

**SELECTED RECOVERIES FROM SAFRING: Oct 1992 – June 1993**

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This report of ring recoveries notified to SAFRING covers mainly the six months January to June 1993, but includes some records not received in time for inclusion in the previous report covering July-December 1993, published in the

last issue of *Safring News* (Vol 22(1): 19-26). This report has been broadened to include noteworthy foreign-ring recoveries and controls, and lists a total of 75 records.

Not all recoveries received are listed in these reports; criteria for inclusion involve significant movement (dependent on species), significant elapsed time and unambiguously reported cause of death.

**African Penguin *Spheniscus demersus***

V 0392 (nestling)

	13.05.82	St Croix Is, Algoa Bay, Cape		
Dead	17.03.93	west of Woody Cape, Cape	130 mths	30 km

V 0941 (adult)

	01.03.83	Bird Is, Algoa Bay, Cape		
Dead	25.01.93	Kenton-on-Sea, Cape	119 mths	39 km

**Wandering Albatross *Diomedea exulans***

14026420 (immature)

	10.08.58	off Bellambi, N.S.W., Australia		
Controlled on nest	12.01.93	Marion Is, Southern Ocean	413 mths	10 390 km

J 08528 (nestling)

	22.08.91	Marion Is, Southern Ocean		
Longline fatality	03.06.93	south of Tasmania	22 mths	7 764 km

These two records respectively indicate the age that breeding birds can achieve and the threat that longlines pose to these pelagic feeders.

**Blackbrowed Albatross *Diomedea melanophris***

52814891 (immature)

	02.07.61	Bird Is, South Georgia, Antarctica		
Dead	16.11.92	Tableview Beach, Cape	376 mths	4 890 km

This bird was very thin and evidently in poor condition when it died.

**Cape Gannet *Morus capensis***

9 81824 (nestling)

	11.02.93	Bird Is, Lambert's Bay, Cape		
Dead	15.04.93	Tsitsikama National Park, Cape	2 mths	592 km

9 23539 (nestling)	25.03.82	Bird Is, Lambert's Bay, Cape		
Dead	09.06.93	Dwarskersbos, Cape	135 mths	67 km
9 44566 (nestling)	09.02.93	Malgas Island, Cape		
Dead	12.06.93	Umvoti River Mouth, Natal	4 mths	1 338 km
9 43948 (nestling)	09.02.93	Malgas Island, Cape		
Dead	21.03.93	Omaruru River Mouth, Namibia	1 mth	1 272 km
9 44422 (nestling)	09.02.93	Malgas Island, Cape		
Dead	16.05.93	Reunion Beach, Natal	3 mths	1 282 km
SPA 14166 (unknown)	22.04.58	Bird Is, Algoa Bay, Cape		
Retrapped	25.11.88	Bird Is, Algoa Bay, Cape	367 mths	0 km
9 20095 (nestling)	08.01.80	Bird Is, Algoa Bay, Cape		
Dead	19.03.93	west of Kidd's Beach, Cape	158 mths	148 km
9 82685 (juvenile)	16.03.93	Bird Is, Algoa Bay, Cape		
Dead	23.04.93	St Lucia Estuary, Natal	1 mth	840 km
9 82057 (juvenile)	16.03.93	Bird Is, Algoa Bay, Cape		
Dying	20.05.93	Sodwana Bay, Natal	2 mths	930 km
9 83317 (juvenile)	16.03.93	Bird Is, Algoa Bay, Cape		
Dead	17.04.93	Umfoloji River Mth, Natal	1 mth	840 km
9 82619 (juvenile)	16.03.93	Bird Island, Algoa Bay		
Caught by fishermen, allegedly released	21.05.93	Namibe, Angola	2 mths	2 515 km

These records indicate the distances that young birds disperse. The control of SPA (Sea Point Aquarium)-ringed bird in 1988 (the record was only reported in 1993) gives an indication of the age that Cape Gannets can achieve. It hasn't been subsequently seen.

