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This bulletin has a distinctly international, particularly African, flavour this time. The work done both by the local ringers and expeditions are really beginning to tie in together to produce valuable results. The major contribution is by David Pearson on moult in East Africa, this demonstrates clearly that the patterns which European wader ringers accept as normal may differ radically when and as we widen our horizons. I hope that more analyses will be made available for this bulletin by all members who can throw light on even a small part of the general picture.

Colour Ringing and Dyeing Despite the request made in a previous bulletin, it is only too obvious that many 'unknown' studies are being made of waders which involve colour ringing especially. As colour rings remain on the bird for several years, it is important that we build up a file on who is doing what. I hope that the W.S.G. can do this and would anyone who has been or is marking waders or if they know of schemes in their country, please let Tony Prater at the B.T.O. have details of colours used and species studied. He will be pleased to act as a centre to receive records of colour ringed birds and inform the appropriate ringers of subsequent sightings.

In Bulletin No. 11 there was a figure illustrating Bob Taylor's article on Ringed Plovers. I have heard that it appears to be missing in some copies, though all I have left include it. If you do not have it, please let me know and I will get some copies run off.