

# RECOVERY ROUND-UP

## Little Penguin (*Eudyptula minor*)

- (a) 190-00388. Nestling banded by the Penguin Study Group at Cat Bay, Phillip Island, Vic. on 26 Dec. 69. Found dead at Grange Beach near Adelaide, S.A. on 2 June 70. 442 miles WNW. (This is the longest movement yet recorded for this species).
- (b) 190-00507. Runner banded by the Penguin Study Group at Cat Bay, Phillip Island, Vic. on 20 Dec. 69. Found dead on Port Fairy Beach, Vic. on 3 Jan. 70. 157 miles W.
- (c) 190-00835. Runner banded by H. Battam on Five Islands off Port Kembla, N.S.W. on 16 Nov. 68. Found ("decomposed") on Kioloa Beach near Batemans Bay, N.S.W. on 14 Mar. 70. 80 miles SSW.

## Stubble Quail (*Coturnix pectoralis*)

- (a) 060-18424. Male banded by J. C. Fordyce near Miepoll, about 12 miles from Shepparton, Vic. on 1 Mar. 70. Shot between Nagambie and Longwood, Vic. on 24 Mar. 70. 20 miles SSW.
- (b) 060-27160. Adult female banded by M. H. Waterman near Windsor, S.A. on 1 Nov. 69. "Killed during haymaking" at Nicholson near Bairnsdale, Vic. on 26 Feb. 70. 565 miles ESE.
- (c) 060-34256. Male banded by J. C. Fordyce near Miepoll, Vic. on 1 Feb. 70. Shot near Tatura, Vic. on 7 Mar. 70. 21 miles NW.
- (d) 060-49236. Banded by J. C. Fordyce near Miepoll, Vic. on 15 Mar. 70. Shot at Benalla, Vic. on 16 May 70. 29 miles E.
- (e) 060-49332. Banded by J. C. Fordyce near Miepoll, Vic. on 5 Apr. 70. Shot near Donald, Vic. on 8 June 70. 145 miles W.
- (f) 060-54713. Female banded by J. C. Fordyce near Miepoll, Vic. on 12 Mar. 70. Shot near Cohuna, Vic. on 28 Mar. 70. 87 miles NW.

## Coot (*Fulica atra*)

- (a) 100-15258. Banded by H. J. Frith at Lake Bathurst, N.S.W. on 5 Feb. 70. Shot at Cullens Lake near Kerang, Vic. on 18 Apr. 70. 337 miles W.
- (b) 100-23841. Adult banded by W. Braithwaite at Lake George, N.S.W. on 17 Feb. 70. Shot at Lake Tyers, Vic. on 22 Feb. 70. 205 miles SSW.

## Short-tailed Shearwater (*Puffinus tenuirostris*)

- (a) 10706\*. Fledgling banded by D. L. Serventy on Fisher Island, Bass Strait, Tas. on 7 Mar. 50. Retrapped (on surface at night) at banding place in subsequent seasons at 3, 4, 5 and 6 years of age and found breeding (female) on 13 Dec. 56, at nearly 7 years of age. Retrapped each successive breeding season since, the last occasion being on 29 Nov. 69, over 19 years 8 months after banding.
- (b) 10708\*. Fledgling banded by D. L. Serventy on Fisher Island, Tas. on 7 Mar. 50. Retrapped (on surface at night) at banding place in subsequent seasons at 5, 6 and 7 years of age and found breeding (male) on 2 Dec. 57, at nearly 8 years of age. Retrapped during most successive breeding seasons since, the last occasion being on 29 Nov. 69, over 19 years 8 months after banding.

