

It would be very useful if wader catchers could measure head length as well as bill length, especially on species which are likely to be retrapped during a different time of year. This will enable a proper assessment of the value of head length to be made. Preferably the measurements should be made with callipers to an accuracy of .1mm (total head length and bill). However, a reasonable degree of accuracy has been obtained using a wing rule, and measuring to .5mm or 1mm. Details of measuring devices were given by G.H.Green in WSG Bull. 29.

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Munster sewage farms

The work of the Biologische Station at Münster was outlined in an article in Bulletin 28 and was the subject of two requests in Bull 27:3. The workers there would welcome information on management of wetlands, particularly Typha control. Secondly, in summer, particularly August, there is the opportunity for young ornithologists to take part in activities such as recording, ringing and habitat management. Basic accomodation, including washing and cooking facilities, will be available and there is space for tents. On either aspect write to:

Biologische Station Rieselfelder Münster, Wöstebach 11, D-4400 Münster, West Germany.

CURRENT COLOUR MARKING SCHEMES FOR WADERS

A full list of Old World schemes for which details were available was printed in Bulletin 29, which also detailed the new arrangement for registering colour marking schemes. These arrangements must be followed by anyone in the British ringing scheme who is also operating a colour-marking scheme. EURING also requests ringers in other parts of Europe to follow this registration scheme. We list below schemes notified to WSG since the last full list in Bulletin 29. If your scheme is not in one of these two lists, please contact WSG as soon as possible.

NO NEW SCHEME USING ANY FORM OF COLOUR-MARKING ON WADERS SHOULD BE STARTED WITHOUT PRIOR CONSULTATION WITH WADER STUDY GROUP: anyone who does so is likely to jeopardize the results of other studies as well as his/her own.

WSG will forward sightings reported by birdwatchers to the appropriate scheme if this can be identified. Scheme operators should notify WSG and the reporter of any details of the bird sighted, even if distant sightings are not of great interest to that particular project, as failure to do so discourages reporting of sightings to schemes that do depend on such co-operation.

Address for scheme registration and reporting of sightings:

Wader Study Group, M.W.Pienkowski, Dept. of Zoology, University of Durham, South Road, Durham DH1 3LE, GB

SCHEMES NOTIFIED TO WSG SINCE BULLETIN 29

Oystercatcher *Haematopus ostralegus*

Rogaland, S.Norway (Geir Olav Toft, Dep. of Animal Ecology, Zoological Museum, N-5014 Bergen-Univ., Norway) colour rings.

Stone Curlew *Burhinus oedichenus*

Wiltshire & Suffolk, England (R.A.Morgan, BTO, Beech Grove, Tring, Herts, GB) colour rings.

Dotterel *Charadrius morinellus*

NE Scotland (David W.Oliver, 'Dunearn', The Feus, Freuchie, Fife, GB) colour rings.

Hardangervidda, Norway (Ingvar Byrkjedal, Zoologisk Museum, N-5014 Bergen/Univ., Norway) colour rings.

Golden Plover *Pluvialis apricaria*

Hardangervidda, Norway (Ingvar Byrkjedal, Zoologisk Museum, N-5014 Bergen/Univ., Norway) colour rings.

Lapwing *Vanellus vanellus*

Hampshire, England (M.A.F.F., Worplesdon Laboratory, Tangley Place, Worplesdon, Guildford, Surrey G03 3LQ, GB) darvic wing tags carrying letter and 2 numbers.

Temminck's Stint *Calidris temminckii*

Hardangervidda, Norway (Torgrim Breiehagen, Dept. of Animal Ecology, Zoological Museum, University of Bergen, N-5014, Bergen U., Norway) colour rings.

Purple Sandpiper *Calidris maritima*

Faeren, SW Norway (Rune Roalkvam, Zoological Museum, N-5014 Bergen-Univ, Norway) colour rings.

Hardangervidda, Norway (Tay/Grampian Expedition 1980, Keith Brockie, Millhill House Lodge, Inchture, Perthshire PH14 9SN, GB) colour rings.

Bar-tailed Godwit *Limosa lapponica*

Schiermonnikoog, Netherlands (Dr. E. Nieboer, Vrije Universiteit, Biologisch Laboratorium, Amsterdam - 1007 MC, De Boelelaan 1087, Postbus 7161, The Netherlands) temporary leg flags.