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1839 W.C. HARRIS *Wild Sports* 384 *Redunca Capreolus*. The Rhee Buck. Rhee-bok of the Cape Colonists. 1860 A.W. DRAYSON *Sporting Scenes* 62 The reh-buck (*Eleotragus villosus*) ... Found in troops of from six to twelve, generally on the rocky hills. 1898 G. NICHOLSON 50 Yrs 21 On and around this farm black gnus and springbuck grazed in thousands on the plains; among the mounts rhebuck and klipspringer were to be had. 1930 S.T. PLAATJE *Mhudi* (1975) 48 On the surrounding hills, bushbuck and rhebuck peeped through the tree stems from the distance. 1952 H. KLEIN *Land of Silver Mist* 115 Herds of rhebuck dashed away. 1960 U. KRIGE (tr. J. van Melle) in D. Wright *S. Afr. Stories* 131 There was hardly any game left: now and again a steenbok or duiker, ... a couple of rhebuck, a netbok, nothing to speak of. 1986 E. TW (Satur) 16 Rhebuck inhabit the grassy highlands.

2. With distinguishing epithet: grey rhebuck, the RHEBOK (sense 1 a), *Pelea capreolus*; mountain -, red -, or rooi rhebuck /rɔi-/ [Afk. rooi red (attrib. form rooie)], the mountain reedbuck (see REEDBUCK sense 2), *Redunca fulvorufula*; vaal rhebuck /fa:l-/; the RHEBOK (sense 1 a), *Pelea capreolus*. Also attrib.

1972 S. Afr. *Panorama* Jan. 19 On the plateau one finds grey rhebuck and oribi. 1980 J. HANKS *Mammals* 29 The grey rhebuck is frequently misidentified, and the most similar species is the mountain reedbuck. 1986 *Sunday Star* 9 Nov. (Trav. Suppl.) 2 Among a dozen species of antelope you may see grey rhebuck, unique to South Africa, high up on the plateau, if you should venture to those heights. 1987 T.F.J. VAN RENSBURG *Intro. to Fynbos* 52 Species that are still found abundantly in fynbos areas are the bontebok ..., grysbok, klipspringer, baboons, black-backed jackal, caracal and grey rhebuck. 1982 E. Prov. *Herald* 16 Sept. 11 Mountain rhebuck and kudu as well as a variety of smaller game. 1891 R. WARD *Sportsman's Handbk* 122 In Natal are found the Bushbuck ... and Red Rhebuck. 1971 *Grocott's Mail* 8 June 3 A red rhebuck ram and eight ewes ... have been released in the Thomas Baines Nature Reserve. 1987 T.F.J. VAN RENSBURG *Intro. to Fynbos* 52 Species that occur in limited numbers because they move from adjoining veld types are the bush-pig, kudu, red rhebuck, oribi, duiker, steenbok, bushbuck and blue duiker. 1839 W.C. HARRIS *Wild Sports* 224 The mountain range and its grassy environs, are the resort of six smaller species of antelope, hitherto unnoticed in these pages: viz., the klipspringer, rhebuck, rooi rhebuck, or nagor, orebi, steenbuck, and duiker. *Ibid.* 384 *Redunca Lalandii*. The Nagor. Rooye Rhee-bok of the Cape Colonists. 1973 E. Prov. *Herald* 26 Sept. 4 The bag limits will be: Blesbuck two, rooirhebuck three, kudu two and springbuck four. 1912 W. WESTRUP *Land of To-Morrow* 163 If you're as handy with a rifle as you are with a shot gun, you ought to do well after vaal rhebuck in the mountains. 1952 H. KLEIN *Land of Silver Mist* 115 Suddenly Piet yelled 'N'Yama' - and two vaal-rhebuck broke cover immediately in front of us. 1993 *Earthyear* (ed. 5) Winter (Earthling) 27 Table Mountain is unique ... There are still duiker, grysbok, vaal rhebuck.

rhee-boc, rhebok var. RHEBOK.

rheim, rheimpy var. RIEM n. , RIEMPIE n.

rhem var. RIEM v.

rhénosterbos /rɔ nɔstəbɔs/ n. Also renosterbos(ch), rhénosterbosch, rhinosterbos(ch). [S. Afr. Du., fr. Du. *rhénoster rhinoceros* + *bos*(ch) bush. The influence of mod. Afk. *renosterbos* is seen in the most recent quotes.]

