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Sudan Sand Martin, Riparia palludicola. Numerous on the Lake in middle of the dry season.

### Conclusion

The avifauna of this part of the Lake shore reflects the habitat: deep water, steep banks and cover for only part of the year. The notable lack of waders (only the Common Sandpiper has been observed) is due to the lack of shallow water and muddy banks. The absence of Gallinules and Moorhens is due to the lack of shallow, lily-covered water.

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## RINGING IN NIGERIA 1972 & 1973. 15th and 16th ANNUAL REPORT

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This report covers two years' ringing in Nigeria, by Brian Wood and Dr John Lang and his team at Vom, by Philip Hall at Maiduguri and Mallam Fatori and by myself in Kano in 1972.

Many thanks are due to John Lang for what he has done for ornithology on the Plateau and I hope that his team will be able to carry on. As I write, steps are being taken to start up ringing at Zaria and Dick Best has reported controlling some of the Wagtails I ringed in Kano in 1970 and 1972.

Schedule 1. Migrant birds ringed.

		<u>1972</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>To date</u>
Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>			5
Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>			4
Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>			8
Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>			3
Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>			96
Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>			2
Pallid Harrier	<i>Circus macrourus</i>			1
Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>			1
Spotted Crake	<i>Porzana porzana</i>			1
Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>			23
Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>			51
Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>			1
Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>			9
Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>			17
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	2		468
Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>			27
Common Sandpiper	<i>Tringa hypoleucos</i>			171
Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>			2
Dusky Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>			12
Terek Sandpiper	<i>Tringa terek</i>			1
Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>			45
Great Snipe	<i>Gallinago media</i>			1
Jack Snipe	<i>Gallinago minima</i>			16
Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>			15
Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>	20	2	274
Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>			14
Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>			1
Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>		12	553
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>		1	18
Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>			1
White-winged Black Tern	<i>Sterna leucoptera</i>		1	1
Great-spotted Cuckoo	<i>Clamator glandarius</i>	1		4
Scops Owl	<i>Otus scops</i>			11
Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>		2	14
Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>	3		49
Lesser Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella rufescens</i>			1
Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>			1477
European Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	2		1464
House Martin	<i>Delichon urbica</i>			2
Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>	2195	2775	33952
White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>			31
Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>			3
Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>		1	119
Red-throated Pipit	<i>Anthus cervinus</i>		1	130
Isabelline Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>			4
Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>	8	4	48
Corsican Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator badius</i>			1
Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>			4

		1972	1973	To date
Whinchat	Saxicola rubetra	82	16	490
Wheatear	Oenanthe oenanthe	1		22
Black-eared Wheatear	Oenanthe hispanica			1
Rock Thrush	Monticola saxatilis			8
Blue Rock Thrush	Monticola solitaria			1
Redstart	Phoenicurus phoenicurus	7	9	219
Nightingale	Luscinia megarhynchos	1	1	260
Bluethroat	Luscinia svecica			4
Cetti's Warbler	Cettia cettia			2
Savi's Warbler	Locustella luscinioides			6
Sedge Warbler	Acrocephalus scoenobaenus	144	3	1910
Reed Warbler	Acrocephalus scirpaceus	60	41	932
Blyth's Reed Warbler	Acrocephalus scirpaceus blythi			7
Great Reed Warbler	Acrocephalus arundinaceus			136
Icterina Warbler	Hippolais icterina	12	6	164
Melodious Warbler	Hippolais polyglotta	1		45
Olivaceous Warbler	Hippolais pallida	3	9	129
Garden Warbler	Sylvia borin	22	45	1546
Blackcap	Sylvia atricapilla	2		23
Whitethroat	Sylvia communis	134	165	2832
Lesser Whitethroat	Sylvia curruca	31	21	132
Subalpine Warbler	Sylvia cantillans	7	4	167
Willow Warbler	Phylloscopus trochilus	10	12	792
Chiffchaff	Phylloscopus collybita			5
Bonelli's Warbler	Phylloscopus bonelli	1		19
Wood Warbler	Phylloscopus sibilatrix	1		138
Spotted Flycatcher	Muscicapa striata	17	9	277
Pied Flycatcher	Ficedula hypoleuca	3	3	227
Collared Flycatcher	Ficedula albicollis			23
Ortolan Bunting	Emberiza hortulana			6
TOTAL: Palaearctic Migrants		2770	3143	49579
Ethiopian birds		87	36	14573
		2857	3179	64152

#### RECOVERIES OF BIRDS RINGED IN NIGERIA

##### GARGANEY *Anas querquedula*

- ED58556 Ringed 22/1/69 Kazaure Nr Kano  
 Shot 18/3/73 Variken Katerini Greece 40°15'N 22°30'E.
- ED60116 Ringed 15/2/69 Kazaure Nr Kano  
 Killed 0/9/72 Karpinsk, Sverdlovsk, U.S.S.R. 59°44'N.  
 60°00'E.
- HR60147 Ringed 18/1/70 Kano  
 Killed 20/9/72 Vargashi, Kurgan, U.S.S.R. 55°24'N.65°51'E.

