

# 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:

- PSG — Penguin Study Group (Vic.).  
 SOSSA — Southern Ocean Seabird Study (NSW).  
 SSG (BOAT) — The Shorebird Study Group (BOAT) (Tas.).

## Little Penguin *Eudyptula minor*

190-13250. Adult (1+) male banded by PSG on Phillip Island, Vic. on 19 Oct. 1981. Recovered dead at Swan Lake, Discovery Bay, Vic. on 23 March 1998, over 16 years, 5 months after banding. 335 km W.

## Short-tailed Shearwater *Puffinus tenuirostris*

162-42892. Nestling banded by R. G. Cameron at Cape Woolamai, Vic. (38°34'S, 145°21'E) on 26 April 1997. Recovered dead at sea off the Kuril Islands, Russia (47°39'N, 154°41'E) on 13 July 1997. 9 629 km N.

## Northern Giant-Petrel *Macronectes halli*

131-96192. Nestling male banded by N. P. Brothers on Macquarie Island, Tas. (54°30'S, 158°55'E) on 5 Jan. 1997. Recovered dead on Bird Island, Lamberts Bay, South Africa (32°05'S, 18°17'E) on 4 July 1998. 9 673 km SSW.

## Wandering Albatross *Diomedea exulans*

(a) 140-25314. Adult (1+) banded by D. Gibson off Bellambi, NSW on 24 June 1966. Recaptured, released alive with band near banding place by SOSSA on 22 Aug. 1997, over 31 years after banding.

(b) 140-33164. Banded by D. Gibson off Wollongong, NSW on 29 Aug. 1959. Recaptured, released alive with band off Bellambi, NSW by SOSSA on 21 July 1997, over 37 years, 10 months after banding. 7 km N.

(This bird was originally banded with band No. 140-03289.) (This is the oldest recorded for this species.)

(c) 140-38959. Banded by S. G. Lane off Bellambi, NSW on 30 Aug. 1973. Recaptured, released alive with band at or near banding place by H. Battam on 18 July 1996, over 22 years, 10 months after banding.

(d) 140-37420. Banded by S. G. Lane off Bellambi, NSW on 10 July 1976. Recaptured, released alive with band at or near banding place by SOSSA on 24 July 1997, over 21 years after banding.

(e) 140-37454. Banded by S. G. Lane off Bellambi, NSW on 9 July 1978. Recaptured, released alive with band at or near banding place by SOSSA on 21 July 1997, over 19 years after banding.

## Black-browed Albatross *Diomedea melanophris*

120-64541. Adult (1+) banded by A. F. C. Lashmar at Eastern Cove, Kangaroo Island, SA on 23 May 1981. Recovered dead at Ocean Beach, N of Kingston, SA on 15 Feb. 1998, over 16 years, 8 months after banding. 201 km ESE.

## Indian Yellow-nosed Albatross *Thalassarche bassi*

CF34501\*. Banded at Point D'Entrecasteaux, Amsterdam Island (37°51'S, 77°29'E) on 13 March 1989. Recovered dead, caught on longline, 17 miles east of Kiama, NSW (34°40'S, 151°02'E) on 16 May 1989, over 9 years, 2 months after banding. 6 425 km ESE.

\* French Banding Scheme band.

## Australasian Gannet *Morus serrator*

(a) M68124\*. Juvenile banded on White Island, Bay of Plenty, New Zealand (37°31'S, 177°12'E) on 10 Feb. 1997. Recovered dead at Port Macquarie, NSW (31°27'S, 152°56'E) on 2 June 1997. 2 316 km WNW.

(b) M68391\*. Juvenile banded on White Island, Bay of Plenty, New Zealand (37°31'S, 177°12'E) on 10 Feb. 1997. Recovered dead at Crowdy Bay National Park, NSW (31°48'S, 152°45'E) on 16 Apr. 1997. 2 317 km W.

(c) M68692\*. Juvenile banded on White Island, Bay of Plenty, New Zealand (37°31'S, 177°12'E) on 16 Feb. 1997. Recovered dead near Cape Moreton, Qld. (27°09'S, 153°25'E) on 8 July 1997. 2 504 km WNW

\*New Zealand Banding Scheme band.

## Masked Booby *Sula dactylatra*

(a) 131-46085. Nestling banded by B. R. King on Raine Island, Qld. (11°36'S, 144°01'E) on 5 Dec. 1981. Recovered dead on Nukuoro Atoll, Federated States of Micronesia (03°51'N, 155°01'E) on 29 May 1998, 16 years 5 months after banding. 2 105 km NNW.

(b) 131-89504. Nestling banded by M. J. McCoy on Nepean Island, Norfolk Island (29°04'S, 167°57'E) on 22 Oct. 1996. Recovered sick, later died at Wowo Village, NW Malekula, Vanuatu (16°00'S, 167°15'E) in Feb. 1997. 1 454 km N.

## Australian White Ibis *Threskiornis molucca*

121-14488. Adult (1+) female banded by K. W. Lowe at Healesville Fauna Park, Vic. on 22 July 1982. Recovered sick, later died, at banding place on 12 Feb. 1998, over 15 years, 6 months after banding.

## Swamp Harrier *Circus approximans*

111-03964. Immature (1) male banded by L. C. Currie at Werribee Sewerage Farm, Vic. on 27 June 1987. Recovered dead at Snowy River, near Lake Corringale, Vic on 12 July 1998, over 11 years after banding. 356 km E.

(This is the oldest recorded for this species.)

## Bar-tailed Godwit *Limosa lapponica*

(a) LEG FLAG Orange. Banded southern Vic. (38°00'S, 145°00'E) since Jan. 1990. Colour marking sighted in field (cohort only) at Kidds, Karaka, New Zealand (37°05'S, 174°50'E) on 15 Dec. 1996. 2 620 km E.

