

Report on recoveries received at SAFRING: July 2001–June 2002

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This report covers recoveries reported to SAFRING from July 2001 to June 2002. The total recoveries were 359 while 6272 retraps (5475 individual birds) were processed. These retraps include birds retrapped one day after ringing or at any time thereafter. As many retraps as possible are processed at SAFRING but it is impossible to keep up with all of them. Preference is given to data received electronically.

The format is similar to that of previous reports. Selected foreign and local recoveries and retraps are detailed in this report. The species common and scientific names are

listed, followed by the number of recoveries and retraps reported in the current ringing year. The first line of each listed recovery gives the ring number, bird's age at ringing, date of ringing, and place of ringing. South African provinces are given in abbreviated form. The second line indicates the state of the bird (e.g. cause of death), date and place of the ring recovery, the elapsed time (to the nearest month) and distance between ringing and recovery.

Where a recovery has provided the greatest elapsed time or distance in the SAFRING databank, this is indicated in italics.

Foreign and notable local recoveries (recoveries, retraps in this ringing year)

Wandering Albatross *Diomedea exulans* (5 recoveries, 10 retraps)

14003339	Adult	24/07/1960	Near Sydney		
	Resighted	19/12/2001	Prince Edward Island	41y 5m	8802 km

Greatest elapsed time for this species in SAFRING's database.

European Storm Petrel *Hydrobates pelagicus* (1, 0)

9916652	Unknown	26/07/1990	Bordon, Denmark		
	Dead	25/04/2002	Plettenberg Bay, W Cape	11y 9m	11 017 km

Greatest distance for this species in SAFRING's database.

Northern Giant Petrel *Macronectes halli* (4, 1)

957805	3+ y	16/09/1986	Marion Is.		
	Sick	13/07/2001	Robben Is., W Cape	14y 10m	2191 km

Greatest elapsed time for this species in SAFRING's database.

Leach's Storm Petrel *Oceanodroma leucorhoa* (0, 7)

BC45253	Nestling	21/02/1998	Dyer Island, W Cape		
	Recaptured	23/10/2001	Dyer Island, W Cape	3y 8m	0 km

Greatest elapsed time for this species in SAFRING's database.

Whitetailed Tropicbird *Phaethon lepturus* (0, 1)

5H22208	Nestling	18/09/1999	Cousin Island, Seychelles		
	Recaptured	16/12/2001	Cousin Island, Seychelles	3y 8m	3 km

White Pelican *Pelecanus onocrotalus* (2, 3)

H003	Nestling	Summer 2002	Dassen Island, W Cape		
	Resighted	02/05/2002	Rondevelei, W Cape	(3m)	80 km

Resighting of cohort colour-ringed pelican.

Cape Gannet *Morus capensis* (59, 1268)

9A28299	Nestling	19/02/2000	Bird Island, W Cape		
	Injured	30/07/2001	Ballito Bay, Natal	1y 5m	1266 km
919678	Nestling	21/01/1980	Bird Island, W Cape		
	Recaptured	28/04/2002	Dwarskersbos, W Cape	22y 3m	61 km

White Stork *Ciconia ciconia* (5, 9)

CA0212	Nestling	22/06/2000	Belarus		
	Resighted	13/02/2002	Muldersvlei, W Cape	1y 8m	9658 km

Resighted by Jan Hofmeyr using a telescope: in total he reported 9 sightings of 6 individual East European birds.

Sacred Ibis *Threskiornis aethiopicus* (5, 14)

804401	Adult	10/07/2001	CROW, Durban, Natal		
	Released	17/07/2001	Mkuzi GR, Natal	7 days	269 km
	Shot	28/02/2002	Durban airport, Natal	0y 8m	9 km

This bird returned to Durban after release. It was shot to prevent collision with aircraft.

Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus* (5, 3)

790951	Nestling	13/11/2000	Glencairn, W Cape		
	Control	10/01/2002	Cape Flats, W Cape	1y 2m	30 km

This bird flew into a moving vehicle, presumably while chasing a bird. Mrs de Bruyn had to catch the wild falcon while her husband was driving! The bird was released a week later.

