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The year 2012 was once again a successful one in terms of bird ringing in Namibia. A total of 15100 birds of 240 species were handled by 26 ringers; out of that total 10826 were newly ringed birds. Ursula Franke tops the list with almost 3500 birds, followed by Neil Thomson and Dirk Heinrich. Rian Jones is in fourth place with a huge number of controls of seabirds and this significant contribution certainly deserves recognition. In terms of different species ringed, Dirk Heinrich is once again the master, followed by Neil and Ursula.

Lark-like Bunting tops the list of birds ringed, followed by African Penguin and Chestnut Weaver. Thanks to the efforts of a dedicated team of vulture ringers, two vulture species top the rankings for the birds of prey. The contribution of the island dwellers is manifest in the list of water birds where African Penguins and Bank Cormorants take the two top spots. Ten of Namibia's endemic species were ringed, totalling 95 birds.

Rykvoet Street sits on top of the list of localities, since there are two active resident ringers there!

Several long-term ringing projects continued in 2012. The vulture ringing project once again resulted in a large number of chicks being ringed and fitted with patagial tags. The Braby family continued their monitoring of Damara Tern breeding around Swakopmund. Unfortunately this project ran out of funding halfway through the season and more funding is needed. Mark Boorman continued his tern study at the Mile 4 Saltworks but this project may also soon end because of increasing light pollution.

Many thanks to all the Namibian ringers who contribute to making us one of the leading ringing 'provinces' in southern Africa and thanks also to the many 'imports' who don't shun considerable expenses to join our ringing efforts. Let's keep up the good work!

**Table 1: Numbers of birds handled per ringer in 2012**

<b>Ringer</b>	<b>Code 1</b>	<b>Code 2</b>	<b>Total</b>
Ursula Franke	3299	189	<b>3488</b>
Neil Thomson	1506	877	<b>2383</b>
Dirk Heinrich	1717	311	<b>2028</b>
Rian Jones	381	1231	<b>1612</b>
Gudrun Middendorff	889	417	<b>1306</b>
Mark Boorman	908	218	<b>1126</b>
Tim Osborne	989	114	<b>1103</b>
Pete Bartlett	5	443	<b>448</b>
Jessica Kemper		231	<b>231</b>
Wilferd Versfeld	145	10	<b>155</b>
Graham Grieve	123	30	<b>153</b>
Dieter Oschadleus	119	29	<b>148</b>
Tony Delpport	11	115	<b>126</b>
Maren Thomson	87	15	<b>102</b>
Sandra Dantu	63	36	<b>99</b>
Kobus Bekker	96		<b>96</b>
Eben Muller	82	1	<b>83</b>
Robin Teifel	80	3	<b>83</b>
Holger Kolberg	80		<b>80</b>
Bernd Brell	67		<b>67</b>
Hartmut Kolb	65		<b>65</b>
Peter Bridgeford	43	1	<b>44</b>
Sigi Braby	32	1	<b>33</b>
Liz Komen	21	2	<b>23</b>
Mike Yates	11		<b>11</b>
Otto von Kaschke	7		<b>7</b>
	<b>10826</b>	<b>4274</b>	<b>15100</b>



Table 2: Number of species handled per ringer in 2012.

Ringer	Code 1	Code 2	Total
Dirk Heinrich	131	31	135
Neil Thomson	82	30	85
Ursula Franke	78	17	79
Tim Osborne	70	30	75
Gudrun Middendorff	57	26	58
Wilferd Versfeld	45	7	46
Mark Boorman	43	6	45
Hartmut Kolb	31		31
Eben Muller	30	1	30
Kobus Bekker	30		30
Graham Grieve	27	6	28
Robin Teifel	28	1	28
Dieter Oschadleus	25	9	26
Maren Thomson	21	7	23
Sandra Dantu	15	9	16
Bernd Brell	15		15
Liz Komen	15	2	15
Holger Kolberg	10		10
Rian Jones	3	7	7
Jessica Kemper		5	5
Pete Bartlett	2	3	5
Mike Yates	4		4
Otto von Kaschke	3		3
Peter Bridgeford	3	1	3
Tony Delpport	2	1	2
Sigi Braby	1	1	1
	<b>234</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>240</b>

Table 3: Top twenty species handled in 2012.

