

Weights of worn rings

Tony Prater (address on inside front cover) is analysing the wear of rings on waders. He requests that any rings taken off waders be sent to him (with a note of the date of removal) for weighing. Alternatively a note of the ring weight may be sent together with ring number and date of removal, but please note that an accurate weight (in milligrams) using a laboratory balance is required.

Wader Ageing Guide - comments to be incorporated for reprinting

The Wader Ageing Guide (see WSG Bulls. 21, 22) is to be reprinted early in the New Year. If anyone has any additions or corrections, please send them to Tony Prater, BTO, Beech Grove, Tring, Hertfordshire, England, as soon as possible.

RINGING TOTALS - STOP PRESS (see over page)

Late receipts for July to October 1978 (all fully grown, except where indicated)

M.R. Fletcher, Wash, E. England; 1 Oystercatcher.
A.T. Bromby, Brownsea Island, Dorset, England; 3 Redshanks, 17 Dunlins, 12 Curlew Sandpipers.
Devon & Cornwall Wader R.G.; 436 Oystercatchers, 1 Lapwing, 15 Ringed Plovers, 60 Turnstones, 142 Curlews, 4 Whimbrels, 14 Bar-tailed Godwits, 1 Common Sandpiper, 43 Redshanks, 3 Greenshanks, 15 Knots, 1 Little Stint, 176 Dunlins, 3 Curlew Sandpipers, 6 Sanderlings.
Merseyside R.G., Mersey & Dee estuaries, NW England & Wales: 2 pullus Lapwings, 6 Snipes, 1 Jack Snipe, 1 Green Sandpiper, 1 Greenshank, 21 Dunlins, 2 Ruffs.
S.W. Lancs R.G., Ribble estuary, NW England; 1 Redshank, 43 Knots and 3 Dunlins.

Totals for March to October 1978 from Brian Marshall & David Okill, Shetland:

Pull: 152 Oystercatchers, 180 Lapwings, 29 Ringed Plovers, 6 Golden Plovers, 1 Snipe, 50 Curlews, 11 Whimbrels, 1 Common Sandpiper, 8 Redshanks.
Fully-grown birds: 1 Lapwing, 1 Ringed Plover, 3 Golden Plovers, 1 Redshank, 1 Purple Sandpiper, 7 Little Stints, 4 Dunlins, 1 Curlew Sandpiper, 1 Sanderling, 1 Ruff, 1 Jack Snipe, 1 Grey Phalarope.

Portugese Ringing Totals

We are grateful to Rui Rufino for the following accumulated totals of waders ringed with CEMPA rings in Portugal:

Ringed Plover <u>Charadrius hiaticula</u>	57	Little Ringed Plover <u>C. dubius</u>	1 + 1 pullus
Kentish Plover <u>C. alexandrinus</u>	68 + 7 pulli	Turnstone <u>Arenaria interpres</u>	6
Grey Plover <u>Pluvialis squatarola</u>	60	Black-tailed Godwit <u>Limosa limosa</u>	14
Bar-tailed Godwit <u>L. lapponica</u>	9	Whimbrel <u>Numenius phaeopus</u>	1
Curlew <u>N. arquata</u>	2	Common Sandpiper <u>Actitis hypoleucos</u>	15
Wood Sandpiper <u>Tringa glareola</u>	2	Redshank <u>T. totanus</u>	40
Spotted Redshank <u>T. erythropus</u>	2	Greenshank <u>T. nebularia</u>	2
Dunlin <u>Calidris alpina</u>	548	Curlew Sandpiper <u>C. ferruginea</u>	44
Little Stint <u>C. minuta</u>	22	Knot <u>C. canutus</u>	75

Total 974 + 8 pulli

Further totals for July to October 1978

Ornithological Station, Gdansk, Poland: Estuary of Vistula: 75 Ringed Plovers, 22 Little Ringed Plovers, 9 Turnstones, 15 Snipes, 1 Bar-tailed Godwit, 2 Green Sandpipers, 298 Common Sandpipers, 40 Redshanks, 1 Spotted Redshank, 1 Greenshank, 43 Knots, 268 Little Stints, 965 Dunlins, 163 Curlew Sandpipers, 4 Sanderlings, 18 Ruffs, 11 Temminck's Stints, 36 Wood Sandpipers, 1 Terek Sandpiper & 11 Red-necked Phalaropes.

