

SELECTED RECOVERIES REPORTED TO SAFRING: JULY 1996 - DECEMBER 1996

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There are 98 records contained in the current bi-annual listing, featuring 53 species. These include 12 recoveries of foreign-ringed birds of eight species.

As in previous reports, the selection criteria for inclusion in this list are based on significant movement (which varies with species), notable elapsed times between ringing and

recovery and also cases of known causes of death. Selected records comprise 38,3% of the 257 birds reported during this half-year period. They include nine controls and represent a comprehensive cross-section of species in the recoveries list. Some of the reports are of birds recovered in previous years but only recently received at SAFRING.

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African Penguin *Spheniscus demersus*

S 6974	nestling	22.10.92	Mercury Is, off Namibian coast		
Dead		18.10.96	Island Point, Northern Cape	48 mths	638 km
S 2670	adult	02.08.91	Robben Is, Western Cape		
Control		27.08.96	Bird Is, Algoa Bay, Eastern Cape	61 mths	730 km
S 2750	adult	30.08.91	Robben Is, Western Cape		
Killed by Cape Fur Seal		01.07.96	Dyer Is, Western Cape	59 mths	137 km
S 7544	immature	25.10.88	Robben Is, Western Cape		
Control		27.08.96	Bird Is, Algoa Bay, Eastern Cape	94 mths	730 km
S 8475	adult	01.08.89	Robben Is, Western Cape		
Killed by Cape Fur Seal		01.07.96	Dyer Is, Western Cape	83 mths	137 km
T 9182	adult	15.03.83	Robben Is, Western Cape		
Dead		19.12.96	Seaview, near Port Elizabeth, E Cape	165 mths	645 km
V 0430	adult	03.10.84	St Croix Is, Algoa Bay, Eastern Cape		
Dead on beach		01.11.96	northwest of Cape Agulhas, W Cape	145 mths	642 km
S25812	nestling	25.05.95	Bird Is, Algoa Bay, Eastern Cape		
Dead on beach		21.09.96	Rocherpan Nature Reserve, W Cape	16 mths	755 km
S17215	adult	07.12.94	Jeffrey's Bay, Eastern Cape		
Control, in colony		08.11.95	Bird Is, Algoa Bay, Eastern Cape	11 mths	128 km

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S17220 adult 04.08.94 Jeffrey's Bay, Eastern Cape
 Control, in colony 08.11.95 Bird Is, Algoa Bay, Eastern Cape 15 mths 128 km
 A selection from 29 recoveries and controls reported during the review period.

Northern Giant Petrel *Macronectes halli*

13186464 nestling 30.01.96 Macquarie Is, Southern Ocean
 Longline fatality 15.12.96 Prince Edward Islands, Indian Ocean 11 mths 8 203 km

European Storm Petrel *Hydrobates pelagicus*

E138168 adult 30.08.89 Herynken, Rost, Nordland, Norway
 Dead on beach 22.06.91 Tshani, Eastern Cape 22 mths 11 144 km

Cape Gannet *Morus capensis*

9A04076 nestling 20.02.96 Bird Is, Lambert's Bay, W Cape
 Dead 01.09.96 Luanda, Angola 7 mths 2 619 km

932063 nestling 25.02.83 Bird Is, Algoa Bay, Eastern Cape
 Dead on beach 02.10.96 Tsitsikamma NP, Eastern Cape 164 mths 224 km

953804 nestling 02.03.84 Bird Is, Algoa Bay, Eastern Cape
 Dead on beach 31.07.96 Mpami, Wild Coast, Eastern Cape 149 mths 337 km

954809 nestling 15.03.84 Bird Is, Algoa Bay, Eastern Cape
 Dead on beach 09.11.96 Christmas Rock, Eastern Cape 152 mths 144 km

998213 nestling 11.03.96 Bird Is, Algoa Bay, Eastern Cape
 Dead on beach 10.07.96 off Namib coast, Namibia 4 mths 2 228 km
 A selection from 36 recoveries reported in the review period.

Whitebreasted Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo*

976614 nestling 04.06.91 Redhouse, Port Elizabeth, Eastern Cape
 Found dead under powerlines
 25.10.96 Gwayang, George, Western Cape 65 mths 297 km

White Stork *Ciconia ciconia*

KA 2412 nestling 01.07.93 Crosta, Bautzen, Sachsen, Germany
 Weak, later died 12.12.96 near Edenville, Free State 41 mths 8 859 km

B 5528 nestling 01.07.89 Strodemne, Rathenow, Germany
 Sick, then died 21.11.90 Steytlerville Dis, Eastern Cape 17 mths 9 648 km

IA76 nestling 14.06.96 Uge, South Jutland, Denmark
 Skeleton 12.12.96 Warmbad Dis, Northern Province 6 mths 9 066 km
 Only two stork recoveries were reported during the review period; the primary date for B5528 was only recovered in March 1997.

