988-1990 |
| C.22 | 'Cow Green Reservoir'

Contents of a file so inscribed.

Cow Green, in Upper Teesdale, was the site chosen for a proposed reservoir, an environmentally controversial plan which was strongly opposed by leading botanists. | 1965-1971 |
| C.23-C.24 | Photographs

Contents of an envelope inscribed 'Nature Conservancy Trips'.

All are black and white. Most have inscriptions in Nicholson's hand on the back, giving date, location and names of individuals featured. | [?1950]-1961 |
| C.23 | One photograph featuring Nicholson inscribed 'IOC Upsala?' on back, with piece of paper inscribed 'IOC 1950?'; 21 (very small) photographs from envelope inscribed 'W. Ross Trip July 1957 NC Scotland', mostly landscapes, a few featuring a group (Nicholson not identifiable) | ?1950, 1957 |
| C.24 | 10 photographs taken at various locations, including 'Wychwood' (Gloucestershire) and 'Aston Rowant' (Oxfordshire), all inscribed '1961'

A number feature a small group; Nicholson is clearly identifiable in one photograph only. C.S. Elton is featured in another (from inscription on back). | 1961 |

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| C.25 | <p>Nature Conservancy Council (NCC)</p> <p>Nicholson served on the Council's UK Committee for International Nature Conservation.</p> <p>Correspondence and papers <i>re</i> various NCC business, including a few letters to Nicholson from Director-General, Chairman etc, and papers of the Committee mentioned above.</p> | <p>1976-1991,
nd</p> |
| C.26 | <p>Tansley Club</p> <p>The Club was formed in 1957 to keep serving and past Nature Conservancy staff in touch with the Conservancy's work. Nicholson was a member and also served on the Tansley Club Committee.</p> | <p>1967-1973,
1981</p> |
| C.27 | <p>49 Club (formerly '71222 Club')</p> <p>The Club was established in the early 1990s as informal gatherings of staff from the former Nature Conservancy / Nature Conservancy Council. Nicholson became Patron in 1993.</p> <p>Brief papers and correspondence, with photographs, <i>re</i> foundation of the Club and various annual meetings.</p> <p>The photographs, all annotated on the back in Nicholson's hand, are as follows: one from 1993 meeting featuring Nicholson in a group of 'NC DG s [Nature Conservancy Director-Generals]'; 9 from 1996 meeting, one only featuring Nicholson.</p> | <p>1992-2002,
nd</p> |
| C.28 | <p>Brief later correspondence etc <i>re</i> Nature Conservancy history</p> <p>Included is a typescript draft by Nicholson titled 'Benn Eighe and its role in establishing a Nature Conservancy'.</p> | <p>1994-2000</p> |

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C.29-C.525	VARIOUS ORGANISATIONS, PROJECTS AND TOPICS	1926-2003, nd
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Arranged alphabetically.

The contents are as follows:

C.29-C.30	1937 BIRD CLUB
C.31	AD HOC GROUP ON GOVERNMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT
C.32	ALDABRA
C.33	AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION
C.34	BARDSEY ISLAND APPEAL
C.35-C.36	BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN STEERING GROUP
C.37	BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR CONSERVATION AND SHOOTING
C.38	BRITISH ECOLOGICAL SOCIETY
C.39	BRITISH ORNITHOLOGISTS' CLUB
C.40-C.42	BRITISH ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION (BOU)
C.43-C.44	BRITISH TRUST FOR ORNITHOLOGY (BTO)
C.45-C.47	BUREAU OF ANIMAL POPULATION, OXFORD
C.48-C.55	CAMARGUE, FRANCE
C.56	CENTRE FOR ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENT (CEED)
C.57-C.73	COMMON GROUND - INTERNATIONAL (CGI)
C.74	CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR THE UK
C.75-C.107	COTO DONANA, SPAIN
C.108	COUNCIL FOR NATURE
C.109-C.111	'COUNTRYSIDE IN 1970'
C.112-C.222	EARTHWATCH EUROPE / PROJECT S'ALBUFERA

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| C.223 | ENVIRONMENTAL DATA SERVICES (ENDS) |
| C.224 | FAIR ISLE BIRD OBSERVATORY TRUST |
| C.225-C.226 | FALKLAND ISLANDS |
| C.227-C.229 | GEOGRAM |
| C.230 | HERITAGE GROUP |
| C.231-C.238 | INTERNATIONAL BIOLOGICAL PROGRAMME (IBP) |
| C.239 | INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR BIRD PRESERVATION (ICBP) |
| C.240-C.245 | INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR THE CONSERVATION OF NATURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES (IUCN) |
| C.246-C.248 | ISLE OF RHUM NATIONAL NATURE RESERVE |
| C.249-C.252 | LAND USE CONSULTANTS (LUC) |
| C.253-C.436 | NEW RENAISSANCE GROUP (NRG) |
| C.437-C.438 | OXFORD ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY |
| C.439 | ROYAL NAVAL BIRDWATCHING SOCIETY |
| C.440-C.446 | ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF BIRDS (RSPB) |
| C.447-C.449 | ROYAL SOCIETY OF ARTS (RSA) |
| C.450 | ROYAL SOCIETY UNESCO COMMITTEE |
| C.451 | SCOTTISH ORNITHOLOGISTS' CLUB |
| C.452 | SOCIETY FOR THE PROMOTION OF NATURE RESERVES (SPNR) |
| C.453 | TOURISM |
| C.454-C.455 | TRESCO, ISLES OF SCILLY |
| C.456-C.485 | TRUST FOR URBAN ECOLOGY (TRUE) |
| C.486 | UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON THE HUMAN ENVIRONMENT |
| C.487 | UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON |
| C.488-C.494 | 'THE WAKES', SELBORNE, HAMPSHIRE |
| C.495 | WILDFOWL AND WETLANDS TRUST |

C.496-C.504	WORLD CONSERVATION STRATEGY (WCS)
C.505-C.510	WORLD WIDE FUND FOR NATURE (WWF)
C.511-C.525	MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS AND CORRESPONDENCE

2 folders.

Printed report by the Group presented to the Standing Committee of 'The Countryside in 1970', July 1969; letter *re* the releasing of the report.

2pp undated rough draft of a letter by Nicholson, titled 'What Aldabra shows', to an unidentified publication; 3pp manuscript notes untitled and undated; copies of Royal Society report and other papers.

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| C.33 | American Ornithologists' Union | 1953 |
| | <p>Brief correspondence <i>re</i> election as a Corresponding Fellow.</p> | |
| C.34 | Bardsey Island Appeal | 1977-1980 |
| | <p>Nicholson was a Patron of the Appeal which was set up in 1978 by the Bardsey Island Trust Ltd. The Trust sought to raise sufficient funds to buy the island to protect it from future private development.</p> <p>Letters to Nicholson from Appeal Chairman <i>re</i> initial request and the launch and progress of the Appeal.</p> | |
| C.35-C.36 | Biodiversity Action Plan Steering Group | 1994-1996 |
| | <p>Nicholson took a very close interest in the work of the Steering Group which was established by the Department of Environment in 1994. He attended the official launch of the Steering Group's Report in December 1995 and was impressed with its plans for combatting threats to biodiversity.</p> | |
| C.35 | Typescript paper by Nicholson titled 'Biodiversity - Channelling Field Data into Use in action', circulated at the Steering Group's first meeting, with related letter from R. Sharp, June 1994; 1p typescript notes by Nicholson titled 'The Post-UNCED Challenge', dated June 1994 | 1994 |
| C.36 | Copy of letter, 1995, from Nicholson to Prime Minister John Major congratulating the Steering Group on its Report, with copy of reply by Private Secretary; a few other papers relating to the Steering Group | 1994-1996 |
| C.37 | British Association for Conservation and Shooting (formally The Wildfowlers' Association of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) | 1966-1997 |

Nicholson was elected a Vice-President in 1966.

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/... Correspondence *re* general matters and wildfowl shooting issues.

C.38 **British Ecological Society** **1988-1989,
2002, nd**

Nicholson was elected an Honorary Member in 1988.

Correspondence etc chiefly *re* the Society's meeting in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, December 1988, at which Nicholson received his Honorary Membership. Included are 1p typescript and manuscript draft of [?acceptance] speech headed 'Ecology the public and private face', typescript summary by Nicholson of his 'Involvements in Ecology'.

C.39 **British Ornithologists' Club** **1932-1977**

Nicholson was a member.

Brief correspondence etc *re* requests to give talks and general business.

C.40-C.42 **British Ornithologists' Union (BOU)** **1934-1997,
nd**

Nicholson was Vice-President 1958-1961.

C.40 Correspondence etc *re* conferences and meetings, requests for contributions to *The Ibis* and other matters **1934-1964,
1979-1997,
nd**

Included are typescript drafts / summaries of talks and lectures by Nicholson delivered at BOU meetings in 1962 and 1964.

C.41-C.42 Annual Conference, Shuttleworth College, Bedfordshire, 6-10 April 1994 **1993-1994**

Nicholson delivered an address titled 'Ornithology and Conservation - from Past to Future'.

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Various notes, typescript draft, delivery copy and offprint of the address, with correspondence etc relating to it and the Conference.

2 folders.

C.43-C.44

British Trust for Ornithology (BTO)

**1951-2002,
nd**

Nicholson founded the BTO in 1933 and served as Secretary and, later, as Chairman. He received the BTO's Tucker Medal in 1958 and the Founder's Medal in 1991.

Correspondence and papers *re* talks and lectures given by Nicholson to the BTO, participation in anniversary events etc, historical matters and general business. Included at C.43 is a typescript of Nicholson's Founder's Medal acceptance speech.

2 folders.

C.45-C.47

Bureau of Animal Population, Oxford

1963-1964

Nicholson served on the Bureau's Committee for Review of Activities. His involvement in the Committee appears to have arisen from his Director-Generalship of the Nature Conservancy.

Correspondence and committee papers. A few letters to Nicholson from C.S. Elton are included.

3 folders.

C.48-C.55

Camargue, France

1949-1994

Increasing economic exploitation in the 1940s of the Camargue, a nature reserve of unique scientific interest situated within the delta of the River Rhone, attracted the attention of environmentalists around Europe. Nicholson, as Director-General of the Nature Conservancy, became involved in efforts to safeguard the most important areas of the Camargue, though his ornithological interest in the site began at an earlier stage.

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- /... Nicholson's known visits to the Camargue were made in 1949, 1956 and 1994.
- See also C.76, F.125, F.136 and L.52.
- C.48 'Camargue Trip [May] 1949' May-August 1949
- 15pp manuscript notes on bird sightings so headed, with further very rough manuscript notes contained inside a folded page of the former; letter arising; financial papers relating to the trip.
- C.49 'The Camargue - Scientific', contents of a file so inscribed 1949-c.1952, 1957
- Various typescript papers on avifauna and ecological research, some in French (most appear not to be authored by Nicholson, though his annotations are found); 1957 reprint of *British Birds* paper by Nicholson et al. 'The Camargue and the Coto Donana' (see C.52 for correspondence *re* this paper).
- C.50-C.51 Official correspondence and papers 1950-1958, 1974
- Principal correspondent is L. Hoffmann of the Tour du Valat Biological Station in the Camargue. Included are manuscript notes by Nicholson, some apparently relating to a conference in Paris, March 1953, and a 7pp typescript account of Nicholson's visit to the Camargue, ?1956 (C.51).
- Chiefly 1952-1956. Some letters and papers are in French.
- 2 folders.
- C.52-C.53 'Camargue & Coto Donana some ecological & orn. material', contents of a file so inscribed 1957, nd
- C.52 Correspondence, chiefly with I.J. Ferguson-Lees, *re* the paper by Nicholson, I.J. Ferguson-Lees and P.A.D. Hollom 'The Camargue and the Coto Donana', *British Birds*, December 1957 (see C.49 for reprint) 1957

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| C.53 | Typescript of paper by L. Hoffmann titled 'An Ecological Sketch of the Camargue', with manuscript revisions by Nicholson, and 34pp revised version | Nd |
| C.54-C.55 | Miscellaneous correspondence and papers

Included is brief correspondence <i>re</i> a trip to the Camargue in 1994 (C.54).

