

SOME LONGEVITY RECORDS FOR CAPE WHITE EYES
FROM THE RONDEVLEI BIRD SANCTUARY

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RING NUMBER	RINGING DATE	AGE	RECAPTURE DATE	CONDITION ON RECAPTURE	TIME ELAPSED
60170136	25.1.64	adult	26.4.73	good	9yrs 3 mths
60198370	9.1.68	"	6.4.76	"	8yrs 3 mths
A 03673	7.2.68	"	7.2.77	"	9yrs 0 mths
A 19480	8.4.68	"	18.5.76	"	8yrs 1 mth
A 25178	4.3.69	"	26.4.77	"	8yrs 1 mth

All above birds were ringed, recaptured and released in the Sanctuary.

LONGEVITY OF CELLULOID COLOUR RINGS

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On 29th April, 1979 a Cape Robin Cossypha caffra was recaptured during ringing operations at the Melville Koppies Nature Reserve, Johannesburg (26°10'S. 28°00'E.) by the authors. This bird, bearing the ring number 2-02961, was originally ringed on 12th August, 1973 at the same locality. At that time a red celluloid colour ring, which had been bought for a few cents at a local pet shop, was placed on the bird's left leg.

It was interesting to note that, contrary to popular belief, by those people using colour rings in their ringing projects, the