WOOD SANDPIPER *Tringa glareola*

DS65044 Ringed 10/9/69 Kano

Killed 14/8/71 Saki, Crimea, U.S.S.R. 45°08'N.33°36'E.

WILLOW WARBLER *Phylloscopus trochilus*

PN2078 Ringed 20/11/69<sup>71</sup> Kano

Trapped &  
re-ringed 3/7/73 Brasschat, Antwerp, Belgium. 51°17'N.4°27'E.

YELLOW WAGTAIL *Motacilla flava*

Jos29239 Ringed 8/12/66 Vom.

Found in net 25/6/68 Velmilgravis, Nr Riga, Latvia.

JG24332 Ringed 28/11/72 Vom.

Killed 24/7/73 Kojanishti, Tuusiniemi, Finland.  
64°41'N. 28°36'E.

HR43386 Ringed 1/1/72 Vom.

Caught & released 20/4/72 Porto San El Pidio, Italy.  
43°16'N. 13°45'E.

HR43827 Ringed 10/3/72 Vom.

Found 20/5/72 Gedabes Atedabya Libya, 30°48'N.20°15'E.

HR50947 Ringed 4/12/71 Vom

Caught &  
released 22/5/72 Porto San El Pidio, Italy.  
43°16'N. 13°45'E.

HR47496 Ringed 21/1/72 Kano.

Trapped 27/4/72 Mareth, Tunisia. 33°32'N. 10°18'E.

WHINCHAT *Saxicola rubetra*

HR50748 Ringed 22/4/71 Vom.

26/4/72 Al Ma'murah, Al zawiya, Tripoli, Libya.  
32°00'N. 13°00'E.

Co-ordinates

KANO 12°00'N. 8°17'E.

VOM 9°52'N. 8°53'E.

NGURU 12°53'N.10°30'E.

The value of ringing game birds is illustrated by the fact that our recovery rate for Garganey in Europe is now 3.13% whereas the similar percentage for Flava Wagtails (including recoveries in N.Africa) is .2%.

RECOVERIES IN NIGERIA OF BIRDS RINGED ELSEWHERE

WHITE STORK *Ciconia ciconia*

- C07129 Pull 25/5/57 Les torrecillas Medina Sidonia Spain.  
36°25'N 5°55'W.  
4/2/73 Nguru.
- A4827 Pull 27/6/71 Ain Rhellai Mateur Tunisia 27°03'N. 9°40'E.  
0/1/72 Nguru.
- C00970 Pull 15/5/57 Valdecazillas Oropesa Spain. 39°55'N.  
0/1/71 Nguru. 5°13'W.
- C09767 Pull 1/6/72 San Mateo Albuquerque Badajoz Spain.  
39°13'N. 6°59'W.  
14/2/73 Nguru.
- A4779 Pull 10/6/72 Chardimorou Tunisia. 36°27'N. 8°27'E.  
Caught by trapper &  
later released 20/12/72. Azare. 11°40'N. 10°08'E.

The first four birds had probably been caught some time earlier by trappers at a village four miles West of Nguru. The village keeps a decoy flock of Storks and the birds that they catch are either killed and eaten or sent to the bird market in Kano. The Stork caught at Azare is the third recovery in Nigeria of Storks ringed by Father Lauthe in Tunisia.

BLACK KITE *Milvus migrans*

- 817882 Ringed 8/6/68 Zug, Kalin, Switzerland. 47°02'N 8°05'E.  
Recovered 9/2/69 Iserin, West Nigeria. 8°9'N. 3°7'E.

GARGANEY *Anas querquedula*

- C-27701 Ringed Ad male 22/2/71. Vandal, Tanjore Dist. Tamil Nadu,  
India. c. 10°18'N. 79°51'E.  
Shot Nr Kano -/2/73. 12°N. 8°30'E.

In his letter reporting this bird Dr Salim Ali writes, 'we have had no other recoveries from Africa, and in fact this is a very unusual one going by the known migration pattern in India.' It is also interesting that the bird was shot at approximately the same distance North of the Equator as the point where it was ringed but about 5000 miles West.