

REVIEWS

A NEW JOURNAL - RINGING AND MIGRATION - B.T.O. 1975

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"No-one recklessly publishes a new journal especially in days of expensive printing and excessive publishing in most fields of science. With arguable justification, both individual ringers and organised groups have been criticised for their seemingly poor publication record. To many amateurs in Britain, the established bird journals present such an austere front that this is hardly surprising.

Licensed B.T.O. ringers (except trainees) will receive RINGING AND MIGRATION automatically. It will be distributed to European ringing centres, abstracting journals and over 200 libraries to which BIRD STUDY currently goes. It will also be sold to any other interested party.

The aim is to publish original work by amateur ringers. Contents will include conventional basic ringing studies on subjects such as migration and population dynamics as well as those subjects conveniently studied by ringers such as moult, weight or field taxonomy. Papers will generally aim to be short and of some biological interest. Highest priority will go to papers likely to be stimulating or interesting to other amateur ringers, regardless of their state of completion. Lower priority will go to professionals' work, as well as papers that are excessively long or involved or merely uninteresting.

Initially RINGING AND MIGRATION is to be published annually in December. It is hoped that the present issue contains something of interest to every enquiring ringer. Those who disagree are no less encouraged to contribute to the next issue than those who welcome the venture."

The contents mirror the words of the editor. Presuming that subsequent issues are to be equally interesting all persons interested in ringing and migration should become subscribers.
