

Report on recoveries received at Safring: July 2002 – June 2003

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This report covers recoveries reported to SAFRING from July 2002 to June 2003. The total recoveries were 510 while 6213 retraps (5404 individual birds) were processed. These retraps include birds retrapped one day later or any length after that. As many retraps as possible are processed at SAFRING but it is impossible to keep up with all of them. Preference is given to those data received electronically.

The format is similar to that of previous reports. Selected foreign and local recoveries and retraps are detailed in this report. The species common and scientific names are

listed, followed by the number of recoveries and retraps reported in the current ringing year. The first line of each listed recovery gives the ring number, bird's age at ringing, date of ringing, and place of ringing. South African provinces are given in abbreviated form. The second line indicates the state of the bird (*e.g.* cause of death), date and place of the ring recovery, the elapsed time (to the nearest month) and distance between ringing and recovery.

Where a recovery has provided the greatest elapsed time or distance in the SAFRING databank, this is indicated in italics.

Local notable recoveries & foreign recoveries (recoveries, retraps in this ringing year)

Northern Giant Petrel *Macronectes halli* (1, 0)

905952	Adult	25/10/1979	Marion Island, At Sea		
	Retrap	21/09/2002	Marion Island, At Sea	22y 11m	0 km

Greatest elapsed time for this species in SAFRING's database

Tristan Albatross *Diomedea dabbenena* (0, 1)

J14415	Adult	22/02/2001	Gough Island		
	Dead	08/12/2002	at sea off Brazil	1y 9m	2193 km

First report for this (split) species.

White Pelican *Pelecanus onocrotalus* (23, 6)

H00131	Juvenile	09/01/2003	Dassen Island, W Cape		
	Collision	29/06/2003	Hohenfelde farm, W Cape	0y 4m	79 km
H00188	Juvenile	09/01/2003	Dassen Island, W Cape		
	Collision	15/06/2003	Hohenfelde farm, W Cape	0y 5m	79 km
H00232	Juvenile	03/02/2003	Dassen Island, W Cape		
	Collision	13/04/2003	Elandsvlei, W Cape	0y 2m	237 km

Greatest distance for this species in SAFRING's database

H00290	Juvenile	03/02/2003	Dassen Island, W Cape		
	Sick	05/04/2003	Ganzekraal, W Cape	0y 2m	51 km
H01024	Nestling	30/12/1972	Walvis Bay, Namibia		
	Resighted	21/02/2003	Walvis bay, Namibia	30y 2m	12 km

Greatest elapsed time for this species in SAFRING's database

Cape Gannet *Morus capensis* (466, 84)

956256	Nestling	15/02/1985	Algoa Bay, E Cape		
	Shot	25/12/2002	Gonubie beach, E Cape	17y 10m	192 km

Whitebreasted Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo* (0, 2)

963513	Nestling	17/04/1989	Port Elizabeth, E Cape		
	Trapped	30/10/2002	Port Elizabeth, E Cape	13y 6m	0 km

White Stork *Ciconia ciconia* (0, 1)

VH4752	Nestling	25/06/2001	Cambridgeshire, United Kingdom		
	Collision	15/09/2002	Pearston, E Cape	1y 3m	9382 km

Sacred Ibis *Threskiornis aethiopicus* (4, 19)

863049	Juvenile	27/12/2002	Rondevlei, W Cape		
	Sick	16/03/2003	Kraaifontein, W Cape	0y 3m	30 km

Greater Flamingo *Phoenicopterus ruber* (2, 0)

9A08236	Adult	04/10/2002	Walvis Bay, Namibia		
	Resighted	11/01/2003	Etosha NP, Namibia	0y 3m	533 km
9A15859	Adult	14/11/2001	Walvis Bay, Namibia		
	Resighted	15/07/2002	Swakopmund, Namibia	0y 8m	46 km

Egyptian Goose *Alopochen aegyptiacus* (4, 3)

986506	Nestling	09/02/2002	Kragga Kamma, E Cape		
	Electrocuted	01/05/2003	Sardinia Bay, E Cape	1y 3m	0 km

Secretarybird *Sagittarius serpentarius* (0, 1)

9A24287	Nestling	07/12/2000	Excelsior, N Cape		
	Electrocuted	02/10/2002	Postmastburg, N Cape	1y 10m	74 km

