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BREEDING

Belting, H., Körner, F., Marxmeier, U. & Möller, C. 1997. Wiesenvogelschutz am Dümmer und die Entwicklung der Brutbestände sowie der Bruterfolge von wiesenbrütenden Limikolen. (Wet meadow

management in the Lake Dümmer area - population changes and breeding success of meadow birds). *Vogelkd. Ber. Niedersachs.* 29(1): 37-49. In German with English summary. (Bezirksregierung Hannover, Naturschutzstn. Dümmer, Am Ochsenmoor 40, D-49448 Hüde, Germany). Populations of *Vanellus vanellus*, *Tringa totanus*, and *Gallinago gallinago* increasing since 1990's due to rewetting conditions. *Limosa limosa* population still decreasing.

Biondi, M. & Pietrelli, L. 1996. Parametri riproduttivi di Corriere piccolo *Charadrius dubius* in aree campione del Lazio. (Breeding parameters of Little Ringed Plover in sample areas of Latium). *Alula* 3(1-2): 62-67. In Italian with English summary. (G.A.R.O.L., via del Castello 17, I-00119 Ostia Antica Rome, Italy). Very low breeding success caused by heavy human disturbance, natural predation and nest destruction.

Cooper, R. 1997. Hooded Plover *Thinornis rubricollis*: winter flocks and breeding success in north-east Tasmania, Australia. *Stift* 30: 23-25. (9 Beach Rd., Legana, TAS 7277, Australia). Information on breeding success, local movements and social organisation based on 11 years of observations.

Flore, B.-O. 1997. Brutbestand, Bruterfolg und Gefährdungen von Seeregenpfeifern (*Charadrius alexandrinus*) und Zwergseeschwalben (*Sterna albifrons*) im Wattmeer von Niedersachsen. (Kentish Plovers (*Charadrius alexandrinus*) and Little Terns (*Sterna albifrons*) in the Wadden Sea of Niedersachsen: population numbers, reproductive success and threats). *Vogelkd. Ber. Niedersachs.* 29(1): 85-102. In German with English summary. (Hafkemeyerweg 20, D-49084 Osnabrück, Germany). 60% of the breeding sites of *Charadrius alexandrinus* were located on beaches with shell fields and primary dunes, 32% on sandy areas in or at the edge of saltmarshes. Hatching success ranged from 54% to 61%. The studies were mainly carried out on the island Juist in the Wadden Sea.

Hugie, D.M. & Lank, D.B. 1997. The resident's dilemma: a female choice model for the evolution of alternative mating strategies in lekking male ruffs (*Philomachus pugnax*). *Behav. Ecol.* 8(2): 218-225. (Behav. Ecol. Res. Grp., Dept. Biol. Sci., Simon Fraser Univ., Burnaby, BC, V5A 1S6, Canada)

Pulliainen, E. & Saari, L. 1997. Attendance at the nest of polyandrous Dotterel *Charadrius morinellus* in Finland. *Ardea* 85(1): 67-71. (Väriö Subarctic Res. Stn., Univ. Helsinki, Linnanmaa, FIN-90570 Oulu, Finland).

Rönkä, A. & Koivula, K. 1997. Effect of shore width on the predation rate of artificial wader nests. *Ibis* 139(2): 405-407. (Dept. Biol., Univ. Oulu, P.O. Box 333, FIN-90571, Finland). The hypothesis that the predation rate of wader nests is higher on narrow shores than on wide ones was tested experimentally by comparing predation rates on artificial ground nests put out on narrow and wide shores.

Sandercock, B.K. & Gratto-Trevor, C.L. 1997. Local survival in Semipalmated Sandpipers *Calidris pusilla* breeding at La Pérouse Bay, Canada. *Ibis* 139(2): 305-312. (Dept. Biol. Sci., Simon Fraser Univ., Burnaby, BC, Canada V5A 1S6, e-mail: bsanderc@fraser.sfu.ca). A hierarchical modelling approach was used to examine adult and age-specific survival in an 8-year study of breeding *Calidris pusilla*.

Sandercock, B.K. 1997. Incubation capacity and clutch size determination in two calidrine sandpipers: a test of the four-egg threshold. *Oecologia* 110: 50-59. Aim of the study was to examine whether the incubation capacity of *Calidris mauri* and *Calidris pusilla* limits their maximum clutch size to four eggs.

Schulz, R. 1995. Breeding success and dispersal strategy of Kentish Plover in relation to predation and tourism. *WSG Kentish Plover Project, Newsletter No. 4: 12. Charadrius alexandrinus.*

Soloviev, M.Y. & Tomkovich, P.S. 1997. Body mass changes in waders (*Charadrii*) in a high arctic area at northern Taimyr, Siberia. *J. Orn.* 138(3): 271-281. (Dept. Vertebr. Zool. & Gen. Ecol., Biol. Fac., Moscow State Univ., 103009 Moscow, Russia). Body mass data were collected for 5 species of tundra waders (*Calidris alba*, *C. minuta*, *C. canutus*, *C. ferruginea*, and *Arenaria interpres*) during six breeding seasons to study variation in nutrient reserves relative to high arctic climatic conditions and the stage of reproduction.

Thyen, S. 1997. Habitatwahl und Schlüpfenfolg des Rotschenkels (*Tringa totanus*) in landwirtschaftlich genutzten Salzrasen der niedersächsischen Küste. (Habitat selection and hatching success in Redshank (*Tringa totanus*) breeding in agriculturally used salt marshes at the coast of Lower Saxony). *Vogelwarte* 39(2): 117-130. In German with English summary. (Korsorstr. 149, D-26203 Wardenburg, Germany)

Triplet, P., Durant, J. & Bacquet, S. 1997. Reproduction du Vanneau huppé *Vanellus vanellus* et pratiques agricoles : caractéristiques des sites utilisés en plaine maritime Picarde. [Breeding success of *Vanellus vanellus* and agricultural management : characteristics of habitats in

- maritime lowland Picardy]. *Alauda* 65(2): 121-130. In French with English summary. (SMACOPI, 1, place de l'Amiral Courbet, F-80 100 Abbeville, France). About 200 pairs in maritime lowland Picardy breeding in agricultural zones or in natural habitats, mainly wet meadows (47.7%).
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- Elts, J. 1995. (On the Woodcock project in 1994). *Loodusevaatlusi* 1994: 71-76. In Estonian with English summary. (P.O. Box 227, EE2400 Tartu, Estonia, e-mail: jaanus@linnu.tartu.ee). On feeding biology, feeding habits at night, and morphometric data of *Scolopax rusticola*, as well as some notes on autumn behaviour of *Lymnocryptes minimus* and catching methods in Estonia.
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- Haig, S.M., Gratto-Trevor, C.L., Mullins, T.D. & Colwell, M.A. 1997. Population identification of western hemisphere shorebirds throughout the annual cycle. *Mol. Ecol.* 6: 413-427. (Forest and Rangeland Ecosyst. Sci. Ctr., Biol. Resources Div., US Geol. Surv., 3200 SW Jefferson Way, Corvallis, OR 97331, USA). Random amplified polymorphic DNA analyses were used to search for markers specific to difficult-to-differentiate shorebird species as *Limnodromus scolopaceus* and *L. griseus* as well as geographically distinct breeding populations of *Limosa haemastica*, *Phalaropus lobatus*, *Charadrius semipalmatus*, *Calidris alpina*, *C. melanotos*, *C. pusilla*, and *C. mauri*.
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