

SCOTTISH WADER RINGING GROUPS

At the Scottish Ringers' Conference held in Glasgow on 10-11 November 1979, an informal discussion between ringers working on waders in Scotland was held. It was agreed that the visiting of members of one group to help with catches of another - which had already taken place frequently - should be encouraged further. Not only would this help in providing teams and /or equipment at particular sites but also opportunities would be available for comparison of measuring techniques. Each group nominated a contact person who could be telephoned to discover forthcoming activities of that group where help would be useful and who might also be able to pass on a request for help elsewhere to other members of his group. The groups, contacts and their telephone numbers are:

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PROPOSED RECLAMATION OF NORDSTRANDER BUCHT, WEST GERMANY

At the request of "Aktionsgemeinschaft Nordseewatten", we are enclosing with this issue of the Bulletin a leaflet "Watt in Gefahr" published by this group. The leaflet gives a background to the reclamation proposals together with maps and photographs illustrating the area.

The great importance of the area to Knot Calidris canutus, particularly during spring migration is stressed in W.J.A.Dick's report on the WSG project elsewhere in this issue. In order to give an indication of other waders using the area we asked Peter Prokosch, who is involved in scientific studies on the bay, to provide a short note. This is published below - the Editors.

WADERS IN THE NORDSTRAND BAY (SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN, W.GERMANY) 1979

by Peter Prokosch

In connection with reclamation plans of Nordstrand Bay in the Nordfrisian Wadden Sea in West Germany, a one-year ornithological research project is underway in this area. The project, which is being carried out by the Staatliche Vogelschutzwarte Schleswig-Holstein, has to be finished by the end of this year and will hopefully influence the planning of the reclamation. Three other ecological groups are working on the vegetation, benthic life and fish of this threatened part of the Wadden Sea. This is the first project on this scale in the German Wadden Sea.

The following table gives an impression of the species and numbers of waders the authorities responsible for the planning of dykes in Schleswig-Holstein have to deal with. The total endangered area of the Nordstrand Bay is 5700ha (4200ha mudflats and 1580ha saltings).

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Totals of waders in Nordstrand Bay (given as monthly maxima, based on counts at two-weekly intervals).

<u>Species</u>	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.
Oystercatcher <u>Haematopus ostralegus</u>	94	12	5187	7126	2993	3072	6115	10432	9291	11029
Lapwing <u>Vanellus vanellus</u>		64	284	103	116	1592	421	4228	3890	135
Ringed Plover <u>Charadrius hiaticula</u>			65	14	303	33	164	256	499	11
Kentish Plover <u>C.alexandrius</u>					5			8		
Grey Plover <u>Pluvialis squatarola</u>		4	1	307	3433	628	1774	6194	3425	964
Golden Plover <u>P.apricaria</u>			135	2400	5864	34	932	7038	8952	147
Snipe <u>Gallinago gallinago</u>		1		1			4	131	77	173
Turnstone <u>Arenaria interpres</u>				2	185	3	41	8	7	4
Curlew <u>Numenius arquata</u>	868	152	2202	4016	114	209	12676	12240	7476	4080
Whimbrel <u>N.phaeopus</u>					1	1	70	130	23	2
Black-tailed Godwit <u>Limosa limosa</u>				5	11	20	9	3		
Bar-tailed Godwit <u>L.lapponica</u>		12	1	11	6349	90	1886	8296	466	100
Spotted Redshank <u>Tringa erythropus</u>				11	261	488	2563	1972	1345	150
Greenshank <u>I.nebularia</u>				3	49	2	511	888	287	42
Redshank <u>I.totanus</u>	1	2	395	530	259	493	5628	3635	2160	865
Green Sandpiper <u>I.glareola</u>							11	3		
Common Sandpiper <u>Actitis hypoleucos</u>					1		65	64	29	
Knot <u>Calidris canutus</u>			3	17	9917	18	9550	8401	751	115
Dunlin <u>C.alpina</u>	53	154	16149	13928	20451	74	34050	43278	26740	27861
Curlew Sandpiper <u>C.ferruginea</u>							98	22	54	
Ruff <u>Philomachus pugnax</u>				5	8	18	27	170	95	212
Avocet <u>Recurvirostra avosetta</u>			194	560	346	613	531	109	37	10