

Recent Recoveries

We would like to remind readers that all ringing recoveries are included here by courtesy of the B.T.O. ringing scheme and must not be used in any analysis for publication without prior consent of R. Spencer.

Oystercatcher

Ringed as Pullus

Pull	3.7.70	Lymington, Hants.	c	Horsea Isl., Portsmouth	5.3.72.
Pull	4.7.71	S. Ronaldsay, Orkney	x	Islay	1.3.72.

Recovered during breeding season

The table below presents the recoveries of Oystercatchers by region and estuary of ringing.

	Netherlands	Denmark	Norway	Faeroes	Shetland	Orkney	Scotland
Burry Inlet	-	-	1	-	-	1	3
Conway Bay	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Dee	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Morecambe Bay	-	1	2	2	2	2	3
Wash	1	-	8	-	-	-	-

Again it is interesting to see that the recoveries from the western estuaries are primarily from the north and west whilst those from the Wash are all from the continent.

Two British controls are most interesting.

1Y	20.12.68	Poole Harbour	c	Horsea Isl., Portsmouth	5.3.72.
1Y	31.12.70	Heysham, Morecambe	c	Wolferton, Wash	14.5.72.

The latter of these is only the second bird to have been found to move between Morecambe Bay and the Wash.

There were two recoveries abroad in winter.

FG	15.11.63	Point of Air, Dee	x	Baie de Somme, France	30.1.72.
Ad	13.2.71	Harty, Kent	x	Manche, France	27.7.72.

Lapwing

FG	30.12.68	East Tilbury, Thames	+	Orne, France	8.4.72.
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All other recoveries were of birds ringed as pulli.

1961 in Yorkshire		+	Douro Litoral, Portugal	9.1.72.
1967 in Suffolk		+	Ribatejo, Portugal	0.2.68.
1969 in Yorkshire		+	Manche, France	22.2.72.
1971 in Westmorland		+	Pyrenees Atlantiques, France	23.1.72.

The other is probably an example of changing breeding grounds.

1966 in Dumfries		x	R. Tay, Perthshire	11.4.72.
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Turnstone

1Y	28.8.70	Carnforth, Morecambe	x	Hartlepool, Durham	17.5.72.
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Snipe

Juv	25.2.67	Abberton, Essex	x	Rostock, E. Germany	17.4.72
PJ	15.10.67	Lincoln	+	Beira Litoral, Portugal	0.2.72
Juv	22.9.69	Abberton	+	" "	6.11.69
FG	21.11.70	Leigh, Lancs.	+	Douro Litoral, Portugal	25.12.70
PJ	16.2.71	Cambridge	+	Loire Atlantique, France	5.3.70
FG	3.10.71	Derby	+	Limerick, Ireland	27.12.71

Curlew

Ad 28.8.61 Dawsmere, Wash x Vasterbotten, Sweden autumn 71.

Greenshank

Ad 9.8.62 Abberton, Essex + Ravenna, Italy 24.3.72

Knot

Ad 26.10.68 Heacham, Wash + Sukkertoppen, Greenland 3.6.72
 Ad 18.8.69 Middleton, Morecambe x More a Romsdale, Norway (1.5.72)

Those British controls which involved a change of estuary were

Ad 27.8.68 N. Wootton, Wash c Hest Bank, Morecambe 14.2.72
 PJ 23.11.68 Hilbre, Dee c Southport, Ribble 13.4.72
 Ad 22.12.69 Piel, Morecambe x Bootle, Lancs 14.3.72
 Ad 8.2.70 Middleton, Morecambe c Snettisham, Wash 19.2.72
 Ad 20.9.70 W. Kirby, Dee c Hest Bank, Morecambe 14.2.72
 1Y 4.10.70 Aldingham, Morecambe c Snettisham 19.3.72
 Ad 15.11.70 Thornham, Wash x Cleethorpes, Humber 21.1.72
 Ad 27.2.71 Snettisham, Wash x Foulness, Essex 26.3.72

Dunlin

1Y 13.9.70 Bardsea, Morecambe x N. Uist, Outer Hebrides 28.5.72

This was recovered inland and was almost certainly on its breeding ground.

FG 26.2.65 E. Tilbury, Thames x Cuxhaven, Germany 29.3.72
 Juv 30.10.66 Wisbech, Cambs. + Somme, France 31.3.71
 Ad 8.9.67 Dawsmere, Wash + Beira Litoral, Portugal 22.1.70
 Juv 15.9.69 Snettisham, x Essaouria, Morocco 14.5.72
 Ad 3.8.70 Foulney, Morecambe + Ille et Vilaine, France 30.7.71
 1Y 27.2.71 Snettisham x Schleswig/Holstein, Germany 16.4.72
 Ad 5.8.71 Teesmouth, Durham x Safi, Morocco 22.5.72
 2Y 9.8.71 Terrington, Wash + Sevilla, Spain 25.12.71

Those involving a change of estuary within Britain were

Ad 7.9.63 Dawsmere, Wash x Spurn, Humber 16.4.72
 Ad 16.8.67 Fair Isle c Point of Air, Dee 29.1.72
 Ad 11.8.68 Terrington, Wash c " " " 29.1.72
 Ad 9.8.71 " " c " " " 29.1.72
 Ad 9.8.71 " " c Farlington, Langstone Hbr. 12.5.72
 Ad 2.1.72 Conway, Caerns c Point of Air 29.1.72
 Ad 14.3.72 " " c " " 29.1.72
 Ad 14.3.72 " " c " " 29.1.72

In addition to these recoveries three notable Knot ones have recently been reported

One ringed in Belgium (when?) was controlled in South Africa this winter and two Knot ringed on the Solway (14.2.71) and Snettisham (19.3.72) have been killed by Eskimos in the Canadian Northwest territories on 11.6.72 and 9.6.72 respectively. Unfortunately the precise recovery site has not yet been ascertained but they are probably from the south east corner of Baffin Island, though there is a slight chance that they were taken in Victoria Island - well into the range of C.c. rufa the American subspecies.

Preliminary results from the Cambridge Iceland 1972 Expedition

The aims of this expedition were to extend the trapping of waders which the three previous Iceland expeditions (spring 1970, autumn 1970 and spring 1971) had undertaken. With a much greater period of trapping (April-September) it was hoped that a better insight would be gained of the breeding populations of Iceland and passage populations moving to Greenland and northeast Canada. The main method of trapping was by cannon net but single shelf nets were used on occasions. During summer cage traps have been used to catch birds on nest on so try and obtain accurate biometrical data on breeding birds.