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Egyptian Goose *Alopochen aegyptiacus*

961682	adult	23.03.87	Johannesburg Zoo, Gauteng Prov		
Shot		12.08.96	Royal Jhb Golf Club, Gauteng Prov	113 mths	7 km

Yellowbilled Duck *Anas undulata*

774173	adult	26.09.90	Barberspan N R, Northwest Province		
Dead		01.11.96	Odendaalsrus Dis, Free State	74 mths	187 km

Southern Pochard *Netta erythrophthalma*

773851	adult	03.09.90	Barberspan N R, Northwest Province		
Shot for sport		20.07.96	Frankfort Dis, Free State	71 mths	284 km

Secretarybird *Sagittarius serpentarius*

906541	nestling	21.12.95	Philipstown District, Northern Cape		
Electrocuted		05.07.96	Theunissen District, Free State	7 mths	340 km

Steppe Buzzard *Buteo buteo*

787427	immature	05.02.96	east of Kirkwood, Eastern Cape		
Shot		15.08.96	Rudniy, Kazakhstan	6 mths	10 322 km

This is only the third Steppe Buzzard recovery in the northern hemisphere in the last decade. For a review of paleartic origins of Steppe Buzzards visiting southern Africa see Mendelsohn 1986 (*Safring News* 15: 37-41).

Whitefronted Sandplover *Charadrius marginatus*

F44091	nestling	11.03.96	Saltworks, Swakopmund, Namibia		
Road casualty		26.09.96	5 km south of Swakopmund, Namibia	7 mths	13 km

F44848	nestling	17.07.96	Saltworks, Swakopmund, Namibia		
Road casualty		10.11.96	Saltworks, Swakopmund, Namibia	4 mths	2 km

Chestnutbanded Sandplover *Charadrius pallidus*

BC67374	juvenile	15.10.95	Saltworks, Swakopmund, Namibia		
Road casualty		06.12.96	Saltworks, Swakopmund, Namibia	14 mths	2 km

The preceding three recoveries draw attention to the hazard posed to inexperienced sandplovers by vehicular traffic on roads and beaches.

Grey Plover *Pluvialis squatarola*

D06055	7-12 mths	13.02.83	Geelbek, Langebaan, Western Cape		
Shot		10.09.92	Vysokoe, Ukraine	115 mths	9 012 km

Avocet *Recurvirostra avosetta*

525658	adult	19.01.85	Geelbek, Langebaan, W Cape		
Dead		21.09.96	Geelvloer Pan, Northern Cape	140 mths	454 km

An interesting insight on the range of movement of non-migrant waders.

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Kelp Gull *Larus dominicanus*

K08011	nestling	22.11.85	Redhouse, Port Elizabeth, Eastern Cape		
	Dead	24.10.96	Redhouse, Port Elizabeth, Eastern Cape	131 mths	0 km
K16314	nestling	30.01.96	Redhouse, Port Elizabeth, Eastern Cape		
	Entangled in fishnet	14.10.96	Sundays River Mouth, Eastern Cape	9 mths	37 km

Caspian Tern *Hydroprogne caspia*

663048	nestling	08.03.96	Redhouse, Port Elizabeth, Eastern Cape		
	Entangled in fishnet	15.12.96	Machangulo, Mozambique	9 mths	1 099 km

Common Tern *Sterna hirundo*

A 629	nestling	15.06.95	Riga, Latvia		
	Dead on beach	05.06.96	Breede River Mouth, Western Cape	12 mths	10 160 km
7292756	nestling	14.07.91	Kragerofjorden, Telemark, Norway		
	Sick, later died	05.07.92	Walvis Bay, Namibia	12 mths	9 113 km
AT106087	nestling	12.07.90	Kemi, Lappi, Finland		
	Carcass partly eaten by scavengers	20.10.96	Keurbooms R Mth, Western Cape	75 mths	11 083 km

Arctic Tern *Sterna paradisaea*

SX62474	nestling	15.07.95	Fladdabister, Shetland, Scotland		
	Dead on beach	15.05.96	Lambert's Bay, Western Cape	10 mths	10 401 km

