

Recent RecoveriesOystercatcher

Ad	20.9.66	Conway Bay	x	Bulandshr. Iceland	aut. 71, 72 or 73
LY	8.3.70	Morecambe Bay	x	"	" " " "
Ad	5.9.63	Burry Inlet	x	Skogar, Iceland	25.4.74
Ad	3.11.68	Morecambe Bay	v	Southernness	18.3.73
			x	Blomsturvellir, Iceland	10.7.74
Ad	21.9.66	Conway Bay	v	Faroes	22.7.74
FG	9.12.72	" "	v	"	mid 6.74
Ad	23.11.69	Morecambe Bay	x	"	mid 5.74
Juv	22.10.67	Wash	x	Nordland, Norway	21.7.74
FG	8.3.70	"	x	Rogaland, "	24.4.74
Ad	30.1.71	"	x	Hordaland, "	1.7.74
Ad	30.1.71	"	v	Rogaland, "	8.7.74
LY	22.8.71	"	x	" "	24.4.74
Ad	20.2.72	"	x	Sør-Trøndelag, Norway	24.7.74
LY	13.2.71	Swale	x	Friesland, Netherlands	12.4.74
Juv	21.10.72	Portsmouth Harbour	+	Nord, France	17.8.74
Ad	3.11.68	Morecambe Bay	x	Noss, Shetland	13.8.74
Ad	23.11.69	" "	x	Westray, Orkney	summer 74

Eight Oystercatchers ringed in Morecambe Bay (4) the Burry Inlet (3) and Solway (1) recovered on breeding grounds in Scotland.

Lapwing

Ad	11.6.69	Abberton, Essex	x	Nord Holland, Netherlands	21.7.74
Ad M	18.12.70	Bristol, Somerset	+	Ciudad Real, Spain	16.2.71

Ringed Plover

Ad	22.8.71	Langstone Harbour	+	Scoresbyland, NE Greenland	25.7.74
Ad	20.5.73	North Solway	v	" "	18.7.74
LY	23.12.69	Morecambe Bay v Skanor, Sweden			18.7.74

Little Ringed Plover

Pullus	16.6.73	Leicester	x	Bou Salem, Tunisia	5.8.74
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Turnstone

Ad	14.10.73	Fifeness, Fife	x	Ellesmere Isl. Canada	23.6.74
Ad	31.8.69	Wash	+	Herberto, N.W. Greenland	2.7.74
Ad	27.9.69	"	+	" " "	2.7.74
Ad	4.10.70	Morecambe Bay	+	" " "	2.7.74
Ad	10.12.72	Peterhead, Aberdeen	+	" " "	2.7.74
Ad	10.3.74	Kincardineshire	+	Thule, " "	0.6.74
Ad	25.4.70	Wash	x	Thorshofn, Iceland	8.6.74
Ad	14.8.73	Hayle, Cornwall	x	Finnmark, Norway	25.6.74
Ad	24.9.72	Morecambe Bay	x	N.Atlantic c500 miles NNW of C.Finnisterre	20.5.74
Ad	1.9.73	Dee	x	Duddon	15.6.74

Snipe

FG	28.10.73	Sevenoaks, Kent	+	Oviedo, Spain	early 1.74
PJ	20.2.74	Shaftsbury, Dorset	+	Jylland, Denmark	17.8.74

Woodcock

FG	27.10.71	Fair Isle	+	Stockholm, Sweden	28.7.74
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Curlew

FG	13.1.67 (& 4.11.71)	Poole Harbour	x	Halland, Sweden	5.7.74
FG	18.9.73	Skokholm, Pems	x	Vlieland, Netherlands	28.5.74

Redshank

Juv	21.8.67	Wash	v	Reykjavik, Iceland	23.6.74
Ad	1.1.72	Wash	v	" "	23.6.74
PJ	26.3.70	Morecambe Bay	x	Reykir, "	2.5.74
LY	21.12.73	Carnoustie, Angus	x	Rangarvalla, "	19.6.74
Poll	3.6.74	Aberdeen	v	Vlieland, Netherlands	12.8.74
Juv	24.8.70	Fife Ness, Fife	x	Ullapool, Ross	26.6.74
FG	4.9.68	Butley, Suffolk	x	Settle, Yorks	16.6.74
FG	8.11.73	Portsmouth Harbour	v	Ribble marshes	18.6.74
Ad	19.2.71	Dee	x	Blantyre, Lanark	28.6.74
Ad	3.3.73	Morecambe Bay	x	Lonsdale, Yorks	26.5.74

The last five of these birds are of particular interest, indicating wintering areas of British breeders.

