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Ringling and Migration Conference, January 14-16th, 1972

During this conference there will be a strong emphasis on wader studies. The whole of the session between coffee and lunch on the Saturday will be devoted to a series of short talks on the investigations now being carried out. Talks will be given by John Wilson on the Dunlin populations of Morecambe Bay, by Tony Williams on computer analysis of Sanderling data, by Brian Stronach on Snipe in Ireland and by Mike Pienkowski on wing length changes in waders. I am sure that this will provide an extremely varied and interesting session so I hope as many W.S.G. members as possible will be able to attend.

On Saturday evening there will be the fourth meeting of the W.S.G. This will consist of two parts, a business meeting which will probably be quite short, and an open session on wader ageing.

For the business session we would like to have prior notice of subjects to be raised, to do this will anyone wishing to discuss any points please let Tony Prater have written notice by Monday 10th January in order to produce an agenda, which will be circulated to those attending on the evening of Friday 14th.

In order to make the open session on ageing criteria successful, we would hope that W.S.G. members will bring along skins, wings or slides which illustrate methods of, or problems in ageing.

Unfortunately we have been told that we can only have the early session on Saturday evening (we also had the early session last year) but as there is little we can do about this now we must press for a more reasonable timetable in future.

Ageing Guide

All representatives who attended the June 1971 meeting have been circulated with a draft ageing guide. Would they please send any comments that they may have on it to Clive Minton by the 1st December 1971 so that due consideration can be made of them and the guide produced so as to be available at Swanwick, free to members.