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RINGING IN NIGERIA, 1969TWELFTH ANNUAL REPORT

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In 1969, 2,289 migrant birds were ringed in Nigeria. This is a considerable reduction on previous years due to the fact that the Kano wagtail roost dried up and there was only a brief expedition to Mallam Fatori during the year. Fortunately John Lang is carrying on in Vom and John Broadbent has found a substantial wagtail roost in Ibadan.

Noteworthy recoveries during the year included a Garden Warbler Sylvia borin during the breeding season in Finland, a Wood Warbler Phylloscopus sibilatrix in Greece and a Whinchat Saxicola rubetra in Poland. Two more Sedge Warblers Acrocephalus schoenobaenus were controlled in Kano in subsequent seasons and a Nightingale Luscinia megarhynchos almost exactly two years after it was ringed.

During the year 85 Garganey Anas querquedula were ringed. Most of these were caught at Kazure near Kano where they were caught in wader nets as they flew in to feed at dusk. In addition a number were found caught on fish-hooks (in one morning I removed and ringed six ducks which all flew strongly when released).

A very frustrating near recovery occurred during the year. An Egyptian living at Beheira near Cairo reported that he had picked up a "grey bird labelled Jos Museum". Unfortunately the ring number was not noted and many letters and a visit by a friend to the Nigerian Embassy in Cairo have not yet produced details.

Scientific nomenclature follows White, C.M.N. (1960-65)
Check List of African Birds. Lusaka. Zambia.

The migrant birds ringed are shown in Schedule 1.

SCHEDULE 1.

		<u>1969</u>	<u>To date</u>
Little Bittern	<u>Ixobrychus minutus</u>	1	5
Squacco Heron	<u>Ardeola ralloides</u>	-	4
Teal	<u>Anas crecca</u>	-	2
Pintail	<u>Anas acuta</u>	-	2
Garganey	<u>Anas querquedula</u>	85	91
Shoveler	<u>Anas clypeata</u>	-	2
Pallid Harrier	<u>Circus macrourus</u>	-	1
Quail	<u>Coturnix coturnix</u>	1	1
Spotted Crake	<u>Porzana porzana</u>	-	1
Ringed Plover	<u>Charadrius hiaticula</u>	-	12
Little Ringed Plover	<u>Charadrius dubius</u>	1	46
Black-tailed Godwit	<u>Limosa limosa</u>	-	1
Greenshank	<u>Tringa nebularia</u>	1	8
Marsh Sandpiper	<u>Tringa stagnatilis</u>	-	13
Wood Sandpiper	<u>Tringa glareola</u>	99	289
Green Sandpiper	<u>Tringa ochropus</u>	12	20

		<u>1969</u>	<u>To date</u>
Common Sandpiper	<i>Tringa hypoleucos</i>	40	121
Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>	-	2
Dusky Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>	-	9
Terek Sandpiper	<i>Tringa terek</i>	-	1
Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	8	24
Jack Snipe	<i>Gallinago minima</i>	6	13
Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>	-	3
Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>	3	185
Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>	-	13
Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>	-	1
Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>	163	441
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	3	11
Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	-	1
Great-spotted Cuckoo	<i>Clamator glandarius</i>	-	3
Scops Owl	<i>Otus scops</i>	1	11
Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	-	10
Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>	1	34
Lesser Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella rufescens</i>	-	1
Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	91	1476
European Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	5	1357
House Martin	<i>Delichon urbica</i>	-	1
Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>	971	25925
White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	1	31
Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>	-	3
Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>	1	107
Red-throated Pipit	<i>Anthus cervinus</i>	1	126
Isabelline Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>	-	4
Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius s. senator</i>	1	34
Corsican Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator badius</i>	-	1
Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>	-	4
Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>	24	293
Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	1	15
Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe hispanica</i>	-	1
Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola saxatilis</i>	-	7
Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitaria</i>	-	1
Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>	13	165
Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>	24	195
Bleuthroat	<i>Luscinia suecica</i>	1	3
Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>	-	2
Savi's Warbler	<i>Locustella luscinioides</i>	1	4
Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>	82	1600
Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>	54	740
Blyth's Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>	-	7
Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>	10	111
Icterine Warbler	<i>Hippolias icterina</i>	2	134
Melodious Warbler	<i>Hippolias polyglotta</i>	3	28
Olivaceous Warbler	<i>Hippolias pallida</i>	21	116
Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>	82	1216
Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	1	21
Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>	429	2405
Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>	16	78

		<u>1969</u>	<u>To date</u>
Subalpine Warbler	<i>Sylvia cantillans</i>	12	122
Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	9	433
Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	1	5
Bonelli's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus bonelli</i>	1	15
Wood Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>	3	120
Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>	3	235
Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>	10	217
Collared Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula albicollis</i>	-	23
Ortolan Bunting	<i>Emberiza hortulana</i>	-	6
	TOTAL	<u>2289</u>	<u>38758</u>