G.E. Jackson: North Norfolk, England: 11 Oystercatcher pulli & 15 Ringed Plover pulli.

RINGING TOTALS REPORTED FOR JULY TO OCTOBER 1978: PULLI

	A	E	L	N	R	U	X
Oystercatcher <u>Haematopus ostralegus</u>		3				4	
Lapwing <u>Vanellus vanellus</u>			2	3		25	
Ringed Plover <u>Charadrius hiaticula</u>				2			4
Little Ringed Plover <u>Charadrius dubius</u>					2		
Golden Plover <u>Pluvialis apricaria</u>	19						
Curlew <u>Numenius arquata</u>		4					
Common Sandpiper <u>Actitis hypoleucos</u>	4						
Redshank <u>Tringa totanus</u>				3			
Purple Sandpiper <u>Calidris maritima</u>	37						
Dunlin <u>Calidris alpina</u>	17						
Wood Sandpiper <u>Tringa glareola</u>	2						
Great Snipe <u>Gallinago media</u>	6						
Dotterel <u>Charadrius morinellus</u>	15	2					
Snipe <u>Gallinago gallinago</u>	1						

Key

- A = Cambridge Norwegian Expedition: covers June-July on Hardanger Plateau.
- B = Jürgen Streichert; Grosser Knechtsand, Niedersachsen, W. Germany.
- C = Arbeitskreis Natur- u. Umweltschutz Harlingerland: Westeraccumersill - Beusersiel, Niedersachsen, W. Germany.
- D = Highland Ringing Group: Moray Firth, Scotland
- E = Tay Ringing Group : Tay Estuary, Scotland
- F = H. Clark : West Lothian, Scotland
- G = Spurn Bird Observatory : Spurn Point, Humberside, England
- H = Wash Wader Ringing Group : Wash & Wisbech Sewage Farm, England
- I = B.M. Cavanagh : Butley River, Suffolk, England
- J = P. Catchpole, M.G. Cockran and I. Peters : Suffolk, England
- K = P.G. Murton : F'hoie Wick Nature Reserve, Essex, England
- L = Clifford Sharr : Kent, England
- M = Swale Wader Group : Harty, Kent, England
- N = P.W.J. Findley, Sandwich Bay Bird Observatory : Kent, England
- O = Lower Test Ringing Group : Southampton, England
- P = S.H. Sporne : Fawley, Hampshire, England
- Q = G.F. Appleton and P.L. Ireland : Staffordshire/Warwickshire, England
- R = Celtic Wader Research Group and S. Walker : Worcestershire, England
- S = Celtic Wader Research Group : South Wales
- T = R. Yates : Hindley and Bolton, Lancashire, England
- U = Morecambe Bay Wader Group : Morecambe Bay, Lancs/Cumbria, England
- V = H. Clark : Ayrshire, Scotland
- W = North Down Ringing Group : Belfast Lough, Northern Ireland
- X = Patrick J. Smiddy : Ballymacoda, Co. Cork, Irish Republic
- Y = Barry Omahony : Ballycotton, Co. Cork, Irish Republic
- Z = Aberdeen University : 1. Fraserburgh, 2. Ythan estuary, Grampian, Scotland

Nil return received from Jonathon Fenton, Blackburn, Lancashire

Additional totals received for the March - July 1978:

Jonathon Fenton, Blackburn, Lancashire : 15 Lapwings, 9 Ringed Plovers, 4 Curlews and 4 Common Sandpipers (all pulli).
 Lower Test R.G., Hampshire : 3 Ringed Plovers, 1 Turnstone, 2 Little Stints and 103 Dunlins (full grown); 2 Oystercatchers, 25 Lapwings, 1 Ringed Plover and 3 Little Ringed Plovers (pulli)

Additional totals received for November 1977 to February 1978

Lower Test R.G., Hampshire : 3 Snipes, 13 Redshanks and 130 Dunlins (all fully grown)

A form for November 1978 to February 1979 totals will be found loosely inserted in this Bulletin.