

LOCAL NEWS

NATIONAL RINGERS MEETING - 1976

In June, 1976, a National Ringers Meeting will be held in Johannesburg, which should last one or two days according to the response of all ringers. The meeting will be held immediately before or after the Annual General Meeting of the South African Ornithological Society so as to enable ringers to attend both functions.

The ringers meeting will be organised by the ringing committee of the Witwatersrand Bird Club, and will be an enlargement of their annual ringers meeting. The meeting will be arranged as a series of short papers on several aspects of ringing. All ringers are entitled to present papers.

The topics which have been suggested are:

- Techniques and Equipment
- Movements and Migration
- Population Studies
- Longevity
- Project Planning
- Data Analysis
- Ringling Administration

Ringers are also requested to submit suggestions to the ringing committee of the Witwatersrand Bird Club. If the response is large, then the topics may be more specific.

Ringers who are interested should contact the Branch Organiser, Witwatersrand Bird Club, Mr. John Ledger, at P.O. Box 1038, Johannesburg, 2000.

NEW NUMBERS FOR RINGERS

Certain ringers have been allocated a new ringers' number. This is to ensure that each ringer has a number which reflects the province, country or region in which he is working. The value of this is that it is easier to programme the computer to send notice of all recoveries to the appropriate Branch Ringing Organiser, and also makes for easier tabulation of data by regions. This means that each Branch Ringing Organiser will receive notice of all recoveries from their areas and not just those of ringers under their control.

So those of you who lost cherished numbers please use the new number. One person at least should be happy with the changes as he now rings as "007".