

HELP! HELP! HELP!

Ringers, we need distress calls of any of the species you may be handling. These can be recorded on ordinary cassette machines. Our policy is to copy and return your original tape. Our aim is to collect and store the vocal repertoires of southern African species including any geographical variation in their vocalisation. Besides, the playback of distress calls often attracts a number of species and, therefore, can be of benefit to yourselves.

Contributors should send their material to:

The FitzPatrick Bird Communication Library  
Department of Birds  
Transvaal Museum  
P O Box 413  
Pretoria  
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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION : COLOUR-RINGED SWIFT TERNS

Swift Tern *Sterna bergii* chicks have been ringed on islands in the southwestern Cape since 1977. After breeding, adults along with young birds spread out along the coastline as far east as Natal. Red colour rings were used in 1979 and yellow ones in 1980. This year blue has been used when members of the African Seabird Group ringed 193 blue left metal right at Vondeling Island and 222 blue over metal left at Robben Island. Sightings of these colour ringed birds along with flock size and numbers of juveniles

(heavily barred individuals) present are requested. The date and locality are also needed.

Special forms to report observations can be obtained from John Cooper. Send all observations to J. Cooper, FitzPatrick Institute, University of Cape Town, Rondebosch, 7700

