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RINGING IN NIGERIA 1977. 20th ANNUAL REPORT

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In the spring of 1977 the Kano wagtail roost (see previous Reports in this journal) was suitable for netting and just over one thousand wagtails and a few acrocephaline warblers were ringed. In the autumn netting continued in the scrub inside Kano Zoo (see 19th Report, Bull. Nigerian Orn. Soc. 13, 1977: 64-65). This was not nearly as productive as in the previous year, probably as a result of increasing urbanization and industrialisation nearby. A small batch of scrub near Kano State Pig Farm was investigated and was found to be quite as good as the Zoo area.

Schedule 1 Numbers of Palaearctic species ringed

		<u>1977</u>	<u>Total to date</u>
Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>	1	18
Wood Sandpiper	<i>T. glareola</i>	24	535
Green Sandpiper	<i>T. ochropus</i>	1	33
Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	7	61
Jack Snipe	<i>G. minima</i>	1	21
Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>	9	340
Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>	2	607
Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	5	19
Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>	5	67
Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	1	1465
Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>	1057	38065
Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>	9	131
Red-throated Pipit	<i>A. cervinus</i>	1	133
Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	1	27
Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>	9	276
Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>	32	393
Bluethroat	<i>L. svecica</i>	1	5
Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>	28	2024
Reed Warbler	<i>A. scirpaceus</i>	9	385
Icterine Warbler	<i>Hippolais icterina</i>	7	173
Melodious Warbler	<i>H. polyglotta</i>	13	104
Olivaceous Warbler	<i>H. pallida</i>	17	166
Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>	180	2118
Whitethroat	<i>S. communis</i>	18	2881
Lesser Whitethroat	<i>S. curruca</i>	3	160
Subalpine Warbler	<i>S. cantillans</i>	6	204

Willow Warbler	Phylloscopus trochilus	41	943
Wood Warbler	P. sibilatrix	6	165
Bonelli's Warbler	P. bonelli	1	21
Spotted Flycatcher	Muscicapa striata	2	284
Pied Flycatcher	Ficedula hypoleuca	10	256
Total		1507	54650
Ethiopian birds		222	14845
Grand Total		1729	69495

Ethiopian birds ringed in 1977 included several forest species trapped at Kagoro, Plateau State. This is a most interesting area, which it has been proposed should be afforded Reserve status. The Red-capped Robin-chat Cossypha natalensis has been caught and ringed there and is the first record of this East and Central African species in Nigeria or Upper Guinea. Examples of the brown-throated population moloneyanus of the Brown Illadopsis Trichastoma fulvaceus have also been netted. Details will appear in a forthcoming number of this journal.

A Mottle-throated Spinetail Telecanthura ussheri trapped at Birnin Gwari, Kaduna State, and released at Zaria, was controlled in the same place At Birnin Gwari - a well - one year later.

Schedule 2 Controls in Nigeria

Osprey Pandion haliaetus

M.8086 Ringed 14/7/74, Hyvinkaa, Finland 60°39'N 24°58'E
Controlled Bornu State 11°40'N 10°11'E 1/11/74

Yellow Wagtail Motacilla flava

K531485 Ringed 21/8/68, Espoo, Uusimaa, Finland 60°09'N 24°44'E
Controlled Vom 9°44'N 8°48'E 13/10/74

L468160 Ringed 7/4/74, Castellano San Elpidio, Italy 43°15'N 13°45'E
Controlled Vom 28/11/74

L458784 Ringed 27/4/74, Castellano San Elpidio, Italy 43°15'N 13°45'E
Controlled 21/11/74 Vom

L156318 Ringed 23/4/73, Viserbella, Italy 44°05'N 12°32'E
Controlled 6/12/73 Vom

Schedule 3 Birds controlled outside Nigeria

Yellow Wagtail Motacilla flava

Jos.3803 Ringed 9/3/61, Kano 12°00'N 8°17'E
Controlled 28/4/61, Gzira, Malta 35°50'N 14°32'E

JS64877 Ringed 26/1/74 Vom

Controlled 12/10/74, Kirkop, Malta 35°51'N 14°29'E

Jp04430 Ringed 29/3/73 Vom

Controlled 23/4/73, Marsascala, Malta 35°52'N 14°34'E

Details are still awaited of two Garganey Anas querquedula, a White Stork Ciconia ciconia, and a Yellow Wagtail recovered in Nigeria, and of two Yellow Wagtails ringed in Kano and recovered in Europe.

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