

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number ringed</u>
1972	14
1973	15
1974	22
1975	15
1976	11
1977	13
Total	<u>90</u>

2 carcasses with rings were recovered below the Potberg cliffs. 1 ringed dead vulture was recovered 24 km west of Swellendam and 1 ringed vulture was recaptured near Calvinia approximately 547 km from Potberg.

#### Discussion

The use of the coloured plastic rings was started in 1974 and this is being done in conjunction with the Vulture Study Group, which covers the whole of the Republic and South West Africa. The blue plastic ring on the right leg denotes that the bird was ringed in the Cape Province and the combination of the left leg will give us: year of ringing, nest number, which nests are the most successful, etc. Sighting reports will be appreciated. The number of active nests has shown a decline since 1972. For example active nests in 1974 were 44 and in 1977 only 21.

In 1976 blood-sucking flies of the family Simuliidae were collected and sent for identification. Chicks were badly infested with these, but in 1977 infestation was slight.

By correlating wing measurement and weight of chicks it will be possible to see if the chicks are obtaining sufficient food for normal growth, and by collecting regurgitations of the chicks it should be possible to work out the type and nature of food which is being fed to them.

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#### RECENT LITERATURE

Lessells, C.M. 1976. Little Stint, Calidris minuta, migration at a site near Tehran.  
Report on Bird-Ringing in Iran 1975.  
Pages 13-24. Tehran.

If requested, copies of this paper will be supplied to readers at cost.

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