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*Geographische Materialien*, Heft 25. [8] pp. (Forschungs- und Technologie-zentrum Westküste Univ. Kiel, Hafentörn, D-25761, Büsum, Germany). Paper also available at: <http://www.edvz.sbg.ac.at/geo/idrisi/idrgis96/scheiff/idrisicd.htm>. Relationship between distribution of shorebirds over an intertidal area and abiotic parameters was studied. A model was built which allowed the calculation of distribution over the study area on the basis of maps of the parameters elevation, sediment composition, and distance to the high-tide roosts. As exemplified for *Calidris canutus* in spring, important areas for birds can easily be detected by this method.

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## New arrangements for the WSG Colour-marking Register

After eight years of service to the WSG Jane Marchant has taken up a new career as a school teacher and unfortunately no longer has time to co-ordinate the WSG Colour-marking Register. Many thanks to Jane for all the hard work she has put in over the years. The Register will now be co-ordinated by two people, Stephen Browne and Harriet Mead, under the watchful eye of Jacquie Clark. Both Stephen and Harriet work for the British Trust for Ornithology. Stephen has worked at the BTO for four years and has been involved with a number of projects researching waders and has given two talks at WSG conferences. Harriet works part-time in the Ringing Unit at the BTO and is also an artist. The Colour-marking Register will continue to operate as before, but with

increasing computerisation it is likely that sightings will be dealt with much more quickly. Stephen and Harriet can be contacted by post, fax and e-mail at:

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## WSG Colour-marking Register - untraceable sightings, June 1995 to October 1996

There is currently an alarming number of untraceable colour-ringed sightings, a list of which is given below. It therefore seems likely that number of unregistered schemes may be operating. The following list contains all the sightings of colour-marked waders which have been received by the WSG Colour-marking Register and which cannot be traced to a registered scheme.

Each item in the list is recorded as left leg, right leg. The // indicates the birds tarsal joint (or "knee"). The colours are listed from the top to bottom. So a bird seen with red above the left knee, yellow above white below the left knee, metal above the right knee and blue below the right knee is listed as **R//Y,W M//B**. When the colour of a

ring is uncertain, such as "Red/Orange" it is indicated as (R,O). When nothing is written either side of the // it means no ring was recorded either above or below the knee. If the knee (//) is not indicated the precise location of the rings is not known. ?? indicates that the observer did not see that particular part of the leg. The following abbreviations are used for the colours R=Red, O=Orange, Y=Yellow, G=Green, L=Light Green, B=Blue, P=Pale Blue, N=Black (Niger), W=White and M=Metal.

If you have reason to believe that the scheme you are operating is unregistered or you think that some of the untraceable sightings below may be yours, please contact Stephen and Harriet quoting the associated CODE.