

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:

NATF — Native Animal Trust Fund Inc.

WIRES — NSW Wildlife Information and Rescue Service Inc.

Australian Wood Duck *Chenonetta jubata*

- (a) 100-67335. Orphaned juvenile hand-raised by WIRES for 38 days before banding and release at Chittaway Point, NSW on 30 Mar. 1992. Found immobile and later died at Glenning Valley, NSW on 7 Nov. 1998, over 6 years 7 months after rehabilitation. 2 km NW.
- (b) 101-00417. Orphaned juvenile hand-raised by WIRES before banding and release at Manly, NSW on 1 Apr. 1994. Recovered dead on road near Glen Alice, NSW on 7 Aug. 1996, over 2 years 4 months after rehabilitation. 125 km WNW.

Pacific Black Duck *Anas superciliosa*

- (a) 110-82018. Orphaned juvenile hand-raised by WIRES for over 3 months before banding and release at Holgate, NSW on 31 May 1996. Recovered dead at Forrester's Beach, NSW on 14 Aug. 1997, over 1 year 2 months after rehabilitation. 8 km ESE.
- (b) 110-82040. Juvenile found in a pit of oil and kerosene. Cared for by WIRES for 2 months 18 days before banding and release at Yowie Bay, NSW on 14 Jan. 1996. Recovered dead at Kareela, NSW on 14 Aug. 1998, over 2 years 8 months after rehabilitation. 2 km NNE.

Chestnut Teal *Anas castanea*

090-18324. Adult (1+) male banded by B. C. Mollison at Rusty Lagoon, Cremorne, Tas. on 24 Oct. 1957. Recovered dead, shot for sport at Lake Cullulleraine, Vic., date unknown. 1 095 km NNW.

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

Little Penguin *Eudyptula minor*

190-81603. Immature found exhausted and underweight, cared for by WIRES for 21 days before banding and release at Toowoona Bay, NSW on 14 Mar. 1997. Found exhausted at Tuncurry, NSW on 30 Jan. 2000 (subsequently again rehabilitated and released alive with band), over 2 years 10 months after rehabilitation. 109 km NNE.

Intermediate Egret *Ardea intermedia*

100-47469. Nestling banded by P. A. Disher on Campbells Island, near Barham, NSW (35°31'S, 144°00'E) on 4 Jan. 1975. Recovered dead at Desa Mapur, Irian Jaya (01°18'S, 132°18'E), date unknown. 3 991 km NNW.

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

Grey Goshawk *Accipiter novaehollandiae*

121-26983. Adult (1+) female banded by M. C. Holdsworth at Huonville, Tas. on 11 April 1989. Recovered dead, cause unknown at Mole Creek, Tas. in Mar. 1993, at least 3 years 10 months after banding. 172 km NNW.

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

Little Eagle *Hieraaetus morphnoides*

131-54801. Adult (1+) male banded by P. R. Pain at Eagles Heritage, 3 km S of Margaret River, WA on 29 Mar. 1991. Recovered dead, collided with moving road vehicle near Newry, Vic. in May 1992. 2 884 km ESE.

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

Nankeen Kestrel *Falco cenchroides*

- (a) 082-98349. Adult (2+) found with wing damage and unable to fly. Held in care by the NATF for 1 month and 2 days before banding and release at Newcastle, NSW on 4 Apr. 1997. Found sick or injured at Valentine, NSW on 16 Mar. 2001, over 3 years 11 months after rehabilitation. 18 km SSW.
- (b) 082-98376. Immature (1) found exhausted with no apparent injuries, but unable to fly. Held in care by WIRES for 20 days prior to banding and release at Engadine, NSW on 10 Feb. 1997. Found dead inside a man made structure at Orchard Hills, NSW on 29 Aug. 1998, over 6 months after rehabilitation. 39 km NNW.

Crested Pigeon *Ocyphaps lophotes*

082-98441. Juvenile found emaciated and held for care by WIRES for 2 months before banding and release at Chittaway Point, NSW on 16 Apr. 1997. Recovered, killed by a domestic cat near the release site on 31 Oct. 1998, over 1 year 6 months after rehabilitation.

