

deadlines at the end of the first week of July, November and March, respectively. It is a considerable help if material is received well before these deadlines; this applies particularly to articles and papers which may require some correspondence between editors and authors.

In an attempt to return to the regular schedule, preparation of the next Bulletin will be well advanced by the time members receive this issue and we ask that members return the catch reporting forms promptly. Other contributions for this and future Bulletins would be welcome and should be sent to one of the editors listed above.

Apart from the delays in production, certain problems have arisen in circulation of the Bulletin, and we apologise to those members concerned. Graham Appleton has kindly agreed to take over responsibility for circulation in the future and any complaints should now be addressed to him at 18 Old Barn Road, Bourneville, Birmingham, England (Telephone 021 - 458 5881).

### North American Section

In view of growing membership in North America, and the organisation of these members into a distinct section within the Wader Study Group, we are intending to include more articles and other material of direct relevance to this area. Guy Morrison has agreed to edit the North American section of the Bulletin and any contributions from this area should be sent to : Dr. R.I.G. Morrison, Canadian Wildlife Service, 2721 Highway 31, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1G 3Z7. Although the North American material will form a separate section within the Bulletin, all members will receive the entire publication. We intend to include the first North American section in the next Bulletin (August 1978).

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### NOTICES

#### Subscriptions

If you have not already sent your 1978 subscription of £1.00, please do so as soon as possible. Cheques should be payable to Halifax Building Society, A/C Wader Study Group and sent to our new Treasurer: Bryan E. Murray, 51 Windsor Road, Billinge, Nr Wigan, Lancs, U.K.

Requests for information: continuing requests are:-

- 1) Colour ringed or dyed waders. Please report all sightings to Tony Prater (address above) who will pass them on. Please note that many schemes can make use of incomplete details if not all colours of a combination can be identified. If you are operating a scheme, please ensure that Tony has been given details.
- 2) Weights of retrapped Ringed Plover chicks: Bull 17 (April 1976)
- 3) Ornithologists visiting Tunisia : Bull 18 (August 1976)
- 4) Corpses of freshly dead waders : Bull 19 (November 1976)
- 5) Request for feeding observations and detailed bill measurements of colour-ringed Oystercatchers seen or caught : Bull 21 (November 1977)

Colour ringed Curlew Sandpipers.

About 200 Curlew Sandpipers have been colour ringed in South Africa during the 1977/78 southern summer. They have been mostly ringed with a single colour. Could any sightings please be sent to Tony Prater (BTO, Tring, Herts) including details of height and number of colour rings, colours involved, and date and place of observation.

Cannon-netting Code of Practice.

This guide prepared by John McMeeking and Kate Lessells for the WSG and BTO is now in its final stages of production and should be available during late May 1978. It covers in detail all of the procedures involved in cannon-netting with particular emphasis on safety to both birds and participants.

It is an essential document for all cannon-net licence holders and is strongly recommended for all regular, experienced members of cannon-net teams. It is also hoped that all new groups using cannon-nets, both in Britain and abroad, will obtain copies so that the experience gained during the last fifteen years will enable efficient and safe catching everywhere.

The guide which will be of 16 pages will cost 60p and will be available from the B.T.O., Beech Grove, Tring, Herts, HP23 5NR. (postage included in price)

Redshank with wing tags

Bill Hale of Liverpool Polytechnic has been marking Redshanks with wing tags which wrap over the wing. He now requests that anyone who catches one of these birds remove the tags, as there is some evidence of damage to the secondaries.