

Here we obtained evidence that the young Klaas's Cuckoo evicts the young Batis from the nest. A week later the cuckoo had grown considerably and was ringed.

NEST E. This was an hour's walk from our base camp and could not be visited regularly. On November 17 a young Klaas's Cuckoo had hatched from the pink egg and the second egg was removed by us for comparison with the eggs in the nests nearer camp as confirmation that it was the egg of a Batis. Unfortunately on our return to camp all the other eggs had hatched.

#### CONCLUSIONS :

Though the ♂ Batis assis's in nestbuilding we never found a ♂ incubating. He would feed the brooding ♀ on the nest and sometimes call her off to be fed in the vicinity.

Roberts ("Birds of South Africa": p. 284) mentions that the Cape Batis lays two types of eggs, pinky white and greenish and this is confirmed by our findings. In three nests the cuckoo's egg hatched first ; in nest D where our observations were more complete, it was four days before the host's egg.

The four cuckoo eggs were all pinkish white and heavily spotted and although actual measurements were not taken it was clear that they were considerably thicker and only slightly longer than the eggs of the Batis. We were inclined to think that all these eggs were laid by the same ♀.

It is interesting that in Nest B the host's egg was evicted but in nest D it was allowed to hatch and the young bird evicted. At Nest E the host's egg was also allowed to remain in the nest and had we been able to watch developments the young Batis would no doubt have been thrown out on hatching.

Although we camped for three weeks at Picnic Bush we only found four nests and had expected to find at least 10. As all the nests held a full clutch when found, incubation times could not be determined.

Future work in Picnic Bush should be commenced a fortnight earlier and by more than two people.

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### FIFTH PROGRESS AND RINGING REPORT (Part I)

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Several requests for prompter progress reports cannot yet be met owing to slow returns from bird-ringers. Many returns for the year ending June, 1954, are still outstanding (February, 1955) so that I cannot complete the summary of birds ringed and retrapped during this period. However, as it is undesirable to delay publication of recoveries any longer, Part I of this report deals with recoveries only. It is hoped that Part II, covering the retrapping, will follow shortly.

Details of all recoveries since my last report (*Ostrich*, 1954, 25, 3, pp. 130-138) are appended. These exclude, however, birds found dead or alive near the place where they were ringed, shortly after being ringed. The number of recoveries is increasing, 200 this year, 87 last year and 46 the year before. Some notable results are already being achieved. Attention is here drawn to some of them and to various trends suggested by the data so far available.

GANNETS. Broekhuysen and Liversidge are preparing a paper on the movements of this species so I will not anticipate their report save to point to the further extension of the known range of ringed birds. On the west coast, Malagas Is.

birds have now been found beyond Spanish Guinea (2,500 miles) in the Bight of Benin, Calabar and the Niger Delta (2,700 miles). Some of these were ringed at Bird Island, 500 miles east of Malagas Island.

On the east coast, Malagas Is. birds were found 900 miles further north than before, at Lurio Bay and Porto Amelia in Mocambique, over 2,000 miles away by the shortest land route and considerably further round the coast. No Bird Island birds were found beyond Umhlanga Rocks, only 400 miles away from the breeding colony. All the long distance voyagers on the west coast were juveniles.

**CATTLE EGRET.** The observations present indicate fairly restricted dispersal from Ronde Vlei Bird Sanctuary. None of the recoveries further than 210 miles. Records for the Transvaal show long distance voyages. In addition to the one reported in *Ostrich*, 1952, 23, 1, p. 57, a Cattle Egret has now been recovered in Northern Rhodesia, over 1,000 miles north, and another on Lake Kivu, 1,750 miles north of the ringing station.

**SACRED IBIS.** Both long range and local dispersals are suggested by two more recoveries in Northern Rhodesia (*vide Ostrich*, 1954, 25, 3, p. 135) and two in the Transvaal of birds fledged on the Witwatersrand.

**SPOONBILL.** Spoonbill appear to be behaving similarly to Sacred Ibis. One bird fledged on the Witwatersrand was found in Northern Rhodesia and three in different parts of the Transvaal.

**DUCKS.** At last returns are coming in in more significant numbers than before. Yellowbill Duck, Redbill Teal and Pochard recoveries of birds ringed at Ronde Vlei show local movements, whereas recoveries for Pochard ringed in the Transvaal come from much further afield, as shown by earlier reports and by a drake shot in Kenya, 1,800 miles north.

**DOVES AND SPARROWS.** The parochialism of Laughing and Turtle Doves and of Sparrows is suggested by local recoveries in the Cape and Bulawayo.

**SWALLOWS.** The most remarkable recovery was that of an European Swallow ringed near Johannesburg and found in Latvia nearly 5,700 miles north. This is the first European recovery of a swallow ringed in South Africa.

At last a Cliff Swallow has been recovered away from its breeding grounds, a Johannesburg bird found in the Congo, 1,500 miles north. This is the first recovery in the winter quarters out of more than 2,000 birds ringed in the summer quarters.

