

RECENT RECOVERIES OF WADERS RINGED IN BRITAIN AND IRELAND

Compiled by G.H.Green from data provided by British Trust for Ornithology. Because of the large number of recoveries to hand for 1979 since our last lists this list has to be rather selective. For the more rarely recorded species all records are given. For others the two main criteria for inclusion are movements of over 100 km or period between ringing and recovery of over 3000 days. For Dunlin (with over 200 recoveries to hand) only the more unusual recoveries have been quoted in full: other movements are summarised. Symbols: age is coded according to the EURING code. v = caught and released (i.e. controlled); + = shot or killed by man; x = found dead or dying; ? = manner of recovery unknown. Co-ordinates are generally only given when the locality is first mentioned.

Oystercatcher *Haematopus ostralegus*

Recoveries over 100 km and/or 3500 days

FV11305	1	10Jun75	Skokholm, Wales	51 42N 5 16W	v	Pointe d'Arcay, L'Aiguillon, Vendee, France	46 17N 1 17W	7Sep79
FV44524	8	1Apr79	Wash	52 48N 0 18E	x	Bovlingbjerg, Jylland, Denmark	56 26N 8 13E	16Aug79
FV27825	8	25Aug76	Wash	53 3N 0 15E	x	Sudero, Falster, Lolland, Denmark	54 57N 11 42E	16Aug79
FS29172	5	30Jul72	Wash	52 49N 0 26E	x	Nieuwe Diep, Den Helder, Noord-Holland, The Netherlands	52 58N 4 46E	1Mar79
FV43421	8	26Feb78	Wash	52 53N 0 28E	x	Terschelling, The Netherlands	53 25N 5 30E	16Oct79
FS15246	6	30Jan71	Wash	52 53N 0 28E	x	Vigra, Nore Og Ronsdal, Norway	62 33N 6 7E	3Jul79
FS98927	7	12Jul75	Wash	53 3N 0 15E	+	Senja, Troms, Norway	69 15N 17 50E	23Aug79
SS59567	4	24Jul67	Wash	52 51N 0 28E	x	Krokholmen, Strand, Rogaland, Norway	59 0N 5 53E	27Jul79
FV23072	8	8Sep75	Wash	53 3N 0 15E	v	Storkjor, Stavanger, Rogaland, Norway	58 53N 5 26E	7Jul79
ED00471	6	13Aug67	Wash	52 53N 0 28E	x	Orland, Sor-Trondelag, Norway	63 42N 9 39E	1Apr79
SS77768	5	5Jul69	Wash	52 53N 0 28E	x	Seglinge, Kunlinge, Aland, Finland	60 12N 20 41E	15Jul79
SS47280	6	18Jan69	Piel Island, Cumbria	54 4N 3 10W	x	Pluscarden, Scotland	57 35N 3 26W	24Mar79
SS62118	3	21Sep66	Llanfairfechan, Wales	53 15N 3 58W	x	Drumoak, Peterculter	57 5N 2 21W	30Mar79
SS89840	3	3Nov68	Piel Island, Cumbria		x	Foulney Island, Cumbria	54 4N 3 9W	1Apr79
SS52063	3	5Nov67	Gronant, Wales	53 21N 3 19W	x	Kildrummy, Scotland	57 14N 2 52W	7Apr79
FS03983	1	18Jun70	Castle Fraser, Scotland	57 12N 2 28W	x	Murcar, Aberdeen	57 11N 2 4W	17Apr79
FS08194	4	23Nov69	Piel Island, Cumbria		x	Arndilly, Scotland	57 31N 3 11W	26Mar79
SS97711	4	17Sep69	Hest Bank, Lancs	54 5N 2 51W	x	Drumoak, Aberdeen	57 4N 2 22W	23Mar79
FS13409	4	18Dec71	Walney Island, Cumbria	54 5N 3 15W	x	Flookburgh, Cumbria	54 10N 2 58W	14Apr79
SS97796	3	25Oct69	Walney Island, Cumbria		x	Aboyne, Scotland	57 5N 2 54W	26Mar79
FV43339	8	18Aug77	Wash	53 0N 0 7E	x	Queyfirth, Shetland	60 31N 1 20W	16Aug79
ED00811	4	13Aug67	Wash	52 51N 0 28E	x	Wells-next-the-Sea, Norfolk	52 58N 0 51E	20Oct79
FV83016	1	28Jun79	Mainland, Shetland	60 15N 1 15W	v	Point of Air, Wales	53 21N 3 19W	23Sep79
SS39488	1	9Jul66	Fair Isle, Scotland	59 32N 1 37W	x	Montrose Basin, Scotland	56 42N 2 29W	23Sep79
SS01331	6	5Sep63	Whitford Burrows, Gower, Wales	51 38N 4 14W	v	Point of Air, Wales		23Sep79
SS14684	5	22Oct64	Gronant, Wales		v	Point of Air, Wales		23Sep79
SS14315	6	15Nov63	Gronant, Wales		v	Point of Air, Wales		23Sep79
FV39532	1	5Jun77	Bridge of Walls, Shetland	60 14N 1 31W	v	Point of Air, Wales		23Sep79
SS96360	4	5Feb77	Sheep Island, Cumbria	54 4N 3 12W	x	Gonfirth, Shetland	60 20N 1 19W	14Oct79
FV51376	1	4Jun78	Eday, Orkney	59 10N 2 46W	v	Point of Air, Wales		23Sep79
SS78869	5	18Mar68	Poole Harbour, Dorset	50 42N 2 0W	v	Dawlish Warren, Devon	50 37N 3 26W	24Nov79
SS38341	4	17Aug66	Whitford Burrows, Gower, Wales		x	Abercairney, Scotland	56 23N 3 46W	1Apr79
SS95659	5	18Jan69	Piel Island, Cumbria		x	Aldingham, Cumbria	54 8N 3 5W	3Dec79
AT74081	6	12Aug60	Wash	52 54N 0 4E	v	Wash	53 0N 0 9E	7Dec79
SS75541	6	22Oct67	Wash	52 54N 0 28E	v	Wash	53 0N 0 9E	23Nov79
SS76106	4	29Jun68	Wash	52 51N 0 27E	x	Eemshaven, Groningen, The Netherlands	53 27N 6 50E	25Nov79
FS66025	4	15Dec74	Thurstaston, Wirral	53 21N 3 8W	x	Stenness, Orkney	58 59N 3 10W	25Aug79
3101733	6	25May66	Sands of Forvie, Scotland	57 19N 1 59W	x	Ythan Estuary, Scotland	57 19N 2 0W	8Sep79
FV52368	6	2Dec78	Southport, Merseyside	53 38N 3 1W	x	Kingussie, Scotland	57 5N 4 4W	19Jun79

