

SELECTED RECOVERIES REPORTED TO SAFRING: JANUARY 1997 - JUNE 1997

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This bi-annual listing contains 106 records (including eight controls) involving 49 species. These include six species of foreign-ringed birds which contribute 18 records.

The standard selection criteria for these reports involve instances of significant movement, notable elapsed times between ringing and recovery and cases of known causes of death. This selection represents 41% of the 257 recovery reports received at SAFRING during the first six months of the current ringing year. Some earlier recoveries are also included, following

reminders to foreign ringing schemes for their primary data of languishing recoveries.

Of particular concern is the increase in instances of longline fatalities, reflected by the six records contained in this half-year report, involving four seabird species.

The seven quelea control records in this selection reflect, as in the last report, both the increase in ringing effort for this species and also the enhanced recovery reporting rates arising from the cooperation between the Department of Agriculture and the farmers who had control operations carried out on their lands.

Also of interest are three recoveries (one from each of three species) of rings found in owl pellets.

African Penguin *Spheniscus demersus*

S26882	adult	08.02.97	Robben Is, Western Cape		
	Sick, subsequently died				
		21.05.97	Bushman's River Mouth, Eastern Cape	3 mths	764 km
V 2328	adult	25.10.85	Robben Is, Western Cape		
	Dead	15.05.97	Goukamma Nat Res, Western Cape	139 mths	514 km
V 2474	adult	08.11.85	Robben Is, Western Cape		
	Dead	16.02.97	Beach View, Eastern Cape	135 mths	640 km
Z 1027	juvenile	21.01.79	St Croix Is, Algoa Bay, Eastern Cape		
	Dead	09.02.97	Cape St Francis, Eastern Cape	217 mths	97 km
Z 1610	juvenile	01.09.80	St Croix Is, Algoa Bay, Eastern Cape		
	Dead	15.02.97	Marsh Beach, Eastern Cape	197 mths	262 km
S25879	juvenile	25.05.95	Bird Is, Algoa Bay, Eastern Cape		
	Dead	07.05.97	Oude Skip, Cape Peninsula, W Cape	24 mths	735 km

Wandering Albatross *Diomedea exulans*

J05642	nestling	14.01.87	Marion Is, Southern Ocean		
	Longline fatality	04.03.95	near Kerguelen, Southern Ocean	98 mths	2 190 km
J10881	nestling	04.09.94	Marion Is, Southern Ocean		
	Longline fatality	13.05.97	south of Australia	32 mths	7 178 km

Yellownosed Albatross *Diomedea chlororhynchos*

905752	free-flying	11.09.79	Prince Edward Islands, Southern Ocean		
	Longline fatality	20.02.97	Prince Edward Islands, Southern Ocean	209 mths	39 km

Southern Giant Petrel *Macronectes giganteus*

950473	nestling	15.02.90	Marion Is, Southern Ocean		
Longline fatality		21.04.97	Prince Edward Islands, Southern Ocean	86 mths	20 km

Northern Giant Petrel *Macronectes halli*

947184	adult	08.09.87	Marion Is, Southern Ocean		
Found weak later died		10.01.97	St Helenabai, Western Cape	112 mths	2 292 km
959013	adult	10.09.91	Marion Is, Southern Ocean		
Longline fatality		22.04.97	Prince Edward Islands, Southern Ocean	67 mths	16 km
972858	adult	19.09.90	Marion Is, Southern Ocean		
Longline fatality		19.01.97	Prince Edward Islands, Southern Ocean	76 mths	23 km

Whitechinned Petrel *Procellaria aequinoctialis*

DZ17432	nestling	15.03.89	Possession Is, Crozet Archipelago		
Entangled in fishnet		21.05.97	off Namibian Coast	98 mths	4 050 km

