

Sorby-Breck Ringing Group

April Newsletter 2006

*"To provide data from ringing activities to support the conservation and knowledge of bird species in Derbyshire and South Yorkshire."*

First of all my apologies for the lateness of this Newsletter. Finishing school in March and spending Easter in Cyprus is my excuse. The Schedule One licences have arrived and I have spare copies for ringers expecting to ring barn owl etc.,

There has been little time to put together items, more will follow in May but I thought that Caroline's e-mail would serve as an introduction to both Cyprus and her recent news.

Geoff Mawson.

Dear Geoff,

Hey there, long time no contact! Hope all is going well for you and that you had a great time in Cyprus this year. I so wish I could have gone with you again but alas it is a long way to come now that I am finally almost settled in California.

So this year has been pretty exciting. Richard and I got married out in Hawaii at the end of last year. It was an absolutely brilliant day with just the two of us there, although we will be having a wedding blessing ceremony and reception this year in Dronfield on July 1st - so if you're able to make it, save the date and your invite will be arriving shortly! I haven't managed to get out ringing as yet while I have been over here although there has been some fantastic bird watching trips that I've been on. Most of the 'banding' here is associated with employment and the closest voluntary opportunity that I found was way down in San Diego - without transport that was a bit of a problem. However my working permit for the US has finally come through and so hopefully, with fingers, eyes and everything else crossed, I will be able to find a suitable job that will allow me to get out there soon.

What I am writing to you now for is to ask if you would be so kind as to act as one of my references for the jobs I will applying for shortly. I will of course let you know who will be contacting you and when and I will enclose a copy of my resume and a sample cover letter with this email for you have a look at. If you are able to act as a reference could you please give me the best contact details for you, for me to give out upon request.

One further favour would be to ask you to put me on the mailing list for the monthly Sorby Breck newsletter. I so miss not hearing what you have been up to, and I so miss not being out there with you. I'd like to thank you so much for all your patience and training over the years I had such a great time every weekend. Hopefully I will soon be able to get out and back into it over here.

Once again I hope all is going well with everything, please pass on my regards to Gill, Steve, Phil, Jack and the rest of the group. Hope to hear from you soon.

All the best

Caroline

**March 2006 Totals**  
**Monthly Species Totals Report**

	Jan 2006	Feb 2006	Mar 2006			Total 2006	Jan-Mar 2005
Mute Swan	4		1			5	35
Greylag Goose		1				1	1
Canada Goose	4					4	6
Wigeon		1				1	
Teal	1					1	2
Mallard		1				1	2
Sparrowhawk							2
Moorhen	1					1	4
Coot		2				2	1
Jack Snipe	1		1			2	5
Snipe	3	2				5	22
Woodpigeon		2	2			4	
Collared Dove			1			1	3
Great Spotted Woodpecker		1				1	5
Meadow Pipit		1				1	
Grey Wagtail	1	5	6			12	4
Pied Wagtail	6	13	3			22	5
Waxwing	38	1				39	204
Dipper		5	5			10	1
Wren	7	10	1			18	14
Dunnock	7	11	10			28	73
Robin	9	14	5			28	43
Blackbird	23	11	12			46	93
Fieldfare							1
Song Thrush	2	6	3			11	24
Redwing	5	1				6	29
Mistle Thrush							2
Blackcap	1					1	



**Kestrel**

T070205	06/02/2005	4	Cottam Power Station, Notts	
	06/01/2006	R	Thrybergh CP, S Yorks (DW)	40 km, 334 days

**Chaffinch**

T529216	10/12/2005	3F	Cowers Lane, Belper, Derbys (AP)	
	31/12/2005	XF	Cowers Lane, Belper, Derbys	0 km, 21 days <i>Poor condition</i>

**Greenfinch**

TB46105	12/07/2003	3J	Uppertown, Derbys (GB)	
	19/11/2005	R	Wingerworth, Derbys (GB)	7 km, 861 days

**Goldfinch**

T209963	21/11/2004	3M	Dronfield, Derbys (GPM)	
	27/11/2005	R	Holdworth, Sheffield (SS)	15 km, 371 days

*David Williams*