1. RHINOCEROS-BUSH. Also attrib., and rhénosterbosje, -bossie [see BOSCHJE].

1812 A. PLUMPTRE tr. H. Lichtenstein's *Trav. in Sn Afr.* (1928) 173 We here found in abundance a plant which ... the colonists call ... *rhénosterbosjes*, because, they say, that in the time when the rhinoceros was an inhabitant of the country, it used to feed very much upon this plant. 1822 W.J. BURCHELL *Trav. I.* 101 A neat pale bushy shrub, of the height of three or four feet, called *Rhénoster bosch* (*Rhinoceros* bush)

and said to have formerly been the food of the huge rhinoceros, till those animals fled before the colonists. 1827 D. CARMICHAEL in W.J. Hooker *Botanical Misc.* (1831) II. 56 The country ... is overrun with the heath-like shrub called the *Rhénoster bosch*. (Stoebe *rhinocerotis*), from under cover of which we started numbers of Dwyker antelopes. 1844 J. BACKHOUSE *Narr. of Visit* 511 The *Rhénosterbos*. *Rhinoceros*-bush, a low shrub, which is said to grow only on country which will produce wheat. 1861 LADY DUFF-GORDON *Let. from Cape* (1925) 69 The whole veld (common) ... is covered with a low thin scrub, about eighteen inches high, called *rhénosterbosch* - looking like meagre *arbor vitae* or pale juniper. 1872 E.J. DUNN in A.M.L. Robinson *Sel. Articles from Cape Monthly Mag.* (1978) 39 How much better it would be to see the 'Ruggens' covered with 'schaapbosch', instead of the worthless 'rhénoster bosch'. 1910 A.B. LAMONT *Rural Reader* 259 *Rhénosterbos* is one of our commonest bushes, being found all over the country. 1918 J.W. BEWS *Grasses & Grasslands* 95 In the South-Western region, the species which is usually dominant over great areas ... is the *Rhénoster bosch*, a composite (*Elytropappus rhinocerotis*). 1927 C.G. BORTH *Social Life in Cape Col.* 103 The tops of branches of the *rhénosterboschjes*, ... when infused in wine or brandy gave a good stomachic bitters. 1941 C.W. DE KIEWIT *Hist. of S. Afr.* 189 Tumbleweed, prickly pear, *rhénosterbos*, and jointed cactus invaded the territory of the edible grass and nutritious plants. 1957 L.G. GREEN *Beyond City Lights* 225 Within a brushwood fence, in a kraal covered inches deep with manure by the sheep, sheltered from the sun by a *renosterbos* roof, the tobacco plants flourish. 1961 M. COLE *S. Afr.* 541 Burning and overgrazing ... have destroyed many of the grasses and permitted the sway of the useless *renosterbos* (*Elytropappus rhinocerotis*), a low shrub whose leaves are impregnated with wax and are unpalatable to animals. 1964 L.G. GREEN *Old Men Say* 149 *Renosterbos*, gummy and resinous, to be infused with brandy: a tonic for dyspepsia. 1973 Y. BURGESS *Life to Live* 113 She says you can try some wildeals or *renosterbos* in a little brandy to make you strong. 1978 *Sunday Times* 5 Mar. 3 Just one teeny-weensy elephant peering at one over a *renosterbos*. 1984 A. WANNENBURGH *Natural Wonder of Sn Afr.* 87 Here the most prevalent taller plants are the greygreen *renosterbos* and four species of protea, including the water white sugarbush. 1988 SMUTS & ALBERTS *Forgotten Highway* 24 At the southern entrance in the Cold Bokkeveld, the vegetation is not unlike that of Ceres, with the *renosterbos* (*Elytropappus rhinocerotis*) much in evidence. [1993 see RENOSTERVELD.]