Cape Vulture *Gyps coprotheres* (0, 1)

G12702	Nestling	12/09/1981	Collywobbles, E Cape		
	Collision	28/04/2003	Near Stutterheim, E Cape	21y 7m	138 km

Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus* (2, 2)

761358	Nestling	21/10/2002	Chironzi Mvurwi, Zimbabwe		
	Collision	22/04/2003	Harare, Zimbabwe	0y 6m	71 km
K22514	Adult	07/04/1999	Durbanville, W Cape		
	Hit by car	02/07/2003	Philadelphia, W Cape	4y 6m	6 km

Wahlberg's Eagle *Aquila wahlbergi* (1, 1)

995284	Nestling	14/01/1997	Near Voerstershooop, Limpopo		
	Drowned	06/01/2003	Botswana border, Limpopo	5y 12m	36 km

Longcrested Eagle *Lophaetus occipitalis* (6, 0)

845604	3+ years	03/10/1992	Mataffin, Mpumalanga		
	Resighted	05/03/2003	Mataffin, Mpumalanga	10y 5m	0 km

5 resightings of this wing-tagged eagle, still the greatest elapsed time for this species in SAFRING's database.

Booted Eagle *Hieraaetus pennatus* (1, 0)

821552	Adult	02/01/2003	Malmesbury, W Cape		
	Retrap	02/02/2003	Klenimond, W Cape	0y 1m	106 km

First report for this species.

Pale Chanting Goshawk *Melierax canorus* (25, 9)

792661	Nestling	20/11/2002	Vlugpan, N Cape		
	Drowned	15/02/2003	Hopetown, N Cape	0y 3m	46 km
810585	Age unknown	30/06/1994	Victoria West, N Cape		
	Shot	19/04/2003	Victoria West, N Cape	8y 10m	2 km

Black Harrier *Circus maurus* (0, 1)

679531	Adult	17/10/2001	West Coast NP, W Cape		
	Hit by car	30/11/2002	West Coast NP, W Cape	1y 1m	5 km

Gymnogene *Polyboroides typus* (1, 0)

836494	Immature	18/08/2002	Pietermaritzburg, Kwazulu-Natal		
	Hit by car	03/04/2003	Howick, Kwazulu-Natal	0y 8m	25 km

This bird was mist-netted and ringed. It had been found by the side of a main road near Howick (precise locality uncertain), apparently stunned after colliding with a vehicle, and taken to CROW.

Blue Crane *Anthropoides paradiseus* (23, 6)

901305	Nestling	22/01/2002	Heidelberg, W Cape		
	Collision	20/11/2002	Caledon distr, W Cape	0y 10m	136 km
9A06901	Immature	06/03/1999	Knysna lagoon, W Cape		
	Trapped	14/08/2002	Knysna, W Cape	3y 5m	72 km

Rüppell's Korhaan *Eupodotis rueppellii* (2, 0)

780510	Adult	18/02/2002	Namib Rand NR, Namibia		
	Resighted	03/03/2003	Namib Rand NR, Namibia	1y 0m	3 km

African Black Oystercatcher *Haematopus moquini* (39, 9)

K26207	Nestling	25/02/2003	Robben Island, W Cape		
	Killed	26/02/2003	Robben Island, W Cape	0y10m	0 km

Kelp Gull *Larus dominicanus* (90, 48)

K25051	Juvenile	18/11/2002	Keurbooms RM, W Cape		
	Shot	15/05/2003	Port Elizabeth, E Cape	0y 6m	206 km
K25156	Juvenile	18/11/2002	Keurbooms RM, W Cape		
	Shot	15/05/2003	Port Elizabeth, E Cape	0y 6m	206 km
K25527	Juvenile	10/12/2002	Keurbooms RM, W Cape		
	Shot	15/05/2003	Port Elizabeth, E Cape	0y 5m	206 km
K25607	Juvenile	18/11/2002	Keurbooms RM, W Cape		
	Shot	15/05/2003	Port Elizabeth, E Cape	0y 6m	206 km

These gulls were shot to clear an airfield.

