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RINGING IN NIGERIA, 1968

ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

R. E. Sharland.

In 1968 ringing in Nigeria benefitted considerably from the work of the second B. O. U. expedition to Mallam Fatori, and the sterling work done by the B. O. U.- assisted research worker, R. J. Dowsett. Unfortunately Bob Dowsett was able to stay only ten months and he has now taken up a research post in Zambia. We wish him success there.

A total of 7,849 migrant birds were ringed during the year including the following species for the first time:- Teal, Terek Sandpiper, Curlew Sandpiper and Sanderling.

The autumn passage at Mallam Fatori was very small compared with the spring passage. An article is in course of preparation comparing the autumn passage at Kano with Mallam Fatori.

An interesting point about the recoveries during the year is that several were made by other ringing groups (the Whitethroat was trapped by an American team in Egypt).

The migrant birds ringed are shown in Schedule 1. below.

SCHEDULE 1.

| | | <u>1968.</u> | <u>To date.</u> |
|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Squacco Heron | Ardeola ralloides | 3 | 4 |
| Little Bittern | Ixobrychus minutus | 2 | 4 |
| Gargany | Anas querquedula | 4 | 6 |
| Pintail | Anas acuta | - | 2 |
| Teal | Anas crecca | 2 | 2 |
| Shoveler | Spatula clypeata | - | 2 |
| Pallid Harrier | Circus macrourus | - | 1 |
| Spotted Crake | Porzana porzana | - | 1 |
| Ringed Plover | Charadrius hiaticula | 4 | 12 |
| Little Ringed Plover | Charadrius dubius | 6 | 45 |
| Black-winged Stilt | Himantopus himantopus | 4 | 8 |
| Common Snipe | Capella gallinago | 5 | 16 |
| Jack Snipe | Lymnocyptes minimus | - | 7 |
| Sanderling | Croethia alba | 1 | 1 |
| Temminck's Stint | Erolia temminckii | 3 | 13 |
| Little Stint | Erolia minuta | 75 | 182 |
| Ruff | Philomachus pugnax | 41 | 278 |
| Curlew Sandpiper | Calidris testacea | 3 | 3 |
| Terek Sandpiper | Xenus cinereus | 1 | 1 |
| Common Sandpiper | Actitis hypoleucos | 19 | 81 |
| Green Sandpiper | Tringa ochropus | 2 | 8 |
| Wood Sandpiper | Tringa glareola | 47 | 190 |
| Redshank | Tringa totanus | - | 2 |
| Dusky Redshank | Tringa erythropus | - | 9 |

