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New Scandinavian Rings

We have received from John Hartley (Humber) a note on the ring of a Swedish Dunlin that was caught this spring. Instead of the normal soft rings that are usually found on these birds, this one was made of a very hard metal and was about three times the thickness of the British rings. In view of this it was considered that it would be dangerous for the bird if prolonged attempts were made to remove it (as is usually requested by the Swedes). It is therefore recommended that such rings be left on the bird rather than be removed, should any others be found in future years.

Colour Marked Waders

There are four main schemes at present running which involve colour marked waders.

- (i) In Germany ; a short article on the activities of some wader ringers in Germany is included in this bulletin, they are colour ringing Black-tailed Godwit, Ruff, Wood Sandpiper, Green Sandpiper, Greenshank and Spotted Redshank. Address: M. Speckmann, D-44 Munster, Mykstrasse 10, West Germany.
- (ii) In Greenland The Greenland expedition, involving Harry Green and Tony William is off very soon to NE Greenland and is aiming to dye waders to try and obtain the maximum information from them. They will probably be using a yellow dye and will mainly be colour marking Ringed Plover, Dunlin, Sanderling and juvenile Knot. So keep an eye open for yellow waders. Address: G.H. Green, Windy Ridge, Little Comberton, Pershore, Worcs.
- (iii) Purple Sandpipers. Colour ringing of these using colour codes for sites and years is continuing. Sightings to Tony Prater please.
- (iv) Green Sandpipers. A small study will be made this autumn in east Anglia and will involve dyeing the rumps of Green Sandpipers. Again sightings and colours to Tony Prater.
- (v) Waddensee see last page

Moult

At the W.S.G. summer meeting moult was discussed and it was very strongly recommended that during this autumn a big effort should be made on this aspect of wader biology. Would all members please try to obtain as much information as possible from moulting birds, namely record the stage of growth of each of the primary feathers so that we can obtain moult scores rather than just the number