

species roosting separately are much easier to catch with a torch and hand-net than those roosting communally which would certainly make communal roosting attractive as an anti-predator device. Further, intensive studies of the small Charadrius plovers shows that birds roosting communally spread out in the daytime to those feeding "territories" used daily. Therefore communal roosting may not be particularly important in denoting suitable feeding localities.

In Rhodesia the only species, for which there is adequate information, that do not roost communally are the Painted Snipe, Spotted Dikkop (though does elsewhere) and the two coursers, Bronze-winged and Three-banded. Further information from Rhodesia on the latter three species in areas of high population densities, may show them to roost communally at some time of the year, but the skulking Painted Snipe appears to be the one definitely true solitary rooster.

ELEVEN YEAR OLD OLIVE THRUSH

Turdus olivaceus

Ring Number: 643-0354
Ringing date: 19 March 1967
Locality: Sandringham, Johannesburg (26 09S 28 07E)
Age: Juvenile
Ringer: Witwatersrand Bird Club
Recovery date: 16 January 1978
Locality: Lyndhurst, Johannesburg (26 08S 27 07E)
Recovery details: Found dead
