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Ringing and Migration Conference

The conference went ahead very successfully with extremely interesting an well delivered talks on waders by John Wilson, Tony Williams, Brian Stronach and Mike Pienkowski. Clive Minton chaired an open session of wader ageing methods which took place before the closed business session. We would like to thank all those members who brought along skins and wings of waders and stimulated many hours of discussion on various characters and certainly highlighted some of the problems:

Ageing Guide

The ageing guide was produced as promised at the Ringing and Migration Conference and distributed to W.S.G. members there. If you attended the conference it is assumed that you took an ageing guide and so one will not be sent with this bulletin. If you did not take one will you please contact Tony Prater to obtain your copy. There is no charge to members but if you need additional copies they cost 10p. plus postage.

Date Collection Forms

These forms were also produced in time for Swanwick and already almost a thousand have been circulated. We would please ask all members to submit processing details of all birds if they have ringed less than 100 of them and would hope that many ringing groups would place all past records on them. The forms are available for personal use but if they are used in this way we do have to charge their cost price of 10p. for 20 (25 entries to a form). If anyone needs more forms please contact Tony Prater.

Subscriptions

We would like to remind all members that their 1972 subscriptions were due on January 1st and if you have not already done so please let Ron Birch have your 50p. as soon as possible, made payable to him; his address is

8, Thornberry Close, Saughall, Chester.