

RECOVERIES OF RINGED BIRDS 1948-49

GEESE

Ring No.	Species	Ringed	Recovered	
128041	White-front, adult male	18.2.48	7.1.49	Shot Zeeland, near Saffetingen.

(The following three birds spent a winter "feather cut" (i.e., temporarily unable to fly) at the New Grounds, but eventually flew off after growing their new primaries in August. The Barnacle remained with the pinioned birds all through the winter and spring and left in June—a most unexpected time. It was only two years old and therefore too young to breed.)

125230	Pink-foot	Left c. 22.11.47	13.12.48	Shot Brackley, Loch Leven.
125232	Pink-foot	Left c. 22.11.47	21.12.48	Shot Wainfleet, Lincs.
125235	Barnacle	Left June, 1948	20.1.49	Shot Blundeston, Suffolk.

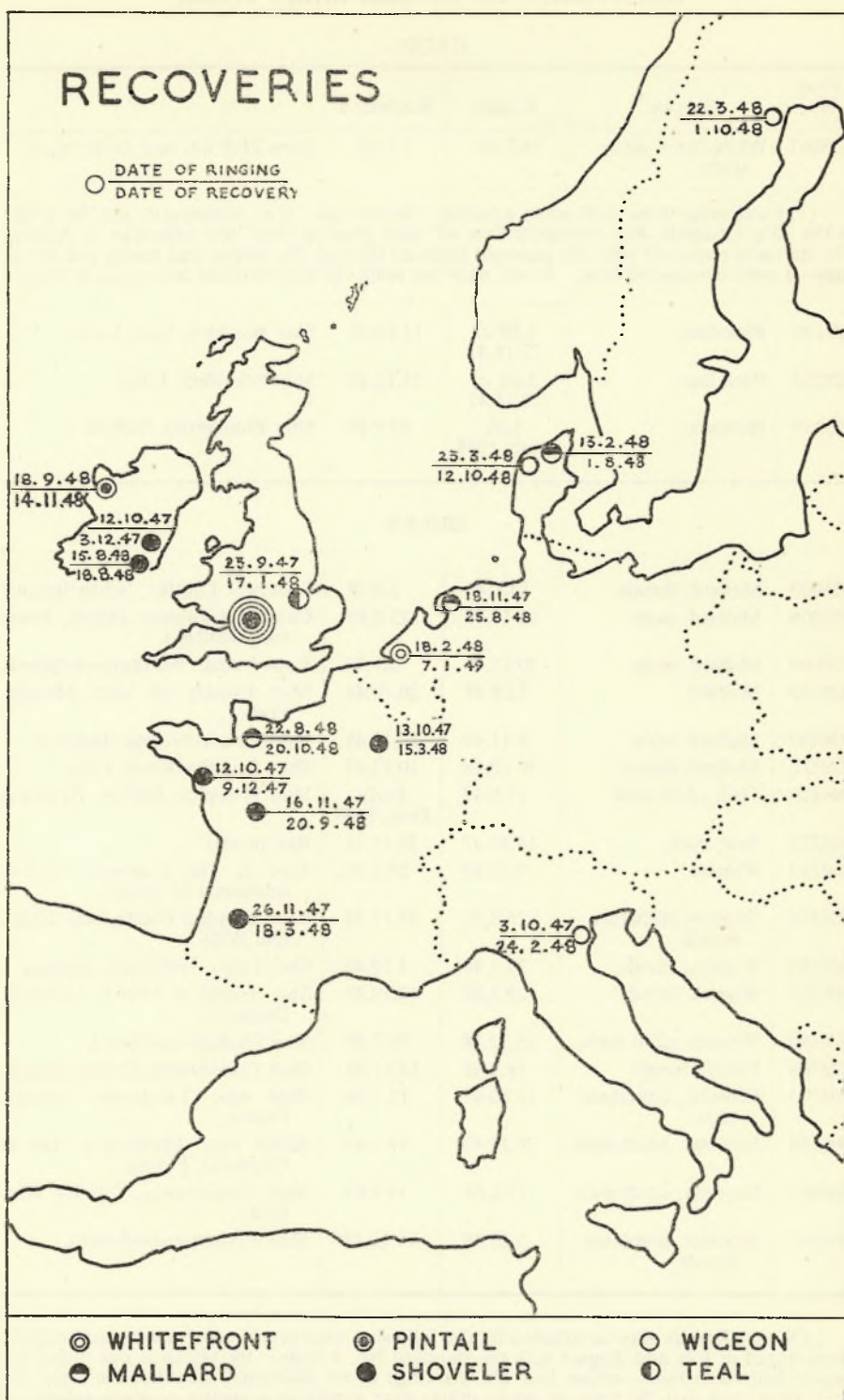
DUCKS

926000	Mallard, female	13.2.48	1.8.48	Shot near Lögstör, North Jutland.
926006	Mallard, male	18.11.47	25.8.48	Caught Bakhuizen Decoy, Friesland, Holland.
926008	Mallard, male	30.11.47	2.1.49	Found dead Westbury-on-Severn.
926438	Mallard	22.8.48	20.10.48	Shot Estuary of Vire, Manche, France.
926490	Mallard, male	8.11.48	27.12.48	Shot Stewartby, near Bedford.
926512	Mallard, female	10.10.48	10.12.48	Shot Berkeley Road, Glos.
904160	Teal, adult male	17.9.47	Early Dec., 1948	Shot Hampton Bishop, Hereford.
904224	Teal, male	14.10.47	29.11.48	Recaptured.
904215	Wigeon	3.10.47	24.2.48	Shot in The Lagoons, 15 km. south-east of Venice.
906376	Wigeon, immature female	25.2.48	13.11.48	Shot Braydon Ponds, near Charlton, Wilts.
906380	Wigeon, female	22.3.48	1.10.48	Shot Lulea, Norrbotte, Sweden.
906402	Wigeon, female	23.3.48	12.10.48	Shot Island of Oland, Limfjord, Denmark.
906490	Wigeon, adult male	25.12.48	18.1.49	Shot Hasfield-on-Severn.
926508	Pintail, female	18.9.48	14.11.48	Shot Claremorris, County Mayo.
904223	Shoveler, immature male	13.10.47	15.3.48	Shot near Landrecies (Nord.), France.
906346	Shoveler, adult male	26.11.47	18.3.48	Killed near Marmande (Lot et Garonne), France.
906415	Shoveler, adult male	15.8.48	18.8.48	Shot Duncormick, County Wexford.
906447	Shoveler, immature female	5.12.48	16.12.48	Shot Frampton-on-Severn.

(Note.—Results may be affected by the following discovery : 130 hand-reared Mallards were ringed in July and August with the standard No. 4 rings. By March it was found that nearly half these birds—which had bill markings as an additional identification—had lost their rings, and that the rings on many others were gaping to a greater or lesser extent. It is suggested that the standard No. 4 ring without clip should be made of a thicker gauge.)