**QUELEAS.** Nine more recoveries help to piece together the movement pattern of these birds. They suggest a southerly drift from Nyasaland and Northern Rhodesia through the western parts of Southern Rhodesia to the Transvaal and northern Orange Free State from September to early November; breeding in the latter areas until March; return over the same route in March and April and then during the winter months local residence with some restlessness.

The inadequacy of these few notes clearly shows how much has still to be learnt about the movement of our birds. However, the considerable increase in recoveries, noted earlier, is most encouraging and if maintained will soon help accumulate valuable data.

I appeal to all to send the ring together with the report of its recovery, except of course when the bird can be released with the ring intact. It is surprisingly easy to make a mistake in transcribing the numbers. Several recoveries

have had to be discarded because of incorrect or inadequate reporting. If the finder wishes to keep the ring as a souvenir it will be returned to him immediately if it has been checked.

The same remarks apply to ringing. At best mistakes waste time—at worst, a valuable record may be lost. I realise only too well how easily mistakes may be made and I ask that incessant care should be exercised in every aspect of ringing. Indeed, I regret having to plead guilty to carelessness myself and to ask that the record of a Cattle Egret, C 4598 (*Ostrich*, 1954, 25, 1, p. 11) be amended. The correct record is for C 4958, reported in *Ostrich*, 1954, 25, 3, p. 135.

In conclusion, I should like once again to register the Society's thanks to Dr. Bigalke and his staff at the Zoo, Pretoria, for their unflinching zeal in forwarding all recoveries reported to them. The work has quadrupled in four years and they have never murmured. We are indeed very grateful to them.

NOTE. To facilitate reference to place names, co-ordinates are given below for the ringing stations referred to. To list co-ordinates of all recovery places as well, would complicate the report unduly; so only their distance and direction from the ringing point are given as these are the relevant data required and any one who wishes to locate the places on a map can easily do so from this information.

Benoni ... ..	26°10'S., 28°24'E.
Bird Island, Algoa Bay ...	33°51'S., 26°15'E.
Bulawayo ... ..	20°11'S., 28°41'E.
Durban ... ..	29°52'S., 31°01'E.
Geduld ... ..	26°12'S., 28°26'E. (approx.).
Johannesburg ... ..	26°13'S., 28°06'E.
Malagas Island ... ..	33°02'S., 17°50'E. (approx.).
Princess Vlei ... ..	34°05'S., 18°28'E. (approx.).
Rondebosch, Cape ...	33°57'S., 18°28'E. (approx.).
Ronde Vlei Bird Sanctuary	34°05'S., 18°28'E. (approx.).

#### CAPE GANNET (*Morus capensis*)

- \*B1766, ringed ad. 17-19/1/52, Malagas Isl. recov. 12/8/54, Bashee R. Mouth, dead, 650 miles E.N.E.
- B1795, ringed ad. 17-19/1/52, Malagas Isl. recov. 11/9/54, Cape Town, dead, 65 miles, S.S.E.
- †B2062, ringed ad., 17-19/1/52, Malagas Isl. recov. 27/6/54, False Bay, 90 miles. S.S.E.
- B2314, ringed, ad. 17-19/1/52, Malagas Isl. recov. 28/8/54, Saldanha, shot, neighbourhood.
- B2341, ringed, ad. 17-19/1/52, Malagas Isl. recov. 7/8/54, Beira, dead, 1,440 miles, N.E.
- B2541, ringed, ad. 17-19/1/52, Malagas Isl. recov. 21/7/54, Hermanus, killed, 125 miles S.E.
- C938, ringed, ad. 20/2/51, Malagas Isl. recov. 28/7/54, False Bay, shot, 90 miles S.S.E.
- C1159, ringed, ad. 3/4/53, Malagas Isl. recov. 5/7/54, Stompneus Bay, killed, 25 miles, N.N.E.
- C1834, ringed, ad. 17-19/1/52, Malagas Isl. recov. 2/8/54, False Bay, shot, 90 miles, S.S.E.
- \*C1854, ringed, ad. 17-19/1/52, Malagas Isl. recov. 30/6/54, 33°40'S., 18°17'E., shot, 50 miles, S.S.E.
- C1877, ringed, ad. 17-19/1/52, Malagas Isl. recov. 30/8/54, 32°38'S., 18°02'E., shot, 40 miles, S.
- 526/0915, ringed, jv. 3-5/4/53, Malagas Isl. recov. 20/9/54, Sette Gama, Gabon, 2°32'S., 7°25'E., dead, 2,050 miles, W.N.W.
- 526/1492, ringed, ad. 3-5/4/53, Malagas Isl. recov. 20/8/54, Mtunzini, Richards Bay, Natal, dead, 900 miles, E.N.E.
- 526/1585, ringed, ad. 3-5/4/53, Malagas Isl. recov. 1/8/54, Malagas Isl., dead.