Knot

Juv	6.9.63	Wash	x	Eureka, Ellesmere Island, Canada	23.6.74
Ad	19.2.71	Wash	v	Alert, Ellesmere Island, Canada	7.6.74
Ad	22.12.68	Morecambe Bay	+	Thule, NW. Greenland	9.6.74
Ad	22.12.68	" "	+	" " "	0.7.74
Ad	9.10.69	" "	+	" " "	0.6.74
Ad	8.2.70	" "	+	" " "	0.6.74
Ad	27.4.71	" "	+	" " "	0.6.74
Ad	21.12.72	" "	+	" " "	10.6.74
FG	21.12.72	" "	x	" " "	30.6.74
Ad	28.1.68	Wash	+	" " "	early 6.74
Ad	16.3.68	" "	+	" " "	7.6.74
Ad	23.11.68	" "	+	" " "	0.6.74
Ad	13.9.69	" "	+	" " "	0.6.74
Ad	13.9.69	" "	+	" " "	0.6.74
Ad	13.12.69	" "	+	" " "	0.5.74
ZL	11.8.71	" "	+	" " "	0.6.74
Ad	19.2.72	" "	+	" " "	7.6.74
PJ	11.8.71	" "	+	Herberto " "	2.7.74
PJ	11.8.71	" "	+	" " "	2.7.74
PJ	11.8.71	" "	+	" " "	2.7.74
Ad	8.10.72	" "	+	" " "	2.7.74
Ad	8.10.72	" "	+	" " "	2.7.74
Ad	8.10.72	" "	+	" " "	2.7.74

Ad	22.12.68	Morecambe Bay	+	Herberto, NW Greenland	2.7.74
Ad	8.2.70	" "	+	" " "	2.7.74
Ad	10.4.70	" "	+	" " "	2.7.74
Ad	3.3.73	" "	+	" " "	2.7.74
FG	24.11.65	Dee	+	Godhavn, SW Greenland	6.6.74
PJ	11.8.71	Wash	+	" " "	28.7.74
Ad	19.3.72	"	+	" " "	1.6.74

Purple Sandpiper

LY	18.9.69	Isle of May, Fife	+	Hordaland, Norway	5.6.74
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Dunlin

Ad	28.8.72	Wash	+	Kara Sea, U.S.S.R.	2.6.73
FG	18.8.67	Swale	x	50 miles WSW of Snaefellsness Iceland	9.5.74
Ad	23.12.69	Morecambe Bay	x	200 miles E of Firth of Forth	mid 5. 74
Ad	15.1.69	" "	v	Finnmark, Norway	13.7.74
Ad	6.9.70	Humber	v	" "	24.7.74
LY	27.2.71	Wash	v	" "	23.7.74
PJ	8.9.72	Lundy, Devon	v	" "	23.7.74

Large numbers (58) of Dunlin were controlled in Sweden in Autumn 1974 - a summary of them is below. All were adults unless mentioned

## Controlled at Torham

Wash: 12.8.68, 5.12.71, 28.8.72

Kent: 14.10.63, 19.1.74, Humber 30.3.74

## Controlled at Jonkoping

Kent 31.8.70 (Juv); Wash 22.8.71

## Controlled at Ottenby

Wash: 1.10.66, 21.8.67, 11.8.68, 11.1.70, 11.8.71, 7.10.72, 31.7.73, 4.8.73.

Dee: 12.11.66, 9.11.69, 10.12.69, 29.1.72, 18.8.73.

Morecambe Bay: 17.9.69, 21.12.70, 17.2.73, 11.5.74.

