

# CENTRE DE RECHERCHES SUR LA BIOLOGIE DES POPULATIONS D'OISEAUX

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## C.R.B.P.O. - French ringing scheme in 2001

### Staff:

Denis Couvet (director; note that all important mails to the scheme should be addressed or copied to him; couvet@mnhn.fr)

Guy Jarry (technical director)

Annie Erard (1/2 time secretary; will retire in 2002)

Romain Julliard (research assistant; in charge of C.E.S.)

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Marjorie Weltz (2 years project on Bird Conservation Status in France)

Olivier Dehorter (database manager; replacing Grégoire Lois since mid-August 2001 )

Frederic Baroteaux (ringing data clerk)

One more ringing data clerk will be soon recruited, replacing François Chiron.

### Ringing activities:

All ringing activities are project based.

National projects are:

#### \* Standardized local surveys:

Constant Effort Site (increased from 25 sites in 1999 to 60 sites in 2001; increasing should continue);

Capture-recapture studies on local populations (breeding or wintering) starting 2001 and may concern any species for which at least 10 individuals can be captured locally per year (choice in a list of 133 possible species).

\* Large scale ringing of a list of 40 species, including reedbed passerines, swallow, skylark, ortolan bunting, and hunted species (excluding wildfowl and waders).

70 other species are followed by one or more ringers having special authorization (mostly large and/or rare species, e.g., flamingoes, herons, ducks, raptors, waders, gulls, etc.).

There has been no precise annual counts of the ringing activities since several years. Around 100,000 birds are ringed each year by 300 ringers, 2700 recoveries (bird found away from ringing site) are reported each year (half are foreign recoveries). The local surveys result in around 15,000 local recaptures per year.

### Ringing data base:

Ca. 75% of the 1989-2000 data are currently computerized. We target having the full data base from 1989 included, computerized within one year. An increasing proportion of new ringing data are computerized by the ringers (ca. 85% in 2000). Most exchanges from CRBPO to the ringers are done via internet with attached data files. Extending such exchanges between national schemes would be an obvious improvement.

We consider that current circulation of information between CRBPO and public, ringers and foreign schemes have reached the desired speed, with letters sent ca. every two months.