Cape Gannet *Morus capensis*

964642	juvenile	20.03.90	Bird Is, Lambert's Bay, Western Cape		
Control		17.05.97	Bird Is, Algoa Bay, Eastern Cape	86 mths	771 km
9A05396	nestling	27.02.97	Bird Is, Lambert's Bay, Western Cape		
Dead		02.05.97	Ponta Abril, Mozambique	3 mths	1 571 km
920563	nestling	12.01.81	Bird Is, Algoa Bay, Eastern Cape		
Dead on beach		02.01.97	Huisklip Beach, Eastern Cape	192 mths	174 km
9A02414	juvenile	08.04.97	Bird Is, Algoa Bay, Eastern Cape		
Killed by Fur Seal		23.06.97	off Henties Bay, Namibia	3 mths	1 836 km
9A02416	nestling	08.04.97	Bird Is, Algoa Bay, Eastern Cape		
Ring found in stomach of large snoek		14.05.97	Conception Bay, Namibia	1 mths	1 704 km
9A10455	juvenile	09.04.97	Bird Is, Algoa Bay, Eastern Cape		
Dead on beach		28.04.97	San Sabastiao, Mozambique	1 mths	1 574 km

White Stork *Ciconia ciconia*

11948	nestling	28.06.94	Dolnja Bistrica, Prekmurje, Slovenija		
Dead		13.01.97	Kamberg Nat Res, KwaZulu-Natal	31 mths	8 548 km
BX 2830	nestling	19.06.96	Vrbova Nad Vahom, Komarno, Slovakia		
Dead		10.04.97	Kadoma Dist, Zimbabwe	10 mths	7 472 km
BX 363	nestling	29.06.95	Salka, Nove Zamky, Slovakia		
Found sick later died		07.02.96	Macheke Dist, Zimbabwe	8 mths	7 457 km
B35194	nestling	30.06.95	Rudno, Martin, Slovakia		
Flew into powerlines		01.03.97	Somabhula, Zimbabwe	21 mths	7 696 km

BX 3624	nestling	21.06.96	Dobroutov, Jihlava, Czech Republic		
	Collided with powerlines	21.02.97	near Boston, KwaZulu-Natal	8 mths	8 918 km
E 393	nestling	18.07.96	near Bautzen, Sachsen, Germany		
	Dead	28.01.97	Reitz District, Free State	6 mths	8 911 km
8818	nestling	28.06.80	Hansestadt Bremen, Germany		
	Broken leg	05.04.97	Bonnievale, Western Cape	202 mths	9 749 km
RSS0986	nestling	13.07.87	Saugos, Silute, Lithuania		
	Dead	15.01.97	Arcturus, Zimbabwe	114 mths	8 192 km
A 2565	nestling	28.06.96	Tali, Parnu, Estonia		
	Collided with powerlines	13.03.97	Nyamandhlovu, Zimbabwe	9 mths	8 668 km

Greater Flamingo *Phoenicopterus ruber*

918590	juvenile	02.06.94	Walvis Bay Lagoon, Namibia		
	Weak, subsequently died	05.03.97	Ghanzi, Botswana	33 mths	766 km
918591	juvenile	02.06.94	Walvis Bay Lagoon, Namibia		
	Sighting of colour-marked bird	30.01.97	Walvis Bay, Namibia	32 mths	0 km
			918590 represents the first meaningful recovery of a Greater Flamingo. Ghanzi lies close to a line between Walvis Bay and the Makgadikgadi Pans in Botswana.		