790964	Nestling	02/11/2000	COGHNR, W Cape		
	Control	18/03/2002	Port Elizabeth, E Cape	1y 4m	658 km

Lesser Kestrel *Falco naumanni* (1, 0)

5H07194	0–6 m	11/03/2000	Victoria W, N Cape		
	Poisoned	13/03/2002	Lindley, Free State	2y 0m	608 km

Greatest distance within South Africa for this species in SAFRING's database.

Longcrested Eagle *Lophaeetus occipitalis* (0, 3)

845604	3+ y	03/10/1992	Mataffin, Mpumulanga		
	Resighting	16/05/2002	Mataffin, Mpumulanga	9y 7m	0 km

Three resightings of this wing-tagged eagle, still the greatest elapsed time for this species in SAFRING's database. New records in the 2003 ringing year have already been reported.

Forest Buzzard *Buteo trizonatus* (1, 1)

784882	Imm.	15/09/1992	Island Forest, PE, E Cape		
	Hit by car	04/12/2001	Island Forest, PE, E Cape	9y 3m	2 km

Injured by car, rehabilitated, released 4 months later.

Black Harrier *Circus maurus* (2, 0)

679506	Nestling	10/10/2000	Jakkalsfontein, W Cape		
	Hit by car	17/12/2001	N7 in Vanrynsdorp, W Cape	1y 2m	203 km

Greatest elapsed time and distance for this species in SAFRING's database (second recovery).

Gymnogone *Polyboroides typus* (2, 0)

849120	Immature	02/04/2001	Theescombe, E Cape		
	Hit by car	28/10/2001	East London, E Cape	0y 7m	240 km

Greatest distance for this species in SAFRING's database.

Blue Crane *Anthropoides paradiseus* (5, 61)

901253	Nestling	13/02/1999	Stilbaai, W Cape		
	Resighted	16/08/2001	Caledon distr, W Cape	2y 6m	196 km

Second greatest distance for this species in SAFRING's database (greatest 198 km).

African Black Oystercatcher *Haematopus moquini* (7, 55)

675505	Nestling	03/04/2000	Somerset West, W Cape		
	Controlled	15/11/2001	Walvis Bay, Namibia	1y 7m	1308 km

Second greatest distance for this species in SAFRING's database (greatest 1516 km).

Chestnutbanded Plover *Charadrius pallidus* (1, 0)

BC67373	Nestling	15/10/1995	Swakopmund, Namibia		
	Hit by car	20/07/2001	Mile 4 Saltworks, Namibia	5y 9m	2 km

Greatest elapsed time for this species in SAFRING's database.

Bartailed Godwit *Limosa lapponica* (1, 0)

1383597	Adult	13/05/2001	Castricum, Netherlands		
	Resighted	04/01/2002	Walvis Bay, Namibia	0y 8m	8395 km

Second report for this species.

Hartlaub's Gull *Larus hartlaubii* (11, 39)

587682	Nestling	12/07/2001	Possession Island, Namibia		
	Recovery	13/11/2001	Walvis Bay, Namibia	0y 4m	457 km

Greatest distance for this species in SAFRING's database.

564011	Nestling	22/05/1976	Robben Island, W Cape		
	Recovery	24/07/2001	Century City, W Cape	25y 2m	15 km
563291	Nestling	15/05/1976	Robben Island, W Cape		
	Recovery	24/07/2001	Century City, W Cape	25y 2m	15 km

The above 2 gulls were found on the same day at Century City! Greatest elapsed time for this species in SAFRING's database is 26y 5m.

Lesser Blackbacked Gull *Larus fuscus* (1, 0)

8098535	Nestling	04/07/1998	Langharet, Sweden		
	Dead	06/12/2001	Torra Bay, Namibia	3y 5m	9126 km

First ring recovery of this species in southern Africa.

Caspian Tern *Hydroprogne caspia* (1, 0)

659632	Nestling	12/03/1990	Port Elizabeth, E Cape		
	Recovery	09/06/2002	Gamtoos RM, E Cape	12y 3m	51 km

Greatest elapsed time for this species in SAFRING's database.