- 526/1849, ringed, ad. 3-5/4/53, Malagas Isl. recov. 12/8/54, Durban, dead, 810 miles, E.N.E.  
\*526/1921, ringed, ad. 3-5/4/53, Malagas Isl. recov. 4/54, Duikers Klip, Strand-Muizenberg, Cape, dead, 90 miles, S.S.E.  
526/2181, ringed, ad. 3-5/4/53, Malagas Isl. recov. 8/1/55, Eastern Pondoland, dead, 750 miles, E.N.E.  
526/2355, ringed, ad. 3-5/4/53, Malagas Isl. recov. 19/7/54, Zavala-Quissico, P.E.A., dead, 1,250 miles, N.E. (possibly second year bird).  
526/2417, ringed, ad. 3-5/4/53, Malagas Isl. recov. 18/8/54, Umzumbi R., Hibberdene, Natal, dead, 780 miles, E.N.E.  
526/2447, ringed, ad. 3-5/4/53, Malagas Isl. recov. 24/8/54, Saldanha, dead, 5 miles, E.  
526/2499, ringed, ad. 3-5/4/53, Malagas Isl. recov. 3/6/54, Duiker Pt., Hout Bay, shot, 90 miles, S.S.E.  
526/2562, ringed, ad. 3-5/4/53, Malagas Isl. recov. 30/6/54, off Slangkop Lighthouse, 90 miles, S.S.E.  
526/2611, ringed, ad. 3-5/4/53, Malagas Isl. recov. 17/7/54, St. Michaels-on-Sea, 8 miles N. Port Shepstone, dead, 770 miles, E.N.E.  
526/2791, ringed, ad. 3-5/4/53, Malagas Isl. recov. 18/8/54, 42 miles N. Swakopmund, dead, 740 miles, N.N.W.  
526/2913, ringed, ad. 3-5/4/53, Malagas Isl. recov. 9/54, N. Limpopo R. Mouth, 15 km. S. Vila Joao Bello, dead, 1,070 miles, N.E.  
\*526/2925, ringed, ad. 3-5/4/53, Malagas Isl. recov. 9/6/54, Stompneus Bay, St. Helena Bay, 25 miles, N.N.E.  
†526/3067, ringed, ad. 3-5/4/53, Malagas Isl. recov. 18/6/54, Simonstown, 95 miles, S.S.E.  
\*526/3103, ringed, ad. 3-5/4/53, Malagas Isl. recov. 9/6/54, Stompneus Bay, St. Helena Bay, 25 miles, N.N.E.  
\*526/3151, ringed, ad. 3-5/4/53, Malagas Isl. recov. 11/7/54, Milnerton, dead, 65 miles, S.S.E.  
526/3303, ringed, ad. 3-5/4/53, Malagas Isl. recov. 6/7/54, Saldanha Bay, shot, 5 miles, E.  
526/3349, ringed, ad. 3-5/4/53, Malagas Isl. recov. 9/54, Struisbaai, C.P., dead, 190 miles, S.E.  
526/3353, ringed, ad. 3-5/4/53, Malagas Isl. recov. 17/7/54, Richards Bay, dead, 900 miles, E.N.E.  
\*526/3370, ringed, ad. 3-5/4/53, Malagas Isl. recov. 8/8/54, Durban, dead, 810 miles, E.N.E.  
526/3379, ringed, ad. 3-5/4/53, Malagas Isl. recov. 28/7/54, Gansbaai, dead, 135 miles, S.E.  
526/3442, ringed, ad. 3-5/4/53, Malagas Isl. recov. 9/54, Umvoti R., Stanger, dead, 840 miles, E.N.E.  
†526/3968, ringed, ad. 3-5/4/53, Malagas Isl. recov. 27/6/54, False Bay, 90 miles, E.S.E.  
526/3983, ringed, ad. 3-5/4/53, Malagas Isl. recov. 23/8/54, Hermanus, killed, 125 miles, S.E.  
526/4019, ringed, ad. 3-5/4/53, Malagas Isl. recov. 28/8/54, Stanger, dead, 840 miles, E.N.E.  
526/4186, ringed, ad. 3-5/4/53, Malagas Isl. recov. 6/1/55, 9 miles N.W. Slangkop Lighthouse, shot, 80 miles, S.E.  
526/4188, ringed, ad. 3-5/4/53, Malagas Isl. recov. 14/11/54, Witsands, Slangkop, dead, 90 miles, S.S.E.  
526/4489, ringed, ad. 3-5/4/53, Malagas Isl. recov. 12/8/54, 7 miles N. Port Shepstone, dead, 770 miles, E.S.E.  
256/4499, ringed, ad. 3-5/4/53, Malagas Isl. recov. 11/9/54, Cape Town, dead, 65 miles, S.S.E.  
256/4607, ringed, ad. 3-5/4/53, Malagas Isl. recov. 6/6/54, Dassen Isl., dead, 25 miles, S.S.E.  
526/4651, ringed, ad. 3-5/4/53, Malagas Isl. recov. 2/7/54, Robben Isl., 55 miles, S.S.E.  
526/4754, ringed, ad. 3-5/4/53, Malagas Isl. recov. 9/54, Umvoti R., Stanger, dead, 840 miles, E.N.E.  
536/00187, ringed, jv. 22-25/3/54, Bird Isl., Algoa Bay, recov. 15/6/54, Dembos, Luanda, 1,860 miles, N.N.W.  
536/00372, ringed, jv. 22-25/3/54, Bird Isl. recov. 10/7/54, 10 km. N. Libreville, Gabon, captured, 2,550 miles, N.N.W.  
536/00376, ringed, jv. 22-25/3/54, Bird Isl. recov. 13/6/54, Luanda, ring found on beach, 1,860 miles, N.N.W.  
536/00418, ringed, jv. 22-25/3/54, Bird Isl. recov. 14/7/54, Arochuku, Calabar, dead, 2,800 miles, N.N.W.  
536/00482, ringed, jv. 22-25/3/54, Bird Isl. recov. 21/7/54, Cape Lopez, Pt. Gentil, killed, 2,500 miles, N.N.W.  
536/00485, ringed, jv. 22-25/3/54, Bird Isl. recov. 16/4/54, Wesley Beach, 30-40 miles S.W. East London, dead, 55 miles, N.E.

