

SIXTH RINGING REPORT

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In my Fifth Report (*The Ostrich* 1956), optimistically labelled Part I, I had hoped to issue a further report at an early date, covering ringing done up to the end of June 1954, and summarising retrapping returns up to the same date. Unfortunately, this proved impracticable as so many participants' returns were delayed: even now (2 Sept. 1956), several are still outstanding, but as they will account for only a small part of ringing done, further delay would be unjustified. Fortunately however, the records that are available have been brought right up to date, so this report will cover ringing up to 30 June 1956 as well as all recoveries that have been reported and for which complete details are available.

RINGS USED. The ringing scheme has grown rapidly during the three years since the last figures were given (*The Ostrich* 1954: 130), as the following table shows:

| Year | 1948/49 | 1949/50 | 1950/51 | 1951/52 | 1952/53 | 1953/54 | 1954/55 | 1955/56 |
|----------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| <i>Birds</i> | | | | | | | | |
| <i>ringed</i> | 133 | 297 | 4,172 | 5,145 | 11,574 | 22,399 | 22,596 | 21,907 |
| <i>Species</i> | 26 | 78 | 148 | 155 | 141 | 153 | 156 | 181 |

Schedule "A" gives details of ringers who have ringed over 100 birds in any one year. The drop in the Cape Bird Club figures is due partly to the separation of the Rondevlei Bird Sanctuary figures since 1 Jan. 1955 and partly to cessation of gannet ringing.

This schedule clearly shows how much is due to various Bird Clubs. It is pleasing to be able to welcome new ones to the list, namely the Natal Bird Club, the Natal Wild Life Protection Society, the Eastern Cape Wild Bird Society and the Pretoria Bird Club. Tribute should be paid to the magnificent energy and achievements of the Witwatersrand Bird Club and to the fine, steady output of Rondevlei. It is also a pleasure to draw attention to the Transvaal Provincial Administration's progressiveness in establishing the Barberspan Bird Research Station, which has rapidly come to the forefront as a permanent ringing station.

A most encouraging feature is the way ringers are beginning to complement one another's work. The most notable example is the recovery by Barberspan Research Station of a Red-billed Teal ringed at Rondevlei. Widely separated people are also ringing the same species and so enable a spread to be obtained which will enhance the value of recoveries. For instance, Cattle Egrets are being ringed at the Cape (Rondevlei), in the Southern Transvaal (WBC) and in Natal (Natal Wild Life Protection Society), waterfowl and waders in the Cape (Rondevlei) Southern and Western Transvaal (WBC and Barberspan); queleas in Tanganyika (Govt.), Southern Rhodesia (Ashton, Plowes and Smithers, with Govt. help), Transvaal and Orange Free State (WBC and Union Govt.) and probably this year Bechuanaland Protectorate (Govt.) Gannets were ringed one year by the C.B.C. at Malgas Is. and the Eastern Cape at Bird Is., with interesting results.

As the above table shows, large numbers of species have been covered. The total number since the scheme began is 364. This is a fantastic number.

As mentioned in earlier reports, there are many cases where too few birds have been ringed to produce any significant results. In the early days, it was necessary to give ringers the widest latitude in order to encourage their participation. But this phase has now passed and the stage has been reached where ringers should be more discriminating and should refrain from ringing odd birds, that chance brings to hand, whose recovery is extremely unlikely and would in any event be of little value, even if it did occur.

Schedule "B" gives a complete list of species and numbers ringed during the past three years. There is a growing number of species being ringed in really significant numbers. There are five cases where over 1,000 birds have been ringed in a year, and there are several others where the aggregate totals over several years exceed this figure. The most noteworthy examples are gannets, herons, egrets, ducks, vultures, coots, doves, swifts, swallows, sparrows and weavers. Among the latter, the ringing of queleas has been outstanding. Cases where the ringing is mainly confined to one centre are those of wagtails, European Starlings and Little Stints at Rondevlei; spoonbill, vultures, Cliff Swallows in the Southern Transvaal. Large numbers of non-migrants such as doves and Cape Sparrows are being ringed at Rondevlei and Johannesburg.

Schedule "C" gives details of recoveries, excluding those where the birds were found—dead or alive—near where and soon after they were ringed. Retrapplings are excluded and will be dealt with in a subsequent report.

The recovery rates, excluding retrappings at or near original ringing points, are very low. Those for 10 species are given below, totals in round numbers.

| <i>Species</i> | <i>Total ringed</i> | <i>Total recovered</i> | <i>% recovered</i> |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Cape Gannet | 19,800 | 229 | 1.2 |
| Cattle Egret | 10,200 | 51 | .5 |
| Geese and Ducks | 3,300 | 50 | 1.5 |
| Spoonbill | 400 | 5 | 1.2 |
| Kolbe's Vulture | 650 | 10 | 1.5 |
| Coot | 700 | 9 | 1.3 |
| Doves, Ring and Laughing | 2,300 | 14 | .6 |
| Cliff Swallow | 5,800 | 2 | .04 |
| Quelea | 22,100 | 49 | .2 |
| Cape Sparrow | 1,800 | 7 | .4 |

The rate for all birds ringed since the scheme's inception in 1948, totalling about 88,500, is 0.6 (recovery total 560). Considering the vast distances covered by the scheme—the two areas furthest apart, Rondevlei and Nyamandl-hovu, if we exclude Tanganyika which is another 1,300 miles away, are 1,200 miles from one another—the sparseness of many of the areas' population, and the backwardness of so large a part of the population, these figures are not surprising. As might be expected, the larger birds have the highest recovery rates, e.g. gannets, vultures, spoonbill and coot—the latter also frequenting the better watered areas and therefore the more densely populated. Ducks and geese have the highest rate: again this is to be expected as they are the most likely

to be recovered through shooting. It is probable that their rate will tend to become higher still as it is only in the past year that they have been ringed in appreciable numbers (about 2,000 in 1955/56).

This Progress report is, as in the past, a record of raw facts and not an analysis of the significance of the recoveries that have been made. Attention is however drawn to some of the most interesting ones.

GANNETS. So far, birds other than birds of the year have only rarely been found on the west coast far from their breeding ground. This year there have been three; 536: 01506 and 536: 06941 both ringed Bird Is. 25 Mar. 1954 recovered at Benguella on 20 April and 7 March the following year, and 536: 03119 ringed on 25 Feb. 1954 recovered on 3 June 1956 between Pointe Noire and Mayemba.

Apart from these, no further recoveries of 4,000 birds ringed at Bird Is. in 1954 are reported this year. So, too, there are only two of a similar number (3,997) ringed at Malgas that same season (Feb. 1954) whereas there are over 10 recoveries during this period from the 4,585 gannets ringed (mostly as adults) the previous season. Whether this has any significance only time and further research will show.

CORMORANTS. The diametrically opposite movement of two young White-breasted Cormorants fledged at Barberspan is shown.

CATTLE EGRETS. Most recoveries were less than 100 miles from the breeding grounds but the following are exceptional:

1. C 7419 Kirkwood, Eastern Cape 8/12/53 recov. Barberspan 17/8/55, 460 miles N.
2. C 8348 Geduld 21/11/53 recov. Bangweulu Swamps 1000 miles N.—yet another record of long distance movement from the Witwatersrand.
3. 543:2391 Pietermaritzburg 18/11/54 recov. Magudi 340 miles N.E.
4. 543:8284 Pietermaritzburg Nov. '55 recov. 11/7/56 in Lemberg 400 miles N.
5. 524:0501 Rondevlei 7/11/53 recov. mid Nov. '55 Port Elizabeth 460 miles E.

NIGHT HERON. 524:2718 Rondevlei 9/2/55 recov. Palmeira 7/5/55 1070 miles N.E.

SACRED IBIS. Two more birds were recovered in N. Rhodesia. One of them 525:4471 was found by the same person who found one two years before (almost to the day) in the same place, i.e. A 737 reported in *The Ostrich* 1956, : 11.

AFRICAN SPOONBILL. 525:2350 was found 430 miles S.S.W. of its breeding ground at Benoni.

DUCKS AND GEESE. Thanks to the work being done at Barberspan many valuable records are being made. The long distances travelled by Redbilled Teal as compared with Yellowbill Duck (both of which were ringed in quantity) are noticeable. One Cape Shoveller and one Pochard also travelled far—650 miles. The first recovery of one of the very few ringed as juvenile was made—Red-billed Teal 524:2417 ringed 21/5/54 at Wankie Game Reserve recovered the Cunene River 860 miles W.