RECOVERIES

○ DATE OF RINGING
● DATE OF RECOVERY





BIRDS RINGED OTHER THAN WATERFOWL SINCE THE INCEPTION OF THE TRUST

In addition to the waterfowl the following 173 birds have been ringed :—

One Jackdaw, 3 Starlings, 76 Greenfinches, 8 Chaffinches, 2 Reed-Buntings, 1 House-Sparrow, 7 Great Tits, 27 Blue Tits, 8 Spotted Flycatchers, 3 Chiffchaffs, 5 Willow-Warblers, 1 Lesser Whitethroat, 4 Song-Thrushes, 3 Blackbirds, 4 Robins, 1 Hedge-Sparrow, 4 Swallows, 2 Swifts, 1 Tawny Owl, 2 Sparrow-Hawks, 2 Herons, 1 Wood-Pigeon, 2 Turtle-Doves, 3 Common Gulls, 1 Water-Rail, 1 Coot.

MOORHEN EXPERIMENTS

Homing experiments have been carried out with Moorhens (*Gallinula c. chloropus*) with only moderate results. Moorhens breed freely in the decoy, the pens and the surrounding rhines. Since they eat the duck food and occasionally take eggs and even young ducks, we are anxious to reduce their numbers. They are therefore trapped, ringed and taken away by visitors for release at various distances. They are not a very satisfactory bird for such work as they are not easily re-trapped and a ringed bird may return without being detected until long afterwards. On the other hand, the fairly large numbers which do not return rid the Trust's enclosures of an excess of these birds. It is proposed to continue the experiments by dyeing or lacquering certain feathers which will make returned birds identifiable without recapture. Fifty-two Moorhens have been caught and sent to the following places :—

Bidston (Cheshire), Burnham-on-Sea (Somerset), Blandford (Dorset), Cheltenham, Chipping Sodbury, Epney (Glos), Frome, Framilode (Glos), Gloucester, Harborne (near Birmingham), Haslemere, Hagley (near Birmingham), Kidlington (Oxon), Kingskerswell (near Torquay), Malvern, Mere (Wilts), Nailsea (Somerset), Pangbourne, Reading, Stonehouse (Glos), Seend (Wilts), Stow-on-the-Wold, Upleadon (Glos), Westbury-on-Trym (near Bristol), Worcester, Walton-on-Thames.

Only three birds returned and were recaptured on the New Grounds :—

333183 released Reading 24.7.48, recaptured 7.11.48. 906393 released Walton-on-Thames 29.11.47, recaptured 25.2.48, released next day at Malvern and shot at Longney (about six miles from the New Grounds) in August, 1948 (exact date not recorded by recoverer). 906370 released Chipping Sodbury 21.12.47, recaptured 8.1.48, released next day at Stonehouse (Glos), but has not been recaptured since.