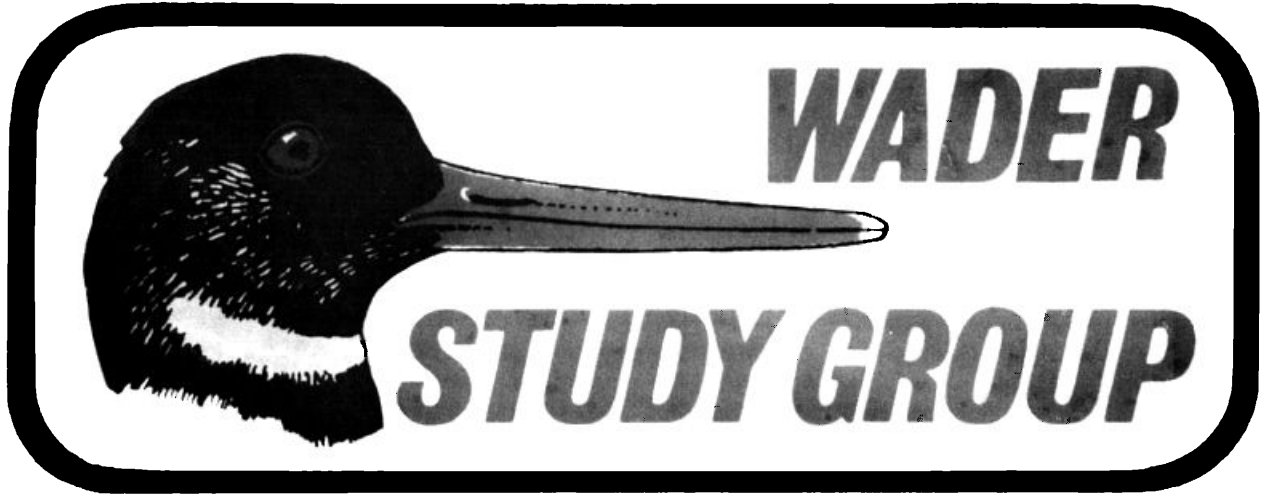


CAR STICKERS: BY POPULAR DEMAND!

As announced at the AGM in Durham last October, and at the request of a number of members, the WSG has produced car stickers. These are now available. They are printed in black and red on a white background and, as can be seen from the full-sized (but monochrome) reproduction below, depict the Group's Oystercatcher emblem.



The WSG Car Sticker. Areas coloured red are shown grey in this illustration.

These attractive car stickers, offered exclusively to WSG members, will add a distinguished note to any car, or other means of transport (and appear to serve as parking permits at certain academic establishments). They make ideal gifts for birthdays, anniversaries, Christmas and Easter, and are suitable for all ages.

Obtain your car-sticker either by:

- 1) sending a cheque for £0.75 payable to 'Wader Study Group' to the Secretaries: N.A. & J.A. Clark, Department of Zoology, University of Edinburgh, West Mains Road, Edinburgh EH9 3JT, UK., or
- 2) sending Dfl. 3.30 to Theunis Piersma Rek. WSG, Groningen, on giro account number 5485692 with reference to Wader Study Group Car Stickers, or
- 3) sending DM3 to the postal cheque account (716 70-304 in Hannover) of Hermann Hötter, Schiplagello, 4520 Melle 8, FRG, writing your address and the number of stickers required on the remittance form. Alternatively, send DM3 in stamps to Hermann Hötter at the above address.

All prices include postage and packing.

For members paying in £ sterling, an order form is enclosed with this issue of the Bulletin.

WSG PROJECT ON THE EFFECTS OF SEVERE WEATHER ON WADERS: FIRST PROGRESS REPORT by N.C. Davidson and N.A. Clark

The first winter in which we have run this project will have ended (hopefully!) by the time you read this report. At the time of writing (mid February 1983), the winter has been mild throughout most of Britain, with only short periods of fairly low temperatures. Even during the recent period of snowfalls, temperatures remained well above those of the severe weather of last winter. This has been invaluable in allowing time for the collection of data with which to compare the effects of any severe weather in the future. It has also allowed time to establish the project, to improve methods, and to solve any initial problems. 26 individuals or groups have registered so far for population counts and/or tideline searches. These observers cover 18 estuaries or areas. In Britain, there is a good geographical spread of observers, so that we have some coverage of most areas (Figure 1). However, there are some notable gaps in coverage, for example the Humber, East Anglia, south-west England, and north-west Scotland; also in Ireland. We would particularly welcome observers in these areas. Of course, additional observers in any area will be very useful: the more observers covering an area, the better the chance that the effects of severe weather will be detected rapidly. We have coverage also of two areas of continental Europe: the Somme estuary in France, and a part of the Dutch Waddenzee. It would be most useful to extend coverage for this project to other parts of Europe, since weather conditions and (hence mortality) during severe weather may differ markedly between Britain and other parts of Europe.