Rainbow Lorikeet *Trichoglossus haematodus*

- (a) 250-07708. Juvenile hand-raised by WIRES for 2 months 13 days before banding and release at Sydney, NSW on 4 Aug. 1993. Band number read in field at Balmain, NSW on 17 November 1996, over 3 years 3 months after rehabilitation. 4 km WSW.
- (b) 250-07729. Juvenile hand-raised by WIRES for 26 days before banding and release at Wahroonga, NSW on 4 Dec. 1992. Found in still water, dried and released by the finder at Seven Hills, NSW on 4 Apr. 1996, 3 years 4 months after rehabilitation. 31 km W.
- (c) 250-08735. Adult (1+) concussed and bruised cared for by WIRES for 29 days before banding and release at Newport, NSW on 25 Aug. 1994. Found dead, cause unknown, at Avalon, NSW on 14 Sep. 1998, over 4 years after rehabilitation. 2 km NNE.

Superb Parrot *Polytelis swainsonii*

250-07355. Adult (2+) female. One of several illegally trapped birds that were seized and rehabilitated by NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service before banding and release at Conimbla National Park, NSW on 19 Mar. 1992. Found injured beside a road near Dubbo, NSW on 1 July 1994 (subsequently rehabilitated and again released alive with band), over 2 years 3 months after rehabilitation. 169 km NNE.

Crimson Rosella *Platycercus elegans*

240-19142. Adult (2+), treated for 39 days by WIRES for a broken leg and broken wing before banding and release at Ebenezer, NSW on 9 Aug. 1993. Collided with a moving road vehicle and killed at Galston, NSW on 8 Dec. 1997, over 4 years 3 months after rehabilitation. 15 km SSE.

Common Koel *Eudynamys scolopacea*

091-29311. Adult (2+) male found concussed and held in care by WIRES for 3 days before banding and release at Chittaway Point, NSW on 1 Jan. 1997. Found inside a man made structure, released alive with band at Charmhaven, NSW and on 25 Nov. 1999, over 2 years 10 months after rehabilitation. 11 km NNE.

Channel-billed Cuckoo *Scythrops novaehollandiae*

111-18173. Adult (2+) found emaciated with severe diarrhoea. Held in care by the NATF for over 10 months before banding and release at Fullerton Cove, NSW on 23 Nov. 1993. Found dead at Fullerton Cove, NSW on 26 Feb. 2001, over 7 years 3 months after rehabilitation. 3 km E.

Southern Boobook *Ninox novaeseelandiae*

111-18221. Adult (2+) found by road with concussion and eye injury. Cared for by WIRES for 2 months 15 days before banding and release at Ebenezer, NSW on 1 Jan. 1994. Found dead at Newport, NSW on 29 Aug. 1998, over 4 years 7 months after rehabilitation. 43 km ESE.

Barn Owl *Tyto alba*

111-18229. Adult (2+) rescued from attacking birds. Held for 15 days by WIRES for treatment of bruising before banding and release at Ebenezer on 7 Sep. 1994. Found dead near power lines at Penrith, NSW on 11 Nov. 1994, over 2 months after rehabilitation. 31 km SSW.

Tawny Frogmouth *Podargus strigoides*

(a) 101-00415. Adult (2+) hit by car and extensively bruised. Held in care by WIRES for 2 months before banding and release at Avalon, NSW on 7 Apr. 1993. Found dead at Newport, NSW on 22 Apr. 1998, over 5 years after rehabilitation. 2 km SSE.

(b) 101-00599. Adult (2+) found sick and held in care by WIRES for almost 3 months before banding and release at Bilgola Plateau, NSW on 4 June 1996. Found injured at Avalon, NSW on 5 Oct. 2000 (subsequently again rehabilitated and released), over 4 years 4 months after rehabilitation. 2 km SSE.

Laughing Kookaburra *Dacelo novaeguineae*

(a) 090-75627. A dependant fledgling separated from its family, held in care by WIRES for 28 days before banding and introduction/reintroduction to a/its family flock at Forestville, NSW on 23 Nov. 1993. Band number read in field on the live bird at Frenchs Forest, NSW on 28 Jan. 2000, over 6 years 2 months after rehabilitation. 4 km N.

(b) 091-29435. Adult (1+) rescued from swimming pool by WIRES banded and released at Matcham, NSW on 1 Mar. 1993. Hit by a motor vehicle at Wamberal, NSW on 10 Mar. 2001 sustaining massive wing damage and subsequently euthanased, over 8 years after release. 2 km E.

