

FOREIGN NEWS

HAZARDS OF WADER RINGING IN BOTSWANA

The following is taken from the British Wader Study Group Bulletin 12, p. 13 on Wader Ringing in Botswana by D.J. Stanyard.

"... I found it disconcerting one evening whilst doing a round of the nets to find a rather large lioness padding along in front of me. Needless to say, I didn't check the nets again for a few hours..."

Maybe he should borrow Mundy's motorbike!

BIRD RINGING IN ETHIOPIA 1969-1974

There were 9 111 birds of 320 species, ringed by seven ringers. There has been a total of 34 000 birds ringed, of 439 species.

Notable numbers of the following birds have been ringed:

Namaqua Dove (R.318)
Kittlitz's Sandplover (R.237)
White Pelican (R.42)
Mourning Dove (R.315)
Pygmy Kingfisher (R.398)
Grey-hooded Kingfisher (R.401)
Yellow-vented Bulbul (R.545)
African Thrush (R.553)
Reed Warbler
Grey-backed Cormoranta (R.628)
African Sand Martin (R.509)
Wattled Starling (R.735)
Blue-eared Starling (R.738)
Masked Weaver (R.803)
Red Bishop (R.808)
Bronze Mannikin (R.823)

Extracted from a cyclostyled report by Dr. J.S. Ash, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

BIRD RINGING IN EAST AFRICA: 1972/74

11 000 ringed in all years.
Ratio of Palaearctic: 75 707 birds of 87 species
Ethiopian : 34 332 birds of 541 species

Taken from Backhurst 1974 (see Recent Literature)

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If requested, copies of these papers will be supplied to readers at cost.