Sandwich Tern *Sterna sandvicensis*

7088228	nestling	16.06.89	Hirsholm, Jylland, Denmark		
	Dead	20.10.96	Keurbooms R Mth, Western Cape	88 mths	10 246 km

Swift Tern *Sterna bergii*

567148	nestling	18.05.77	Luderitz Harbour, Namibia		
	Dead	02.11.96	Morgan's Bay, Eastern Cape	234 mths	1 440 km
5H08484	nestling	26.04.95	Luderitz Harbour, Namibia		
	Entangled in fishing line	25.08.96	Port St John's, Eastern Cape	16 mths	1 503 km
527169	nestling	09.04.83	Marcus Is, Saldanha, Western Cape		
	Dead on beach	11.12.96	Kommetjie Beach, Western Cape	164 mths	127 km
573491	nestling	17.04.82	Marcus Is, Saldanha, Western Cape		
	Dead	26.12.96	Ganzekraal Beach, Western Cape	176 mths	11 km

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573649	nestling	17.04.82	Marcus Is, Saldanha, Western Cape		
	Dead, wing broken	20.08.96	Vleesbaai, Western Cape	172 mths	391 km
570240	nestling	19.04.80	Jutten Is, Saldanha, Western Cape		
	Dead on beach	03.10.96	Flat Rock, Port Elizabeth, E Cape	198 mths	722 km
526948	nestling	08.04.83	Vondeling Is, Western Cape		
	Sick, later died	26.07.96	Uvongo Beach, KwaZulu-Natal	160 mths	1 197 km
5H01762	nestling	25.04.96	Robben Is, Western Cape		
	Dead	07.07.96	Bot River Lagoon, Western Cape	3 mths	88 km
A selection from 14 recoveries reported during the review period. 567148 is the oldest bird recorded for this species so far.					

Speckled Pigeon *Columba guinea*

622474	adult	30.10.96	Goedeontmoeting, Malmesbury, W Cape		
	Dead	01.12.96	Gardens, Cape Town, Western Cape	2 mths	33 km

Laughing Dove *Streptopelia senegalensis*

D29062	adult	21.12.94	Eastleigh, Edenvale, Gauteng		
	Road casualty	21.08.96	Eastleigh, Edenvale, Gauteng	20 mths	0 km
D01827	adult	04.09.93	Melville Koppies, Jhb, Gauteng		
	Killed by cat	26.07.96	Melville Koppies, Jhb, Gauteng	35 mths	0 km
596025	adult	03.02.96	Potchefstroom, Northwest Province		
	Control	26.09.96	Bloemfontein, Free State	8 mths	280 km
D23631	adult	22.04.95	Tygerberg N R, Durbanville, W Cape		
	Killed by dog	08.07.96	Bellville, Western Cape	15 mths	5 km
A selection from nine recoveries, showing the common causes of mortality, and a rare example of movement between two built-up areas.					

Emeraldspotted Dove *Turtur chalcospilos*

4A02437	adult	30.04.94	Maholholo G R, Mariepskop, Mpumalanga		
	Dead, collided with window	04.11.96	Maholholo G R, Mariepskop, Mpumalanga	31 mths	0 km

Grey Lourie *Corythaixoides concolor*

669763	adult	11.10.87	Vaalkop Dam, Northwest Province		
	Dead	28.08.96	Beestekraal, Northwest Province	107 mths	15 km
The third recovery of this species, of which less than 100 have been ringed to date. With an elapsed time from ringing to recovery of about nine years, this is the oldest Grey Lourie on record.					

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Barn Owl *Tyto alba*

851060	juvenile	24.05.96	Bainsvlei, Bloemfontein Dis, Free State		
	Dead	19.07.96	Renosterkop, Free State	2 mths	208 km

Spotted Eagle Owl *Bubo africanus*

723714	nestling	04.11.95	near Bronkhorstspuit, Gauteng		
	Road casualty	09.09.96	near Bronkhorstspuit, Gauteng	10 mths	0 km

European Swift *Apus apus*

N33384	adult	26.05.86	Harelbeke, West Flanders, Belgium		
	Killed for food	29.01.87	Mbadzi, Malawi	8 mths	7 782 km

Blackcollared Barbet *Lybius torquatus*

4H03415	adult	02.05.96	Sherwood, Durban, KwaZulu-Natal		
	Dead, collided with window	21.10.96	Sherwood, KwaZulu-Natal	6 mths	0 km

Lesser Honeyguide *Indicator minor*

BD08582	immature	05.06.96	Rocklands Farm, Western Cape		
	Control	07.08.96	Groot Fisantekraal, Western Cape	2 mths	11 km
An interesting example of what can be learned from a network of ringing sites. This bird was recaptured at the ringing site again a few weeks after this control, which seems to indicate that Lesser Honeyguides have extensive home ranges.					