| | | <u>1968.</u> | <u>To date.</u> |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Greenshank | Glottis nebularius | 3 | 7 |
| Marsh Sandpiper | Glottis stagnatilis | 4 | 13 |
| Black-tailed Godwit | Limosa limosa | - | 1 |
| Common Tern | Sterna hirundo | - | 1 |
| Scops Owl | Otus scops | 1 | 10 |
| Great-spotted Cuckoo | Clamator glandarius | 2 | 3 |
| Hoopoe | Upupa epops | - | 10 |
| Wryneck | Jynx torquilla | 15 | 33 |
| Lesser Short-toed Lark | Calandrella rufescens | - | 1 |
| White Wagtail | Motacilla alba | 5 | 30 |
| Yellow Wagtail | Budytes flavus | 3679 | 24954 |
| Tree Pipit | Anthus trivialis | 7 | 106 |
| Tawny Pipit | Anthus campestris | - | 3 |
| Red-throated Pipit | Anthus cervinus | 7 | 125 |
| Rock Thrush | Monticola saxatilis | 1 | 7 |
| Blue Rock Thrush | Monticola solitarius | - | 1 |
| Wheatear | Oenanthe oenanthe | 3 | 14 |
| Black-eared Wheatear | Oenanthe hispanica | - | 1 |
| Bluethroat | Cyanosylvia svecica | - | 2 |
| Whinchat | Saxicola rubetra | 64 | 269 |
| Redstart | Phoenicurus phoenicurus | 38 | 152 |
| Nightingale | Luscinia megarhynchos | 40 | 171 |
| Cetti's Warbler | Cettia cetti | - | 2 |
| Savi's Warbler | Locustella luscinioides | 1 | 3 |
| Great Reed Warbler | Acrocephalus arundinaceus | 57 | 101 |
| Reed Warbler | Acrocephalus scirpaceus | 281 | 686 |
| Blyth's Reed Warbler | Acrocephalus s. dumetorum | 2 | 7 |
| Sedge Warbler | Acrocephalus schoenobaenus | 732 | 1518 |
| Melodius Warbler | Hippolias polyglotta | 4 | 25 |
| Icterine Warbler | Hippolias icterina | 15 | 132 |
| Olivaceous Warbler | Hippolias pallida | 29 | 95 |
| Garden Warbler | Sylvia borin | 351 | 1134 |
| Blackcap | Sylvia atricapilla | 3 | 20 |
| Whitethroat | Sylvia communis | 881 | 1976 |
| Lesser Whitethroat | Sylvia curruca | 45 | 62 |
| Subalpine Warbler | Sylvia cantillans | 60 | 110 |
| Willow Warbler | Phylloscopus trochilus | 100 | 424 |
| Chiffchaff | Phylloscopus collybita | - | 4 |
| Wood Warbler | Phylloscopus sibilatrix | 58 | 117 |
| Bonelli's Warbler | Phylloscopus bonelli | 2 | 14 |
| Spotted Flycatcher | Muscicapa striata | 16 | 232 |
| Pied Flycatcher | Ficedula hypoleuca | 17 | 207 |
| Collared Flycatcher | Ficedula albicollis | 4 | 23 |
| European Swallow | Hirundo rustica | 8 | 1352 |
| Sand Martin | Riparia riparia | 969 | 1385 |
| House Martin | Delichon urbica | - | 1 |
| Woodchat Shrike | Lanius senator | 11 | 33 |
| Corsican Woodchat Shrike | Lanius s. badius | 1 | 1 |
| Isabelline Shrike | Lanius isabellinus | 2 | 4 |
| Ortolan Bunting | Emberiza hortulana | - | 6 |
| Golden Oriole | Oriolus oriolus | 3 | 4 |
| | TOTAL..... | 7849 | 36469 |

Recoveries of birds ringed in Nigeria are summarised in Schedule 2.

SCHEDULE 2.

Yellow Wagtail Budytes flavus :

| | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|--------|----------|---------------|-----------|--------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| BE 45830 | Ringed | 12.3.68 | Kano | Recovered | 3.4.68 | Malta |
| BE 45668 | " | 27.3.68 | " | " | 5.4.68 | " |
| 680736 | " | 17.12.67 | " | " | 6.5.68 | Gabes, Tunisia. (33°34'N., 9°E.) |
| AX80440 (cinereus) | " | 14.4.67 | " | " | 6.68 | Lapinmaki Toroinen, Finland. (62°12'N., 27°45'E.) |
| HR44776 | " | 18.4.68 | Mallam Fatori | " | 7.9.68 | Malta |
| SE46460 | " | 10.2.68 | Kano | " | 4.8.68 | Pinsk Brest, Byelo- russia S.S.R. (52°08'N., 26°06'E.) |

Whitethroat Sylvia communis:

| | | | | | | |
|---------|--------|---------|---------------|---|---------|--------------------------|
| HJ32480 | Ringed | 13.4.67 | Mallam Fatori | " | 23.9.68 | Bahig Alexandria, Egypt. |
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Sedge Warbler Acrocephalus schoenobaenus:

| | | | | | | |
|---------|--------|---------|---------------|---|--------|-------------------------------------------------|
| HR38480 | Ringed | 21.4.68 | Mallam Fatori | " | 4.6.68 | Naya Kostroma, U.S.S.R. (58°37'N., 49°51'E.) |
|---------|--------|---------|---------------|---|--------|-------------------------------------------------|

Pied Flycatcher Ficedula hypoleuca:

| | | | | | | |
|-------|--------|---------|---------------|---|----------|-------------------------------------------|
| 26642 | Ringed | 9.10.66 | Mallam Fatori | " | (1965)** | Paralimni, Cyprus. (35°3'N., 35°59'E.) |
|-------|--------|---------|---------------|---|----------|-------------------------------------------|

Sand Martin Riparia riparia:

| | | | | | | |
|---------|--------|---------|---------------|---|---------|-----------------------------------------|
| HJ31101 | Ringed | 3.3.67 | Mallam Fatori | " | 11.5.68 | Gozo, Malta. |
| HR35153 | Ringed | 21.3.68 | Mallam Fatori | " | 10.5.68 | Sousse, Tunisia, (35°50'N. 10°12'E.) |

Co-ordinates: Kano (12°N., 8°17'E.)
Mallam Fatori (13°57'N., 13°20'E.)