2. comb. *rhénosterbosveld* /-fɛlt/ [Afk. veld (open) countryside], RENOSTERVELD.

1987 T.F.J. VAN RENSBURG *Intro. to Fynbos* 14 As indicated earlier, there are five veld types in the Cape Floral kingdom or Fynbos Biome: strandveld, coastal *rhénosterbosveld*, coastal fynbos, fynbos and false fynbos ... The soils on which strandveld and coastal *rhénosterbosveld* are found are fertile, neutral to alkaline and sometimes somewhat brackish. *Ibid.* 23 Coastal *Rhénosterbosveld* ... What strikes one about this veld type is the dominance of the evergreen fine-leaved shrub *rhénosterbos* (*Elytropappus rhinocerotis*) and the characteristic wealth of spring flowers. [1989 *Weekend Post* 7 Oct. 3 It was considered vital to conserve the Baviaanskloof because it was the meeting place of four major veld types - mountain fynbos, valley bushveld, Knysna forest and Cape grassveld. A fifth veld type, *renosterbos*, was found on the fringes.]

[*rhénostervoël* /rɔ nɔstə(r)vuəl/ n. Also *renostervoël*, and (formerly) *rhénoster*, *rhénaster*, *rhénaster vogel*. [S. Afr. Du., *rhénoster rhinoceros* (later Afk. *renoster*) + *voël* (later Afk. *voël*) bird.] OXPECKER.

1822 W.J. BURCHELL *Trav. I.* 245 They distinguish also a *Rhénoster*-vogel and an Olifants vogel; but whatever might have been believed of these birds formerly, they are not now to be depended upon by the hunter, in search of these quadrupeds. [1899 see RHINOCEROS BIRD.] 1990 C. LAFFEATY *Far Forbidden Plains* 356 'They are *renostervoëls*,' he said. 'Those red

bills of theirs are searching out ticks on the hides of the cattle.'

rhienm var. RIEM n.

rhinoceros bird n. phr. Also rhinoceros' bird. [Prob. tr. S. Afr. Du. *rhénostervoël*, see prec.] OXPECKER. Also (colloq.) rhino bird.

1822 J. CAMPBELL *Trav. in S. Afr. Second Journey* I. 282 There is a brown bird, about the size of a thrush, called the rhinoceros' bird, from its perching upon these animals and picking off the bush-lice which fix on them. 1850 R.G.G. CUMMING *Hunter's Life* I. 344 Before I could reach the proper distance to fire, several rhinoceros-birds, by which he was attended, warned him of his impending danger by sticking their bills into his ear, and uttering their harsh, grating cry. 1897 SCHULZ & HAMMAR *New Africa* 130 On nearing the bush, the rising of some 'rhinoceros' (also known as 'tick') birds, with their shrill, peculiar shriek, warned me that the beast was near. 1899 J.G. MILLAIS *Breath from Veldt* 95 (Swart). I should like to add a few notes from personal observation of the rhinoceros bird (or 'rhénaster vogel', as it is called by the Dutch), which to my mind is the most interesting bird I have ever seen. 1937 W.D. DE KOK tr. E.N. Marais's *Soul of White Ant* (1973) 54 In this country the rhinoceros-bird, which used to relieve the now vanished thick-skinned game of ticks, has undertaken the same office for the thinner-skinned domestic animals. 1947 J. STEVENSON-HAMILTON *Wild Life in S. Afr.* 47 The black rhinoceros ... is often accompanied by rhinoceros birds (*Buphaga*), which give the alarm on the approach of enemies. 1991 *Farmer's Weekly* 25 Jan. 20 (adv.) By controlling the cursed ticks on cattle and game, highly toxic poisons also wiped out large numbers of the good old Rhino birds.

rhinoceros-bush n. [Prob. tr. S. Afr. Du. *rhénosterbos*(ch), see RENOSTERBOS; see quot. 1731.] The evergreen shrub *Elytropappus rhinocerotis* of the Asteraceae, with grey-blue, fine-leaved foliage and clusters of small, purple flowers; RHENOSTERBOS sense 1; RHINOSTER sense 2.

