

# 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:

NSW NPWS SP — New South Wales National Parks and Wildlife Service, Seabird Project.

QWSG — Queensland Wader Study Group.

VWSG — Victorian Wader Study Group.

WIRES — NSW Wildlife Information and Rescue Service Inc.

## Pacific Black Duck *Anas superciliosa*

111–12242. Immature (1) banded by A. J. Leishman at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney, NSW on 8 Nov. 2000. Recovered dead at Manly Dam Reserve, NSW on 19 Nov. 2001. 12 km NNE.

## Wandering Albatross *Diomedea exulans*

140–25350. Adult (1+) Banded by D. Gibson at sea off Bellambi, NSW (34°22'S, 150°56'E) on 24 July 1960. Recaptured, released alive with band on a number of occasions:

- (a) on Prince Edward Island, South Indian Ocean 22 Apr. 1973;
- (b) in south-eastern Australian waters on 11 July 1970, 14 July 1985, 2 Aug. 1989 and 1 July 1994;
- (c) the last occasion on Prince Edward Island, South Indian ocean (46°37'S, 37°59'E) on 19 Dec. 2001, over 41 years 4 months after banding. 8 793 km SW.

(This bird was originally banded with band No. 140-03339, band No. 140-25350 was attached to the bird on 7 Aug. 1966, band No. 147-03339 was subsequently lost.)

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

## Red-tailed Tropicbird *Phaethon rubricauda*

(a) 200–1984. Banded (2+) by B. R. King on Raine Island, Qld. on 19 July 1984. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place by N. J. Cornelius on 6 July 2001, over 16 years 11 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

(b) 200–07352. Nestling banded by B. R. King on Raine Island, Qld. on 20 July 1984. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place by N. J. Cornelius on 6 July 2001, over 16 years 11 months after banding.

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## Masked Booby *Sula dactylatra*

(a) 131–41758. Nestling banded by B. R. King on Raine Island, Qld. (11°36'S, 144°01'E) on 11 Dec. 1980. Recovered dead in the Gulf of Papua, Papua New Guinea (07°55'S, 144°01'E) 13 Oct. 2001, over 20 years 10 months after banding. 409 km N.

(b) 131–49806. Nestling banded by O. R. Evans on Nepean Island, Norfolk Island on 27 Apr. 1984. Recaptured, released alive with band on Phillip Island, Norfolk Island by B. Stephenson on 4 May 2001, over 17 years after banding. 6 km S.

(c) 131–95938. Immature (1) banded by J. P. O'Neill at Mutton Bird Point, Lord Howe Island, NSW on 1 Jan. 2001. Recaptured, trapped because bird tangled in fishing gear, released alive with band at Bugatti Reef, Qld. on 25 July 2001. 1 545 km NNW.

(d) 132–12150. Nestling banded by M. J. McCoy on Phillip Island, Norfolk Island (29°07'S, 167°57'E) on 3 Dec. 2000. Recovered dead at eastern beach, Fraser Island, Qld. (24°43'S, 153°07'E) on 21 Sep. 2001. 1 548 km WNW.

## Brown Booby *Sula leucogaster*

121–17753. Juvenile banded by S. T. Garnett on Rocky Island, Gulf of Carpentaria, Qld. on 10 July 1982. Recovered dead at Clohesy River, Qld. on 9 Oct. 2001, over 19 years 2 months after banding. 669 km E.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

## Australian White Ibis *Threskiornis molucca*

131–70366. Adult (1+) banded by QWSG at Logan Council Tip, Browns Plains, Brisbane, Qld. on 5 Aug. 2000. Recovered dead at Portsea Beach, Vic. on 15 Oct. 2001. 1 415 km SSW.

## Sooty Oystercatcher *Haematopus fuliginosus*

100–84330. Nestling banded by W. C. Wakefield on Curlew Island, D'Entrecasteaux Channel, Tas. on 27 Dec. 1983. Colour marking sighted in field (band No. inferred) on Green Island D'Entrecasteaux Channel, Tas on 11 Nov. 2000, over 16 years 10 months after banding. 28 km NNE.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

## Crested Tern *Sterna bergii*

073–05858. Nestling banded by VWSG on Mud Island, Port Phillip Bay, Vic. on 16 Dec. 2000. Recaptured, released alive with band at sea east of Wollongong, NSW by J. Jenkin on 22 Sep. 2001. 731 km NNE.

