

# 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:  
NSW NPWS SP — New South Wales National Parks and Wildlife Service, Seabird Project.  
NSWWSG — New South Wales Wader Study Group.  
SSG (BOAT) — The Shorebird Study Group (BOAT) [Tas.].  
VWSG — Victorian Wader Study Group.

## Wedge-tailed Shearwater *Puffinus pacificus*

- (a) 161-56913. Nestling banded by N. M. Swanson on Muttonbird Island, Coffs Harbour, NSW on 12 Apr. 80. Recaptured at banding place by S. G. Lane on 31 Dec. 93 (in burrow on egg), over 13 years 8 months after banding.
- (b) 161-70234. Nestling banded by N. M. Swanson on Muttonbird Island, Coffs Harbour, NSW on 4 Apr. 81. Recaptured at banding place by S. G. Lane on 14 Dec. 93 (in burrow on egg), over 12 years 8 months after banding.

## Wandering Albatross *Diomedea exulans*

- (a) 140-25806. Banded by S. G. Lane off Malabar, NSW (33°58'S, 151°20'E) on 25 June 66. Recaptured, released alive with band on Adams Island, Auckland Islands, New Zealand, (50°55'S, 166°00'E) four times, the last occasion on 2 Jan. 95, over 29 years 5 months after banding.
- (b) 140-39900. Banded by New South Wales Albatross Study Group off Bellambi, NSW (34°24'S, 151°00'E) on 8 Aug. 64. Recaptured at banding place 10 times between 1972 and 1993 then recaptured, and released alive with band on Adams Island, Auckland Islands, New Zealand

(50°55'S, 166°00'E) twice, the last occasion on 3 Feb. 95, over 30 years 5 months after banding. 2 199 km SSE.

## Black-browed Albatross *Diomedea melanophris*

- (a) CF15545\*. Nestling banded on Iles Kerguelen, South Indian Ocean (49°20'S, 70°15'E) in Apr. 94. Recaptured, released alive with band at sea off Wollongong, NSW (34°19'S, 151°02'E) by L. E. Smith on 20 Aug. 94. 6 568 km ESE. (Bird also banded with band No. 131-85920.)
- (b) CF30115\*. Nestling banded on Iles Kerguelen, South Indian Ocean (49°20'S, 70°15'E) in Apr. 94. Recaptured, released alive with band at sea off Wollongong, NSW (34°19'S, 151°02'E) by L. E. Smith on 14 Aug. 94. 6 568 km ESE. (Bird also banded with band No. 121-38465.)
- (c) CF32019\*. Nestling banded on Iles Kerguelen, South Indian Ocean (49°20'S, 70°15'E) in Mar. 93. Recaptured, released alive with band at sea off Wollongong, NSW (34°19'S, 151°02'E) by L. E. Smith on 22 July 94. 6 568 km ESE. (Bird also banded with band No. 121-38367.)

\*French Banding Scheme band.

## Yellow-nosed Albatross *Diomedea chlororhynchos*

CF34412\*. Adult (2+) banded on Ile Amsterdam, Indian Ocean (37°50'S, 77°51'E) on 1 Dec. 91. Recaptured, released alive with band at sea, south of Kangaroo Island, SA (36°41'S, 137°02'E) on 17 Feb. 96. 5 147 km ESE.

\*French Banding Scheme band.

## Red-tailed Tropicbird *Phaethon rubricauda*

200-08752. Adult (1+) banded by P. Ogilvie on Lady Elliot Island, Qld, on 9 Dec. 86. Recovered dead on Fraser Island, Qld on 18 Jan. 96, over 9 years 1 month after banding. 106 km SSE.

## Australasian Gannet *Morus serrator*

- (a) M56956\*. Juvenile banded on White Island, Bay of Plenty, New Zealand (37°31'S, 177°12'E) on 30 Jan. 94. Recovered dead near Port Lincoln, SA (34°43'S, 135°51'E) in Jan. 95. 3 697 km WSW.
- (b) M59309\*. Juvenile banded on White Island, Bay of Plenty, New Zealand (37°31'S, 177°12'E) on 10 Feb. 95. Recovered dead near Sandy Cape, Fraser Island, Qld (24°44'S, 153°16'E) on 26 Aug. 95. 2 672 km WNW
- (c) M59891\*. Juvenile banded on White Island, Bay of Plenty, New Zealand (37°31'S, 177°12'E) on 10 Feb. 95. Recaptured, released alive with band at sea off Round Hill Headland, Qld (24°10'S, 151°54'E) on 29 June 95. 2 820 km WNW.

- (d) M59904\*. Juvenile banded on White Island, Bay of Plenty, New Zealand (37°31'S, 177°12'E) on 10 Feb. 95. Recovered dead at Stockton Beach, Newcastle, NSW (32°55'S, 151°47'E) in Mar. 95. 2 357 km W.

\*New Zealand Banding Scheme band.

### Cattle Egret *Ardea ibis*

- 100-60504. Nestling banded by D. H. G. Davidson at Murwillumbah Swamp, NSW on 5 Jan. 84. Recovered sick, later died near Murwillumbah, NSW on 27 Jan. 96, over 12 years after banding. 11 km SW.

