

Table 3. Recovery rates of different wader species.

Species	Number of recoveries	% Recovery rate
<i>Calidris alpina</i>	210	1.4
<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>	10	1.1
<i>Calidris canutus</i>	23	2.9
<i>Calidris minuta</i>	1	0.3
<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	28	2.9
<i>Limicola falcinellus</i>	1	2.4
<i>Tringa glareola</i>	5	0.6
<i>Tringa totanus</i>	34	4.1
<i>Tringa ochropus</i>	1	2.6
<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>	1	0.4
<i>Limosa lapponica</i>	2	2.0
<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	5	2.9
<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	4	0.4
<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	2	1.6
<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	3	1.4

Many people ask us what the name of our group (KULING) mean. The natives of the Gdansk Bay region have recognised two kind of waders: small ones, running quickly along the shore they call BIGUS and large ones with a curlew-like bill KULING. So, the Curlew is KULING too. It is very similar to the Polish Scientific name of Curlew - KULIK.

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### 1993 AOU Symposium on Behavior, ecology and conservation of Western Hemisphere Shorebirds- ANNOUNCEMENT

During the 1993 Annual Meeting of the American Ornithologists Union (Fairbanks, Alaska, 8-13 June 1993) there will be a day-long special symposium on the behavior, ecology and conservation of western hemisphere shorebirds. This symposium will serve as the second of three shorebird symposia focussing on issues facing Western Hemisphere shorebirds. The first was held in Quito, Ecuador in 1991. The third will be in Costa Rica in 1995.

Symposium conveners are: Susan Haig (US Fish & Wildlife Service), Gonzalo Castro (Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network) and Peter Hicklin (Canadian Wildlife Service).

The objective of the symposium is to promote information exchange regarding wader conservation and ecology. Participants will be asked to give a scientific paper of approximately 15 minutes duration. Each participant will be asked also to submit a single page extended abstract of their presentation. Extended abstracts should follow the same format as AOU abstracts. The extended abstracts will be bound and handed out on the day of the symposium. They will also be published in the *Wader Study Group Bulletin*.

Interested researchers should register for the AOU and send in a regular AOU abstract. Extended abstracts should be sent (no later than the AOU registration deadline) to: **Susan Haig, G08 Lehotsky Hall, Clemson University, Clemson SC 29634. Tel. 803-656-0318; BITNET SHAIG@CLEMSON.**

*Special Note.* British Petroleum has graciously offered to provide transportation, accommodations and food for a trip to tundra shorebird habitat at Prudoe Bay for interested shorebird symposium participants. The trip will leave immediately after the AOU and will last 2-3 days. There will be a limit on the number of participants that can accommodate, so please let Susan Haig (address above) know as soon as possible if you would like to participate in the field trip.