Humber: 13.9.68, 11.9.71, 24.3.74; Kent: 31.10.62 (Juv), 17.10.63

Butley: 10.10.70, 25.2.72 (Juv); Portsmouth Hbr: 5.3.72, 29.12.73 (Juv)

Forth: 5.12.70; Pems: 22.1.72; Caerns: 3.3.73; Severn: 8.10.67;

Plym: 13.2.74 (Juv)

## Controlled around Malmohus

Dee: 10.12.69, 2.1.71, 3.1.71, 29.1.72, 29.1.72, 13.2.71, 23.12.72 (Juv)

Wash: 4.9.64, 9.8.67, 11.1.70 (Juv) 5.11.72 (Juv), 7.12.72.

Angus: 27.2.71 (Juv); 23.2.74 (Juv)

Morecambe Bay: 5.4.70 (Juv), 4.5.74. Conway: 3.3.73, 14.10.73 (Juv)

Pems: 22.1.72.

Other foreign recoveries were :

Ad	24.10.68	Dee	x	Sjaelland, Denmark	3.8.74
Ad	10.1.70	Wash	x	Jylland "	end 5.74
Ad	29.1.72	Dee	x	" "	16.5.74
Ad	17.2.73	Morecambe Bay	v	Sjaelland "	1.8.74
PJ	28.7.73	" "	v	" "	24.7.74
Ad	7.9.67	Wash	x	Schleswig Holstein, W.Germany	11.8.74
Juv	8.10.72	Poole Harbour	v	Vlieland, Netherlands	23.8.74
LY	2.6.73	Dee	v	" "	9.8.74
Ad	27.10.73	Severn	v	" "	21.8.74
LY	2.9.73	Wash	+	Seine Maritime, France	12 9 74

Long distance British recoveries were:

Ad	20.11.71	Langstone Hbr	v	Bradwall, Essex	18.8.74
Juv	28.7.72	Spey, Moray	v	Swale, Kent	20.7.74
Juv	28.8.72	Wash	x	Tongue, Sutherland	5.7.74
Juv	29.8.72	Belfast, Down	v	Hayle, Cornwall	4.8.74
Ad	2.6.73	Dee	v	Teesmouth	18.8.74
Juv	15.10.73	Poole Harbour	v	Canvey, Essex	16.8.74
Ad	11.5.74	Morecambe Bay	v	Swale, Kent	20.7.74

Sanderling

Ad	12.8.68 (& 17.5.69	Wash	+	Calvados, France	12.8.74
Ad	17.5.69	Wash	+	" "	12.8.74

JOINT BIOLOGICAL EXPEDITION TO NE GREENLAND, 1974

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Readers of Mike Pienkowski's account, (in Bulletin No.12) of the early days of this expedition will have learnt that following shipping problems in Iceland and Guy Morrison's appendicitis in Greenland, we were able to settle to serious wader studies. These continued in several different valley systems until we returned to Britain 16 August.

As leader of the Wader Study Group Expedition I took the precaution of getting transported by helicopter as far from the 'civilisation' of Mestersvig as I could and, as it turned out, Mike was left (quite unintentionally) holding the baby! Having led several wader expeditions himself he had come on this one as a 'member' expecting to have a nice holiday peacefully watching Ringed Plover, but instead found himself king-pin radio operator, public relations officer, chief negotiator for helicopters to get us back to Mestersvig when the pack ice refused to break (and the boat leaked anyway) and innumerable other unexpected jobs. I hope his own work on Ringed Plover breeding behaviour and feeding ecology did not suffer too much. We are all very grateful to him.

The results of the expedition's bird catching and ringing are shown in Table I. The numbers do not seem large by cannon netting standards, but each wader has to be individually caught, usually at the nest, and the amount of work and effort required to produce these totals is very great. All the birds were weighed, measured, photographed, dye marked and colour ringed. The results of the latter are most exciting and the number of sightings in Britain of these marked birds are listed in Table 2. The technique is obviously a powerful one in wader studies of this type, but it must be used with care. Anyone considering such a scheme must feel honour-bound to consult with the BTO first to avoid overlapping of schemes and invalidation of each other's work. We are most grateful to the BTO for the publicity given to our scheme and to Tony Prater who has acted as receiver-of-reports. Several other ornithological journals also asked for people to watch for marked waders. There is still time for more records. We hope you will all still keep a look-out for colour rings, even though dyed feathers may now have moulted.

We have also had report of a Ringed Plover ringed as a pullus in Greenland being run over by a car near Bergen in Norway. In Greenland we found two Ringed Plovers carrying British rings. One ringed on the Solway 20th May 1973