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Ringling in Nigeria in 1967 took a great step forward with the N.O.S/B.O.U. Expedition to Lake Chad. This is being repeated in 1968 and steps are being taken to put research on a more permanent basis by the setting up of a Bird Observatory/Research Station at Mallam Fatori.

It was decided during the year to change over from Jos Museum rings to British Museum rings. This will enable ringers to obtain small numbers of any size of ring and will ensure continuity through the Secretarial services of the British Trust for Ornithology. Thanks are due to the Jos Museum and the Jos Zoological Society for the assistance they have given, and are still giving, in forwarding Jos rings returned from abroad.

This Annual Report includes birds ringed with Jos and B.T.O.rings. Birds were ringed in Vom, Mallam Fatori, Lagos, Zaria, Ibadan and Kano.

Birds ringed for the first time were Savi's Warbler, Spotted Crake, Black-Tailed Godwit, Squacco Heron, Pale Harrier, Great Spotted Cuckoo and House Martin.

Work at Mallam Fatori showed that spectacular numbers of "Whitethroats pass through in the Spring, in the autumn only comparatively few were ringed there. Icterine Warblers which, we have found to be frequent on the spring passage in Jos and Zaria, were ringed on the autumn passage for the first time (at Mallam Fatori).

The most spectacular recovery in 1967 was a Ruff reported from Siberia - 131 degrees East! The first recovery of a Woodchat ringed in Nigeria was also reported.

Two more rings were obtained from White Storks at Nguru and there were several recoveries in Nigeria of birds ringed in U.K. as shown in Schedule III.

Two Flava Wagtails were recaptured in their sixth winter in Kano. One (Ring 4985) was 4 years 11 months & 23 days later the other (Ring 4398) was 5 years 2 months and 7 days after ringling. Two Wagtails ringed in Kano were acught in the Vom Roost and one Vom Wagtail was recaught in Kano.

Schedule I. Birds Ringed.

<u>Migrants</u>		<u>1967</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>To Date</u>		
Squacco Heron	Ardeola ralloides	1		1		
Little Bittern	Ixobrychus minutus	1		2		1
Garganey	Anas querquedula			2	1	1
Pintail	Anas acuta			2		2
Shoveler	Spatula clypaeta			2		2
Pallid Harrier	Circus macrourus	1		1		
Spotted Crake	Porzana porzana	1		1		
Ringed Plover	Charadrius hiaticula			8		
Little Ringed Plover	Gh dubius	3		39	34	1
Black-winged Stilt	Himantopus himantopus	1		4	6	2
Common Snipe	Capella gallinago	1		11	3	2
Jack Snipe	Lymnocyptes minimus	1		7	9	2
Temminck's Stint	Erolia temminckii			10	9	1
Little Stint	E. minita	8		107	91	7

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		18	197	150	15	14
Ruff	Philomachus pugnax	48	237	129	23	3
Common Sandpiper	Actitis hypoleucos	1	62	58	2	
Green Sandpiper	Tringa ochropus		6	4	1	1
Wood Sandpiper	T. glareola	16	143	82	23	22
Redshank	T. totanus		2		1	1
Dusky Redshank	T. erythropus		9	4		5
Greenshank	Glottis nebularius	1	4	3		
Marsh Sandpiper	G. stagnatilis	1	9	3	2	3
Black Tailed Gpdwit	Limosa limosa	1	1			
Common Tern	Sterna hirundo		1	1		
Scops Owl	Otus scops		9	4	5	
Great Spotted Cuckoo	Clamator glandarius	1	1		5	
Hoopoe	Upopa epops	1	10	2	5	2
Wryneck	Jynx torquilla	6	12	7	8	3
Lesser Short Toes Lark	Calandrella rufescens		1	1		
White Wagtail	Motacilla alba	3	25	14	4	4
Yellow Wagtails	Budytes f. flavus	5220	21275	7261	3778	481
	B.f. feldegg	14	44	7	10	1
	B.f. thunbergi	15	55	17	9	14
	B.f. superciliaris	1	3	1		1
	B.f. cinereocapilla	8	22		5	9
	B.f. iberiae	5	15			10
Tree Pipit	Anthus trivialis	2	99	34	53	5
Tawny Pipit	A. campestris		3	3		
Red-throated Pipit	A. cervinus	1	118	17		
Rock Thrush	Monticola saxatilis	1	6		2	2
Blue Rock Thrush	M. solitarius		1			1
Wheatear	Oenanthe oenanthe	4	11	4	2	1
Black-eared Wheatear	Oe. hispanica		1	1		
Bluethroat	Cyanosylvia svecica		2			2
Whinchat	Saxicola rubetra	112	205	39	31	3
Redstart	Phoenicurus phoenicurus	28	94	30	26	30
Nightingale	Luscinia megarhynchus	18	131	53	21	34
Cetti's Warbler	Cettia cetti		2	2		
Savi's Warbler	Locustella luscinioides	2	2			
Great Reed Warbler	Acrocephalus arundinaceus	34	44	6	2	2
Reed Warbler	A. scirpaceus	335	405	43	13	
Blyth's Reed Warbler	A. s. blythii dumetorum	5	5			
Sedge Warbler	A. schoenobaenus	557	786	98	65	
Melodious Warbler	Hippolais polyglotta	8	21	6	5	2
Icterine Warbler	H. icterina	81	117	10	26	
Olivaceous Warbler	H. pallida	44	65	4	6	11
Garden Warbler	Sylvia borin	209	783	270	170	134
Blackcap	S. atricapilla	5	17	10		2
Whitethroat	S. communis	1043	1095	6	11	35
Lesser Whitethroat	S. curruca	13	17	1		3
Subalpine Warbler	S. cantillans	41	50	2		7
Willow Warbler	Phylloscopus trochilus	239	324	25	24	36
Chiffchaff	Ph. collybita		4	1		
Wood Warbler	Ph. sibilatrix	44	59	6	4	
Bonelli's Warbler	Ph. bonelli	8	12	1		
Spotted Flycatcher	Muscicapa atriata	27	216	72	109	8
Pied Flycatcher	Ficedula hypoleuca	13	190	109	56	15
Collared Flycatcher	F. albicollis	3	19	13	1	
European Swallow	Hirundo rustica	2	1344	1339		
House Martin		1	1			
Sand Martin	Riparia riparia	202	216	7	207	
Woodchat Shrike	Lanius senator	7	22	4	16	
Isabelline Shrike	L. isabellinus		2	1		
Ortolan Baunting	Emberiza hortulana		6	2		
Golden Oriole	Oriolus oriolus		1			
	(50 spp)	8349	8450	28925	(60 spp)	
African Birds	(128 spp)		2706	7532	(203 sp)	
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Schedule 2 - Recaptures.Sedge Warbler Acrocephalus schoenobaenus.

