

Bar-tailed Godwit *Limosa lapponica*

Teesmouth, England (Durham University - see Grey Plover)

Curlew *Numenius arquata*

Teesmouth, England (Durham University - see Grey Plover)
Freisian coast, Netherlands (P.Zegers, L.Zwarts - see Oystercatcher) 'banded' colour rings
East Germany (Vogelwarte Hiddensee - see Avocet) permanent leg flags

Spotted Redshank *Tringa erythropus*

West Germany (OAG Munster - see Ruff)

Redshank *Tringa totanus*

Ribble Estuary, England (Dr. W.G. Hale, Liverpool Polytechnic, Dept. of Biology, Byrom Street, Liverpool, England)
Note that if any Redshanks with wingtags which wrap around the wing are caught, these tags should be removed.
East Germany (Vogelwarte Hiddensee - see Avocet) permanent leg flags
West Germany (OAG Munster - see Ruff)
Aberdeenshire, Scotland (Culterty Field Station - see Oystercatcher) colour rings, with wingtags in some cases.

Greenshank *Tringa nebularia*

West Germany (OAG Munster - see Ruff)

Green Sandpiper *Tringa ochropus*

East Germany (Vogelwarte Hiddensee - see Avocet)
West Germany (OAG Munster - see Ruff)

Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola*

West Germany (OAG Munster - see Ruff)

Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos*

North Pennines, England (Miss S. Jones, Dept. of Zoology, University of Durham, South Road, Durham DH1 3LE, England)
South Pennines, England (South Pennine R.G., J.E.Robson, 1 Lawnfold, Hadfield, Hyde, Cheshire, England)
Lower Saxony, Germany (see Little Ringed Plover)
Angus, Scotland (Tay R.G.; B.Lynch, 15 Falkland Crescent, Broughty Ferry, Dundee DD5 1NX, Scotland)
Midlothian, Scotland (Dr. I.R.Poxton, 54 Eskhill, Pencuik, Midlothian, Scotland)

Turnstone *Arenaria interpres*

Teesmouth (Durham University - see Grey Plover)
East coast of Scotland (Tay R.G. - see Purple Sandpiper)
Greenland (Expeditions in 1973 and 1974)

COLOUR FLAGS AND COLOUR DYES: TEMPORARY MARKS

Colour 'flags' - pieces of plastic adhesive tape attached to metal rings - were described in Bulletin 25. Essentially they provide a temporary colour ring which is suitable for some projects and which reduces the long-term overlap and confusion between projects. The method will, however, also become wasted if it is used indiscriminately, and ringers should consult WSG before embarking on such a scheme. Similarly colour-dyeing should not be used without prior consultation. A few ringers are using more permanent leg-flags but we strongly discourage this, except in a few exceptional cases, because of conflict with the wider use possible with temporary flags.

The following species will be the subject of one or more studies involving such marking in 1980-81:

Oystercatcher	Kentish Plover	Knot	Bar-tailed Godwit	Turnstone
Avocet	Grey Plover	Sanderling	Curlew	
Ringed Plover	Lapwing	Dunlin	Redshank	

The following ringers/organisations are discussing their schemes with WSG:
WSG Project on movements of wader populations in western Europe, marking at Waddensee/Wattenmeer, Wash, Teesmouth.
(co-ordinated by MWP, Durham University)

- Clyde estuary, Scotland (R.W.Furness, Glasgow University)
- Firth of Forth, Scotland (F.L.Symonds, NCC & Edinburgh R.G.)
- Curlews in Cheshire, England (D.Elphick, S.Manchester R.G.)
- Avocets and Kentish Plovers in Camargue, France (C.M.Lessells, EGI)
- Lapwings in Aberdeenshire (R.D.Elliot, Aberdeen University) & N.Pennines (S.Jones, Durham University)

IT IS VITAL THAT NO OTHER SCHEMES ARE UNDERTAKEN WITHOUT PRIOR CONSULTATION WITH WSG.

Observers seeing any birds marked with dye and/or flags (or other marks) should send the record with as much detail as possible to M.W.Pienkowski, Wader Study Group, Dept. of Zoology, University of Durham, South Road, Durham DH1 3LE, England, who will forward it to the appropriate scheme.

KNOT AND NORTH SEA OIL

During heavy snow in January 1980 Mark Tasker (now with Nature Conservancy Council project on sea-birds at sea) saw a Knot *Calidris canutus* sitting on the heli-deck of West Sole C Platform. We suspect this to be a new habitat - perhaps the Knot Project should seek further observations from North Sea oil men? Any records to William Dick, please.