

Reporting ringed + tagged birds

It is usually best if the finders of ringed birds send in the observations themselves to the ringing scheme coordinator in case there are questions as to whether the rings have been read correctly or the coordinator is keen to get further information. If you do not wish to send in records to the ringers yourself then we are happy to do this for you for any birds seen in the Cley Square.

Birds with standard metal rings can be reported on the EURING site

<http://blx1.bto.org/euring/main/>

or www.ring.ac (easy to remember)

For colour-ringed, collared and wing-tagged birds it is best whenever possible to enter sightings on the ringing scheme's website. If the scheme does not have this facility, then it is usually necessary to contact the scheme coordinator by e-mail. The EURING website administered by BTO <http://www.cr-birding.org/> lists by species the different European colour-marking schemes and gives the scheme co-ordinator e-mail address or alternatively the address of a website where observers can input details of a sighting of one of their birds. For wader species the EURING website now gives a link to the International Wader Study Group register of colour-ringed schemes which can be found at

<http://www.waderstudygroup.org/projects/colour-marking/the-register/>

If the bird does not match any of the schemes listed or the scheme coordinator does not reply within six months then e-mail colourringing@bto.org and BTO will try and help.

Three of the Ringing Groups in North Norfolk now have websites where it is possible for observers to submit a sighting of one of the birds they have fitted with colour-rings or tags and get instant feedback on the details of the bird seen. [N Norfolk C-R-Websites](#) gives their website addresses, a list of the bird species being ringed and the ringing combinations that are being used.

The normal arrangement is that the ringer will give the observer of a ringed bird its life history detailing where and when it was ringed and all field observations of it. For birds that have only a standard metal ring you usually only get the details of where and when it was first caught. We would very much like to receive copies of the details for any birds seen in the Cley Square in order to keep this document as comprehensive as possible. Ringers are usually unable to keep you up to date with future observations of birds, as the workload would become far too high. In the following web-based reporting schemes geese ringed on the continent <http://www.geese.org/Ganzen/index.jsp> gulls ringed in Norway <http://www.ringmerking.no/cr/> Avocets ringed in France <http://www.bretagne-vivante-dev.org/avocette/indexen.php> it is, however, possible to login at any time and get up to date histories for the birds you have seen yourself.