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Ringling recoveries between Nigeria and eastern Europe

The Russian ringling authorities have sent details of the following recoveries.

White Stork *Ciconia ciconia*

A1532	Ringling:	UUE-Massi, Parnu, Estonia	58°3'N, 24°46'E	4 Jul 1980
	Recovered:	Matara Uku, Nigeria	12°47'N, 10°19'E	Oct–Nov 1996

Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla flava*

8652	Ringling:	Vom, Nigeria	9°42'N, 8°45'E	17 Nov 1965
	Recovered:	Pagrybe, Lithuania	55°30'N, 22°26'E	Jul–Sep 1966
24767	Ringling:	Kano, Nigeria	12°0'N, 8°30'E	19 Feb 1965
	Recovered:	Kuntsevo, Russia	55°45'N, 37°30'E	Jun–Jul 1970

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First record of Brown-backed Scrub Robin *Cercotrichas hartlaubi* in Nigeria

On 25 February 1997 we saw a Brown-backed Scrub Robin *Cercotrichas hartlaubi* near Gashaka village in Gashaka-Gumti National Park (7°20'N, 11°35'E). The bird was singing in the top of a leafless tree of about 15 m height and was observed at length from a distance of less than 50 m through a telescope of 30x magnification. It showed a conspicuous white supercilium, two white wing-bars, bright rufous upper tail-coverts contrasting with the dark grey-brown upperparts, a bright rufous tail with