

# RECOVERY ROUND-UP

This section is prepared with the co-operation of the Secretary, Australian Bird and Bat Banding Schemes, Australian Nature Conservation Agency. The recoveries are only a selection of the thousands received each year; they are not a complete list and should not be analysed in full or part without prior consent of the banders concerned. Longevity and distance records refer to the ABBBS unless otherwise stated. The distance is the shortest distance in kilometres along the direct line joining the place of banding and recovery; the compass direction refers to the same direct line. (There is no implication regarding the distance flown or the route followed by the bird). Where available ABBBS age codes have been included in the banding data.

Recovery or longevity items may be submitted directly to me whereupon their merits for inclusion will be considered.

Hon. Editor

The following abbreviations appear in this issue:

AWSG — Australasian Wader Study Group.

NSW NPWS SP — New South Wales National Parks and Wildlife Service, Seabird Project.

NSWWSG — New South Wales Wader Study Group.

PSG — Penguin Study Group.

QWSG — Queensland Wader Study Group.

VWSG — Victorian Wader Study Group.

## Black Swan *Cygnus atratus*

140-30753. Adult (1+) banded by R. J. Thomas at Lake Wendouree, Ballarat, Vic. on 18 Dec. 76. Band number read in field (bird not trapped) near banding place by G. Beal on 1 Jan. 96, over 19 years after banding. 1 km N.

## Little Penguin *Eudyptula minor*

(a) 190-22810. Adult (3+) female banded by PSG on Phillip Island, Vic. on 4 Jan. 85. Recovered dead at South Beach, Port Fairy, Vic. on 9 July 95, over 10 years 6 months after banding. 253 km W.

(b) 190-27513. Adult (1+) banded by PSG on Rabbit Island, Wilsons Promontory, Vic. on 22 Apr. 86. Recovered dead at Koonya Beach, Sorrento, Vic. on 19 July 95, over 9 years 2 months after banding. 166 km WNW.

(c) 190-87990. Immature (1) banded by Taronga Zoo on Lion Island, Broken Bay, NSW on 25 Jan. 95. Recovered dead between Nobles Rocks and Lake Monibeong, Vic. on 2 July 95. 1 048 km SW.

## Southern Giant-Petrel *Macronectes giganteus*

81806594\*. Juvenile banded on King George Island, Antarctica (62°10'S, 58°32'W) on 20 Feb. 95. Recovered dead at Narooma Beach, NSW (36°13'S, 150°08'E) on 31 Aug. 95. 8 775 km SSW.

\*Bird Banding Laboratory (USA) band.

## Wedge-tailed Shearwater *Puffinus pacificus*

161-53450. Nestling banded by N. M. Swanson on Muttonbird Island, Coffs Harbour, NSW on 17 Apr. 77. Recovered dead at Sawtell Beach, NSW on 6 Feb. 96, over 18 years 9 months after banding. 10 km SSW.

## Short-tailed Shearwater *Puffinus tenuirostris*

(a) 162-01446. Nestling banded by P. B. du Guesclin on Griffiths Island, Port Fairy, Vic. (38°23'S, 142°14'E) on 26 Apr. 86. Recovered dead (trapped in fishing gear) at sea off the Kuril Islands, Russia (47°39'N, 154°41'E) on 10 July 95, over 9 years 2 months after banding. 9 643 km N.

(b) 162-36163. Nestling banded by R. D. Wooller on Great Dog Island, Tas. (40°15'S, 148°15'E) on 28 Feb. 95. Recovered dead (trapped in fishing gear) at sea off the Kuril Islands, Russia (49°15'N, 159°44'E) on 19 June 95. 10 013 km N.

(c) 162-36445. Nestling banded by R. D. Wooller on Great Dog Island, Tas. (40°15'S, 148°15'E) on 21 Apr. 95. Recovered dead (trapped in fishing gear) at sea off the Kuril Islands, Russia (50°16'N, 150°28'E) on 30 June 95. 10 065 km N.

## Shy Albatross *Diomedea cauta*

131-82913. Nestling banded by N. P. Brothers on the Mewstone, Tas. (43°44'S, 146°22'E) on 15 Mar. 94. Recovered dead near Van Straden's River mouth, East Cape, South Africa (33°58'S, 25°13'E) in July 95. 9 519 km WNW.

## Yellow-nosed Albatross

### *Diomedea chlororhynchos*

CF11447\*. Adult (1+) banded on Ile Amsterdam, Indian Ocean (37°50'S, 77°51'E) on 7 Oct. 72. Recaptured (released alive with band) at sea 10 km SW of Bernier Island, WA (24°43'S, 113°05'E) on 1 July 95, over 22 years 8 months after banding. 3 624 km ENE.