Lapwing *Vanellus vanellus*

DS29012	3	1May78	Banbury, Oxon	52 5N 1 21W	x	Ploneour Lanvern, Finistere, France	47 54N 4 17W	1Jan79
DR60707	1	31May78	Heddle, Orkney	58 59N 3 7W	+	Parentpuyre, Blanquefort, Gironde, France	44 57N 0 35W	18Feb79
DS41667	1	29Jun69	Litton, N.Yorks	54 10N 2 12W	x	Pen-y-Ghent Fell, N.Yorks	54 10N 2 14W	2Sep79
DA11744	1	5Jun72	Glen Morriston, Scotland	57 13N 4 40W	x	St.Maddes, Perth, Scotland	56 23N 3 19W	24Oct79
DS58090	1	31May77	Lower Kelling, Norfolk	52 57N 1 8E	x	Morton, Derbyshire	53 8N 1 24W	15Nov79

Stone Curlew *Burhinus oedicnemus*

355722	1	24Jul51	Fordingbridge, Hamps	50 58N 1 55W	?	Durango, Vizcaya, Spain	43 10N 2 38W	1Nov52
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Little Ringed Plover *Charadrius dubius*

BV01254	3	18Aug79	Rainham Marsh	51 31N 0 12E	x	Near Arles, Bouches-du-Rhone, France	43 40N 4 38E	26Aug79
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Ringed Plover Charadrius hiaticula

