

### Data Collection Forms

There has unfortunately been a slight delay in the production of this form but it will be available very shortly. They will be sent to all W.S.G. members for the extraction of processing data on the less commonly ringed species which will be kept in a central store (the data will of course not be used in a publication without prior agreement of the ringers concerned). Forms will also be available for the private use of members (at cost price yet to be determined), and for extraction of data for special studies.

### Appeal for Wader Bodies

We have been asked by Dr. Peter Evans to circulate an appeal for whole bodies of freshly dead waders. He is engaged in a study of fat deposition and body constituent of them, work which should lead to an understanding of live weight changes. If anyone finds such a corpse would they please wrap it in a polythene bag and post it to him (postage will be refunded) at University Of Durham, Department of Biology, South Road, Durham.

### 2 Ringing in Autumn 1971

The autumn catching got off with a bang on Morecambe Bay with a catch of 1,100 Dunlin on July 25th, although poor weather reduced mist net catches at this time throughout the country. Also in late July and early August came the welcome news that the Ayr R.G. and the North Solway R.G. both had considerable success inland with the netting of Curlew, both catching over 50 in a single night. Catching continued well into August with a successful 'Wash week' netting some 5,000 waders, mostly Dunlin and Knot but also 260 Sanderling. Elsewhere the Merseyside R.G. with 169 Sanderling and 45 Ringed Plover, Farlington R.G. 20 Ringed Plover, Morecambe Bay W.G. with 160 Knot and 128 Curlew (probably the highest number ever cannon-netted), Cherry Cob group with Dunlin did well.

In general Septembers catches were poor and it was not until the second half of the month before they improved with 300 Turnstone (Morecambe Bay W.G.), a large mist-netted Knot catch on the Ribble by the Leigh R.G. (this catch included 2 Icelandic Knot, 9 British Knot, 2 Dunlin and 1 Ringed Plover controls) and continued success at Cherry Cob.

Initials not given before: PH = Philip Hall on Firth of Forth  
AB = Alan Bromby on Poole Harbour

The ringing totals for the period are set out below:

	MBWG	HRG	TRG	FRG	ARG	WWRG	PH	AB	MRG
Oystercatcher	188		3	3	18	319	4	29	37
Lapwing				8	92				12
Ringed Plover	115	1	7	30	6	26	2		52
Little Ringed Plover									7
Grey Plover						1			
Golden Plover			4		1		2		1
Turnstone	313	1	5			106	4		2
Common Snipe			1	2	22		1		6
Curlew	129	12	10		119			5	8
Whimbrel	2			2					1
Black-tailed Godwit		1		2					
Bar-tailed Godwit		10							3
Green Sandpiper				2					
Common Sandpiper			30	8	18			1	1
Redshank	6	32	29	22	28	22	33		24
Greenshank				14	1				1
Knot	146	10	1			1495	2		31
Dunlin	1680	796	10	207	31	2697	54	1	438
Sanderling	22					303			190
Ruff		6	2		1				4
Curlew Sandpiper		2				10			1
Purple Sandpiper	1								
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Total	2602	871	102	300	337	4879	102	36	819
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Recent Recoveries

Oystercatcher

Pull 25.6.64 Fair Isle x Ulverston, Morecambe Bay 2.2.71  
 Pull 28.6.70 Hepple (Northumb.)c Heysham, Morecambe Bay 9.5.71

There were fifteen foreign recoveries on breeding grounds of this species which were distributed thus:

Norway 13 (Wash 7, Burry Inlet 3, Morecambe Bay 3)  
 Iceland 2 (Burry Inlet and Dee)

and a further 3 in France, all from the Wash and ringed in late January 1971(2) and 1968 (1). The first two of these appear to show a shift in wintering grounds subsequent to a mild winter or perhaps indicate an early return to the north.