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BIRD RINGING IN NIGERIA AND GHANA, 1963

Sixth Annual Report

R.E. Sharland

Improved catching methods and the discovery of a large wagtail roost near Vom resulted in an increase of over 100% in birds ringed in 1963. The roost at Vom seems to hold considerably more wagtails than the Kano roost holds at its peak. Six hundred and seventy-four birds were ringed in six evenings during the period 16th November to 24th December, yet not one was recaptured. At the same time in Kano one thousand one hundred and twenty-seven wagtails were ringed, 49 of which were recaptured. Vic Smith's ringing team in Vom averaged 112 birds per evening whereas my team in Kano averaged just over 50. The Vom roost is an attractive marsh in a Forest Reserve whereas the Kano one is a rather insalubrious borrow-pit partly surrounded by houses.

Considerably more and a greater variety of warblers and other passerines were ringed in Kano, Vom, Ife in Western Nigeria by Mr Ludlow and Tafo in Ghana by Mr Donald. Most of the ringing was done in the autumn as in previous years, but I left some nets up in a borrow-pit in Kano throughout April and caught several Reed and Sedge Warblers Acrocephalus scirpaceus and schoenobaenus, and 2 Great Reed Warblers A. arundinaceus. Other interesting captures were a Blackcap Sylvia atricapilla by Mr Ludlow at Ife and a Nightingale Luscinia megarhynchos by Vic Smith at Vom.

One notable recapture was a Grey-backed Camaroptera Camaroptera brevicaudata ringed in Vom on 20th September 1961 and recaptured there on 18th October 1963.

The only recovery from abroad during the year was a Yellow Wagtail

Budytes flavus recovered near Cape Bon in Tunisia.

Two European Swallows Hirundo rustica ringed in Switzerland were found in Eastern Nigeria, one of them .. after an interval of 5½ years.

I obtained three more rings from White Storks Ciconia ciconia near Nguru all of which had been ringed in France. Two Bulgarian rings were also brought to me from Nguru (reputedly from the same bird) but details of ringing have not yet been received from Sofia.

A Caspian Tern Hydroprogne caspia ringed as a nestling in Smöland, Sweden, on 22nd June 1963 was found 'drowning in a river' at Oron in Eastern Nigeria about the end of October.

Schedule 1 - Recoveries

Yellow Wagtail Budytes flavus 15644 Ad 10.xii.1962 Kano 11°59' N 8°51' E
2.v.1963 El Houaria Cap Bon Tunisia 37°05' N 11°03' E
(The finder of this bird stated that he considered the bird to be B. f. iberiae).

Schedule 2 - Recoveries & Recaptures

	Total Ringed	Recaptures			Recoveries		
		1st year	2nd year	3rd year	Local	Europe	
Yellow Wagtail	<u>Budytes flavus</u>	4,034	114	48	25		4
Nightingale	<u>Luscinia megarhynchos</u>	39	3				
Garden Warbler	<u>Sylvia borin</u>	191	15				
Subalpine Warbler	<u>S. cantillans</u>	1	1				
Sedge Warbler	<u>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</u>	37	2				
Pale Flycatcher	<u>Bradornis pallidus</u>	2	2				
Pied Flycatcher	<u>Ficedula hypoleuca</u>	70	8				
Collared Flycatcher	<u>F. albicollis</u>	9	1				
Spotted Flycatcher	<u>M. striata</u>	16	1				
Grey-backed Camaroptera	<u>Camaroptera brevicaudata</u>	4	2		1		
Senegal Hoopoe	<u>Upupa senegalensis</u>	1	1				

Schedule 3 - Birds Ringed

<u>Migrants</u>		<u>1963</u>	<u>Total to date</u>
Little Stint	<u>Erolia minuta</u>	5	90
Wood Sandpiper	<u>Tringa glareola</u>	15	79
Marsh Sandpiper	<u>Glottis stagnatilis</u>	1	3
Lesser Ringed Plover	<u>Charadrius dubius</u>	2	34
Dusky ' Redshank	<u>Tringa erythropus</u>	2	3
Ruff	<u>Philomachus pugnax</u>	20	53
Blue-headed Wagtail	<u>Budytes flavus flavus</u>	2127	4034
Ashy-headed Wagtail	<u>B. f. cinerocapilla</u>	5	13
Black-headed Wagtail	<u>B. f. fuldogg</u>	1	6
White Wagtail	<u>Motacilla alba</u>	3	13
Red-throated Pipit	<u>Anthus cervinus</u>	30	117
Troo Pipit	<u>A. trivialis</u>	10	13
Whinchat	<u>Saxicola rubetra</u>	3	19
Redstart	<u>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</u>	6	20
Nightingale	<u>Luscinia megarhynchos</u>	21	33
Wyncock	<u>Jynx torquilla</u>	2	4
European Swallow	<u>Hirundo rustica</u>	17	1330
Isabelline Red-tailed Shrike	<u>Lantus isabellinus</u>	1	1
Sedge Warbler	<u>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</u>	31	37
Reed Warbler	<u>A. scirpaceus</u>	5	9
Great Reed Warbler	<u>A. arundinaceus</u>	2	6

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		1963	Total to date
Melodious Warbler	<i>Hippolais polyglotta</i>	1	4
Olivaceous Warbler	<i>H. pallida</i>	2	2
Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>	74	191
Blackcap	<i>S. atricapilla</i>	1	1
Subalpine Warbler	<i>S. cantillans</i>	1	1
Whitethroat	<i>S. communis</i>	1	1
Lesser Whitethroat	<i>S. curruca</i>	1	1
Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	7	10
Wood Warbler	<i>P. sibilatrix</i>	3	3
Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>	30	70
Collared Flycatcher	<i>F. albicollis</i>	4	9
Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>	9	16
Total Migrants (33 species)		2443	6234
Other species previous years (16)			111
(49 species)		2443	6345
Non-migrants (122 species)		98	4419
GRAND TOTAL (171 species)		2541	10764

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PROVISIONAL CHECK-LIST OF THE BIRDS OF NIGERIA

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With the increased interest in local ornithology apparent in the last few years the need for a check-list of the birds has arisen, and it is proposed to produce one. A considerable amount of labour would go into compiling merely the list of names, but the value of the list would be considerably enhanced for the inclusion of brief notes on status and distribution. Without being in any way committal with regard to the form of any list eventually produced, the following list is offered for members' comment and amendment.

About 814 species are treated; for brevity English names have been omitted but would be included in a definitive Check-List. The nomenclature follows Bannerman except that Centropus epomidis is not regarded as a distinct species but as a race of C. senegalensis; Illadopsis poliothorax is transferred from Timaliidae to Alethe in Turdidae; Prinia superciliosa = P. subflava; and Cinnamopteryx castaneofuscus is treated as a race of Melanopteryx nigerrimus.

I should be very obliged if you would send any additions, corrections