BX03111 4 25May72 Bardsea, Cumbria 54 9N 3 5W x Safi, Morocco 32 18N 9 15W 15Oct77  
NB22481 3 6Sep78 Wisbech S.F. Lincs 52 44N 0 10E + Baie de Seine, Eure, France 49 27N 0 25E 11Aug79  
BV70158 4 18May77 Seal Sands, Teesmouth 54 37N 1 11W x Regneville sur Mer, Manche, France  
49 1N 1 33W 25Aug79  
NB62040 4 20May78 Conishead, Cumbria 54 10N 3 3W + Mesquer, Loire-Atlantique, France 47 24N 2 27W  
2Sep79  
NB62877 6 26May78 Walney Island, Cumbria v Makkevika, Giske, More Og Romsdal, Norway 62 30N 6 2E  
20Aug79  
BE00230 4 2Sep67 Farlington Marsh, Hamps 50 50N 1 2W v Farlington Marsh, Hamps 25Aug79  
BV52996 4 22Aug79 Hayle Estuary, Cornwall 50 10N 5 25W v Farlington Marsh, Hamps 25Aug79  
BB25282 4 13Aug67 Wisbech S.F. Lincs v Severn Beach, Bristol 51 33N 2 40W 4Sep79  
BV70152 6 12May77 Seal Sands, Teesmouth v Severn Beach, Bristol 4Sep79  
BV49431 6 13May79 Waterfoot, Dumfries 54 58N 3 16W v Canvey Island, Essex 51 32N 0 35E 8Sep79

Grey Plover Pluvialis squatarola

DS70756 6 27Jan71 Wash 52 53N 0 30E x Wash 52 58N 0 31E 11Mar79  
DR03947 3 23Sep76 Montrose Basin, Scotland v Insel Langenwerder, Wismar, Rostock, GDR. 54 2N 11 30E  
2Aug79

Snipe Gallinago gallinago

CC86566 4 17Aug76 Hindley, Wigan 53 32N 2 35W x Etauliers, St.Ciers, Gironde, France 45 13N 0 34W  
28Feb79  
KE11527 4 1Jan78 Marnhull Hame, Dorset 50 58N 2 19W x Hyllukallio, Vaasa, Finland 62 48N 22 55E  
29Sep79  
CH13608 2 29Dec72 Sevenoaks, Kent 51 17N 0 10E + Workum/Makkum, Friesland, The Netherlands  
53 0N 5 25E 10Oct79  
KB71515 2 23Dec76 Marnhull Hame, Dorset x Ransdorp, Amsterdam, Netherlands 52 23N 4 58E 5Nov79  
CN85658 3 13Sep73 Clipstone, Notts 53 11N 1 7W + Mansfield Woodhouse, Notts 53 10N 1 11W 24Nov79

Woodcock Scolopax rusticola

EB 47092 2 9Nov75 Fair Isle, Scotland + Backe, Vasternorrland, Sweden 63 49N 16 24E 18Jul79  
EF37500 6 9Mar76 Ballyglass, Mayo, Eire 53 43N 9 13W + Doncaster, S Yorks 53 26N 1 10W 25Oct79  
EH05157 4 22Nov78 Ennis, Clare, Eire 52 56N 8 58W + Colebrook, Fermanagh, Northern Ireland  
54 21N 7 22W 27Oct79  
EF52950 2 26Oct79 Spurn Point, 53 35N 0 6E + Horncastle, Lincs 53 12N 0 7W 24Nov79