1731 G. MEDLEY tr. P. Kolb's *Present State of Cape of G.H.* 103 [The Rhinoceros] is not fond of Feeding on Grass, chusing rather Shrubs, Broom and Thistles. But the Delight of his Tooth is a Shrub, not much unlike the Juniper, but not of so fine a Scent, nor quite so prickly. The Cape Europeans call it the Rhinoceros-Bush. 1786 G. FORSTER tr. A. Sparrman's *Voy. to Cape of G.H.* I. 251 The rhinoceros-bush (a species of stoebe) a dry shrub, which is otherwise used to thrive on barren tracts of land, now begins to encroach more and more on such places as have been thoroughly cleared and cultivated. 1801 J. BARROW *Trav. I.* 69 Two species of *serphium*, called here the rhinoceros-bush, predominate. 1821 C.I. LATROBE *Jrnl of Visit* 55 Some of us rekindled the fire, keeping up a constant blaze, by feeding it with rhinoceros-bushes, a resinous shrub, with large roots, but easily pulled up. 1824 W.J. BURCHELL *Trav. II.* 126 The rhinoceros-bush grows abundantly on different parts of these mountains, and was the only fuel which I saw used at this house. 1839 W.C. HARRIS *Wild Sports* 30 Barely sufficient quantity of fuel, from a shrub called the rhinoceros bush, could be obtained for culinary purposes. 1976 E. Prov. *Herald* 21 Oct. 4 Invader plants that cause the greatest problem in the mountainous parts of the Eastern Karoo Region were the broom bush, taibos or kraaibossie, *Leucosida*, rhinoceros bush, resin bush and buffalo thorn. 1991 H. BRADFORD in *Cosmopolitan* Aug. 127 In addition to swallowing one cup of this cocktail three times a day, at night the pregnant woman was urged to find, strain, and drink a black-ant nest made in the rhinoceros-bush.

rhinoster /rɔ nɔstə/ n. Also r(h)enoster, rhinaster, rhénosta. [Englished form of S. Afr. Du. *rhénoster* (later Afk. *renoster*) rhinoceros.]

1. obs.

a. Either of two species of rhinoceros of the Rhinocerotidae, the white or square-lipped rhinoceros *Ceratotherium simum*, or the black or hook-lipped rhinoceros *Diceros bicornis* (now an endangered species).

1839 W.C. HARRIS *Wild Sports* 371 *Rhinoceros Africanus*. The African Rhinoceros. Rhinaster of the Cape Colonists ... *Rhinoceros Sinus*. The White Rhinoceros. Witte Rhinaster of the Cape Colonists. 1844 J. BACKHOUSE *Narr. of Visit* 172 The common two-horned Rhinoceros, *Rhinoceros bicornis*, called Rhinoster by the Cape colonists, was formerly common throughout the country.

b. comb. rhinoster bird, OXPECKER.

1851 J.F. CHURCHILL *Diary*. [Killie Campbell] *African Library* MS37 29 June. Met with no wild animals during the day. Saw a few Rhinoster Birds with large Bills.