2 folders. | 1951-2002 |
| C.56 | Centre for Economic and Environmental Development (CEED)

Nicholson appears to have been an advisor to CEED, though it is unclear whether he held any official consulting or other position.

Chiefly typescript notes and draft letters by Nicholson on discussions with CEED concerning awareness of environmental issues within business and industry. Included also are letters and papers <i>re</i> the launch of CEED in 1984, an invitation to a conference, 1986, and undated manuscript notes headed 'CEED'. | 1984-1993,
nd |
| C.57-C.73 | Common Ground - International (CGI)

The CGI was convened by Lady Medawar as an informal group to bring together conservationists and family planners, the resources for its operation being provided by the International Planned Parenthood Federation. CGI contributed to the drafting of the Second World Conservation Strategy's section on population.

Nicholson was Chairman. | 1980-1991 |
| C.57-C.69 | Correspondence, reports of meetings and other papers

<i>re</i> general business. | 1980-1990 |

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C.57-C.59	1980-1982 Chiefly 1981-1982. 3 folders.	
C.60-C.62	1983-1985 Chiefly 1984-1985. 3 folders.	
C.63-C.66	1986-1988 4 folders.	
C.67-C.69	1989-1990 3 folders.	
C.70-C.71	'CGI Redrafts for World Conservation Strategy 1990', contents of a file so inscribed Correspondence and papers <i>re</i> CGI's comments on the population section of the draft Second World Conservation Strategy. Included are typescript notes and a 'Provisional draft' by Nicholson. 2 folders.	1990
C.72	Correspondence etc <i>re</i> further developments with the drafting of the Second World Conservation Strategy Contents of a file.	September 1990, 1991
C.73	'Common Ground external papers', contents of a file so inscribed Miscellaneous material including papers relating to conferences and brief correspondence external to CGI.	1981-1982

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C.74	Conservation and Development Programme for the UK	1982
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Nicholson was Chairman of the Programme Standing Committee.

Brief papers *re* meeting or meetings, including typescript notes by Nicholson on various points.

C.75-C.107	Coto Donana, Spain	1949-2000, nd
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Coto Donana, an area with exceptionally diverse flora and fauna, came to the attention of conservationists, internationally, in the 1950s. Guy Mountfort's expedition to the Coto Donana in 1957 was followed by the establishment of a biological reserve in 1964 and, later, a National Park. Nicholson, who had been on the Mountfort expedition, participated in a project in the late 1970s involving several organisations, including the World Wildlife Fund, to produce a sound 'Master Plan' for the future development of the reserve, park and biological station.

See A.80 for journal entries for a visit to Coto Donana, April-May 1976. See also C.52-C.53.

C.75-C.77	'The Birds of the Coto Donana April-May 1956 + subsequent lists'	1956-1977, nd
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Contents of an envelope so inscribed.

C.75	'The Birds of the Coto Donana South Spain April / May 1956'
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67pp typescript bird notes compiled by I.J. Ferguson-Lees. These were a summary of the notes made by an expedition to the area in April-May 1956 led by Guy Mountfort.

C.76	Manuscript bird lists by Nicholson	1957-1977, nd
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Three visits to the Coto Donana are covered: May 1957, April-May 1976 and March 1977, and a few undated manuscript and typescript lists are included.

Also included is a 5pp typescript by R. [?Leveque] 'Some comments about the birds composing the main Breeding

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- /... -season populations of the Coto Donana and the Camargue' (appears to cover the Camargue only), with his annotations, 1957.
- C.77 'The Coto Donana - Twenty Years of Change', by Nicholson et al. ?1976
- 13pp draft in Nicholson's hand, with attached manuscript notes.
- C.78-C.81 'Past, Present and Future', chapter by Nicholson contributed to *Portrait of a Wilderness. The Story of the Coto Donana Expeditions*, by Guy Mountfort, London 1958 1957-1958
- Contents of an envelope inscribed 'Coto Donana 1957'.
- Nicholson took part in the important 1957 expedition which included visits to other locations in Spain, April-June 1957 (Coto Donana visit was during May). He was responsible for sound recording and field work. The expedition documented the ecological significance of the Coto Donana and paved the way for the establishment of the various subsequent conservation programmes. It was led by Guy Mountfort and also included J.S. Huxley, E. Hosking, I.J. Ferguson-Lees and P.A.D. Hollom.
- C.78 13pp typescript draft with manuscript revisions in an unidentified hand
- C.79-C.81 Correspondence and papers *re* the preparation of Mountfort's book and Nicholson's chapter, with a few papers relating to the expedition 1957-January 1958
- Mountfort is the principal correspondent. At C.79 is a small pocket notebook in Nicholson's hand with notes on photographs taken at the Coto Donana.
- Also included are a few letters relating to an 'introductory paper on the Camargue and the Coto Donana' by I.J. Ferguson-Lees (see C.52).
- 3 folders.

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C.82-C.84	'Letters Donana' Contents of an envelope so inscribed.	1976-1983
C.82-C.83	Nicholson's correspondence with various individuals, with related papers, <i>re</i> new approaches to the conservation of Coto Donana 2 folders.	1976-1983
C.84	Detailed manuscript notes, in Nicholson's hand, for the Coto Donana Management Plan This Plan was also referred to as the 'Master Plan'.	1977-1979
C.85-C.86	'The Coto Donana - History of a Struggle', an article by Nicholson, possibly published in <i>The Geographical Magazine</i>	1963-1978
C.85	12pp typescript draft with manuscript revisions, March 1978, with explanatory note; revised version; note in Spanish relating to the article; brief correspondence <i>re</i> possible publication The article attempted to summarise the background to the drawing up of the 'Master Plan'.	1978
C.86	Two untitled typescript drafts <i>re</i> international support for Coto Donana, dated 1963; typescript note <i>re</i> publicity for Coto Donana, 1963 These papers were found with those in C.85.	1963
C.87-C.88	'Donana '79-'83' Contents of an envelope so inscribed.	
C.87	Typescript draft by Nicholson titled 'Coto Donana Management Plan', 1977; typescript draft 'Master Plan', 1977, possibly by Nicholson; manuscript draft by Nicholson with later 6pp typescript draft version titled 'Coto de Donana, Spain, the present state of play', 1978; various notes, mostly typescript (authorship not indicated)	1977-1980 /...

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- /... including a page titled 'Changes in ecology and fauna'; papers in Spanish
- The 1977 draft documents resulted from a meeting on the future of the Coto Donana in Madrid, March 1977, which Nicholson attended.
- C.88 Correspondence between Nicholson and J.J.H. Wilson *re* the latter's visit to the Coto Donana 1983
- C.89-C.90 Papers and correspondence 1976-1983
- Contents of an unmarked envelope.
- C.89 Various notes and drafts by Nicholson 1976-1981
- 2pp manuscript notes on 'Purple Gallinules' dated 29 April 1976; 2pp typescript notes headed 'Objective of the [Master Plan] Project', 1977; set of manuscript notes headed 'Donana follow-up' on first page, 1981; 4pp typescript draft titled 'The Rescue of Donana', undated (after 1978); various undated manuscript notes and drafts.
- C.90 Correspondence and reports *re* visits to the Coto Donana by others, in particular Cindy Buxton of Survival Anglia Ltd 1980-1983
- C.91 'Spanish lagoons south of Coto Donana' 1978-1979
- Contents of an envelope so inscribed.
- Brief correspondence, with maps and other papers, *re* the ecology of the lagoons.
- C.92 Symposium on Specialist Group Visits to Donana National Park, 22-26 November 1981 1981
- The Symposium appears to have been held within or close to the Coto Donana. Nicholson participated.
- Various papers including programme and typescript notes by Nicholson written before and after the Symposium; letter arising.

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| C.93 | <p>Undated manuscript notes by Nicholson, contents of an envelope</p> <p>One set of notes is headed 'Paper for Nov. [?1981] Symposium', another set is titled 'Visiting the Parque Nacional de Donana'; copy of letter from Nicholson to J. Castroviejo, August 1984 (found with the notes).</p> <p>All the notes are possibly related to the Symposium of November 1981 (see C.92).</p> | [c.1981]-1984 |
| C.94 | <p>Correspondence <i>re</i> threats to Coto Donana from proposed tourist development</p> <p>Included is copy of Nicholson's letter to the Duke of Edinburgh and the latter's reply.</p> <p>There was strong opposition to the development, within Spain and internationally, to which Nicholson gave his support.</p> | 1990 |
| C.95 | <p>Meeting of the Spanish Ornithological Society, Coto Donana, December 2000</p> <p>Nicholson accepted an invitation to attend the meeting at which he received an award for his contribution to conserving the Coto Donana.</p> <p>Biographical note on Nicholson; 1p rough manuscript notes on the trip; copies of letters of thanks from Nicholson to the hosts.</p> | 2000 |
| C.96 | <p>Printed material relating to the conservation of the Coto Donana</p> <p>Reprints of papers, including one by Nicholson (1963) and another to which he contributed photographs (1958); ornithological reports; cuttings of newspaper articles etc, some by Nicholson.</p> | 1958-1992,
nd |
| C.97-C.102 | <p>Photographs and slides from visits to Coto Donana</p> | 1957-1981 |
| C.97 | <p>16 black and white photographs taken by E. Hosking during the 1957 expedition</p> <p>Most are annotated on the back in Nicholson's hand. A</p> | 1957

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/...	number feature Nicholson, for example riding a horse, birdwatching. Other members of the party featured include J.S. Huxley, Lord Allenbrooke and Guy Mountfort.	
C.98-C.99	34 colour photographs taken during September 1981 Annotated on the back in Nicholson's hand. They show terrain, buildings, observation hides and various individuals. Only one clearly features Nicholson. 2 folders.	1981
C.100	Box containing slides from visits 1976, 1977 Slides annotated in Nicholson's hand.	1976-1977
C.101	Box containing slides from visit 1977 Slides annotated in Nicholson's hand.	1977
C.102	Box containing slides from visit May 1979 Slides annotated in Nicholson's hand.	1979
C.103	Miscellaneous correspondence	1965-1983
C.104-C.107	Miscellaneous papers Included is 1p typescript notes headed 'Sand-piper', 1949. Papers in Spanish have been placed at the end. 4 folders.	1949-1990
C.108	Council for Nature Nicholson was a founder member. Letter <i>re</i> the possible formation of an 'Intelligence Unit', 1959; 9pp typescript text of address at AGM April 1966, titled 'Changing Approaches to NC [nature conservation]	1959-1966 /...

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in Britain', with later attached note by Nicholson describing the address as 'a particularly significant review of the first twenty years of action in UK on nature conservation'; letters *re* invitation to Nicholson to accept nomination as a Vice-President of the Council, 1967.

C.109-C.111

'Countryside in 1970'

1963-1995

The 'Countryside in 1970' was programme of conferences initiated by the Duke of Edinburgh which preceded and coincided with European Conservation Year in 1970. There were three main conferences in 1963, 1965 and 1970, as well as various follow-up conferences, and much continuous work was done by the participants in putting the case for the environment to government and industry.

Nicholson was Joint Secretary.

See A.89 for journal entries covering the 1970 conference. See also C.31.

C.109-C.110

Various papers relating to the three main conferences

1963-1970

Papers by Nicholson include the following: printed paper for 1963 Conference; manuscript draft concerning the 1965 Conference; report of address delivered at the 1970 Conference.

2 folders.

C.111

Nicholson's correspondence and notes, mostly typescript, chiefly *re* a possible 25th anniversary event to be organised by the Royal Society of Arts

1993-1995

C.112-C.222

Earthwatch Europe / Project S'Albufera

**1970-2002,
nd**

Nicholson was Founder Chairman and a Trustee of Earthwatch Europe which in 1989 launched interdisciplinary programmes to study the ecology of S'Albufera Natural Park, Mallorca, Spain, one of the largest wetlands in the Mediterranean basin. The project was intended to serve as a model for gathering and recording biodiversity survey data. Nicholson was heavily involved in the project from the start and University College London also participated. N. Riddiford

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and P. Newbould were among the principal scientific investigators. In 1993 an agreement was signed which shifted responsibility for the Park to the S'Albufera International Research Centre, though Earthwatch Europe and Nicholson maintained an active involvement in the welfare of S'Albufera.