African Rock Martin *Hirundo fuligula*

AB95298	immature	03.07.94	Glencairn, Simon's Town, W Cape		
	Dead	26.09.96	Dockyard, Simon's Town, W Cape	27 mths	4 km

Cape Bulbul *Pycnonotus capensis*

BB95548	adult	07.07.89	Rondevlei Bird Sanctuary, Western Cape		
	Dead	29.11.96	Rondevlei Bird Sanctuary, Western Cape	89 mths	0 km

203717	1-6mths	28.01.95	Glencairn, Simon's Town, Western Cape		
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	Dead, collided with window	02.12.96	Glencairn, Simon's Town, Western Cape	23 mths	0 km
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Redeyed Bulbul *Pycnonotus nigricans*

BC72503	adult	05.08.96	Vineta, Swakopmund, Namibia		
	Killed by cat	09.11.96	Swakopmund, Namibia	3 mths	0 km

CC05573	immature	10.10.92	Craighall Park, Jhb, Gauteng		
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	Road casualty	18.10.96	Blairgowrie, Jhb, Gauteng	48 mths	2 km
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Olive Thrush *Turdus olivaceus*

459402	adult	23.10.87	Botanic Gdns, Pretoria, Gauteng		
	Dead	16.11.93	Weavind Park, Pretoria, Gauteng	73 mths	0 km

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491892 1-6mths 08.07.95 Bird Sanct, Victory Pk, Jhb, Gauteng
 Killed by cat 31.08.96 Blairgowrie, Jhb, Gauteng 14 mths 2 km

CC14208 adult 23.08.94 Potchefstroom, Northwest Province
 Road casualty 29.09.96 Potchefstroom, Northwest Province 25 mths 0 km

Cape Robin *Cossypha caffra*

F07810 adult 06.04.91 Riviera Pk, Mafikeng, N W Province
 Sick, taken to rehabilitation centre
 07.12.96 Mafikeng, Northwest Province 68 mths 9 km

AA69816 7-12mths 07.07.90 Glencairn, Simon's Town, Western Cape
 Killed by cat 27.08.96 Glencairn, Simon's Town, Western Cape 74 mths 0 km

European Marsh Warbler *Acrocephalus palustris*

3240333 1-6mths 16.08.91 Genk, Limburg, Belgium
 Trapped 16.12.92 Luchenza, Malawi 16 mths 7 995 km

Fiscal Shrike *Lanius collaris*

497153 immature 07.08.93 Oliewenhuis, Bloemftn, Free State
 Dead 21.07.96 Oliewenhuis, Free State 35 mths 0 km

Redwinged Starling *Onychognathus morio*

489878 free-flying 27.03.92 Bot Gdns, Grahamstown, E Cape
 Shot by pellet gun 11.12.96 Rhodes Campus, Grahamstown, E Cape 57 mths 0 km

D25123 immature 07.10.93 Glencairn, Simon's Town, W Cape
 Dead 24.12.96 Scarborough, W Cape 39 mths 7 km

Orangebreasted Sunbird *Nectarinia violacea*

X82576 adult 04.06.93 Kirstenbosch, Western Cape
 Road casualty 08.11.96 Fernwood, Western Cape 41 mths 0 km

Lesser Doublecollared Sunbird *Nectarinia chalybea*

X51867 adult 22.06.88 Durbanville N R, Western Cape
 Dead, collided with window
 18.08.96 Durbanville, Western Cape 98 mths 0 km
 Provisionally the oldest Lesser Doublecollared Sunbird recorded to date.

