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Recoveries of Flava Wagtails

To date 19,819 Flava Wagtails have been ringed in Nigeria and we have had 41 recoveries abroad. These recoveries are summarised below:

South of Nigeria (1)

Wum Cameroon 18/3/66.

On Passage in Southern Mediterranean (5)

Tunisia	1.	2/5/63	
Morocco	1.	14/4/65	
Libya	1.	27/4/67	
Algeria	2.	26/4/64	and 15/5/67.

On Passage in Mediterranean. (25)

Malta	7.	Earliest date 11th April. Latest date 1st May.
Italy	13.	Earliest date 31st March. Latest date 10th May. One Autumn record 18/9/64.
Sicily	4.	Earliest date 15th April. Latest date 24th April.
Yugoslavia	1.	13/4/65.

In Central Europe, probably in breeding area. (6)

Roumania	1.	8/5/66	
Russia	2.	23/5/65	and - Sept. 1964.
Poland	2.	27/5/64	and 7/7/65.

Reported Winter Recoveries in Russia and Mediterranean. (4)

Turkey		16/2/66.	
Greece		2/2/66	and 4/12/65.
Russia		16/11/65.	

These last records are puzzling because according to the "Handbook of British Birds" (Witherby et al) all races of *Motacilla Flava* winter in Tropical Africa or Asia.

In each case I sent a letter to the finder of the bird asking that the date be confirmed. The only reply received was from the Russian Ringing Centre which confirmed that the bird was killed by a raptor on 16/11/65 at a place 52 43 N.

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