(b) LEG FLAG RUorange. Banded southern Vic. (38°00'S, 145°00'E) since Jan. 1990. Colour marking sighted in field (cohort only) at Mankyung Estuary, Korea (35°52'N, 126°43'E) on 25 Apr. 1997. 8 424 km NNW.

**Red Knot *Calidris canutus***

- (a) LEG FLAG Orange. Banded southern Vic. (38°00'S, 145°00'E) since Jan. 1990. Colour marking sighted in field (cohort only) at Kidds, Karaka, New Zealand (37°05'S, 174°50'E) on 15 Dec. 1996. 2 620 km E.
- (b) LEG FLAG Yellow. Banded north-western WA (19°00'S, 122°00'E) since 1992. Colour marking sighted in field (cohort only) at Miranda, Firth of Thames, New Zealand (37°10'S, 175°19'E) on 22 Dec. 1996. 5 525 km ESE.

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

- (a) LEG FLAG Rorange. Banded southern Vic. (38°00'S, 145°00'E) since Jan. 1990. Colour marking sighted in field (cohort only) at;
- (1) Lu-Erh-Men, Tainan County, Taiwan (23°01'N, 120°06'E) on 1 June 1997. 7 264 km NNW.
  - (2) Nan-Kang, Hsinchu County, Taiwan (24°36'N, 120°42'E) on 26 May 1997. 7 407 km NNW.
  - (3) Hsu-Tsuo Kang, Taoyuan County, Taiwan (25°07'N, 121°09'E) on 24 May 1997. 7 445 km NNW.
- (b) LEG FLAG RUorange. Banded southern Vic. (38°00'S, 145°00'E) since Jan. 1990. Colour marking sighted in field (cohort only) at Sakhalin, Eastern Siberia, Russia (47°27'N, 142°45'E) on 19 May 1997. 9 502 km N.
- (d) LEG FLAG Blue. Banded Furen Lake, Nemuro City, Hokkaido, Japan (43°16'N, 145°27'E) since 1992. Colour marking sighted in field (cohort only) at Wathumba Spit, Fraser Island, Qld (24°58'S, 153°13'E) on 25 May 1997. 7 627 km S.
- (e) LEG FLAG Lblue. Banded Furen Lake, Nemuro City, Hokkaido, Japan (43°16'N, 145°27'E) since 1992. Colour marking sighted in field (cohort only) at Inverloch, Vic. (38°37'S, 145°45'E) on 2 Dec. 1997. 9 103 km S.

**Beach Stone-curlew *Esacus neglectus***

110-44701. Nestling banded by D. A. Secomb at Nambucca River Estuary, NSW on 14 March 1986. Band number read in field at Sandon River Estuary, NSW by P. J. Smith on 5 April 1998, over 12 years after banding. 111 km N.

(This is the longest movement and oldest recorded for this species.)

**Kelp Gull *Larus dominicanus***

- (a) 110-84177. Nestling banded by SSG (BOAT) on Green Island, Tas. on 23 Jan. 1982. Recovered dead at South Arm Beach, Tas. on 15 Feb. 1998, over 16 years after banding. 23 km NNE.

(This is the oldest recorded for this species.)

- (b) 110-98440. Nestling banded by SSG (BOAT) on Green Island, Tas. on 29 Dec. 1984. Recovered dead at Nutgrove Beach, Sandy Bay, Tas. on 8 May 1998, over 13 years, 4 months after banding. 34 km N.

**Crested Tern *Sterna bergii***

071-14861. Nestling banded by M. H. Waterman on Stoneywell Island, The Coorong, SA on 19 Dec. 1971. Recovered dead at Sandringham, Vic. on 10 July 1998, over 26 years 6 months after banding. 537 km ESE.

**Laughing Kookaburra *Dacelo novaeguineae***

200-02383. Banded by S. G. Lane at Moonee, near Coffs Harbour, NSW on 13 Feb. 1990. Recaptured at banding place three times, the last occasion on 16 May 1998, over 8 years after banding.

**Brown Thornbill *Acanthiza pusilla***

016-07670. Adult (1+) banded by K. Egan at Menai, NSW on 19 May 1989. Recaptured at banding place twice, on 4 Apr. 1991 and the last occasion on 22 May 1998, over 9 years after banding. (This banding area was burnt out by extensive bush fires in December 1997.)

**Yellow-rumped Thornbill *Acanthiza chrysorrhoa***

015-89587. Adult (1+) banded by A. J. Leishman at Mount Annan Botanic Gardens, Campbelltown, NSW on 16 June 1990. Recaptured at banding place twice, the last occasion on 19 July 1998, over 8 years, 1 month after banding. (Band changed to 018-14659 due to excessive wear).

**Regent Honeyeater *Xanthomyza phrygia***

041-57138. Nestling banded by D. J. Geering near Glen Alice, Capertee Valley, NSW on 1 Nov. 1995. Colour-bands sighted in field (band number inferred) on two occasions:

- (1) at Bogee, Capertee Valley, NSW (19 km from banding place) on 28 Nov. 1995, 27 days after banding.
- (2) at Castlereagh Nature Reserve near Richmond, NSW on 9 May 1998, over 2 years, 6 months after banding. 83 km E.

**Mistletoebird *Dicaeum hirundinaceum***

014-24358. Adult (1+) male banded by N. Forde at Aldinga, SA on 8 April 1984. Recaptured, released alive with band at Eagle On Hill, SA by C. Rich on 17 Nov. 1991, over 7 years, 7 months after banding. 37 km NNE.

(This is the longest movement and oldest recorded for this species.)