

Report on recoveries received at SAFRING: July 1998–June 1999

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The period covered in this report is recoveries reported to SAFRING from July 1998 to June 1999. The first section lists interesting recoveries of birds ringed with SAFRING rings. The second section lists the other species if there was more than one recovery. The third section lists the interesting foreign recoveries. Total recoveries: 517.

The format is similar to that of previous reports. The species common and scientific names are listed, followed by the number of recoveries reported. 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 RECOVERIES, EXCLUDING RETRAPS EXCEPT NOTABLE ONES

African Penguin *Spheniscus demersus* n= 46

P06593	Unknown	30/11/72	Dassen Island, W Cape	
Collision with car		28/03/99	Boulders, W Cape	26y 4m 90 km

Greatest elapsed time for this species to date.

Wandering Albatross *Diomedea exulans* n=8

J07387	Adult	19/01/89	Marion Island	
Longline		07/10/98	Southern ocean	9y 9m unknown

Yellownosed Albatross *Diomedea chlororhynchos* n=2

847870	Nestling	07/03/97	Gough Island	
Longline		12/07/99	At sea, off Brazil	2y 4m 3625 km

Whitechinned Petrel *Procellaria aequinoctialis* n=1

750656	Adult	21/12/80	Marion Island	
Longline		07/10/98	Southern ocean	17y 10m unknown

Northern Giant Petrel *Macronectes halli* n=1

979843	Nestling	16/01/94	Marion Island	
Injured		04/09/98	Ysterfontein, W Cape	4y 8m 2296 km

White Pelican *Pelecanus onocrotalus* n=1

H01008	Nestling	20/12/72	Walvis Bay, Namibia	
Resighting		03/01/99	Walvis Bay lagoon, Namibia	26y 0m 17 km

Greatest elapsed time for this species to date.

Cape Gannet *Morus capensis* n=78

920011	3-4 years	11/04/79	Bird Island, E Cape	
Skeleton		28/03/99	Gouritz River Mouth, W Cape	20y 0m 409 km

Cape Cormorant *Phalacrocorax capensis* n=14

809465	Nestling	21/03/70	Lambert's Bay, W Cape	
Ring only		06/10/98	Lutzville, W Cape	28y 7m 56 km

Crowned Cormorant *Phalacrocorax coronatus* n=1

852501	Nestling	28/02/97	Malgas Island, W Cape	
Skeleton		12/11/98	Lambert's Bay, W Cape	1y 8m 113 km

Whitebacked Vulture *Gyps africanus* n=4

G11587	Nestling	20/09/79	Dronfield farm, N Cape	
Dead		03/10/98	Dronfield farm, N Cape	19y 0m 2 km

Greatest elapsed time for this species to date.

Black Eagle *Aquila verreauxii* n=1

G19806	Juvenile	04/10/98	Komga, Transkei	
Skeleton		19/12/98	Adelaide, E Cape	0y 3m 158 km

Tawny Eagle *Aquila rapax* n=1

947006	Unknown	11/12/89	Otavi, Namibia	
Car collision		23/08/98	Otjiwarongo, Namibia	8y 8m 54 km

Greatest elapsed time for this species to date.

Wahlberg's Eagle *Aquila wahlbergi* n=1

843071	Adult	02/04/88	Okakarara, Namibia	
Skeleton		16/12/98	Okakarara, Namibia	10y 8m 8 km

Martial Eagle *Polemaetus bellicosus* n=1

G21163	Nestling	02/11/96	Molopo NR, NW Province	
Drowned		12/04/98	Kuruman district, N Cape	1y 5m 140 km

Lizard Buzzard *Kaupifalco monogrammicus* n=1

660614	Adult	08/01/93	Witwal, N Province	
Alive		15/04/99	Warmbaths, N Province	6y 3m 8 km

Jackal Buzzard *Buteo rufofuscus* n=3

915338	Adult	21/04/84	Middelburg district, E Cape	
Injured		31/05/99	Middelburg district, E Cape	15y 1m 9 km

Pale Chanting Goshawk *Melierax canorus* n=9

766258	Adult	07/01/78	Windhoek, Namibia	
Dead		09/10/98	Friedenau Dam, Namibia	20y 9m 12 km

Helmeted Guineafowl *Numida meleagris* n=1

771222	0-6 months	12/07/94	Modderfontein, Gauteng	
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Shot	20/08/98	Modderfontein, Gauteng	4y 1m 0 km
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Greatest elapsed time for this species to date.

