

# 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.  
 NZWSG — New Zealand Wader Study Group.  
 QWSG — Queensland Wader Study Group.  
 SOSSA — Southern Ocean Seabird Study Association  
 VWWSG — Victorian Wader Study Group.  
 WIRES — Wildlife & Information Rescue Service (NSW).

## Gibson's Albatross *Diomedea gibsoni*

R29872\*. Adult (1+) banded on Adams Islands, Auckland Islands, New Zealand (50°54'S, 166°00'E) in Feb. 1973. Recaptured (released alive with band) by SOSSA at sea off Wollongong, NSW (34°25'S, 151°00'E) on 27 Sep. 1998, over 25 years 6 months after banding. 2 196 km E. (Also banded with Band No. 140–50143).

\*New Zealand Banding Scheme band.

## Wandering Albatross *Diomedea exulans*

5155869\*. Nestling banded on Bird Island, South Georgia, Atlantic Ocean (54°00'S, 38°02'W) on 1 Nov. 1994. Recovered dead (caught on longline) at sea off Eden, NSW (38°00'S, 151°58'E) on 16 Aug. 1998. 9 738 km S.

\*British Trust for Ornithology band.

## Brown Booby *Sula leucogaster*

121–16451. Nestling banded by B. R. King on Raine Island, Qld on 8 Dec. 1981. Recovered dead at Captain Billy Landing, Cape York, Qld on 25 Dec. 1997, over 16 years after banding. 127 km W.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

## Cattle Egret *Ardea ibis*

100–52587. Nestling banded by D. J. Geering at Lawrence, NSW on 14 Dec. 1987. Recovered sick (is alive in captivity with band) at Casino, NSW on 9 Aug. 1998, over 10 years 7 months after banding. 80 km NNW.

## Collared Sparrowhawk *Accipiter cirrhocephalus*

082–61780. Adult (2+) female banded by A. Heuchmer at Warraderry State Forest, near Grenfell, NSW on 11 Apr. 1998. Recovered sick, later died near Trunkey, NSW on 13 Sep. 1998. 109 km E.

(This is the longest movement recorded for the species.)

## Little Eagle *Hieraetus morphnoides*

131–54815. Banded by P. R. Pain at Eagles Heritage near Margaret River, WA on 8 Oct. 1997. Recovered dead at Geraldton, WA on 9 Feb. 1998. 580 km N.

## Bar-tailed Godwit *Limosa lapponica*

(a) 072–56254. Adult (2+) female banded by AWSG at Beaches Crab Creek Road, Roebuck Bay, Broome, WA (18°00'S, 122°22'E) on 26 Mar. 1996. Recovered dead (shot) at Srednekolymskiy District, Sapindyn, Russia (67°28'N, 153°46'E) on 1 June 1998. 9 842 km N.

(b) 072–56278. Adult (3+) male banded by AWSG at Beaches Crab Creek Road, Roebuck Bay, Broome, WA (18°00'S, 122°22'E) on 27 Mar. 1996. Recovered dead (shot) at Srednekolymskiy District, Sylgy-Ytir, Russia (67°51'N, 154°48'E) on 26 May 1998. 9 900 km N.

## Eastern Curlew *Numenius madagascariensis*

101–02321. Adult (1+) banded by QWSG at Amity Point Sandspit, North Stradbroke Island, Qld (27°24'S, 153°25'E) on 26 June 1994. Recovered dead (shot) on Chongming Island, Shanghai, China (31°27'N, 121°53'E) on 6 Apr. 1998. 7 346 km NNW.

## Red Knot *Calidris canutus*

(a) 051–08574. Immature (1) banded by VWWSG on Swan Island, Queenscliff, Vic. (38°15'S, 144°40'E) on 5 Apr. 1981. Recaptured (released alive with band) by NZWSG at Miranda, Frith of Thames, New Zealand (37°10'S, 175°20'E) on 20 Oct. 1996, over 15 years 6 months after banding. 2 687 km E. (Bird was also banded with band No. C–54303\*.)

