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*Safring News*, the biannual journal of the South African Bird Ringing Unit (SAFRING), has been in publication since 1972. The journal publishes articles reporting the results of ringing activities in southern Africa, reports on bird capture techniques, ageing and sexing guides to southern African birds, and book reviews. Many of these papers relate to migratory birds, and therefore their immediate interest transcends a purely southern African relevance. Papers in *Safring News* are included in *Wildlife Review* and similar services. Previously, *Safring News* has had a limited circulation, with copies being sent only to SAFRING ringers and to ringing scheme offices. In response to requests from researchers and institutions in many parts of the world, it has been decided to make *Safring News* available on subscription. Within southern Africa, the subscription rate for volume 23, 1994, has been set at R30 for individuals and R60 for institutions, including VAT. Orders for subscriptions, and

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This change in distribution policy was approved by the SAFRING Steering Committee at its meeting in May 1993. The editorial policy will remain unchanged and *Safring News* will continue to publish the same mix of articles and news as in the past. The main implication for SAFRING ringers is that, with *Safring News* enjoying a wider circulation, papers in the journal will be more accessible and more widely read, enhancing its value as an outlet for publishing the results of your ringing activities.