

# 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.  
NSWWSG — New South Wales Wader Study Group.  
SOSSA — Southern Ocean Seabird Study Association.  
VWSG — Victorian Wader Study Group.  
WAWSG — Western Australian Wader Study Group.  
WIRES — NSW Wildlife Information and Rescue Service.

## Australian Wood Duck *Chenonetta jubata*

100-17292. Adult (1+) female banded by S. V. Briggs at Belconnen, ACT on 30 July 87. Recovered dead at the Australian National Botanic Gardens, ACT on 7 Sep. 96, over 9 years 1 month after banding. (This is the oldest recorded for this species.)

## Wedge-tailed Shearwater *Puffinus pacificus*

162-24013. Nestling banded by S. G. Lane on Mutton Bird Island, Coffs Harbour, NSW (30°18'S, 153°09'E) on 25 Apr. 91. Recovered (released alive with band) at Lamon Bay Area, Philippines (14°25'N, 122°00'E) on 3 June 96, over 5 years 1 month after banding. 5 985 km NNW.

## Yellow-nosed Albatross *Diomedea chlororhynchos*

(a) 120-65570. Adult (3+) banded by SOSSA at sea off Wollongong, NSW (34°25'S, 151°00'E) on 3 June 94. Recaptured (released alive with band) at Entrecasteaux Point, Amsterdam Island, Antarctica (37°51'S, 77°29'E) on 29 Sep. 96. 6 435 km WSW.

(b) 121-17664. Adult (1+) banded by A. F. C. Lashmar at Eastern Cove, Kangaroo Island, SA (35°46'S, 137°51'E) on 9 July 85. Recaptured (released alive with band) at Entrecasteaux Point, Amsterdam Island, Antarctica (37°51'S, 77°29'E) on 29 Sep. 96. 5 282 km WSW.

## Red-tailed Tropicbird *Phaethon rubricauda*

200-07255. Juvenile banded by B. R. King on Raine Island, Qld. on 19 July 82. Recaptured at banding place by N. J. Cornelius on 25 June 96, over 13 years 11 months after banding.

## Masked Booby *Sula dactylatra*

131-55425. Adult (1+) male banded by M. E. Jones on Thomas Cay, Swain Reefs, Great Barrier Reef, Qld. (21°39'S, 151°22'E) on 22 July 87. Recaptured (released alive with band) on Normanby Island, Papua New Guinea (10°05'S, 151°05'E) on 27 Jan. 96, over 8 years 6 months after banding. 1 286 km N.

## Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*

280-12552. Nestling banded by G. P. Clancy at Chinderah, Tweed River, NSW on 16 Oct. 90. Recovered (caught in fishing line, subsequently died) at Hastings River, Port Macquarie, NSW on 13 July 96, over 5 years 8 months after banding. 359 km SSW.

## Bar-tailed Godwit *Limosa lapponica*

071-63337. Adult (3+) banded by WAWSG at 80 Mile Beach near Anna Plains, WA (19°15'S, 121°23'E) on 31 Oct. 83. Recovered dead at Abyyskiy District, Village Ot-Otakh, Russia (63°30'N, 146°14'E) on 15 May 96, over 12 years 6 months after banding. 9 449 km N.

## Terek Sandpiper *Xenus cinereus*

051-81462. Immature (1) banded by AWSG at Beaches Crab Creek Road, Roebuck Bay, Broome, WA (18°00'S, 122°22'E) on 11 Apr. 93. Recovered (later died) near Kunsan, Korea (35°58'N, 136°38'E) on 21 May 96. 6 184 km NNE.

## Red Knot *Calidris canutus*

(a) 4A13637\*. Juvenile banded at Furen Lake, Nemuro City, Hokkaido, Japan (43°16'N, 145°27'E) on 15 Aug. 95. Recovered (with cannon net, bird released with band) by NSWWSG on Kooragang Island, Newcastle, NSW (32°52'S, 151°46'E) on 2 June 96. 8 488 km S. Bird rebanded with band no. 051-83902.

\*Japanese Banding Scheme band.

(b) XR81167\*. Adult (2+) female banded at Mai Po Marshes, Hong Kong (22°29'N, 114°02'E) on 25 Apr. 91. Recovered (with cannon net, bird released alive with band) by AWSG at Beaches Crab Creek Road, Roebuck Bay, Broome, WA (18°00'S, 122°22'E) on 13 Sep. 96, over 5 years 4 months after banding. 4 591 km SSE.

\*BTO band.

**Curlw Sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea***

041-68506. Adult (2+) banded by VWSG at Stockyard Point, Lang Lang, Westernport, Vic. (38°22'S, 145°32'E) on 3 Jan. 93. Recovered dead at Abyyskiy Ulus, Town Keng-Kyuel, Russia (68°05'N, 146°13'E) on 1 June 96. 11 834 km N.