### Bar-tailed Godwit *Limosa lapponica*

- 082-43887. Adult (1+) male banded by S. G. Lane at Towra Point, Botany Bay, NSW on 19 Mar. 81. Band number read in field near banding place by G. Ross on 7 Feb. 96, over 14 years 10 months after banding.

### Marsh Sandpiper *Tringa stagnatilis*

- 051-56685. Adult (1+) banded by NSW WSG on Kooragang Island, Newcastle, NSW (32°52'S, 151°46'E) on 13 Feb. 94. Recovered dead (shot) at Ytyk-Kyuel, Yakutia, Russia (62°23'N, 133°32'E) on 19 May 95, over 1 year 3 months after banding. 10 714 km N.

This is the first recovery for this species and it is the longest time elapsed recorded for this species and the longest movement recorded for this species.

### Curlew Sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea*

- (a) B03202\*. Banded at Ta-Tu-Hsi Taichung, Taiwan (24°11'N, 120°29'E) on 10 Sep. 88. Recaptured, released alive with band at North Creek, Ballina, NSW (28°52'S, 153°35'E) by D. Rohweder on 18 Jan. 96, over 7 years 4 months after banding. 6 878 km SSE.
- (b) B17568\*. Banded at Ta-Tu-Hsi Taichung, Taiwan (24°11'N, 120°29'E) on 29 Apr. 95. Recaptured, released alive with band at Stockyard Point, Lang Lang, Westernport, Vic. (38°22'S, 145°32'E) by VWSG on 14 Jan. 96. 7 428 km SSE.

\*Taiwan Bird Banding Centre band.

### Pied Oystercatcher *Haematopus longirostris*

- 100-85016. Adult (2+) banded by VWSG on Swan Island, Queenscliff, Vic. on 2 June 85. Colour marking sighted in field (band no. inferred) near Fort Fairy, Vic. by B. Garrett on 3 Feb. 96, over 10 years 8 months after banding. 216 km W.

### Double-banded Plover *Charadrius bicinctus*

- B52556\*. Juvenile banded at Cass River, New Zealand (43°53'S, 170°30'E) on 28 Nov. 83. Colour marking sighted in field (band no. inferred) at Thompson Creek, near Torquay, Vic. (38°18'S, 144°23'E) by J. Peter on 26 Mar. 96, over 12 years 3 months after banding. 2 264 km SW.

\*New Zealand Banding Scheme band.

### Kelp Gull *Larus dominicanus*

- 110-99636. Nestling banded by SSG (BOAT) on Green Island, Tas. on 15 Dec. 85. Recovered dead at Glenvar Beach, Tas. on 16 Feb. 96, over 10 years 2 months after banding. 24 km NNE.

### Crested Tern *Sterna bergii*

- (a) 071-26912. Nestling banded by M. H. Waterman on Stoneywell Island, Coorong, SA on 7 Dec. 74. Recovered dead at Horseshoe Bay, Port Elliot, SA on 28 Jan. 96, over 21 years 1 month after banding. 87 km NW.
- (b) 071-29500. Nestling banded by M. H. Waterman on Penguin Island, Beachport, SA on 22 Dec. 74. Recovered dead on Cowrie Island, Beachport, SA on 29 Dec. 95, over 21 years after banding. 3 km NW.
- (c) 071-30261. Nestling banded by M. H. Waterman on Stoneywell Island, Coorong, SA on 11 Dec. 76. Recovered dead at Horseshoe Bay, Port Elliot, SA on 3 Mar. 96, over 19 years 2 month after banding. 87 km NW.

### Little Tern *Sterna albifrons*

- 040-51030. Juvenile banded by D. Larkins at Port Botany, NSW on 28 Dec. 80. Retrapped (at nest on eggs) at Towra Point, Botany Bay, NSW by NSW NPWS SP on 29 Nov. 95, over 14 years 11 months after banding. 10 km SW. (Bird rebanded 041-27635).

### Barn Owl *Tyto alba*

- 100-94492. Adult (1+) banded by L. C. Currie at Werribee Sewerage Farm, Vic. on 30 July 88. Recovered dead at Anakie, Vic. on 1 Apr. 96, over 7 years 8 months after banding. 30 km NW.

### Regent Honeyeater *Xanthomyza phrygia*

- (a) 041-57138, nestling; 041-57139, nestling; and 041-57140 adult male. Group banded by D. J. Geering (on behalf of P. Menkhorst) at "Umbiella" east, Capertee Valley, NSW on 1 Nov. 95. Colour markings sighted in field (band number inferred) at "Bogee", Capertee Valley, NSW on 28 Nov. 95, 19 days after fledging. 20 km NW.
- (b) 041-57143. Adult male, attending newly fledged young, banded by D. J. Geering (on behalf of P. Menkhorst) at "Port Macquarie", Capertee Valley, NSW on 2 Nov. 95. Colour marking sighted in field (band no. inferred), while mate on eggs of second nesting of season, at "Little Marsden", Capertee Valley, NSW on 19 Dec. 95, 1 month 17 days after banding. 13 km N. Estimated time between fledging of first nest and egg laying in second nest, 1 month 15 days.

### White-plumed Honeyeater

#### *Lichenostomus penicillatus*

- 022-87299. Adult (1+) banded by N. Schrader at Back Yamma State Forest, near Forbes, NSW on 17 Aug. 86. Recaptured at banding place by J. Dale on 29 Dec. 1995, over 9 years 4 months after banding.