Wattled Crane *Bugeranus carunculatus* n=2

G01412	Immature	04/02/98	Verloren Vlei, Mpumalanga	
Collision		14/10/98	Middelburg, Mpumalanga	0y 8m 83 km
G01414	Immature	04/02/98	Verloren Vlei, Mpumalanga	
Collision		14/10/98	Middelburg, Mpumalanga	0y 8m 83 km

Both birds found dead under powerlines.

African Black Oystercatcher *Haematopus moquini* n=5

656178	Nestling	13/12/86	Swartkops, E Cape	
Injured		09/07/98	Jeffreys Bay, E Cape	11y 7m 67 km

Curlew Sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea* n=1

BB49639	7–12 months	08/03/86	Langebaan, W Cape	
Car collision		13/09/98	Ysterfontein, W Cape	12y 6m 22 km

Kelp Gull *Larus dominicanus* n=21

K14549	Nestling	12/12/92	Malgas Island, W Cape	
Ring only		14/06/99	Henties Bay, Namibia	6y 6m 1267 km

Caspian Tern *Hydroprogne caspia* n=3

661753	Nestling	05/06/93	Lake St Lucia, Natal	
Dead		21/06/99	Lake St Lucia, Natal	6y 1m 0 km

Common Tern *Sterna hirundo* n=3

4H11397	1–2 years	13/03/99	Swakopmund, Namibia	
Dead		26/07/99	Lake Betarsjon, Sweden	0y 4m 9600 km

Swift Tern *Sterna bergii* n=11

569906	Nestling	19/04/80	Jutten Island, W Cape	
Skeleton		24/02/99	Jutten Island, W Cape	18y 10m 0 km

Spotted Eagle Owl *Bubo africanus* n=4

723684	Nestling	15/11/87	Mooiplaas, Gauteng	
Car collision		28/02/99	Boschkop, Gauteng	11y 3m 5 km

Greatest elapsed time for this species to date.

Giant Kingfisher *Ceryle maxima* n=1

614469	Adult	30/12/90	Umhlanga Ponds, Natal	
Dead		04/12/98	Durban North, Natal	7y 11m 12 km

Greatest elapsed time and greatest distance moved for this species to date.

European Swallow *Hirundo rustica* n=5

AC13046	Immature	13/12/89	Vryheid, Natal		
Dead		27/08/98	Durbanville, W Cape	8y 8m	1345 km
AF19624	7-12 months	19/02/98	Bloemfontein, Free State		
Dead		08/06/98	Stafford, UK	0y 4m	9516 km
AE79592	Adult	13/02/99	Bloemfontein, Free State		
Dead		04/05/99	Ruthwell, Scotland	0y 3m	9768 km
AF62861	7-12 months	21/03/99	Bloemfontein, Free State		
Dead		01/06/99	Dyfed, Wales, UK	0y 2m	9505 km
AE79847	Adult	26/02/99	Bloemfontein, Free State		
Dead		29/04/99	Church Stretton, UK	0y 2m	9506 km

Olive Thrush *Turdus olivaceus* n=13

4A06976	Adult	15/10/97	Rocher Pan, W Cape		
Shot		19/11/98	Wolwehoek, N Cape	1y 1m	482 km

Greatest distance moved for this species to date.

Starred Robin *Pogonocichla stellata* n=2

AC09512	Adult	07/07/89	Zomba, Malawi		
Control		25/01/99	Zomba, Malawi	9y 7m	0 km

Greatest elapsed time for this species to date.

African Marsh Warbler *Acrocephalus baeticatus* n=2

W05563	Adult	02/12/95	Bloemfontein, Free State		
Control		27/09/98	Phakalane SWorks, Botswana	2y 10m	494 km

Probably controlled on migration.