**Greater Sand Plover *Charadrius leschenaultii***

051-85704. Adult (2+) banded by AWSG at Beaches Crab Creek Road, Roebuck Bay, Broome, WA (18°00'S, 122°22'E). Recovered dead south of Lang Co Bay, Vietnam (16°12'N, 108°09'E) on 24 Mar. 96, 17 days after banding. 4 108 km NNW.

**Crested Tern *Sterna bergii***

071-46285. Nestling banded by M. H. Waterman on Stoneywell Island, Coorong, SA on 13 Dec. 81. Recaptured (in cannon net, released alive with band) by VWSG at Barry Beach, Corner Inlet, Vic. on 4 Aug. 96, over 14 years 7 months after banding. 681 km ESE.

**Crested Pigeon *Ocyphaps lophotes***

081-99555. Nestling banded by D. C. Paton at White Cliffs near Koolunga, SA on 17 Sep. 87. Recovered dead near Yacka, SA on 20 Apr. 96, over 8 years 7 months after banding. 4 km S. (This is the oldest recorded for this species.)

**Sooty Owl *Tyto tenebricosa***

121-27120. Adult male originally encountered as a road casualty with concussion at Engadine, NSW rehabilitated by WIRES and released at Audley, Royal National Park, NSW near the encounter site on 27 Dec. 93. Again found concussed beside the Princes Highway, Engadine on 29 May 95 and within 500 m of its original accident site, over 1 year 5 months after release. Again rehabilitated by WIRES and released near the encounter site on 6 Jun. 95, with a radio transmitter attached and subsequently tracked in the local area over the following 15 months.

**Yellow-throated Scrubwren*****Sericornis citreogularis***

024-02660. Adult (2+) male banded by G. P. Clancy at Dundarra Gully, Washpool National Park, NSW on 6 Oct. 88. Retrapped at banding place twice, the last occasion on 24 Feb. 96, over 7 years 4 months after banding.

**Large-billed Scrubwren *Sericornis magnirostris***

(a) 013-52712. Adult (2+) banded by G. P. Clancy at Iluka Nature Reserve, NSW on 3 May 81. Recaptured at banding place nine times, the last occasion by P. Thomson on 25 Aug. 96, over 15 years 3 months after banding.

(b) 015-81032. First year banded by D. Geering at Iluka Nature Reserve, NSW on 14 Apr. 90. Recaptured at banding place by S. G. Lane on 24 Aug. 96, over 6 years 4 months after banding.

**Lewin's Honeyeater *Meliphaga lewinii***

(a) 040-86947. Adult (2+) banded by D. Geering at Iluka Nature Reserve, NSW on 19 July 84. Recaptured at banding place three times, the last occasion by D. Secomb on 24 Aug. 96, over 12 years 1 month after banding.

(b) 041-19229. Banded by D. Geering at Iluka Nature Reserve, NSW on 18 July 87. Recaptured at banding place by R. A. Elvish on 25 Aug. 96, over 9 years 1 month after banding.

(c) 041-19276. Adult (2+) banded by D. Geering at Iluka Nature Reserve, NSW on 4 Sep. 87. Recaptured at banding place by S. G. Lane on 25 Aug. 96, over 8 years 11 months after banding.

(d) 041-22140. Adult (2+) banded by D. Geering at Iluka Nature Reserve, NSW on 12 Mar. 91. Recaptured at banding place by D. Page on 25 Aug. 96, over 5 years 5 months after banding.

**Eastern Yellow Robin *Eopsaltria australis***

(a) 020-32655. Banded by G. P. Clancy at Iluka Nature Reserve, NSW on 2 May 87. Recaptured at banding place twice, the last occasion by S. G. Lane on 24 Aug. 96, over 9 years 3 months after banding.

(b) 022-61946. Banded by D. Foley at Braeside Metropolitan Park, Vic. on 26 May 85. Recaptured near banding place by S. R. Pywell on 4 Feb. 96, over 10 years 8 months after banding. 2 km S.

(c) 022-91582. First year bird banded by S. G. Lane at Iluka Nature Reserve, NSW on 21 Nov. 87. Recaptured at banding place three times, the last occasion by P. Thomson on 24 Aug. 96, over 8 years 9 months after banding.

(d) 022-94194. First year bird banded by G. D. Bell at Iluka Nature Reserve, NSW on 30 Dec. 84. Recaptured at banding place twice, the last occasion by R. A. Elvish on 24 Aug. 96, over 11 years 7 months after banding.

**Eastern Whipbird *Psophodes olivaceus***

061-28810. Banded (1+) by G. Logan at Iluka Nature Reserve, NSW on 5 May 84. Recaptured at banding place by P. Thomson on 25 Aug. 96, over 12 years 3 months after banding. (This is the oldest recorded for the species).

**Golden Whistler *Pachycephala pectoralis***

031-70957. Adult (4+) banded by J. W. Hardy at Iluka Nature Reserve, NSW on 18 May 83. Recaptured at banding place four times, the last occasion by S. G. Lane on 24 Aug. 96, over 13 years 3 months after banding.