Papers and correspondence, chiefly relating to the S'Albufera project. The bulk of the S'Albufera material was found packed into unmarked plastic wallets, the contents of which may fall within a narrow or wider date range. Papers were also found in inscribed envelopes or loose. This original arrangement has been maintained and a rough chronological sequence has been created.

A small group of papers at C.211-C.219 relates to Nicholson's other conservation interests in Mallorca. At C.220-C.222 is material relating to general Earthwatch Europe business only.

See L.52 for further correspondence relating to S'Albufera.

C.112-C.113	Correspondence etc: topics include early surveys and proposals which involved the World Wildlife Fund, 1970-1988 Contents of an envelope. 2 folders.	1970-1998, nd
C.114	Various typescript notes, reports, summaries, planning documents etc, chiefly by Nicholson Contents of a plastic wallet.	1981-1982, 1991-1997
C.115	Typescript notes, reports, minutes, research programme etc, some by Nicholson; letter <i>re</i> purchase of S'Albufera, 1985; copy of an earlier paper, 1971 Contents of a plastic wallet.	1971, 1981- 1998
C.116	Manuscript and typescript notes and papers, chiefly by Nicholson; correspondence; printed maps Contents of a plastic wallet.	1981-1998

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| C.117-C.118 | <p>'S'Albufera MS notes', contents of an envelope so inscribed</p> <p>Notes and draft reports by Nicholson, mostly manuscript, with brief correspondence. All the undated material is in C.118.</p> <p>Included are the following: 6pp manuscript notes headed 'Visit to S'Albufera Oct 1990' and 8pp manuscript notes headed 'Albufera Natural Park Mallorca', September 1985.</p> <p>2 folders.</p> | 1982-1998,
nd |
| C.119 | <p>Manuscript notes by Nicholson, contents of an envelope</p> <p>Included are the following: 1p 'Questions' relating to a visit to S'Albufera, September 1985; 3pp bird list from a visit, March-April 1993.</p> | 1985-1995,
nd |
| C.120 | <p>Correspondence between Nicholson and Mrs Pat Bishop <i>re</i> projects and developments</p> <p>Included at the end are two letters from other individuals, 1995.</p> <p>Pat Bishop was one of the founders of the Park.</p> | 1981-1982,
1988-1995 |
| C.121-C.123 | <p>'Caracas', contents of an envelope so inscribed</p> <p>The 4th World Congress on National Parks and Protected Areas was held in Caracas, Venezuela, February 1992.</p> <p>Typescript and manuscript notes and drafts by Nicholson, correspondence and other papers <i>re</i> ways of fulfilling the Caracas 'Action Plan' with particular reference to S'Albufera; earlier drafts etc by Nicholson, including one titled 'The Problem of Environmental Change', 1990 (C.121).</p> <p>Biodiversity is one of the principal topics covered by the material.</p> <p>3 folders.</p> | 1988-1994,
2002, nd |

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| C.124 | <p>Correspondence etc between Nicholson and P. Newbould</p> <p>Some relates to Newbould's paper on S'Albufera and global monitoring, 1989.</p> <p>Contents of a plastic wallet.</p> | <p>1988-1989,
2000</p> |
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| C.125-C.126 | <p>Correspondence etc <i>re</i> general business</p> <p>Correspondents include Pat Bishop and F.H. Perring. One paper only dated 1978.</p> <p>2 folders.</p> <p>Contents of a plastic wallet.</p> | <p>1978, 1987-
2000, nd</p> |
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| C.127 | <p>Drafts and notes by Nicholson, chiefly typescript, with correspondence, <i>re</i> a biodiversity training project based at S'Albufera and other matters</p> <p>Included are many papers, 2001, including records of a visit to Mallorca and of talks held there, S'Albufera Progress Report etc.</p> <p>Contents of a plastic wallet.</p> | <p>1988, 1999-
2001</p> |
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| C.128 | <p>Brief correspondence and papers chiefly <i>re</i> ornithological studies, including 1p of a manuscript draft by Nicholson on Moustached Warblers, 1992</p> <p>Contents of an envelope.</p> | <p>1989-1994</p> |
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| C.129-C.130 | <p>Typescript and manuscript drafts and notes by Nicholson, with other papers, <i>re</i> general business</p> <p>Included are the following: copy of agreement between Nicholson and Earthwatch Europe concerning the handover of responsibility to the S'Albufera International Research Centre, 1993 (C.129), and notes on a visit, April-May 1997 (C.130).</p> <p>2 folders.</p> <p>Contents of a plastic wallet.</p> | <p>1989-1999,
nd</p> |

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| C.131 | Letter from N. Riddiford to Nicholson enclosing draft Ornithological Monitoring Plan, with copy of Nicholson's reply | December 1989-January 1990 |
| C.132-C.133 | Notes and drafts by Nicholson, chiefly typescript, with brief correspondence and a few other papers, <i>re</i> a planned biodiversity survey training centre and other matters. One paper only is dated 1981.

Contents of a plastic wallet.

2 folders. | 1981, 1988-2000, nd |
| C.134-C.135 | Nicholson's correspondence etc, chiefly with J. Mayol, Park Director, <i>re</i> general business and, in particular, discussion of the future of the Park during 1992 and 1993

Typescript notes by Nicholson are included.

Contents of a plastic wallet.

2 folders. | 1989, 1992-1996 |
| C.136 | Correspondence, manuscript notes by Nicholson and other papers chiefly <i>re</i> possible RSPB involvement at S'Albufera

Contents of a plastic wallet. | 1989, 1993-2001 |
| C.137-C.138 | Typescript and manuscript drafts and notes by Nicholson and a few other papers

Included are papers with the following titles: 'S'Albufera Mallorca: Future Development', 1990; 'Diary of a railway journey across Mallorca on 26 April 1971', transcription (1992); '[report on] Visit to S'Albufera 29 Oct-4 Nov 1994'; 'Biodiversity: What has gone wrong?', 2001.

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Contents of a plastic wallet. | 1989-2001 |
| C.139-C.140 | Drafts and notes by Nicholson, chiefly typescript

Included are the following: draft 'Interim report on future | 1990-2000

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- /... of Project S'Albufera', 1993, and various papers on biodiversity.
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2 folders.
- C.141-C.142 'S'Albufera correspondence official & Earthwatch', 1990-1999,
contents of an envelope so inscribed nd
Correspondence etc *re* general business. Nicholson and Earthwatch Europe are the principal correspondents.
Included are typescript notes by Nicholson on Earthwatch Europe meetings at S'Albufera, October 1990.
2 folders.
- C.143 Nicholson's correspondence with R. de Groot, 1991-1994,
Coordinator, Climate Change Research Centre, nd
Wageningen, Netherlands, *re* developments at S'Albufera
- C.144 'S'Albufera remote sensor / ground truth & database', 1991-1994
contents of an envelope so inscribed
Papers *re* biological recording and monitoring of environmental change, with brief correspondence; typescript summary of the Park's history by Nicholson and brief manuscript notes *re* biodiversity.
- C.145-C.146 'WCMC [World Conservation Monitoring Centre]', 1992-1994
contents of an envelope so inscribed
Correspondence with WCMC (based at Cambridge) *re* biodiversity and S'Albufera, with related papers including report of a meeting at WCMC, April 1994, and various typescript notes and drafts by Nicholson.
2 folders.
- C.147 'S'Albufera gift by EMN', contents of an envelope so inscribed December
1992-1993
Correspondence chiefly *re* a donation of £2000 by Nicholson towards the work at S'Albufera.

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| C.148 | Typescript notes and drafts by Nicholson with letter from P. Newbould, ?1990, and a few other papers

<i>re</i> general business. Included is a draft titled 'Protected Areas: Closing the Gap', 1993.

Contents of a plastic wallet. | 1990-1994,
nd |
| C.149-C.150 | Contents of a plastic wallet | |
| C.149 | Copy of Summary Report on the fourth season's work at S'Albufera titled 'Monitoring for Environmental Change', by N. Riddiford | 1992 |
| C.150 | Copy of discussion paper 'Planning for 1993-94 and beyond' by N. Riddiford, with covering letter to Nicholson; 2pp typescript comments on the paper by Nicholson; comments by another | 1992 |
| C.151 | 'S'A final residue after sorting April 1996', contents of an envelope so inscribed

Various typescript and manuscript notes and drafts by Nicholson, the majority undated. Included is a 2pp manuscript report titled 'A visit to Cabrera National Park September 1992'. | 1991-2000,
nd |
| C.152 | 'S'A Planning for Biodiversity training', contents of an envelope so inscribed

Typescript papers by Nicholson including 'Progress Report at May 1996', brief correspondence and a few other papers.

One paper only dated 1988. | 1988, 1992-
1996 |
| C.153-C.154 | Correspondence and Nicholson's manuscript notes <i>re</i> various matters including a proposed environmental change monitoring programme

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2 folders. | 1990-1995,
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| C.155-C.156 | 'S'A 93-', contents of an envelope so inscribed

Chiefly 1992-1994.

Typescript and manuscript notes and drafts by Nicholson, with correspondence etc. Included are notes on 'The Post-UNCED Challenge', 1994.

2 folders. | 1988-1996,
nd |
| C.157 | 1p typescript notes by Nicholson on S'Albufera fieldwork reports, 1992; copy of a letter by Nicholson, c.1992, to A. Radermacher <i>re</i> studies of phragmites and reed buntings, with related papers

Contents of a plastic wallet. | c.1992 |
| C.158 | Nicholson's correspondence, chiefly with R.W.J. Keay <i>re</i> the latter's possible official involvement in the S'Albufera Project, 1992-1994

There is also brief correspondence between Nicholson and N. Riddiford with related notes, 1993-1996.

Contents of a plastic wallet. | 1992-1996 |
| C.159 | Various typescript notes and drafts by Nicholson; letter from Nicholson to a Balearic Government minister, 1994; other papers, some in Spanish

Included are 4pp notes headed 'The new organisation taking over the Project S'Albufera', 1994.

Contents of a plastic wallet. | 1992-1994 |
| C.160-C.161 | Correspondence and papers <i>re</i> opportunities for ecotourism in Mallorca with special emphasis on S'Albufera

Included are typescript notes and drafts by Nicholson and copies of a few much earlier papers by him.

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| C.162 | 'S'Albufera correspondence unofficial residue for sorting', contents of an envelope so inscribed | 1988, 1992-1998, nd |
| | Typescript and manuscript notes by Nicholson and brief correspondence <i>re</i> general matters. One paper only is dated 1988. | |
| C.163-C.164 | Papers and correspondence <i>re</i> general business | 1981, 1988, 1993-2001, nd |
| | Chiefly 1993-2001, with a small quantity of correspondence 1981, 1988. Included are typescript notes by Nicholson on a meeting of World Wildlife Fund UK trustees, 1998, and on discussions with N. Riddiford, 1999 and 2000. | |
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| C.165-C.166 | 'Nick Riddiford', contents of an envelope so inscribed | 1990-1995 |
| | Correspondence, chiefly between Nicholson and Riddiford, <i>re</i> progress of scientific work and financial matters. | |
| | 2 folders. | |
| C.167 | Typescript papers by Nicholson on biodiversity in the S'Albufera research programme | 1993-1994 |
| | Contents of a plastic wallet. | |
| C.168 | Copy of letter by Nicholson <i>re</i> Biodiversity Checklist etc, with printed papers | 1993 |
| | Contents of a plastic wallet. | |
| C.169-C.171 | 'S'Albufera 5th season & inventory', contents of an envelope so inscribed | 1993 |
| C.169 | 2pp typescript notes by Nicholson, one page headed 'Draft for a model biodiversity site checklist', 1993; copy of 'S'Albufera First list of all animals and plants August 1993' | |

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- C.170-C.171 Copy of 'Summary report of fifth season's work, 1993', by N. Riddiford and T. Wells

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- C.172 Various notes and drafts by Nicholson, chiefly typescript 1991-1994

Included are typescript notes from a discussion with N. Riddiford, 1993, and 7pp manuscript notes or draft report of a visit to S'Albufera, April-May 1994.

