

OTHER NOTICES

Request for information and material

The following requests are still current (where appropriate the Bulletin in which full details and addresses were given are indicated);

- 1) Colour ringed or dyed waders. Please report all sightings to A.J. Prater (address on cover) 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 AJP and the Editors have been given details.
- 2) Weights of retrapped Ringed Plover Charadrius hiaticula 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 Haematopus ostrulegus seen or caught: Bull 21 (November 1977).
- 6) Measurements and weights of Curlew Numenius arquata in Europe: Bull 23 (August 1978).

Fourth International Workshop on Feeding Ecology of Waterfowl

This follows the three earlier meetings on shorebird feeding ecology held alternately in Durham and Liverpool. Although the title of the meeting has been widened to Waterfowl, waders will remain very well represented. The meeting will be held at Edge Hill College, Liverpool, from 9 - 12 April 1979. The total cost for the three days of the meeting, including full board, is likely to be about £25. Local organization is being handled by Dr. W. G. Hale, Dept of Biology, Liverpool Polytechnic, Byrom Street, Liverpool L3 3AF, from whom details may be obtained. The themes to be discussed at the meeting are as follows:

- (1) Breeding in relation to food supplies (to include both timing of breeding and breeding success).
- (2) The adaptive significance of migration in relation to balancing the energy budget (to include timing of migration, choice of route, choice of food).
- (3) How far can food selection be "explained" by profitability theory (to include discussion of costs and benefits associated with feeding on particular types of food, and emphasizing switches in diet in winter).

It is hoped that major contributions will be forthcoming from North America, Holland and Scandinavia as well as from the British Isles.

First notice: Symposium on Birds of the Sea and Shore, November 1979, University of Cape Town.

Organised by: The Southern African Seabird Group, The Western Cape Wader Study Group and The Cape Bird Club

A five-day symposium, consisting of three days of formal sessions and two days of excursions, will be held at the University of Cape Town, South Africa during 19 - 23 November 1979. The theme of the symposium will be "Birds of the sea and shore" and papers will be given on seabirds and waders, both inland and coastal. Excursions are planned for an offshore seabird breeding island, Langebaan Lagoon and a seawatching cruise.

Persons interested in attending the Symposium should write to the Organizing Secretary, Mr. G. D. Underhill, 12 Roseberry Road, Mowbray 7700, South Africa for further information.

Those persons wishing to deliver a paper should also write to Mr. J. Cooper, Southern African Seabird Group, c/o FitzPatrick Institute, University of Cape Town, Rondebosch 7700, South Africa, giving details of their proposed paper. Abstracts will be requested at a later stage. It is intended to publish the formal proceedings as a special supplement to The Cormorant, Bulletin of the Southern African Seabird Group.

Wash Wader Ringing Group organisation

The Wash Wader Ringing Group has asked us to publish details of its new organisational arrangements for the benefit of both its further-flung members and other people wishing to contact the group. With Clive Minton's move to Australia, Nick Branson has taken over the position of Secretary (General) and Phil Ireland has moved into the newly formalised position of Ringing and Equipment Secretary. At around the same time, Mike Pienkowski finished his term as Chairman of the Publications Committee and has handed over to William Dick. The addresses of the new officers are:

Dr. N. J. B. A. Branson, Whitegates, Harlton, near Cambridge.
P. L. Ireland, 33 Banbrook Close, Solihull, West Midlands.

W. J. A. Dick, 125 Leathwaite Road, London SW 11.

We would, of course, be pleased to make similar announcements for any other groups should the need arise.

Weights of worn rings

Tony Prater (address on inside front cover) is analysing the wear of rings on waders. He requests that any rings taken off waders be sent to him (with a note of the date of removal) for weighing. Alternatively a note of the ring weight may be sent together with ring number and date of removal, but please note that an accurate weight (in milligrams) using a laboratory balance is required.