CAPE VULTURE. Three birds ringed in their nest were found far from their nesting place in the Magaliesberg, one 340 miles, another 400 miles and the third 480 miles. All including two others found some little distance away, were on the south side.

COOT. For the second time a bird was found over 200 miles from where originally ringed, this time at George, 230 miles East of Rondevlei.

CLIFF SWALLOW. For the second time a recovery was made in the Congo of a bird ringed in the Southern Transvaal.

QUELEA. Several long distance recoveries were made e.g.:

- 50:12934 ringed Nyamandlhovu 2/8/54 recov. 13/10/55 400 miles S.
- 50:19040 ringed Bulawayo 25/6/55 recov. 28/7/55 160 miles S.E.
- 50:24057 ringed Johannesburg 3/11/54 recov. 1/10/55 500 miles N.W.
- 54:01079 ringed Bulawayo 23/10/54 recov. 21/4/55 480 miles S.
- 54:12065 ringed Johannesburg 19/11/55 recov. 25/1/56 210 miles N.E.
- 55:04650 ringed Johannesburg 10/12/55 recov. 5 days later 100 miles N.E.

For the first time, nestlings have been ringed thus giving the starting point of these birds.

CO-ORDINATES OF PLACES WHERE RINGING TOOK PLACE, NOT MENTIONED IN PREVIOUS REPORT.

| | | | | |
|------------------|-----|-----|-----|----------------------------|
| Barberspan | ... | ... | ... | 26.37 S 25.36 E. |
| Bedford | ... | ... | ... | 32.41 S 26.08 E. |
| Dassen Is. | ... | ... | ... | 33.25 S 18.05 E. |
| Duivelskloof | ... | ... | ... | 23.30 S 30.30 E. (approx.) |
| Kirkwood | ... | ... | ... | 33.24 S 25.25 E. (approx.) |
| Marcus Is. | ... | ... | ... | 33.05 S 17.46 E. (approx.) |
| Nyamandlhovu | ... | ... | ... | 19.50 S 28.15 E. |
| Pietermaritzburg | ... | ... | ... | 29.36 S 30.23 E. |
| Pretoria | ... | ... | ... | 25.45 S 28.14 E. |
| Roodepoort | ... | ... | ... | 26.08 S 27.54 E. |
| Rustenburg | ... | ... | ... | 25.40 S 27.15 E. |
| Skeerpoort | ... | ... | ... | 25.44 S 27.42 E. (approx.) |
| Springs | ... | ... | ... | 26.14 S 28.27 E. |
| Storms River | ... | ... | ... | 33.58 S 23.54 E. |
| Viljoenskroon | ... | ... | ... | 27.16 S 27.00 E. (approx.) |
| Wankie | ... | ... | ... | 18.50 S 26.30 E. |
| Warmbaths | ... | ... | ... | 24.54 S 28.19 E. |

SCHEDULE A

NUMBERS RINGED FROM 1953—1956

| Name | 1953/54 | 1954/55 | 1955/56 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|
| Ashton, E. H. | 860 | 410 | — |
| Barberspan Bird Research Station and Sanctuary | — | 106 | 2,324 |
| Cape Bird Club | 6,367+ | 6,643++ | 298 |
| Cumming D. H. | 91 | 287 | 155 |
| Eastern Cape Wild Bird Society | 4,000 | ? | ? |
| Natal Bird Club | — | 50 | 104 |
| Natal Society: Wild Life | — | 2,016 | 404 |
| Plowes D. C. H. | 2,561 | 3,092 | 424 |
| Pretoria Bird Club | 400 | 449+o | 298oo |
| Rondevlei Bird Sanctuary | — | 2,431‡ | 2,381 |

| | | | |
|--------------------------------|-------|------------------|----------------|
| Smithers R. H. | 299 | 83+o | — |
| S. Andrew's College | — | — | 144 |
| Tanganyika Govt. | 198 | 100 ^x | ? ^x |
| Witwatersrand Bird Club | 7,818 | 6,765 | 15,149 |

+ Oct. 1953—Oct. 1954: Includes Rondevlei Bird Sanctuary.

++ Nov. 1954—June 1955: Includes Rondevlei Bird Sanctuary up to 31st December, 1954.

+o 1/1/55—31/12/55.

‡ 1/1/55—30/6/55.

oo 1/1/56—30/6/56.

x Tanganyika Govt. now have their own rings marked "Return Museum, Nairobi", and by Oct. 1956, used about 20,000

SCHEDULE B

RETURN OF SPECIES RINGED

| English Name | Latin Name | 1953/54 | 1954/55 | 1955/56 |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Cape Dabchick | <i>Podiceps ruficollis</i> | 3 | 4 | 1 |
| Wandering Albatross | <i>Diomedea exulans</i> | 41 | 2 | — |
| Blackbrowed Albatross | <i>Diomedea melanophris</i> | — | 75 | — |
| Shy Albatross | <i>Diomedea cauti</i> | — | 2 | — |
| Cape Gannet | <i>Morus capensis</i> | 7,997 | 5,374 | 15 |
| Whitebreasted Cormorant | <i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i> | 4 | — | 69 |
| Cape Cormorant | <i>Phalacrocorax capensis</i> | — | — | 1 |
| Bank Cormorant | <i>Phalacrocorax neglectus</i> | 1 | — | — |
| Reed Cormorant | <i>Phalacrocorax africanus</i> | 160 | 48 | 18 |
| Crowned Cormorant | <i>Phalacrocorax coronatus</i> | 10 | — | — |
| Darter | <i>Anhinga rufus</i> | 30 | 14 | 11 |
| White Pelican | <i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i> | 10 | — | — |
| Grey Heron | <i>Ardea cinerea</i> | 18 | 1 | 17 |
| Blacknecked Heron | <i>Ardea melanocephala</i> | 221 | 96 | 134 |
| Purple Heron | <i>Ardea purpurea</i> | 19 | — | 2 |
| Yellow-billed Egret | <i>Mesophoyx intermedia</i> | 91 | 104 | 58 |
| Little Egret | <i>Egretta garzetta</i> | 24 | 93 | 27 |
| Cattle Egret | <i>Bubulcus ibis</i> | 2,432 | 3,505 | 1,171 |
| Night Heron | <i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i> | 158 | 150 | 113 |
| Hammerkop | <i>Scopus umbretta</i> | — | — | 6 |
| Sacred Ibis | <i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i> | 1,368 | 515 | 497 |
| Hadedah | <i>Hagedashia hagedash</i> | — | — | 3 |
| Glossy Ibis | <i>Plegadis falcinellus</i> | 12 | 3 | — |
| Spoonbill | <i>Platalea alba</i> | 233 | 9 | 64 |
| Whitefaced Duck | <i>Dendrocygna viduata</i> | — | 3 | — |
| S. African Shelduck | <i>Tadorna cana</i> | 8 | 1 | 218 |
| Egyptian Goose | <i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i> | 10 | 16 | 75 |
| Yellowbill Duck | <i>Anas undulata</i> | 240 | 221 | 1,228 |
| Cape Wigon | <i>Anas capensis</i> | 27 | 25 | 40 |
| Red-billed Teal | <i>Anas erythroryncha</i> | 78 | 14 | 658 |
| Cape Shoveller | <i>Spatula capensis</i> | 16 | 14 | 29 |
| S. African Pochard | <i>Netta erythrophthalma</i> | 181 | 94 | 55 |
| Spurwing Goose | <i>Plectropterus gambensis</i> | 5 | — | 12 |
| Maccoa Duck | <i>Oxyura jamaicensis</i> | 1 | 2 | — |
| Secretary Bird | <i>Sagittarius serpentarius</i> | 2 | — | 1 |