Contents of a plastic wallet.
- C.173 'Purple Gallinule S'A', contents of an envelope so inscribed 1993-1994, nd

Brief correspondence on Purple Gallinule, 1993, and 2pp rough manuscript notes on the same, 1994, nd; one further page of rough manuscript notes on general matters.
- C.174 Various typescript papers, chiefly by Nicholson, *re* proposed training centre for biodiversity survey etc 1993-2000, nd

With copy of a letter from Nicholson to A. Fitter, 2000.

Contents of a plastic wallet.
- C.175 Typescript papers by Nicholson: reports and planning and progress documents 1993
- C.176 Typescript papers by Nicholson *re* an intended application to the Darwin Initiative (for promoting biodiversity conservation) for a grant for the S'Albufera Project 1994
- C.177-C.178 Papers *re* funding application under the 'LIFE' programme by Earthwatch Europe for Project S'Albufera 1994

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| C.179 | <p>Notes by Nicholson and other papers <i>re</i> general matters</p> <p>Included is 1p incomplete manuscript notes on a visit to S'Albufera, November 1993.</p> <p>Contents of a plastic wallet.</p> | 1992-1998 |
| C.180 | <p>Various papers <i>re</i> general business, including a few typescript notes by Nicholson, and brief correspondence</p> <p>Included is a letter from R. de Groot to Nicholson, 1995.</p> | 1993-2000 |
| C.181 | <p>'Earthwatch Action', contents of a file so inscribed</p> <p>Various typescript and manuscript notes and drafts by Nicholson, including the following: record of a discussion with N. Riddiford, January 1996; incomplete 4pp typescript document titled 'Global change: the ecological role', June 1996; notes on 'Earthwatch and biodiversity', 1996, nd.</p> | 1996, nd |
| C.182 | <p>'S'Albufera Project: A Progress Report at May 1996', 5pp typescript by Nicholson</p> | 1996 |
| C.183-C.184 | <p>'WWF S'A grant '99', contents of an envelope so inscribed</p> <p>Nicholson's correspondence with the Chief Executive and other officials of the Worldwide Fund for Nature (WWF), with related typescript papers by him.</p> <p>From 1998 the correspondence concerns a grant application by Earthwatch Europe to the World Wildlife Fund for supporting international biodiversity training at S'Albufera. This was turned down. Some of Nicholson's letters and papers, such as his statement at a meeting of WWF UK Trustees in November 1998 (C.183), illustrate his frustration at the lack of international progress on biodiversity programmes following the UNCED Conference in Rio de Janeiro, 1992.</p> <p>2 folders.</p> | 1992-2000 |

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| C.185 | Nicholson's correspondence with A.H. Fitter, University of York, and others <i>re</i> a proposed cooperation between York and S'Albufera in respect of biodiversity training | 1998, 2000-2001 |
| | Related notes by Nicholson, chiefly typescript, are included. One paper only, possibly unrelated to the above topic, is dated 1998. | |
| C.186 | Typescript records of talks and progress reports etc, chiefly by Nicholson, with one letter to him | 2000-2001 |
| | Much of the material relates to the biodiversity programme. | |
| | Contents of an envelope. | |
| C.187-C.198 | S'Albufera photographs, with annotations | 1971-2001 |
| | Colour photographs: very few feature Nicholson but almost all have annotations on the back in his hand. These are sometimes quite detailed. | |
| C.187-C.188 | 'S'Albufera photos', contents of an envelope so inscribed | 1971-1993 |
| | There are two different sets of photographs. | |
| C.187 | 8 photographs of views and buildings at S'Albufera and other locations in Mallorca | 1971, 1978 |
| | Only one is dated 1971. | |
| C.188 | 5 photographs taken at S'Albufera, 1993, chiefly of staff and volunteers, 2 featuring Nicholson; one photograph featuring a group including J. Mayol, S'Albufera Park Director, 1990; 2 photographs showing views of the island of Cabrera, 1992 | 1990-1993 |
| | Included is a postcard with Nicholson's brief annotations on the back. | |
| C.189 | 3 photographs featuring groups of staff and volunteers, contents of an envelope | April 1992 |
| | P. Newbould is featured in two photographs. | |

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| C.190 | 'Rebuilding at S'Albufera Sa Roca [illegible letters] Bateman April 1992', contents of an envelope so inscribed

5 photographs of buildings in the process of development. | April 1992 |
| C.191-C.192 | 30 photographs of various individuals and groups (Park staff etc) and views of S'Albufera Park, 1992, with one additional photograph of a hotel in Sedbergh, Cumbria, 1990

Contents of an envelope.

2 folders. | 1990, 1992 |
| C.193 | 'S'Albufera selected April 1992', contents of an envelope so inscribed

8 photographs showing groups of staff etc and buildings.

A few of these are copies of ones in C.189, C.191 and C.192 but have been kept because of the annotations. | April 1992 |
| C.194-C.196 | Contents of an unmarked album

32 photographs taken from the album, which was in a deteriorating condition, and kept in their original order. They show groups of staff and volunteers, buildings and views.

Included are those which feature the following: group releasing a White-eyed duck (C.194); group examining phragmites stems (C.195).

3 folders. | March, April 1993 |
| C.197 | 'S'A May 97', contents of an envelope so inscribed

Photographs, some featuring N. Riddiford and J. Mayol, others showing buildings. | May 1997 |

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| C.198 | 'S'A 2001 Laboratori Dennis Bishop', contents of an envelope so inscribed | 2001 |
| | <p>6 photographs apparently showing a group visiting the laboratory. 2 further photographs (larger size), found in an unmarked envelope but taken during the same visit, are included.</p> <p>The laboratory was so-named in memory of Dennis Bishop, a principal investigator at S'Albufera.</p> | |
| C.199 | 3 slides showing buildings at S'Albufera, with annotations in Nicholson's hand | 1996 |
| C.200-C.210 | Miscellaneous papers <i>re</i> Project S'Albufera | 1981-2002,
nd |
| | <p>Chiefly printed material, with notes and drafts by Nicholson (mostly typescript) and correspondence</p> | |
| C.200-C.203 | 1981-1991 | |
| | <p>4 folders.</p> | |
| C.204-C.207 | 1992-1997 | |
| | <p>4 folders.</p> | |
| C.208-C.210 | 1998-2002, nd | |
| | <p>3 folders.</p> | |
| C.211-C.219 | Other conservation interests in Mallorca and the Balearic islands | |
| C.211-C.215 | 'Cabrera', contents of a file so inscribed | 1992-1994,
nd |
| | <p>In 1993 Earthwatch Europe was invited by the Spanish conservation agency ICONA to undertake a series of marine research projects on the Cabrera archipelago. The Marine Biological Association (MBA) also expressed an interest in participating. It is unclear whether the project was started.</p> | |

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| C.211-C.213 | Typescript and manuscript notes by Nicholson relating to the proposed projects and his correspondence with ICONA, the MBA and others.

Included at C.211 are notes on his visit to Cabrera in September 1992.

3 folders. | 1992-1994,
nd |
| C.214 | Letter to Nicholson from N. Riddiford enclosing 4 slides

Slides show the 'Cabrera research boat' etc. | 1993 |
| C.215 | Hardback book, in Spanish, on the Cabrera National Park with note in Nicholson's hand on the inside title page

The book was presented to Nicholson in 1992 by a Spanish biologist working for the Park. | |
| C.216 | Notes and drafts by Nicholson, typescript and manuscript, on topics relating to Cala d'Or, Mallorca

Included are 3pp draft <i>re</i> an environmental management survey, 1989, and 1p notes on bird sightings, 1992. | 1989-1992,
nd |
| C.217-C.218 | Papers and correspondence <i>re</i> Nicholson's associations with various conservation and ecology projects in Mallorca

Manuscript and typescript notes and drafts by Nicholson are included; bird lists are among these.

2 folders. | 1970-1994,
nd |
| C.219 | 3 colour photographs showing views at Alcudia, Cala Mondrago and Cabrera, contents of an envelope

Annotated on the back in Nicholson's hand. | 1978 |
| C.220-C.221 | Correspondence and papers <i>re</i> general Earthwatch Europe business

Among typescript papers by Nicholson is one titled 'After | 1986-2001,
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- /... Rio', 1992, at C.220.
2 folders.
- C.222 10 colour photographs showing interior of Earthwatch Europe office, Oxford, with various staff members and ?visitors 1990-1991

All are inscribed on the back in Nicholson's hand.
- C.223 **Environmental Data Services (ENDS)** 1978-1982

Nicholson was a Director. ENDS sought to bring more awareness of the environment into decision-making by business and industry.

Brief correspondence *re* Energy Strategy Exercise, 1979; typescript and manuscript notes by Nicholson on environmental education for industry etc; correspondence and papers *re* various seminars in 1980 and 1982 on Business Schools etc in which Nicholson represented ENDS; paper by J. Elkington of ENDS with annotations by Nicholson, 1980.
- C.224 **Fair Isle Bird Observatory Trust** 1953, 1988

Nicholson took a close interest in the work of the Trust.

Brief correspondence *re* Nicholson's visits to the Observatory.
- C.225-C.226 **Falkland Islands** 1981-1984

Nicholson became involved in nature and environmental conservation plans for the Falkland Islands through his Presidency of the RSPB. The issues were raised by a 1981 report on the islands by K.T. Standring of the RSPB.

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Correspondence and papers *re* the Standring report and subsequent ideas for conservation. Included at C.225 is a draft address by Nicholson given at a Special Review of an RSPB / ICBP sponsored film on the islands, June 1981.

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C.227-C.229

Geogram

**1937, 1971-
1997**

The Geogram was created by Nicholson in the early 1970s in connection with the development of the International Biological Programme Terrestrial Communities Section's world data centre at Monks Wood. It was a device for presenting, in a visual and standardised form, a complex series of data relating to the occurrence of all natural and artificial features on the earth. It represented the first comprehensive and global method for assembling, analysing and interpreting data on land and resources for scientific purposes and decision-making.

See C.454-C.455 for papers concerning a Geogram project in the Isles of Scilly and B.79 for notes on a trial Geogram in East Suffolk, 1972.

C.227-C.228

Chiefly notes by Nicholson on the working and development of the Geogram, with technical papers

**1971-1972,
1981, 1997**

Almost all 1970-1971. Included is one related letter to Nicholson, 1981, and a draft letter by Nicholson, 1997, enclosing his notes on a discussion concerning the Geogram, May 1971 (C.229).

2 folders.

C.229

'Geogram & Portmeirion', contents of a file so inscribed

**1937, 1972,
1976**

The material appears to relate chiefly to Nicholson's survey at Portmeirion, Merionethshire, August 1976, for the construction of a Geogram.

Undated 2pp manuscript description of the project; manuscript bird lists and notes *re* construction of the Geogram, one page dated August 1976; technical papers; printed map annotated in Nicholson's hand; small BTO printed field list (for bird sightings) used by Nicholson in July-August 1972 and in August 1976; 1p manuscript bird list for Portmeirion, September 1937.