Turnstone Arenaria interpres

CE73056 6 Southport, Merseyside 11Mar78 + Holt, Isafjardar, Iceland 66 0N 23 26W 24May79  
CK58183 4 Wash 52 58N 0 28E 3Sep67 v Wash 52 58N 0 28E 3Dec78  
CK81171 2 Hilbre Island 53 23N 3 13W 19Sep70 v Bidston, Wirral 53 24N 3 4W 31Mar79  
CK81241 3 Hilbre Island 28Nov70 v Bidston, Wirral 31Mar79  
CK81197 2 Hilbre Island 16Oct70 v Bidston, Wirral 31Mar79  
CX97628 2 Hilbre Island 3Nov67 v Bidston, Wirral 31Mar79  
CK59760 5 Wash 52 53N 0 28E 18Feb68 v Wash 52 48N 0 18E 12Aug79  
CK75995 3 Wash 52 53N 0 28E 23Nov68 v Wash 52 48N 0 18E 12Aug79  
CK68399 2 Wash 52 48N 0 18E 7Sep68 v Wash 52 48N 0 18E 12Aug79  
CK74604 2 Wash 52 48N 0 18E 7Sep68 v Wash 52 48N 0 18E 12Aug79  
CK76000 2 Wash 52 53N 0 28E 23Nov68 v Wash 52 53N 0 28E 6Oct79  
CR91999 4 Wash 52 53N 0 28E 19Apr69 v Wash 52 53N 0 28E 6Oct79  
CK58340 3 Wash 52 51N 0 27E 3Sep67 v Wash 52 53N 0 28E 6Oct79  
CC65133 6 Hest Bank, Morecambe 54 5N 2 51W 12May73 v Rhos-on-Sea, Wales 53 19N 3 45W 10Nov79  
CE72235 6 Clevedon, Avon 51 25N 2 53W 3Mar79 v Rhos-on-Sea, Wales 10Nov79  
CK90151 4 Walney Island, Cumbria 29Oct77 v Rhos-on-Sea, Wales 10Nov79  
CC65854 4 Morecambe, Lancs 54 2N 2 54W 19Sep71 v Rhos-on-Sea, Wales 10Nov79

Curlew Numenius arquata

SS66643 1 25Jun73 Lairg, Scotland 58 2N 4 24W x Lisfannon, Donegal, Eire 55 7N 7 27W 1Nov79  
FV42657 4 11Feb78 Plym Estuary, Devon 50 22N 4 7W v Aylburton Warth, Gloucester 51 43N 2 33W 10Sep79  
FS82280 4 15Sep74 Bangor, Wales 53 14N 4 3W + Holmen. Ringkobing, Jylland, Denmark 55 50N 8 19E  
15Sep79  
FV42986 4 9Aug78 Camel Estuary, Cornwall 50 32N 4 51W x Drawsko, Pila, Poland 52 52N 16 6E 23Jul79

Bar-tailed Godwit Limosa lapponica

DR33065 5 23Jul78 Wash 52 47N 0 26E + Belomorsk, Karelia, U.S.S.R. 64 28N 34 50E 30Aug79  
EF63939 4 7Dec72 Roe Estuary, Londonderry, N.Ireland 55 8N 6 58W v Saltburn, Invergordon  
57 42N 4 6W 22Sep79

Spotted Redshank Tringa erythropus

DS29422 3 18Aug73 Portbury, Bristol 51 30N 2 48W + Etang de Vendres, Beziers, Herault, France  
43 16N 3 14E 16Sep79

Redshank *Tringa totanus*

DR03477 4 50Oct78 Dundee Airfield, Scotland 56 27N 3 1W x Olafsfjordur, Eyjafjardar Sysla, Iceland  
66 4N 18 39W 28May79  
DR24357 4 2Sep78 Alturlie, Scotland 57 31N 4 9W + Mjolka, Audkuluhr, Iceland 65 47N 23 10W 28May79  
DA17999 1 17Jun79 Dryburn Moor, Northumberland 54 52N 2 19W x Ria de Aveiro, Beiro Litoral, Portugal  
40 38N 8 44W 27Sep79  
DR32007 3 7Sep75 Wash 52 48N 0 18E + Aveiro, Portugal 30Aug79  
CE98145 3 25Jul79 Cliffe, Kent 51 28N 0 30E + Baie des Veys, France 49 19N 1 9W 19Aug79  
DS57062 4 26Mar70 Aldingham, Cumbria 54 8N 3 5W x Walney Island, Cumbria 14Feb79  
DR19408 4 1May77 Bawtry, Notts 53 27N 0 57W v Farlington Marsh, Hamps 31Mar79  
DS28479 4 1Aug69 Wash 52 47N 0 26E v Farlington Marsh, Hamps 31Mar79  
DR58753 6 12Feb78 Brean Down, Somerset 51 19N 3 0W x Givendale, N.Yorks 54 7N 1 29W 25Jul79  
DS66042 4 4Aug73 Wash 52 49N 0 26E v Wash 53 3N 0 15E 8Sep79  
DR66772 2 22Sep78 Dundee Airfield, Scotland v Newburgh, Scotland 57 19N 2 0W 23Sep79  
CB18415 1 3Jun64 Chapelknowe, Scotland 55 3N 3 5W v River Conway, Wales 53 14N 3 49W 4Oct75  
DA01033 1 29May71 Southport, Merseyside v Wig, Bangor, Wales 53 14N 4 3W 20Oct79  
CK11778 4 17Nov62 East Tilbury, Essex 51 28N 0 26E v Cliffe, Kent 10Dec78