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|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Kolbe's Vulture | <i>Gyps coprotheres</i> | 129 | 109 | 77 |
| Yellow-billed Kite | <i>Milvus aegyptius</i> | 1 | — | 8 |
| Black-shouldered Kite | <i>Elanus caeruleus</i> | 6 | 4 | 12 |
| Wahlberg's Eagle | <i>Aquila wahlbergi</i> | — | — | 2 |
| Booted Eagle | <i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i> | — | — | 1 |
| Crowned Eagle | <i>Stephanoaetus coronatus</i> | — | — | 2 |
| Sea Eagle | <i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i> | — | — | 1 |
| Steppe Buzzard | <i>Buteo vulpinus</i> | — | 1 | 4 |
| Little Banded Goshawk | <i>Accipiter badius</i> | 1 | 1 | — |
| Gabar Goshawk | <i>Melierax gabar</i> | 3 | — | 5 |
| Marsh Harrier | <i>Circus ranivorus</i> | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| Lanner Falcon | <i>Falco biarmicus</i> | — | 1 | 2 |
| Ngami Kestrel | <i>Cerchneis tinnunculus</i> | — | — | 2 |
| Cape Rock Kestrel | <i>Cerchneis rupicolus</i> | — | — | 7 |
| Greater Kestrel | <i>Cerchneis rupicoloides</i> | 2 | — | 6 |
| Lesser Kestrel | <i>Cerchneis naumanni</i> | — | — | 2 |
| Crowned Guineafowl | <i>Numida mitrata</i> | — | 43 | 49 |
| Cape Francolin | <i>Francolinus capensis</i> | — | 10 | 17 |
| Red-necked Francolin | <i>Pternistis afer</i> | — | — | 2 |
| Swainson's Francolin | <i>Pternistis swainsoni</i> | 1 | — | — |
| Giant Bustard | <i>Ardeotis kori</i> | 1 | — | — |
| Dikkop | <i>Burhinus capensis</i> | 2 | 4 | 1 |
| Cape Rail | <i>Rallus caerulescens</i> | — | — | 1 |
| Black Crake | <i>Crecopsis egregia</i> | — | 2 | 2 |
| Purple Gallinule | <i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i> | 24 | 26 | 41 |
| African Moorhen | <i>Gallinula chloropus</i> | 6 | 34 | 44 |
| Coot | <i>Fulica cristata</i> | 205 | 141 | 365 |
| Painted Snipe | <i>Rostratula benghalensis</i> | — | 1 | 1 |
| Black Oystercatcher | <i>Haematopus ostralegus moquim</i> | 1 | — | — |
| Black-winged Stilt | <i>Himantopus himantopus</i> | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Avocet | <i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i> | — | 7 | — |
| Ringed Plover | <i>Charadrius hiaticula</i> | — | — | 6 |
| Whitefronted Sandplover | <i>Charadrius marginatus</i> | 6 | 11 | 11 |
| Chestnut-banded Sandplover | <i>Charadrius pallidus</i> | 2 | — | 2 |
| Kittlitz's Sandplover | <i>Charadrius pecuarius</i> | 43 | 17 | 46 |
| Threebanded Sandplover | <i>Charadrius tricollaris</i> | 13 | 16 | 20 |
| Crowned Plover | <i>Stephanibyx coronatus</i> | 4 | 4 | 6 |
| Blacksmith Plover | <i>Hoplopterus armatus</i> | 12 | 9 | 19 |
| Common Sandpiper | <i>Actitis hypoleucos</i> | — | 1 | 1 |
| Wood Sandpiper | <i>Tringa glareola</i> | — | 2 | 4 |
| Curlew Sandpiper | <i>Calidris testacea</i> | — | 3 | 8 |
| Little Stint | <i>Calidris minuta</i> | 21 | 88 | 140 |
| Ruff | <i>Philomachus pugnax</i> | 2 | 2 | 13 |
| Temminck's Courser | <i>Cursorius temminckii</i> | — | 1 | — |
| Southern Black-backed Gull | <i>Larus dominicanus</i> | 16 | 1 | 3 |

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Grey-headed Gull | <i>Larus cirrocephalus</i> | 31 | 3 | 7 |
| Hartlaub's Gull | <i>Larus hartlaubii</i> | — | 1 | 9 |
| Caspian Tern | <i>Hydroprogne caspia</i> | 1 | — | — |
| Common Tern | <i>Sterna hirundo</i> | 8 | — | 12 |
| Sandwich Tern | <i>Sterna sandvicensis</i> | — | — | 10 |
| Swift Tern | <i>Sterna bergii</i> | 2 | — | — |
| Kurrichane Button Quail | <i>Turnix sylvaticus</i> | 2 | — | — |
| Namaqua Sandgrouse | <i>Pterocles namaqua</i> | 1 | — | — |
| Rock Pigeon | <i>Columba guinea</i> | 3 | 3 | 26 |
| Ring Dove | <i>Streptopelia capicola</i> | 275 | 467 | 459 |
| Laughing Dove | <i>Stigmatopelia senegalensis</i> | 178 | 352 | 449 |
| Namaqua Dove | <i>Oena capensis</i> | 7 | — | — |
| Emerald-spotted Wood Dove | <i>Turtur chalcospilos</i> | 5 | 1 | — |
| Red-chested Cuckoo | <i>Cuculus solitarius</i> | — | 2 | 4 |
| Didric Cuckoo | <i>Chrysococcyx caprius</i> | — | 20 | 10 |
| Klaas' Cuckoo | <i>Chrysococcyx klaasi</i> | — | — | 1 |
| Burchell's Coucal | <i>Centropus superciliosus</i> | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Grey Lourie | <i>Corythaixoides concolor</i> | — | 2 | — |
| Malachite Kingfisher | <i>Corythornis cristata</i> | — | 1 | — |
| Natal Kingfisher | <i>Ispidina picta</i> | — | 2 | — |
| Brown-hooded Kingfisher | <i>Halcyon albiventris</i> | 5 | 3 | 1 |
| Striped Kingfisher | <i>Halcyon chelicuti</i> | 1 | — | — |
| Little Bee-eater | <i>Melittophagus pusillus</i> | — | — | 3 |
| Redfaced Coly | <i>Colius indicus</i> | — | — | 2 |
| White fronted Bee-eater | <i>Melittophagus bullockoides</i> | 9 | 26 | 2 |
| S. African Hoopoe | <i>Upupa africana</i> | 6 | — | 6 |
| African Barn Owl | <i>Tyto alba</i> | 16 | 1 | 2 |
| Cape Grass Owl | <i>Tyto capensis</i> | 13 | 1 | 6 |
| S. African Wood Owl | <i>Ciccaba woodfordii</i> | — | — | 2 |
| Spotted Eagle Owl | <i>Bubo africana</i> | 6 | 12 | 1 |
| Fiery-necked Nightjar | <i>Caprimulgus pectoralis</i> | — | — | 2 |
| Rufous cheeked Nightjar | <i>Caprimulgus rufigena</i> | 2 | — | 2 |
| Mozambique Nightjar | <i>Caprimulgus fossi</i> | — | — | 2 |
| Speckled Coly | <i>Colius straitus</i> | 10 | 7 | 22 |
| Cape Coly | <i>Colius colius</i> | 4 | 5 | 1 |
| Black-collared Barbet | <i>Lybius torquatus</i> | 1 | — | — |
| Pied Barbet | <i>Tricholaema leucomelas</i> | — | 1 | — |
| Crested Barbet | <i>Trachyphonus vaillantii</i> | — | 3 | 7 |
| Ground Woodpecker | <i>Geocolaptes olivaceus</i> | 1 | 5 | 1 |
| Cardinal Woodpecker | <i>Dendropicus fuscescens</i> | — | — | 1 |
| Common Swift | <i>Apus apus</i> | 1 | — | — |
| Cape Swift | <i>Apus barbatus</i> | 28 | 21 | 39 |
| Indian Swift | <i>Apus affinis</i> | 112 | 76 | 99 |
| Horus Swift | <i>Apus horus</i> | 13 | — | — |
| Red-capped lark | <i>Calandrella cinerea</i> | — | — | 2 |
| Cape Wagtail | <i>Motacilla capensis</i> | 50 | 97 | 116 |

