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For inclusion in the issue indicated:	APRIL	AUGUST	DECEMBER
articles, notices, etc. must be received by;	l February	l June	l October

(If correspondence between editors and author(s) is likely to be necessary, <u>articles must be received</u> well before these dates if they are to be included in the next issue.)

Ringing totals nust be received by 20 February 20 June 20 October

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(It may also be possible to include short notices received by MWP by these dates.)

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# RE-ISSUE OF BACK NUMBERS OF WADER STUDY GROUP BULLETIN

We have reprinted WSG Bulletin numbers 1-20 in four volumes. They are facsimile reproductions and any errors in the first issue are still present.

Numbers 1-4 were originally produced on foolscap size paper and have been retyped on A4 to conform with later issues. The original pagination is indicated and should be used when citing references. Similarly bulletins should be referred to by number, not by re-issue volume.

Small numbers are still available and enquiries should be sent to G.F. Appleton, Administrative Secretary whose address appears on the inside cover.

The two other species which we catch in larger numbers are Lapwing and Snipe. Already we have managed to describe the moult of Lapwing but from 1973 much more information on other aspects will be obtained by detailed colour ringing. Snipe have proved very difficult to study because they are difficult to observe well and very large numbers (up to 4,000) occur. We will continue to obtain information on noult, faithfullness and length of stay but we probably have enough biometrical data already.

All these studies will be continuing and we hope to perfect cur catching methods and therefore ring many more waders.

## Colour Marking

We have just received details of a colour marking scheme which is to be undertaken on the Waddensea in the Netherlands. On the Island of Schiermonnikeog dyeing of waders will be carried out (using sudan-red, a yellowish-blue and black) to determine their moulting rates, especially of the primaries but also in some cases of the body feathers.

On Vlieland colour ringing of waders with red, yellow, green, black and blue rings will also take place. These rings will be placed above the tarsus.

Will all observations please be sent to Drs. G. Boere, Dorpsstraat 196, Vlieland, Metherlands. Please be extremely careful to record all details about the colour rings (number, combination, leg etc.) and colour dyes (position of dyes and their colour) so that no confusion with other schemes will occur.

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