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C.230	Heritage Group	c.1975
	<p>An informal, independent group chaired by Sir Con O'Neill, of which Nicholson was a member. The group sought to argue the case for conservation in official and governmental circles, while enshrining the concept of heritage as inherent to conservation.</p> <p>Minutes of meeting, December 1975, chaired by Nicholson in O'Neill's absence; 1p typescript, probably by Nicholson, (some text missing) outlining the place of the group in the conservation movement, c.1975.</p>	
C.231-C.238	International Biological Programme (IBP)	1962-1977, nd
	<p>The IBP, which ran from 1964 to 1974, was concerned with 'the biological basis of productivity and human welfare'. It provided the first occasion on which biologists from many countries were able to work together over a wide range of integrated studies. It was divided into a number of sections: Nicholson was made Convenor of the section 'Conservation of Terrestrial Communities (CT)'. The IBP/CT initially had its office at the Nature Conservancy from which Nicholson retired in 1966. He was involved in the IBP/CT until its conclusion.</p>	
C.231-C.237	<p>Correspondence, chiefly Nicholson's, and papers <i>re</i> general business including preparation of the final IBP report, 1975. A small amount of material is pre-1964.</p> <p>Included are the following papers by Nicholson: 6pp typescript account of his visit to East Africa, November 1969, at C.232; typescript drafts (in English) and reprint (in German) of a paper 'Naturschutz in Internationalen Biologischen Program' (1973) at C.235.</p> <p>7 folders.</p>	1962-1977, nd
C.238	<p>7 colour photographs taken on the occasion of an IBP/CT meeting at the Monks Wood Experimental Station, March 1971</p> <p>All annotated on back by Nicholson. Some feature individuals including J. Dorst, M.E.D. Poore; the remainder show views of Monks Wood. Included are 2 undated black and white photographs, one annotated showing Monks Wood.</p>	1971, nd

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C.239	International Council for Bird Preservation (ICBP)	1959, 1973-1979
	<p>Nicholson attended ICBP Executive Committee meetings and its world conferences. In 1978 he proposed the idea of setting up a World Bird Fund to the ICBP.</p> <p>Correspondence and papers <i>re</i> the World Bird Fund idea, the relationship between ICBP, the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources and the World Wildlife Fund, and general business. Chiefly 1978.</p> <p>Correspondents include Sir Peter Scott and S. Dillon Ripley. Included is menu from official ICBP lunch, May 1959, annotated by Nicholson with a note <i>re</i> an issue discussed, and signed on the back by a number of attendees.</p> <p>See C.507-C.508 for further material relating to the World Bird Fund.</p>	
C.240-C.245	International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN)	1951-1997, nd
	<p>Nicholson was a Member and served on IUCN commissions and working groups, e.g. International Commission on National Parks.</p>	
C.240-C.242	<p>Correspondence and papers <i>re</i> National Parks, Directory of Wetlands and general business including General Assemblies</p> <p>Nicholson's principal correspondent is F.G. Nicholls, Deputy Director-General.</p> <p>Included at C.241 are papers relating to the 14th General Assembly and Technical Meeting at Ashkhabad, USSR, 1978: manuscript notes, manuscript and typescript drafts of a paper delivered by Nicholson, titled 'The Care of a Small Planet', and typescript of a further address (see A.94 for a journal covering this Meeting).</p> <p>3 folders.</p>	1952, 1962-1997, nd
C.243	<p>11 black and white photographs from envelope inscribed 'IUCN trip Holland North Sea coast ?Sept 1951'</p>	?1951
/...	<p>One features Nicholson with others including C.W.</p>	/...

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Hurcomb. This is the only one with Nicholson's annotations on the back. The rest show a group of people and coastal views.

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| C.244 | 3 photographic prints showing a session at the IUCN Technical Meeting, Salzburg, Austria, September 1953 | 1953 |
| | Annotated on the back in Nicholson's hand. All feature Nicholson sitting alongside J.-P. Harroy and others. | |
| C.245 | 4 black and white photographs from envelope inscribed 'Denmark 1954' | 1954 |
| | Annotated on the back in Nicholson's hand. Inscriptions indicate that they were taken during the IUCN meeting in Copenhagen, September 1954. | |
| | Two photographs feature Nicholson, with others; the remaining two show a Black stork in flight. | |
| C.246-C.248 | Isle of Rhum National Nature Reserve | 1958-1997,
nd |
| | Rhum was acquired by the Nature Conservancy in 1957 and established as a National Nature Reserve. | |
| C.246 | 3pp manuscript 'Notes on Rhum 10.5.66', with typescript version; various undated manuscript notes; copy of a letter from Nicholson to Mrs R.A. Bonham Christie, 1958 | 1958, 1966,
nd |
| | Contents of a plastic wallet. | |
| C.247 | Correspondence between Nicholson and J. M. Boyd <i>re</i> a visit to Rhum in September 1973 by some of the individuals who had been involved in the establishment of the nature reserve, with their memorandum on progress since 1957 and other policy and planning papers | 1973 |
| | Nicholson was one of the visiting party. | |
| C.248 | Miscellaneous later correspondence <i>re</i> Rhum | 1990-1997,
nd |

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C.249-C.252	Land Use Consultants (LUC)	1971-2002, nd
	<p>Nicholson founded LUC, the UK's first environmental consultancy firm, in 1966. It was multi-disciplinary and advised on Royal Parks and regional parks and was involved in various projects such as land rehabilitation and 'greening of the cities'.</p>	
C.249	Walton Park, Wakefield, Yorkshire	1989-1990
	<p>LUC were interviewed for a conservation and development project for land that once belonged to Sir Charles Waterton (1782-1865) and included his original nature reserve.</p> <p>Typescript notes by Nicholson, brief correspondence and LUC's Feasibility Study submitted in application.</p>	
C.250	Guernsey	1991-1992
	<p>Detailed typescript notes by Nicholson on a proposal to develop tourism and conservation on the island.</p>	
C.251	LUC 25th anniversary, 12 July 1991	1991
	<p>Letter of invitation; brief typescript notes and 2pp summary of Nicholson's talk at the anniversary; 1p typescript titled 'LUC Twenty Five Years - A Personal View'; anniversary publication which includes the aforementioned 'Personal View'.</p>	
C.252	Miscellaneous papers and correspondence	1971-1993, 2002, nd
C.253-C.436	New Renaissance Group (NRG) (formerly Earthcare Group)	1969-2002, nd
	<p>Nicholson founded the NRG in September 1997 to look at ways of providing an overview of human progress in the light of modern science. He considered it as a follow-up to the ideas promoted in Sir Julian Huxley's book, <i>The Humanist Frame</i>, London 1961. The NRG grew out of the Earthcare Group (and Earthcare Club), launched by Nicholson in February 1995, which was principally concerned with forming an environmental strategy to take</p>	<p>/...</p>

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into the 21st century. The NRG was described by Nicholson as a 'New Humanist Group' for guiding the development of a 'human equivalent to the environmental movement'. An informal group, NRG was particularly concerned with disharmony between civilization and the natural environment and regarded the conventional approaches of modern governments as largely obsolete in the face of the challenges of the future. The Group's interests included population issues, sustainable development, the role of science, the challenge of globalisation, biodiversity, social issues and the development and role of culture. Nicholson served as Chairman and, later, as President of the NRG, resigning as Chairman in 1998. He continued to be actively involved in the Group until its winding-up in 2002.

C.253-C.287

General correspondence

1994-2002,
nd

Correspondence between NRG directors and with external individuals and organisations, with related papers. Nicholson is the principal correspondent. Earthcare Group and Earthcare Club correspondence (February 1995-September 1996), and some earlier correspondence, is included.

A wide range of topics are covered, as well as general internal business. Other principal correspondents include M.E.D. Poore, B.W. Walker and Sir Martin Holdgate.

C.253-C.257

1994, 1995

5 folders.

C.258-C.261

1996

4 folders.

C.262-C.266

1997

5 folders.

C.267-C.273

1998

7 folders.

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C.274-C.278	1999 5 folders.	
C.279-C.281	2000 3 folders.	
C.282-C.285	2001, 2002 4 folders.	
C.286-C.287	Nd 2 folders.	
C.288-C.315	Policy, planning and administration	1996-2002, nd
C.288-C.299	NRG Executive Committee Minutes and other Committee papers. 12 folders.	1997-2001
C.300-C.309	Minutes of various NRG meetings and general papers A set of minutes signed by Nicholson, March 1996- December 1997, is included at C.300, C.301. 10 folders.	1996-2002, nd
C.310	NRG Advisory Council Papers, including minutes, and correspondence.	1997-2000
C.311-C.312	Papers <i>re</i> NRG accounts and incorporation as a limited company 2 folders.	1996-2001

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C.313-C.314	Correspondence and papers <i>re</i> financial matters etc in connection with the NRG's status as a registered charity 2 folders.	1997-2002
C.315	'AGMs & Trustees Committee', contents of a file so inscribed Minutes, reports etc.	1997-2002
C.316-C.346F	Papers and notes by Nicholson Various drafts and notes, mostly typescript, many of which Nicholson appears to have circulated to NRG colleagues. The topics cover the full range of the NRG's interests and concerns; Earthcare Group papers are included. A small quantity of earlier writings found among this material, 1986-1987, on issues subsequently taken up by the NRG, are at C.316.	1986, 1987, 1994-2002, nd
C.316-C.318	1986, 1987, 1994, 1995 Chiefly 1995. 3 folders.	
C.319-C.323	1996 Included at C.320 is a letter to Nicholson from Sir Hermann Bondi, 25 June 1996, commenting on the former's draft paper which is enclosed. 5 folders.	
C.324	c.1996	
C.325-C.328	1997 4 folders.	

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C.329-C.333	1998 5 folders.	
C.334-C.336	1999 3 folders.	
C.337-C.340	2000 4 folders.	
C.341-C.345	2001 5 folders.	
C.346	2002	
C.346A-C.346F	Nd 6 folders.	
C.347-C.352	<i>Where Next?: Reflections on the Human Future</i> , ed. M.E.D. Poore, Royal Botanic Gardens, 2000 The book was produced by the NRG and consisted of contributions from distinguished authors across a broad spectrum of interests. Nicholson's chapter was titled 'The New Renaissance'.	1995-2000
C.347-C.351	Correspondence and papers <i>re</i> the preparation and publication of the book Included are typescript notes by Nicholson at C.351. 5 folders.	1995-2000

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C.352	9pp 'initial draft' of Nicholson's chapter and proof version	1998, 1999
C.353-C.367	Earthcare Group and Earthcare Club This material was found together in a boxfile.	1992-1996
C.353-C.355	'Earthcare correspondence up to July 1996' Contents of a file so inscribed. Correspondence with typescript and manuscript notes by Nicholson. 3 folders.	1992-1996, nd
C.356-C.357	'Earthcare - Master Set' Contents of an envelope so inscribed. Typescript drafts and notes by Nicholson. The papers are numbered and there is a list of contents at the beginning. The material has been kept in the order in which found. 2 folders.	1994- February 1995
C.358-C.363	Drafts and notes by Nicholson, mostly typescript 6 folders.	1993-1996
C.364	Minutes of Earthcare Group and Earthcare Club meetings	1995-1996
C.365-C.367	Miscellaneous papers 3 folders.	1995-1996
C.368-C.385	'Culture' Contents of a boxfile so inscribed.	1995-2002, nd

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C.368-C.378	'NRG Culture', contents of a file so inscribed Drafts and notes by Nicholson on various topics, chiefly typescript, with other papers and brief correspondence.	1995-2002, nd
C.368-C.369	'Annotated copies', contents of a plastic wallet so labelled Drafts and notes; the majority are undated. 2 folders.	1999-2000, nd
C.370-C.378	Drafts and notes with brief correspondence Chiefly 1998-2000. 9 folders.	1995, 1997- 2002
C.379-C.380	Notes and rough drafts on various topics relating to culture Chiefly manuscript. Contents of a plastic wallet. 2 folders.	1995-2000
C.381	Notes and rough drafts on various topics relating to culture Chiefly manuscript. Contents of a plastic wallet.	1998-2001
C.382	Manuscript drafts on various topics relating to culture Brief correspondence is included.	1997-1998
C.383	Correspondence and notes etc <i>re</i> discussion meetings on 'Assistance to British Culture', held at University College London, February 2000, and possibly subsequent months Nicholson attended.	1999-2000

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C.384-C.385	Miscellaneous papers with brief correspondence Chiefly typescript papers and manuscript notes by Nicholson. 2 folders.	1999-2000, nd
C.386-C.390	'The Challenge for a New Renaissance', lecture delivered by Nicholson at the Royal Geographical Society, London, 24 September 1997	1997
C.386	Lists of invitees, acceptances etc and other papers <i>re</i> arrangements	
C.387-C.389	Various drafts of the lecture, with final version Chiefly typescript. At C.387 are early drafts, brief related correspondence and comments on the drafts by others. 3 folders.	
C.390	Audio cassette recording of the lecture	
C.391-C.400	Biodiversity	1998-2001, nd
C.391-C.395	Meeting of an NRG working group on 'Action on Biodiversity' at the Zoological Society of London, 13 September 1999 Correspondence and papers <i>re</i> arrangements and arising, 1999-2000. Included at C.391 are a few papers by Nicholson on biodiversity, 1998. 5 folders.	1998-2000
C.396-C.397	'Biodiversity', contents of a plastic wallet so labelled Correspondence and papers, including manuscript and typescript notes by Nicholson, <i>re</i> biodiversity matters and 'repackaging the conservation message'. 2 folders.	1998-2000

