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RINGING IN NIGERIA, 1970

13th Annual Report

by

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Ringling in Nigeria during 1970 totalled 3,517 birds, mainly due to the efforts of Dr. and Mrs.J.A.Broadbent. They ringed 1,898 wagtails at the Ibadan roost and also ringed a number of waders and other birds during a Christmas expedition to Lome in Togo.

The Kano wagtail roost dried up as a result of the long dry season but I found a better patch of Acacia staxacantha outside Kano for the autumn passage. I ringed 350 migrants in October and November; this is approximately the same number of birds per net-length as were caught by R.J.Dowsett at Mallamfatori in the autumn of 1968.

David Lewis went to Mallamfatori in March. He stayed at the regional Fisheries Research Station where there is not as much Salvadora as at the Federal Station so was not able to ring substantial numbers. Dr.J.R.Lang was too busy to ring at Vom but has resumed again in 1971.

The numbers of wagtails ringed in Finland and controlled at Ibadan is significant and it is of interest that another Finnish bird was controlled at Kano at the end of April 1971.

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

Schedule 1 - Migrant birds ringed

		<u>1970</u>	<u>To date</u>
Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>	-	5
Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>	-	4
Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>	-	2
Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>	-	2
Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>	4	95
Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>	-	2
Pallid Harrier	<i>Circus macrourus</i>	-	1
Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>	-	1
Spotted Crake	<i>Porzana porzana</i>	-	1
Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	9	21
Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>	5	51

		1970	To date
Black-tailed Godwit	Limosa limosa	-	1
Greenshank	Tringa nebularia	-	8
Marsh Sandpiper	Tringa stagnatilis	3	16
Wood Sandpiper	Tringa glareola	84	373
Green Sandpiper	Tringa ochropus	4	24
Common Sandpiper	Tringa hypoleucos	47	168
Redshank	Tringa totanus	-	2
Dusky Redshank	Tringa erythropus	2	11
Terek Sandpiper	Tringa terek	-	1
Common Snipe	Gallinago gallinago	11	35
Jack Snipe	Gallinago minima	2	15
Curlew Sandpiper	Calidris ferruginea	9	12
Little Stint	Calidris minuta	56	241
Temminck's Stint	Calidris temminckii	1	14
Sanderling	Calidris alba	-	1
Ruff	Philomachus pugnax	88	529
Black-winged Stilt	Himantopus himantopus	5	16
Common Tern	Sterna hirundo	-	1
Great-spotted Cuckoo	Clamator glandarius	-	3
Scops Owl	Otus scops	-	11
Hoopoe	Upupa epops	-	10
Wrynek	Jynx torquilla	7	41
Lesser Short-toed Lark	Calandrella rufescens	-	1
Sand Martin	Riparia riparia	-	1476
European Swallow	Hirundo rustica	60	1417
House Martin	Delichon urbica	-	1
Yellow Wagtail	Motacilla flava	2114	28039
White Wagtail	Motacilla alba	-	31
Tawny Pipit	Anthus campestris	-	3
Tree Pipit	Anthus trivialis	6	113
Red-throated Pipit	Anthus cervinus	2	128
Isabelline Shrike	Lanius collurio	-	4
Woodchat Shrike	Lanius collurio	1	35
Corsican Woodchat Shrike	Lanius s. badius	-	1
Golden Oriole	Oriolus oriolus	-	4
Winchat	Saxicola rubetra	26	319
Wheatear	Oenanthe oenanthe	2	17
Black-eared Wheatear	Oenanthe hispanica	-	1
Rock Thrush	Monticola saxatilis	-	7
Blue Rock Thrush	Monticola solitaria	-	1
Redstart	Phoenicurus phoenicurus	20	185
Nightingale	Luscinia megarhynchos	27	222
Bluethroat	Luscinia svecica	1	4
Cetti's Warbler	Cettia cetti	-	2
Savi's Warbler	Locustella luscinioides	1	5
Sedge Warbler	Acrocephalus schoenobaenus	52-1652	
Reed Warbler	Acrocephalus scirpaceus	28	768
Blyth's Reed Warbler	Acrocephalus dumetorum	-	7
Great Reed Warbler	Acrocephalus arundinaceus	11	122
Icterine Warbler	Hippolais icterina	4	138

		1970	to date
Melodious Warbler	Hippolais polyglotta	10	38
Olivaceous Warbler	Hippolais pallida	-	116
Garden Warbler	Sylvia berin	109	1325
Blackcap	Sylvia atricapilla	-	21
Whitethroat	Sylvia communis	85	2490
Lesser Whitethroat	Sylvia corruca	1	79
Subalpine Warbler	Sylvia cantillans	21	143
Willow Warbler	Phylloscopus trochilus	150	583
Chiffchaff	Phylloscopus collybita	-	5
Bonelli's Warbler	Phylloscopus bonelli	3	18
Wood Warbler	Phylloscopus sibilatrix	6	126
Spotted Flycatcher	Muscicapa striata	1	236
Pied Flycatcher	Ficedula hypoleuca	2	219
Collared Flycatcher	Ficedula albicollis	-	23
Ortolan Bunting	Emberiza hortulana	-	6
Total migrants		3080	41949
Ethiopian birds ringed		437	14289

SCHEDULE 2. Recoveries outside Nigeria.