- 536/00747, ringed, jv. 22-25/3/54, Bird Isl. recov. 22/5/54, Bay of Lucira, Mossamedes, 1,520 miles, N.W.
- 536/00757, ringed, jv. 22-25/3/54, Bird Isl. recov. 23/7/54, Umhlanga Rocks, captured 400 miles, N.E.
- 536/00860, ringed, jv. 22-25/3/54, Bird Isl. recov. 26/5/54, 7 km. S. Luanda, 1,850 miles, N.N.W.
- 536/00901, ringed, jv. 22-25/3/54, Bird Isl. recov. 16/7/54, Bata, Spanish Guinea, killed, 2,600 miles, N.N.W.
- 536/01017, ringed, jv. 22-25/3/54, Bird Isl. recov. 28/5/54, 50 km. N. Ambrizete, 1,900 miles, N.N.W.
- 536/01197, ringed, jv. 22-25/3/54, Bird Isl. recov. 6/8/54, 50 km. S. Ambrizete, 1,800 miles, N.N.W.
- 536/01264, ringed, jv. 22-25/3/54, Bird Isl. recov. 10/5/54, Chamune, Angola.
- 536/01405, ringed, jv. 22-25/3/54, Bird Isl. recov. 31/5/54, 40 km. N. Mossamedes, killed, 1,550 miles, N.W.
- 536/01510, ringed, jv. 22-25/3/54, Bird Isl. recov. 20/5/54, Chamune, Angola, N.W.
- †536/01654, ringed, jv., 22-25/3/54 Bird Isl. recov. 5/6/54, Park Rynie Beach, 30°19'S., 30°44'E., exhausted, 380 miles, N.E.
- 536/01923, ringed, jv. 22-25/3/54, Bird Isl. recov. 31/5/54, 25 miles N. Mossamedes, killed, 1,540 miles, N.W.
- 536/02054, ringed, jv. 22-25/3/54, Bird Isl. recov. 5/5/54, Chamune, N.W.
- 536/02100, ringed, jv. 22-25/3/54, Bird Isl. recov. 31/5/54, 25 miles, N Mossamedes, killed, 1,540 miles, N.W.
- \*536/02285, ringed, jv. 22-25/3/54, Bird Isl. recov. 2/8/54, Luanda Isl., dead, 1,860 miles, N.N.W.
- \*536/02476, ringed, jv. 22-25/3/54, Bird Isl. recov. 17/4/54, Muizenberg, dead, 470 miles, W.
- 536/02512, ringed, jv. 22-25/3/54, Bird Isl. recov. 16/7/54, Bata, Spanish Guinea, captured, 2,600 miles, N.N.W.
- \*536/02516, ringed, jv. 22-25/3/54, Bird Isl. recov. 14/7/54, 5 km. S. Bata, captured, 2,600 miles, N.N.W.
- 536/02589, ringed, jv. 22-25/3/54, Bird Isl. recov. 7/54, 100 km. N. Pt. Noire, Moyen Congo, captured, 2,090 miles, N.N.W.
- 536/02727, ringed, jv. 22-25/3/54, Bird Isl. recov. 23/6/54, Benguela, captured, 1,630 miles, N.N.W.
- †536/02731, ringed, jv. 22-25/3/54, Bird Isl. recov. 13/6/54, 1½ miles N. Umkomaas, 360 miles, N.E.
- \*536/02864, ringed, jv. 22-25/3/54, Bird Isl. recov. 2/8/54, Luanda Isl., dead, 1,860 miles, N.N.W.
- 536/02886, ringed, jv. 22-25/3/54, Bird Isl. recov. 28/5/54, 50 km. N. Ambrizete, dead, 2,000 miles, N.N.W.
- 536/02951, ringed, jv. 22-25/3/54, Bird Isl. recov. 16/7/54, Farol de Ponta Caldeira, captured, 1,500 miles, N.E.
- 536/03091, ringed, jv. 24/2/54, Malagas Isl. recov. 25/6/54, Gansbaai, dead, 135 miles, S.E.
- †536/03093, ringed, jv. 24/2/54, Malagas Isl. recov. 24/6/54, Porto Amelia, Mocambique, 2,070 miles, N.E.
- 536/03177, ringed, jv. 24/2/54, Malagas Isl. recov. 17/7/54, Ambas Bay, Cameroons, captured, 2,700 miles, N.N.W.
- 536/03233, ringed, jv. 24/2/54, Malagas Isl. recov. 3/9/54, Ambrizete, dead, 1,750 miles, N.N.W.
- 536/03302, ringed, jv. 24/2/54, Malagas Isl. recov. 21/7/54, Cape Lopez, Port Gentil, killed, 2,230 miles, N.N.W.
- 536/03422, ringed, jv. 24/2/54, Malagas Isl. recov. 25/7/54, Calatrava Bay, Spanish Guinea, killed, 2,400 miles, N.N.W.
- \*536/03423, ringed, jv. 24/2/54, Malagas Isl. recov. 8/7/54, Luanda, 1,520 miles, N.N.W.
- \*536/03562, ringed, jv. 24/2/54, Malagas Isl. recov. 8/7/54, Luanda, 1,520 miles, N.N.W.
- \*536/03657, ringed, jv. 24/2/54, Malagas Isl. recov. 15/6/54, 4 miles offshore Umvoti R. Mouth, killed, 840 miles, E.N.E.
- 536/03768, ringed, jv. 24/2/54, Malagas Isl. recov. 25/7/54, Calatrava Bay, killed, 2,400 miles, N.N.W.
- \*536/03885, ringed, jv. 24/2/54, Malagas Isl. recov. 6/54, Vila Jaoa Bello, dead, 1,150 miles, N.E.