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C.398-C.400	Miscellaneous papers and correspondence <i>re</i> biodiversity Typescript draft papers by Nicholson are included. 3 folders.	1998-2001, nd
C.401-C.407	Conference on 'Nature, Landscape and People since the Second World War: a Celebration of the 1949 Act', Royal Society of Edinburgh, 23-25 June 1999 Nicholson participated as a representative of the New Renaissance Group. He recorded an interview with Magnus Magnusson which was shown at the Conference and also delivered a short talk.	1998-2001
C.401	Correspondence <i>re</i> arrangements; programme with abstracts of papers etc	1998-1999
C.402	Drafts and notes, mostly typescript, by Nicholson in preparation for the Conference Included are drafts of his 'Comments' delivered at the Conference and 'Note for Magnus Magnusson'.	
C.403-C.407	Correspondence and papers arising from the Conference, including some <i>re</i> NRG 'follow-up' meeting Almost all the material is dated 1999. 5 folders.	1999-2001
C.408-C.417	'Beyond Sustainable Development', NRG workshop held at the Royal Society of Edinburgh, 4-6 July 2001 The workshop was organised as a follow-up to the book <i>Where Next?: Reflections on the Human Future</i> , ed. M.E.D. Poore (see C.347-C.352). Nicholson attended. Correspondence and papers <i>re</i> arrangements and arising. Typescript and manuscript notes and drafts by Nicholson are included. Photographs from the Conference featuring Nicholson are at C.414. Printed report of the workshop is at C.417. 10 folders.	2000-2002

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| C.418-C.431 | <p>'Environmental profession', contents of a boxfile so inscribed</p> <p>Papers and correspondence <i>re</i> the NRG's ideas for developing the environmental profession with the cooperation of the Royal Society of Arts, including the proposed establishment of a College of Environment. Included are many drafts and notes by Nicholson, chiefly typescript.</p> <p>Chiefly 1996-1998. A few earlier papers 1969-1980, found with the rest of the material, are at C.431.</p> <p>14 folders.</p> | 1969-1980,
1994-2000 |
| C.432-C.436 | <p>Miscellaneous papers and correspondence</p> <p>5 folders.</p> | 1995-2001,
nd |
| C.437-C.438 | <p>Oxford Ornithological Society</p> <p>When Nicholson went up to Hertford College, Oxford, in 1926, he initially did not join the Oxford Ornithological Society. After changing his mind, he was involved in the Christchurch Meadow ringing project and started the Oxford Bird Census in 1927. He organised the census of heronries in 1928, the first national bird census to be undertaken in Britain.</p> | 1926-2001 |
| C.437 | <p>A few manuscript bird lists and records in Nicholson's hand chiefly <i>re</i> the Oxford Bird Census, with brief related correspondence and other papers</p> <p>Included is a 4pp manuscript 'Memorandum on the Oxford Bird Census', 1930, and copy of a letter from W.B. Alexander, 1930.</p> <p>See B.75 for related papers.</p> | 1926-1930,
1937 |
| C.438 | <p>Papers and correspondence <i>re</i> general business</p> <p>Included is brief correspondence <i>re</i> Nicholson's acceptance of an invitation to give the Bernard Tucker Memorial Lecture, 25 November 1986 (see G.80).</p> | 1935-1986,
2001 |

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C.439	Royal Naval Birdwatching Society	1999-2002
	<p>Nicholson appears to have held an Honorary Position in the Society during its early years (1940s).</p> <p>Correspondence <i>re</i> Nicholson's acceptance of an invitation to the Annual General Meeting, December 1999, including copies of earlier correspondence (1946-1947), chiefly between Nicholson and A. Wetmore, which refers to the Society; 3pp untitled manuscript draft of Nicholson's short address at the aforementioned AGM; brief further papers <i>re</i> general business.</p>	
C.440-C.446	Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB)	1966-2002, nd
	<p>Nicholson was President 1980-1985. He was elected to Council for a five year term in 1974 and later, in 1989, became a Vice-President.</p>	
C.440-C.443	<p>'RSPB Selected current', contents of an envelope so inscribed</p>	
C.440	Correspondence etc <i>re</i> Nicholson's election as President and matters arising during his first year in office	1980-1981
C.441	RSPB members weekend, York, 26-28 March 1982	1982
	<p>The Duke of Edinburgh attended the event.</p> <p>Letter and programme; 3pp manuscript draft of speech given by Nicholson at the event.</p>	
C.442	Correspondence and papers <i>re</i> various topics and business during Nicholson's Presidency	1982-1984
	<p>Included is 1p typescript, possibly incomplete, of his welcoming speech to the AGM, 8 October 1983, and 3pp undated typescript of his opening speech at another AGM.</p>	

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| C.443 | Papers and correspondence <i>re</i> general business, excluding the period of Nicholson's Presidency

Included is 1p typescript draft of short address by Nicholson delivered at the AGM, 5 October 1991. | 1966-1999,
nd |
| C.444 | 'RSPB correspondence with PM '84', contents of an envelope so inscribed

Correspondence between Nicholson, as RSPB President, and the Prime Minister (Margaret Thatcher) <i>re</i> the RSPB's complaint about the shooting licencing practice of the Scottish Office. | 1984 |
| C.445-C.446 | Miscellaneous correspondence and papers

Included at C.445 is a 2pp typescript by Nicholson titled 'A Strategy for Conservation', 1973.

2 folders. | 1973-2002,
nd |
| C.447-C.449 | Royal Society of Arts (RSA)

Nicholson became a Fellow of the Society in 1971 and joined the Council in 1978. He served on the Committee for the Environment 1978-1984. | 1978-1993,
nd |
| C.447 | Committee for the Environment

Various papers <i>re</i> Committee business, with brief correspondence. Included are manuscript and typescript notes by Nicholson. | 1978-1983 |
| C.448-C.449 | Correspondence and papers <i>re</i> general matters connected with Nicholson's association with the RSA

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nd |

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C.450 Royal Society Unesco Committee 1963

Nicholson was a member of the Panel for Earth Sciences and Natural Resources.

Letter accepting invitation to join the panel and related paper.

C.451 Scottish Ornithologists' Club 1948-1975

Nicholson was a member.

Brief correspondence etc *re* general matters, including printed programme of lectures for AGM, 14 October 1948, which lists a lecture by Nicholson.

**C.452 Society for the Promotion of Nature Reserves (SPNR) 1970, 1971,
?1996, nd**

Nicholson was a member of Council (resigning in 1971) and, earlier, of the Executive.

Brief correspondence chiefly *re* Nicholson's resignation from the Council (one letter concerns arrangements for the Society's 1970 Conference at which Nicholson gave a talk); incomplete typescript inscribed in Nicholson's hand 'SPNR History author & publ unknown date after 1980', with his revisions and annotations. On the backs of two pages of the latter is a manuscript draft of a letter by Nicholson to Hans-Rudolf Kuhn (C.G. Jung Institute), apparently unrelated to the SPNR, inscribed '?1996'.

C.453 Tourism 1971, 1992

Various sets of detailed typescript notes by Nicholson on the impact of tourism on the environment, one on ecotourism.

Chiefly 1992.

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C.454-C.455	Tresco, Isles of Scilly	1971
	<p>This material was from a file inscribed 'Tresco'. It relates to a visit there by Nicholson in summer 1971, principally to monitor the development of a Geogram project.</p> <p>See C.227-C.229 for further papers relating to the Geogram and B.44 for further papers relating to the Tresco project.</p>	
C.454	Various manuscript notes: 3pp headed 'Geogram development - trials on Tresco 4/6/71'; notes on bird habitats and bird lists etc	
C.455	Manuscript lists of 'Tresco slides' and further notes	
C.456-C.485	Trust for Urban Ecology (TRUE) (formerly Ecological Parks Trust)	1970-1992, nd
	<p>Nicholson was Chairman of the Ecological Parks Trust and President of TRUE for 1997.</p>	
C.456-C.465	'Dulwich Woods'	1981-1992, nd
	<p>Contents of a large envelope so inscribed. This contained further envelopes which are described below, with the inscriptions on them reproduced.</p> <p>In 1983 the Ecological Parks Trust responded to a proposal from the Estates Governors of Alleyn's College of God's Gift to take over the management of Dulwich Woods. The Trust appears to have carried out out a detailed ecological survey of the woods but the outcome of the project is unclear. Nicholson continued to make regular visits to the wood until 1992 or later and his notes and photographs are among this material.</p>	
C.456	'Dulwich Upper Wood'	1981-1985
	<p>Various papers including Nicholson's manuscript and typescript notes on visits in 1984 and 1985 and a management plan for the wood.</p> <p>Included is correspondence <i>re</i> the Ecological Parks Trust's financial affairs, 1984-1985.</p>	

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C.457-C.460	'Dulwich Woods visits 1983-90'	1983-1992
C.457	Typescript notes recording visits to the wood The condition of the wood and observations of vegetation and birds are the details typically recorded by Nicholson.	1983-1992
C.458	Manuscript notes by Nicholson and other papers	1983
C.459-C.460	Photographs of Dulwich Woods Annotated on the back by Nicholson.	1989-1992
C.459	15 photographs, May 1989; 5 photographs, 1990	
C.460	16 photographs, August 1991; 3 photographs, June 1992	
C.461	'Dulwich Wood negotiations' Correspondence and papers <i>re</i> the proposal for the Ecological Parks Trust to take over the management of the woods.	1983-1985
C.462-C.463	'Dulwich Woods maps & survey proposed but not carried out' Correspondence and papers, chiefly <i>re</i> the proposed survey. 2 folders.	1982-1987
C.464	'Dulwich Socy & JAG [James Allen's Girls'] school' 6pp manuscript draft of Nicholson's Address to the Dulwich Society AGM, 1985, with typescript revised version; correspondence etc <i>re</i> restoration work on James Allen's Girls' School Botanic Gardens, 1984-1985.	1984-1985

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| C.465 | 'London woodlands general & other than Dulwich Highgate & Queens One Tree Hill' | 1983-1984,
nd |
| | Typescript notes chiefly on London woodlands, some recording visits, e.g. to One Tree Hill Park, 1983. | |
| C.466 | 'Rolex Project 1977 unsuccessful' | 1977 |
| | Contents of an envelope so inscribed. | |
| | Part of a draft application by Nicholson and brief correspondence <i>re</i> the submission of a project to create a pioneer ecological park (in ?London) to the Rolex Awards for Enterprise, Geneva Switzerland. | |
| C.467-C.471 | 'TRUE' | 1980-1990,
nd |
| | Contents of an envelope so inscribed. | |
| | Papers and correspondence <i>re</i> general Trust activities, including the setting up of the Rotherhithe Ecological Park. C.471 contains 22 photographs chiefly of Stave Hill Ecological Park, 1991, annotated on the back by Nicholson. | |
| | 5 folders. | |
| C.472-C.479 | Printed reports etc which include contributions by Nicholson | 1977-1986 |
| | Ecological Parks Trust publications, with one non-EPT publication which was found with these. | |
| C.472 | The William Curtis Ecological Park First Report, 1977-1978 | |
| | Introduction by Nicholson. | |
| C.473 | The William Curtis Ecological Park Third Report, 1979-1980 | |
| | Introduction by Nicholson. | |

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- C.474 The William Curtis Ecological Park Fourth Report, 1980-1981

 Introduction by Nicholson.
- C.475 Ecological Parks Trust Second Report, September 1982

 Introduction by Nicholson.
- C.476 'Research Needs in Urban Ecology', by Ian Barrett, published by the Ecological Parks Trust, 1985

 Foreword by Nicholson.
- C.477 Ecological Parks Trust Fifth Report, September 1985

 Introduction by Nicholson.
- C.478 Ecological Parks Trust Sixth Report, 1986

 Introduction by Nicholson.
- C.479 'Life in the City', article by Nicholson in *Naturopa*, No.36, 1980
- C.480-C.482 Photographs from packet inscribed 'Rotherhithe EP & City Farm & Dulwich U[pper] Wood' 1983-1987

 Annotated on the back by Nicholson.
- C.480 11 photographs of Dulwich Upper Wood 1983, 1986

 Only one is dated 1983.
- C.481-C.482 38 photographs of Rotherhithe Ecological Park and Rotherhithe City Farm 1986-1987

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| C.483 | 12 further photographs of Rotherhithe Ecological Park

Contents of a packet. | 1987 |
| C.484-C.485 | Miscellaneous papers

2 folders. | 1970-1987 |
| C.486 | United Nations Conference on the Human Environment

Brief correspondence <i>re</i> Nicholson's agreement to serve as a corresponding consultant for the world report on the human environment and evidence given to a working party. | 1971 |
| C.487 | University College London

Nicholson was instrumental in establishing the pioneer MSc course in conservation at UCL and he served on the Conservation Course Advisory Group.