Common Tern *Sterna hirundo* (9, 54)

AT138310	Nestling	03/07/1997	Konnevesi, Finland		
	Controlled	10/11/2001	Somerset West, W Cape	4y 4m	10 774 km
JA01967	Nestling	07/07/1979	Sandoya, Norway		
	Controlled	17/11/2001	Mile 4 Saltworks, Namibia	22y 5m	9041 km

Royal Tern *Sterna maxima* (1, 0)

5H27882	Nestling	03/06/2001	Ile aux oiseaux, Senegal		
	Dead	20/09/2001	Cap Skirring, Senegal	0y 4m	120 km

First record.

Black Tern *Chlidonias niger* (0, 1)

BC84619	Adult	06/11/1999	Mile 4 Saltworks, Namibia		
	Controlled	01/05/2002	Drana Lagoon, Greece	2y 6m	7148 km

First SAFRING ringed bird to be recovered overseas.

European Swallow *Hirundo rustica* (3, 23)

AF98914	Adult	01/03/2000	Universitas, Free State		
	Controlled	23/02/2002	Francistown, Botswana	1y 12m	883 km

Captured on migration. Many long distance controls – see Swallow report (page 12–15).

European Marsh Warbler *Acrocephalus palustris* (0, 5)

7781760	0–6mths	29/07/2001	Lebbeke, Belgium		
	Controlled	04/12/2001	Nankhumwa, Malawi	0y 4m	8045 km

Greybacked Warbler *Camaroptera brevicaudata* (0, 10)

AD11617	Adult	03/08/1996	Sherwood, Botswana		
	Controlled	16/06/2002	Sherwood, Botswana	5y 10m	2 km

Greatest elapsed time for this species in SAFRING's database.

Levallant's Cisticola *Cisticola tinniens* (0, 57)

AE11529	Unknown	27/06/1995	Tygerberg, W Cape		
	Controlled	30/05/2002	Tygerberg, W Cape	6y 11m	0 km

Greatest elapsed time for this species in SAFRING's database.

Fiscal Shrike *Lanius collaris* (0, 33)

BB73315	Adult	18/02/1989	Botanical Gardens, Free State		
	Controlled	20/09/2001	Botanical Gardens, Free State	12y 7m	0 km

Greatest elapsed time for this species in SAFRING's database.

Crimsonbreasted Shrike *Laniarius atrococcineus* (1, 6)

494589	Juvenile	29/04/1993	Gaborone, Botswana		
	Controlled	16/07/2001	Gaborone, Botswana	8y 3m	0 km

Greatest elapsed time for this species in SAFRING's database.

Redwinged Starling *Onychognathus morio* (2, 2)

518614	Adult	19/01/1991	Simonstown, W Cape		
	Dead	01/09/2001	Noordhoek, W Cape	10y 7m	10 km

Greatest elapsed time for this species in SAFRING's database.

Redbilled Oxpecker *Buphagus erythrorhynchus* (0, 8)

CV14062-69	Adult	17/10/2001	Stockpoort, Limpopo		
	Translocated	29/10/2001	Melkrivier, Limpopo	0y 1m	(146 km)

Sociable Weaver *Philetairus socius* (0, 114)

BC34244	0–6mths	20/07/1993	Benfontein, Free State		
	Controlled	13/09/2001	Benfontein, Free State	8y 2m	0 km

Greatest elapsed time for this species in SAFRING's database.

Cape Sparrow *Passer melanurus* (9, 56)

F19689	Adult	01/04/1991	Vanderbijlpark, Gauteng		
	Dead	02/12/2001	Vanderbijlpark, Gauteng	10y 8m	0 km

Greatest elapsed time for this species in SAFRING's database (see Afring News 31)

Redbilled Quelea *Quelea quelea* (2, 10)

AE74337	Adult	01/12/1997	Secrabje, Limpopo		
	Released	04/05/2002	Knysna, W Cape	4y 5m	1385 km

Violeteared Waxbill *Uraeginthus granatinus* (0, 13)

X81628	Adult	19/08/1993	Sandveld NR, Free State		
	Controlled	03/08/2001	Sandveld NR, Free State	7y 11m	2 km

Greatest elapsed time for this species in SAFRING's database.

Erratum for Recoveries report July 2000–June 2001 (Afring News 30: 74–81).

Page 75: 7083110 is listed under Common Tern but is in fact a Sandwich Tern.