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ornithologists (e.g. the emergence of Chironomidae). There is a meteorological station, an electricity supply, a mechanical workshop and several small boats, and the use of these could almost certainly be negotiated with the Federal Fisheries Service. Accommodation and working space for two ornithologists is available for immediate use. A more extensive programme would require additional buildings, but there is plenty of space for these within the boundaries of the Fisheries station and grass huts, for example, are remarkably solid structures which can be erected relatively cheaply.

After the specimens and data collected by the expedition have been processed and analysed, the results will eventually be submitted for publication in the Ibis. One or two shorter communications will probably be prepared in advance of the main work.

BIRD RINGING IN NIGERIA 1966

NINTH ANNUAL REPORT

R.E. Sharland.

During 1966 ringing of Yellow Wagtail Budytes flavus roosts was carried on both in Kano and in Vom. V.W. Smith left Nigeria in March but his work was carried on by P.J.E. Woods and a fresh team of ringers.

Once again no Wagtail ringed in Kano was caught in the Vom roost and no Vom wagtail was caught in Kano. On the other hand a wagtail from each roost was caught on the same day in the same place in Italy. Recoveries are summarised in Schedule IV; three wagtails have now been recovered in Southern Europe in the winter months, two in Greece and one in Turkey.

Birds ringed for the first time included Shoveler Spatula olypeata, Pintail Anas acuta, Hottentot Teal Anas capensis, Bluethroat Cyanosylvia svecica, Blue Rock Thrush M. solitarius and African Spoonbill Platalea alba.

On 26th November 1966 I caught a Wood Sandpiper bearing an Italian ring and P.J.E. Woods caught a Yellow Wagtail bearing an Italian ring (the second to be caught there).

I visited the lakes near Nguru where White Storks Ciconia ciconia are trapped and obtained a Heligoland ring. The people in this village have a number of rings in their possession but are afraid to hand them over in case anybody interferes with their lucrative (but illegal) trapping business.

Dr C.H.Fry has started ringing regularly in the Zaria area and D. Parelus has begun ringing in the Ivory Coast. The Hopsons have restarted ringing at Malamfatori. Thanks are due to these and to J.R.Lang, P.J.E.Woods and many others on the Plateau who have helped to ring at Vom.

Schedule I. Birds Ringed.

<u>Migrants</u>		<u>1966 to date</u>	
Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>	1	1
Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>	1	2
Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>	2	2
Shoveler	<i>Spatula olypeata</i>	2	2
Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>		8
Little Ringed Plover	<i>Ch. dubius</i>	1	36
Black winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	2	3
Common Snipe	<i>Capella gallinago</i>	2	10
Jack Snipe	<i>Lymnocyrtus minumus</i>	1	6
Temminck's Stint	<i>Erolia temminckii</i>	1	10
Little Stint	<i>E. minuta</i>	1	99
Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>	37	189
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	1	1
Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>	1	6
Wood Sandpiper	<i>T. glareola</i>	22	127
Redshank	<i>T. totanus</i>	1	2
Spotted Redshank	<i>T. erythropus</i>	5	9
Greenshank	<i>Glottis nebularius</i>		3
Marsh Sandpiper	<i>G. stagnatilis</i>	3	8
Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>		1
Scops Owl	<i>Otus scops</i>		9
Hoopoe	<i>Upopa epops</i>	2	9
Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>	3	18
Lesser Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella rufescens</i>		1
White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	4	22
Yellow Wagtails	<i>Budytes f. flavus</i>	4816	16055
	<i>B. f. feldegg</i>	13	30
	<i>B. f. thunbergi</i>	14	40
	<i>B. f. superciliaris</i>	1	2
	<i>B. f. cinereocapilla</i>	9	14
	<i>B. f. iberiae</i>	10	10

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Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>	5	97
Tawny Pipit	<i>A. campestris</i>		3
Red-throated Pipit	<i>A. cervinus</i>		117
Rock-Thrush	<i>Monticola saxatilis</i>	2	5
Blue Rock-Thrush	<i>M. Solitarius</i>	1	1
Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	1	7
Black-throated Wheatear	<i>Oe. hispanica</i>		1
Bluethroat	<i>Cyanosylvia svecica</i>	2	2
Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>	3	93
Reastart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>	30	66
Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchus</i>	34	113
Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>		2
Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>	2	10
Reed Warbler	<i>A. scirpaceus</i>	14	70
Sedge Warbler	<i>A. schoenobaenus</i>	66	229
Melodious Warbler	<i>Hippolais polyglotta</i>	2	13
Icterine Warbler	<i>H. icterina</i>		36
Olivaceous Warbler	<i>H. pallica</i>	11	21
Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>	134	574
Blackcap	<i>S. atricapilla</i>	2	12
Whitethroat	<i>S. communis</i>	35	52
Lesser Whitethroat	<i>S. curruca</i>	3	4
Subalpine Warbler	<i>S. cantillans</i>	7	9
Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	36	85
Chiffchaff	<i>Ph. collybita</i>	3	4
Wood Warbler	<i>Ph. sibilatrix</i>	5	15
Bonelli's Warbler	<i>Ph. bonelli</i>	3	4
Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>	8	189
Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>	12	177
Collared Flycatcher	<i>F. albicollis</i>	2	16
European Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	2	1342
Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>		214
Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>	1	15
Isabelline Shrike	<i>L. isabellinus</i>	1	2
Ortolan Bunting	<i>Emberiza hortulana</i>		6
Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>	1	1
	68 Species	5377	20475
African species	151 species	141	4777
	219	5565	25252
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Schedule II - Recaptures

