

NOTES ON RECOVERIES OF TASMANIAN TYPE SILVEREYES IN SYDNEY.

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There appears to be a general plumage gradient among Eastern Silvereyes (Zosterops lateralis) from Sydney type birds to Tasmanian type birds. These two types are easily distinguishable although there is often considerable plumage variation in any area.

Sydney breeding birds generally have yellow throats with a clear line of demarcation from the throat to the grey breast. The flanks are pale - fawn coloured or very pale buff. The clearest difference between Tasmanian breeding birds and Sydney type birds is in the throat and flank colouring. The throats of Tasmanian birds are grey (or whitish) sometimes with a very slight yellow dusting near the chin but not extending over the throat to form the clear line found in Sydney birds. The flanks are usually brown to rich chestnut. The identification of the Tasmanian types are based on skins from that State.

The following are details of some of the Tasmanian type birds which have been banded and retrapped at Sydney.

Band No.	Banded.	Retrapped				
010-						
06843	3.5.59	12.7.59	13.6.60	29.4.61	25.4.62	5.8.62
06849	3.5.59	6.6.59	25.6.60	29.4.61	25.4.62	5.8.62
07007	27.6.59		30.4.60	5.8.61		
16153	3.7.60			5.8.61	5.5.62	
16154	3.7.60			5.8.61		
08674	6.6.59				28.4.62	
08677	6.6.59				28.4.62	
10542	21.8.59				22.7.62	5.8.62
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07069	5.7.59	28.7.60	5.9.60			1.8.62
		19.8.59	21.8.59	2.7.60	16.7.60	26.7.60
				17.8.60	18.8.60	14.8.60
07079	5.7.59	28.7.60	5.9.60			1.8.61

The table illustrates the remarkable way in which certain individuals, pairs or groups are retrapped in subsequent years in the same locality at approximately the same time of year and, in the case of some pairs, often both members of the pair on the same date. All these birds were banded and retrapped at North Ryde except the last pair (07069 and 07074) which were banded and retrapped at Lane Cove.

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The following table lists the long-distance recoveries of the Eastern Silvereye (Zosterops lateralis) to date.

Band No.	Date	By	AI	Notes
010-06887	B 20.6.59	S.G.Lane	Lane Cove Sydney NSW	(a) Tasmanian
	R 19.1.60	Mrs.Thomas	Rosevears W.Tamar.Tas.	(b) 570 miles S. killed by cat
25575	B 13.9.60	Miss G.Bowker	Port Fairy V.	(a) -
+ R	25.11.60	T.Prescott	Barwon Heads Vic.	(b) 125 miles E.M. found dead.
18100	B 1.10.60	S.G.Lane	Kulnura(nr. Gosford)NSW	(a) Sydney
	R 23.8.61	Mrs.Hargrave	Mt.Barney(nr. Rathdowney)Q	(b) 370 miles NNE found dead
27743	B 14.7.61	Miss G.Bowker	Port Fairy V.	(a) -
+ R	25.4.62	C.Austin	Coleraine V.	(b) 75 miles WNW released alive.
32200	B 28.8.61	W.Dowling	Bandon Grove Dungog.NSW	(a) Victorian
+ R	8.7.62	W.Belton	Tianjara (nr. Nowra) NSW	(b) 210 miles SSW. released alive
34267	B 9.7.61	G.K.Meldrum	Hobart. Tas.	(a) Tasmanian
+ R	9.8.62	E.S.Hoskin	Eastwood, Sydney.NSW	(b) 665 miles NNE released alive
09570	B 17.8.61	R.H.Green	West Tamar I.	(a) Tasmanian
+ R	18.8.62	E.S.Hoskin	Eastwood, Sydney.NSW	(b) 570 miles NE. released alive

+ Recovered by registered banders.

Abbreviations: B = banded; R = retrapped;

Note: All birds banded as adults. Last column gives (a) plumage type, where known, and (b) distance and direction from banding place and circumstances of recovery.