Species	Code 1	Code 2	Total
Lark-like Bunting	1502	33	<b>1535</b>
African Penguin	12	1050	<b>1062</b>
Chestnut Weaver	1025	22	<b>1047</b>
Bank Cormorant	150	782	<b>932</b>
Black-throated Canary	398	525	<b>923</b>
Cape Sparrow	692	93	<b>785</b>
Black Tern	662	4	<b>666</b>
Red-headed Finch	444	107	<b>551</b>
Laughing Dove	360	151	<b>511</b>
Common Waxbill	228	207	<b>435</b>
Cape Gannet	238	164	<b>402</b>
Sociable Weaver	238	143	<b>381</b>
Blue Waxbill	159	189	<b>348</b>
Southern Masked-Weaver	258	40	<b>298</b>
Red-billed Quelea	274	9	<b>283</b>
White-browed Sparrow-Weaver	203	72	<b>275</b>
Black-faced Waxbill	259	11	<b>270</b>
Southern Red Bishop	157	111	<b>268</b>
Common Tern	255	12	<b>267</b>
Scaly-feathered Finch	219	26	<b>245</b>

**Table 4: Numbers of birds of prey handled in 2012.**

Species	Code 1	Code 2	Total
Lappet-faced Vulture	84		84
White-backed Vulture	83	1	84
Southern Pale Chanting Goshawk	41	4	45
Pearl-spotted Owllet	12	4	16
Greater Kestrel	12		12
Rock Kestrel	9	2	11
Pygmy Falcon	6	1	7
African Scops-Owl	3	2	5
Black-shouldered Kite	5		5
Lanner Falcon	4		4
African Barred Owllet	3		3
Barn Owl	3		3
Jackal Buzzard	3		3
Gabar Goshawk	2		2
Little Sparrowhawk	2		2
Red-necked Falcon	2		2
Spotted Eagle-Owl	2		2
African Hawk Eagle	1		1
Augur Buzzard	1		1
Black-chested Snake-Eagle	1		1
Dark Chanting-Goshawk	1		1
Marsh Owl	1		1
Peregrine Falcon	1		1
Secretarybird	1		1
Steppe Buzzard	1		1
Tawny Eagle	1		1
Yellow-billed Kite	1		1
	<b>286</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>300</b>

**Table 5: Top twenty sea, shore and wetland birds handled in 2012.**

Species	Code 1	Code 2	Total
African Penguin	12	1050	1062
Bank Cormorant	150	782	932
Black Tern	662	4	666
Cape Gannet	238	164	402
Common Tern	255	12	267
Sandwich Tern	5	161	166
Damara Tern	39	1	40
Sanderling	3	23	26
Grey Heron	22		22
Great White Pelican	4	15	19
Swift Tern	13	6	19
Hartlaub's Gull	11	7	18
Chestnut-banded Plover	11		11
Crowned Lapwing	8	2	10
Curlew Sandpiper	9		9
White-fronted Plover	8		8
Kelp Gull	1	6	7
Arctic Tern	6		6
African Jacana		5	5
Cape Cormorant		5	5

**Table 6: Numbers of endemic birds handled in 2012.**

Species	Code 1	Code 2	Total
Damara Tern	39	1	40
White-tailed Shrike	9	2	11
Carp's Tit	6	4	10
Damara Hornbill	8	2	10
Bare-cheeked Babbler	9		9
Monteiro's Hornbill	5	1	6
Rosy-faced Lovebird	4		4
Rüppell's Korhaan	2		2
Ruppell's Parrot	2		2
Rockrunner	1		1
	85	10	95

**Table 7: Top twenty localities in 2012.**

Locality	Total
Rykvoet St Klein Windhoek	1858
Mercury	1611

Mile 4 Salt Works	977
Klein Windhoek	834
Kocherbaumposten	771
Vredelus House	569
Königsberg	556
Possession	445
Rykvoetstr. KIWdk	380
Marmor Kuduposten	374
Tandala Ridge, Windpoort Farm, Outjo Dist	353
Tandala Ridge, Windpoort Farm	321
Wiese Farmhaus	314
Otjihavera No 62	236
Halifax	229
Otjihavera portion No 3	226
Vredelus Springbokposten	209
Königsberg Sphinxposten	163
Vredelus Revierposten	152
Wiese Red Nest	149