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Tawny Pipit | <i>Anthus richardi</i> | 3 | 11 | — |
| Plain-backed pipit | <i>Anthus leucophrys</i> | — | — | 1 |
| Cape Longclaw | <i>Macronyx capensis</i> | 1 | 4 | 6 |
| Jardine's Babbler | <i>Turdoides jardinii</i> | — | 3 | — |
| Cape Bulbul | <i>Pycnonotus capensis</i> | 51 | 63 | 63 |
| Black-eyed Bulbul | <i>Pycnonotus xanthopygos</i> | 4 | 17 | 26 |
| Dusky Flycatcher | <i>Muscicapa adusta</i> | — | 3 | 2 |
| Fiscal Flycatcher | <i>Sigelus silens</i> | — | 1 | 6 |
| Paradise Flycatcher | <i>Terpsiphone viridis</i> | — | — | 3 |
| Groundscraper Thrush | <i>Turdus litsipsirupa</i> | — | — | 3 |
| Kurrichaine Thrush | <i>Turdus libonyana</i> | 2 | — | 1 |
| Cape Thrush | <i>Turdus olivaceus</i> | 4 | 24 | 37 |
| Mountain Chat | <i>Oenanthe monticola</i> | 6 | 8 | 2 |
| Capped Wheatear | <i>Cercomela familiaris</i> | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| Familiar Chat | <i>Oenanthe pileata</i> | 2 | 1 | — |
| Sooty Chat | <i>Myrmecocichla nigra</i> | — | — | 4 |
| Stonechat | <i>Saxicola torquata</i> | 10 | 5 | 18 |
| Noisy Robin | <i>Cossypha dichroa</i> | — | — | 3 |
| Natal Robin | <i>Cossypha natalensis</i> | — | — | 3 |
| Cape Robin | <i>Cossypha caffra</i> | 3 | 67 | 48 |
| Ground Robin | <i>Tychaedon signata</i> | — | — | 4 |
| Karoo Robin | <i>Erythropygia coryphaeus</i> | — | 1 | 1 |
| White browed Scrub Robin | <i>Erythropygia leucophrys</i> | 1 | — | 1 |
| S. African Marsh Warbler | <i>Acrocephalus baeticata</i> | 3 | — | 2 |
| Sedge Warbler | <i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i> | — | — | 1 |
| Willow Warbler | <i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i> | — | — | 2 |
| Cape Reed Warbler | <i>Calamoceter gracilorostris</i> | — | — | 7 |
| Cape Grass Bird | <i>Sphenoeacus afer</i> | 5 | 11 | 6 |
| Bar-throated Apalis | <i>Apalis thoracica</i> | — | 3 | 4 |
| Fantail Warbler | <i>Cisticola juncidis</i> | — | 9 | 4 |
| Ayres' Cloud Warbler | <i>Cisticola ayresii</i> | — | 1 | — |
| Bushveld Grass Warbler | <i>Cisticola chiniana</i> | 8 | — | — |
| Neddicky | <i>Cisticola fulvicapilla</i> | — | 4 | 1 |
| Levaillant's Scrub Warbler | <i>Cisticola tiniens</i> | — | 15 | 8 |
| Tawny-flanked Prinia | <i>Prinia subflava</i> | 3 | — | 3 |
| Black-chested Prinia | <i>Prinia flavicans</i> | 1 | 14 | 26 |
| European Swallow | <i>Hirundo rustica</i> | — | 224 | 13 |
| White-throated Swallow | <i>Hirundo albigularis</i> | 43 | 44 | 85 |
| Pearl-breasted Swallow | <i>Hirundo dimidiata</i> | 3 | — | 7 |
| Blue Swallow | <i>Hirundo atrocaerulea</i> | 1 | — | — |
| Red-breasted Swallow | <i>Hirundo semirufa</i> | 37 | 21 | 75 |
| Larger Stripe-breasted Swallow | <i>Hirundo cucullata</i> | 133 | 98 | 165 |
| Lesser Stripe-breasted Swallow | <i>Hirundo abyssinica</i> | 77 | 22 | 75 |
| Cliff Swallow | <i>Petrochelidon spilodera</i> | 2,697 | 548 | 600 |
| Banded Sandmartin | <i>Riparia cincta</i> | 4 | 19 | 4 |

| English Name | Latin Name | 1953/54 | 1954/55 | 1955/56 |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| S. African Sandmartin | <i>Riparia paludicola</i> | 298 | 5 | 27 |
| Rockmartin | <i>Ptyonoprogne fuligula</i> | 1 | — | 4 |
| Fork-tailed Drongo | <i>Dicurus adsimilis</i> | — | 1 | — |
| Fiscal Shrike | <i>Lanius collaris</i> | 34 | 16 | 30 |
| Boubou Shrike | <i>Laniarius ferrugineus</i> | 5 | 2 | 1 |
| Three-streaked Redwing | | | | |
| Shrike | <i>Tchagra australis</i> | 1 | — | — |
| Bokmakiri | <i>Telophorus zeylonus</i> | 23 | 18 | 26 |
| Pied Crow | <i>Corvus albus</i> | 1 | — | 5 |
| Cape Raven | <i>Corvus capensis</i> | — | 1 | 5 |
| European Starling | <i>Sturnus vulgaris</i> | 6 | 179 | 77 |
| Plum-coloured Starling | <i>Cinnyricinclus leucogaster</i> | — | — | 2 |
| Cape Glossy Starling | <i>Lamprocolius nitens</i> | 3 | 11 | 2 |
| Blue-eared Glossy Starling | <i>Lamprocolius chalyaeus</i> | 1 | 1 | — |
| Red-wing Starling | <i>Onychognathus morio</i> | — | 1 | 9 |
| Pied Starling | <i>Spreo bicolor</i> | 3 | 1 | 11 |
| Yellow White-eye | <i>Zosterops senegalensis</i> | — | 4 | 19 |
| Green White-eye | <i>Zosterops virens</i> | — | 1 | 5 |
| Cape White-eye | <i>Zosterops pallida</i> | 3 | 2 | — |
| Malachite Sunbird | <i>Nectarinia famosa</i> | — | — | 2 |
| Orangebreasted Sunbird | <i>Anthobaphes violacea</i> | 4 | 4 | 3 |
| Larger Double-collared Sunbird | <i>Cinnyris afra</i> | — | — | 1 |
| Lesser Double-collared Sunbird | <i>Cinnyris chalybea</i> | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Black Sunbird | <i>Chalcomitra amethystina</i> | — | 5 | 1 |
| Olive Sunbird | <i>Cyanomitra olivaceus</i> | — | 1 | — |
| Sugar-bird | <i>Promerops cafer</i> | 3 | 6 | 4 |
| Buffalo Weaver | <i>Bubalornis albirostris</i> | 2 | — | 3 |
| White-browed Sparrowweaver | <i>Plocepasser mahali</i> | 1 | — | — |
| Scaly Weaver | <i>Sporopipes squamifrons</i> | 120 | 72 | — |
| Masked Weaver | <i>Ploceus velatus</i> | 46 | 239 | 274 |
| Cabanis' Weaver | <i>Ploceus intermedius</i> | 2 | 1 | — |
| Spotted-backed Weaver | <i>Ploceus spilonotus</i> | 18 | 12 | — |
| Spectacled Weaver | <i>Hyphanturgus ocularius</i> | — | 1 | — |
| Cape Weaver | <i>Xanthophilus capensis</i> | 38 | 43 | 47 |
| Yellow Weaver | <i>Xanthophilus subaureus</i> | — | 2 | — |
| Jameson's Weaver | <i>Xanthophilus xanthops</i> | — | 1 | — |
| Red-billed Quelea | <i>Quelea quelea lathamii</i> | 2,531 | 7,424 | 11,769 |
| Red-billed Quelea | <i>Quelea quelea aethiopica</i> | 198 | — | — |
| Red Bishop | <i>Euplectes orix</i> | 74 | 136 | 210 |
| Cape Bishop | <i>Euplectes capensis</i> | 16 | 8 | 5 |
| Steel-blue Finch | <i>Hypochera funerea</i> | — | — | 4 |
| Golden Bishop | <i>Euplectes afra</i> | 25 | 3 | 4 |
| Sakabula | <i>Diatropura procne</i> | — | 11 | 12 |
| Cut-throat Finch | <i>Amadina fasciata</i> | 15 | 1 | 24 |

