

REPORTS

SELECTED RECOVERIES FROM SAFRING: July 1993 – December 1993

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The recoveries and controls listed below are selected from those reported to SAFRING during the six month period July to December 1993. They include both

southern African- and foreign-ringed birds. Some significant recoveries which occurred prior to this six month period but for which reporting was delayed, are also included. Selection criteria involve significant movement or notable elapsed time or known cause of death. In the majority of recoveries reported, the cause of death is not known.

African Penguin *Spheniscus demersus*

S 12679 (immature)

	28.07.92	released at Robben Is, W Cape		
Mercy killed	27.11.93	Skoenmakerskop, Cape	16 mths	660 km

V 2206 (adult)

	08.10.85	released at Robben Is, W Cape		
Dead	01.07.93	Port Elizabeth, E Cape	93 mths	671 km

V 2422 (adult)

	01.11.85	released at Robben Is, W Cape		
Mercy killed	30.11.93	Cape Recife, E Cape	97 mths	674 km

P 8737 (adult)

	14.06.76	St Croix Is, Algoa Bay, E Cape		
Killed	27.12.93	Laurie's Bay, Cape	210 mths	43 km

S 12622 (immature)

	14.09.92	released at Jeffrey's Bay, E Cape		
Dead	28.11.93	Quoin Point, Cape	14 mths	491 km

The three birds released at Robben Island were all rehabilitated by SANCCOB after being oiled, and were presumably birds from the Algoa Bay population. S 12622 was also a rehabilitated bird; it is interesting that it travelled westwards as there is thought to be little exchange of birds between the western and southern Cape breeding populations. P 8737 evidently died as a result of a shark attack.

Blackbrowed Albatross *Diomedea melanophris*

5054153 (3-4 years)

	27.11.71	Bird Is, South Georgia, Antarctica		
Suspected longline fatality	14.10.93	off Cape Columbine, W Cape	263 mths	4 903 km

Yellownosed Albatross *Diomedea chlororhynchos*

8 45480 (adult)

Confirmed longline fatality	30.10.91	Tristan da Cunha Is, South Atlantic		
	23.09.93	South Atlantic Ocean	23 mths	3 051 km

Shy Albatross *Diomedea cauta*

13163226 (nestling)

Dead	19.03.93	Tasmania, Australia		
	02.09.93	off Stilbaai, Cape	6 mths	10 208 km

Northern Giant Petrel *Macronectes halli*

9 18934 (nestling)

Longline fatality	07.01.84	Marion Island, Southern Ocean		
	05.07.93	South Indian Ocean	114 mths	1 280 km

9 73368 (nestling)

Dead	25.01.92	Marion Island, Southern Ocean		
	25.10.93	Waikato River Mth, New Zealand	21 mths	9 717 km

Cape Gannet *Morus capensis*

9 66937 (nestling)

Dead	07.03.91	Bird Island, Lambert's Bay, W Cape		
	16.12.93	Bird Island, Algoa Bay, E Cape	33 mths	771 km

944917 (nestling)

Dead	23.03.93	Malgas Island, Saldanha, W Cape		
	16.12.93	Skeleton Coast, Namibia	9 mths	1 362 km

9 69820 (nestling)

Dead	14.03.90	Bird Island, Algoa Bay, E Cape		
	00.04.93	Namibe, Angola	37 mths	2 515 km

Cape Cormorant *Phalacrocorax capensis*

8 33207 (nestling)

Dead	30.01.80	Jutten Island, Saldanha, W Cape		
	15.09.93	Bird Rock Beach, Cape	164 mths	1 183 km

White Stork *Ciconia ciconia*

KA 2319 (nestling)

Injured, mercy killed	11.06.93	Grossenhain, Germany		
	06.12.93	near Jacobsdal, Orange Free State	6 mths	8 588 km

KA 0386 (nestling)