- 536/03930, ringed, jv. 24/2/54, Malagas Isl. recov. 7/54, Richards Bay, dead, 900 miles, E.N.E.
- 536/05038, ringed, jv. 24/2/54, Malagas Isl. recov. 15/6/54, Lourenco Marques, dead, 1,050 miles, N.E.
- 536/05149, ringed, jv. 24/2/54, Malagas Isl. recov. 31/5/54, 25 miles N. Mossamedes, killed, 1,250 miles, N.N.W.
- \*536/05215, ringed, jv. 24/2/54, Malagas Isl. recov. 18/8/54, Pt. Noire, Loango, killed, 1,900 miles, N.N.W.
- \*536/05319, ringed, jv. 24/2/54, Malagas Isl. recov. 2/8/54, Luanda Isl., dead, 1,520 miles, N.N.W.
- 536/05653, ringed, jv. 24/2/54, Malagas Isl. recov. 4/8/54, 8°19'S., 12°53'E., captured, 1,600 miles, N.N.W.
- 536/05746, ringed, jv. 24/2/54, Malagas Isl. recov. 31/7/54, 24 miles N. Victoria, Cameroons, dead, 2,550 miles, N.N.W.
- 536/05874, ringed, jv. 24/2/54, Malagas Isl. recov. 11/7/54, Port Gentil, Gabon, captured, 2,230 miles, N.N.W.
- \*536/05964, ringed, jv. 24/2/54, Malagas Isl. recov. 8/7/54, Luanda, dead, 1,520 miles, N.N.W.
- 536/06026, ringed, jv. 22-25/3/54, Bird Isl. recov. 23/7/54, Bori, Port Harcourt, E. Nigeria, dying, 2,900 miles, N.W.
- 536/06063, ringed, jv. 22-25/3/54, Bird Isl. recov. 22/5/54, Mossamedes Bay, captured, 1,525 miles, N.W.
- 536/06066, ringed, jv. 22-25/3/54, Bird Isl. recov. 4/8/54, 180 km. N. Luanda, captured, 1,970 miles, N.W.
- 536/06181, ringed, jv. 22-25/3/54, Bird Isl. recov. 5/54, 100 km. N. Pt. Noire, captured, 2,150 miles, N.N.W.
- 536/06593, ringed, jv. 22-25/3/54, Bird Isl. recov. 3/7/54, Manymeni R. Mouth, Bizana, dead, 290 miles, N.E.
- 536/06707, ringed, jv. 22-25/3/54, Bird Isl. recov. 24/9/54, Luanda Isl., dead, 1,860 miles, N.N.W.
- 536/06794, ringed, jv. 22-25/3/54, Bird Isl. recov. 21/6/54, Porto Alexandre, 1,500 miles, N.W.
- 536/06815, ringed, jv. 22-25/3/54, Bird Isl. recov. 16/4/54, Gordon's Bay, dead, 430 miles, W.
- †536/06818, ringed, jv. 22-25/3/54, Bird Isl. recov. 23/5/54, Porto Alexandre, 1,500 miles, N.W.
- \*536/06905, ringed, jv. 22-25/3/54, Bird Isl. recov. 2/8/54, Luanda Isl., dead, 1,860 miles, N.N.W.
- 536/06994, ringed, jv. 22-25/3/54, Bird Isl. recov. 31/7/54, Victoria, Cameroons, dead, 2,700 miles, N.N.W.
- 536/07030, ringed, jv. 25/2/54, Malagas Isl. recov. 20/7/54, Libreville, Gabon, dead, 2,310 miles, N.N.W.
- 536/07039, ringed, jv. 25/2/54, Malagas Isl. recov. 7/7/54, Luanda, injured, 1,500 miles, N.N.W.
- 536/07310, ringed, jv. 25/2/54, Malagas Isl. recov. 6/54, Hagahaga, Komgha, dead, 610 miles, E.
- 536/07315, ringed, jv. 25/2/54, Malagas Isl. recov. 11/6/54, Lurio Bay, Mocambique, 2,020 miles, N.E.
- \*536/07437, ringed, jv. 25/2/54, Malagas Isl. recov. 22/7/54, Brass, Nigeria, dead, 2,700 miles, N.W.
- 536/07463, ringed, jv. 25/2/54, Malagas Isl. recov. 11/7/54, Port Gentil, killed, 2,280 miles, N.N.W.
- 536/07510, ringed, jv. 25/2/54, Malagas Isl. recov. 15/6/54, Sette Gama, 350 km. S. of Libreville, dead, 2,310 miles, N.N.W.
- 536/07681, ringed, jv. 25/2/54, Malagas Isl. recov. 19/7/54, Pt. Noire, 1,900 miles, N.N.W.
- \*536/07815, ringed, jv. 25/2/54, Malagas Isl. recov. 29/4/54, 2 m. N. Port Edward, Rams-gate, dead, 790 miles, E.N.E.
- 536/07906, ringed, jv. 25/2/54, Malagas Isl. recov. 23/10/54, Luanda, 1,500 miles, N.N.W.
- 536/07910, ringed, jv. 25/2/54, Malagas Isl. recov. 9/7/54, Port Gentil, Gabon, dead, 2,280 miles, N.N.W.