Sedge Warbler *Acrocephalus schoenobaenus*

26015 Ringed 23/3/65 Kano
 Recaught 31/3/66 Kano

26016	Ringed	23/3/65	Kano
	Recaptured	31/3/66	Kano
26017	Ringed	24/3/65	Kano
	Recaptured	22/4/66	Kano

Schedule III. Recoveries in Nigeria

White Stork Ciconia ciconia

BA 6040	Ringed probably	1954/55	Algeria
	Recovered:	18/2/64	Nguru 12°53'N 10°30'E
E 1096	Ringed	11/7/66	Kleinenbirstal Niedersachsen Germany 52°52'N 9°12'E
	Recovered	31/12/66	Nguru.

Wood Sandpiper, Tringa glareola

4043741	Ringed	4/7/65	Ottensby Sweden 56°12'N 16°24'E
	Recovered	26/11/66	Kano

Yellow Wagtail Budytes flavus

103980	Ringed	4/5/66	Porto San El Pidio Italy 43°16' N 13°45' E
	Caught & Released	8/12/66	Vom.

European Swallow, Hirundo rustica

416883	Ringed	4/8/64	St Pryve St. Mesmin France 47°33'N 1°52'E
	Caught	27/10/64	Calabar.

Schedule IV Recoveries outside Nigeria

Garden Warbler, Sylvia borin

24877	Ringed	12/5/66	Jos 9°55' N 8°52' E
	Caught	20/9/66	Castelforte Italy 41°18' N 13°50' E

Yellow Wagtail Budytes flavus

17144	Ringed	15/11/63	Kano. 12°N 8°17' E.
	Caught	- /9/64	Slavutsk Berezdov Russia 50°27'N 27°6'E
16667	Ringed	22/10/63	Kano
	Caught	18/3/66	Wum Cameroons 7°N 10°20'E
22641	Ringed	22/1/65	Vom 9°44' N 8°46'E
	Caught	1/5/66	Malta 36°N 14°40'E
8592	Ringed	17/11/65	Vom
	Caught	15/4/66	Messina Sicily 38° 12' N 15° 33' E
2207	Ringed	11/11/65	Kano
	Caught	25/4/66	San El Pidio: Italy 43°16' N 13°45'E.

Yellow Wagtail Budytes flavus

26123	Ringed	31/3/65	Kano
	Caught	24/4/66	Molgano Cattolica Italy 43' 58' N 12'44' E
25140	Ringed	12/2/66	Vom
	Caught	24/4/66	Molgano Cattolica Italy. " " "
29535	Ringed	28/2/66	Kano
	Caught	2/5/66	San El Pidio Italy
9857	Ringed	2/2/66	Vom
	Caught	3/11/66	Messinias Greece 37'10' N 21' 35' E.
25239	Ringed	12/2/66	Vom
	Caught	8/5/66	Reghin Roumania 46' 47' N 24' 40' E
26042	Ringed	24/3/65	Kano
	Caught	2/9/66	Brescia Italy 45'32' N 10' 13' E.
9847	Ringed	2/2/66	Vom
	Caught	28/4/66	San Benedetto Italy 43' 57' N 13' 52' E.

Schedule V Recaptures Flava Wagtails.KANO

Year	No. Ringed	Recaptures				
		Same Year	1 Yr. Later	2 Yrs	3 Yrs	4 Yrs
1960	309	2	7			
1961	725	15	7			
1962	873	59	19	6		
1963	1453	49	15	19		
1964	1156	76	32	12	3	
1965	1467	99	56	10	4	1
1966	2478	97	56	16	8	3
Total	8461	397	185	63	15	4
1967	2252		87	39	9	2 2

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1963	674					
1964	2071	2	3			
1965	2511	57	41	12		
1966	2382	27	43	8	2	
	7638	86	87	20	2	
	2773		24	15	2	