A few papers <i>re</i> the setting up of the MSc course, 1960; brief correspondence etc <i>re</i> business of the Conservation Course Advisory Group, 1988-1989; a few other papers including short undated manuscript notes on 'Role of UCL'. | 1960-1989,
nd |
| C.488-C.494 | 'The Wakes', Selborne, Hampshire

Contents of a large envelope inscribed 'Wakes, Selborne'.

'The Wakes', once the home of the 18th century naturalist, Gilbert White, houses the Oates Memorial Museum and the Gilbert White Museum. Nicholson had a long association with 'The Wakes' and acted as an Honorary Consultant. He assisted with publicising the Bicentenary of the publication of White's <i>The Natural History of Selborne</i> in 1989. As a young ornithologist, Nicholson had been inspired by White's book and provided an introduction and notes for the 1929 edition. | 1927-1992,
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| C.488-C.490 | Nicholson's correspondence with officials at 'The Wakes' (Curator etc), The Selborne Society and various individuals connected with the Gilbert White Museum or interested in White, with related papers

<i>re</i> events for the Bicentenary of the publication of White's book, other events and general matters connected with studies of White.

3 folders. | 1951-1989,
nd |
| C.491-C.492 | Photographs taken at Selborne, most annotated on the back by Nicholson

4 show exterior of 'The Wakes', 1987, one of them features Nicholson; 28 photographs almost all of the famous Selborne yew tree, showing it after it was blown down early in 1990 and again after it was <i>re</i> -planted.

2 folders. | 1990-1992 |
| C.493 | Detailed manuscript notes by Nicholson on White's <i>The Natural History of Selborne</i> , probably for the 1929 edition; draft letter by Nicholson to publishers, 1927, and letter from publishers to him with receipt of payment, 1928 | 1927, 1928 |
| C.494 | Manuscript 'Memorandum' on <i>The Natural History of Selborne</i> , undated; further manuscript notes on the book and also <i>re</i> 'Colonel George Montagu, 4pp are written on Hertford College, Oxford notepaper (c.1928), the rest are undated | c.1926-1929,
nd |
| C.495 | Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust

Nicholson helped Sir Peter Scott in setting up the Trust (originally the Severn Wildfowl Trust). He served as a member of its Council and as Vice-President.

Brief correspondence <i>re</i> general business. | 1990-1993 |

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C.496-C.504	World Conservation Strategy (WCS)	1979-1990
	<p>The WCS was drawn up by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources and launched in 1980. The World Wildlife Fund was also a main supporter. The UK's programme under the WCS, named 'Earth's Survival' was launched in 1983. Nicholson was Chairman of its Programme Standing Committee.</p>	
C.496	General papers chiefly <i>re</i> the official launch of the WCS Contents of a folder.	1979-1982
C.497	Papers by Nicholson 'First draft for ENDS treatment of IUCN's World Conservation Strategy', 7pp manuscript draft with one further page of notes, ?early 1980; 'An Appraisal of the World Conservation Strategy', 8pp typescript, 1979.	c.1979-1980
C.498	'World Population & WCS' Contents of an envelope so inscribed. Various typescript notes and papers by Nicholson on world population, with reference to the WCS; brief correspondence between Nicholson and the Duke of Edinburgh, 1981.	1980-1981
C.499	Various typescript and manuscript notes and papers by Nicholson, chiefly relating to the strategy for launching 'Earth's Survival' Included is a 2pp typescript draft of an opening speech delivered at 'Logan Hall', 8 June 1983.	1982-1983
C.500-C.501	Correspondence and papers <i>re</i> 'Earth's Survival' and the 'Global Survival Programme' on which Nicholson drafted a paper	

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- /... Correspondents include Sir Peter Scott. A typescript draft of Nicholson's 'Global Survival Programme' paper is at C.500.

2 folders.
- C.502-C.504 Miscellaneous papers and correspondence 1979-1990

Included are a few notes and rough draft pages by Nicholson and printed material.

3 folders.
- C.505-C.510 **World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) (formerly World Wildlife Fund)** **1961-2002, nd**

Nicholson, with Sir Peter Scott, Sir Julian Huxley and others, founded the WWF in 1961. He was Vice-President of WWF-UK.
- C.505-C.506 Papers and correspondence *re* general business 1961-2002, nd

Included are typescript and manuscript notes and papers by Nicholson. Included at C.506 is his statement to a WWF/UK Trustees meeting, 1998.

2 folders.
- C.507-C.508 'World Bird Fund', contents of an envelope so inscribed 1978-January 1979

Nicholson was heavily involved in plans for a World Bird Fund, proposed by the International Council for Bird Preservation, to be run as a specialised extension of the WWF in cooperation with the ICBP.

Correspondence and papers *re* suggestions and ideas for the Fund.

2 folders.

See C.239 for related material.
- C.509-C.510 Kindrogan Field Centre, Strathardle, Perthshire 1990-1993

The Scottish Field Studies Association, which owned the /...

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/... Centre, sought financial support from the WWF for its development.

Correspondence etc.

2 folders.

C.511-C.525

Miscellaneous papers and correspondence

**1934-2003,
nd**

Relating to various environmental topics, issues and organisations. A large part of the material consists of manuscript and typescript notes and papers by Nicholson.

At C.511 are 16 black and white photographs, 1934-1935, of 'Gracious Pond Farm', annotated on the back in Nicholson's hand. Two feature P.A.D. Hollom; one features H.F. Witherby.

At C.524 are printed diagrams devised by Nicholson representing 'Man's environment', Biosphere / Technosphere etc.

C.511

1934-1960

C.512-C.513

1962-1972

2 folders.

C.514-C.515

1973-1981

2 folders.

C.516-C.517

1982-1990

2 folders.

C.518-C.519

1991-2003

2 folders.

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C.520-C.525

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SECTION D

WORLD WAR TWO, D.1-D.39

1939-1983

In the few months before the outbreak of World War Two Nicholson, who was working for Political and Economic Planning (PEP), was asked by the Ministry of Information to assist with the planning of official publications in the event of war. On the outbreak of war Nicholson took up the post of Controller of Literature at the Ministry of Information but resigned after only seven weeks and rejoined the PEP. He was persuaded by Lord Hurcomb (Director-General) to join the Ministry of War Transport (the wartime name for the Department of Shipping) in March 1940, serving initially as head of the Economic and Inter-Allied Branch and, from 1942 to the end of the War, as Head of the Allocation of Tonnage Division. He attended the Allied conferences in Cairo, Quebec, Yalta and Potsdam. His other wartime role was as an air raid warden for the Borough of Chelsea.

The papers are arranged as follows:

- D.1-D.7 MINISTRY OF INFORMATION
- D.8-D.34 MINISTRY OF WAR TRANSPORT
- C.35-C.36 POTSDAM CONFERENCE
- C.37-C.39 MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS

D.1-D.7

MINISTRY OF INFORMATION

1939-1940

In the months [?June or July]-September 1939 Nicholson chaired the Research Sub-Committee of the Ministry to consider the preparation of official pamphlets on economic and other matters in the event of war.

A small quantity of PEP material is included in this group of papers.

D.1-D.2

Correspondence etc *re* ideas and drafts for various publications and related matters

May-
September
1939

The correspondence is chiefly Nicholson's with officials in the Ministry of Information and the Civil Service Commission. I.S. (later Sir Ivison) Macadam is among the correspondents. Included are a few letters which are not written by or addressed to Nicholson.

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- /... Included also at D.1 are some typescript notes by Nicholson headed 'Slogans'.

2 folders.
- D.3 45pp manuscript notes by Nicholson on possible pamphlets and related matters May-September 1939

Only a few pages are inscribed with dates; these are June-August 1939.

A few secretary's notes *re* appointments etc are included.
- D.3A Talks with the Foreign Office 1939-1940

'Note of an interview with Lord Halifax [Foreign Secretary]', copy of Nicholson's 4pp typescript summary so titled, 24 September 1939. The discussion covered post-war aims and a draft pamphlet 'What are we to fight for'. J.S. Huxley was also present at the interview.

2pp manuscript notes with Nicholson's later inscribed note '...interview with Lord Halifax Foreign Secretary on 18 October 1939'.

1p manuscript notes with Nicholson's later inscribed note 'Apparently a note of an important talk with FO on post-war aims April 1940'.
- D.4 Copies of various official papers relating to the business of the Research Sub-Committee and the Ministry of Information May-July 1939

Included is a copy of the minutes of the first meeting of the Research Sub-Committee (12 July 1939).
- D.5-D.6 Copies of various Ministry of Information papers, mostly from the weeks when Nicholson held the post of Controller of Literature September 1939-March 1940

Chiefly office notices and memoranda. Included are two papers authored by Nicholson (both at D.5): one memo (23 September) and a 3pp 'Summary Report on Pamphlets' (24 October).

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/... Most of the material dates from September and October 1939.

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D.7	Brief correspondence <i>re</i> matters arising from Nicholson's time at the Ministry of Information and <i>re</i> his renewed work at the PEP	February-March 1940
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D.8-D.34	MINISTRY OF WAR TRANSPORT	1940-1983
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The papers are arranged as follows:

D.8-D.16	General correspondence and papers
D.17-D.27	Middle East Supply Centre (MESC)
D.28-D.34	Later material: chiefly wartime shipping history

D.8-D.16	General correspondence and papers	1940-1946
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D.8	Brief early correspondence with C.W. Hurcomb	March 1940
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Included is Nicholson's reply to Hurcomb's offer of a post in the Ministry of Shipping.

D.9	'Wartime temporary administrative officers in Civil Service & the FDA [Association of First Division Civil Servants] MWT Branch'	1941-1944
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Contents of a file so inscribed.

Nicholson chaired a committee representing temporary administrative officers in the Ministry of War Transport.

Brief correspondence and papers *re* general business.

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D.10	<p>'Shipping operations 1943-4'</p> <p>Contents of a file so inscribed.</p> <p>Correspondence (all 1944), chiefly with Percy Rogers of the British Merchant Shipping Mission, Washington DC, USA; copy of secret report on 'Operation 'Symbol' ', 1943.</p>	1943-1944
D.11-D.14	<p>United Maritime Executive Board (UMEB) and United Maritime Authority (London Branch) Shipping Employment Policy Committees</p> <p>Nicholson was Chairman of the United Maritime Authority (London Branch) Shipping Employment Policy Committee and a member of the UK Delegation on the UMEB.</p> <p>Committee papers.</p> <p>4 folders.</p>	1945
D.15-D.16	<p>Miscellaneous correspondence and papers relating to business of the Ministry of War Transport</p> <p>Included are rough undated manuscript notes in Nicholson's hand (D.16), one set headed 'Wartime MS notes on a Basra - Baghdad railway', staff lists and invitations to official functions.</p> <p>2 folders.</p>	1940-1946, nd
D.17-D.27	<p>Middle East Supply Centre (MESC)</p> <p>The MESC was established in 1941 to regulate shipping and commerce among the countries of the Middle East. It reported directly to the Ministry of War Transport.</p> <p>See L.75 for further correspondence between Nicholson and R.G.A. Jackson.</p>	1942-1946
D.17-D.23	<p>'MESC 1942-44 Important top-level correspondence'</p> <p>Contents of a file so inscribed.</p> <p>Nicholson's correspondence with R.G.A. Jackson (later Sir Robert Jackson), Director-General of the Middle East Supply Centre, Cairo, Egypt, with related papers.</p>	1942-1945 /...