Schedule 2. Recoveries outside Nigeria

Garden Warbler. <u><i>Sylvia borin</i></u>			
Jos 23295 Ringed 4/5/66 Vom.		Recovered 19/7/69 Oulunkyla	Finland (60°14'N., 24°58'E.)
Whitethroat. <u><i>Sylvia communis</i></u>			
BM.HR36773 8/4/68 M.Fatori		" 25/4/69 Jdeida	Libya (32°53'N., 13°12'E.)
Ruff. <u><i>Philomachus pugnax</i></u>			
BM.CS35036 2/4/67 M.Fatori		" 4/7/67 Kotlas	U.S.S.R. (61°18'N., 46°40'E.)
Whinchat. <u><i>Saxicola rubetra</i></u>			
BM.AX78025 18/4/67 Vom		" 28/9/68 Pila	Poland (53°09'N., 16°44'E.)
Wood Warbler. <u><i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i></u>			
BM.HR39651. 28/8/68 M. Fatori	Recovered	10/5/69 Othos Isle of Karpathos.	Greece. (35°27'N., 27°09'E.)
F. Wagtail. <u><i>Motacilla flava</i></u>			
Jos 31546 25/1/67 Vom.		" 5/5/68 Viserbella	Italy (44°06'N., 12°52'E.)
BM.AX78373 28/11/67 Vom		" 22/6/68 Mikkeil	Finland (61°44'N., 27°18'E.)
" ER36874 7/4/68 M.Fatori		" 15/4/68 Colinvarion	Greece.
" HJ35407 24/1/69 Vom		" 25/4/69 Hassi Messaud	Algeria (24°N., 5°E.)
" EJ35253 7/1/69 Vom		" 24/4/69 Petrosino	Sicily (37°44'N., 12°31'E.)

BM BE45744	25/2/68	Kano	Recovered	8/4/69	Misurata Libya (32°25'N., 15°E.)
" AX80404	13/4/67	Kano	"	5/5/69	Parikkala Finland (61°33'N., 29°54'E.)
" 680193	5/1/68	Kano	"	29/9/68	Padua Italy (45°25'N., 11°52'E.)
" HR36417	30/10/67	Kano	"	20/10/68	Eboli Italy (40°37'N., 15°03'E.)
" AX78429	28/11/67	Vom	"	15/4/69	Misurata Libya (32°24'N., 15°04'E.)
" AX78811	18/3/67	Kano	"	15/9/69	Pasana Adria Italy (45°06'N., 12°01'E.)

Co-ordinates: Kano (12°N., 8°17'E.)
Mallam Fatori (13°57'N., 13°20'E.)
Vom (9°52'N., 8°53'E.)

Schedule 3. Recoveries in Nigeria

Squacco Heron. Ardeola ralloides.

227596 Ringed 23/6/67 Carska Bara Yugoslavia (45°20'N., 20°25'E.)
Found -/10/68 Near Yola (9°10'N., 12°11'E.)

Schedule 4. Wagtails controlled in Nigeria in different roosts

Jos 18973 Ringed Kano 28/10/64 Controlled Vom 1/2/68.
Jos 17759 " Vom 24/12/63 " Kano 30/10/64.
Jos 22863 " Vom 22/1/65 " Kano 1/4/65.

Schedule 5. Other Migrants controlled in Kano

Sedge Warbler. Acrocephalus schoenobaenus.

BM 690510 Ringed 1/12/67 Controlled 3/1/69.
Jos 30102 " 25/3/66 " 15/1/69.

Nightingale. Luscinia megarhynchos.

BM HJ36110 Ringed 11/9/67 Controlled 6/9/69.

Subalpine Warbler. Sylvia cantillans.

BM.HR49324 Ringed 13/11/68 Controlled 11/10/69.

Schedule 6. F. Wagtails Ringed and ControlledKano

Ringed		Controlled in subsequent years						
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
To 1967	10745	270	102	24	6	2	-	-
1968	1686	80	45	18	8	1	-	1
1969	149	10	1	2	-	1	-	-
	12580	360	148	44	14	4	-	1

Vom

Ringed		Controlled in sub. years				
		1	2	3	4	5
To 1967	10411	111	35	4	-	-
1968	818	12	6	7	2	-
1969	857	3	10	5	2	1
	12086	126	51	16	4	1

Note. The above ringing figures are based on calendar years but the control figures are based on seasons; i.e. the first column denotes birds controlled in the first subsequent winter.

Schedule 7. Ethiopian Birds Ringed to Date.

To date 13,852 Ethiopian birds of 224 species have been ringed.