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RINGING IN NIGERIA 1971

14th Annual Report

by

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During 1972, 2083 birds were ringed in Nigeria. Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Broadbent were responsible for just over one third of these before they left Ibadan; we are grateful for what they accomplished in their short stay in Nigeria and wish them success elsewhere.

The Government of North Eastern State has recently engaged a Zoologist (Birds): ringing in Nigeria in the future may depend largely on what he can do in Maiduguri and on Lake Chad.

The autumn passage in Kano was even better than that of 1970: amongst the interesting birds ringed was a very fine Olive-tree Warbler Hippolais olivetorum. This is the first record of this species from West Africa (see BNOS 1972, 2:11).

Schedule 1 - Migrant birds ringed

		<u>1971</u>	<u>To date</u>
Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>	-	5
Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>	-	4
Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>	6	8
Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>	1	3
Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>	1	96
Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>	-	2
Pallid Harrier	<i>Circus macrourus</i>	-	1
Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>	-	1
Spotted Crake	<i>P. orzana porzana</i>	-	1
Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	2	23
Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>	-	51
Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>	-	1
Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	1	9
Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>	1	17
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	93	466
Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>	3	27
Common Sandpiper	<i>Tringa hypoleucos</i>	3	171
Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>	-	2
Dusky Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>	1	12
Terek Sandpiper	<i>Tringa terek</i>	-	1
Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	10	45
Great Snipe	<i>Gallinago media</i>	1	1
Jack Snipe	<i>Gallinago minima</i>	1	16

		1971	To date
Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>	3	15
Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>	11	252
Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>	-	14
Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>	-	1
Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>	12	541
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	1	17
Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	-	1
Great-spotted Cuckoo	<i>Clamator glandarius</i>	-	3
Scops Owl	<i>Otus scops</i>	-	11
Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	4	14
Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>	5	46
Lesser Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella refescens</i>	-	1
Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	1	1477
European Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	45	1462
House Martin	<i>Delichon urbica</i>	1	2
Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>	943	28982
White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	-	31
Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>	-	3
Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>	5	118
Red-throated Pipit	<i>Anthus cervinus</i>	1	129
Isabelline Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>	-	4
Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius s. senator</i>	3	36
Corsican Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator badius</i>	-	1
Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>	-	4
Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>	73	392
Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	4	21
Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe hispanica</i>	-	1
Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola saxatilis</i>	1	8
Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitaria</i>	-	1
Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>	18	203
Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>	36	258
Bluethroat	<i>Luscinia svecica</i>	-	4
Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>	-	2
Savi's Warbler	<i>Locustella luscinoides</i>	1	6
Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>	111	1763
Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>	63	831
Blyth's Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus b</i>	-	7
Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>	14	136
Icterine Warbler	<i>Hippolais icterina</i>	8	146
Melodious Warbler	<i>Hippolais polyglotta</i>	6	44
Olivaceous Warbler	<i>Hippolais pallida</i>	1	117
Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>	154	1479
Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	-	21
Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>	43	2533
Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>	1	80
Subalpine Warbler	<i>Sylvia cantillans</i>	13	156
Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	187	770
Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	-	5
Bonelli's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus bonelli</i>	-	18

		<u>1971</u>	<u>To date</u>
Wood Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>	11	137
Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>	15	251
Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>	2	221
Collared Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula albicollis</i>	-	23
Ortolan Bunting	<i>Emberiza Hortulana</i>	-	6
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Total:	Palaeartic Migrants	1922	43871
	Ethiopian Birds	161	14450
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		2083	58321

Schedule 2 - Recoveries outside Nigeria

Garden Warbler *Sylvia borin*

- HN.72118 Ringed 9.10.70 Kano Recovered 1.2.71 Kinshasa, Congo
(4° 40' S., 15° 40' E.)
- HR.46088 " 30.9.69 Kano Found dead 28.5.71 Lueheland, E. Elbe,
Germany (53° 33' N., 9° 45' E.)

Schedule 3 - Recoveries inside Nigeria

Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla flava*

- K424500 Ringed 20.8.69 Haspalantahti Sotkamo Oulo Finland
(64° 08' N., 28° 15' E.)
Recovered and Released Kano 27.4.71

Willow Warbler *Phylloscopus trochilus*

- K95.548 Ringed 14.8.70 La Armuna, La Grauja Segovia Spain
(40° 53' N., 4° 01' W.)
Reported in Daily Times 20.11.70 as being
found at Kakwgom Ogoja (6° 40' N., 8° 45' E.)

White Stork *Ciconia ciconia*

- BB 726 Ringed (pull) 11.6.66 Mommenheim Bas Rhein
(48° 45' N., 7° 39' E.)
Recovered -. 12.67 Ngulde Biu
(10° 36' N., 12° 11' E.)

Schedule 4 - Controls in Nigeria

Yellow Wagtail Motacilla flava

31100	Ringed	15.12.66	Vom	Controlled	23.11.71	Vom
AX81071	"	30. 3.67	"	"	7.12.71	Vom

Whitethroat Sylvia communis

HJ35205	Ringed	2. 3.69	Vom	"	29.11.71	Vom
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Subalpine Warbler Sylvia cantillans

HN72293	Ringed	4.11.70	Kano	"	27.10.71	Kano
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All Rings British Museum except 31100=Jos, K424500=Helsinki,
K 95.548=Madrid and BB726=Paris

Co-ordinates Vom $9^{\circ}52'N, 8^{\circ}53'E$.
Kano $12^{\circ}N, 8^{\circ}17'E$.

Ten Sedge Warblers Acrocephalus schoenobaenus ringed in Kano in previous winters were also controlled in Kano and one ringed in Ibadan the year before was controlled there.

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WAZA, CAMEROUN - ACCESS AND AVIFAUNA

by

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I visited Waza National Park, Cameroun, for two days in late December 1971, and I fully agree with Fry's opinion of the area as of "exceptional ornithological interest" (BNOS 1970, 7:1).

It is easy to get to the Park as there is a good road from Maiduguri through Bama and Mora, some half of which is tarred. The officials along this road are obliging and it is not even necessary to have a Cameroun visa as one can be obtained in Mora. In contrast, several people I know have had trouble at the more southerly border post near Mubi.

Waza camp is pleasantly situated and the facilities offered are standard except that when I was there the catering was very poor (and very expensive). It costs 1,200 francs per person, either West or Equatorial Africa currency, to enter the Park and the ticket is valid for one year. One cannot enter without a guide, the charge for whom is