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

\*New Zealand Banding Scheme band.

(b) 051–15429. Adult (2+) banded by VWWSG on Swan Island, Queenscliff, Vic. (38°15'S, 144°40'E) on 21 Feb. 1987. Recovered dead (shot) on Chongming Island, Shanghai, China (31°27'N, 121°53'E) on 6 Apr. 1998, over 11 years 1 month after banding. 8 100 km NNW.

(c) 051–84474. Adult (1+) banded by QWSG at Nudgee Beach, Brisbane, Qld (27°20'S, 153°05'E) on 1 Sep. 1996. Recovered dead (shot) at Jiuduansha, Yangtze Estuary, China (31°10'N, 122°00'E) on 12 Apr. 1998. 7 291 km NNW.

## Lesser Noddy *Anous tenuirostris*

050–47175. Nestling banded by S. G. Lane on Pelsaert Island, WA on 26 Nov. 1982. Recaptured (released alive with band) at banding place by C. A. Surman on 7 Nov. 1997, over 14 years 11 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

## Crimson Rosella *Platycercus elegans*

240–03098. Adult (1+) banded by B. Foreman at Bridgewater, SA on 16 Aug. 1983. Recaptured at banding place (released alive with band) by E. L. Liebing on 14 Dec. 1994, over 11 years 3 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

## Southern Boobook *Ninox novaeseelandiae*

111–18221. Adult female found injured beside road with concussion, adhesions and injury to right eye. Held in care for treatment by WIRES for two and a half months before banding and release at Ebenezzer, NSW on 1 Jan. 1993. Recovered dead at Newport, NSW on 29 Aug. 1998, over 4 years 7 months after rehabilitation. 43 km SE.

**Tawny Frogmouth** *Podargus strigoides*

101-00415. Adult found injured beside road with concussion and severe bruising. Held in care for treatment by WIRES for over two months before banding and release at Avalon, NSW on 4 Apr. 1993. Recovered dead at Newport, NSW on 22 Apr. 1998, over 5 years after rehabilitation and over 2 km from the release site.

**Wonga Pigeon** *Leucosarcia melanoleuca*

100-70765. Adult (2+) banded by S. G. Lane at Moonee, near Coffs Harbour, NSW on 4 Nov. 1991. Recaptured (released alive with band) at banding place 15 times, the last occasion on 2 Oct. 1998, over 6 years 10 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded the species.)

**Superb Fairy-wren** *Malurus cyaneus*

016-67541. Adult (2+) male banded by D. Pepper-Edwards at Scheyville National Park, near Windsor, NSW on 6 June 1993. Recaptured at banding place twice, the last occasion by J. W. Hardy on 13 Sep. 1998, over 5 years 3 months after banding.

**White-browed Scrubwren** *Sericornis frontalis*

023-90608. Adult (1+) male banded by D. A. Secomb at Nambucca Heads, NSW on 11 Oct. 1987. Recaptured at banding place 12 times, the last occasion on 7 Sep. 1996, over 8 years 10 months after banding.

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

- (a) 015-20729. Banded by D. A. Secomb at Nambucca Heads, NSW on 28 Sep. 1986. Recaptured at banding place 15 times, the last occasion on 18 Oct. 1994, over 8 years after banding.
- (b) 015-27932. Immature (1) banded by D. A. Secomb at Nambucca Heads, NSW on 7 Feb. 1987. Recaptured at banding place ten times, the last occasion on 21 July 1998, over 11 years 5 month after banding.
- (c) 015-51907. Adult (2+) banded by D. A. Secomb at Nambucca Heads, NSW on 17 May 1987. Recaptured at banding place 11 times, the last occasion on 18 Oct. 1994, over 7 years 5 month after banding.

**Brown Gerygone** *Gerygone mouki*

015-13603. Adult banded by D. A. Secomb at Nambucca Heads, NSW on 3 May 1986. Recaptured at banding place six times the last occasion on 22 Mar. 1995, over 8 years 10 months after banding.

