

The bird with the turquoise and red rings appeared to have a damaged left foot. The bird with the pale green and yellow rings was only seen by one of us. The sighting was thus not confirmed and the upper colour may have been other than pale green.

There are few Sandwich and Swift Terns ringed in South Africa. The recoveries of Sandwich Terns come from several countries in Europe. Unfortunately, we do not have records of European colour marking projects for species likely to migrate here. The Sandwich Tern has been studied at the Sands of Forvie, Grampian, Scotland (Smith A.J.M. 1975 British Birds 68:142-156), where birds are colour marked. We have written to Supt. Smith informing him of the sightings.

UNCLAIMED RING

BB 27355 Bird shot 16 January, 1977, Weston, Mooi River, Natal.

If anyone has any information on the above ring please will they contact the ringing Organiser.

NURRA - no more

At the Steering Committee Meeting on the 29 August 1977 it was decided to change the name of the Ringing Unit from NUBRA (National Unit For Bird Ringing Administration) to SAFRING which is a contraction of the "South African Bird Ringing Unit". It was felt that the new name better conveys the function of the Unit besides falling in line with the names EURING and AFRING.

The magazine Safring reverts to its old name of Safring News by which it was known until the end of 1974.