- \*536/09100, ringed, jv. 25/2/54, Malagas Isl. recov. 9/6/54, Bazaruto Isl., Mozambique, dead, 1,400 miles, N.E.  
\*536/09207, ringed, jv. 25/2/54, Malagas Isl. recov. 4/6/54, Benguela, dead, 1,360 miles, N.N.W.  
536/09233, ringed, jv. 25/2/54, Malagas Isl. recov. 13/7/54, Bay of Douala, 3°54'N., 9°28'E., dead, 2,500 miles, N.N.W.  
†536/09389, ringed, jv. 25/2/54, Malagas Isl. recov. 15/7/54, Calabar, 2,600 miles, N.N.W.  
\*536/09529, ringed, jv. 25/2/54, Malagas Isl. recov. 7/54 (or earlier), Porto Alexandre, shot, 1,200 miles, N.N.W.  
536/09554, ringed, jv. 25/2/54, Malagas Isl. recov. 13/7/54, Douala Bay, killed, 2,500 miles, N.N.W.  
536/09707, ringed, jv. 25/2/54, Malagas Isl. recov. 28/7/54, Port Gentil, killed, 2,280 miles, N.N.W.  
536/09922, ringed, jv. 25/2/54, Malagas Isl. recov. 22/5/54, Bay of Lucira. N. of Mossamedes, 1,300 miles, N.N.W.

REED CORMORANT (*Phalacrocorax africanus*)

- \*C9302, ringed, jv. 1/5/54, Benoni, recov. 19/7/54 Delmas, dead, 25 miles, E.  
525/0109, ringed, jv. 7/10/54, Ronde Vlei Bird Sanctuary recov. 8/1/55, Mulders Vlei, shot, 25 miles, N.E.

GREY HERON (*Ardea cinerea*)

- \*C2024, ringed, jv. 8/12/52, Ronde Vlei recov. 23/5/54, Wellington, dead, 40 miles, N.E.  
C2132, ringed, jv. 8/9/53, Ronde Vlei recov. 25/2/54, Heidelberg, Cape, shot, 140 miles, E.  
C2154, ringed, jv. 8/11/53, Ronde Vlei recov. 4/54, Mossel Bay, dead, 210 miles, E.

BLACK-HEADED HERON (*Ardea melanocephala*)

- \*C2163, ringed, jv. 7/11/53, Ronde Vlei recov. 11/6/54, Heidelberg, Cape, killed, 140 miles, E.

