

The WSG Colour-marking Register

The WSG Colour-marking Register has had a busy few months with many new schemes being registered (now up to 420) and a steady stream of sightings. Recent good news has been the arrival of a large batch of colour-ringed wader sightings from France. As many of you will know, the French ringing scheme has been severely under-funded, and in recent years reports of ringed birds have merely been opened and filed. Now with new funding the scheme is up and running again. As a result the WSG Colour-marking Register has been sent about 75 sightings dating back to the 1980s. These will be processed soon and sent out to the ringers involved.

UNTRACEABLE SIGHTINGS

The list opposite contains all the sightings of colour-marked waders which have been received by the WSG Colour-marking Register, since the last Bulletin, and which cannot be traced to a registered scheme. If you think any of the birds may be yours, please contact the co-ordinators quoting the code.

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 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.

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CODE	LEFT LEG	RIGHT LEG	PLACE SEEN
Avocet			
97/AV1	M//	//O	MONDEGO, PORTUGAL
97/AV2	M//G	O//	SUFFOLK, UK
Black-tailed Godwit			
97/BW2	Y//	W//PINK	SUFFOLK, UK
97/BW3	W//??	O//??	DOREST, UK
Curlew			
97/CU4	R,N//	Y,N//	HAMPSHIRE, UK
97/CU5	B,W//	R,B//R	HAMPSHIRE, UK
97/CU6	P,O,N,W//? ?	W//??	SWEDEN
97/CU7	N//	Y,R//M	DEVON, UK
97/CU8	O,N//	W//M	HAMPSHIRE, UK
97/CU9	W,(B,N)//	W//M	HAMPSHIRE, UK
97/CU10	B,G//	G,N//M	HAMPSHIRE, UK
Dunlin			
97/DN1	O	M	TYNE & WEAR, UK
97/DN2	//R	(W,M)//	FRANCE
Grey Plover			
97/GV1	//	G	MANCHESTER, UK
Greenshank			
97/GK1	//	Y	ESSEX, UK
Kentish Plover			
97/KP3	//M	//R	SW MOROCCO
97/KP4	//M	//R,Y	SW MOROCCO
Oystercatcher			
97/OC4	//M	//W,N	N. WALES, UK
Purple Sandpiper			
97/PS2	G,R//	G,N//	EDINBURGH, UK
97/PS3	//G,P	//M	DENMARK
Redshank			
97/RK1	//	Y,M	N YORKSHIRE, UK
97/RK2	//N	N,B//M	IRELAND
97/RK3	//Y	//M	IRELAND
Ringed Plover			
97/RP1	//N,Y	//R,M	GERMANY
Sanderling			
97/SS1	//B,O	//O	SW HOLLAND
Turnstone			
97/TT1	//N,W	//N,W	SUFFOLK, UK
97/TT2	//W,Y	//M,N	SUFFOLK, UK
97/TT3	//W,N	//M,B	SUFFOLK, UK
Whimbrel			
97/WB1	W//	R//	HAMPSHIRE, UK
Wood Sandpiper			
97/WS1	O//	O//	NR LONDON, UK