2. In full *rhinoster bush*: RHINOCEROS-BUSH.

1851 R. GRAY *Jrnl of Bishop's Visitation II*. Unbroken, monotonous rhinoster bush. 1867 *Blue Bk for Col.* 1866 JJ15. The rhenoster bush, since the introduction of sheep, has fearfully encroached on the pasturage, leaving no alternative but to burn it. 1896 R. WALLACE *Farming Indust. of Cape Col.* 81 The rhenoster bush has spread more widely and more quickly than exotic plants generally do, on account of it having been carried through the Colony by the brandy distilling Boers of old time, who used it as dunnage in packing the casks on their waggons. 1902 H.J. DUCKITT in M. KUTTEL *Quadrilles & Konfyt* (1954) 17 There was the large oven (built into the kitchen), which took a cartload of wood to heat; by wood I mean 'rhenoster bush', which grows on the hills, and strange to say, wherever land has been under cultivation, in a few years it is covered with this bush, which makes excellent firewood. 1905 H. BOLUS in *Flint & Gilchrist Science in S. Afr.* 219 The constituents of the 'zuur-veld' (or sour-veld), as it is called by the colonists, are of a coarser character ... which are of little use to livestock; just as they, and also the rhenoster-bush (*Elytropappus rhinocerotis*) and the Restionaceae, are the great drawbacks of the grazing grounds in the South-west Region. 1913 D. FAIRBRIDGE *Piet of Italy* 131 Francesco followed him across the werf and up the grey rhinoster-clad hillside. *Ibid.* 137 He found himself passing through a gate which led to nowhere — or only to an expanse of stony veld covered with grey tufts of rhinoster. 1915 — *Torch Bearer* 49 The fragrant scent of burning rhinoster-bush rose from a cottage chimney near by and floated in at the open window. 1917 R. MARLOTH *Common Names* 69 *Renosterbos* (*Rhenoster Bush*). *Elytropappus rhinocerotis* ... Mostly looked upon as a useless bush, which much impedes the farming operations, but on the Ruggens (Caledon distr.) it is in many cases the only fuel available for ovens and other domestic use. 1920 E.H.L. SCHWARZ *Thirstland Redemption* 19 We have in South Africa the example of the Rhenoster Bush, that is said to have sprung from a few plants brought to Simon's Town. 1928 N. STEVENSON *Afr. Harvest* 175 There was an overpowering smell of rhenosta bush. 1947 F.C. STATER *Sel. Poems* 229 *Rhenoster*. A grey low bush (*Elytropappus rhinocerotis*), growing gregariously in South-West Cape Colony, but extending to Grahamstown on temporarily unused arable land and on overstocked pasturage — a great pest. 1969 I. VAUGHAN *These Were my Yesterday's* 48 Dawn of the next day had brought us out of the renoster bush of Swellendam and Robertson.

Rhodes grass n. phr. Also with small initial. [Named for Cecil John Rhodes (1853–1902); see quot. 1913.] The indigenous African grass *Chloris gayana* of the Poaceae, cultivated for pasturage and hay.

1913 C. PETTMAN *Africanisms* 399 *Rhodes grass*, *Chloris Gayana*, Kunth. A native grass which was brought to the notice of the late Hon. Cecil Rhodes while on a visit to the Queenstown District, as a valuable fodder plant, and sent by him to his farm in the Matopos, is now generally known as Rhodes grass. 1929 J.W. BEWS *World's Grasses* 179 'Rhodes grass', a native of Africa ... is cultivated in the S.W. States of N. America, in Hawaii, and in Australia. 1937 *Handbk for Farmers* (Dept. of Agric. & Forestry) 409 Rhodes grass ... is a sweet-veld grass, hence its establishment and persistence in sour-veld areas is not likely to prove successful. 1962 *New Scientist* (U.K.) 1 Mar. 487 Since the beginning of the century, when it was introduced into Australia from its native home

in Africa, Rhodes grass (*Chloris gayana*) has become the dominant pasture species. 1991 D.M. MOORE *Garden Earth* 199 The Rhodes grass (*Chloris gayana*) is now an important pasture and hay grass in warm areas outside southern Africa.

Rhodesian lion dog see LION DOG.

Rhodesian ridgeback see RIDGEBACK.

Rhodie ['rəudi] n. Often derog. colloq. [Formed on *Rhodesian* + Eng. (informal) n.-forming suffix -ie.] A white expatriate of the former Rhodesia; a white person from Zimbabwe (esp. one resentful of majority rule).