- (c) 12262\*. Adult (breeding male) banded with an original copper band (no. 875) by D. L. Serventy on Fisher Island, Bass Strait, Tas. in November 47. Retrapped at banding place in breeding burrow in subsequent seasons, the last occasion being in November 69, 22 years after banding.
- (d) 12351\*. Adult (breeding male) banded with an original copper band (no. 974) by D. L. Serventy on Fisher Island, Bass Strait, Tas. in November 47. Retrapped at banding place in breeding burrow in subsequent seasons, the last occasion being in November 69, 22 years after banding.
- (e) 12401\*. Adult (breeding female) banded with an original copper band (no. 1024) by D. L. Serventy on Fisher Island, Bass Strait, Tas. in November 47. Retrapped at banding place in breeding burrow in subsequent seasons, the last occasion being caught on the surface on 15 Feb. 70, 22 years 3 months after banding.
- (f) 12501\*. Adult (breeding female) banded with an original copper band (no. 1005) by D. L. Serventy on Fisher Island, Bass Strait, Tas. in November 47. Retrapped at banding place in breeding burrow in subsequent seasons, the last occasion being in November 69, 22 years after banding. (See note page 61).

\* Tasmanian Animals and Birds Protection Board.

## Giant Petrel (*Macronectes giganteus*)

- (a) 140-20637. Banded by S. G. Lane off Malabar, N.S.W. on 20 Sept. 69. "Caught on fishing line" at Swansea Heads, N.S.W. on 7 June 70. 66 miles NNE.
- (b) 503-3634\*. Nestling banded by the British Antarctic Survey Team on Signy Island, South Orkney Islands (60° 43' S. Lat., 45° 36' W. Long.) in March 70. Caught by H. Battam and B. Jones off Malabar, N.S.W. (33° 58' S. Lat., 151° 16' E. Long.) on 20 June 70. 5,650 miles NW.
- (c) 503-9013\*. Nestling banded by the British Antarctic Survey Team on Signy Island, South Orkney Islands in March 70. Caught (released with band) at Apollo Bay, Vic. (38° 46' S. Lat., 143° 44' E. Long.) on 14 June 70. 5,500 miles WNW.

\* B.T.O. (British Museum) band.

## Wandering Albatross (*Diomedea exulans*)

- (a) 140-00609. Banded by M. D. Murray off Malabar, N.S.W. on 9 Aug. 58. Retrapped at banding place on 13 June 70, over 11 years 10 months after banding.
- (b) 140-01507. Banded by J. D. Gibson off Bellambi, N.S.W. on 22 July 56. Recovered in the Indian Ocean by a Japanese fishing boat about 360 miles north-west of Prince Edward Islands (41° 35' S. Lat., 36° 33' E. Long.) on 11 June 69, over 12 years 10 months after banding. 5,700 miles WSW.



● Coot

Photo: T. W. Pescott

- (c) 140-01950. Banded by S. G. Lane off Malabar, N.S.W. on 20 June 59. Retrapped at banding place on 26 July 69 and again on 13 June 70, the latter occasion being nearly 11 years after banding.
- (d) 140-03356. Banded by J. D. Gibson off Bellambi, N.S.W. on 31 July 60. Found dead at Peaceful Bay near Albany, W.A. in mid March 70. 1,928 miles W.
- (e) 140-03555. Banded by J. D. Gibson off Bellambi, N.S.W. (34° 22' S. Lat., 150° 56' E. Long.) on 6 Aug. 61. Retrapped ("adult male with chick") on Possession Island, Crozet Archipelago (46° 27' S. Lat., 52° 00' E. Long.) on 13 Apr. 70. 5,100 miles WSW.
- (f) 140-37906. Banded by J. D. Gibson off Austinmer, N.S.W. (34° 18' S. Lat., 150° 58' E. Long.) on 10 Aug. 69. Retrapped ("unemployed female") on Possession Island on 21 Apr. 70. 5,100 miles WSW.
- (g) 140-37971. Banded by J. D. Gibson off Austinmer, N.S.W. on 6 Sept. 69. Retrapped ("adult female with chick") on Possession Island on 13 Apr. 70. 5,100 miles WSW.
- (h) CF 3506\*. "Young breeding male" banded on Possession Island, Crozet Archipelago on 18 Dec. 66. Caught by B. Jones off Malabar, N.S.W. on 31 May 70. 5,100 miles ENE.