Dead	14.06.93	Dessau, Germany		
	06.12.93	Riekersdam, Transvaal	6 mths	8 709 km

P 517 (nestling)	28.06.86	Lueneburg, Germany		
Collided with wire fence	15.12.93	Phillipolis Distr, Orange Free State	90 mths	9 345 km
K 495 (nestling)	25.06.90	Schleswig-Holstein, Germany		
Dead	15.01.91	Chimusimbe District, Zimbabwe	7 mths	8 120 km
KAU 1621 (nestling)	03.07.89	Kedainia, Lithuania		
Collided with wire fence	15.02.91	Lydenburg District, Transvaal	19 mths	8 927 km
KAU 2120 (nestling)	29.06.90	Kedainia, Lithuania		
Dead	15.02.91	Binga District, Zimbabwe	8 mths	8 159 km
		These recoveries support the observed pattern that most mortality occurs amongst first year birds.		
Redbilled Teal <i>Anas erythrorhyncha</i>				
6 52613 (adult)	26.06.89	Barberspan Nat Res, Transvaal		
Dead	12.10.93	Jan Kempdorp District, Cape	52 mths	178 km
Lanner Falcon <i>Falco biarmicus</i>				
7 84657 (adult)	10.10.92	Albany District, E Cape		
Collided with fence	05.12.93	Langley Park, Cape	14 mths	19 km
Black Eagle <i>Aquila verreauxii</i>				
G 18751 (nestling)	20.07.93	Pretoria North, Transvaal		
Killed by train	21.09.93	Mountain View, Transvaal	2 mths	0 km
		An unusual cause of death, the fledged eagle stood on railway line near nest site and was killed by passing train.		
Wahlberg's Eagle <i>Aquila wahlbergi</i>				
9 18533 (nestling)	06.01.90	Sabi Sands, Transvaal		
Dead	29.08.93	Kurdufan, Sudan	44 mths	4 218 km
		A valuable recovery indicating how far these intra-African migrants move.		
Bateleur <i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i>				
J07248 (nestling)	07.05.90	Kalahari-Gemsbok Nat Pk, N Cape		
Shot	20.10.92	Van Zyl's Rus, Cape	29 mths	285 km

Pale Chanting Goshawk *Melierax canorus*

7 62164 (juvenile)

	12.07.84	Kalahari-Gemsbok Nat Pk, N Cape		
Dead	16.11.93	Kalahari-Gemsbok Nat Pk, N Cape	112 mths	6 km

Gough Moorhen *Gallinula nesiotis*

K 13055 (adult)

	07.10.90	Gough Island, South Atlantic		
Killed by Skua	18.10.93	Gough Island, South Atlantic	36 mths	0 km

Redknobbed Coot *Fulica cristata*

773623 (adult)

	10.08.90	Barberspan Nat Res, Transvaal		
Dead	01.10.93	Kabeljous River Mouth	38 mths	833 km

African Black Oystercatcher *Haematopus moquini*

6 57263 (nestling)

	23.01.85	Jutten Island, Saldanha, W Cape		
Dead	16.12.93	Malgas Island, Saldanha, W Cape	107 mths	5 km

Blacksmith Plover *Hoplopterus armatus*

D 08013 (1-6 months)

	09.01.93	Port Alfred, Eastern Cape		
Road casualty	20.11.93	near Despatch, Cape	10 mths	131 km

Curlew Sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea*

BC 31020 (adult)

	22.12.92	Benoni, Transvaal		
Control	08.09.93	Whitehead Ponds, Zimbabwe	9 mths	919 km

Knot *Calidris canutus*

4 71173 (adult)

	14.04.85	Langebaan, Western Cape		
Shot for sport	15.11.92	Seville, Spain	91 mths	8 195 km

Subantarctic Skua *Catharacta antarctica*

844178 (nestling)

	15.11.85	Gough Island, South Atlantic		
Dead	15.09.93	Tristan Island, South Atlantic	94 mths	419 km

Kelp Gull *Larus dominicanus*

K 11233 (nestling)

	24.02.92	Possession Island, Namibia		
Sick on beach, eventually killed by motor vehicle	25.07.93	Jakkalsputz, Namibia	17 mths	545 km

K 10256 (nestling)
 15.12.87 Schapen Is, Saldanha, Western Cape
 Plumage covered with non-mineral oil, taken to SANCCOB
 23.11.93 Atlantis, Western Cape 71 mths 68 km

Hartlaub's Gull *Larus hartlaubii*

5 71043 (nestling)
 08.05.80 Robben Island, Western Cape
 Dead 02.10.93 Milnerton, Western Cape 161 mths 11 km

Common Tern *Sterna hirundo*

4 88048 (free-flying)
 03.04.91 Little Brak River, Cape
 Shot at fish pond
 14.07.93 Sulkava, Finland 27 mths 10 674 km

Arctic Tern *Sterna paradisaea*

SX29981 (nestling)
 03.07.93 Shetland, Scotland
 Dead 29.11.93 Cape Recife, Cape 5 mths 10 792 km

Swift Tern *Sterna bergii*

5 74698 (nestling)
 01.04.84 Marcus Is, Langebaan, W Cape
 Dead 20.10.93 Blythedale Beach, Natal 115 mths 1 334 km

5 70268 (nestling)
 19.04.80 Jutten Is, Saldanha, W Cape
 Dead 27.10.93 Simon's Town, W Cape 162 mths 129 km

