

# 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 — WA Wader Study Group.

## Pink-eared Duck *Malacorhynchus membranaceus*

090-41707. Juvenile female banded by J. L. McKean at Angora Swamp, Booligal, NSW on 21 Jan. 1970. Recovered dead at Cullens Lake near Kerang, Vic. on 18 May 1971, over 1 year 3 months after banding. 223 km SW.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

## Hardhead *Aythya australis*

100-21351. Adult (1+) male banded by L. W. Braithwaite at Gungahlin, ACT on 21 Jan. 1969. Recovered dead at banding place on 23 Nov. 1973, over 4 years 10 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

## Northern Giant-Petrel *Macronectes halli*

CF36247\*. Nestling banded on Ile de la Possession, Crozet, Indian Ocean (46°25'S, 51°45'E) on 17 Jan. 1998. Recovered dead (trapped/killed because it was banded) at sea 113 km SW of Punta Lavapie, Chile (38°00'S, 74°30'W) in Dec. 1998. 9 209 km SW.

\*French Banding Scheme band.

## Buller's Shearwater *Puffinus bulleri*

160-10789. Adult (1+) banded by W. B. Hitchcock on Montagu Island, NSW on 10 Oct. 1960. Recovered dead at New Brighton Beach, near Ocean Shores NSW on 4 Jan. 1966, over 5 years 2 months after banding. 915 km NNE.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

## Wandering Albatross *Diomedea exulans*

(a) 140-03451. Adult (1+) banded by D. Gibson off Bellambi, NSW (34°22'S, 150°56'E) on 3 Sept. 1960.

Recovered twice;

(1) Recaptured on Ile de L'Est Crozets, Indian Ocean (46°25'S, 52°12'E) on 30 Jan. 1971, (French Banding Scheme band No. BS4464 was placed on bird in addition to the Australian band), the bird was released alive with two bands.

(2) Recovered dead at Windang Beach, NSW (34°32'S, 150°52'E) on 26 Oct. 1999, over 39 years 1 month after banding. The bird was only carrying the French band, the Australian band had fallen off the bird between the first and the second recovery, over 39 years 1 month after banding. 20 km from original banding place.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

(b) 140-37603. Banded by D. Gibson at sea off Bellambi, NSW (34°22'S, 150°56'E) on 31 Aug. 1968. Recaptured, released alive with band on Bird Island, South Georgia, Atlantic Ocean (54°01'S, 38°03'W) on 23 Feb. 2000, over 31 years 5 months after banding. 10 147 km S.

(c) 5184883\*. Nestling banded on Bird Island, South Georgia, Atlantic Ocean (54°00'S, 38°03'W) on 14 Oct. 1997. Recaptured, released alive with bands at sea off Mossy Point, NSW (35°50'S, 150°11'E) by SOSSA on 10 Oct. 1999. 9 992 km S.

\*BTO British Banding Scheme band.

## Black-browed Albatross *Thalassarche melanophris*

(a) M45765\*. Adult (1+) banded on Bull Rock, Campbell Island, New Zealand (52°33'S, 169°09'E) on 27 Nov. 1986. Recovered dead (trapped/killed because it was banded) at sea 113 km SW of Punta Lavapie, Chile (38°00'S, 74°30'W) in Dec. 1998, over 11 years after banding. 8 223 km SE.

\*French Banding Scheme band.

(b) 131-85964. Adult (1+) banded by SOSSA at sea East of Wollongong, NSW (34°25'S, 151°00'E) on 10 Aug. 1996. Recovered dead (trapped/killed because it was banded) at sea 113 km SW of Punta Lavapie, Chile (38°00'S, 74°30'W) in Jan. 1999. 10 692 km SE.