Egyptian Goose *Alopochen aegyptiacus*

818899	adult	22.07.93	Koppies Dam, Koppies Dist, Free State		
	Dead	11.12.95	Burgersdorp, Eastern Cape	29 mths	378 km

Yellowbilled Duck *Anas undulata*

773994	adult	17.09.90	Barberspan Nat Res, North West Province		
	Shot	07.04.97	Frankfort Dist, Free State	79 mths	276 km

Whitebacked Vulture *Gyps africanus*

G18722	1-2 yrs	17.10.94	Phalaborwa Dist, Northern Province		
	Dead	13.05.97	Kruger Nat Park, Mpumalanga	31 mths	108 km
G19833	nestling	21.09.94	Marico District, North West Province		
	Drowned	13.01.96	near Vnzylsrus, Northern Cape	16 mths	128 km
G04546	immature	22.09.92	Sandveld Nature Reserve, Free State		
	Electrocuted	19.01.97	Vaalbosfontein, North West Province	52 mths	52 km
G04776	nestling	14.10.96	Sandveld Nature Reserve, Free State		
	Collided with powerlines	03.04.97	Lichtenburg, North West Province	6 mths	184 km

Lanner Falcon *Falco biarmicus*

787280	immature	02.09.95	Marico District, North West Province		
Road casualty		10.06.97	Beatrice area, Zimbabwe	21 mths	953 km

Lesser Kestrel *Falco naumanni*

588252	adult	03.03.94	De Aar, Northern Cape		
Dead		21.06.97	Jeddah, Saudi Arabia	40 mths	6 021 km

The first recovery of a South African-ringed Lesser Kestrel in the northern hemisphere. The bird was recovered 150 km from Jeddah at a locality still undisclosed. Saudi Arabia lies on the great circle route between South Africa and the likely breeding areas of Lesser Kestrels visiting South Africa.

Tawny Eagle *Aquila rapax*

G20918	adult	08.12.96	Soetdoring N R, Brandfort Dist, Free State		
Flew into powerlines		06.02.97	Rietpan, Free State	2 mths	22 km

Wahlberg's Eagle *Aquila wahlbergi*

850498	juvenile	08.02.95	Aansluit, Kuruman Dist, Northern Cape		
Sick		24.02.97	Warmbad Dist, Northern Province	25 mths	624 km

Jackal Buzzard *Buteo rufofuscus*

341906	adult	29.11.93	Veekraal, Pietersburg Dist, Northern Prov		
Road casualty		16.05.97	Pietersburg Dist, Northern Prov	42 mths	4 km

959950	1-2 yrs	05.02.94	Richmond District, Northern Cape		
Drowned		20.05.97	Oufontein, Richmond, Northern Cape	40 mths	52 km

810274	adult	30.06.93	Melton Wold, Victoria West Dist, N Cape		
Dead		26.04.97	Melton Wold, Victoria West Dist, N Cape	46 mths	2 km

Steppe Buzzard *Buteo buteo*

782742	1-2 yrs	03.03.90	Carolina District, Mpumalanga		
Road casualty		21.01.97	Carolina, Mpumalanga	83 mths	20 km

Pale Chanting Goshawk *Melierax canorus*

784283	adult	27.09.96	Groot Lang Kloof, Calitzdorp Dist, W Cape		
Road casualty		16.05.97	Calitzdorp Dist, Western Cape	8 mths	0 km

African Black Oystercatcher *Haematopus moquini*

669649	nestling	23.01.84	Vondeling Is, Western Cape		
Dead		22.03.97	Jutten Is, Western Cape	158 mths	8 km

Whitefronted Sandplover *Charadrius marginatus*

BB29762	adult	03.02.80	Plettenberg Bay Beach, Western Cape		
Injured by dog on beach		28.02.97	Plettenberg Bay, Western Cape	205 mths	0 km

A longevity record for Whitefronted Sandplover. This individual was ringed as an adult bird. The stainless steel still ring looks as good as new!