| English Name | Latin Name | 1953/54 | 1954/55 | 1955/56 |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Melba Finch | <i>Pytilia melba</i> | 14 | 2 | — |
| Ruddy Waxbill | <i>Lagonosticta rubricata</i> | 8 | — | — |
| Jameson's Ruddy Waxbill | <i>Lagonosticta jamesonii</i> | — | 4 | 2 |
| Little Ruddy Waxbill | <i>Lagonosticta senegala</i> | 3 | 61 | — |
| Common Waxbill | <i>Estrilda astrild</i> | 116 | 44 | 43 |
| Orange-breasted Waxbill | <i>Estrilda subflava</i> | — | 80 | 16 |
| Blue Waxbill | <i>Uraeginthus angolensis</i> | 265 | 49 | 34 |
| Violet-eared Waxbill | <i>Granatina granatina</i> | 1 | — | 1 |
| Pintailed Whydah | <i>Vidua macroura</i> | 6 | 5 | 11 |
| Shaft-tailed Whydah | <i>Vidua regia</i> | 3 | — | 1 |
| Paradise Widow-bird | <i>Steganura paradisaea</i> | 6 | 3 | 1 |
| House Sparrow | <i>Passer domestica</i> | 2 | 35 | 34 |
| Cape Sparrow | <i>Passer melanura</i> | 227 | 586 | 991 |
| Grey-headed Sparrow | <i>Passer grisea</i> | 28 | 6 | — |
| Yellow-throated Sparrow | <i>Petronia superciliaris</i> | 8 | — | — |
| Yellow-eye Canary | <i>Serinus mozambica</i> | 183 | 49 | 27 |
| Bully Seedeater | <i>Serinus sulphurata</i> | — | 2 | — |
| Striped Canary | <i>Serinus scotops</i> | — | 1 | — |
| Streaky-headed Canary | <i>Polioptila gularis</i> | 26 | 13 | 4 |
| Black-throated Canary | <i>Polioptila atrogularis</i> | 166 | 56 | 22 |
| Golden-breasted Bunting | <i>Emberiza flaviventris</i> | 39 | 4 | 23 |
| Rock Bunting | <i>Fringillaria tahapisi</i> | 17 | — | 12 |
| | Total ringed | 22,399 | 22,296 | 22,703 |
| | Total Species | 153 | 156 | 181 |

SCHEDULE C

RETURN OF RECOVERIES

* Ring seen

† Released intact

BLACK-BROWED ALBATROSS *Diomedea melanophris*.

*525: 4966 ad. 4/5/55 32° 31' S., 16° 39' E., recov. 15/2/56 40 miles W. Slangkop 140 miles S.W.

CAPE GANNET *Morus capensis*

B1749 ad. 19/1/52 Malgas Is. recov. 26/10/55 Camps Bay shot 65 miles S.S.E.

*B1864 ad. 19/1/52 Malgas Is. recov. early March '56 Muizenberg dead 80 miles S.S.E.

†B1994 ad. 19/1/52 Malgas Is. recov. 15/9/54 Doornbaai 90 miles N.E.

*B2154 ad. 19/1/52 Malgas Is. recov. 21/7/56 Blaauberg Strand dead 65 miles S.S.E.

*526: 0850 ad. 5/4/53 Malgas Is. recov. July '54 N.Natal dead 910 miles E.N.E.

526: 0860 ad. 5/4/53 Malgas Is. recov. 14/4/55 Blaauberg dead 50 miles S.E.

- *526: 1510 ad. 5/4/53 Malgas Is. recov. 9/7/55 Sandy Bay dead 70 miles S.S.E.
526: 1580 ad. 5/4/53 Malgas Is. recov. 7/6/56 Willowvale, dead 650 miles E.
- *526: 1592 ad. 5/4/53 Malgas Is. recov. 6/10/55 Port St. Johns dead 700 miles E.
- *526: 2190 ad. 19/1/52 Malgas Is. recov. 13/7/56 Stompneus Bay dead 25 miles N.N.E.
- *526: 2443 ad. 5/4/33 Malgas Is. recov. 16/12/55 Cape Point dead 100 miles S.S.E.
- *526: 3025 ad. 5/4/53 Malgas Is. recov. 6/5/56 Stompneus Bay dead 25 miles N.N.E.
- 526: 3303 ad. 5/4/53 Malgas Is. recov. 6/7/54 Saldanha 5 miles E.
- 526: 3346 ad. 5/4/53 Malgas Is. recov. 11/9/55 Milnerton dead 65 miles S.E.
- 526: 3386 ad. 5/4/53 Malgas Is. recov. 13/7/56 32° OOS. 18° 16' E. shot 70 miles N.N.E.
- 526: 3957 ad. 5/4/53 Malgas Is. recov. July '56 Hondeklipbaai, Namaqualand, dead 190 miles N.N.W.
- *526: 4600 ad. 5/4/53 Malgas Is. recov. 10/6/56 Hout Bay, fished up 90 miles S.S.E.
- 526: 4798 ad. 5/4/53 Malgas Is. recov. 1/10/55 Port Shepstone dead 770 miles E.N.E.
- 526: 4849 ad. 5/4/53 Malgas Is. recov. 30/3/56 Kromme R. dead 410 miles E.S.E.
- 536: 01506 jv. 25/3/54 Bird Is. recov. 20/4/55 Benguella 1630 miles N.N.W.
- 536: 03119 jv. 25/2/54 Malgas Is. recov. 3/6/56 between Point Noire and Mayemba dead 2000 miles N.N.W.
- *536: 06941 jv. 25/3/54 Bird Is. recov. 7/3/55 Benguella 1630 miles N.N.W.
- 536: 08036 jv. 12/3/55 Malgas Is. recov. 13/7/55 75 miles N. Pte. Noire killed 2000 miles N.N.W.
- *536: 08196 jv. 12/3/55 Malgas Is. recov. 22/4/55 Haga Haga 610 miles E.
- 536: 08581 jv. 18/3/55 Malgas Is. recov. early May '55 Porto Alexandre dead 1200 miles N.N.W.
- *536: 08873 jv. 12/3/55 Malgas Is. recov. 7/4/55 Saldanha Bay dead same area.
- 536: 09779 jv. 26/2/54 Malgas Is. recov. 7/2/56 Strand dead 90 miles S.E.
- 546: 00272 jv. 22/2/55 Malgas Is. recov. 25/10/55 Porto Alexandre 1500 miles N.W.
- *546: 00511 jv. 22/2/55 Malgas Is. recov. 11/4/55 Saldanha dead 5 miles E.
- *546: 00693 jv. 22/2/55 Malgas Is. recov. 3/8/55 Durban dead 810 miles E.N.E.
- 546: 00776 jv. 22/2/55 Malgas Is. recov. 15/9/55 11° 15' S. 13° 30' E. Caught 1700 miles N.N.W.
- 546: 01004 jv. 22/2/55 Malgas Is. recov. 26/8/55 Mossamedes caught 1025 miles N.N.W.
- 546: 01776 jv. 22/2/55 Malgas Is. recov. 25/10/55 Porto Alexandre 1500 miles N.W.
- 546: 02258 jv. 22/2/55 Malgas Is. recov. 13/4/55 Mossamedes 1025 miles N.N.W.
- *546: 02728 jv. 22/2/55 Malgas Is. recov. 31/3/55 Langebaan sick same area.
- 546: 03471 jv. 12/3/55 Malgas Is. recov. 10/11/55 between Pte. Noire and Mayemba dead 2000 miles N.N.W.
- †546: 03764 jv. 22/2/55 Malgas Is. recov. 11/7/55 Port Gentil 2280 miles N.N.W.
- 546: 03776 jv. 22/2/55 Malgas Is. recov. ?/7/55 Landana, Angola captured 1960 miles N.N.W.
- 546: 03782 jv. 22/2/55 Malgas Is. recov. 10/8/55 Landana Angola caught 1960 miles N.N.W.

546: 03862 jv. 22/2/55 Malgas Is. recov. 25/10/55 Porto Alexandre 1200 miles N.N.W.

546: 03875 jv. 22/2/55 Malgas Is. recov. 2/8/55 Luanda caught 1520 miles N.N.W.

*546: 03899 jv. 22/8/55 Malgas Is. recov. 3/7/55 3° 10' N. 10° 25' E. 2170 miles N.N.W.

546: 03919 jv. 22/2/55 Malgas Is. recov. early May '55 Porto Alexandre dead 1200 miles N.N.W.

546: 03936 jv. 22/2/55 Malgas Is. recov. 25/10/55 Porto Alexandre 1200 miles N.N.W.