Common Tern *Sterna hirundo* (15, 3)

4H11014	Adult	13/02/1999	Swakopmund, Namibia		
	Killed	21/05/2003	Tukums, Latvia	4y 3m	8900 km

Swift Tern *Sterna bergii* (148, 34)

574110	Nestling	01/04/1984	Saldanha Bay, W Cape		
	Shot	15/08/2002	Umtata River mouth, E Cape	18y 4m	1059 km
5H01802	Nestling	25/04/1996	Robben Island, W Cape		
	Collision	12/08/2002	Cape Town, W Cape	6y 4m	14 km

Burchell's Sandgrouse *Pterocles burchelli* (0, 1)

5H20930	Nestling	31/12/1998	Tswalu, N Cape		
	Hit by car	04/08/2002	Near Tswalu GR, N Cape	3y 7m	10 km

Second report for this species.

Barn Owl *Tyto alba* (3, 3)

K04928	Nestling	12/07/2001	Karoi, Zimbabwe		
	Hit by car	28/12/2002	Harare, Zimbabwe	1y 6m	204 km

European Swallow *Hirundo rustica* (124, 4)

P214829	Immature	07/09/2002	Cambridgeshire, United Kingdom		
	Killed	03/02/2003	Maclear, E Cape	0y 5m	9669 km

Greater Striped Swallow *Hirundo cucullata* (6, 0)

AD56401	Adult	17/04/1995	Vanderbijlpark, Guateng		
	Retrap	29/10/2002	Vanderbijlpark, Guateng	7y 6m	0 km

Greatest elapsed time for this species in SAFRING's database

Southern Black Tit *Parus niger* (6, 1)

FII04603	Adult	11/08/2001	D'Nyala NR, Limpopo Province		
	Killed	05/04/2003	D'Nyala NR, Limpopo	1y 8m	0 km

Killed by Pearlspotted Owl

BC26954	Immature	24/05/1992	Pietermaritzburg, Kwazulu-Natal		
	Retrap	06/10/2002	Pietermaritzburg, Kwazulu-Natal	10y 4m	2 km

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Cape Rockjumper *Chaetops frenatus* (1, 0)

489805	Adult	14/10/2002	Sir Lowry's Pass, W Cape		
	Resighted	18/05/2003	Sir Lowry's Pass, W Cape	0y 7m	0 km

First report for this species.

Blackeyed Bulbul *Pycnonotus barbatus* (92, 6)

BB42940	Adult	14/11/1987	Pinetown, KZN		
	Retrap	29/09/2002	Pinetown, KZN	14y 10m	0 km
CV22120	Adult	01/01/2003	Haenertsburg, Limpopo		
	Killed	24/01/2003	Haenertsburg, Limpopo	0y 1m	0 km

This bird was a fresh carcass, leftovers of Sparrowhawk meal

Olive Thrush *Turdus olivaceus* (102, 12)

4A04619	Adult	14/02/1999	Port Elizabeth, E Cape		
	Retrap	29/08/2002	Port Elizabeth, E Cape	3y 6m	0 km
	Sick	09/04/2003	Port Elizabeth, E Cape	4y 2m	0 km

Orange Thrush *Zoothera gurneyi* (4, 0)

BB91189	Immature	09/05/1992	Vumba, Zimbabwe		
	Retrap	03/12/2002	Vumba, Zimbabwe	10y 7m	0 km

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Swynnerton's Robin *Swynnertonia swynnertoni* (3, 3)

AA92155	Immature	28/06/1993	Vumba, Zimbabwe		
	Retrap	06/08/2002	Vumba, Zimbabwe	9y 1m	0 km

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Tawnyflanked Prinia *Prinia subflava* (59, 7)

AD26689	Adult	11/06/1994	Pietermaritzburg, Kwazulu-Natal		
	Retrap	08/09/2002	Pietermaritzburg, Kwazulu-Natal	8y 3m	2 km

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Cape Batis *Batis capensis* (11, 0)

AA92220	Adult	13/07/1994	Vumba, Zimbabwe		
	Retrap	11/09/2002	Vumba, Zimbabwe	8y 2m	0 km

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Puffback *Dryoscopus cubla* (8, 2)

BB95386	Juvenile	17/01/2001	Ferneliffe, Kwazulu-Natal		
	Collision	18/01/2003	Pietermaritzburg, Kwazulu-Natal	2y 0m	2 km

European Starling *Sturnus vulgaris* (0, 3)