Black Sunbird *Nectarinia amethystina*

AD39997 immature 27.04.94 Selcourt, Springs, Gauteng
 Dead 05.10.96 Geluk, Brits Dis, N W Province 30 mths 120 km

Scarletched Sunbird *Nectarinia senegalensis*

AB25465 7-12mths 17.05.92 Chirawano, Banket, Zimbabwe
 Dead 19.09.96 Chegutu, Zimbabwe 52 mths 62 km

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Cape White-eye *Zosterops pallidus*

AB85316 nestling 08.04.90 Melville Koppies, Jhb, Gauteng
 Killed by cat 24.12.96 Dunkeld West, Jhb, Gauteng 81 mths 5 km

A111854 adult 17.08.90 Rondevlei Bird Sanctuary, Western Cape
 Dead 22.10.96 Rondevlei Bird Sanctuary, Western Cape 74 mths 0 km

Whitebrowed Sparrowweaver *Plocepasser mahali*

453859 adult 21.03.95 Ventersdorp Dist, Northwest Province
 Dead 25.11.96 Ventersdorp Dist, Northwest Province 20 mths 0 km

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus*

BD35176 adult 13.04.96 Goedeontmoeting, Malmesbury, W Cape
 Killed by cat 21.11.96 Durbanville, Western Cape 7 mths 20 km

Cape Weaver *Ploceus capensis*

BB99972 juvenile 07.12.92 Goedeontmoeting, Malmesbury, W Cape
 Trapped to protect crops
 07.08.96 Moorreesburg Dis, Western Cape 44 mths 55 km

BD15319 adult 08.03.94 Goedeontmoeting, Malmesbury, W Cape
 Road casualty 31.10.96 Vredenburg Dis, Western Cape 32 mths 107 km

BD18312 adult 06.08.94 Melkbosstrand, Western Cape
 Killed by cat 29.12.96 Bloubergstrand, Western Cape 29 mths 9 km

BC49895 adult 10.01.96 Rocklands Farm, Western Cape
 Control 08.08.96 Goedeontmoeting, Malmesbury, W Cape 7 mths 14 km
 This selection, from nine review-period recoveries, bears witness to the itinerant nature of the Cape Weaver when compared, for example, with the Masked Weaver (see next three recoveries).

Masked Weaver *Ploceus velatus*

F33793 adult 10.12.91 Frankenwald, Jhb, Gauteng
 Dead 00.09.96 Sandton, Jhb, Gauteng 57 mths 5 km

BC13064 adult 03.02.90 Melville Koppies, Jhb, Gauteng
 Shot by pellet gun 18.08.96 Melville Koppies, Jhb, Gauteng 79 mths 0 km

BC09070 adult 20.07.89 Durbanville N R, Western Cape
 Dead 19.08.96 Durbanville, Western Cape 85 mths 0 km

Redbilled Quelea *Quelea quelea*

AE38395 adult 26.06.96 Secrabje, Waterpoort, Northern Province
 Killed by aerial spraying of problem birds
 14.11.96 Mazunga Ranch, Zimbabwe 5 mths 113 km

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AD93102 adult	18.06.95	Potchefstroom Dis, N W Province		
Killed by aerial spraying of problem birds	18.12.96	Reitz District, Free State	18 mths	226 km
AD96651 adult	08.08.95	Eleazer, Northwest Province		
Killed by aerial spraying of problem birds	15.09.96	Inyathi Communal Lands, Zimbabwe	13 mths	808 km
AD73954 adult	10.04.94	OPM Prozesky N R, N W Province		
Killed by aerial spraying of problem birds	18.07.95	Tuinplaas Dis, Northern Province	15 mths	256 km
AE32379 adult	10.03.96	Vrede, Upington, Northern Cape		
Dead, caught on fence	10.11.96	Hotazel, Northern Cape	8 mths	196 km

All recoveries of Redbilled Quelea reported during the review period. The cooperation of personnel of the Quelea Control Centre of the Department of Agriculture is significantly improving the recovery rate for this species.

Red Bishop *Euplectes orix*

F17913 adult	16.12.92	Iskor Bird Sanct, Vanderbijlpark, Gauteng		
Road casualty	17.12.96	near Vereeniging, Gauteng	48 mths	5 km

Redcollared Widow *Euplectes ardens*

BC33525 adult	20.11.94	Rustenburg N R, Northwest Province		
Dead	30.11.96	Rustenburg N R, Northwest Province	24 mths	2 km

Bronze Mannikin *Spermestes cucullatus*

W06132 adult	18.05.95	Scottsville, Pmb, KwaZulu-Natal		
Killed by cat	21.10.96	Scottsville, Pmb, KwaZulu-Natal	17 mths	0 km

Common Waxbill *Estrilda astrild*

W16486 adult	17.07.96	Vineta, Swakopmund, Namibia		
Killed by cat	09.12.96	Swakopmund, Namibia	5 mths	0 km

Pintailed Whydah *Vidua macroura*

AD03078 adult	26.09.92	Goedeontmoeting, Malmesbury, W Cape		
Control	14.09.96	Tygerberg N R, Western Cape	48 mths	20 km