

# ANNOUNCEMENT

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## SWEDISH RE-INTRODUCTION PROJECT FOR WHITE STORKS COLOUR-RINGED WHITE STORKS

The Swedish Re-introduction Project for White Storks has announced a new initiative to re-introduce breeding White Storks to southern Sweden, where they have been extinct since 1954 (see page 41 of this issue). The Project has been running since 1989 and now boasts 158 free-flying birds. Of these 23 have already migrated to date and some may have overwintered in Africa. The Project has issued a special appeal to all birders in southern Africa to keep a look-out for birds with colour rings. They would be grateful if this message could be published in regional newsletters, announced at bird meetings and further publicised as widely as possible.

The Project has introduced an innovative colour-coding scheme. Three plastic colour rings are placed on the tibia of one leg. A metal ring with the address RIKSMUSEUM, STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN, is placed on the other leg. The number of the metal ring corresponds to the code of the specific colour ring

combination (see below). The colour rings should be read from the top downwards.

If you sight one of these colour-ringed stork or have any information on a sighting – even a reading of the colour rings alone, please inform :

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Reports of any colour-marked or plumage dyes birds can also be directed them to Terry Oatley at SAFRING, University of Cape Town, Rondebosch 7701. Tel: 021 6502421. Email: [rabun@maths.uct.ac.za](mailto:rabun@maths.uct.ac.za).

### Colour ring codes

white	=	0
yellow	=	1
black	=	2
red	=	3
light blue	=	4
dark brown	=	5
dark green	=	6
orange	=	7
dark blue	=	8
light green	=	9