**Cape Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax capensis*

8 48050 (nestling)	27.11.92	Bird Is, Lambert's Bay, Cape		
Dead	14.03.93	Mercury Island, Namibia	4 mths	783 km

**White Stork** *Ciconia ciconia*

K 06607 (nestling)

	22.06.92	Cigoc, Lonjsko Polje, Croatia		
Dying	19.12.92	Underberg District, Natal	6 mths	8 438 km

9 71780 (nestling)

	04.07.92	Petreliai, Silute, Lithuania		
Died from infection of leg wound	02.02.93	Palmietvlei area, Cape	7 mths	9 951 km

**Cape Griffon** *Gyps coprotheres*

G 09246 (nestling)

	13.09.83	Colleywobbles, Transkei		
Collided with powerlines	28.02.93	Bolo Head, Cape	114 mths	106 km

**Whitebacked Vulture** *Gyps africanus*

G 04642 (1-2 years)

	23.09.93	Sandveld N R, Hoopstad Dis, OFS		
Dead	07.05.93	Nooitegedacht, Transvaal	8 mths	220 km

**Peregrine Falcon** *Falco peregrinus*

6 64158 (adult)

	22.03.92	Heidelberg, Transvaal		
Shot	28.01.93	Kathu-Sishen road, Cape	10 mths	548 km

**Tawny Eagle** *Aquila rapax*

G 17002 (nestling)

	25.09.92	Postmasburg District, Cape		
Dead	19.04.93	Fauresmith District, Cape	7 mths	366 km

**Jackal Buzzard** *Buteo rufofuscus*

8 23241 (adult)

	23.05.83	De Aar District, Cape		
Collided with powerlines	29.04.93	10 km south De Aar, Cape	119 mths	4 km

**African Goshawk** *Accipiter tachiro*

6 47225 (juvenile)

	16.05.88	Nchalo, near Chikwawa, Malawi		
Trapped for food	08.01.93	Ngabu, Malawi	56 mths	22 km

**Redknobbed Coot** *Fulica cristata*

7 73854 (juvenile)

	03.09.90	Barberspan N R, Transvaal		
Dead	12.06.93	Rouxville, Orange Free State	33 mths	462 km

**Turnstone *Arenaria interpres***

4 50103 (juvenile)

	03.01.77	Swakopmund, Namibia		
Suspected red tide poisoning	07.02.93	Dolfynstrand, Namibia	193 mths	11 km

**Knot *Calidris canutus***

7697089 (adult)

	03.09.89	Dorum, Germany		
Controlled	20.03.93	Langebaan Lagoon, Cape	43 mths	9 700 km

**Bartailed Godwit *Limosa lapponica***

H88539 (7-12 mths)

	05.10.91	Goro, Ferrara, Italy		
Struck by car	07.02.93	Skeleton Coast, Namibia	16 mths	7 366 km

**Kelp Gull *Larus dominicanus***

K 10572 (nestling)

	15.12.87	Schapen Island, Langebaan		
Dying	08.04.93	Swakopmund, Namibia	64 mths	1 212 km

K 07997 (nestling)

	22.11.85	Redhouse, Port Elizabeth, Cape		
Dead	07.03.93	near Redhouse, Port Elizabeth	88 mths	2 km

**Hartlaub's Gull *Larus hartlaubii***

5 61529 (nestling)

	14.06.75	Robben Island, Cape		
Dead	06.02.93	Strand Beach, Cape	212 mths	52 km

5 64295 (nestling)

	05.06.76	Robben Island, Cape		
Killed by golf ball	06.04.93	Mowbray Golf Course, Cape	202 mths	19 km
		It had to happen sooner or later!		

