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As you will no doubt notice this bulletin is short - if not very short. This is purely due to the absence of contributions. While it is possible to extract a few from you, it is really up to you to get down and look at the information you have and produce something. When you have - or if you are thinking of doing so - please contact us

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The copy date for the next bulletin is JUNE 15th.

## RINGING TOTALS

Due to popular demand, this sections is being resurrected in the WSG Bulletins. Here the singing totals for 1974 are summarised, in order to try and bring us up to date. This section depends totally on you to send your records in; in the past when this was a regular feature on several occasions publication of the bulletin was held to while I waited for contributions from several of the major groups. If this is to be continued will you please send in your returns very promptly. The next bulletin will include all birds ringed from 1 JANUARY 1975 to 31 MAY 1975 so please send your results in.

You will see that, with the exceptions of WWRG and the TRG, 1974 was not a good year for catching waders. The late autumn and winter were particularly poor for catching everywhere with wind and rain a regular feature.

The top ten totals are presented below, together with a summary of ' : those members who have ringed 200 or more waders in 1974 (at least of those submitting their annual totals to the BTO by mid-February).

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## Other totals were:

Severn Vale R.G.: 405 : including 260 Dunlin, 67 Redshank and 54 Curlew.

S.H. Sporne : 39L : including 255 Dunlin, 76 Redshank and 45 Ringed Plover.

G.H. Green : 383 : including 359 Dunlin.

A.J. Prater : 307 : including 228 Dunlin and 50 Turnstone

D. Steventon: 268: including 249 Dunlin

4. Bromby : 219 : including 84 Oystercatchers.

Swale, W.G. : 213 : including 158 Dunlin and 25 Grey Plover.

Leigh, R.G. : 209 : including 59 Snipe and 16 Jack Snipe.