## Little Tern *Sterna albifrons*

042–14153. Nestling banded by NSW NPWS SP at Manning River Estuary, Harrington, NSW on 2 Dec. 1998. Recovered dead after hail storm at Lake Tyers Beach, Vic. on 24 Dec. 2001. 788 km SSW.

## Galah *Cacatua roseicapilla*

200–05239. Juvenile male banded by I. C. R. Rowley at Helena Valley, WA on 28 June 1974. Recovered dead at banding place on 25 Oct. 2001, over 27 years 2 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

## Australian King-Parrot *Alisterus scapularis*

250–03172. Adult (2+) female banded by S. G. Lane at Moonee via Coffs Harbour, NSW on 29 Aug. 1996. Recovered dead at Moonee Beach via Coffs Harbour, NSW on 5 Dec. 2001, over 5 years 3 months after banding. 2 km E.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

## Sacred Kingfisher *Todiramphus sanctus*

051–73436. Banded by S. J. M. Blaber near Mount Cotton, Qld. (27°39'S, 153°13'E) on 16 Jan. 2000. Recaptured, later died at Taupota Mission Station, Milne Bay, Papua New Guinea (10°13'S, 150°25'E) on 6 June 2001. 1 960 km N.

## Brown Thornbill *Acanthiza pusilla*

(a) 015–66245. Adult (1+) banded by R. Owen at Rotamah Island Bird Observatory, Vic. on 6 Oct. 1990. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place four times the last occasion by C. Doolan on 17 Dec. 2000, over 10 years after banding.

- (b) 016–64316. Adult (1+) banded by K. Rogers at Rotamah Island Bird Observatory, Vic. on 1 June 1991. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place nine times the last occasion by C. Doolan on 2 Jan. 2001, over 9 years 7 months after banding.
- (c) 017–49638. Adult (1+) banded by R. Jacobs at Munghorn Gap Nature Reserve near Mudgee, NSW on 27 Jan. 1995. Recaptured released alive with band at banding place on 18 Sep. 2001, over 6 years 8 months after banding.

#### Little Wattlebird *Anthochaera chrysoptera*

- 061–77144. Adult (2+) male banded by G. P. Clancy at Iluka Nature Reserve, NSW on 24 Aug. 1996. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place on 24 Aug. 2001, 5 years after banding.

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

- (a) 041–40925. Adult (1+) banded by G. P. Clancy at Iluka Nature Reserve, NSW on 21 Aug. 1994. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place by A. Huggett on 25 Aug. 2001, over 7 years after banding.
- (b) 041–40929. Adult (2+) male banded by G. P. Clancy at Iluka Nature Reserve, NSW on 21 Aug. 1994. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place by G. E. Richards on 25 Aug. 2001, over 7 years after banding.

#### Yellow-faced Honeyeater *Lichenostomus chrysops*

- (a) 024–88126. Adult (2+) banded by A. Aitkin at Munghorn Gap Nature Reserve near Mudgee, NSW on 21 Sep. 1996. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place three times the last occasion by R. Jacobs on 18 Sep. 2001, over 4 years 11 months after banding.
- (b) 025–79190. Adult (2+) female banded by P. J. Thomson near Ilaroo Camp Site, Minnie Water, NSW on 29 May 2000. Recovered dead 17 km E of Tumut, NSW on 9 Oct. 2001. 770 km SSW.

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

#### Fuscous Honeyeater *Lichenostomus fuscus*

- 024–02643. Adult (1+) female banded by G. P. Clancy at South Grafton Water Reserve on 11 Sep. 1988. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place three times the last occasion on 18 July 2001, over 12 years 10 months after banding.

#### Eastern Spinebill *Acanthorhynchus tenuirostris*

- 017–11615. Adult (2) male banded by A. J. Leishman at Munghorn Gap Nature Reserve near Mudgee, NSW on 31 Dec. 1992. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place six times the last occasion by R. Jacobs on 15 Sep. 2001, over 8 years 9 months after banding.

#### Eastern Yellow Robin *Eopsaltria australis*

- (a) 023–33952. Immature (1) banded by J. Dale at Mount Annan Botanic Garden, Campbelltown, NSW on 2 Oct. 1994. Recaptured, released alive at banding place seven times, the last occasion by F. Matter on 28 Apr. 2001, over 6 years 6 months after banding.
- (b) 023–34046. Adult (1+) female banded by A. J. Leishman at Mount Annan Botanic Garden, Campbelltown, NSW on 17 Dec. 1994. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place five times, the last occasion by F. Matter on 24 March 2001, over 6 years 3 months after banding.
- 024–02784. Adult (2+) male banded by G. P. Clancy at Iluka Nature Reserve, NSW on 20 Aug. 1994. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place three times the last occasion by A. Huggett on 25 Aug. 2001, over 7 years after banding.

