

**REPORT ON SELECTED RECOVERIES RECEIVED AT SAFRING: JULY 1997 – JUNE 1998**

cies listed, the total number of records received during the year under review, is shown as n=x.

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The foreign recoveries are listed after the southern African ring recoveries.

This report covers the recoveries received during the twelve months July 1997 to June 1998. The format differs somewhat from previous reports in that more emphasis is put on summary results as well as listing important recoveries.

530 South African ringed birds were recovered, of 91 species.

41 foreign ringed birds were recovered, of 12 species.

Not all species that had recoveries have been included in this review. However, for each spe-

Elapsed times are shown as years and months to the nearest month.

**African Penguin *Spheniscus demersus* n=56**

S01159	nestling	15/04/90	Ichaboe Island, Namibia		
Dead		14/12/97	Goukamma, W Cape	7y 8m	1 147 km
P04777	nestling	10/11/77	Bird Island, Algoa Bay, E Cape		
Dead		05/02/98	Bird Island, Algoa Bay, E Cape	20y 3m	0 km

**Wandering Albatross *Diomedea exulans* n=2**

J09313	nestling	30/10/92	Gough Island, South Atlantic		
Recapture		05/10/97	Off Wollongong, <b>Australia</b>	4y 11m	11 483 km
			Greatest distance in Safring database to date.		

**Southern Giant Petrel *Macronectes giganteus* n=1**

949804	nestling	03/02/90	Marion Island, Southern Ocean		
Long line		12/07/97	Prince Edward Isles, Indian Ocean	7y 5m	28 km

**Northern Giant Petrel *Macronectes halli* n=1**

973645	nestling	13/01/93	Marion Island, Southern Ocean		
Dead		08/11/97	Jongensfontein, W Cape	4y 10m	1 953 km

**Cape Gannet *Morus capensis* n=114**

9A02130	nestling	14/03/96	Bird Island, Algoa Bay, E Cape		
Dead		15/09/97	Baia Farta, <b>Angola</b>	1y 6m	2 701 km
919489	nestling	10/01/80	Malgas Island, Saldanha, W Cape		
Oiled, released		25/06/98	Malgas Island, Saldanha, W Cape	18y 5m	0 km

**Whitebreasted Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo* n=7**

960037	nestling	20/08/86	Port Elizabeth, E Cape		
Dead		12/10/97	Kini Beach, E Cape	11y 2m	23 km

<b>Cape Cormorant</b> <i>Phalacrocorax capensis</i> n=48			
836044	nestling	07/12/81	Malgas Island, Saldanha, W Cape
	Ring found	15/08/97	Walvis Bay, Namibia
			15y 8m 1 180 km
<b>Yellowbilled Duck</b> <i>Anas undulata</i> n=2			
65804422	unknown	29/10/68	Barberspan, Northwest Prov
	Killed for food	28/11/97	Clocolan, Free State
			29y 1m 343 km
			Greatest elapsed time in Safring database to date.
<b>Lanner Falcon</b> <i>Falco biarmicus</i> n=1			
784680	0-6 mth	24/06/95	Moorlands, E Cape
	Dead	01/07/97	Kwelera, E Cape
			2y 0m 152 km
<b>African Hawk Eagle</b> <i>Hieraaetus spilogaster</i> n=1			
54612171	nestling	25/08/74	Matopos, Zimbabwe
	Dead	15/06/97	Jesse dam, Zimbabwe
			22y 10m 293 km
			Greatest elapsed time in Safring database to date.
<b>Jackal Buzzard</b> <i>Buteo rufofuscus</i> n=7			
912647	adult	20/05/75	Near De Aar, N Cape
	Hit by car	15/07/97	Near De Aar, N Cape
			22y 2m 2 km
			Greatest elapsed time in Safring database to date.
<b>Pale Chanting Goshawk</b> <i>Melierax canorus</i> n=10			
776883	nestling	14/12/89	Langverwacht, W Cape
	Hit by car	23/06/98	Betw Barrydale & Ladismith, W Cape
			8y 6m 90 km
<b>African Black Oystercatcher</b> <i>Haematopus moquini</i> n=4			
671159	nestling	23/12/96	Tortois Rock, W Cape
	Controlled	08/02/98	Mile 4, Namibia
			1y 2m 1 513 km
			Greatest distance in Safring database to date.
<b>Bronzewinged Courser</b> <i>Rhinoptilus chalcopterus</i> n=1			
D06389	adult	01/04/96	Umfolozi, KwaZulu-Natal
	Shot	26/10/97	Lumezi R, Zambia
			1y 7m 1 792 km
			First recovery of this species in the Safring database.
<b>Kelp Gull</b> <i>Larus dominicanus</i> n=57			
K14960	nestling	28/11/96	Bird Island, Lambert's Bay, W Cape
	Dead	26/09/97	Ship off Namibia
			0y 10m 916 km
654961	nestling	04/08/78	Robben Island, W Cape
	Ring read in field	04/10/97	Ysterfontein, W Cape
			19y 2m 56 km
<b>Hartlaub's Gull</b> <i>Larus hartlaubii</i> n=2			
523422	nestling	11/05/74	Robben Island, W Cape
	Killed	14/12/97	Bird Isl, Lamberts Bay, W Cape
			23y 7m 191 km
			Within a month of greatest elapsed time in Safring database to date.