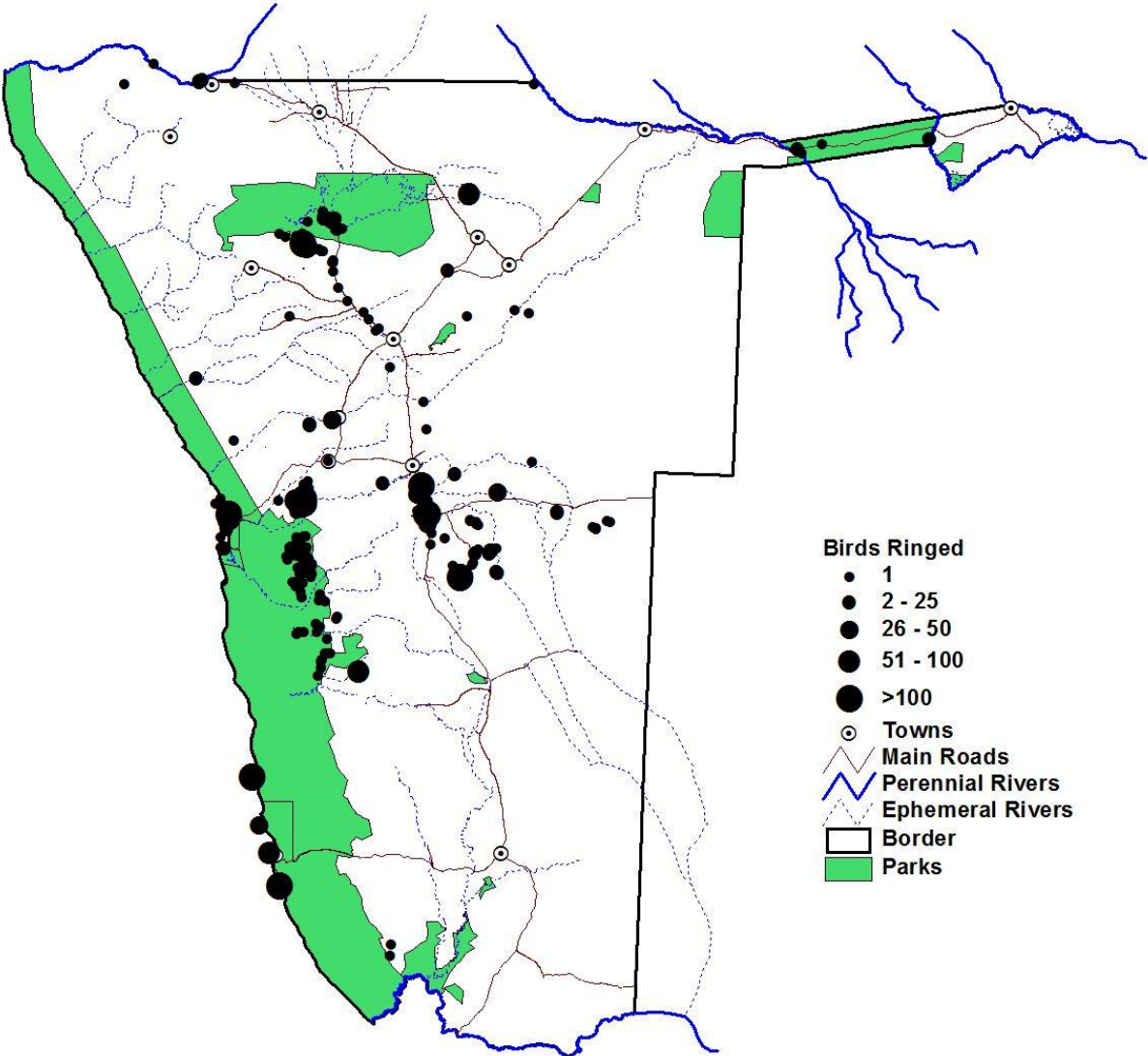


Figure 1: Localities where birds were ringed in 2012.