5 88555 (nestling)
 07.04.93 Dassen Island, W Cape
 Dead 11.10.93 Durban Bay, Natal 6 mths 1 287 km

5 88981 (nestling)
 21.04.93 Robben Island, W Cape
 Dead 29.08.93 Gonubie, Cape 4 mths 901 km

Mourning Dove *Streptopelia decipiens*

5 92021 (adult)
 01.05.92 Pafuri, Kruger Nat Park, Tvl
 Dead 00.12.93 Mjiji Dam, Zimbabwe 19 mths 33 km

Burchell's Coucal *Centropus superciliosus*

6 65602 (immature)
 30.03.91 Madzidzi Bay, Malawi
 Drowned 02.11.93 Chirombo Bay, Malawi 32 mths 3 km
 This unfortunate bird "got itself stuck in a 44 gallon drum."

Redfaced Mousebird *Colius indicus*

4 83885 (adult)

	05.07.92	Melville Koppies, Jhb, Tvl		
Dead	20.12.93	Melville, Johannesburg, Tvl	18 mths	0 km

Crested Barbet *Trachyphonus vaillantii*

4 95948 (immature)

	19.03.93	Selcourt, Springs, Transvaal		
Killed by cat	17.08.93	Selcourt, Springs, Transvaal	5 mths	0 km

European Swallow *Hirundo rustica*

AD 06096 (free-flying)

	13.01.92	Pretoria, Transvaal		
Control	13.09.93	Lanker See, Germany	20 mths	9 040 km

AD 46610 (free-flying)

	07.03.93	Pretoria, Transvaal		
Dead	26.11.93	near Mahi, Zaire	9 mths	3 116 km

AB 97490 (immature)

	09.02.91	Darvill Sewerage Wks, Pmb, Natal		
Control	30.04.93	Chokpak Pass, Kazachstan	27 mths	9 010 km

H928089 (juvenile)

	17.08.92	near Dartmouth, England		
Struck by car	15.04.93	Villiers District, Orange Free State	8 mths	9 164 km

4866892 (juvenile)

	09.09.93	Oost-Vlaanderen, Belgium		
Control	31.12.93	Boteti River, Botswana	4 mths	8 163 km

H596817 (juvenile)

	10.09.92	North Yorkshire, England		
Dead	22.12.92	Morgan's Bay, Cape	3 mths	10 068 km

J417061 (1-6 months)

	28.08.93	Northumberland, England		
Control	28.12.93	Gaborone, Botswana	4 mths	9 264 km

An interesting batch of recoveries and controls. The bird recovered in Zaire was evidently on return passage to southern Africa, whilst the Chokpak bird was on 'spring' migration, seemingly for the third time. The two Botswana controls were by the Dutch swallow ringing group headed by Bennie van den Brink. Ring H596817 was recovered from a mongoose scat.

Whitethroated Swallow *Hirundo albigularis*

AB 63328 (nestling)

	02.04.88	Koster District, Transvaal		
Dead	10.10.93	Broederstroom, Transvaal	66 mths	95 km

Cape Bulbul *Pycnonotus capensis*

BB 95688 (adult)

	11.09.89	Rondevelei, W Cape		
Killed by cat	12.08.93	Lakeside, Cape	47 mths	5 km

Blackeyed Bulbul *Pycnonotus barbatus*

BB 92130 (adult)

	25.11.89	Zomba, Malawi		
Struck by car	10.09.93	Zomba, Malawi	46 mths	0 km

CC 01123 (adult)

	30.12.89	Melville Koppies, Jhb, Tvl		
Killed by cat	19.11.93	Melville, Johannesburg, Tvl	47 mths	0 km

Olive Thrush *Turdus olivaceus*

4 56424 (adult)

	01.03.87	Monument Park, Pta, Transvaal		
Dead	18.12.93	Monument Park, Pta, Transvaal	82 mths	0 km

4A 01651 (adult)

	19.09.92	Kroonstad Dis, Orange Free State		
Dead	28.10.93	Kroonstad, Orange Free State	13 mths	12 km

Shorttoed Rockthrush *Monticola brevipes*

BC 27114 (adult)

	31.05.92	Klein Windhoek, Namibia		
Killed by unknown mammal				
	21.09.93	Klein Windhoek, Namibia	16 mths	0 km

Cape Batis *Batis capensis*

X 60050 (adult)

	22.12.88	Seldomseen, Vumba, Zimbabwe		
Dead on nest	01.11.93	Seldomseen, Vumba, Zimbabwe	59 mths	0 km

Cape Wagtail *Motacilla capensis*

BC 30223 (adult)

