

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

colour ring used had not faded, nor was it damaged or worn in any way. The stainless steel ring was also in perfect condition - this after 68 months wear.

This bird had been previously retrapped on 23rd December 1973 and again on 31st March 1974 but there have been very few sight records.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

I am collecting weight data on the Sunbirds (Nectariniidae) occurring in southern Africa and would appreciate any information in this respect. All that is needed is the mass, sex, age, month in which the bird was weighed, (or better still, the exact date) and the locality. Any further relevant information like the state of moult would also be appreciated. Please send the information to: R.A. Earlé, Department of Zoology, University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg 3200.

RING SIZES FOR STARRED AND NATAL ROBINS

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The size ring suitable for the Starred Robin Pogonochla stellata and the Natal Robin Coccypha natalensis is not mentioned in my Ringing Manual. I started by using a 3.0mm ring on both these birds but found them too large and have since used the 2.3mm which is a nice fit. The Green Twin Spots Hypargos nitidulus should I think have a 1.8mm which I have not got so am using a 2.3mm with overlap. I might mention that I was supplied these rings in 1970.