Used (since the renaming of the country in 1980) in contrast to Zimbabwean.

1983 *Rand Daily Mail* 16 Sept. 1 Detention without acquittal would remain in Zimbabwe as long as there were threats from 'South African destabilisation, bandits and old Rhodesies who still try to carry on the war which ended at Lancaster House'. 1985 [see WHEN-WE]. 1988 E. Prov. *Herald* 27 Feb. 6 The SABC has hurried into 20th century politics ... laying on a simulcast in English for the Rhodesies on the Natal South Coast. 1990 *Weekly Mail* 28 Sept. 9 They were told that the skills they'd acquired abroad were urgently required by the new, non-racial nation now that the Rhodesies' illegal government had been toppled ... Cynics and doom merchants are already muttering that ... there'll be the same migration out of South Africa, though where the brains draining away go could be a problem (as it is for Rhodesies) — the southern tip of the continent being the end of the road. 1993 *Ibid.* 21 May 16 Not so long ago, Rhodesies ruled the world ... But ... they had to give way, and they are not happy.

rhy-bók var. RHEBOK.

ribbetjie ['rəbəkij] n. Also ribbitje. [Afrik.] Ribs (or 'rack') of lamb or mutton (see quot. 1970); chops. Also with defining word, as *braaibibbetjie* /'brai-/ [Afrik., braai grill(ed)], barbecued ribs, *skaapribbetjie* /'ska:p-/ [Afrik., skaap sheep], mutton ribs. See also SOUTRIBBETJIE.

1916 *Farmer's Weekly* 27 Dec. 1985 The 'old style' man goes to town for 'Nachtmaal' every quarter, lives in his wagon while there, eats 'gebraaide ribbetjie' or 'biltong' at the camp fire, and drinks his coffee out of his own kettle. 1935 P. SMITH *Platkops Children* 213 An' the picnic was saasaaties an' ribbitjies cooked on the coals, an' coffee an' cookies. 1958 A. JACKSON *Trader on Veld* 23 Her range of culinary art was limited to serving us with 'braaibibbetjie' (grilled mutton chops) without vegetables for breakfast, lunch and dinner. 1968 L.G. GREEN *Full Mary Glorious Morning* 232 Richter and Frikkie had just finished their evening meal of *braaibibbetjies* with potatoes baked in the embers. 1970 *Evening Post* 17 Oct. (Suppl.) 6 *Braaibibbetjie*. This consists of 4–6lb of mutton or lamb. When the shoulder has been removed, the breast and ribs are cut and chopped down to the spine, just before the chops are reached. Keep the ribbetjie in one piece, but chop through the bones so as to cut it into convenient serving pieces when grilled. 1984 *Sunday Times* 7 Oct. (Lifestyle) 1 This [sc. Graaff-Reinet] is a typical platteland town, you know. We like our ribbetjies on the braai after church. 1985 T. BARON in *Frontline* Feb. 31 White mussels, they told us that night in the bar as Scotch Jan fed us *skaapribbetjies*. They taste better than limpets, even to a galjoen.

ribbok var. RHEBOK.

ride v. [Calque formed on Afrik. *ry drive*, *ride*, convey.]

1. trans. a. To convey or transport (goods or substances). b. In the phr. *to ride transport*, to work as a carrier; KURVEY. See also TRANSPORT-RIDER, TRANSPORT-RIDING.

Also U.S. Eng. in sense a.

