

fluffed. A similar display of the tail and associated feathers occurs when members of this species are disturbed near the nest. They walk slowly away, turn repeatedly with the under-tail coverts toward the intruder, and occasionally false-brood (see MacLean, G.L. 1972. Zoologica Africana, vol. 7, pp. 57-74) (See Figure 1).

Our observations, tapes, films, and specimens are under study, and we will report the results in due course.

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Some confusion appears to have arisen in the case of some members in North America in that they have paid subscriptions to both the N. American Treasurer and to the central Treasurer. Only one subscription per year is necessary as N. American Section members are members of the Wader Study Group. We shall arrange to set subscriptions paid twice against subscriptions due in future years, and shall notify these members accordingly later.

#### REVIEW - EXPEDITION TO NAMIB COAST; SOUTHERN AFRICA

The latest report by the Western Cape Wader Group has recently been published. it is:-

'An ornithological expedition to the Namib Coast summer 1976/77'

by L.G. Underhill and D.A. Whitelaw.

The report maintains the high standards that have been achieved in the past. The expedition took place between 29 December 1976 and 14 January 1977. A total of 236 km of shoreline, including major estuaries were censused. Details of counts of all wetland birds are included although with the emphasis on waders, a total of 75,000 of which were recorded. This included 24,000 Sanderling and 20,000 Curlew Sandpipers. A total of 1,100 birds were trapped and in the species accounts there are useful summaries of weight and moult status. The study also identified the important sites along the coast and showed that Sandwich Harbour, as well as Walvis Bay, was an internationally significant area for waders.

Copies of the report are obtainable from:-

M. Waltner, 5 Montague Way, Pinelands, South Africa.

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