Greenshank *Tringa nebularia*

DR15329 1 9Jun74 Kinloch Rannoch, Scotland 56 40N 4 26W + Frontenay-Rohan-Rohan, Deux-Sevres, France  
46 15N 0 32W 21Sep74

Green Sandpiper *Tringa ochropus*

BV11290 3 16Sep73 Walcot, Salop 52 42N 2 35W + Hodnet, Salop 52 49N 2 32W 15Jan79

Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos*

BV16035 4 1Jul73 Glossop, Derbyshire 53 25N 1 50W x Coombs Reservoir, Derbyshire 53 19N 1 56W 14Apr79  
BV73210 4 2Jul78 Isle of Canna, Scotland 57 3N 6 35W x Sedas, Mertola, Portugal 37 32N 7 36W 24Aug79

Knot *Calidris canutus*

CE09516 3 25Sep73 Butley, Suffolk 52 3N 1 26E x Pointe Noire, Congo Brazzaville 4 46S 11 53E 70ct79  
CE34540 3 10Sep79 Wash 52 50N 0 26E + Cap Santa Clara, Gabon 0 30N 9 19E 19Nov79  
CE48198 4 22Aug78 Wash 53 5N 0 19E + Ares, Gironde, France 44 46N 1 8W 27Jul79  
CC73944 6 19Feb72 Wash 52 51N 0 27E v Schiermonnikoog, Netherlands 53 29N 6 12E 1Nov79  
CE25511 4 21Oct78 Brora, Scotland 58 2N 3 53W + Nissum Fjord, Jylland, Denmark 56 23N 8 8E 2Aug79  
CP22913 4 22Dec68 Piel Island, Cumbria x Pellworm, Nordfriesische Inseln, FDR 54 31N 8 38E 25Oct79  
CR92970 4 13Sep69 Wash 52 55N 0 29E + Nanortalik, Greenland 60 10N 45 15W 5Sep73  
CK09085 6 8Feb70 Middleton, Lancs 54 0N 2 54W x Fleetwood, Mancs 53 56N 3 1W 15Mar79  
CC74654 6 4Apr78 Hest Bank, Morecambe v Wash 52 48N 0 18E 10Aug79  
CP21427 4 22Dec68 Piel Island, Cumbria v Wash 52 58N 0 35E 6Oct79  
CE22732 3 21Oct78 Brora, Scotland v Wash 52 58N 0 35E 6Oct79  
CP21427 4 22Dec68 Piel Island, Cumbria v Wash 52 58N 0 35E 6Oct79  
CK75813 4 26Oct68 Wash 52 55N 0 29E v Seal Sands, Teesmouth 14Nov79  
CC90262 4 8Oct72 Wash 52 58N 0 35E v Seal Sands, Teesmouth 14Nov79  
CC55535 4 22Dec72 Bardsea, Cumbria 54 9N 3 5W v Seal Sands, Teesmouth 14Nov79  
CC83380 6 19Feb72 Wash 52 51N 0 27E v Seal Sands, Teesmouth 14Nov79  
CK59668 4 27Aug68 Wash 52 48N 0 23E v Seal Sands, Teesmouth 14Nov79  
CE34159 4 22Aug78 Wash 53 5N 0 19E v Seal Sands, Teesmouth 14Nov79  
CE25819 3 21Oct78 Brora, Scotland v Seal Sands, Teesmouth 14Nov79  
CE19347 6 10Sep73 Wash 53 3N 0 15E v Seal Sands, Teesmouth 14Nov79  
CE29076 6 1Aug77 Wash 53 3N 0 15E v Seal Sands, Teesmouth 14Nov79