\* Museum National d'Histoire Naturelle (Paris) band.

### Black-browed Albatross (*Diomedea melanophrys*)

120-14803. Nestling banded by J. Warham (ANARE) on Macquarie Island (54° 45' S. Lat., 158° 35' E. Long.) on 3 Feb. 60. Found "dead on beach" at Peterborough near Warrnambool, Vic. (38° 37' S. Lat., 142° 53' E. Long.) on 17 May 70. 1,300 miles NW.

### Little Pied Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax melanoleucos*)

120-76595. Nestling banded by M. H. Waterman at Bool Lagoon, S.A. on 22 Nov. 69. Found dead at Lake Marmol, Vic. on 6 Apr. 70. 173 miles ENE.

### Crested Tern (*Sterna bergii*)

- (a) 070-77569. Nestling banded by M. H. Waterman at Penguin Island, Beachport, S.A. on 26 Dec. 69. Found dead at Harrington, N.S.W. on 6 May 70. 811 miles ENE.
- (b) 070-92730. Nestling banded by M. H. Waterman at Penguin Island, Beachport, S.A. on 26 Dec. 69. Found injured at South Ballina, N.S.W. on 25 Mar. 70. 980 miles NE.
- (c) 070-92847. Nestling banded by M. H. Waterman at Penguin Island, Beachport, S.A. on 26 Dec. 69. Found dead at Point Plomer, near Port Macquarie, N.S.W. on 27 Mar. 70. 855 miles ENE.
- (d) 071-03784. Nestling banded by M. H. Waterman at Penguin Island, Beachport, S.A. on 22 Dec. 68. Found injured at Shoal Bay Beach, Port Stephens, N.S.W. on 9 Mar. 70. 750 miles ENE.
- (e) 071-10500. Nestling banded by M. H. Waterman at Stonywell Island, Coorong, S.A. on 29 Dec. 69. Found dead at Evans Head, N.S.W. on 1 May 70. 930 miles ENE.

### Pied Goose (*Anseranas semipalmata*)

130-05107. Banded by H. J. Frith at Humpty Doo, N.T. on 16 Oct. 55. Shot on Croker Island, N.T. about 1 June 70, over 14 years 7 months after banding. 135 miles NE. (This is the oldest yet recorded for this species).

### Mountain Duck (*Casarca tadornoides*)

- (a) 110-39517. Adult female banded by M. H. Waterman at Joanna near Narracoorte, S.A. on 1 Apr. 62. Shot at Yatco Lagoon near Moorok, S.A. on 28 Feb. 70, 7 years 11 months later. 194 miles N.
- (b) 120-43532. Juvenile female banded by W. Braithwaite at Lake George, N.S.W. on 23 Feb. 70. Shot near Glengarry, Vic. on 6 Mar. 70. 261 miles SW.

### Grey Teal (*Anas gibberifrons*)

547360\*. Banded at Serendip Wildlife Research Station, Lara near Geelong, Vic. on 5 Feb. 61. Shot near Kempsey, N.S.W. on 14 Mar. 70. 675 miles NE.

\* Fisheries and Wildlife Department (Vic.) band.

### Pink-eared Duck (*Malacorhynchus membranaceus*)

090-41512. Juvenile male banded by J. L. McKean at Angora Swamp, Booligal, N.S.W. on 3 Dec. 69. Shot at Blomeys Lake near Skipton, Vic. on 21 Feb. 70. 302 miles SSW.

**White-eyed Duck** (*Aythya australis*)

100-13726. Juvenile male banded by W. Braithwaite at Lake George, N.S.W. on 19 Feb. 70. Shot at Reedy Lake, Geelong, Vic. on 4 Mar. 70. 350 miles SW.

**Brown Goshawk** (*Accipiter fasciatus*)

100-54935. Immature banded by M. H. Waterman near Mallala, S.A. on 14 Feb. 70. Found dead at Penfield, S.A. on 28 Apr. 70. 21 miles SSE.