**Yellow Thornbill** *Acanthiza nana*

014-93312. Adult (1+) banded by G. R. Fry at Mount Annan Botanic Garden, Campbelltown, NSW on 23 Aug. 1987. Recaptured at banding place by A. J. Leishman on 15 Aug. 1998, over 10 years 11 months after banding.

**Red Wattlebird** *Anthochaera carnunculata*

071-42133. Juvenile banded by O. P. P. Mueller at Wembley Downs, Perth, WA on 22 Nov. 1980. Recovered dead at Toodyay, WA on 1 Nov. 1993, over 12 years 11 months after banding. 76 km ENE.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

**Little Wattlebird** *Anthochaera chrysoptera*

061-68359. Adult (1+) banded by D. A. Secomb at Nambucca Heads, NSW on 10 Sep. 1988. Recaptured at banding place twice, the last occasion on 9 Feb. 1997, over 8 years 4 months after banding.

**Blue-faced Honeyeater** *Entomyzon cyanotis*

071-78169. Adult (1+) banded by P. H. Sutton at Kingaroy, Qld on 20 May 1990. Recovered dead near Kingaroy, Qld on 4 Sep. 1998, over 8 years 3 months after banding. 2 km S.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

**Bell Miner** *Manorina melanophrys*

040-81199. Adult (1+) banded by K. G. Rogers at Coranderrk, Healesville, Vic. on 21 Jan. 1984. Recaptured at banding place (released alive with band) by M. F. Clarke on 30 Nov. 1995, over 11 years 10 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

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

- (a) 040-84239. Adult (1+) banded by D. A. Secomb at Nambucca Heads, NSW on 1 June 1986. Recaptured at banding place 15 times, the last occasion on 5 Oct. 1998, over 12 years 4 months after banding.
- (b) 041-27027. Adult (1+) banded by D. A. Secomb at Nambucca Heads, NSW on 7 Dec. 1986. Recaptured at banding place eight times, the last occasion on 18 Oct. 1994, over 7 years 10 months after banding.
- (c) 041-30468. Adult (1+) banded by D. A. Secomb at Nambucca Heads, NSW on 20 June. 1987. Recaptured at banding place five times, the last occasion on 16 Mar. 1997, over 9 years 8 months after banding.
- (d) 041-33437. Adult (2+) female banded by D. A. Secomb at Nambucca Heads, NSW on 12 Mar. 1989. Recaptured at banding place four times, the last occasion on 20 July 1996, over 7 years 4 months after banding.

**White-eared Honeyeater** *Lichenostomus leucotis*

030-76583. Adult (1+) banded by A. J. Reid at Glenburn, Vic. on 4 May 1980. Recaptured at banding place on 9 Oct. 1990, over 10 years 5 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

**Purple-gaped Honeyeater** *Lichenostomus cratitius*

022-40113. Immature (1) banded by S. J. J. F. Davies at Eyre Bird Observatory, WA on 22 Feb. 1980. Recaptured at banding place on 15 Oct. 1993, over 13 years 7 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

**Fuscous Honeyeater** *Lichenostomus fuscus*

- (a) 023-96503. Adult banded by T. Nixon at Scheyville National Park, near Windsor, NSW on 17 July 1988. Recaptured at banding place five times, the last occasion by J. W. Hardy on 11 Oct. 1998, over 10 years 2 months after banding.
- (b) 024-02769. Adult (2+) male banded by G. P. Clancy at South Grafton Water Reserve, NSW on 2 Aug. 1991. Recaptured at banding place on 15 July 1998, over 6 years 11 months after banding.
- (c) 024-76030. Adult banded by D. Pepper-Edwards at Scheyville National Park, near Windsor, NSW on 10 Nov. 1991. Recaptured at banding place four times, the last occasion by J. W. Hardy on 11 Oct. 1998, over 6 years 11 months after banding.