5 61487 (nestling)

	14.06.75	Robben Island, Cape		
Dead	24.01.93	Milnerton Beach, Cape	211 mths	11 km

5 17441 (nestling)

	12.06.71	Robben Island, Cape		
Dead, found on roof after gale	13.04.93	Montevista, Cape	262 mths	17 km

5 61879 (nestling)

	01.05.76	Robben Island, Cape		
Dying	11.05.93	Tableview, Cape	204 mths	8 km

**Common Tern *Sterna hirundo***

BB 67085 (adult)

	23.12.86	Betty's Bay, Cape		
Dead	14.06.93	Lappland, Sweden	78 mths	11 110 km

HN10835 (nestling)

	14.07.92	Swibna, Gdansk, Poland		
Dead	18.01.93	Durissa Bay, Namibia	6 mths	8 425 km

AT125119 (juvenile)

	08.07.92	Kymi, Finland		
Dead	26.12.92	Winston Wreck, Namibia	6 mths	9 259 km

AT32425 (nestling)

	08.07.81	Hame, Finland		
Control	05.03.93	Berg River Estuary, Cape	140 mths	10 508 km

**Arctic Tern *Sterna paradisaea***

AT126141 (juvenile)

	08.07.92	Vaasa, Finland		
Dead	09.11.92	Great Brak River Mouth, Cape	4 mths	10 873

**Sandwich Tern *Sterna sandvicensis***

4 70341 (adult)

	26.03.91	Cunene River Mouth, Namibia		
Controlled	13.06.93	Griend, Holland	27 mths	7 864 km

1082632 (nestling)

	07.06.71	Griend, Holland		
Dead	01.11.92	Keurbooms River Mth, Cape	257 mths	9 862 km

6094950 (adult)

	13.05.90	Ruegen, Germany		
Broken wing	21.01.93	Tableview Beach, Cape	32 mths	9 824 km

DK23171 (nestling)

	16.06.89	Ogilby Island, Northern Ireland		
Dead	07.01.93	Keurbooms River Mth, Cape	43 mths	10 233 km

7013541 (nestling)

	25.06.72	Jutland, Denmark		
Dead	08.11.92	Brittania Bay, Cape	245 mths	10 013 km

MH17011 (nestling)

	13.06.86	Laane, Estonia		
Dead	06.11.92	Keurbooms River Mouth, Cape	77 mths	10 300 km

**Speckled Pigeon** *Columba guinea*

6 56411 (nestling)

Shot	30.10.92	SAFRING Office nestbox		
	25.01.93	Brakfontein, Cape	3 mths	60 km

This recovery provides an indication of how far the UCT birds travel on their daily flights to forage in farmlands to the north and northeast of Cape Town.

**Spotted Eagle Owl** *Bubo africanus*

7 84182 (juvenile)

Skeleton	15.03.91	Kimberley District, N Cape		
	29.06.93	Kaneelpan, Kimberley, Cape	27 mths	34 km

**Redfaced Mousebird** *Colius indicus*

4 77445 (immature)

Shot	08.12.87	Bloemfontein, OFS		
	17.01.93	Daskop Plaas, OFS	61 mths	54 km

**Crested Barbet** *Trachyphonus vaillantii*

4 73457 (7-12 months)

Dead	18.06.89	Victory Park, Jbg, Transvaal		
	03.06.93	Bairgowrie, Jbg, Transvaal	48 mths	2 km

4 95943 (immature)

Struck by car	12.01.93	Selcourt, Springs, Transvaal		
	12.04.93	Selcourt, Springs, Transvaal	3 mths	0 km

**European Swallow** *Hirundo rustica*

AD 48377 (free-flying)

Controlled at nest	17.03.92	Pretoria, Transvaal		
	10.05.93	Kievskia, Ukraine	14 mths	8 356 km

AB 87048 (free-flying)

Dying	21.12.91	Pretoria, Transvaal		
	08.02.93	Bynestpoort, Transvaal	14 mths	31 km

T21710 (adult)

Controlled	18.04.92	Eilat, Israel		
	10.01.93	Boteti, Botswana	9 mths	5 619 km

AB 91135 (adult)

Found dead in building	31.12.92	Betty's Bay, Cape		
	11.05.93	Korbalikha, Russia	5 mths	11 293 km

5 61900 (1-6 months)

Controlled	26.09.92	Ebro Delta, Tarragona, Spain		
	09.01.93	Boteti, Botswana	4 mths	7 179 km