Rattling Cisticola *Cisticola chiniana* n=1

AD09788	Adult	04/11/92	Phakalane SWorks, Botswana		
Killed by cat		20/07/98	Phakalane village, Botswana	5y 8m	2 km

Greatest elapsed time for this species to date.

Fiscal Shrike *Lanius collaris* n=5

BB73315	Adult	18/02/89	Bloemfontein, Free State		
Control		15/06/99	Bloemfontein, Free State	10y 4m	0 km

Pied Starling *Spreo bicolor* n=1

485880	Adult	08/09/90	Balfour, Gauteng		
Dead		21/05/99	Balfour, Gauteng	8y 8m	0 km

Greatest elapsed time for this species to date.

Malachite Sunbird *Nectarinia famosa* n=2

AB59947	Immature	26/03/89	Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve, W Cape		
Control		09/04/99	Olifantsbos, W Cape	10y 0m	2 km

Greatest elapsed time for this species to date.

Redbilled Quelea *Quelea quelea* n=27

AE10821	Adult	23/03/96	Bloemfontein, Free State		
Dead		22/11/98	Kipushia, DRC (Zaire)	2y 8m	25.45 km

Greatest distance moved for this species to date.

AE51753	Adult	22/08/97	De Paarl, NW Province		
Released		11/11/98	Mulungwishi, DRC (Zaire)	1y 3m	1701 km

These two are the first recoveries of this species from the DRC (Zaire).

AE92162	Adult	23/08/97	De Paarl, NW Province		
Poisoned		04/09/98	Chinoyi, Zimbabwe	1y 0m	1061 km

NON-SIGNIFICANT RECOVERIES

Numbers of recoveries for species not listed above are shown below (excluding species with single recoveries).

Whitebreasted Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	n=3
Hadeda Ibis	<i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>	n=2
Steppe Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	n=5
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	n=6
Whitefronted Plover	<i>Charadrius marginatus</i>	n=2
Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	n=3
Crowned Plover	<i>Vanellus coronatus</i>	n=2
Hartlaub's Gull	<i>Larus hartlaubii</i>	n=9
Rock Pigeon	<i>Columba guinea</i>	n=7
Laughing Dove	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>	n=8
Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>	n=2
Speckled Mousebird	<i>Colius striatus</i>	n=2
Redfaced Mousebird	<i>Urocolius indicus</i>	n=2
Crested Barbet	<i>Trachyphonus vaillantii</i>	n=2
Blackeyed Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i>	n=4
Cape Robin	<i>Cossypha caffra</i>	n=6
European Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	n=2
Wattled Starling	<i>Creatophora cinerea</i>	n=3
Redwinged Starling	<i>Onychognathus morio</i>	n=5
Greater Doublecollared Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia afra</i>	n=2
Black Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia amethystina</i>	n=2
Cape White-eye	<i>Zosterops pallidus</i>	n=3
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	n=3

Cape Sparrow			<i>Passer melanurus</i>	n=9
Spottedbacked Weaver			<i>Ploceus cucullatus</i>	n=7
Cape Weaver			<i>Ploceus capensis</i>	n=11
Masked Weaver			<i>Ploceus velatus</i>	n=14
Red Bishop			<i>Euplectes orix</i>	n=7

INTERESTING FOREIGN RECOVERIES, INCLUDES CONTROLS

European Storm Petrel *Hydrobates pelagicus* n=3

2132091	Adult	03/08/74	Fetlar, Shetland, Scotland		
	Dead	04/01/84	Off Namibia	9y 5m	9890 km
2375920	Unknown	06/08/97	Fersness Eday, Orkney, Scotland		
	Sick, died	03/06/98	Off Cape St Francis, E Cape	0y 10m	10698 km
2468423	Adult	14/08/96	Twinyess, Orkney, Scotland		
	Alive	10/02/98	Betw Lüderitz & Orange R	1y 6m	9850 km

Northern Giant Petrel *Macronetes halli* n=1

13196192	Nestling	05/01/97	Macquarie Island, Tasmania		
	Dead	04/07/98	Jakkals River, W Cape	1y 6m	9680 km

White Stork *Ciconia ciconia* n=2

B01962	Nestling	05/07/86	Frauwalde, Germany		
	Power line	04/01/99	E of Caledon, W Cape	12y 6m	9536 km
KA00162	Nestling	28/06/92	Linum, Germany		
	Power line	11/01/99	Near Jan Kempdorp, N Province	6y 6m	9053 km