## Grey-headed Albatross *Thalassarche chrysostoma*

M26078\*. Nestling banded on Bull Rock, Campbell Island, New Zealand (52°28'S, 129°12'E) on 25 Apr. 1971. Recovered dead at Walkers Beach, Terrigal, NSW (33°26'S, 151°26'E) on 17 May 2000, over 29 years after banding. 2 761 km NNW.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

## Australian Pelican *Pelecanus conspicillatus*

170-04229. Nestling banded by M. H. Waterman on North Pelican Island, Coorong, SA on 16 Dec. 1984. Band number read in field (bird not trapped) by R. Walsh at Wigan Inlet, Croajingalong National Park, Vic. on 22 Dec. 1999, over 15 years after banding. 902 km ESE.

## Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*

280-06207. Nestling banded by C. P. S. deRebeira on Rottnest Island, WA on 14 Nov. 1990. Recovered dead at Woodman Point, WA on 24 July 2000, over 9 years 8 months after banding. 27 km ESE.

## Whistling Kite *Haliastur sphenurus*

110-45974. Immature (1) banded by J. Bywater at Jabiru East, NT on 17 Mar. 1980. Recovered sick, is alive in captivity with band at Crocodile Farm near Noonamah, NT on 19 Aug. 2000, over 20 years 5 months after banding. 201 km W.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

**White-bellied Sea-Eagle** *Haliaeetus leucogaster*

150–28179. Juvenile banded by A. L. Hertog at Wildman River Station, NT on 13 June 1981. Recovered dead at Humpty Doo, NT on 18 Nov. 1984, over 3 years 5 months after banding. 42 km W.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

**Brown Falcon** *Falco berigora*

100–83095. Nestling banded by D. J. Baker-Gabb at Werribee Sewage Farm, Werribee, Vic. on 3 Oct. 1982. Recaptured, released alive with band at Werribee, Vic. by P. G. McDonald on 4 Oct. 2000, over 18 years after banding. 12 km NNE.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

**Purple Swamphen** *Porphyrio porphyrio*

120–24411. Adult (1+) banded by J. le Gay Breerton at Dangers Lagoon, Uralla, NSW on 29 Apr. 1960. Recovered dead at Uralla, NSW on 3 Oct. 1965, over 5 years 5 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

**Bar-tailed Godwit** *Limosa lapponica*

082–43501. Adult (2) banded by WAWSG at Beaches Crab Creek Road, Roebuck Bay, Broome, WA on 2 Sept. 1981. Recaptured at banding place by AWSG on 28 Sept. 1998, over 17 years after banding.

**Great Knot** *Calidris tenuirostris*

FO19097\*. Banded at Chongming Island, Shanghai, China (31°38'N, 121°27'E) on 7 Apr. 1996. Recaptured at Beaches Crab Creek Road, Roebuck Bay, Broome, WA (18°00'S, 122°22'E) by C. Hassell on 21 Nov. 1999. 5 518 km S. (This is the first Chinese banded bird recovered in Australia.)

\*National Bird Banding Centre of China band.

**Red Knot** *Calidris canutus*

- (a) 051–39122. Adult (2+) banded by AWSG at Beaches Crab Creek Road, Roebuck Bay, Broome, WA (18°00'S, 122°22'E) on 6 Apr. 1988. Recovered dead, shot for food/sport at Khardytyr, Kakutia, Russia (69°19'N, 147°21'E) in 1993. 9 907 km N.
- (b) 051–55463. Adult (3+) banded by AWSG at Beaches Crab Creek Road, Roebuck Bay, Broome, WA (18°00'S, 122°22'E) on 2 Oct. 1992. Recovered dead, shot for food/sport at Syagannakh, Yakutia, Russia (68°23'N, 143°39'E) on 1 July 1999, over 6 years 8 months after banding. 9 755 km N.
- (c) 051–86046. Adult (2+) banded by AWSG at Beaches Crab Creek Road, Roebuck Bay, Broome, WA (18°00'S, 122°22'E) on 10 Apr. 1996. Recovered dead, shot for food/sport at Syagannakh, Yakutia, Russia (68°23'N, 143°39'E) in May 1996. 9 755 km N.