CATTLE EGRET (*Bubulcus ibis*)

- \*C47, ringed, jv. 15/11/52, Ronde Vlei recov. 29/7/54, Vredendal, dead, 170 miles, N.  
C3029, ringed, jv. 12/11/52, Ronde Vlei recov. 5/7/54, Tulbagh, 70 miles, N.E.  
C3956, ringed, jv. 21/11/53, Geduld recov. 6/1/55, 18 miles S. Lusaka, dead, 750 miles, N.  
C3961, ringed, jv. 21/11/53, Geduld recov. 5/54, Ilondola, Chinsali, N. Rhodesia, dead, 1,100 miles, N.  
C6747, ringed, jv. 16/10/54, Ronde Vlei recov. 4/12/54, Somerset West, injured, 20 miles, E.  
C6803, ringed, jv. 28/11/53, Johannesburg recov. 20/5/54, Kisengi on bank of Lake Kivu, 1,750 miles, N.  
524/0335, ringed, jv. 31/10/53, Ronde Vlei recov. 2/7/54, Bredasdorp, dead, 100 miles, E.S.E.  
524/0399, ringed, jv. 7/11/53, Ronde Vlei recov. 20/6/54, Wolseley, dead, 60 miles, N.E.  
524/0599, ringed, jv. 7/11/53, Ronde Vlei recov. 1/5/54, Malmesbury, dead, 50 miles, N.N.E.

SACRED IBIS (*Threskiornis aethiopicus*)

- A737, ringed, jv. 29/11/53, Benoni recov. 9/8/54, Mongu, N. Rhodesia, dead, 800 miles, N.N.W.  
B748, ringed, jv. 4/10/52, Benoni recov. 10/10/54, Utrecht, dead, 160 miles, E.S.E.  
525/0337, ringed, jv. 1/10/53, Benoni recov. 4/54, 40 miles E. Sesheke, N. Rhodesia, shot, 600 miles, N.N.W.  
\*525/2317, ringed, jv. 31/1/54, Benoni recov. 9/54, Eikenhof, Tvl., ring picked up 10 m. S.

SPOONBILL (*Platalea alba*)

- \*525/0716, ringed, jv. 25/10/53, Benoni recov. 10/6/54, Kendal, Ogies, dead, 35 miles, E.N.E.  
525/0743, ringed, jv. 25/10/53, Benoni recov. 28/12/54, Bethal, dead, 70 miles, E.S.E.  
525/1481, ringed, jv. 3/10/53, Benoni recov. 23/9/54, Mwandi, N. Rhodesia, shot, 600 miles, N.N.W.  
525/2346, ringed, jv. 5/6/54, Benoni recov. 27/7/54, Zwartruggens, dead, 110 miles, W.

EGYPTIAN GOOSE (*Alopochen aegyptiaca*)

- 526/0501, ringed, ad. 28/1/54, Ronde Vlei recov. 8/5/54, Ronde Vlei, dead in trap.

YELLOWBILL DUCK (*Anas undulata*)

- 524/1504, ringed, ad. 9/2/54, Ronde Vlei recov. 13/8/54, Bredasdorp district, dead, 100 miles, E.S.E.