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/...	<p>Included are copies of letters to other individuals including S.A. Bailey, Principal Assistant Secretary at the Ministry of Transport. The correspondence, especially a number of long letters by Jackson, covers the full scope of the Centre's activities, as well as matters such as Anglo-American relations within it, economic issues in the Middle East, and UK and USA policy objectives in the region. Only one letter is dated 1945.</p> <p>7 folders.</p>	
D.24-D.25	<p>Copies of reports and memoranda by R.G.A. Jackson with copies of his letters to various civil servants in London, including Nicholson and S.A. Bailey</p> <p>This material was found tied together. It does not duplicate any of the correspondence and papers in D.17-D.23.</p> <p>A handwritten list of the contents is included at the beginning.</p> <p>2 folders.</p>	1942-1944
D.26-D.27	<p>'Middle East Supply Centre Historical documents & correspondence'</p> <p>Contents of a file so inscribed.</p> <p>Correspondence between various officials (Nicholson is the principal correspondent) in the Middle East Supply Centre, Ministry of War Transport and other Government departments, with related papers. Correspondents include K.A.H. (later Sir Keith) Murray.</p> <p>This material relates to various MESC business and Middle East affairs.</p> <p>2 folders.</p>	1943-1946
D.28-D.34	Later material: chiefly wartime shipping history	1944-1983
D.28-D.30	General history and reunion functions	1951-1983
D.28	<p>Correspondence etc <i>re</i> Nicholson's assistance with revisions to the text of a book, probably <i>Merchant shipping and the demands of war</i> by C.B.A. Behrens,</p> <p>/...</p>	1951, 1954

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- /... London (H. M. Stationery Office) 1955
- Correspondence is chiefly with the author.
- Included are Nicholson's typescript comments and a few pages of rough manuscript notes.
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- D.29 Correspondence with Prof. J.J. Safford of Montana State University, USA, *re* his research on wartime shipping 1981-1983
- Included are typescript notes by Nicholson on his recollections of his time in the Ministry of War Transport.
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- D.30 Ministry of Transport reunion functions 1954-1967
- Table lists for 1954 and 1957 Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation Annual Shipping Dinners; brief correspondence connected with the First Reunion of Ministry of Transport retired officers, 1967.
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- D.31-D.34 Middle East Supply Centre 1944-1964
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- D.31-D.32 'MESC History' 1944-1964
- Correspondence *re* various publications (chiefly intended publications) on war history which covered the work of the Middle East Supply Centre.
- Nicholson is the principal correspondent, providing recollections and assisting with texts.
- 2 folders.
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- D.33 Typescript fair copy of a book titled 'The Story of the Middle East Supply Centre' ?1945
- Publication details and author unknown. The book is a comprehensive account consisting of 14 chapters.
- The front page has the inscription 'MESC Prob 1945' in Nicholson's hand.

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D.34	Typescript paper titled 'Development of British Trade with Israel and the Middle East' Author unknown. Found with the material in D.31-D.33.	1949
D.35-D.36	POTSDAM CONFERENCE Nicholson attended the Conference in Potsdam, Germany, July 1945.	1945
D.35	Papers <i>re</i> accommodation and arrangements, with passes etc	
D.36	'Souvenirs found by EMN in Hitler's Chancellery Office, Berlin July 1945', contents of a file so inscribed A few documents.	
D.37-D.39	MISCELLANEOUS WARTIME PAPERS	1939-1945
D.37	Various papers from an envelope inscribed 'Wartime papers', contents as follows: 4pp typescript titled 'Strategy of Subversion', author unknown, inscribed '1941-2?' in Nicholson's hand; letter to Nicholson (1942) from the Secretary to the Communities Centres and Associations Survey Group of the National Council of Social Service, with papers; a few papers produced by the 1940 Council and the 1941 Committee (connection to Nicholson unknown), 1940-1941; report on a Nuffield Committee Conference, December 1941 (Nicholson does not appear to have attended, though he has inscribed the first page with the Conference date).	1940-1942
D.38-D.39	Miscellaneous papers and correspondence	1939-1945

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Includes correspondence *re* Nicholson's service as an air raid warden and various official passes and documents issued to him during the war.

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SECTION E	OFFICE OF THE LORD PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL, E.1-E.34	1945-2001, nd
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Nicholson served as Head of the Office of the Lord President of the Council, Herbert Morrison, 1945-1952. He was responsible for seeing through the 1947 Town and Country Planning Act, the 1947 Agriculture Act and the setting up of the Nature Conservancy. He chaired the Festival of Britain Committee, 1950-1951.

See L.91-L.94 for related material, including correspondence between Nicholson and Morrison.

The papers are arranged as follows:

E.1-E.14 GENERAL BUSINESS

E.15-E.34 FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN

E.1-E.14	GENERAL BUSINESS	1945-1954, 1977
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Significant groups of correspondence and papers are listed below by department, committee etc, correspondent or topic. Miscellaneous correspondence and papers are at E.10-E.14.

E.1	'US Shipping letters', contents of a file so inscribed	1945, 1947- 1948
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Correspondence with Captain Granville Conway (in the USA) chiefly *re* the state of the UK economy, including 5pp typescript by Nicholson titled 'Notes on the economic situation and prospects of the UK'.

Included is one letter (November 1945) to Nicholson (at the Ministry of War Transport) from the US War Shipping Administration.

E.2	Foreign Office	1946
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Correspondence, chiefly with A.A. Dudley of the Foreign Office Information Policy Department, *re* various matters.

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| E.3 | Location of a new Mechanical Engineering Research Station | 1947 |
| | Correspondence chiefly with the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research. Correspondents include Sir Edward Appleton. | |
| E.4 | Advisory Council on Scientific Policy (ACSP) | c.1947-1951,
1977 |
| | 'ACSP Report (Biological Studies)', 2pp manuscript draft in Nicholson's hand, so titled; copies of ACSP Annual Reports 1948-1951; Nicholson's later correspondence assisting a researcher on the history of the Council, with copy of the resultant article, 1977. | |
| E.5 | Sir George Schuster | 1948-1949 |
| | Schuster was a member of the Committee on Industrial Productivity (CIP) (as Chairman of the Panel on Human Relations) and the Medical Research Council. | |
| | Correspondence <i>re</i> various matters, chiefly connected with the 'HF Panel'. | |
| E.6 | Alexander King | 1949 |
| | King was Head of the Lord President's Scientific Secretariat, 1947-1950. | |
| | Correspondence <i>re</i> American technical aid to British industry under the Economic Cooperation Administration (ECA). | |
| E.7 | Pioneer Health Centre at Peckham, London | 1949-1950 |
| | Correspondence and papers chiefly <i>re</i> the London County Council's interest in purchasing the Health Centre property. | |
| E.8 | British Film Institute | 1950, 1954 |
| | Correspondence chiefly <i>re</i> financial issues involving the Governors of the Institute. | |

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E.9	W.A. McFarlane	1950-1952
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McFarlane was attached to the United Kingdom Scientific Mission (through the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research).

Correspondence *re* various matters.

E.10-E.14	Miscellaneous correspondence and papers	[c.1945]-1952, nd
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E.15-E.34	FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN	1947-2001, nd
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Papers are arranged as follows:

E.15-E.17 General correspondence and papers

E.18-E.34 Festival history and anniversary events

E.15-E.17	General correspondence and papers	1947-1953
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E.15	Correspondence etc, mostly official, <i>re</i> various matters connected with the preparations for the Festival and its aftermath	1947-1953
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Correspondents include Sir Gerald Barry, Director General of the Festival of Britain and Herbert Morrison. A few letters of invitation to functions held during the Festival are included.

Chiefly 1951-1952.

E.16	'Functions and invitations', contents of an envelope so inscribed	1951
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Nicholson's invitation cards to various events held during the Festival period and his official passes and permits etc.

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E.17	Personal letters to Nicholson from former colleagues who worked on the Festival of Britain The letters are chiefly replies to Nicholson's letters of congratulation on the receipt of honours awarded for contributions to the Festival.	1951-1952
E.18-E.34	Festival history and anniversary events	1951-2001, nd
E.18	'Festival of Britain specially selected [papers]', contents of an envelope so inscribed Brief correspondence and papers, 1951-1952, chiefly <i>re</i> the Festival Gardens, including detailed notes by Nicholson on the 'Festival Gardens Bill' (June 1951); brief correspondence with Hugh Pearman of <i>The Times</i> <i>re</i> his article on the Festival, 1996; 13pp manuscript notes (undated) headed '(Extracts made at Public Record Office) Great Exhibition Centenary Official Committee (meetings in my room in Gt George St)', recording meetings 1947-1951.	1951-1952, 1996, nd
E.19	Correspondence <i>re</i> annual Festival <i>re</i> -union dinners	1953-1958
E.20	Correspondence <i>re</i> a set of commissioned photographs of the South Bank Exhibition which were not published as intended	1953
E.21-E.23	'A Tonic to the Nation', exhibition to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Festival of Britain, held at the Victoria and Albert Museum, London, November-April 1976 Nicholson attended the opening ceremony (by HM The Queen Mother) on 26 November. In the same month he participated in a BBC 2 television documentary 'A Rainbow over the Thames' which looked back at the Festival of Britain.	1976
E.21	Correspondence etc <i>re</i> the Opening, Nicholson's views on the exhibition (including 2pp manuscript notes) and other matters	1976

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| E.22 | Letter from the BBC <i>re</i> the documentary 'Rainbow over the Thames' and related cuttings from newspapers | 1976 |
| E.23 | | |
| | Copy of the book <i>A Tonic to the Nation: The Festival of Britain 1951</i> , Thames and Hudson 1976, which was connected with the Victoria and Albert Museum exhibition | |
| | Several pages have annotations in Nicholson's hand. | |
| E.24-E.25 | | |
| | Correspondence and papers <i>re</i> proposals for a definitive published history of the Festival of Britain | 1987-1991 |
| | With the 40th anniversary of the Festival approaching, Nicholson began to explore with former colleagues, the Arts Council and others the possibility of producing an official history of the Festival, a project that had been turned down by the Treasury in 1952. His idea was to base the publication on an Edinburgh University PhD thesis by I. Ebong. | |
| E.24 | | |
| | Correspondence and papers <i>re</i> early suggestions and ideas concerning the official history and the use of the thesis | 1987 |
| | Correspondents include Sir Jocelyn Stevens, Rector of the Royal College of Art, and the author of the thesis. | |
| | Included are a number of typescript papers by Nicholson, and some manuscript notes, containing his comments on the text of the thesis and suggestions on how it might be used. | |
| E.25 | | |
| | Correspondence <i>re</i> attempts at publication | 1989-1991 |
| E.26-E.27 | | |
| | 40th anniversary celebration dinner, Royal Festival Hall, London, 2 May 1991 | 1991 |
| | Nicholson delivered a speech. | |
| E.26 | | |
| | Correspondence <i>re</i> arrangements and arising | |

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- E.27 Various manuscript and typescript drafts of Nicholson's speech; newspaper cuttings relating to the dinner; photograph of Nicholson delivering his speech, with his annotations on the back
- E.28-E.32 Events, articles etc connected with the 50th anniversary of the Festival of Britain 2000-2001
- E.28-E.30 'The Festival at Fifty', a conference organised by the Twentieth Century Society, held at the Royal Festival Hall, London, 19 May 2001
- Nicholson was one of the speakers.
- E.28 Correspondence chiefly re arrangements, with programme 2000-2001
- E.29 Two typescript drafts of Nicholson's talk (texts different), one titled 'The Festival of Britain's Origins, Aims and Function', the other 'The Realities of the Festival of Britain'
- E.30 9 photographs, contents of an envelope inscribed 'Festival Hall May 2001' 2001
- Probably taken at this conference.
- Most of the photographs show a group of people; of these two feature Nicholson.
- E.31 Brief correspondence re Nicholson's participation in a BBC radio programme marking the 50th anniversary of the Festival and his attendance at a convention of the Festival of Britain Society (Royal Festival Hall, 5 May 2001) 2001
- E.32 Newspaper cutting from *The Times* with an article on the Festival of Britain and copy of Nicholson's letter to the correspondent; brief correspondence with the author of a prospective book on the Festival 2001

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| E.33 | Miscellaneous correspondence and papers | 1976-2000,
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| | Included are a few pages of undated notes in Nicholson's hand and 2 photographs (1976) of the plaque to Sir Gerald Barry with Nicholson's annotations on back. | |
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| E.34 | Book titled <i>Royal Festival Hall</i> , Phaidon Press 1992, with inscription inside, in Nicholson's hand, stating that it was a gift from Sir Brian Corby, Chairman of the South Bank Board | |