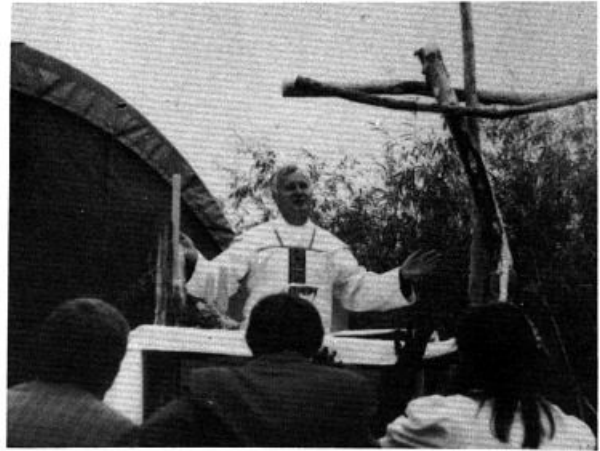


Waderologist ringing?

WSG Bulletin abounds with news about "waderologists" catching and ringing waders. We have never before been able to report a case of waderologists ringing each other, and certainly not at a ringing camp over one kilometer from the nearest road ...

Members lucky enough to participate in the 1987 WSG meeting in Gdansk, Poland, will remember the beautifully sited wader ringing camp at the mouth of the Vistula river run every autumn by the staff of the Ornithological Station. As the accompanying pictures show, it was there that two members of the Ornithological Station and ringing team were married on 23 July 1988. Our congratulations to Anna Zawadzka (née Czerniakiewicz) and Mirek Zawadzki. We wonder how this species will be reported on the next Ringing Totals form!



STOP PRESS Congratulations!!

Congratulations also to *WSG Bulletin* Assistant Editors David and Judy Stroud on the birth of a daughter on 16 January 1989.

SLENDER-BILLED CURLEWS: HELP NEEDED

The Slender-billed Curlew *Numenius tenuirostris* has suffered a drastic decline this century. It is now almost certainly the rarest migratory bird in the Western Palearctic, with perhaps only 100 individuals surviving. In order to investigate the reasons for this decline and to attempt to counter it, the International Council for Bird Preservation (ICBP) has launched a two-year project on the species. As the species has been recorded from over a dozen countries in the last decade, surveys of the species will necessitate a large cooperative effort between ornithologists throughout Europe.

Birdwatchers visiting areas where the Slender-billed Curlew has been recorded in recent years can contribute important information to ICBP's efforts to conserve the species. It must be emphasised that no funds are available from ICBP for such surveys. The countries in which the Slender-billed Curlew has been regularly recorded on passage include Turkey, Hungary, Yugoslavia (Vojvodina), Romania (Dobroudgea), Greece, Austria and Italy, although there have been also accidental records from most non-Scandinavian European

countries. The main wintering sites appear to be in Tunisia and Morocco with scattered records in the Middle East. Anyone willing to spend time surveying suitable wetlands for the species should contact the project coordinator for further details, specifying which country they will be visiting and at what time of year. Any confirmed Slender-billed Curlew records would also be gratefully received, preferably with descriptive details and any information recorded on habitat and behaviour.

Please send records and offers of help to: Adam Gretton, International Council for Bird Conservation, 32 Cambridge Road, Girton, Cambridge CB3 0PJ, UK. (Tel: 0223-277318).

RINGING TOTALS FOR 1988

A Ringing Totals form for the submission of ringing totals for the period January - December 1988 inclusive is enclosed with this *Bulletin*.

Please complete and return this to the Editor by 1 March 1988.