Yellow-billed Kingfisher *Syma torotoro*

051-70357. Adult (2+) female banded by C. Rich at Iron Range National Park, Cape York Peninsular, Qld. on 21 Nov. 1994. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place by J. W. Hardy on 4 Aug. 2000, over 5 years 8 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Superb Fairy-wren *Malurus cyaneus*

016-67541. Adult (1+) male banded by D. Pepper-Edwards at Scheyville National Park near Windsor, NSW on 6 June 1993. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place three times, the last occasion by J. W. Hardy on 13 Sep. 2000, over 7 years 3 months after banding.

White-browed Scrubwren *Sericornis frontalis*

022-62655. Adult (2+) male banded by D. J. Geering at Iluka Nature Reserve, NSW on 22 Jan. 1984. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place by A. Heuchmer on 20 Mar. 2001, over 17 years 2 months after banding.

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Buff-rumped Thornbill *Acanthiza reguloides*

016-67537. Adult (1+) banded by D. Pepper-Edwards at Scheyville National Park near Windsor, NSW on 6 June 1993. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place twice, the last occasion by J. W. Hardy on 9 Sep. 2000, over 7 years 3 months after banding.

Red Wattlebird *Anthochaera carnunculata*

072-39790. Juvenile (1), taken into care and hand raised by WIRES for 32 days before banding and release at Artarmon, NSW on 15 Nov. 1996. Reported killed by a cat at Northbridge, NSW on 18 Jan. 1997, over two months after release. 2 km SSE. (Though this bird survived for only 2 months before being killed by a predator, this recovery demonstrates that correctly hand-raised orphaned birds of this species do survive release to the wild.)

Fuscous Honeyeater *Lichenostomus fuscus*

(a) 021-64962. Adult (2+) banded by J. W. Hardy at Scheyville National Park near Windsor, NSW on 5 Dec. 1993. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place five times, the last occasion by M. R. Thurlow on 14 Jan. 2001, over 7 years 1 month after banding.

(b) 023-96503. Adult (2+) banded by T. Nixon at Scheyville National Park near Windsor, NSW on 17 July 1988. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place eight times, the last occasion by J. W. Hardy on 12 Nov. 2000, over 12 years 3 months after banding.

Eastern Yellow Robin *Eopsaltria australis*

(a) 023-01337. Adult (2+) banded by J. W. Hardy at Scheyville National Park near Windsor, NSW on 18 June 1995. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place twice, the last occasion by M. R. Thurlow on 11 Oct. 2000, over 5 years 3 months after banding.

(b) 024-48113. Adult (1+) banded by K. Egan at Scheyville National Park near Windsor, NSW on 16 Sep. 1990. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place twice, the last occasion by M. R. Thurlow on 10 Sep. 2000, over 9 years 11 months after banding.

(c) 024-62012. Adult (2+) banded by K. Egan at Scheyville National Park near Windsor, NSW on 8 Nov. 1992. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place three times, the last occasion by J. W. Hardy on 12 Nov. 2000, over 8 years after banding.

Golden Whistler *Pachycephala pectoralis*

034-11755. Adult (2+) banded by K. Egan at Scheyville National Park near Windsor, NSW on 12 Apr. 1992. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place three times, the last occasion by J. W. Hardy on 9 July 2000, over 8 years 2 months after banding.

Grey Whistler *Pachycephala simplex*

024-30044. Adult (2+) banded by K. Wood at Iron Range National Park, Cape York Peninsular, Qld on 22 Nov. 1990. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place by J. W. Hardy on 4 Aug. 2000, over 9 years 8 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

024-49365. Adult (2+) banded by C. Rich at Iron Range National Park, Cape York Peninsular, Qld on 22 Nov. 1990. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place by J. W. Hardy on 4 Aug. 2000, over 9 years 8 months after banding.

Australian Magpie *Gymnorhina tibicen*

(a) 090-40750. Adult (2+) found on road suffering from concussion. Cared for by WIRES for 2 days before banding and release at Toukley, NSW on 24 Sep. 1997. Found dead near release site on 11 Nov. 2000, over 6 years 1 month after rehabilitation.

(b) 090-40786. Juvenile found abandoned and cared for by WIRES for 25 days before banding and release at Chittaway Point, NSW on 8 Jan. 1995. Band number read on living bird near the release site on 5 May 1999, over 4 years 3 months after banding.

(c) 090-75672. Juvenile found abandoned and cared for by WIRES for 42 days before banding and release at Chittaway Point, NSW on 2 Dec. 1995. Recovered alive, caught in a paling fence at Wyong, NSW on 2 Dec. 1998, subsequently again rehabilitated and released alive with band, 3 years after release. 7 km NW.