

Colour-ringed Purple Sandpipers

Purple Sandpipers have been colour-ringed in Britain for over ten years. Initially by Hilbre Bird Observatory and subsequently mainly by the Tay Ringing Group. To aid the interpretation of distribution of different breeding populations an expedition, led by John Innes of the Tay RG, is going to Norway during summer 1978. They will be colour ringing Purple Sandpipers and Dotterel. They request that all colour-ring observations of these species be sent to Tony Prater (BIO, Beech Grove, Tring, Herts.) with details of where seen, date(s), size and colour of the colour rings and which leg(s) the rings are on.

RINGING TOTALS

Key for both periods reported in this Bulletin

- A = A.D.K. Ramsay : Orkney
- B = Aberdeen Univ : Ythan Estuary
- C = Edinburgh R.G. & Durham Univ : East Lothian
- D = Durham University : Teesmouth & Lindisfarne
- E = Spurn Bird Obs.
- F = Wash Wader R.G.
- G = P.Catchpole, M.Cockram & I.Peters : Suffolk
- H = N.M.Shennan : Bucks
- I = C.Sharr : Kent
- J = Farlington R.G. : Hampshire
- K = A.T.Bromby : Poole Harbour
- L = Devon & Cornwall Wader R.G.
- M = N.A.Clarke : N.Somerset & Avon coast
- N = Hardman, Jukes & Cooper / Arden R.G. : Warwickshire
- O = C.M.Reynolds : Oxon
- P = Celtic Wader Research Group : S.Wales
- Q = SCAN R.G. : N.Wales & adjacent parts of England
- R = R.Yates : Lancs.
- S = S W Lancs R.G.
- T = Morecambe Bay Wader Group
- U = N.Down R.G. : Belfast
- V = P.J.Smiddy : Ballymacoda, Cork

Nil returns for March - June have been received from C.M.Reynolds and North Down R.G., and for both periods from Arbeitskreis Natur- und Umweltschutz Harlingerland, W.Germany.

Late return for July - Oct 77 : Aberdeen Univ : Ythan:  
55Redshanks & 23 Dunlins

A form for totals for July-October 1978 will be found loosely inserted in this Bulletin. This should be returned in the first week of November.



RINGING TOTALS REPORTED FOR MARCH TO JUNE 1978 : FULLY GROWN BIRDS

	A	B	D	F	G	H	I	J	L	M	P	R	S	T	T
Oystercatcher	5		23	562				1			2		1	109	33
Lapwing							3							a	b
Ringed Plover	3		8				6				31		1	822	1
Grey Plover				33										3	
Turnstone	16		2	99					2		7		215	234	
Snipe						2						7			
Jack Snipe						2						1			
Curlew	1	1	1		1									1	
Whimbrel					4					2					
Black-t Godwit								1							
Bar-t Godwit				25	1									1	
Redshank	36		5		15		26	63			4		104	1	
Knot	17		9	36							1		4	662	
Purple Sandpiper													8	47	
Dunlin	8	16	108		68		158	11	37	337	413		20	2655	
Sanderling			140	117									14	107	
Avocet					1										
Little Ringed Plover															1

a = shore catches; b = breeding adults (Morecambe Bay)

Additional totals:- Merseyside R.G. ; Lapwing 1, Ringed Plover 91, Turnstone 80, Snipe 2, Redshank 38, Dunlin 607, Sanderling 211.

RINGING TOTALS REPORTED FOR MARCH TO JUNE 1978 : PULLI

	A	B	D	F	G	I	J	L	N	S	T	V
Oystercatcher	70	3		1	43				2	1	29	
Lapwing	112	1			40	13		2	119	138	28	
Ringed Plover	1		24	4	6	1	3		9	4	1	4
Little Ringed Plover									8	2		
Golden Plover					4							
Snipe	1											
Curlew	35				10				4			
Common Sandpiper											1	
Redshank	25				2	14			3	3		

Additional totals: Merseyside R.G. : Lapwing 53, Redshank 3.