**Masked Booby** *Sula dactylatra*

131-84456. Immature (1) banded by O. R. Evans on Philip Island, Norfolk Island (29°07'S, 167°57'E) on 4 Nov. 94. Recovered dead at Brenwei Village, NW Malekula, Vanuatu (16°00'S, 167°00'E) on 3 Dec. 95. 1 461 km N.

**Brown Booby** *Sula leucogaster*

121-29984. Nestling banded by M. E. Jones on Frigate Cay, Swain Reefs, Great Barrier Reef, Qld (21°44'S, 152°25'E) on 31 Jan. 88. Recovered dead on Russell Island, Solomon Islands (09°07'S, 159°13'E) in 1989. 1 580 km NNE.

**Australian Pelican** *Pelecanus conspicillatus*

170-03807. Nestling banded by M. H. Waterman on North Pelican Island, Coorong, SA on 8 Dec. 84. Recovered dead at Nathalia, Vic. on 23 Jan. 96, over 11 years 1 month after banding. 506 km E.

**Terek Sandpiper** *Xenus cinereus*

051-53801. Adult (2+) banded by AWSG at Beaches Crab Creek Road, Roebuck Bay, Broome, WA (18°00'S, 122°22'E) on 31 Mar. 90. Recovered dead at Uda River Delta, Khabarovsk Region, Russia (54°40'N, 135°15'E) on 15 July 95, over 5 years 3 months after banding. 8 170 km N.

**Grey-tailed Tattler** *Heteroscelus brevipes*

061-91626. Adult (2+) banded by NSWWSG at Clarence River Estuary, Yamba, NSW (29°25'S, 153°20'E) on 14 Nov. 93. Recaptured (released alive with band) at Obitsu Estuary, Kisarazu-shi, Japan (35°25'N, 139°54'E) on 30 Aug. 95. 7 343 km NNW.

**Great Knot** *Calidris tenuirostris*

(a) P904986\*. Adult (3+) female banded at Balaganchik River, Anadyr District, NE Siberia (64°55'N, 168°35'E) on 22 June 94. Colour marking sighted in field (band no. inferred) at Beaches Crab Creek Road, Roebuck Bay, Broome, WA (18°00'S, 122°22'E) by the Wardens Broome Bird Observatory on 17 Oct. 95. 10 011 km SW.

(b) Leg Flag LDmRUgreen. Colour marked by QWSG at Coastal area, South-eastern Qld (27°20'S, 153°10'E) in 1992. Colour marking sighted in field (cohort only) at Lanyang River, I-Lan, Taiwan (24°42'N, 121°35'E) on 5 Apr 95. 6 702 km NNW.

\*Russian Banding Scheme band.

**Red Knot** *Calidris canutus*

(a) 051-39133. Adult (1+) banded by AWSG at Beaches Crab Creek Road, Roebuck Bay, Broome, WA (18°00'S, 122°22'E) on 6 Apr. 88. Recovered dead at Chongming Island, Shanghai, China (31°27'N, 121°53'E) on 10 Apr. 95, over 7 years after banding. 5 497 km N.

(b) 051-54797. Adult (3+) banded by AWSG at Beaches Crab Creek Road, Roebuck Bay, Broome, WA (18°00'S, 122°22'E) on 16 Sep. 92. Recovered dead at Okhotskiy District, Ulbeya River, Russia (59°22'N, 144°25'E) on 1 Sep. 95. 8 831 km N.

**Red-necked Stint** *Calidris ruficollis*

(a) 034-58204. Adult (2+) banded by VWSG at Yallock Creek, near Kooweerup, Vic. (38°13'S, 145°28'E) on 13 Feb. 93. Recaptured (released alive with band) at Obitsu Estuary, Kisarazu-shi, Japan (35°25'N, 139°54'E) on 30 Aug. 95. 8 206 km N.

(b) 034-97511. Adult (3+) banded by AWSG at Beaches Crab Creek Road, Roebuck Bay, Broome, WA (18°00'S, 122°22'E) on 4 Oct. 94. Recaptured (released alive with band) at South Sakhalin, Aniva Bay, Russia (46°44'N, 142°43'E) on 25 May 95. 7 480 km N.

