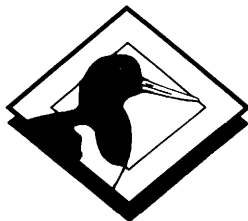
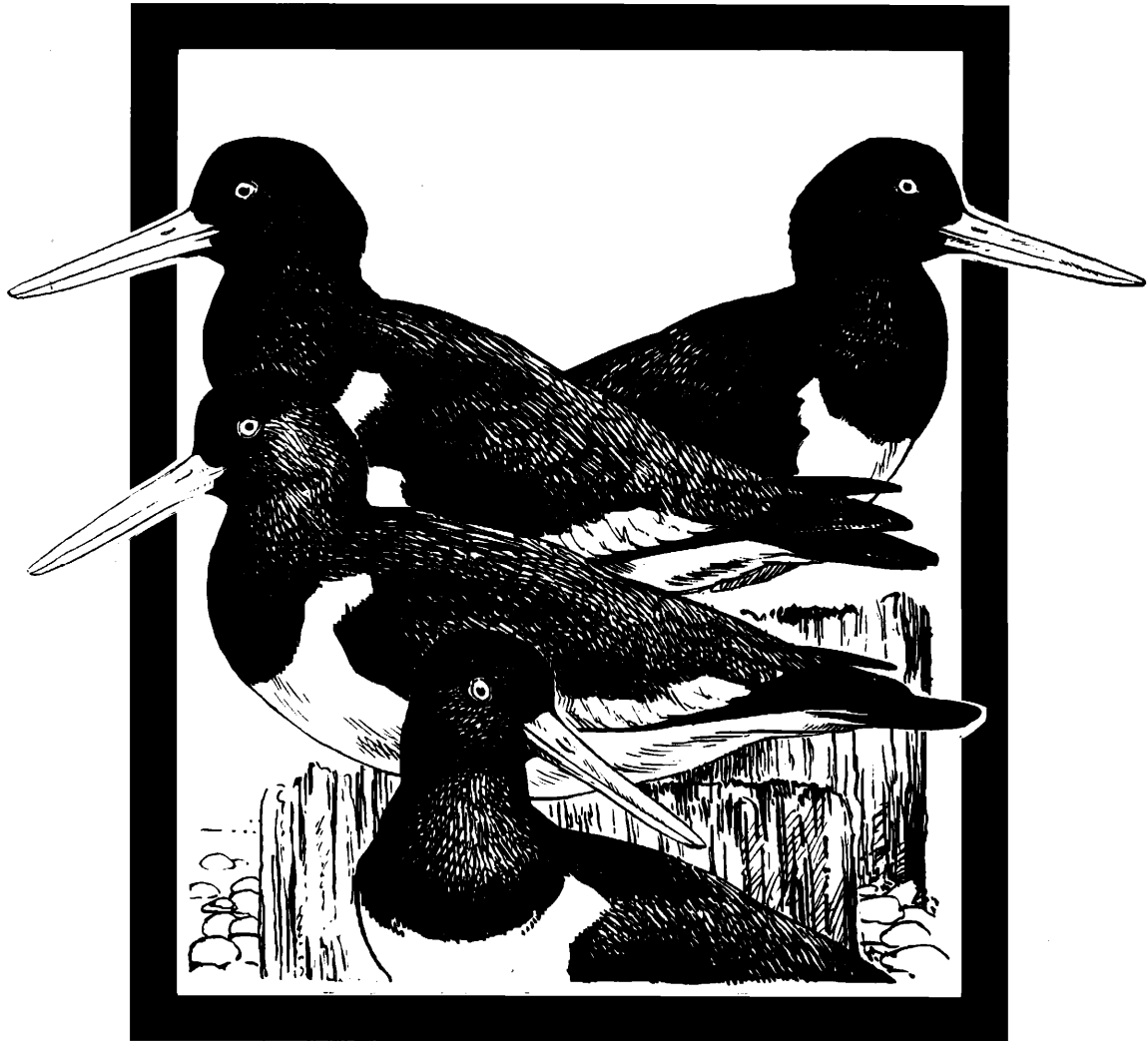


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From the text it is evident that many basic and important aspects of the biology of these two species have yet to be studied in detail, a point which is recognised by the authors themselves. Thus, few or no data are available on, breeding success and the factors which influence this, survival rates of adult birds, and population status and trends (in both breeding and wintering areas).

Overall the material in this text is presented in a logical format and written in an easy-to-follow style. However, I think that the presentation would have benefited from some plates to illustrate differences in species plumage and appearance, whilst a map to show the known

global distributions would have been a useful addition to the distribution map for North America.

Clearly the material provided in this book is of value to those involved in studies of waders, and particularly to anyone with a special interest in plovers.

Murray Grant

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Dodman, T. & Taylor, V. 1996. *African Waterfowl Census 1995*. Wetlands International, Slimbridge. Price £10. Available through the Natural History Book Service.

This A5 book reports on the fifth African Waterfowl Census in which 21 African countries (including Madagascar) participated. Countries are grouped under three main sub-Saharan regions; West Africa, East Africa and Southern Africa. Results from North African censuses are not included. An individual account is given for each country summarising count timing and coverage, rainfall and noteworthy counts.

Overall results of counts in July 1994 and January/February 1995 for each region (1995 only for West Africa) are then discussed noting trends, important sites and coverage. Tables show total numbers of each species counted by country, and sites in each country which meet the 1% criterion for international importance.

Final brief sections consist of overviews of the Ramsar Convention in Africa, the AEWA, a list main contact points, and checklist of sub-Saharan waterfowl. All information in the report is presented in both English and French, with national accounts beginning with whichever is the more frequently used language in that country.

The aim of the African Waterfowl Census is not only to increase the utility of basic census data, but also to increase understanding of wetland ecology and waterbirds. It is in these areas that Wetlands International's excellent context-setting reports such as this one will have major impacts.

John Holmes

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## Also received

(these volumes may be reviewed in a future *Bulletin*)

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