Dunlin *Calidris alpina*

BX58590 4 50Oct74 Wash 52 50N 0 26E x Chiclana de la Frontera, Spain 36 26N 6 9W 3Dec79  
NB48041 3 23Aug78 Sandwich Bay, Kent 51 18N 1 22E x Cadiz, Spain 36 32N 6 18W 18Oct79  
BX75970 4 19Aug78 Farlington Marsh, Hamps x Oviedo, Spain 43 26N 5 51W 26Nov78  
BX31251 3 1Sep73 Wash 52 50N 0 26E v Pancas, Porto Alto, Portugal 38 47N 8 53W 29Jan79  
BS36638 4 16Feb75 Deganwy, Conway, Wales 53 17N 3 50W + Marais de Fort Vert, Calais, France  
50 58N 1 56E 24Feb79  
NB28284 3 11Dec76 Shannon Estuary, Eire 52 38N 9 1W v Ottenby, Sweden 56 12N 16 24E 23Jul79  
BX77748 3 26Dec76 Lough Beg, Cork, Eire 51 49N 8 19W v Ottenby, Sweden 29Jul79  
NB02470 3 19Nov76 Belfast, N.Ireland 54 36N 5 53W v Ottenby, Sweden 30Jul79  
NB02269 6 20Jan78 Belfast, N.Ireland v Falsterbo, Sweden 55 23N 12 50E 30Jul79  
BB71642 2 25Sep71 Cherry Cobb Sands, Humberside 53 41N 0 10W v Torhamn, Sweden 56 4N 15 50E 1Aug79  
BB51205 3 23Dec69 Ulverston, Cumbria 54 10N 3 3W x Glafs fjorden, Varmland, Sweden 59 34N 12 37E 5Aug78  
BX49655 4 23Aug74 Wash 52 48N 0 18E + Revtingen, Rogaland, Norway 58 45N 5 30E 18May78  
BX88389 3 9Sep75 Wash 52 53N 0 9E v Sappi, Turku-Pori, Finland 61 29N 21 21E 16Jul79  
BX51534 4 30Dec74 Plym Estuary, Devon v Sappi, Turku-Pori, Finland 25Jul79  
BX70331 3 20Nov76 Plym Estuary, Devon v Tulliniemi, Uusinaa, Finland 59 49N 22 54E 12Aug79  
NB54516 6 26Feb78 Southampton Docks, Hamps 50 55N 1 28W x Vorkuta, Komi Assr, USSR 67 25N 64 0E 2Jun79  
BJ83032 2 24Aug71 Aylburton, Gloucester x Heimaey, Iceland 63 26N 20 16W 20May79

NB08341	6	30Apr77	Hest Bank, Morecambe	x Nedri-Beididalur, Iceland 66 1N 23 24W	24May79
NB38158	6	7May78	Walney Island, Cumbria	x Nedri-Beididalur, Iceland	20May79
NB06806	4	29Jul77	Tentsmuir, Scotland 56 25N 2	50W x Kaerely, Greenland 70 50N 23 30W	23Jul79
BX87266	4	9Sep75	Wash 52 53N 0 9E	x Holne Pierrepont, Nottingham 52 56N 1 4W	23Feb79
BX67000	3	24Nov75	Dunkettle, Cork, Eire 51 54N 8	24W v Wash 52 50N 0 26E	12Aug79
BB16667	4	9Aug67	Wash 52 48N 0 18E	v Wash 52 50N 0 26E	12Aug79
BE86433	4	21Aug67	Wash 52 51N 0 27E	v Wash 52 50N 0 26E	12Aug79
BB15470	4	22Jul66	Wash 52 48N 0 18E	v Wash 52 48N 0 18E	12Aug79
BB23407	3	30Oct66	Wash 52 44N 0 10E	v Wash 52 48N 0 18E	12Aug79
BA56571	3	3Aug66	Wash 52 44N 0 10E	v Wash 52 48N 0 18E	12Aug79
BB16172	4	12Aug67	Wash 52 48N 0 18E	v Berrow, Somerset 51 16N 3 1W	25Nov79

Besides these overseas recoveries listed 17 were controlled in West Germany ( 2 from Wash, 10 from Southern England, 1 from the Severn Estuary/S.Wales, 1 from N.Wales, 3 from Humberside); 1 in Denmark; 2 in East Germany; 1 from Poland. 35 birds were controlled at Ottenby, Sweden (12 from Wash, 4 from Severn/S.Wales, 3 from N.Wales/Merseyside, 4 from Morecambe Bay, 8 from Southern England, 1 from Humberside, 2 from Teesmouth). 6 birds were controlled in Holland (1from Wash, 2 from N.Wales, 3 from southern Britain).