**Curlew Sandpiper** *Calidris ferruginea*

041-64214. Adult (3+) banded by AWSG at the Saltworks, Port Hedland, WA (20°15'S, 118°55'E) on 29 Sept. 92. Recovered dead at Ben Tre-App 150 km SW of Siagon, Vietnam (11°55'N, 105°55'E) on 31 Mar. 95. 3 848 km NNW.

**Broad-billed Sandpiper** *Limicola falcinellus*

(a) 041-64697. Adult (2+) banded by AWSG at Beaches Crab Creek Road, Roebuck Bay, Broome, WA (18°00'S, 122°22'E) on 15 Oct. 92. Recovered dead at Sakhalin, Okhinskiy, Baykal Bay, Russia (53°35'N, 142°23'E) on 30 July 94. 8 185 km N. (This is the longest movement recorded for this species.)

(b) Leg Flag navy blue\*. Juvenile banded at Furen Lake, Nemuro City, Hokkaido, Japan (43°16'N, 145°27'E) since 1994. Colour marking sighted in field (cohort only) by D. C. Richards at Newell Beach 8 km NE of Mossman, Qld (16°26'S, 145°23'E) on 15 Nov. 95. 6 637 km S.

\*Japanese Banding Scheme flag.

**Pied Oystercatcher** *Haematopus longirostris*

- (a) 100-81756. Adult (1+) banded by O. M. G. Newman at Lauderdale, Tas. on 21 Nov. 79. Recovered dead at Orford Beach, Tas. on 14 Apr. 95, over 15 years 4 months after banding. 51 km NE.
- (b) 101-03694. Adult (3+) banded by VWSG at Barry Beach, Corner Inlet, Vic. on 13 Aug. 94. Colour marking sighted in field (band no. inferred) at Sand Island, Wallis Lake, Forster, NSW by A. B. Rose on 23 Oct. 95. 911 km NNE.

**Hooded Plover** *Thinornis rubricollis*

- 051-18090. Adult (1+) banded by VWSG at Point Lonsdale, Vic. on 6 June 82. Recaptured (released alive with band) at Collendina, Vic. by M. A. Weston on 3 Sep. 95, over 13 years 2 months after banding. 1 km W.

**Pacific Gull** *Larus pacificus*

- 110-87541. Nestling banded by B. I. Robertson on Little Chalky Island, Tas. on 1 Dec. 77. Recovered dead of the west coast of Flinders Island, Tas. by W. C. Wakefield on 18 Feb. 95, over 17 years 2 months after banding. 2 km NW.

**Crested Tern** *Sterna bergii*

- (a) 071-77591. Nestling banded by M. H. Waterman on Troubridge Island, Edithburgh, SA on 28 Dec. 86. Band number read in field (bird not caught) at Dentreasteaux Channel, Tas. by W. C. Wakefield on 7 Aug. 94, over 7 years 7 months after banding. 1 200 km SE.

- (b) 072-26253. Nestling banded by W. C. Wakefield on Gov Island, off Bicheno, Tas. on 11 Dec. 94. Recaptured at Surfers Paradise, Qld on 21 July 95. 1 611 km NNE.
- (c) 072-49025. Nestling banded by VWSG off Manns beach, Corner Inlet, Vic. on 13 Jan. 95. Recaptured (tangled in fishing line, rehabilitated and released) at Bilinga, Qld by L. Romer on 16 June 95. 1 323 km NNE.

**Little Tern** *Sterna albifrons*

- (a) 041-59245. Adult (1+) banded by P. V. Driscoll on Bishop Island, mouth of Brisbane River on 7 Mar. 92. Recapture (released alive with band) at Towra Point, Botany Bay, NSW by NSW NPWS SP on 5 Jan. 96. 766 km SSW.
- (b) 041-83741. Adult (2+) banded by VWSG at Spermwhale Head/Ocean Grange area, Vic. on 30 Jan. 94. Colour marking sighted in field (band No. inferred) at Towra Point, Botany Bay, NSW by NSW NPWS SP on 24 Nov. 95. 536 km NNE.

**Brown Thornbill** *Acanthiza pusilla*

- 014-78449. Adult (1+) banded by A. J. Leishman at Mount Annan Botanic Garden, Campbelltown, NSW on 26 Apr. 87. Recaptured at banding site seven times, the last occasion on 23 Sep. 95, over 8 years 4 months after banding.

**Red Wattlebird** *Anthochaera carnunculata*

- 071-57355. Adult (2+) banded by T. G. D. Shannon at Yanchep National Park, WA on 1 Sep. 84. Recaptured at banding place by C. P. S. de Rebeira on 13 Aug. 95, over 10 years 11 months after banding.