#### Chowchilla *Orthonyx spaldingii*

- 072–06165. Adult (2+) male banded by K. A. Fisher at Mount Lewis near Jullatten, Qld. on 27 Nov. 1990. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding site by J. J. Austin on 29 Oct. 2001, over 10 years 11 months after banding.

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#### Golden Whistler *Pachycephala pectoralis*

- 031–65215. Adult (3+) male banded by F. Bailey at Rotamah Island Bird Observatory on 14 Oct. 1984. Recaptured, released alive with band near banding place by F. Kearney on 21 Aug. 2001, over 16 years 10 months after banding.

#### Grey Shrike-thrush *Colluricincla harmonica*

- 051–74258. Banded by T. Rolland at Rotamah Island Bird Observatory, Vic. on 9 Apr. 1994. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place for the first time by C. Doolan on 9 Oct. 2000, 6 years 6 months after banding.

#### Grey Fantail *Rhipidura fuliginosa*

- 017–17842. Adult (1+) banded by J. Reside at Rotamah Island Bird Observatory, Vic. on 30 Jan. 1993. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place for the first time by D. Ripper on 21 Jan. 2001, over 7 years 11 months after banding.

#### Australian Magpie *Gymnorhina tibicen*

- (a) 091–15470. Juvenile hand-raised by WIRES for 42 days before banding and release at Connell's Point, NSW on 17 Jan. 1990. Found injured and later euthanased at Ramsgate, NSW on 27 Sep. 1994. Over 4 years 8 months after rehabilitation. 3 km E.
- (b) 091–29777. Juvenile hand-raised by WIRES for 43 days before banding and release at Killarney, NSW on 13 Dec. 1994. Reported four times to the ABBBS as alive in the wild in the general vicinity of the release location, the last occasion on 26 Dec. 1998, over 4 years after rehabilitation. 2 km S.
- (c) 091–31038. Adult (2+) male unable to fly with an infected wound to its right wing rescued and cared for by WIRES for 17 days before banding and release at Tacoma, NSW on 31 July 1995. Found unable to fly with injuries to left wing and right eye at Warnervale, NSW on 5 Nov. 1999 (subsequently rehabilitated and released alive with band). Over 4 years 3 months after rehabilitation. 5 km NNE.

#### Pied Currawong *Strepera graculina*

- 091–17031. Adult (2+) banded by S. G. Lane at Bellbird Rest Area, Washpool National Park, NSW on 26 June 1989. Band number read in field (bird not trapped) by G. P. Clancy at Coachwood Picnic Area, Washpool National Park (near banding place) three times, the last occasion on 29 July 2000, over 11 years 1 month after banding.

#### Black Currawong *Strepera fuliginosa*

- (a) 091–15170. Adult (2+) banded by R. M. Patterson at Fern Tree, Tas. on 5 Nov. 1988. Band number read in field (bird not trapped) by D. and E. Jones 2 km SW of Fern Tree, Tas. on 18 Mar. 2001, over 12 years 4 months after banding. 3 km SSW.

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- (b) 091–15197. Immature (1) banded by R. M. Patterson at Fern Tree, Tas. on 22 July 1989. Band number read in field (bird not trapped) by D. and E. Jones 2 km SW of Fern Tree, Tas. on 21 June 2001, over 11 years 10 months after banding. 3 km SSW.
- (c) 091–15194. Immature (1) banded by R. M. Patterson at Fern Tree, Tas. on 22 July 1989. Band number read in field (bird not trapped) by D. and E. Jones 2 km SW of Fern Tree, Tas. on 24 May 2001, over 11 years 10 months after banding. 3 km SSW.

#### Satin Bowerbird *Ptilonorhynchus violaceus*

- 082–73193. Second year or older bird banded by S. G. Lane at Moonee via Coffs Harbour, NSW on 12 Nov. 1996. Recovered sick at Moonee Beach on 6 July 2001, over 4 years 7 months after banding. 3 km E.

#### Diamond Firetail *Stagonopleura guttata*

- 025–61022. Adult (1+) banded by A. J. Leishman at Warraderry State Forest near Grenfell, NSW on 13 Oct. 1997. Recovered dead, collided with window at Michelago, NSW on 4 May 2001. 238 km SSE.

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