

## BIRD MARKING REGISTER

The Register of bird marking projects published in SAFRING 3(2):18-22 is brought up to date below. The conventions followed in that list are used below, for instance TCR indicates that tarsal colour rings are being used. Two lists are given, one of the new projects and the other of changes in status of current projects. Any person whose project status has not been corrected should notify NUBRA.

Any person undertaking a marking project should first notify NUBRA and that no marking technique other than tarsal colour rings, nasal saddles and wing-window marking can be used without permission.

### PROJECTS WHOSE STATUS HAVE CHANGED

#### Species Studies

##### (A) Extant

Bank Cormorant Phalacrocorax neglectus J. Cooper

##### (B) Extinct

Cape Shoveller Spatula capensis T.P.A. (D.M. Skead)  
Yellow bill Duck Anus undulata T.P.A. (D.M. Skead)  
Red bill Teal Anus erythrorhynchus T.P.A. (D.M. Skead)  
Cape Teal Anus capensis T.P.A. (D.M. Skead)  
Greater Kestrel Falco rupicoloides J. Ledger  
Black-shouldered Kite Elanus caeruleus H. Biggs  
Jackal (Augur) Buzzard Buteo rufofuscus I. Macdonald  
Steppe Buzzard Buteo buteo G. Broekhuysen  
Black Sparrowhawk Accipiter melanoleucus P. Milstein  
Namaqua Sandgrouse Pterocles namaqua J. Dixon  
Rock Pigeon Columba guinea C. Elliott  
Red-throated Wryneck Jynx ruficollis W. Tarboton  
Arrow marked Babbler Turdoides jardineii R. Harwin  
Cape Robin Cossypha caffra J. Bunning  
Fiscal Shrike Lanius collaris J. Hargrove  
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Helmet Shrikes Prionops spp. C. Vernon  
Red-billed Oxpecker Buphagus erythrorhynchus J. Stutterheim  
Masked Weaver Ploceus velatus R. Cheneaux-Repond

#### Community Studies - Now Extinct

Lusitu Forest I. Macdonald  
Alexandria J. Harkus  
Fort Victoria C. Vernon  
University Experimental Farm - Pretoria M. Johannesmeier  
Windhoek area H. Stöck

### NEW PROJECTS

#### Community Study

Nylsvley T.P.A. (W. Tarboton)  
TCR  
Nylstroom, Tvl.

New Projects ctd.

Species Studies

Jackass Penguin <u>Spheniscus demersus</u>	P. Eggleton Flipper tags Lamberts Bay, Cape
Steppe Buzzard <u>Buteo buteo</u>	D. Whitelaw TCR Cape Town district
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Lanner Falcon <u>Falco biarmicus</u>	A.C. Kemp TCR
Marsh Harrier <u>Circus ranivorus</u>	Pretoria district
Greater Kestrel <u>Falco rupicoloides</u>	
Black-shouldered Kite <u>Elanus caeruleus</u>	
Ruff <u>Philomachus pugnax</u>	Rand Wader Group (M.B. Schmitt) Plumage dyes Witwatersrand
Curlew Sandpiper <u>Calidris ferrunginea</u>	W. Cape Wader Group (R. Summers) Plumage dyes
Sanderling <u>Crocethia alba</u>	Langebaan, Cape
Knot <u>Calidris canutus</u>	G.L. Maclean TCR Pietermaritzberg Natal
Red billed Oxpecker <u>Buphagus erythrorhynchus</u>	
Red Bishop <u>Euplectes orix</u>	A. Craig TCR Pietermaritzberg Natal
Red Bishop <u>Euplectes orix</u>	M. Louw TCR Memel, O.F.S.

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THE SMALLER THE OPENING, THE BIGGER THE BIRD

M.B. Schmitt,  
98, The Sentinel,  
Hillbrow,  
2021.

In many years of catching rails and crakes with walk-in traps, I have caught many birds which one does not expect in a rail-trap.

However, on 10th August, 1975, I experienced my "biggest" surprise: a Spurwing Goose, Plectropterus gambensis had crept into one of my traps. It took Mr. S.T. Madden and myself five minutes to get the bird out of the trap, as this particular trap had the smallest opening of all my traps: 180 x 135 mm.