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We record with deep regret the untimely death of D.E. Macgregor O.B.E., M.B.O.U., on February 10th, 1965, while on leave in England, and extend our deepest sympathy to his bereaved. Douglas Macgregor was a member of the Society from the first, and contributed notes and papers to the Bulletin.

After 15 years at the University of Ibadan, Prof. J.H. Elgood retired from Nigeria in March to take up a post at the S.W. Essex Technical College. He is perhaps the leading authority on the birds of Nigeria and some of his learning has been imparted in important recent papers in 'Ibis' and elsewhere, as well as in his popular West African Nature Handbook "Birds of the West African Town and Garden". As one of the founders of the Nigerian Ornithologists' Society, we look forward to John Elgood's continued support, and wish him every success and happiness in England.

Mike J. Horwood has also left West Africa after many years, latterly stationed in Jos, and is now successfully combining bird and forestry interests with the Nature Conservancy.

Notices about the Society appearing in recent issues of the Ibis and the Nigerian Field have met a gratifying response in the way of increased membership. If enthusiasts in any one area establish mutual contact through the members' address list below, the Bulletin will have proved its worth in at least one respect.

Your comments are sincerely invited on the present format and content of the Bulletin -- insufficiently formal, or too stuffy? -- too long; more short notes? Comment well in advance of the next Bulletin, copy for which should be received by 20th June for publication by 25th.

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BIRD RINGING IN NIGERIA, 1964. SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

R.E.Sharland

During 1964 there was a further large increase in the number and variety of birds ringed. Two Cetti's Warblers Cettia cetti ringed in Kano and two Ortolan Buntings Emberiza hortulana in Vom are newly-ringed species in West Africa, the former being the first recorded occurrence and the latter virtually so in West Africa..

A total of 2,071 Yellow Wagtails Budytes flavus were ringed by V.W. Smith and his team at Vom. Considerably more could have been marked if