Wader Ageing Guide - comments to be incorporated for reprinting

The Wader Ageing Guide (see WSG Bulls. 21, 22) is to be reprinted early in the New Year. If anyone has any additions or corrections, please send them to Tony Prater, BTO, Beech Grove, Tring, Hertfordshire, England, as soon as possible.

RINGING TOTALS - STOP PRESS (see over page)

Late receipts for July to October 1978 (all fully grown, except where indicated)

M.R. Fletcher, Wash, E. England; 1 Oystercatcher.
A.T. Bromby, Brownsea Island, Dorset, England; 3 Redshanks, 17 Dunlins, 12 Curlew Sandpipers.
Devon & Cornwall Wader R.G.; 436 Oystercatchers, 1 Lapwing, 15 Ringed Plovers, 60 Turnstones, 142 Curlews, 4 Whimbrels, 14 Bar-tailed Godwits, 1 Common Sandpiper, 43 Redshanks, 3 Greenshanks, 15 Knots, 1 Little Stint, 176 Dunlins, 3 Curlew Sandpipers, 6 Sanderlings.
Merseyside R.G., Mersey & Dee estuaries, NW England & Wales: 2 pullus Lapwings, 6 Snipes, 1 Jack Snipe, 1 Green Sandpiper, 1 Greenshank, 21 Dunlins, 2 Ruffs.
S.W. Lancs R.G., Ribble estuary, NW England; 1 Redshank, 43 Knots and 3 Dunlins.

Totals for March to October 1978 from Brian Marshall & David Okill, Shetland:

Pull: 152 Oystercatchers, 180 Lapwings, 29 Ringed Plovers, 6 Golden Plovers, 1 Snipe, 50 Curlews, 11 Whimbrels, 1 Common Sandpiper, 8 Redshanks.
Fully-grown birds: 1 Lapwing, 1 Ringed Plover, 3 Golden Plovers, 1 Redshank, 1 Purple Sandpiper, 7 Little Stints, 4 Dunlins, 1 Curlew Sandpiper, 1 Sanderling, 1 Ruff, 1 Jack Snipe, 1 Grey Phalarope.

Portugese Ringing Totals

We are grateful to Rui Rufino for the following accumulated totals of waders ringed with CEMPA rings in Portugal:

Ringed Plover <u>Charadrius hiaticula</u>	57	Little Ringed Plover <u>C. dubius</u>	1 + 1 pullus
Kentish Plover <u>C. alexandrinus</u>	68 + 7 pulli	Turnstone <u>Arenaria interpres</u>	6
Grey Plover <u>Pluvialis squatarola</u>	60	Black-tailed Godwit <u>Limosa limosa</u>	14
Bar-tailed Godwit <u>L. lapponica</u>	9	Whimbrel <u>Numenius phaeopus</u>	1
Curlew <u>N. arquata</u>	2	Common Sandpiper <u>Actitis hypoleucos</u>	15
Wood Sandpiper <u>Tringa glareola</u>	2	Redshank <u>T. totanus</u>	40
Spotted Redshank <u>T. erythropus</u>	2	Greenshank <u>T. nebularia</u>	2
Dunlin <u>Calidris alpina</u>	548	Curlew Sandpiper <u>C. ferruginea</u>	44
Little Stint <u>C. minuta</u>	22	Knot <u>C. canutus</u>	75

Total 974 + 8 pulli

Further totals for July to October 1978

Ornithological Station, Gdansk, Poland: Estuary of Vistula: 75 Ringed Plovers, 22 Little Ringed Plovers, 9 Turnstones, 15 Snipes, 1 Bar-tailed Godwit, 2 Green Sandpipers, 298 Common Sandpipers, 40 Redshanks, 1 Spotted Redshank, 1 Greenshank, 43 Knots, 268 Little Stints, 965 Dunlins, 163 Curlew Sandpipers, 4 Sanderlings, 18 Ruffs, 11 Temminck's Stints, 36 Wood Sandpipers, 1 Terek Sandpiper & 11 Red-necked Phalaropes.

G.E. Jackson: North Norfolk, England: 11 Oystercatcher pulli & 15 Ringed Plover pulli.