

MANY HAPPY RETURNS.

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In the Bird Bander Vol.1, No.3, I reported on a week-end in November 1962, spent on the Five Islands, N.S.W., during which four Sydney banders and their assistants banded 2396 young of the Silver Gull (Larus novae-hollandiae) and Crested Tern (Sterna bergii). At the time of writing we have 39 notifications of birds recovered from that trip.

The recoveries show that the birds have dispersed from their breeding island around the Eastern Australian coast following broadly the patterns which have been established by previous studies carried out by R.Carrick of the C.S.I.R.O. and others.

The 39 recoveries can be summarised as follows:

22	Birds	were	dead	and	the	bands	returned.
2	"	"	injured	and	the	bands	returned.
1	"	was	alive	and	healthy	and	the
1	"	no	details	forwarded	but	"	"
10	"	were	alive	and	healthy	and	released
3	"	"	injured	"	"	"	"

The latest recoveries advised were a Silver Gull (080-73332) caught on a fishing line, and released with band, at Tabourie Beach, 69 miles SSW of banding place, and a Crested Tern (070-46153), also the victim of a fishing line and also released with band, at Brisbane Waters, 72 miles NNE of banding place.

The following table sets out the most interesting recoveries; the remainder were taken within 50 miles of the banding place.

BAND NO. AND BANDER.	RECOVERED AT	DATE	REPORTED BY	REMARKS
SILVER GULLS				
080 95279 H.B.	Scarborough Beach, N.S.W. 18 miles, N.	21.11.62	Miss L.Wilson	Bird dead, band returned: first gull re- covered. (18 days after banding.)
080 95279 H.B.	Sussex Inlet, N.S.W. 50 miles, S.S.W.	1.1.63	M.D.Murray	Bird alive and healthy, re- leased with band.

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<u>SILVER GULLS</u>				
080 95505 H.B.	Port Kembla 2 miles, N.W.	8.1.63	Miss G. Buttles	Bird dead, band returned.
080 01928 J.D.	- ditto -	8.1.63	- ditto -	- ditto -
080 95028 H.B.	Carey Bay, Lake Macquarie 108 miles, N.N.E.	16.1.63	P.E. Trimmer	Bird dead, band returned.
080 92396 B.C.	Lake Authridge, Sale, Vic. 335 miles, S.W.	10.2.63	B.A. Elkner	Bird had been hit by car but recovered after brief rest; band returned.
080 66196 H.B.	Awaba, N.S.W. 108 miles, N.N.E.	18.2.63	Mrs. P. Field	Bird had injured wing, was taken care of until recovered; released with band.
080 95018 H.B.	Collaroy Beach N.S.W. 58 miles, N.N.E.	23.2.63	M.D. Murray	Bird injured.
<u>CRESTED TERNS</u>				
070 36208 S.G.L.	Corrimal, N.S.W. 8 miles, N.	27.11.62	H. Van Loo	Bird dead, band returned; First Tern recovered (24 days after banding.)
070 46165 B.C.	Merimbula, N.S.W. 175 miles, S.S.W.	14.1.63	Mrs. I. Short	Bird injured, later died; band returned.
070 36239 S.G.L.	Wilsons Promontory, Vic. 400 miles, S.W.	12.3.63	A. Smith	Bird alive, released with band.
070 46732 B.C.	Babel Island Tas. 415 miles, S.S.W.	Early April, 1963	M. Thorburn	Bird alive, released with band.
070 36296 S.G.L.	Sandgate Q'ld. 515 miles, N.N.E.	27.4.63	R.L. Smith	Bird alive and healthy, band returned.