Kelp Gull *Larus dominicanus*

787690	nestling	08.01.97	Possession Is, Namibia		
Dead		07.05.97	Swakopmund, Namibia	4 mths	488 km

K08013	nestling	22.11.85	Redhouse, Port Elizabeth, Eastern Cape		
Dead on beach		15.07.92	Mpenjathi River Mouth, KwaZulu-Natal	80 mths	544 km

Greyheaded Gull *Larus cirrocephalus*

583280	nestling	13.06.90	Lane Is, Lake St Lucia, KwaZulu-Natal		
Dead		19.06.97	Greenside, Witbank, Mpumalanga	84 mths	399 km

Caspian Tern *Hydroprogne caspia*

656246	nestling	15.05.88	Redhouse, Port Elizabeth, Eastern Cape		
Dead, swallowed baited fish-hook		08.05.97	Sydenham, Port Elizabeth, Eastern Cape	108 mths	9 km

Common Tern *Sterna hirundo*

721827	nestling	09.07.75	Boroya, Baerum, Norway		
Caught, ring replaced and released		26.11.85	Cape Good Hope N R, Western Cape	125 mths	10 490 km

AT054793	nestling	01.07.80	Kangasniemi, Mikkeli, Finland		
Dead		28.01.97	Cape Columbine, Western Cape	199 mths	10 563 km

AT063662	juvenile	09.07.93	Suur-ollin, Luoto, Kuopio, Finland		
Dead on beach		21.03.97	Arniston, Western Cape	44 mths	10 862 km

Sandwich Tern *Sterna sandvicensis*

1330001	adult	17.05.93	Griend, Netherlands		
Dead on beach		11.01.97	Keurboomstrand, Western Cape	44 mths	9 861 km

7084194	nestling	02.06.96	Fiskerholm, Agernaes, Fyn, Denmark		
Dead, swallowed baited fish-hook		23.03.97	Gouritz River Mouth, Western Cape	10 mths	10 021 km

Swift Tern *Sterna bergii*

577125	nestling	05.04.86	Marcus Is, Saldanha, Western Cape		
Entangled in fishnet		12.01.97	East London, Eastern Cape	129 mths	927 km

5H12434	nestling	20.03.97	Malgas Is, Saldanha, Western Cape		
Dead		05.06.97	Mazeppa Bay, Eastern Cape	3 mths	1 004 km

5H101862	nestling	25.04.96	Robben Is, Western Cape		
Dead on beach		07.03.97	near Stilbaai, Western Cape	11 mths	287 km

Speckled Pigeon *Columba guinea*

619411	adult	16.09.95	Goedeontmoeting, Malmesbury, W Cape		
Dead		20.02.97	Vredehoek, Cape Town, W Cape	17 mths	33 km

Redeyed Dove *Streptopelia semitorquata*

619857	adult	25.09.94	Stilfontein, Klerksdorp Dist, North West Prov		
Shot		08.03.97	north of Stilfontein, North West Province	30 mths	11 km

Laughing Dove *Streptopelia senegalensis*

D15698	adult	09.04.94	Grahamstown, Eastern Cape		
Killed by cat		22.06.97	Grahamstown, Eastern Cape	38 mths	0 km

D25695	adult	03.11.96	Grahamstown, Eastern Cape		
Killed by cat		26.03.97	Grahamstown, Eastern Cape	5 mths	0 km

D23673	adult	28.09.95	Protea Valley, Western Cape		
Road casualty		19.05.97	Tygerberg, Western Cape	20 mths	0 km

Spotted Eagle Owl *Bubo africanus*

821530	nestling	19.09.96	Victory Park Bird Sanctuary, Jhb, Gauteng		
Drowned in fish-farm pond		19.05.97	Four Ways, Gauteng	8 mths	14 km

An interesting recovery. Spotted Eagle Owls are alleged to eat fish on occasion, and this immature bird evidently got over-enthusiastic in its pursuit of prey.