**Sanderling** *Calidris alba*

041–60338. Adult (2+) banded by VWWSG at Killarney Beach, Vic. on 2 Mar. 1991. Recaptured, released alive with band at Brown Bay, SA on 19 Jan. 1998, over 6 years 10 months after banding. 135 km WNW.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Five Sanderlings (band Nos. 041–60338, 041–60353, 041–60384, 041–60522 and 041–60542) were recaptured on the same day all were banded at Killarney Beach on 2 March 1991.

**Pied Oystercatcher** *Haematopus longirostris*

100–82388. Nestling banded by O. M. G. Newman at Ralphs Bay Neck, Tas. on 2 Jan. 1983. Recovered dead (taken for aircraft strike prevention programme) at Wynyard Airport, Tas. on 7 Aug. 2000, over 17 years 7 months after banding. 272 km NNW.

**Pacific Golden Plover** *Pluvialis fulva*

061–43604. Adult (1+) banded by W. P. Barden on Kooragang Island, Newcastle, NSW on 21 Dec. 1984. Recaptured at banding place by NSWWSG on 5 Apr. 1992, over 7 years 3 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

**Grey Plover** *Pluvialis squatarola*

061–43065. Adult (2+) banded by VWWSG on Swan Island, Queenscliff, Vic. on 21 Feb. 1987. Recaptured, released alive with bands at North-West Corner, Swan Bay, Queenscliff, Vic. on 18 Oct. 1997, over 10 years 7 months after banding. 4 km NNW. (Bird also banded with band No. 072–42114.)

**Crested Tern** *Sterna bergii*

071–50917. Nestling banded by VWWSG off Manns Beach, Corner Inlet, Vic. on 31 Dec. 1979. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place on 22 Dec. 1999, over 19 years 11 months after banding.

**Laughing Kookaburra** *Dacelo novaeguineae*

090–32708. Adult (1+) banded after rehabilitation by The Taronga Zoo Rehabilitation Programme and released at Royal Sydney Golf Course, Sydney, NSW on 5 Oct. 1990. Recovered sick, is alive in captivity at Paddington, NSW on 28 Oct. 1999, over 9 years after banding. 5 km WSW.

**Fernwren** *Oreoscopus gutturalis*

022–94444. Adult (1+) banded by C. Frith near Paluma, Qld on 28 Nov. 1986. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place by S. G. Lane on 1 Dec. 1990, over 4 years after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

**White-throated Gerygone** *Gerygone olivacea*

012–80718. Adult (1+) male banded by R. K. Carruthers at Bli Bli, Qld on 13 Feb. 1982. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place by J. H. Hall on 16 June 1988, over 6 years 4 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

**Rusty Pitohui** *Pitohui ferrugineus*

060–15450. Adult (1+) banded by R. Schodde at Karema, Brown River, Papua New Guinea on 23 July 1962. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place by R. D. Mackay on 20 Aug. 1967, over 5 years after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

**Sooty Thicket-Fantail** *Rhipidura threnothorax*

020–28601. Adult (1+) banded by L. W. C. Filewood at Brown River, Papua New Guinea on 24 Aug. 1975. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place twice the last occasion by I. Burrows on 27 Aug. 1988, over 13 years after banding. (Bird banded with band No. 023–57333 on 1 Aug. 1987.)

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

**Pied Butcherbird** *Cracticus nigrogularis*

071–89912. Adult (1+) banded by A. E. Robinson at Moggill Farm, Qld on 19 Aug. 1991. Recovered dead at Boonah, Qld on 12 July 2000, over 8 years 10 months after banding. 57 km SSW.

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

**Pied Currawong** *Strepera graculina*

090–69638. Adult (1+) banded by I. Grant at Hackett, ACT on 4 June 1978. Recovered sick, is alive in captivity at Watson, ACT on 10 Dec. 1999, over 21 years 6 months after banding. 2 km N.