546: 04163 jv. 22/2/55 Malgas Is. recov. 17/7/55 Port Gentil 2280 miles N.N.W. possibly released.

*546: 04460 jv. 12/3/55 Malgas Is. recov. 4/4/55 Saldanha Bay dead same area.

WHITEBREASTED CORMORANT *Phalacrocorax carbo*.

546: 04537 jv. 24/9/55 Barberspan recov. 19/11/55 Koster 100 miles N.E. possibly released.

*546: 04547 jv. 24/9/55 Barberspan recov. 15/2/55 Verkeerdevlei shot 160 miles S.E.

CAPE CORMORANT *Phalacrocorax capensis*.

†A106? imm. 28/7/51 Dassen Is. recov. 8/8/54 Durban exhausted 710 miles E.N.E. recovered and flew off.

As this number has not yet been used and as rings A1063, 1064, 1066, 1067 and 1069 were all used for Cape Cormorants at the time and place indicated above, this record is worth including in spite of its imperfections as indicative of the possibility of Cape Cormorants moving so far from their breeding grounds. The finder's knowledge precludes any mistake in identifying the bird.

CROWNED CORMORANT *Phalacrocorax coronatus*.

D2134 imm. 9/6/51 Marcus Is. recov. Dec. '51 Hermanus dead 130 miles S.E.

GREY HERON *Ardea cinerea*.

C2167 jv. 21/11/53 Rondevlei recov. 5/11/55 Jonkershoek dead 30 miles E.

*526: 0506 jv. 3/9/54 Rondevlei recov. end Jan. '55 Philippi shot same area.

BLACKNECKED HERON *Ardea melanocephala*.

525: 2608 jv. 20/7/54 Benoni recov. 5/11/54 Cullinan 30 miles N.

*525: 2632 jv. 20/7/54 Benoni recov. 18/7/55 Nigel, electrocuted 20 miles S.E.

525: 2846 jv. 8/7/54 Benoni recov. 12/8/54 Graskop 180 miles E.N.E. possibly released.

525: 3699 jv. 28/8/55 Springs recov. 9/4/56 nr. Kanye, 230 miles W.N.W. possibly released.

LITTLE EGRET *Egretta garzetta*.

*524: 2641 jv. 23/11/54 Rondevlei recov. 20/1/55 Porterville dead 100 miles E.N.E.

CATTLE EGRET *Bubulcus Ibis*.

C 3873 jv. 21/11/53 Springs recov. 17/3/55 Meyerton dead 30 miles S.W.

*C5766 jv. 23/11/54 Rondevlei recov. 22/4/56 Belleville dead 15 miles N.E.

*C6991 jv. 28/11/53 Johannesburg recov. 27/11/55 Benoni injured 20 miles E.

C7299 jv. 22/1/54 Bedford recov. 13/5/56 14 miles N. Adelaide dead 30 miles N.E.

C7419 jv. 8/12/53 Kirkwood recov. 17/8/55 Barberspan sick 460 miles N.

- C7570 jv. 6/11/54 Rondevlei recov. 20/9/55 Somerset West dead 30 miles E.
C7667 jv. 13/11/54 Rondevlei recov. March '55 Lakeside dead same area.
*C7989 jv. 12/1/55 Johannesburg recov. 14/3/56 Warmbaths dead 90 miles N.
*C8348 jv. 21/11/53 Geduld 10/4/56 Bangwela Swamps dead 1000 miles N.
*543: 1820 jv. 7/11/54 Pietermaritzburg recov. 6/2/55 Lions Rv. dead 25 miles N.W.
543: 2128 jv. 14/11/54 Pietermaritzburg recov. 2/6/55 Manhica P.E.A. 320 miles N.E.
543: 2391 jv. 18/11/54 Pietermaritzburg recov. 15/8/56 Magudi injured 340 miles N.E.
543: 2582 jv. 21/11/54 Pietermaritzburg recov. 23/1/55 Shenfield Common injured 40 miles N.
543: 2668 jv. 21/11/54 Pietermaritzburg recov. 25/8/55 Rosetta killed by a lanner 30 miles N.W.
543: 3361 jv. ?/11/55 Pietermaritzburg recov. 6/2/56 14 miles N.E. Pietermaritzburg dead.
*543: 4345 jv. 28/10/55 Rondevlei recov. 13/12/55 Worcester 60 miles N.E.
*543: 6409 jv. 7/12/55 Rondevlei recov. 4/1/56 Retreat sick same area.
*543: 6584 jv. 26/11/55 Rondevlei recov. 30/4/56 Kenilworth dead 5 miles N.
543: 6663 jv. 26/11/55 Rondevlei recov. 15/5/56 Stellenbosch injured 25 miles E.
543: 6781 jv. 7/12/55 Rondevlei recov. 28/12/55 Noordhoek injured 8 miles W.
543: 8250 jv. 21/11/55 Pietermaritzburg recov. 17/1/56 Richmond 20 miles S.
543: 8282 jv. ?/11/55 Pietermaritzburg recov. 21 4/56 Frere injured 65 miles N.W.
*543: 8284 jv. ?/11/55 Pietermaritzburg recov. 11/7/56 Limberg dead 400 miles N.
*543: 8312 jv. ?/11/55 Pietermaritzburg recov. 3/2/56 Seven Oaks dead 30 miles N.E.
*524: 0478 jv. 28/11/53 Rondevlei recov. March '55 Muldersvlei long dead 25 miles N.E.
*524: 0501 jv. 7/11/53 Rondevlei recov. mid. Nov. '55 P. Elizabeth injured 460 miles E.
524: 1787 jv. 29/9/54 Rondevlei recov. 30/4/56 Somerset West injured 30 miles E.
†524: 2348 jv. 18/11/54 Rondevlei recov. 19/2/55 Stellenbosch 25 miles E.
524: 2659 jv. 23/11/54 Rondevlei recov. 15/9/55 De Doorns dead 80 miles N.E.
*524: 2676 jv. 23/11/54 Rondevlei recov. 31/8/55 Strandfontein dead same area.
*525: 0223 jv. 18/11/54 Rondevlei recov. Dec. '54 Stellenbosch dead 25 miles E.
*525: 0246 jv. 18/11/54 Rondevlei recov. 28/3/55 Klapmuts dead same area.
525: 0283 jv. 18/11/54 Rondevlei recov. 12/5/55 Philippi dead same area.
525: 0541 jv. 23/11/54 Rondevlei recov. 15/4/56 Paarl dead 35 miles N.E.
*525: 0626 jv. 4/1/55 Rondevlei recov. 2/3/55 Fish Hoek dead 7 miles S.W.
- NIGHT HERON *Nycticorax nycticorax*.
524: 2679 jv. 23/11/54 Rondevlei recov. 24/7/55 Milnerton Rd. dead 15 miles N.
524: 2718 jv. 9/2/55 Rondevlei recov. 7/5/55 Palmeira PEA 1070 miles N.E. possibly released.
*543: 4457 jv. 12/11/55 Rondevlei recov. 26/11/55 Saldanha Beach 80 miles N.N.W.
- SACRED IBIS *Threskiornis aethiopicus*.
*525: 0854 jv. 6/12/53 Benoni recov. 12/8/55 Piet Retief shot 160 miles E.S.E.
525: 0997 jv. 20/9/53 Benoni recov. early March '55 Escort probably killed by hail 220 miles E.S.E.

- *525: 1331 jv. 7/10/53 Benoni recov. early Dec. '55 Allanridge dead 130 miles S.W.
525: 1790 jv. 8/11/53 Benoni recov. end June '56 25 miles above Chobe-Zambesi
junction shot 600 miles N.N.W.
525: 4471 jv. 23/10/55 Benoni recov. 8/8/56 Mongu district caught 800 miles
N.N.W.

AFRICAN SPOONBILL *Platalea alba*.

- *525: 2350 jv. 5/6/54 Benoni recov. 2/1/56 Conway dead 430 miles S.S.W.

SOUTH AFRICAN SHELDUCK *Tadorna cana*.

- *555: 0088 ad. 31/11/55 Barberspan recov. end April '56 Colesberg shot 280
miles S.

EGYPTIAN GOOSE *Alopochen aegyptiaca*.

- *525: 4318 ad. 16/7/55 Barberspan recov. 1/6/56 Colesberg dead 280 miles S.
*525: 4319 ad. 12/7/55 Barberspan recov. 22/9/55 same area shot.

