

will attempt this by agreeing standardised methods of information collection, by the proposal of a few target species, by helping the exchange of information between the various groups, and finally by producing a summary report covering the international aspects of the migration studies.

It is clear that an unrivalled opportunity has become available to establish a great deal about the complete spring migration phenology of waders using the East Atlantic Flyway. However, to avoid the risk that vital information is missed because teams have concentrated on different species in different areas, one or more target species need to be selected. The information provided so far by the various groups involved suggests that Knot (Siberian population), Bar-tailed Godwit *Limosa lapponica*, Ringed Plover *Charadrius hiaticula* and Sanderling *Calidris alba* may be the species which can best be followed during their entire spring migration.

We suggest that each team/research group selects a 'WSG contact-person'. These contacts can then keep in touch with WSG's Co-ordinator before and during the project, and to sort out the relevant information during and after the period of fieldwork (February - June 1985).

The projects listed above are those that we know of so far. We would like to hear also from anyone else who aims to be working on wader migration elsewhere in Europe or Africa during spring 1985.

The numerous aspects of this project will be discussed during the WSG Annual Meeting at Worcester in September 1984. A final proposal will be published in *WSG Bull.* 42 (December 1984).

Obviously, any suggestions will be welcome now!

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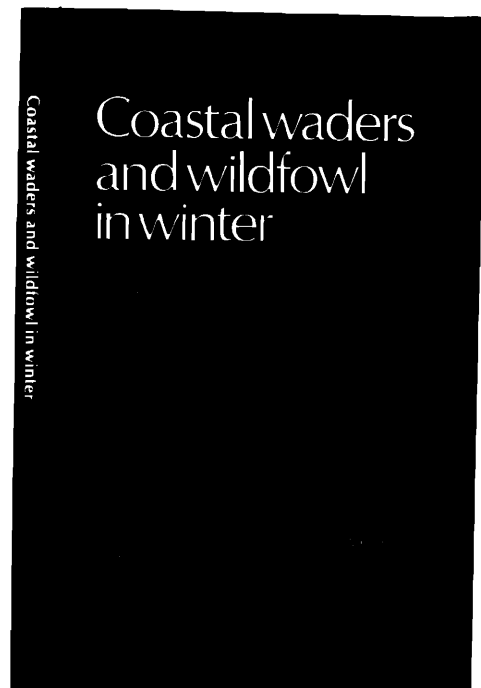
COASTAL WADERS AND WILDFOWL IN WINTER

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This book arose from the Fifth Meeting on Feeding Ecology and Behaviour of Coastal Birds, held on Texel, The Netherlands, in May 1981, under the joint auspices of the Wader Study Group and the International Waterfowl Research Bureau Feeding Ecology Research Group. The volume has been produced in conjunction with the British Ornithologists' Union, and is edited by Peter Evans, John Goss-Custard and Bill Hale. Although based on the talks given at the Texel meeting, this book is not a volume of proceedings in the usual sense. All the contributions have been revised extensively in the light of discussions during the meeting and subsequent knowledge. The 19 chapters, many of them about waders, review current knowledge of coastal bird numbers and behaviour in relation to their food resources, and examine the importance of the winter quarters to survival and subsequent breeding success of the species concerned.

The book is designed to be of interest both to general ornithologists, particularly where advice to planners about coastal wetlands is needed, and to those interested in the behaviour and ecology of coastal birds.

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