**White-plumed Honeyeater** *Lichenostomus penicillatus*

- (a) 023-50631. Adult banded by D. I. Smedley at Burrendong Arboretum, near Wellington, NSW on 20 June 1987. Recaptured at banding place seven times, the last occasion by J. W. Hardy on 5 Sep. 1998, over 11 years 2 months after banding.
- (b) 023-54648. Adult banded by H. Bell at Burrendong Arboretum, near Wellington, NSW on 3 Oct. 1987. Recaptured at banding place twice, the last occasion by J. W. Hardy on 5 Sep. 1998, over 10 years 10 months after banding.
- (c) 023-85165. Adult banded by D. I. Smedley at Burrendong Arboretum, near Wellington, NSW on 23 June 1990. Recaptured at banding place twice, the last occasion by J. W. Hardy on 5 Sep. 1998, over 8 years 2 months after banding.

**White-throated Honeyeater *Melithreptus albogularis***

023-37309. Adult (1+) banded by M. P. Hines at Dayboro — Samford Road, Qld on 25 Apr. 1986. Recaptured at banding place on 9 Oct. 1994, over 8 years 5 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

**White-cheeked Honeyeater *Phylidonyris nigra***

(a) 032-83386. Adult (1+) male banded by P. Congreve at Beverley, WA on 20 June 1986. Recaptured at banding place on 10 May 1996, over 9 years 10 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

(b) 033-14081. Adult (1+) banded by D. A. Secomb at Nambucca Heads, NSW on 22 May 1988. Recaptured at banding place six times, the last occasion on 11 Aug. 1996, over 8 years 3 months after banding.

(c) 033-55810. Adult (2+) banded by D. A. Secomb at Nambucca Heads, NSW on 9 Sep. 1990. Recaptured at banding place four times, the last occasion on 8 Nov. 1997, over 7 years 1 month after banding.

**Red-capped Robin *Petroica goodenovii***

017-40372. Immature (1) banded by P. Congreve 12 km S of Beverley, WA on 21 Nov. 1990. Recaptured at banding place by S. J. J. F. Davies on 4 May 1996, over 5 years 5 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

**Flame Robin *Petroica phoenicea***

017-09823. Adult (1+) banded by M. E. Talmage at Cobram, Vic. on 12 June 1994. Recovered dead near the Entry Station on Alpine Way, Kosciusko National Park, NSW on 27 Aug. 1998, over 4 years 2 months after banding. 255 km E.

(This is the longest movement recorded for the species.)

**Hooded Robin *Melanodryas cucullata***

023-33888. Adult (2+) male banded by G. Bell at Burrendong Arboretum, near Wellington, NSW on 27 Mar. 1989. Recaptured at banding place by R. Jacobs on 18 Oct. 1997, over 8 years 6 months after banding.

**Eastern Yellow Robin *Eopsaltria australis***

023-90677. Immature (1) banded by D. A. Secomb at Nambucca Heads, NSW on 3 July 1988. Recaptured at banding place 13 times, the last occasion on 11 Aug. 1998, over 10 years 1 month after banding.

(Band replaced with Band No. 025-68546.)

**Eastern Whipbird *Psophodes olivaceus***

(a) 061-46637. Adult (2+) banded by D. A. Secomb at Nambucca Heads, NSW on 28 Sep. 1986. Recaptured at banding place five times, the last occasion on 11 Aug. 1998, over 11 years 10 months after banding.

(Band replaced with Band No. 062-23466.)

(b) 061-68368. Immature banded by D. A. Secomb at Nambucca Heads, NSW on 20 Oct. 1989. Recaptured at banding place three times, the last occasion on 28 Feb. 1998, over 8 years 4 months after banding.

(Band replaced with Band No. 062-23454.)

**Crested Shrike-tit *Falcunculus frontatus***

(a) 030-43286. Adult (2+) female banded by J. W. Hardy at Scheyville National Park, near Windsor, NSW on 12 Sep. 1993. Recaptured at banding place on 13 Sep. 1998, over 5 years after banding.