	20.04.93	Edenvale, Johannesburg, Tvl		
Killed by cat	30.08.93	Bedfordview, Transvaal	4 mths	2 km

Puffback Shrike *Dryoscopus cubla*

BB 68061 (adult)

	19.06.86	St Lucia Estuary, Natal		
Dead	31.12.93	St Lucia Estuary, Natal	90 mths	0 km

Bokmakierie *Telophorus zeylonus*

4 66468 (adult)

	02.05.93	Grahamstown, Eastern Cape		
Killed by cat	15.07.93	Grahamstown, Eastern Cape	2 mths	0 km

Redwinged Starling *Onychognathus morio*

D 10216 (7-12 months)

	13.03.93	Glencairn, Cape Peninsula		
Killed by cat	29.11.93	Glencairn Hghts, Cape Peninsula	9 mths	0 km

D 21983 (adult)

	04.05.91	Glencairn, Cape Peninsula		
Dead	08.11.93	Kalk Bay, W Cape	30 mths	5 km

Cape Sugarbird *Promerops cafer*

4 83363 (adult)

	18.01.90	Durbanville Nat Res, W Cape		
Dead	06.08.93	Durbanville, W Cape	43 mths	0 km

Malachite Sunbird *Nectarinia famosa*

AA 38123 (adult)

	13.05.92	Durbanville Nat Res, W Cape		
Killed by cat	09.11.93	Bloubergrant, W Cape	18 mths	16 km

Cape White-eye *Zosterops pallidus*

AB67174 (adult)

	12.03.89	Melville Koppies, Jhb, Tvl		
Dead	07.10.93	Melville, Johannesburg, Tvl	55 mths	0 km

AB 95218 (adult)

	28.12.92	Oranjemund, Namibia		
Killed by cat	23.11.93	Oranjemund, Namibia	11 mths	0 km

A1 12951 (adult)

	11.01.92	Durbanville Nat Res, W Cape		
Killed by cat	06.10.93	Durbanville, W Cape	21 mths	0 km

AD 03273 (adult)

	10.03.93	Durbanville Nat Res, W Cape		
Killed by cat	21.11.93	Durbanville, W Cape	8 mths	2 km

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus*

BC 12674 (1-6 months)

	16.12.92	Buffelsdrift, Pretoria Distr, Tvl		
Found dead in storeroom	29.10.93	Roodeplaat Dam, Transvaal	10 mths	15 km

Scalyfeathered Finch *Sporopipes squamifrons*

AB 89706 (adult)

	15.06.91	Rust de Winter Nat Res, Tvl		
Killed by unknown predator	03.10.93	Rust de Winter Nat Res, Tvl	28 mths	0 km

Spottedbacked Weaver *Ploceus cucullatus*

BC 33331 (immature)

	20.06.93	Lydenburg, Transvaal		
Killed by cat	07.10.93	Lydenburg, Transvaal	4 mths	0 km

Cape Weaver *Ploceus capensis*

CV 03291 (1-2 years)

	23.04.92	Durbanville Nat Res, W Cape		
Killed by cat	24.08.93	Brackenfell, W Cape	16 mths	4 km

BB 06269 (adult)

	16.04.90	Helderberg Nat Res, W Cape		
Collided with window	05.08.93	Somerset West, W Cape	40 mths	2 km

CV 02223 (adult)

	22.08.91	Rondevlei, W Cape		
Killed by cat	15.11.93	Ottery, Cape	27 mths	6 km

BB 99896 (free-flying)

	01.12.92	Betty's Bay, W Cape		
Shot	02.08.93	Welgelegen, W Cape	8 mths	66 km

Yellow Weaver *Ploceus subaureus*

BC 22013 (free-flying)

	29.12.91	Umhlanga Ponds, Natal		
Killed by cat	06.12.93	Tongaat, Natal	24 mths	18 km

Masked Weaver *Ploceus velatus*

BB 71788 (adult)

	23.11.86	Melville Koppies, Jhb, Tvl		
Killed by cat	23.11.93	Westdene, Transvaal	84 mths	2 km

BC 01673 (adult)

	24.04.88	Bedworthpark Dam, Transvaal		
Killed by cat	27.11.93	Vanderbijlpark, Transvaal	67 mths	3 km

Yellowrumped Bishop *Euplectes capensis*

BC 20198 (adult)

	30.10.91	Betty's Bay, W Cape		
Road casualty	29.12.93	Betty's Bay, W Cape	26 mths	0 km

Pintailed Whydah *Vidua macroura*

AC 05220 (adult)

	30.03.90	Rondebult Bird Sanctuary, Tvl		
Killed by cat	02.11.93	South Hills, Johannesburg, Tvl	44 mths	14 km