**Antarctic Tern** *Sterna vittata* n=1

468638	adult	25/08/83	Dyer Island, W Cape		
Dead		18/06/98	Dyer Island, W Cape	14y 10m	0 km

**Swift Tern** *Sterna bergii* n=10

5H12673	nestling	20/03/97	Malgas Island, Saldanha, W Cape		
Dead		29/07/97	Mapalane, KwaZulu-Natal	0y 4m	1 478 km

569128	nestling	16/04/79	Marcus Island, W Cape		
Dead		09/07/97	Malgas Island, W Cape	18y 3m	5 km

**Olive Thrush** *Turdus olivaceus* n=11

4A00305	adult	26/06/97	Waterfall, Gauteng		
Shot		26/07/97	Doornpoort, Gauteng	0y 1m	8 km

472815	adult	18/10/86	Botanic Gardens, Pretoria		
Killed by cat		14/09/97	Pretoria, Gauteng	10y 11m	2 km

**Longbilled Crombec** *Sylvietta rufescens* n=1

AC15146	adult	08/02/92	Prince Albert, W Cape		
Dead		23/10/97	Prince Albert, W Cape	5y 8m	0 km
			Second recovery in Safring database to date.		

**Fiscal Flycatcher** *Sigelus silens* n=2

F23762	adult	10/10/91	Spionkop, KwaZulu-Natal		
Flew into house		05/12/97	Spionkop, KwaZulu-Natal	6y 2m	0 km

**Whitethroated Shrike** *Eurocephalus anguitimens* n=1

494618	adult	05/04/95	Gaborone farm, Botswana		
Hit by car		01/08/97	Pretoria North, Gauteng	2y 4m	253 km
			First recovery of this species in Safring database to date.		

**Redwinged Starling** *Onychognathus morio* n=10

595971	nestling	25/11/95	Secrabje, Northwest Prov		
Shot		11/08/97	Vivo, Northwest Prov	1y 9m	21 km

**Cape Sugarbird** *Promerops cafer* n=1

CC17092	adult	28/12/94	Blesberg, W Cape		
Controlled		03/07/97	Helderberg, W Cape	2y 6m	365 km
			Greatest distance in Safring database to date.		

**Cape Sparrow** *Passer melanurus* n=11

BC30846	adult	06/02/93	Tygerberg NR, W Cape		
Dead		11/10/97	Parow, W Cape	4y 8m 4d	2 km

**Masked Weaver** *Ploceus velatus* n=19

F72085	0-6m	16/12/96	Staankraal, Northern Prov		
Shot		23/11/97	Ellisras dist, Northern Prov	0y 11m	152 km

**Redbilled Quelea** *Quelea quelea* n=6

AE97036	adult	05/09/97	De Paarl, Northwest Prov		
Sprayed		23/01/98	Potgietersrust, Northwest Prov	0y 5m	349 km

**Red Bishop** *Euplectes orix* n=11

BD35495	adult	28/08/96	Goedeontmoeting, W Cape		
Killed		22/06/98	Hooggelegen, W Cape	1y 10m	71 km

**Foreign recoveries****Blackbrowed Albatross** *Diomedea melanophris* n=1

52867483	Juvenile	02/03/61	Bird Island, South Georgia, Antarctica		
Dead		21/07/97	S of Cape Agulhas	36y 5m	4 797 km
			Greatest elapsed time in Safring database to date.		

**European Storm Petrel** *Hydrobates pelagicus* n=1

2497244	Juvenile	18/07/97	Eilean nan Ron, <b>Scotland</b>		
Dead on beach		10/02/98	Betw Gamtoos & Kabeljou R, E Cape	0y 7m	10 641 km

**White Stork** *Ciconia ciconia* n=7

B35350	Nestling	01/07/93	Blanicka, <b>Czechoslovakia</b>		
Dead		15/08/94	Sanyati, Zimbabwe	1y 1m	7 605 km

E00549	Nestling	07/07/97	Glinde, <b>Germany</b>		
Ring found		13/01/98	Singita Game Reserve, Free State	0y 6m	9 213 km

E00643	Nestling	23/07/97	Kodersdorf, Sachsen, <b>Germany</b>		
Emanciated		01/03/98	30 km from Potchefstroom	0y 7m	8 731 km

K00899	Nestling	17/06/75	Kolkwitz, <b>Germany</b>		
Dead		03/04/98	Freda Farm, Chinhoyi area, Zimbabwe	22y 10m	7 838 km

KA04584	Nestling	05/07/95	Cumlosen, <b>Germany</b>		
Collision		19/02/98	Mynfontein farm, N Cape	2y 8m	9 417 km