SCHEDULE 3. Recoveries inside Nigeria.

Roseate Tern Sterna dougallii:

| | | | | | | |
|------|--------|---------|---------------------------------------------|--------|---------|--------|
| 7179 | Ringed | 29.7.67 | Northumberland, U.K. (55°40'N., 1°51'W.) | Caught | 17.2.68 | Lagis. |
|------|--------|---------|---------------------------------------------|--------|---------|--------|

Common Tern Sterna hirundo:

| | | | | | | |
|-------|--------|--------|-------------------------------------|--------|----------|--------|
| 53013 | Ringed | 3.6.67 | Cliffe, U.K. (51°28'N., 0°30'E.) | Caught | 25.11.67 | Lagos. |
|-------|--------|--------|-------------------------------------|--------|----------|--------|

Yellow Wagtail Budytes flavus:

| | | | | | | |
|------------|--------|---------|-------------------------------------------|--------|---------|----------------------------|
| Sofia 1815 | Ringed | 14.9.65 | Baltata, Bulgaria. (43°23'N., 28°5'E.) | Caught | 22.2.67 | Vom. (9°44'N., 8°46'E.) |
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** Letters to the B.T.O. and Cyprus have produced no explanation.

Squacco Heron Ardeola ralloides:

129 Ringed 19.6.63 Srebarna, Bulgaria Recovered 3.11.63 Nguru.
(44°7'N., 27°5'E.)
157 " " " " " " " " " " " "

Sand Martin Riparia riparia:

911/5498 Ringed 28.7.67 Venmaetofte, Denmark. " 4.4.68
(55°14'N., 12°15'E.)

White Stork Ciconia ciconia:

BB2417 Ringed 16.6.66 Bou Salem, Tunisia. " 1.1.68 Nguru.
C07364 " 1.6.66 Almaraz, Spain. " 3.1.68 "
(39°50'N., 5°40'E.)

European Swallow Hirundo rustica:

42466 Ringed 20.9.67 Dawley, Salop, U.K. " 29.10.67 Ughelli.
(52°39'N., 2°28'W.) (5°33'N., 6°E.)

Sandwich Tern Sterna sandvicensis:

34012 Ringed 30.6.67 Farne Isles, U.K. "" 10.1.68 Lagos
(55°37'N., 1°37'E.)

Recaptures of migrants in Kano and Vom are shown below:

SCHEDULE 4.

| | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------------------|--------|------|----------|------------|------------|
| Subalpine Warbler <u>Sylvia cantillans</u> : | Ringed | Kano | 22.10.67 | recaptured | 1.11.68 |
| Sedge Warbler <u>Acrocephalus schonebaenus</u> : | Ringed | " | 1.12.67 | " | 1.11.68 |
| | | | 13.4.67 | " | 22.2.68 |
| | | | | | & 17.12.68 |
| | | | 13.2.67 | " | 19.12.68 |
| | | | 1.4.67 | " | 14.3.68 |
| | | | 15.3.67 | | 18.3.68 |
| Reed Warbler <u>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</u> : | Ringed | Kano | 19.4.67 | " | 1.4.68 |
| Whinchat <u>Saxicola rubetra</u> : | Ringed | Vom | 18.10.67 | | 31.10.68 |

Several interesting recaptures of Ethiopian birds were recorded both in Kano and in Vom. These and a full list of Ethiopian birds ringed to date will appear in a later report.

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An addition to Schedule 3 has been received:

Osprey Pandion haliaetus:

M-2.433 Ringed 21.7.1967 Eräkylä, Eräjärvi, (Häme) Recovered 21.11.68
Finland. (61°35'N., 24°35'E.) Ase, Kwale, Aboh
Div. Nigeria.
(5°49'N., 6°24'E.)