**Laughing Kookaburra** (*Dacelo gigas*)

090-80613. Nestling banded by M. H. Waterman near Bordertown, S.A. on 5 Nov. 66. Found dead ("drowned in a tank") 15 miles east of Keith, S.A. on 12 Mar. 70, over 3 years 4 months later. 11 miles NNW.

**Southern Yellow Robin** (*Eopsaltria australis*)

020-16144. Adult banded by A. Whitehead at Ferny Creek, Vic. on 24 Apr. 61. Retrapped at banding place by F. R. Vasey on 28 June 70 and 30 June 70, the latter occasion being over 9 years 2 months after banding. (This is the oldest yet recorded for this species).

**Chestnut-crowned Babbler**

(*Pomatostomus ruficeps*)

(a) 060-66862. Adult banded by E. F. Boehm near Bower, S.A. on 18 Oct. 64. Retrapped at banding place on 12 Oct. 68 and 7 June 70, the last occasion being over 5 years 7 months after banding. (This is the oldest yet recorded for this species).

(b) 060-66864. Adult banded by E. F. Boehm near Bower, S.A. on 18 Oct. 64. Retrapped at banding place on 12 Oct. 68 and 6 June 70, the latter occasion being over 5 years 7 months after banding.

**Brown Thornbill** (*Acanthiza pusilla*)

(a) 010-25852. Banded by S. G. Lane at North Ryde, N.S.W. on 21 Dec. 61. Retrapped at banding place on 14 June 70, over 8 years 5 months after banding. (This was the first retrapping of this bird despite 185 banding visits to the area between the two dates).

(b) 010-33885. Banded by S. J. Wilson at New Chums Road, Brindabella Range, A.C.T. on 28 Oct. 61. Retrapped at banding place on 30 Aug. 69 and by G. Horey on 14 June 70, the latter occasion being over 8 years 7 months after banding. (This is the oldest yet recorded for this species).



• Mimic Honeyeater

Photo: R. D. Mackay

(c) 010-39015. Adult banded by J. L. McKean at Tianjara Creek near Nowra, N.S.W. on 18 Aug. 63. Retrapped at banding place by D. McKerron on 4 July 70, over 6 years 10 months after banding.

(d) 010-60273. Adult banded by S. J. Wilson at Lake George, N.S.W. on 16 Mar. 63. Retrapped at banding place by B. Baker on 23 May 70, over 7 years 2 months after banding.

(e) 010-93214. Adult banded by S. J. Wilson at Tianjara Creek near Nowra, N.S.W. on 16 May 64. Retrapped at banding place by S. Bennett on 4 July 70, over 6 years 1 month after banding.

**Superb Blue Wren** (*Malurus cyaneus*)

010-94541. Banded by S. J. Wilson at Lake George, N.S.W. on 3 Feb. 65. Adult male retrapped at banding place by B. Baker on 23 May 70, over 5 years 3 months after banding.

**Purple-backed Wren** (*Malurus assimilis*)

011-20231. Immature male banded by E. F. Boehm near Bower, S.A. on 13 Dec. 64. Retrapped at banding place on 27 Apr. 69 and 24 May 70, the latter occasion being over 5 years 5 months after banding. (This is the oldest yet recorded for this species).

**Eastern Silveryeye** (*Zosterops lateralis*)

(a) 011-08651. Adult banded by D. B. Mack at Wooleys Lake near Beachport, S.A. on 30 Jan. 65. Shot at Mount Gambia, S.A. on 23 May 70, 49 miles ESE.

(b) 012-29095. Juvenile banded by A. F. C. Lashmar at Antechamber Bay, Kangaroo Island, S.A. on 4 Jan. 69. Found dead at Hundred of Seddon, Kangaroo Island, S.A. on 25 Apr. 70. 45 miles W.

**White-throated Honeyeater**

(*Meliphaga albigularis*)

021-15612. Banded by E. D. Cleland at Sogeri, 20 miles from Port Moresby, T.P.N.G. on 13 Mar. 66. Retrapped at banding place by W. S. Peckover on 8 Mar. 70, nearly 4 years after banding.