YELLOWBILLED DUCK *Anas undulata*.

- A2596 ad. 6/2/54 Rondevlei recov. 27/7/55 Het Kruis dead 80 miles N.
*C424 ad. 15/6/55 Barberspan recov. 5/8/55 Migdol shot 23 miles S.W.
C429 ad. 15/6/55 Barberspan recov. July '56 Lichtenburg 70 miles N.E.
524: 1050 ad. 3/10/54 Benoni recov. 19/3/56 Reitz 110 miles S.
*524: 2011 ad. 30/6/55 Barberspan recov. 2/9/55 Schweizer Reneke shot 45 miles S.
*524: 2788 ad. 6/4/55 Rondevlei recov. 25/8/55 Bredasdorp dead 70 miles E.S.E.
*524: 3232 ad. 14/6/55 Rondevlei recov. July '55 Bredasdorp dead 70 miles E.S.E.
*524: 3301 ad. 15/7/55 Barberspan recov. 13/4/56 Schweizer Reneke dead 40
miles S.
*524: 3320 ad. 15/7/55 Barberspan recov. 10/12/55 Good Hope shot 60 miles N.
*524: 3337 ad. 15/7/55 Barberspan recov. end August '55 Lichtenburg 70 miles
N.E.
*524: 3597 ad. 9/9/55 Barberspan recov. end August (Sic) 55 Lichtenburg 70
miles N.E.
524: 4194 ad. 26/10/55 Barberspan recov. 24/5/56 Ottosdal 60 miles E.N.E.
*524: 4324 ad. 2/12/55 Barberspan recov. 21/2/56 Barberspan dead same area.
524: 4348 ad. 3/12/55 Barberspan recov. 28/3/56 Geysdorp 15 miles W.
*524: 4418 ad. 13/12/55 Barberspan recov. 20/1/56 100 miles W. Mafeking shot
110 miles N.W.

CAPE WIGEON *Anas capensis*.

- *C6634 ad. 9/5/54 Rondevlei recov. 8/8/55 Pinelands dead 8 miles N.
543: 6850 ? 1/2/56 Rondevlei recov. Constantia June '56 dead 5 miles N.W.

REDBILLED TEAL *Anas erythrorhyncha*.

- *543: 1748 ad. 16/7/55 Barberspan recov. 28/1/56 N. Mafeking shot 50 miles N.
*543: 5109 ad. 30/8/55 Barberspan recov. 7/6/56 nr. Windhoek shot 560 miles
W.N.W.
*543: 5132 ad. 24/8/55 Barberspan recov. 16/11/55 Senekal dead 175 miles S.E.
543: 5276 ad. 15/9/55 Barberspan recov. 11/6/56 Jacobsdal shot 190 miles S.

543: 5424 ad. 14/10/55 Barberspan recov. 14/1/56 nr. Gobabis shot 490 miles W.N.W.

543: 5486 ad. 20/10/55 Barberspan recov. 6/6/56 nr. Kimberley shot 170 miles S.

*543: 5542 ad. 15/12/55 Barberspan recov. 1/3/56 Wesselsbron dead 90 miles S.E.

*524: 2417 jv. 21/5/54 Wankie Game Reserve recov. 27/3/56 Cunene Rv. 860 miles W.

*524: 3151 ad. 10/9/55 Strandfontein recov. early April '56 Lambert's Bay dead 140 miles N.

C4735 ad. 9/12/53 Rondevlei recov. 11/10/55 Barberspan 640 miles N.E.

CAPE SHOVELLER *Spatula capensis*.

*C437 ad. 6/6/55 Barberspan recov. 17/11/55 N. Bredasdorp 650 miles S.W.

SOUTH AFRICAN POCHARD *Netta erythrophthalma*.

*C4194 ad. 8/7/54 Benoni recov. 14/1/55 Boshoff shot 260 miles S.W.

*A1759 ad. 8/10/53 Rondevlei recov. July '54 Frankfort shot 650 miles N.E.

*C8399 ad. 18/10/53 Benoni recov. 22/12/55 Springs dead same area.

524: 3211 ad. 26/4/55 Rondevlei recov. 1/1/56 Rondevlei, killed by Egyptian goose after being retrapped 42 times at Rondevlei.

KOLBE'S VULTURE *Gyps coprotheres*.

*508: 0029 jv. 5/9/54 15 miles S. Rustenburg recov. 3/1/55 Olifantsbrug same area.

508: 0030 jv. 5/9/54 15 miles S. Rustenburg recov. 28/11/55 Somerset East dead 480 miles S.S.W.

508: 0071 jv. 5/9/54 15 miles S. Rustenburg recov. Oct. '55 Sterkstroom dead 400 miles S.

508: 443 jv. 4/9/53 15 miles S. Rustenburg recov. 9/8/56 Petrusville dead 340 miles S.W.

*508: 1232 jv. 5/9/55 Skeerport recov. 10/6/56 Petrus Steyn dead 130 miles S.

509: 2957 jv. 4/9/55 15 miles S. Rustenburg recov. Dec. '55 Vredefort killed by dogs 80 miles S.

*509: 2967 jv. 4/9/55 15 miles S. Rustenburg recov. 11/5/56 Olifantsbrug dead same area.

PURPLE GALLINULE *Porphyrio porphyrio*.

555: 1511 ad. 6/12/55 Rondevlei recov. 18/4/56 Rondevlei killed by predator same area

525: 3184 ad. 30/1/55 Rondevlei recov. 30/3/56 killed by predator same area.

REDKNOBBED COOT *Fulica cristata*.

*524: 1521 ad. 22/2/54 Rondevlei recov. 22/3/55 George shot 230 miles E.

524: 1605 ad. 17/5/54 Rondevlei recov. 17/10/54 nearby killed by dog.

524: 2758 imm. 10/3/55 Rondevlei recov. 14/6/56 Walkers Bay dead 40 miles E.S.E.

524: 3216 jv. 25/12/53 Rondevlei ringed Rondevlei 6/5/55 recov. 27/5/56 Rondevlei dead same area.

524: 3252 ad. 13/7/55 Rondevlei recov. 31/5/56 Velddrif dead 90 miles N.

524: 3213 ad. 29/4/55 Rondevlei recov. 19/4/56 same area.

*555: 1507 ad. 4/12/55 Rondevlei recov. 5/4/56 Bredasdorp 70 miles E.S.E.

LITTLE STINT *Calidris minuta*.

†50: 13950 ad. 9/3/55 Rondevlei retrapped 22/12/55 Rondevlei same place.

S. BLACKBACKED GULL *Larus dominicanus*.

*D2313 jv. 30/11/52 Dassen Is. recov. 29/10/55 Milnerton dying 30 miles S.E.

CAPE TURTLE DOVE *Streptopelia capicola*.

*B1836 ? 19/7/53 Rondevlei recov. 11/4/54 Bergvliet dead same area.

*A3457 ad. 11/7/55 Rondevlei recov. 27/12/55 Bergvliet dead same area.

*A386 ? 19/9/54 Princess Vlei recov. end Oct. '54 Retreat killed by dogs same area.

*543: 6868 ad. 9/2/56 Rondevlei recov. 6/6/56 Plumstead killed by cat same area.

*A4065 ? 20/1/56 Rondevlei recov. 20/2/56 dead same area.

LAUGHING DOVE *Stigmatopelia senegalensis*.

*A3197 ? 17/4/55 Princess Vlei recov. Plumstead 16/10/55 same area.

†B2273 nest. 22/11/52 N. Johannesburg recov. 18/3/55 nearby.

B1131 ad. 10/11/52 Bulawayo recov. 7/8/55 Bulawayo dead 10 miles E.

*A2850 ad. 12/7/55 TjoloTjo recov. 17/10/55 dead same place.

S. A. HOOPOE *Upupa africana*.

*A1321 jv. 21/11/52 N. Johannesburg recov. mid July '55 Wilgespruit dead 10 miles N.

SPOTTED EAGLE OWL *Bubo a. africana*.

*524: 1805 nest. 3/12/54 N. Johannesburg recov. 28/8/55 dead same area.

PALM SWIFT *Cypsiurus prava*.

*50: 15131 ad. 4/4/53 Duivelskloof recov. 21/10/55 dead same place.