3149 Ringed Kano 31/1/66 Recaptured Kano 14/3/67.
 3606 " " 16/3/66 " " 2/4/67 & 25/12/67.

Schedule 3. Recoveries outside NigeriaWoodchat Shrike Lanius senator.

18836 Ringed 12/10/64 Kano 12° N 8° 17' E.
 Caught 27/8/66 Valdipuenta Italy 43°19'N 11°19'E.

Ruff Philomachus pugnax.

27377 Ringed 7/11/65 Kano.
 Caught 23/5/67 Borogontsky Yakutsk 62°45'N 131°15'E.

Yellow Wagtail Budytes flavus.

2869 Ringed ^{19/11/63}~~13/4/65~~ Kano
 Caught 13/4/65 Zombek Vrsac Serbia 45°07'N 21°18'E.

Ax 78768 Ringed 18/3/67 Kano.
 Caught 11/4/67 Malta 35°53'N 14°27'E.

24224 Ringed 21/3/65 Vom 9°44'N 8°46'E.
 Caught 14/4/67 Salerno Italy 40°41'N 14°47'E.

29292 Ringed 8/12/66 Vom
 Caught 27/4/67 Misurata Libya 32°20'N 12°10'E.

22386 Ringed 21/1/65 Kano
 Caught 31/3/67 Brindisi Italy 40°38'N 17°55'E.

31606 Ringed 25/1/67 Vom
 Caught 2/4/67 Malta

22940 Ringed 22/1/65 Vom
 Caught 6/6/67 Elva Estonia 58°10'N 26°23'E.

AX81090 Ringed 30/3/67 Vom
 Caught 15/5/67 Taghzout Algeria 33°20'N 6°35'E.

AX76836 Ringed 23/3/67 Vom
 Caught 1/5/67 Malta

29552 Ringed 2/3/66 Kano
 Caught 18/4/67 Marchi Italy 43°19'N 13°40'E.

4342 Ringed 4/11/66 Kano
 Caught 8/9/67 Legnare Padua Italy 45°20'N 11°57'E.

Schedule 4- Recoveries inside Nigeria.Roseate Tern Sterna dougallii

81376 Ringed 17/7/66 Anglesey U.K. 53°14'N 4°31'E.
 Caught 17/4/67 Lagos 6°27'N 3°28'E.

Caspian Tern Hydroprogne caspia

H 87992 Ringed 28/6/67 Tammissaari Finland 59°51'N 23°39'E
 Caught 11/11/67 Mallam Fatori 13°37'N 13°20'E.

Sandwich Tern *Sterna sandvicensis*.

31017 Ringed 11/6/66 Northumberland England 53'20'N 1'32'W.
 Caught 1/3/67 Lagos.

European Swallow *Hirundo rustica*.

250321 Ringed 4/4/63 Figuig Morocco 32'15'N 1'25'W.
 Caught 6/2/64 Nguru 12'53'N 10'30'E.

White Stork *Ciconia ciconia*

C07341 Ringed 1/6/66 Almaraz Spain 39'50'N 5'40'W.
 Caught 23/6/67 Kano (bird alive in Bird shop).

Spotted Flycatcher. *Muscicapa striata*.

H11500 Ringed 13/8/66 Walney Lancs U.K.
 Caught 4/10/66 Enugu 6'20'N 7'29'E.

N65669 Ringed 14/5/64 Skokholm U.K.
 Caught 10/10/66 Awgu 6'05'N 7'26'E.

European Swallow (addition to above)

6A 7990 Ringed 16/7/66 Ieper Belgium 50'51'N 2'53'E.
 Caught 4/1/67 Oshi Akinima 5'06'N 6'40'E

Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*.

M2184 Ringed 1/7/65 Kangasala Finland 61'30'N 24'11'E
 Caught 4/12/65 Igbaku Ishaka 5'07'N 6'04'E.

Schedule 5 Recaptures Flava Wagtails.

	Year	Ringed	Recaptures (years later)				
			1	2	3	4	5
<u>Kano.</u>	To 1966	8461	185	63	15	4	2
	1967	2284	85	39	9	2	2
	Total	10745	270	102	24	6	2
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<u>Vom.</u>	To 1966	7638	87	20	2		
	1967	2773	24	15	2		
	Total	10411	111	35	4		
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