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## REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

### Ross's Gull (Rhodostethia rosea)

Michael Densley, Principal Officer, (Museums and Exhibitions) for Rotherham Borough Council has been studying Ross's Gull for a number of years and is anxious to look at all specimens in museums in Britain, and to list them with their details. Could all museums with specimens of this species send details - please do not assume that Mr. Densley is aware of the existence of the specimen - no matter how apparently well-known. Details to Central Library and Arts Centre, Rotherham S65 1JH.

### Prosobranch Molluscs

Dr. Vera Fretter is involved in a research project 'The Prosobranch Molluscs of Britain and Denmark' and requests research material, particularly Toxoglossans, Eulima, Balcis and Pyramidellids. If anyone can help please contact Dr. Fretter at the Dept. of Zoology, The University, Whiteknights Road, Reading, RG6 2AJ.

### Convoluta

Shelagh Doonan would be extremely grateful for any information on, or sightings of Convoluta on beaches. From a distance, it looks like a spinach-coloured stain on the sand but on close inspection, hundreds of worms (0.5-44mm long) can be seen. In Britain, the furthest north (published) records are from the Channel Islands, but verbal reports have recently been received for Aberthaw, and Port Erin, Isle of Man. Any specimens, in sea water, to Shelagh Doonan at Microbiology Department, Marischal College, Aberdeen University - please.

### Teaching specimens wanted

Durham University (Zoology Dept) have recently been working through their collections, and are seeking a variety of mounted and skeletal vertebrate material to fill the most obvious gaps. The following are most urgently required - mounted tenrec, fruit bat, flying lemur and anteater, and skulls of aadvarik, tarsier, camel, pronghorn, hyrac, pika, and manatee. However, any offer of mounted or skeletal material would be gratefully received. Donations preferred, but purchase also possible. Please contact Rosemary Anderson or Mike Stacey at Department of Zoology, Science Laboratories, South Road, Durham City.