- \*524/1511, ringed, ad. 13/2/54, Ronde Vlei recov. 19/10/54, Faure, injured, 15 miles, E.  
\*524/1660, ringed, ad. 22/6/54, Ronde Vlei recov. 2/1/55, Worcester district, shot, 60 miles, E.N.E.
- RED BILL TEAL (*Anas erythrorhyncha*)  
C6621, ringed, ad. 6/3/54, Ronde Vlei recov. 12/7/54, Philadelphia, dead, 35 miles, N.  
\*C6640, ringed, ad. 8/7/54, Ronde Vlei recov. 11/12/54, Milnerton, dead, 12 miles, N.
- POCHARD (*Netta erythrophthalma*)  
\*C5020, ringed, ad. ♂ 6/12/53, Benoni recov. 11/54, Lake Naivasha, Kenya, shot, 1,800 miles, N.N.E.  
524/1700, ringed, ad. ♂ 10/8/54, Ronde Vlei recov. 27/9/54, Ronde Vlei, retrapped 25 times, dead.  
524/1752, ringed, ad. ♂ 29/9/54, Ronde Vlei recov. 21/11/54, Ronde Vlei, dead in trap.  
524/1800, ringed, ad. ♀ 18/10/54, Ronde Vlei recov. 19/11/54, Phillipi, dead, 5 miles, E.  
†524/2540, ringed, ad. ♀ 19/1/54, Ronde Vlei recov. 8/12/54, Ronde Vlei, retrapped.
- PURPLE GALLINULE (*Porphyrio madagascariensis*)  
A2571, ringed, ad. 5/1/54, Ronde Vlei recov. 17/5/54, Ronde Vlei, (retrapped 31 times up to 15/3/54), dead.
- COOT (*Fulica cristata*)  
A2213, ringed, ad. 22/6/53, Ronde Vlei recov. 8/2/54, Ronde Vlei.  
524/600, ringed, ad. 29/11/53, Ronde Vlei recov. 30/8/54, Ronde Vlei, dead.
- TURTLE DOVE (*Streptopelia capicola*)  
\*A2022, ringed, ad. 21/1/54, Rondebosch, Cape recov. 10/7/54, Rondebosch, dead.  
A2060, ringed, ad. 21/1/54, Rondebosch recov. 5/11/54, Rondebosch, dead.
- LAUGHING DOVE (*Stigmatopelia senegalensis*)  
†A141, ringed, 28/2/54, Princess Vlei, Cape recov. 1/8/54, Princess Vlei, retrapped.  
\*A2081, ringed, 28/3/54, Bulawayo recov. 24/4/54, Bulawayo, shot.  
B1290, ringed, 6/10/52, Bulawayo recov. 20/8/54, Bulawayo, dead.
- BURCHELL'S COUCAL (*Centropus superciliosus burchellii*)  
C160, ringed, juv. 8/1/54, Ronde Vlei recov. 11/10/54, Milnerton, dead, 12 miles, N.
- WHITE-FRONTED BEE EATER (*Melittophagus bullockoides*)  
502/03156, ringed, ad. 29/8/52, Bultfontein, N. Johannesburg recov. 28/7/54, Jukskei Bridge, Krugersdorp/Pretoria Rd., injured, 3 miles, S.E.
- CAPE COLY (*Colius colius*)  
502/04144, ringed, ad. 5/7/54, Ronde Vlei recov. 2/1/55, vicinity of Ronde Vlei, shot.
- WHITE-RUMPED SWIFT (*Apus caffer*)  
†50/100501, ringed, ad. 30/10/51, Durban recov. 24/10/54, same nest.
- CAPE BULBUL (*Pycnonotus capensis*)  
502/02958, ringed, ad. 23/2/54, Ronde Vlei recov. 3/12/54, Ronde Vlei, dead.
- EUROPEAN SWALLOW (*Hirundo rustica*)  
50/8366, ringed, ad. 10/12/52, Bryanston, Johannesburg recov. 28/5/53, Saldus, Latvia, 53°33'N., 22°26'E., dead, 5,700 miles, N.
- CLIFF SWALLOW (*Petrochelidon spilodera*)  
50/23132, ringed, ad. 4/4/54, Johannesburg recov. 12/7/54, Kobo, Congo, 6°S., 19°E., killed, 1,500 miles, N.N.W.
- MASKED WEAVER (*Ploceus velatus tahatali*)  
\*50/13636, ringed, ad. ♀ 12/6/54, Bulawayo recov. 1/1/55, Bulawayo, dead, 1 mile, N.W.
- SPOTTED WEAVER (*Ploceus spilonotus*)  
50/101208, ringed, 14/6/54, Bulawayo recov. 15/9/54, Bulawayo, 1 mile, S.E.  
502/01332, ringed, 3/7/54, Bulawayo recov. 24/10/54, Essexvale, dead, 30 miles, S.E.
- CAPE WEAVER (*Xanthophilus capensis*)  
502/0415, ringed, ad. 1/8/54, Ronde Vlei recov. 16/9/54, Diep R. area, dead, 4 miles, N.W.
- RED-BILLED QUELEA (*Quelea quelea lathamii*)  
†50/1966, ringed, ad. 28/7/54, Bulawayo recov. 3/10/54, Bulawayo, trapped, 2 miles, E.  
50/1973, ringed, ad. 28/7/54, Bulawayo recov. 18/10/54, Bulawayo, killed, 3 miles, N.  
50/9441, ringed, ad. 31/10/52, Bulawayo recov. 10/11/54, Bothaville, trapped, 500 miles, S.S.W.



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- 50/10515, ringed, ad. 18/10/53, Nyamandlhovu, 45 miles N.W. Bulawayo recov. 9/54, Kafue R., N. Rhodesia, 14°S., 27°15'E., 400 miles, N.N.W.  
50/11274, ringed, ad. 8/6/54, Nyamandlhovu, recov. 4/10/54 Nyamandlhovu, dead, 15 miles, N.E.  
50/11817, ringed, ad. 30/6/54, Nyamandlhovu recov. 22/10/54. Nyamandlhovu, dead, 20 miles, N.E.  
\*50/19395, ringed, ad. 12/7/54, Tjolotjo, 60 miles W.N.W. Bulawayo recov. 7/8/54, Tjolotjo, dead.  
50/19698, ringed, ad. 30/8/54, Tjolotjo recov. 24/9/54, Tjolotjo, dead.  
CAPE SPARROW (*Passer melanura*)  
\*50/100260, ringed, ad. 4/2/54, Rondebosch recov. 1/8/54, Rondebosch.  
\*502/04014, ringed, ad. 29/9/54, Rondebosch recov. 13/12/54, Rondebosch, dead.  
502/04174, ringed, ad. 25/9/54, Ronde Vlei recov. 28/11/54, Ronde Vlei (retrapped 22/10/54), dead.

\*—Ring seen.

†—Released intact.