H442523 (juvenile)				
	21.09.91	Kent, England		
Dying	08.12.92	Wesselbron Distr, OFS	15 mths	9 140 km
H236985 (adult)				
	16.09.91	Suffolk, England		
Dead	25.11.92	near Hluhluwe, Natal	14 mths	9 394 km
F926301 (juvenile)				
	26.08.90	Shropshire, England		
Controlled	11.01.93	Pretoria, Transvaal	29 mths	9 215 km
F278832 (1-6 months)				
	23.08.89	Selkirk, Scotland		
Killed by cat	02.11.92	Springbok, Cape	39 mths	9 672 km
H433346 (1-6 months)				
	29.09.92	Farsund, Norway		
Controlled	15.01.93	Pretoria, Transvaal	4 mths	9 533 km
1437501 (immature)				
	29.08.90	Parnu, Estonia		
Controlled	22.10.92	Greystone Park, Zimbabwe	26 mths	8 465 km
AV38594 (nestling)				
	07.08.91	Ostergotland, Sweden		
Controlled	15.01.93	Boteti River, Botswana	17 mths	8 790 mths

These controls and recoveries reinforce the usual pattern that most foreign-ringed swallows bear British or other west European rings, and most southern African-ringed birds are reported from Russia or other states of the former USSR.

**Blackheaded Oriole** *Oriolus larvatus*

643 02231 (7-12 months)				
	17.05.92	Chirawanoo Farm, Zimbabwe		
Dead	26.03.93	Mhondoro, Ngezi, Zimbabwe	10 mths	99 km

**Blackeyed Bulbul** *Pycnonotus barbatus*

BD 05913 (adult)				
	28.12.91	Selcourt, Springs, Transvaal		
Collided with window	30.06.93	Selcourt, Springs, Tranvaal	18 mths	0 km

**Olive Thrush** *Turdus olivaceus*

4 63113 (juvenile)				
	10.04.89	Botanic Gardens, Pretoria, Tvl		
Dead	27.03.93	Sinoville, Pretoria, Tranvaal	48 mths	12 km

4 63171 (adult)  
 10.06.90 Botanic Gardens, Pretoria, Tvl  
 Killed by cat 09.06.93 Brummeria, Transvaal 36 mths 12 km

**Cape Robin** *Cossypha caffra*  
 F 23278 (juvenile)

06.03.93 Durbanville Nature Res, Cape  
 Struck by car 25.04.93 Durbanville, Cape 2 mths 2 km

**Redwinged Starling** *Onychognathus morio*

D 15630 (adult)

04.09.92 Rhodes U, Grahamstown, Cape  
 Dead 15.05.93 Port Alfred, Cape 8 mths 49 km

D 21962 (immature)

04.05.91 Glencairn, Cape Peninsula  
 Killed by cat 28.01.93 Fish Hoek, Cape 21 mths 5 km

**Lesser Doublecollared Sunbird** *Nectarinia chalybea*

X 75500 (juvenile)

08.04.91 Rondevlei, Retreat, Cape  
 Dead 04.05.93 Capri Village, Cape 25 mths 12 km

**Scarletched Sunbird** *Nectarinia senegalensis*

AA 57142 (juvenile)

13.07.87 Chirawanoo Farm, Zimbabwe  
 Dead 20.05.93 Ngondoma Stream, Zimbabwe 70 mths 153 km  
 Interesting evidence of movement of this species in Zimbabwe.

**Cape White-eye** *Zosterops pallidus*

X 37679 (adult)

30.05.82 Yellowwood Pk, Durban, Natal  
 Dying 20.01.93 Yellowwood Pk, Durban, Natal 128 mths 0 km

This is the first Cape White-eye on record to exceed 10 years of age; there are currently some 65 recoveries from approximately 25 000 birds ringed.

**Red Bishop** *Euplectes orix*

F 14351 (adult)

17.04.87 Vanderbijlpark, Transvaal  
 Dead 13.06.93 Vereeniging, Transvaal 74 mths 9 km