1862 *Abstracts in Cape Stat.* p.vi. Prohibition against overworking cattle in riding wood, and thus rendering them unfit for the plough. 1866 E.L. PRICE *Jrnl* (1956) 218 Roger has had a very hard and busy time

with the Dam-making. The soil proves too sandy — and he has been obliged to get Seidras to ride earth from other place[s] round about. 1870 E. Prov. *Herald* 9 Aug. First you sift your earth, and then sieve in water with the gravel on the table to be sorted ... Two casks of water will last you all day, and that will save riding earth all day. 1878 *Cape Parl. Papers* in R. ROSS *Adam Kok's Griquas* (1976) 110 I also reaped 30 bags of mealies, selling them at 12s.; ... riding transport as work permits. 1880 *Albion Times* 30 Jan. It is a common thing to hear farmers ... complain that they have to ride water for household uses a distance of eight or ten miles. 1897 E. GLANVILLE *Tales from Veld* 26, I want you to 'ride' a load of wood to the house. 1905 P. GIBSON *Vrouw Gbelaar* 67 The man was clean mad, and, in spite of all we could do, ... he rode her to the dorp and married her there. 1911 — *Margaret Harding* 61 When I was a young man I rode transport ... Then I travelled. 1913 [see misrybol (MIS sense 3)]. 1913 C. PETTMAN *Africanisms* 400 *Ride*, To a common South African colloquialism uses this verb somewhat peculiarly, e.g. 'He is riding wood, forage, etc.' meaning 'He is carting wood, forage, etc.' from one place to another. 1926 P. SMITH *Beadle* (1929) 115 Aalst Vlokmán was at that time riding transport between Platkops dorp and Princes town village. 1929 J.G. VAN ALPHEN *Jan Venter* 44 One of the neighbours has put a fence across his road which we have been using for riding mealies to the railway siding for the last fifteen years. 1937 C.R. PRANCE *Tante Rebella's Saga* 125 The ox- and the donkey-wagon are almost obsolete, and with them has died out Jock's hope to make his poorer debtors ride transport to work off their debt. 1962 F.C. METROWICH *Scotty Smith* 166 De Jay must have been a complete fool, because ... he actually agreed to go transport riding with him. 1972 *Grocott's Mail* 15 Dec. 3 Farmers have to ride in feed. 1979 M. PARKES *Wheatlands* 84 He ... had the foresight to know that in times of drought, the prickly pear was an asset and very useful, not only to us, as neighbours rode loads of it to feed their animals.

2.a. trans. In the phr. *to ride (someone) over*, to run (someone) over.

1978 *Darling* 19 July 12 An African has accused me of riding him over with the panel van I possessed at the time.

b. trans. To drive (a motor-vehicle).

1986 *Informant*, Durban You must see how he rides his car!

c. intrans. To travel.

1991 G. DE BEER *Informant*, Port Nolloth (N. Cape) Ride in (drive in/travel in): Let's ride in your car today.

Ride Safe n. phr. Also with small initials. The name of the voluntary organization co-ordinating assistance with free travel for national servicemen who are on leave (see quot. 1981). Usual attrib. Cf. BELLERYNA.

1979 W. STEENKAMP in *Cape Times* 20 Jan., Project Ride Safe, the give-a-troopie-a-lift scheme, is now well under way ... Thanks to the Ride Safe scheme our troops' hitch-hiking is rather better regulated ... If you see a garage displaying the red-and-yellow Ride Safe sign call in there in case there is a soldier waiting for a lift. 1979 *Grocott's Mail* 8 Feb. 1 Two Ride Safe pick-up points for homeland bound soldiers are planned for Grahamstown. 1979 *Paratus Oct.* (Suppl.) 1 The Ride Safe scheme for National Servicemen wishing to go home over weekends is working admirably well. However, some motorists fear an accident with a soldier in the car. 1981 *Rand Daily Mail* 29 Sept. 14 The 'ride safe' project was launched in 1978. This project, which is at present being expanded and improved, provides lifts for national servicemen, safe boarding along freeways, free sleeping accommodation in certain towns along the main routes, proper third party insurance and special luminous sashes to make them more visible at night. 1982 E. Prov. *Herald* 10 Nov. 10 If funds are needed to make the Ride-Safe telephone service more effective, why on earth should they come from the good-hearted women who do the job? 1985 *Cape Times* 30 Dec. 7 *Ride Safe*: Lifts for national servicemen.