

there is a lot to be learned about our common honeyeaters, and that more intensive banding should result in more recoveries between banders.

10. Raven (Corvus coronoides)

100-32112: Banded by J.N.Hobbs on 6.10.62 near Balranald, N.S.W. Recovered near Violet Town, Victoria, 24.6.63, 162 miles from banding place.

CENTRAL BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION

On 1st July, 1963, the activities of the Central Bird Banding Association were merged with those of the Bird Banders' Association of Australia. The Bird Banders' Association has thus become the only body authorised by the C.S.I.R.O. Division of Wildlife Research and the Department of Customs to import mist nets into this country.

The C.B.B.A. was formed in January, 1962, with the express purpose of providing good quality nets at a reasonable price to Australian banders. Made possible only by the hard work of Steve Wilson and the generosity of a fellow Canberra bander who provided an interest free loan of £140, no strings attached, banders quickly availed themselves of the service provided by the C.B.B.A.

During the 18 months of its independent existence the Association imported 359 mist nets of various sizes, at a cost of £945 and at the date of takeover had orders placed for a further 80, worth nearly £220. The original loan has been repaid and a surplus of £184 has been made, almost sufficient for the service to be financially self-supporting in the future. That this stage has been reached is in large measure due to the generosity of individual banders who responding to an appeal by Steve Wilson donated a total of £42 over and above the list price for nets.

Your committee felt it desirable that the B.B.A. take over the management of the C.B.B.A. as by so doing bander members of the Association may exercise control over the mist net service which exists only to provide a service to them. This, however, in no way prejudices the right of non-member banders to obtain their mist net supplies from the Association.

Banders wishing to order mist-nets should note that the merger in no way affects the procedure hitherto followed. Orders should still be placed with Steve Wilson and all remittances for mist-nets should be forwarded direct to him:
S.J. Wilson, 2 Scott Street, Narrabundah. A.C.T.

-R. G. Lonnon.