Sanderling *Calidris alba* n=1

868713	Adult	26/05/97	Sandgerdi, Iceland		
	Control	19/03/99	Walvis Bay salt works, Namibia	1y 10m	10198 km

Arctic Tern *Sterna paradisaea* n=1

AT168083	Juvenile	08/07/98	Virolahti, Kymi, Finland		
	Dead	08/01/99	Kei River mouth, E Cape	0y 6m	10348 km

Black Tern *Chlidonias niger* n=1

BN01619	2-3 years	17/08/97	Sant' Erasmo, Italy		
	Control	20/03/99	Swakopmund, Namibia	1y 7m	7570 km

Common Tern *Sterna hirundo* n=42 (23 from Finland)

17Z35352	7-12 months	20/09/98	Zeebrugge, Belgium		
	Control	10/02/99	Swakopmund, Namibia	0y 5m	8295 km
H208904	Nestling	17/06/89	Kihnu, Pärnu, Estonia		
	Control	10/03/99	Swakopmund, Namibia	9y 9m	9018 km
7285093	Adult	25/06/87	Wolgast, Germany		
	Control	21/03/99	Swakopmund, Namibia	11y 9m	8512 km

6332	Nestling Dead	22/06/97 02/02/98	Jelgava, Latvia Lambert's Bay, W Cape	0y 7m	9874 km
K805312	Nestling Dead	07/07/85 28/10/98	Maasvlakte, Netherlands Lambert's Bay, W Cape	13y 4m	9445 km
7322245	Nestling Dead	14/06/98 26/10/98	Stanga, Rade, Ostfold, Norway Lambert's Bay, W Cape	0y 4m	10195 km
F644583	Nestling Control	14/06/80 10/02/99	Lake Druzno, Zolwinie, Poland Swakopmund, Namibia	18y 8m	8540 km
4147344	Nestling Control	26/06/86 21/03/99	Balgo, Sweden Swakopmund, Namibia	12y 9m	8872 km

Sandwich Tern *Sterna sandvicensis* n=5

1303816	Nestling Dead	23/06/92 14/01/98	Griend, Netherlands Lambert's Bay, W Cape	5y 7m	9572 km
DK65949	Nestling Control	07/06/95 14/02/99	Lady's Island Lake, Wexford, Ireland Swakopmund, Namibia	3y 8m	8562 km
DK79763	Nestling Dead	04/07/93 25/03/98	Inch Island Lake, Speenoge, Eire Sardinia Bay, E Cape	4y 9m	10394 km
H122901	Adult Skeleton	30/08/97 11/01/98	Scanno di Gorino, Goro, Italy Betty's Bay, W Cape	0y 4m	8827 km
H97091	Nestling Dead	17/06/92 09/12/98	Valle Lavadena, Ravenna, Italy Strandfontein, W Cape	6y 6m	8769 km

European Swallow *Hirundo rustica* n=4

AC74306	0-6 months Control	07/10/98 17/03/99	Oasi Serre di Persano, Serre, Italy Bloemfontein, Free State	0y 5m	7832 km
H640813	7-12 months Control	04/09/96 11/03/99	Lille Rensvikvann Lake, Norway Bloemfontein, Free State	2y 6m	10380 km
H675764	Juvenile Control	22/08/98 07/02/99	Fiskumvatnet, Ovre Eiker, Norway Bloemfontein, Free State	0y 6m	9989 km
K641700	Immature Dead	28/08/97 30/11/97	Drum, Montrose Basin, Tayside, Scotland Cedarville, W Cape	0y 3m	3807 km

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E 549 White Stork: Singita Game Reserve is in Mpumalanga; distance should be 8752 km

Poland: *Ciconia ciconia* ring numbers should be V1782 (not V01782) and VA449 (not VA00449). Their ages were nestling (not unknown). The age of Turnstone HN12112 was second year or older.