(b) 030-43290. Adult (2+) male banded by J. W. Hardy at Scheyville National Park, near Windsor, NSW on 12 Sep. 1993. Recaptured at banding place on 13 Sep. 1998, over 5 years after banding.

**Golden Whistler *Pachycephala pectoralis***

(a) 033-05992. Adult (2+) banded by D. A. Secomb at Nambucca Heads, NSW on 11 Oct. 1987. Recaptured at banding place five times, the last occasion (as adult male) on 21 July 1998, over 10 years 9 months after banding.

(b) 033-14045. Adult (3+) male banded by D. A. Secomb at Nambucca Heads, NSW on 9 Jan. 1988. Recaptured at banding place four times, the last occasion on 18 Nov. 1995, over 7 years 10 months after banding.

(c) 033-55816. Adult (3+) male banded by D. A. Secomb at Nambucca Heads, NSW on 11 Nov. 1990. Recaptured at banding place on 6 Sep. 1997, over 6 years 9 months after banding.

(d) 033-55841. Adult (3) banded by D. A. Secomb at Nambucca Heads, NSW on 16 Dec. 1990. Recaptured at banding place five times, the last occasion on 6 Sep. 1997, over 6 years 8 months after banding.

**Rufous Whistler *Pachycephala rufiventris***

034-11710. Adult male (3+) banded by K. Egan at Scheyville National Park, near Windsor, NSW on 10 Nov. 1991. Recaptured at banding place by J. W. Hardy on 11 Oct. 1998, over 6 years 11 months after banding.

**White-breasted Whistler *Pachycephala lanioides***

041-28863. Adult (2+) male banded by AWSG at Crab Creek Mangrove Site, 3 km E of Broome Bird Observatory, WA on 18 Aug. 1982. Bird recaptured at banding site twice the last occasion by C. Hassell on 19 Apr. 1998, over 15 years 8 months after banding. (This bird was originally banded 040-81153, band replaced due to wear by D. Rogers, on 23 Mar. 1991.)

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

**Spectacled Monarch *Monarcha trivirgatus***

016-62555. Adult (2+) banded by D. A. Secomb at Nambucca Heads, NSW on 3 Mar. 1991. Recaptured at banding place nine times, the last occasion on 21 Dec. 1997, over 6 years 9 months after banding.

**Pied Currawong *Strepera graculina***

091-17032. Adult (2+) banded by S. G. Lane at Bellbird Rest Area, Washpool National Park, NSW on 27 June 1989. Band number read in field at Coachwood Picnic Area, Washpool National Park, near banding place twice, the last occasion by G. P. Clancy on 27 June 1989, 9 years after banding.

**Regent Bowerbird *Sericulus chrysocephalus***

061-68377. Adult (7-) male banded by D. A. Secomb at Nambucca Heads, NSW on 15 July 1990. Recaptured at banding place three times, the last occasion on 21 July 1998, over 8 years after banding.

**Satin Bowerbird *Ptilonorhynchus violaceus***

(a) 082-66794. Banded (1+) by S. G. Lane at Moonee, near Coffs Harbour, NSW on 13 July 1990 (in full plumage on 8 Oct. 1994). Recaptured at banding place 28 times, the last occasion on 13 Nov. 1997, over 7 years 4 months after banding.

(b) 082-66870. Banded (1+) by S. G. Lane at Moonee, near Coffs Harbour, NSW on 8 Aug. 1988 (in full plumage on 30 July 1993). Recaptured at banding place 34 times, the last occasion on 27 May 1998, over 9 years 7 months after banding.

(c) 082-66890. Adult (2+) female banded by S. G. Lane at Moonee, near Coffs Harbour, NSW on 31 Dec. 1988. Recaptured at banding place 43 times, the last occasion on 9 May 1998, over 9 years 4 months after banding.