CAPE BULBUL *Pycnonotus capensis*.

50: 104535 ad. 17/11/55 Rondevlei recov. Jan. '56 Heathfield killed same place.

REDBREASTED SWALLOW *Hirundo semirufa*.

*50: 7466 ad. 17/2/54 N. Bulawayo recov. 17/3/55 same place shot.

CLIFF SWALLOW *Petrochelidon spilodera*.

50: 15991 ad. 15/11/53 N. Pretoria recov. 7/4/55 N. Feshi Belgian Congo 1500 miles N.N.W.

CAPE SANDMARTIN *Riparia paludicola*.

*50: 14454 ad. 23/4/54 Krugersdorp recov. 15/1/56 Hartebeestepoort dead 25 miles N.

FISCAL SHRIKE *Lanius collaris*.

*502: 00638 nest. 29/9/53 N. Cape Town recov. 6/4/55 killed by car same area.

EUROPEAN STARLING *Sturnus vulgaris*.

*502: 04710 ad. 9/3/55 Rondevlei recov. 3/7/55 Wynberg dead 5 miles N.

*502: 04701 ad. 2/3/55 Rondevlei recov. 24/10/55 Ottery same area.

*502: 04742 ad. 12/3/55 Rondevlei recov. 18/9/55 Retreat, killed same area.

*502: 04755 ad. 12/3/55 Rondevlei recov. 11/11/55 Philippi dead same area.

REDWING STARLING *Onychognathus morio*.

B3514 jv. 20/12/55 Storms Rv. recov. 19/1/56 Plettenberg Bay shot 30 miles W.

SCARLETBREASTED SUNBIRD *Chalcomitra senegalensis*.

50: 823 jv. 25/1/52 N. Bulawayo recov. 1/10/54 same place shot.

MASKED WEAVER *Ploceus velatus*.

50: 7943 ad. 17/9/52 Bulawayo recov. 18/3/56 N. Bulawayo killed feeding
Klaas cuckoo, 15 miles S.

*50: 7901 ad. 9/9/52 Bulawayo recov. 16/12/55 dead same place.

CAPE WEAVER *Xanthophilus capensis*.

*502: 04832 ad. 18/8/55 Rondevlei recov. 8/10/55 Philippi same area.

502: 04856 ad. 17/9/55 Rondevlei recov. 3/5/56 killed by predator Rondevlei.

REDBILLED QUELEA *Quelea quelea*.

*50: 12934 ad. 2/8/54 Nyamandhovu recov. 13/10/55 Rust-den-Winter dead
400 miles S.

50: 13427 ad. 5/11/55 Johannesburg recov. 21/11/55 dead nearby.

*50: 19040 ad. 25/6/55 Bulawayo recov. 28/7/55 N. Beitbridge 160 miles S.E.

*50: 20711 ad. 1/12/54 Warmbaths recov. 12/12/55 Vaalwater 50 miles N.

50: 21160 ad. 28/11/55 nr. Pretoria recov. 5/1/56 Pretoria 5 miles S.

†50: 21425 ad. 29/11/55 nr. Pretoria recov. 9/12/55 nr. Johannesburg 30 miles S.

†50: 21915 ad. 30/11/55 nr. Pretoria recov. 11/12/55 nr. Johannesburg 30 miles S.

*50: 24057 ad. 3/11/54 nr. Johannesburg recov. 1/10/55 Maun, Ngamiland, shot
500 miles N.W.

50: 24441 ad. 14/11/54 nr. Johannesburg recov. 9/12/55 Marble Hall 110 miles
N.E.

54: 00948 ad. 15/7/54 Bulawayo recov. 27/8/54 dead same area.

54: 01079 ad. 23/10/54 Bulawayo recov. 21/4/55 Heilbron killed 480 miles S.

*54: 07262 ad. 24/11/54 nr. Johannesburg recov. 3/12/55 Pietersberg 170 miles
N.E.

54: 09662 ad. 26/12/54 nr. Johannesburg recov. 10/12/55 Libertas, 130 miles S.

54: 11530 ad. 10/11/55 nr. Johannesburg recov. 19/11/55 Doornpoort killed
30 miles N.

54: 12065 ad. 19/11/55 nr. Johannesburg recov. 25/1/56 Hoedspruit 210 miles N.E.

54: 13022 ad. 1/12/55 nr. Pretoria recov. 5/1/56 Pretoria 5 miles S.

54: 13714 ad. 22/12/55 nr. Pretoria recov. 10/1/56 Naboomspruit 80 miles N.N.E.

*54: 14480 nest. 27/3/55 Viljoenskroon recov. 23/12/55 Heilbron 60 miles E.

54: 16193 ad. 24/11/55 nr. Johannesburg recov. 5/1/56 Pretoria 20 miles N.

†54: 16375 ad. 27/11/55 nr. Johannesburg recov. 28/12/55 Bon Accord 25 miles
N. reringed No. 50: 21533.

†54: 16415 ad. 26/11/55 Johannesburg recov. 29/12/55 Bon Accord 35 miles N.
reringed No. 50: 21827.

*54: 16494 ad. 27/11/55 Johannesburg recov. 12/12/55 Vaalwater 130 miles N.

*54: 17514 jv. 27/3/55 Viljoenskroon recov. 21/6/55 Migdol shot 100 miles W.N.W.

*54: 17657 jv. 27/3/55 Viljoenskroon recov. 17/10/55 Edenville killed 45 miles
E.S.E.

*54: 18659 ad. 6/11/55 N. Johannesburg recov. 15/12/55 Naboomspruit killed
100 miles N.N.E.

- *54: 8837 ad. 12/11/55 N. Johannesburg recov. 9/12/55 Krugersdorp 25 miles S.W.
*55: 02636 ad. 14/12/55 N. Johannesburg recov. early Feb. '56 Rust-den-Winter
dead 50 miles N.
55: 03400 ad. 6/12/55 N. Johannesburg recov. Feb. '56 Settlers killed breeding
colony 90 miles N.N.E.
*55: 04650 ad. 10/12/55 nr. Johannesburg recov. 15/12/55 Groblersdal 100 miles
N.E.

RED BISHOP *Euplectes orix*.

- *54: 06982 ad. 14/12/54 16 miles S.W. Johannesburg recov. 31/12/54 shot 5 miles
S. of place ringed.

YELLOW BISHOP *Euplectes capensis*.

- 50: 19307 28/3/54 Bulawayo recov. 26/10/55 dead same area.

CAPE SPARROW *Passer melanura*.

- 55: 02990 ad. 21/12/55 Johannesburg recov. 5/1/56 dead same place.
50: 104122 imm. 11/12/54 Rondevlei recov. 7/6/55 same place ring in Spotted
Eagle Owl's pellet.
50: 104500 ad. 29/8/55 Rondevlei recov. 11/11/55 same place killed by Fiscal
Shrike.
*502: 02272 ad. 3/11/53 Rondebosch recov. 24/1/56 killed same place.

An appeal is once more made to all finders to send the ring with their report,
if possible and so help minimise the risk of mistakes being made.

The standard of record keeping by ringers has greatly improved. Unfortunately it is still not yet perfect and over a dozen recoveries cannot be used as there is insufficient detail about the original use of the ring. A few cases have occurred of palpably faulty identification of the bird being ringed. Participants are again earnestly asked not to ring a bird unless they are absolutely sure what it is.

The Society's thanks are due to the Officer Commanding the Criminal Investigation Dept., Bulawayo for the examination of the numbers on damaged rings and to Dr. Bigalke and his staff at the zoo, Pretoria for their magnificent co-operation in dealing with recoveries notified to them. As these records show, their work is considerable but they have always been efficiency and courteousness personified.

This is my last general report. The scheme has now grown too big and its potential contribution to S. African ornithology is too important for it to be left to the desultory sparetime attention of a private individual. I am therefore delighted to announce that it has found a home—which I hope will be permanent—with Dr. G. McLachlan in the Port Elizabeth Museum. In bidding it farewell, I would like to thank all those who have participated in the scheme for their unflinching help and for their enthusiasm. Their keenness has been infectious and has made my association with this branch of the Society the source of considerable pleasure.

Erratum. The date of the recovery of Greyheaded Gull C1941 reported *The Ostrich* 1954, 25, 1: 11 should read 2 May '52, not "-/6/52".