V01782	Unknown	23/06/96	Ligota-Oblask, Katowice, <b>Poland</b>		
Electrocuted		20/12/97	Eenzamheid, Colesburg dist, N Cape	1y 6m	8 982 km

VA00449	Unknown	08/07/88	Lipsko, Zdanow, <b>Poland</b>		
Collision		27/04/98	Grootvlakte, Somerset E dist, W Cape	9y 10m	9 259 km

**Black Kite** *Milvus migrans migrans* n=1

C360341	Juvenile	15/06/86	Near Belaja Kalitva, <b>Russia</b>		
Collision		07/04/87	Vivo, Northwest Prov	0y 10m	8 010 km
			Greatest distance in Safring database to date.		

**Lesser Spotted Eagle** *Aquila pomarina* n=1

BX01507	Nestling	13/07/96	Kamienska, Stara Lubovna, <b>Slovakia</b>		
Emanciated		24/12/97	15km E of Letsitele, Northern Prov	1y 5m	8 195 km
			Third recovery of this species in Safring database to date.		

**Turnstone** *Arenaria interpres* n=1

HN12112	Unknown	06/08/97	Ujscie Redy, Gdansk, <b>Poland</b>		
Controlled		23/03/98	Cape Recife, E Cape	0y 8m	9 885 km
			Greatest distance for this species in Safring database to date; first foreign-ringed Turnstone reported in southern Africa.		

**Knot** *Calidris canutus* n=1

CR76777	Juvenile	30/08/69	Dungeness, Kent, <b>England</b>		
Shot		10/10/70	<b>Mozambique</b>	1y 1m	9 099 km

**Arctic Skua** *Stercorarius parasiticus* n=1

ES42596	1-2 year	18/07/97	Foula, Shetland, <b>Scotland</b>		
Killed by animal		18/01/98	South Sand, Port St John's, E Cape	0y 6m	10 594 km

**Common Tern** *Sterna hirundo* n=16

7297098	Adult	15/06/89	Langhagen, Güstrow, <b>Germany</b>		
Dead		03/01/98	40km N of Swakopmund, Namibia	8y 7m	8 464 km
H187890	Nestling	13/06/89	Ulila, <b>Estonia</b>		
Dead		03/12/97	St Francis Bay & Seal Point, E Cape	8y 6m	10 294 km
HC35283	Nestling	20/06/82	River Wisla, <b>Poland</b>		
Collision		02/03/98	Winden Water, E Cape	15y 8m	9 519 km
			Third greatest elapsed time for Common Tern in Safring database (greatest = 17y 2 m).		

**Arctic Tern** *Sterna paradisaea* n=3

4356759	Nestling	21/06/94	Osterholmen, <b>Sweden</b>		
Dead		16/01/98	Rietvlei, Milnerton, W Cape	3y 7m	10 009 km
AT72548	Juvenile	20/06/95	Rymattyla, Turku & Pori, <b>Finland</b>		
Killed by mammal		05/12/97	Lambert's Bay, W Cape	2y 6m	10 279 km
SX68715	Nestling	01/07/96	Fair Isle, <b>Scotland</b>		
Dead		15/12/96	Scottborough, KwaZulu-Natal	0y 6m	10 459 km

**Sandwich Tern** *Sterna sandvicensis* n=2

6092342	Adult	13/05/89	Heuwiese, <b>Germany</b>		
Dead		26/11/95	Ysterfontein, W Cape	6y 6m	9 771 km
MH14589	Nestling	10/06/84	Laiamadad, Saare, <b>Estonia</b>		
Controlled		02/03/98	Mile 4 Saltworks, Namibia	13y 9m	9 018 km

**European Swallow** *Hirundo rustica* n=6

J239030	Nestling	06/07/93	Near Wilkhaven, <b>Scotland</b>		
Dead of cold		01/12/97	Margate, KwaZulu-Natal	4y 5m	10 366 km
J998518	½-1 yr	22/08/95	Pitsea Marshes, Basildon, Essex, <b>England</b>		
Injured		12/12/97	Uitspankolk, Calvinia dist, N Cape	2y 4m	9 269 km

K555962	½-1 yr	01/10/96	Icklesham, Sussex, <b>England</b>		
Caught		13/03/97	Beaufort West, W Cape	0y 5m	9 501 km
N222772	Juvenile	13/09/97	Chew Valley Lake, Avon, <b>England</b>		
Controlled		29/03/98	Roodekrans Quarry, Gauteng	0y 6m	9 108 km
X916031	Adult	10/08/97	Hameenkyrö, Turku & Pori, <b>Finland</b>		
Dead		23/11/97	Hattingh's Rust, Koppies distr	0y 3m	9 870 km
X936714	½-1 yr	27/08/97	Järvenpää, Uusimaa, <b>Finland</b>		
Dead		28/11/97	Standerton, Mpumalanga	0y 3m	9 727 km