4A33801	Juvenile	02/12/2002	Dassen Island, W Cape		
	Killed	04/01/2003	Dassen Island, W Cape	0y 1m	0 km

Indian Myna *Acridotheres tristis* (0, 4)

D37983	Adult	29/05/1999	Pretoria, Guateng		
	Shot	04/02/2003	Pretoria, Guateng	3y 8m	0 km

Wattled Starling *Creatophora cinerea* (0, 1)

4H02327	Adult	28/08/2000	Klein Windhoek, Namibia		
	Killed	19/06/2003	Klein Windhoek, Namibia	2y 10m	0 km

Palewinged Starling *Onychognathus naboroupe* (0, 1)

476394	Adult	07/05/2001	Dabis guestfarm, Namibia		
	Shot	19/08/2002	Dabis guestfarm, Namibia	1y 3m	0 km

Cape Sugarbird *Promerops cafer* (64, 0)

484931	Immature	06/10/1990	Durbanville, W Cape		
	Retrap	02/05/2003	Durbanville, W Cape	12y 7m	0 km

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House Sparrow *Passer domesticus* (37, 5)

BC15169	Adult	25/07/1990	Kroonstad, Free State		
	Killed	21/03/2003	Kroonstad, Free State	12y 8m	0 km

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BE05444	Adult	25/10/2002	Simonstown, W Cape		
	Killed	14/11/2002	Simonstown, W Cape	0y 1m	6 km

Ring in Peregrine cast

Southern Greyheaded Sparrow *Passer diffuses* (30, 4)

BD58371	Adult	29/11/1998	Potchefstroom, Limpopo		
	Unknown	07/12/2002	Villiers, Free State	4y 0m	144 km

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BC26789	Age unknown	26/11/1994	Gaborone, Botswana		
	Retrap	26/03/2003	Gaborone, Botswana	8y 4m	2 km

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Golden Weaver *Ploceus xanthops* (3, 0)

CC02573	Adult	13/02/1993	Pietermaritzburg, Kwazulu-Natal		
	Retrap	17/11/2002	Pietermaritzburg, Kwazulu-Natal	9y 9m	2 km

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Fig. 1. Map of all recoveries reported during the 2002 ringing year.

Masked Weaver *Ploceus velatus* (307, 15)

BB75791	Adult	09/08/1987	Roodepoort, Guateng		
	Unknown	18/12/2002	Wits Bot Gdns, Guateng	15y 4m	4 km

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Thickbilled Weaver *Amblyospiza albifrons* (26, 1)

4H21958	Adult	13/08/2002	Pietermaritzburg, Kwazulu-Natal		
	Trapped	13/09/2002	Pietermaritzburg, Kwazulu-Natal	0y 1m	0 km

Redbilled Quelea *Quelea quelea* (10, 3)

GA56095	Adult	04/12/2002	Wakkerstroom, Mpumalanga		
	Poisoned	03/03/2003	Standerton, Mpumalanga	0y 3m	104 km

Red Bishop *Euplectes orix* (257, 5)

BC97543	Adult	28/10/2000	Wakkerstroom, Mpumalanga		
	Killed	23/01/2003	Wakkerstroom, Mpumalanga	2y 3m	0 km

Yellowrumped Widow *Euplectes capensis* (24, 0)

BC60574	Adult	24/11/1994	Tygerberg, W Cape		
	Retrap	30/12/2002	Tygerberg, W Cape	8y 1m	0 km

Greatest elapsed time for this species in SAFRING's database

Redcollared Widow *Euplectes ardens* (19, 0)

F57324	Adult	01/11/1994	Pietermaritzburg, Kwazulu-Natal		
	Retrap	15/12/2002	Pietermaritzburg, Kwazulu-Natal	8y 1m	0 km

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Redheaded Finch *Amadina erythrocephala* (206, 3)

GA15816	Adult	29/11/2001	Windpoort Farm, Namibia		
	Drowned	22/05/2003	Windpoort Farm, Namibia	1y 6m	2 km

Pintailed Whydah *Vidua macroura* (1, 3)

AD85274	Adult	04/11/1994	Pietermaritzburg, Kwazulu-Natal		
	Killed	30/09/2002	Pietermaritzburg, Kwazulu-Natal	7y 11m	4 km

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