European Swift *Apus apus*

N33384	adult	26.05.86	Harelbeke, West Flanders, Belgium		
Killed for food		29.01.87	Mbadzi, Malawi	8 mths	7 782 km

Whiterumped Swift *Apus caffer*

E20285	adult	02.02.93	Doomrandjes, Gauteng		
Killed by cat		20.04.97	Carletonville, Gauteng	51 mths	81 km

European Swallow *Hirundo rustica*

AD99617	immature	12.01.96	Quo Vadis, Potchefstroom Dist, N W Prov		
Dead due to unusually cold weather		07.05.97	Middleham, Yorkshire, England	16 mths	9 397 km

T582826	1-2 yrs	16.07.89	Zehun Nat Res, Nymburk, Czech Republic		
Trapped for food		12.01.91	Nkhwazi, Malawi	18 mths	7 334 km

J807706	immature	16.08.95	Icklesham, Sussex, England		
Drowned in reservoir		10.12.95	Kenhardt District, Northern Cape	4 mths	9 138 km

Blackeyed Bulbul *Pycnonotus barbatus*

BD13446	adult	01.05.95	Greystone Park, Harare, Zimbabwe		
Road casualty		07.02.97	Greystone Park, Harare, Zimbabwe	21 mths	0 km

BD11830	adult	13.02.94	Blairgowrie, Randburg, Gauteng		
Ring in owl pellet		21.10.95	Delta Park, Gauteng	20 mths	2 km

469877	adult	31.05.85	Victory Park Bird Sanctuary, Jhb, Gauteng		
Killed by cat		16.02.97	Blairgowrie, Gauteng	141 mths	2 km

485637	adult	19.03.90	Golf Road, Pmb, KwaZulu-Natal		
	Road casualty	25.06.97	Golf Road, Pmb, KwaZulu-Natal	87 mths	0 km
Olive Thrush <i>Turdus olivaceus</i>					
459402	adult	23.10.87	CSIR, Pretoria, Gauteng		
	Dead	16.11.93	Weavind Park, Pretoria, Gauteng	73 mths	0 km
CC14246	adult	27.10.94	Murrayfield, Pretoria, Gauteng		
	Shot	28.01.97	Val De Grace, Gauteng	27 mths	0 km
4A01364	adult	06.08.94	Honningklip, Krugersdorp Dist, Gauteng		
	Killed by cat	18.05.97	Ndabushe Wilds, Gauteng	33 mths	0 km
4A05571	adult	04.09.94	Carletonville, Gauteng		
	Shot	22.01.97	Carletonville, Gauteng	29 mths	3 km
4A02644	adult	21.04.96	Potchefstroom, North West Province		
	Shot	29.06.97	Potchefstroom, North West Province	14 mths	0 km
Cape Robin-chat <i>Cossypha caffra</i>					
BB96747	immature	15.02.92	Grahamstown, Eastern Cape		
	Killed by cat	29.01.97	Grahamstown, Eastern Cape	59 mths	0 km
F24120	7-12 mths	28.01.96	Glencairn, Simon's Town, W Cape		
	Killed by cat	29.06.97	Glencairn, Simon's Town, W Cape	17 mths	0 km
Fiscal Flycatcher <i>Sigelus silens</i>					
BC13517	adult	27.02.90	Gamkaberg N R, Ladismith Dist, W Cape		
	Killed by cat	22.06.97	Gamkaberg N R, Ladismith Dist, W Cape	88 mths	0 km
Southern Boubou Shrike <i>Laniarius ferrugineus</i>					
481307	adult	09.11.88	Betty's Bay, Western Cape		
	Road casualty	27.04.97	Betty's Bay, Western Cape	102 mths	0 km
Redwinged Starling <i>Onychognathus morio</i>					
D15603	adult	01.07.92	Rhodes Campus, Grahamstown, E Cape		
	Shot	20.01.97	Rhodes Campus, Grahamstown, E Cape	55 mths	0 km
D27106	adult	04.06.96	U.C.T. Upper Campus, Cape Town		
	Road casualty	04.03.97	U.C.T. Upper Campus, Cape Town	9 mths	0 km
Redbilled Oxpecker <i>Buphagus erythrorhynchus</i>					
448431	adult	05.10.94	Colenso Ranch, Trelawney, Zimbabwe		
	Weak, then died	12.05.97	Solario Farm, Zimbabwe	31 mths	34 km
Greater Doublecollared Sunbird <i>Nectarinia afer</i>					
AB89359	adult	17.01.91	Goukamma Nat Res, Knysna, W Cape		
	Dead, collided with window	21.04.97	Goukamma Nat Res, Knysna, W Cape	75 mths	0 km