<u>Ringed</u>	<u>Recovered.</u>
<u>Sand Martin Riparia riparia:</u>	
HR 42028. 2.4.69. Mallamfatori	27.7.69. Zablat, Czechoslovakia. (49°06'N., 14°41'E.).
<u>Whitethroat Sylvia communis:</u>	
HR 42368. 5.4.69. Mallamfatori.	26.4.70. Zliten, Nr. Tripoli, Libya (32°32'N., 14°37'E.).
<u>Ruff Philomachus pugnax:</u>	
DB 63052. 18.8.68. Mallamfatori	24.8.69. Tsarichanka, Dnepropetrovsk, USSR. (48°55'N., 34°30'E.).
CR.40095. 24.4.68. Mallamfatori.	15.5.70. Somerokoski, Sukeva Kuopio, Finland (63°55'N., 27°33'E.).

SCHEDULE 2. (cont'd).

Ringed

Recovered.

Yellow Wagtail Motacilla flava:

31913. 2.2.67. Vom. 21.4.70. Ouled Abbou, Tunisia.

All rings British Museum except 31913 - Jos.

Co-ordinates: Mallamgatori 13°57'N., 13°20'E.

Vom 9°52'N., 8°53'E.

SCHEDULE 3. Recoveries and controls in Nigeria.

Little Ringed Plover Charadrius dubius:

Helgoland

80/487542. 14.6.69. Kiel, Denmark. Controlled: 6.2.70.

(54°20'N., 10°08'E.) (12°53'N., 10°30'E.).
Nguru.

Nightingale Luscinia megarhynchos:

Paria

779430. 15.4.68. Oued el ksak, Tunisia. 7.3.70. Akure. (7°15'N., 5°15'E.).

European Swallow Hirundo rustica:

Brussels

A195721. 13.7.68. Zevelgen, Belgium. 2.3.70. Port H'court. (4°43'N., 7°05'E.).
(50°48'N., 3°10'E.).

Yellow Wagtail Motacilla flava:

Sweden

2325687. 17.8.69. Ottonby, Sweden. Controlled. 9.12.69
(56°12'N., 16°24'E.) Ibadan.

Finland

K587896 4.9.69 Tali, Helsinki. Controlled. 6.3.70
(60°13'N., 24°52'E.) Ibadan.

K734221 2.8.70 (1st.yr.) Kirkniemi, Controlled. 10.10.70
Lohja, Finland. Ibadan.
(60°11'N., 23°55'E.)

K709342. 31.7.70. (1st.yr.) Koivisto, Controlled 11.10.70.
Kangasala, Finland. Ibadan.
(61°27'N., 24°03'E.)

SCHEDULE 3 (cont'd).

K367E .. 21.5.67. Tauvo, Slikajoki, Finland. (64° 49' N., 24° 35' E.) 30.4.70. Emure-Ile, Owo. (7° 26' N., 5° 28' E.).

White stork Ciconia ciconia:

Spain
C065E 4.6.57. (pull) Villamecías, Cáceres, Spain. (39° 15' N., 5° 52' W.) .. 12.69. Nguru.

C050E 25.5.67. Villanuera de la Serena, Spain. (38° 58' N., 5° 48' W.) .. 12.69. Nguru.

Helgoland
H 263 15.7.60. Heiligenhafen, Germany. (56° 01' N., 11° 56' E.) .. 28.3.70. Nguru.

SCHEDULE 4. Yellow Wagtails controlled in different roosts in Nigeria.

B.M.
KJ362 20.10.67. Kano. Controlled. 1.1.70. Ibadan. (ad. male. M.f. thunbergi.)

Co-ordinates: Kano 12° N., 8° 17' E.
Nguru 12° 53' N., 10° 30' E.
Ibadan 7° 23' N., 3° 56' E.

SCHEDULE 5. Sedge Warblers ringed and controlled in Kano.

	Ringed	Recaptured in subsequent winters		
		1 Yr. later	2 Yrs. later.	3 Yrs. later.
1962/	14			
1963/	71	1		
1964/	21			
1965/	41	3	1	
1966/	164	1		
1967/	72	2	1	
1968/	52	2	2	1
1969/	40			
1970/	95	6		
	570	15	4	1

A report has recently been received of a Chiffchaff Phylloscopus collybita BR42449 that was ringed at Bathurst, Gambia, by J.O. Andrew on 10th. December. 1970, and controlled on the Calf of Man, U.K., on 11th. April 1971.

The first British-ringed Chiffchaff to be recovered south of the Sahara was recovered in The Gambia having been ringed on the Calf of Man!

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A NEW SUBSPECIES OF FRECKLED NIGHTJAR
IN NIGERIA.

by

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Caprimulgus tristigma pallidogriseus Parker and Benson (1971) has recently been described from five specimens collected in Nigeria. The following note is included here in the hopes that more information concerning the Freckled Nightjar in Nigeria can be gleaned from members of the Society who are not aware of this recent discovery.

White (1965) recognises three races of tristigma (tristigma, lentiginosus, sharpei) whilst Parker and Benson (op.cit.) consider that Clancey's (1965) description of a fourth race, granosus, is fully justified.

The detailed study of 92 specimens of C. tristigma collected from all parts of Africa within its range led to the following conclusions.

(I) Caprimulgus tristigma tristigma Ruppell, 1840.
Wing: 168-187mm. mean: 178.5mm (37 specimens)
Range: Tanzania N. of 5°S., Ruanda, N.E. Congo (Upper Uele), Uganda, Kenya, Ethiopia and S. Sudan.

(II) Caprimulgus tristigma lentiginosus Smith, 1845
Greyer than tristigma and averages larger.
Wing: 178-196mm. mean: 188.6mm (9 specimens).
Range: South West Africa.

(III) Caprimulgus tristigma granosus Clancey, 1965.
Darker and greyer above than lentiginosus and lacking the buffy or vinaceous tones, and decidedly less buffy below.
Wing: 182-196 mm. mean 187.6 mm. (41 specimens).