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The aims of the WSG are:

To maintain contact between amateurs and professionals studying waders.

To help organise co-operative studies.

To provide a vehicle for exchange of information.

The main means of achieving these aims is by the publication of the *Wader Study Group Bulletin*. WSG maintains contacts with many regional, national and international bodies interested in bird research and conservation, and often works alongside them in co-operative studies. The group has been involved also in the organisation of expeditions to remote areas to fill gaps in our knowledge of waders.

(Projects co-ordinated by WSG currently on-going include:)

WSG also co-ordinates (on behalf of several national authorities) the colour-marking of waders, and attempts to forward sightings of these.

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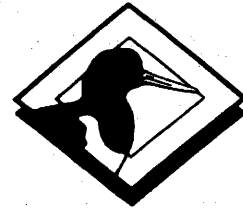
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