Within Britain the following movements occurred involving the Wash - 13 to S.Wales/Severn Estuary, 7 to Morecambe, 10 to Merseyside/N.Wales, 2 to Teesmouth, 3 to Scotland, 4 to Humberside and 2 to Kent. Single birds moved between Teesmouth and Scotland and N.Wales, Humberside and N.Wales, Merseyside and Scotland, Morecambe and Scotland.

Sanderling *Calidris alba*

BK91730	3	26Aug76	Wainfleet, Lincs 53 5N 0 19E	v Oualida, El Jadida, Morocco 32 44N 9 2W	8Mar79
NB57162	4	26May79	Wash 52 53N 0 28E	+ Nanche, France 49 10N 1 35W	5Aug79
BB43502	5	9Mar69	Wash 52 51N 0 27E	v Wash 52 51N 0 27E	14Aug79
BX19419	4	22May75	Point of Air, Wales	? Azenmour, Morocco 33 20N 8 25W	28Aug79
BB30966	4	27Jul68	Wash 52 51N 0 27E	v Wash 52 51N 0 27E	11Sep79
BX10832	4	2Jun73	Point of Air, Wales	x Tavira, Algarve, Portugal 37 7N 7 39W	18Sep79
BB72388	4	24May71	Point of Air, Wales	v Southport, Merseyside 53 38N 3 1W	20Oct79

Ruff *Philomachus pugnax*

DA06577	3	18Aug78	Hale, Liverpool 53 20N 2 48W	x Kalevala, Ukhta, Karelia, USSR 65 12N 31 10E	25Jun79
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WADER STUDIES IN GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND - A GREAT LEAP FORWARD

By G.H.Green, Chairman, Wader Study Group

Wader ringers in the British Isles should be pleased to hear that we are on the threshold of a great leap forward! At last plans to make use of all that data you have been collecting for years are coming to fruition - or at any rate the buds are opening!

An important project, based on Durham University, has received funding. Its aim is to examine the extent of inter-estuarine movements of waders in Europe - especially in the winter. From a conservation point of view it is essential to know how many different sites are important for particular waders - where do they moult, where do they move on to, do they remain static for the winter months or do they move about and if so where do they go and when, and why? The project is in part a retrospective study which will make use of retraps, controls, catch totals, catch make-up, measurements and especially weights. These data are all important. The data-mass already available is enormous and computerised data handling is the only way of coping with it so the first aim is to put all available information 'on computer'. This is in itself an immense task. Input will be through punched cards and the punch operators have to be given data in a form they can use - hence the article introducing the new WADER STUDY GROUP FORM which follows. At first sight the form seems complex but with a little practice its complexities are soon overcome and the eventual benefits will greatly outweigh the trauma of learning to use it. Once the data is in a manageable form it will be readily available for analyses which currently defy a person (or team of people!) with pens, paper and pocket calculators.

PLEASE use the form from now on, both in the field and for sending in any data not already submitted on old WSG forms. If you have a lot of data available contact Mike Pienkowski first.

I cannot stress the importance of this project too strongly. It should overcome what has become a serious block in wader studies. The easy work has been done and the easy papers written. Anyone who has attempted to analyse Dunlin retraps and associated data from a big area where many birds have been ringed over many years will appreciate the problems of meaningful analysis. The task of extracting simple information is extremely time consuming and tedious beyond words. One big catch containing many retraps from many years is difficult enough to sort out.

We now have the chance to learn a lot more about European waders and their migrations. The results will be of practical conservation value as well as being biologically interesting. As results start to come in future meaningful projects can be planned. Please help - all you have to do is fill in the forms..... for a start!