**Eastern Spinebill**

(*Acanthorhynchus tenuirostris*)

011-00179. Immature female banded by R. Lossin at Tianjara Creek near Nowra, N.S.W. on 17 May 64. Retrapped at banding place by A. Stokes on 15 June 70, over 6 years after banding.

**Lewin Honeyeater** (*Meliphaga lewini*)

040-22707. Adult banded by W. Belton at Tianjara Creek near Nowra, N.S.W. on 7 July 62. Retrapped at banding place by A. Stokes on 15 June 70, over 7 years 11 months after banding.

**Graceful Honeyeater** (*Meliphaga gracilis*)

(a) 030-13856. Banded by R. Schodde at Brown River, Central District, Papua, T.P.N.G. on 23 July 62. Retrapped at banding place by E. D. Cleland on 2 Aug. 67, over 5 years after banding.

(b) 030-76609. Banded by R. D. Mackay at Oro Creek near Port Moresby, T.P.N.G. on 1 May 66. Retrapped at banding place by W. S. Peckover on 22 Mar. 70, over 3 years 10 months after banding.

**Mimic (Allied) Honeyeater**

(*Meliphaga analoga*)

030-13864. Banded by R. Schodde at Brown River, Central District, Papua, T.P.N.G. on 3 Aug. 62. Retrapped at banding place by R. D. Mackay on 20 Aug. 67, over 5 years after banding.

### Noisy Friar-bird (*Philemon corniculatus*)

070-68759. Juvenile banded by S. J. Wilson at Lake George, N.S.W. on 27 Mar. 70. Found dead at Manildra, N.S.W. in mid April 70. 139 miles NNW. (This is the longest movement yet recorded for this species).

### White-winged Chough

(*Corcorax melanorhamphus*)

090-69034. Nestling banded by E. F. Boehm near Sutherlands, S.A. on 8 Oct. 64. Retrapped one mile south-west of banding place on 12 Apr. 70, over 5 years 6 months after banding. (This is the oldest yet recorded for this species).

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#### Change of Status:

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## Mist Net Prices

Some nets are still available at the prices listed in the June issue (vol. 8, no. 2, page 47). Prices will change as existing stocks are exhausted. The new prices should be available for inclusion in the December issue.

**Please add postage to all orders** (as a guide, 40 cents for one net and 60 cents for two nets).

## Editorial

Banding provides almost unlimited scope for serious bird study. Each banded bird becomes an identifiable individual. In vol. 8, no. 1, Mrs Reta Vellenga recorded fascinating information on Satin Bower-birds resulting from her banding study of that species. In this issue, further evidence is given of the value of specially marked birds. Robert Carrick and Durno Murray on pages 51-56 set out the details, methods and some results of individually marked Silver Gulls.

Also a new series, "Follow the Band!", on page 62, presents a brief life history study of a Black-backed Magpie. Dr Carrick has set a pattern for the first in this series, with more to follow. But you too, may have similar information on life histories of other individuals. Sometimes such information becomes lost because it is not reported, yet it is the basis for understanding the natural history of any bird. This series is unlikely to be continuously included but will appear whenever suitable material is available. The potential is present, and this specialized and valuable aspect of banding provides a challenge which combines the added interest of field observation. Also, it is not restricted to banders; anyone may participate in the observing and recording of such specially marked individuals. Of course, accuracy is essential.

The attention of all banders is further directed to the article entitled "Standards for Banders" by Michael Carins on pages 59-60. Similar articles on standards and techniques for banding will be included in future issues. A banding manual is being prepared by the Secretary of the Australian Bird-banding Scheme and already some sections have been completed. Understandably it will take him considerable time among other duties to complete a comprehensive manual (and too much of his time is currently spent "chasing" some banders and former banders for outstanding items!). In the meantime these articles will be a guide to banders and are being included with the Secretary's knowledge and concurrence.

### Corrigendum

The caption on the picture on page 41 of the last issue (vol. 8, no. 2) should read 'Fleshy-footed Shearwater . . . .'