

CURRENT COLOUR MARKING SCHEMES

A full list of Old World schemes for which details were available was printed in Bulletin 27. Since then details of various other projects have been made available and these are summarized below, together with corrections to the earlier list. We hope to produce a new complete listing in Bulletin 29. Anyone who is operating (or has recently operated) a colour-marking scheme and who has not yet sent details to the Editors is strongly urged to do so. The WSG register has already managed to identify several previous unidentified observations as well as to find and solve several cases of overlap between schemes. Anyone proposing to start colour-marking waders should contact MWP before starting so that systems compatible with other projects can be worked out. For dyeing and temporary flagging, notification is assumed to apply for one season only and renegotiation is necessary for subsequent years.

Reports of sightings, with as much detail as possible, should be sent to the scheme operator if known, otherwise to M.W.Pienkowski, Department of Zoology, University of Durham, South Road, Durham DH1 3LE, England. Note that many schemes can make use of incomplete data if not all rings are clearly seen. Operators of schemes are requested to ensure that sightings are acknowledged and the observer informed of the history of the bird concerned.

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO LIST IN BULLETIN 27

Avocet *Recurvirostra avosetta*

East Germany (Vogelwarte Hiddensee, DDR 2346 Kloster/Hiddensee, German Democratic Republic) colour rings.

Golden Plover *Pluvialis apricaria*

Kincardineshire, Scotland (Raymond Parr, Institute of Terrestrial Ecology, Blackhall, Banchory, Kincardineshire, Scotland) colour rings

Lapwing *Vanellus vanellus*

North Yorkshire (F.L. Symonds, Weir House, Nidd Bank, Knaresborough, N.Yorks, England) colour rings.
Aberdeenshire (R.D.Elliott, Culterty Field Station, Newburgh, Ellon, Aberdeenshire, Scotland) colour rings plus a few cases of wingtags or dyes.
East Germany (Vogelwarte Hiddensee - see Avocet) permanent colour leg flags.

Ruff *Philomachus pugnax*

Snipe *Gallinago gallinago*

Black-tailed Godwit *Limosa limosa*

Curlew *Numenius arquata*

Redshank *Tringa totanus*

East Germany (Vogelwarte Hiddensee - see Avocet) permanent colour leg-flags

Green Sandpiper *Tringa ochropus*

East Germany (Vogelwarte Hiddensee - see Avocet) colour rings

Ruff *Philomachus pugnax*)

Black-tailed Godwit *Limosa limosa*)

Spotted Redshank *Tringa erythropus*)

Redshank *Tringa totanus*) Correction to last Bulletin - see below

Greenshank *Tringa nebularia*)

Green Sandpiper *Tringa ochropus*)

Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola*)

Note that the correct address for these schemes operated by OAG Münster is: Biologische Station Rieselfelder Münster, Wöstebach 11, D-4400 Münster, West Germany. Note also that Redshank is now included in the projects.

LATE ADDITIONS

Avocet *Recurvirostra avosetta*

Camargue, France (Dr C.M. Lessells, Edward Grey Institute, Dept. of Zoology, South Road, Oxford, England) colour rings.

Oystercatcher *Haematopus ostralegus*

Aberdeenshire, Scotland (Culterty Field Station, Newburgh, Ellon, Aberdeenshire AB4 OAA, Scotland). Several studies have colour rings, in some cases in combination with wing tags and dye. Unfortunately details are not available for some of the earlier marked birds.

Kentish Plover *Charadrius alexandrinus*

Camargue, France (Dr C.M. Lessells, see Avocet).

Redshank *Tringa totanus*

(Culterty Field Station, see Oystercatcher above) Colour rings and wing tags.

Sanderling *Calidris alba*

Teesmouth, England (L.R. Goodyer, Dept. of Zoology, University of Durham, South Road, Durham DH1 3LE, England). Dye on underparts.

Dunlin *Calidris alpina*

Dartmoor, England (Martin Davies, R.S.P.B., 10 Richmond Road, Exeter, Devon, England). Colour rings.

Black-tailed Godwit *Limosa limosa*

(Albert Beintema, Rijksinstituut voor Natuurbeheer, Broekhuizerlaan 2, postbus 46, 3956ZR Leersum, Netherlands). White colour rings with 2 black letters one above the other and repeated three times around the ring.