

controlled at Sappii, Finland, at the late date of 25th May, but we do not know if this bird was breeding at the time. Probably the breeding grounds for these Dunlin are somewhere in the Soviet Union, as Okill (pers. comm.) has found the measurements of wintering Dunlin indicate a homogenous population of the race C. alpina alpina.

Some of the wintering Dunlin arrive on the Dec as early as July and August and moult there, but the majority arrive from October onwards and have completed their moult elsewhere. The Wash is probably one moulting ground for these birds but there are likely to be other ones in the North Sea coast, especially within the Dutch/German Waddensee area.

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