Black Sunbird *Nectarinia amethystina*

AD18309	immature	12.05.94	Rustenburg Dist, North West Province		
Control		31.03.97	Pretoria North, Gauteng	35 mths	75 km

Cape White-eye *Zosterops pallidus*

AD38231	adult	20.07.93	Durbanville Nat Res, Western Cape		
Control		11.04.97	Groot Pheasantekraal, Western Cape	45 mths	6 km

Cape Sparrow *Passer melanurus*

BB91441	adult	31.05.89	Pellissier, Bloemfontein, Free State		
Killed by cat		15.03.97	Pellissier, Bloemfontein, Free State	94 mths	0 km

BC43147	juvenile	15.12.96	Port Elizabeth, Eastern Cape		
Killed by cat		07.05.97	Port Elizabeth, Eastern Cape	5 mths	0 km

Cape Weaver *Ploceus capensis*

CC10691	1-2 yrs	03.09.94	Goedeontmoeting, Malmesbury, W Cape		
Control		02.04.97	Protea Valley, Western Cape	31 mths	19 km

CC13888	adult	23.08.95	Goedeontmoeting, Malmesbury, W Cape		
Control		14.03.97	Protea Valley, Western Cape	19 mths	19 km

CC14718	juvenile	02.12.95	Goedeontmoeting, Malmesbury, W Cape		
Control		14.06.97	Melkbosstrand, Western Cape	18 mths	14 km

CC23853	adult	16.10.96	Groot Pheasantekraal Farm, Western Cape		
Control		14.03.97	Protea Valley, Western Cape	5 mths	9 km

Five of 13 records received during the review period which show the itinerant nature of Cape Weavers.

Masked Weaver *Ploceus velatus*

BD11854	immature	07.07.94	Blairgowrie, Randburg, Gauteng		
Ring in owl pellet		21.10.95	Delta Park, Gauteng	15 mths	2 km

Redbilled Quelea *Quelea quelea*

AA95202	free-fly	17.09.95	Bulawayo, Zimbabwe		
Quelea control		03.01.97	Tuinplaas Dist, Northern Province	16 mths	515 km

AD55903	adult	16.05.96	Middelburg Dist, Mpumalanga		
Quelea control		13.06.97	Warmbad Dist, Northern Province	13 mths	164 km

AD55959	adult	16.05.96	Middelburg Dist, Mpumalanga		
Quelea control		13.06.97	Warmbad Dist, Northern Province	13 mths	169 km

AD94097	adult	14.04.96	Springs Bird Sanctuary, Gauteng		
Quelea control		04.06.97	Settlers Area, Northern Province	14 mths	124 km

AE38848	adult	09.08.96	Potchefstroom, North West Province		
Dead		30.06.97	Chewumba Dam, Zimbabwe	11 mths	965 km

AD73954 adult	10.04.94	OPM Prozesky N R, Potchefstroom, N W Prov		
Quelea control	18.07.95	Tuinplaas Dist, Northern Province	15 mths	256 km
AE15092 immature	17.04.95	OPM Prozesky N R, Potchefstroom, N W Prov		
Quelea control	06.02.97	Turffontein Farm, Northern Province	22 mths	240 km
AE43300 adult	20.07.96	Potchefstroom Dist, North West Province		
Quelea control	06.01.97	Tuinplaas Dist, Northern Province	6 mths	272 km
Red Bishop <i>Euplectes orix</i>				
F17990 adult	11.11.93	Iscor Bird Sanctuary, Gauteng		
Ring found in owl pellet				
	25.05.97	Iscor Bird Sanctuary, Gauteng	42 mths	0 km

