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NIGERIAN RINGING SCHEME

With the departure from Nigeria of Bob Sharland (to take up a post in Bournemouth, U.K.), the administration of the Nigerian ringing scheme has been placed by the British Trust of Ornithology in the hands of Dr C.H. Fry, Aberdeen University Zoology Department, Tillydrone Avenue, Aberdeen AB9 2TN, Scotland, U.K.

With the liason now established between EURING and AFRING, it is most desirable that ringers in Nigeria continue to use BTO rings exclusively. Only three or four ringers are operating in Nigeria at present and until more do so it will be the most convenient if such ringers obtain rings, schedules, recovery forms, co-ordinate index forms, etc, direct from Dr Fry. Small stocks can be air-mailed, but people requiring several hundred rings should allow three months surface-mail delivery time.

1972 schedules and returns should be sent to Dr Fry as soon as possible in the New Year, please.

Quite apart from the great amount that has been learnt during the past decade from the spread of netting and ringing operations in Nigeria (about the diversity, abundance, wintering fidelity and timing of Palaearctic migrants), it is pleasant to record that accumulating foreign recoveries are beginning to yield information about destinations and other aspects of Palaearctic- and African-migrants. (see Fry, Ferguson-Lees & Dowsett, J. Zool. (1972): 293-306 for a discussion of Yellow Wagtail migration from Nigeria).

C.H. Fry.

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