

from 1973 onwards may have biased the sample the records for the period 1965 to 1975 were divided and compared. There was no difference between the recoveries of 1965 - 1972 and 1973 - 1975. Thus the increased searching did not apparently affect the shift in reporting locality.

Assuming that the shift in reporting locality is real then it may have resulted because the vultures gradually decreased their rate of dispersal to the Cape or recoveries of vultures in the Cape were not reported. There has been a decline of the Cape Vulture populations in the Cape in the 1970's but the causal factors are not known. Two possibilities, decreased food availability and persecution, could both speed the decline and shift the recovery locality. The dispersive vultures from the Transvaal may have gone elsewhere to better food supplies and/or they may have been poisoned by Cape farmers and not reported.

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#### AN INTERESTING RECOVERY

##### R144 Lizzard Buzzard Kaupifalco monogrammicus

Mrs D. Hall reported the recovery of a Lizzard Buzzard, ring no. 635-03857, on her farm Boschrand near Mataffin, Eastern Transvaal. The details are:

Ringed at Mataffin 25°27'S 30°56'E on 6.7.69. Adult male.

Ringer: Clive Hunter.

Recovered at Boschrand Farm, Mataffin 25°27'S 30°57'E on 20.2.78. Found dead.

102 months elapsed between ringing and recovery. The previous longevity record in South Africa was 40 months.