

WADER STUDY GROUP GRANTS

It was suggested and accepted at the Wader Study Group meeting at Swanwick in January 1975 that the WSG should use some of its money to encourage and support research work on waders.

There will, therefore, be grants made available for amateur work in 1975. A total of £50, with a maximum of £25 for any single applicant, has been set aside for this purpose.

The work should be

- (a) on population studies within the British Isles; in particular projects on productivity, biometrics, migration of British breeding populations will be given high priority
- (b) on new aspects of work and not a continuation of existing studies.

Applications stating details of aims, methods, etc. should be sent to Tony Prater at the B.T.O. by 1st APRIL 1975, though later applications may be considered if any grants remain.

The applications will be considered by a committee of R. Birch, J. McMeeking, Dr C.D.T. Minton, M.W. Pienkowski and A.J. Prater. The Committee may suggest standardisation on particular methods or techniques to be used in the studies and the grants will be conditional on the acceptance of this.

WADER STUDY GROUP SUMMER MEETING

To give all interested in attending this meeting adequate notice, it is suggested that the meeting will be held

at Shenstone (Clive's house) on Sunday 28th September

The detailed agenda will be circulated with the summer bulletin, due out in July.

WADER CONFERENCE

The Conference discussed at the summer meeting of the Wader Study Group is going to be held during late August 1975 at Liverpool Polytechnic. The provisional programme is :

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| Thursday 21st August | : | assemble in the evening, when films will be shown.  |
| Friday 22nd          | " | lectures and discussions on wader feeding studies.  |
| Saturday 23rd        | " | Geographical variation of waders.   |
| Sunday 24th          | " | possibly continuing this theme and on either or both Saturday and Sunday visits to Dee and Ribble will be arranged. |