

THE WSG COLOUR-MARKING REGISTER

Some of you may have heard that Stephen has changed jobs, no longer working on Skylarks and Lapwings at the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO), but now working on Turtle Doves for the Game Conservancy Trust. This will not effect the running of the WSG Colour-marking Register, except for a change to the email address (see below). The same postal address still applies, as Harriet continues to work at the BTO.

Untraceable sightings.

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.

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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SPECIES	CODE	LEFT LEG	RIGHT LEG	PLACE SEEN
Avocet <i>Recurvisrostra avosetta</i>	98/AV1	//	O//	Suffolk, UK
	98/AV2	R,B//??	//??	Norfolk, UK
	98/AV3	//B	Y,R//	Norfolk, UK
	98/AV4	R//	Y//	East Yorks, UK
Black-tailed Godwit <i>Limosa limosa</i>	98/BW2	W//	Y//	Ireland
	98/BW3	R//	Y//	Cheshire, UK
	98/BW4	//	Y//Y	Devon, UK
	98/BW5	//	W,Y//Y	Devon, UK
	98/BW6	//G	//Y	Devon, UK
	98/BW7	W//W	//W	Ireland
	Curlew <i>Numenius arquata</i>	98/CU2	W//Y	W//
98/CU3		Pink//??	Pink//??	Cornwall, UK
98/CU4		G//G	//O	Northern Ireland
98/CU5		Y,N//	//M	Devon, UK
98/CU6		R,W//	Y,W//M	The Netherlands
Dunlin <i>Calidris alpina</i>	98/DN1	//Y,W,R(poss M)	//Y,R	Cumbria, UK
Kentish Plover <i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>	98/KP1	R,N//	//W	Mallorca, Spain
	98/KP2	//P,M	//O,W,R	Husum, Germany
	98/KP3	//B	M//B,B	Mallorca, Spain
	98/KP4	G//M	O//W,O	Fuerteventura, Spain
Oystercatcher <i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>	98/OC2	??	G,R// or //G,R	Cheshire, UK
	98/OC3	//Y	M//	France
Redshank <i>Tringa totanus</i>	98/RK2	//P,N	//R	Wales
	98/RK3	W//	Y//	Swindon, UK
	98/RK4	M//	W//	North Yorks, UK
Ringed Plover <i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	98/RP7	//P,G	//B,M	France
	98/RP8	//W,R	//G,M	France
	98/RP9	//Y,W,G	//R,W,M	Scotland
Ruff <i>Philomachus pugnax</i>	98/RF2	B//	Y,M//	Sweden

