

THE INTERNATIONAL WADER STUDY GROUP

The International Wader Study Group (WSG) is an international association of amateurs and professionals from all parts of the world interested in Charadrii (waders or shorebirds). Membership of the WSG is currently over 650 worldwide. Members can be found in over 50 countries around the world, including all the European countries, as well as the Americas, Asia, Africa and Australasia. The interests of the group have diversified from its original focus on ringing and migration-related studies to embrace all aspects of wader biology.

The aims of the International Wader Study Group are:

- to maintain contact between both amateurs and professionals studying waders
- to help organise co-operative studies; and
- to provide a vehicle for the exchange of information on waders and their biology.

The main means of achieving these aims are by:

- holding an annual conference;
- publishing, three times per year, the *Wader Study Group Bulletin*, and on an occasional basis, *International Wader Studies*, each issue of which covers a major topic of wader biology and/or conservation; and
- acting as Wetlands International's Specialist Group on waders.

WADER STUDY GROUP BULLETIN

The *Wader Study Group Bulletin* provides a forum for news, notices, ringing recoveries, recent publications, new study methods and general articles. It also publishes the results of wader research from all parts of the world including preliminary or interim results where appropriate. Each *Bulletin* contains a mix of newsletter items, informal descriptions of research activities, meetings and expeditions, as well as formal presentation of research results and preliminary analyses. The size of the *Bulletin* varies with each issue but usually consists of 60–100 pages.

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To celebrate its 25th anniversary, WSG re-launched the occasionally published Special Issues of the *Bulletin* as a new journal series: *International Wader Studies*. Recently published volumes include: Shorebird Research in the Western Hemisphere; Conservation and management of shorebirds in the Western Great Basin of North America; and Wader Research and Conservation in Europe and North Asia (the Proceedings of the Odessa Conference); whilst forthcoming issues include: Wader study methods (two volumes), and a review of the status of European Avocets *Recurvirostra avosetta*.

Membership of the International Wader Study Group is open to all those with an interest in waders (shorebirds).

Membership costs £17 (or US\$30) a year. The subscription can be paid in most international currencies; contact the Membership Secretary for details.

Members receive the *Wader Study Group Bulletin* three times a year; and, without additional cost, copies of the occasional series *International Wader Studies*.

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