

MOROCCAN WADER RECOVERIES AND CONTROLS

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The total numbers of waders ringed in Morocco in the years 1969 and 1970 were 53 and 452 respectively, the latter especially being a considerable achievement on the part of the very few ringers in Morocco who usually have to work single handed. The University of East Anglia Expedition in 1971 helped increase the total for that year to 1,770; and the total number of wader handlings by the four British expeditions in 1971 to 1973 were nearly 4,000. These included a number of foreign controls while the birds ringed by the Expeditions have already resulted in a number of recoveries. At the request of several people in the Wader Study Group, I have prepared the following summary of these. The list was compiled in conjunction with Derek Stanyard and Francis Argyle, and we would all like to acknowledge the co-operation received from the Moroccan and British Ringing Offices.

Note: Sidi Moussa is on the northwest coast of Morocco, a few miles south of El Jadida; Puerto Consado is in the extreme south west, in Tarfaya Province.

RINGED PLOVER

Pull 22.6.70 Skipalon, Eyjafjardarsysla, v 20.3.71 Sidi Moussa,

Pull 31.5.62 Sodviken, Oland, Iooland v 10.9.72 Sidi Moussa.

Plus 3 different <sup>Sic</sup> year and 4 within year retraps in Morocco.

KENTISH PLOVER

P.J. 16.8.73 Sidi Moussa + 11.1.74 El Khemis des Zemara,  
Morocco.

Plus 12 different year and 32 within year retraps by the Expeditions.

BAR-TAILED GODWIT

Juv. 9.9.72 Sidi Moussa + 22.10.72 local

Plus 1 within year retrap

REDSHANK

FG. 17.12.69 Ovalidia, Morocco

v 18.9.71 Sidi Moussa (local)

Juv. 18.9.71 Sidi Moussa

+ 28.1.72 local

Juv. 18.9.71 Sidi Moussa

+ 6.2.72 local

Juv. 16.9.71 Sidi Moussa

+ 5.3.72 local

PJ. 17.9.72 Sidi Moussa

+ 25.2.73 local

Juv. 16.9.71 Sidi Moussa

+ 15.3.73 Berrechid, Casablanca,  
Morocco.

PJ. 9.9.72 Sidi Moussa

+ 16.3.73 Marais de la Maola,  
Algeria

PJ. 18.9.71 Sidi Moussa

v 21.9.71 & 16.9.72 local

+ 21.3.73 St. Bonnet, Gironde,  
France.

PJ. 18.9.71 Sidi Moussa

+ 25.11.73 Berrechid, Casablanca,  
Morocco

Plus 16 different year and 21 within year retraps at Sidi Moussa.

GREENSHANK

- PJ. 16.9.71 Sidi Moussa x 13.5.72 Saravesi, Laukaa,  
Vaasa, Finland
- PJ. 12.8.73 Sidi Moussa. + 19.1.74 Oualidia, Morocco.
- Plus 3 within year retraps.

KNOT 8 within year retraps only.

LITTLE STINT 3 different year and 7 within year retraps.

DUNLIN

- Juv. 21.7.71 Amager, Kobenhavn, Denmark v 21.9.71 Sidi Moussa
- Juv. 31.8.71 Gerdar, Gullbringusysla, Iceland v 21.9.71 Sidi Moussa
- IY. 9.10.71 Harty, Sheppey, Kent, England v 25.3.72 Puerto Cansado
- Juv. 17.8.70 Makkevika, Giske, More & Romsdal, Norway v 9.9.72 Puerto  
Cansado.
- 3J 13.9.71 West Kirby, Wirral, Cheshire, England v 9.9.72 Puerto Cansado
- PJ 24.7.72 Garmouth, Moray, Scotland v. 7.9.72 Sidi Moussa
- PJ 16.7.72 Wolferton, Kings Lynn, Norfolk, England v. 8.9.72 Sidi Moussa
- PJ 17.8.73 Rock, Padstow, Cornwall, England v. 30. 8.73 Sidi Moussa
- IY 21.8.73 Radipole, Weymouth, Dorset, England v. 3.9.73 Sidi Moussa
- PJ 21.9.71 Sidi Moussa + 13.8.72 Etang de Thau, Herault, France.
- Juv. 20.9.71 Sidi Moussa + 12.8.72 Bain des Veys, Manche, France.

Plus 12 different year and 68 within year retraps by the Expeditions

CURLEW SANDPIPER

- 26.8.69 Radas-La Goulette, Tunis, Tunisia v. 25.8.72 Puerto Cansado
- IY. 1.10.70 Vlieland, Holland v. 25.8.72 Puerto Cansado
- Juv. 26.8.72 Ottenby, Oland, Sweden v. 8.9.72 Sidi Moussa
- Germany ring, no details yet v. 11.9.72 Sidi Moussa
- Juv. 10.9.65 Ottenby, Sweden v. 11.9.72 Sidi Moussa
- Juv. 5.9.73 Sidi Moussa v. 7.11.73 Serenni, Banc  
d'Arguin, Mauritania
- PJ. 10.9.72 Sidi Moussa v. 13.8.73 Local
- v. 19.11.73 Cap Timiris,  
Banc d'Arguin, Mauritania

Plus 2 different year and 8 within year retraps by the Expeditions.

RUFF 1 within year retrap only

BLACK-WINGED STILT

- Juv. 12.9.72 Sidi Moussa + 18.12.72 Oualidia, Morocco
- Plus 1 within year retrap.

NON-WADER have included one control at Oued Chebeika, Tarfaya Province, Morocco of a Dutch-ringed Common Tern and one recovery in Senegal of a Black Tern ringed at Sidi Moussa. Black Terns have also produced 8 retraps.