

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

SSG BOAT — Shorebird Study Group — BOAT

VWSG — Victorian Wader Study Group.

Little Penguin *Eudyptula minor*

190–56229. Immature (1) banded by Taronga Zoo on Lion Island, Hawkesbury River, NSW on 3 Oct. 1990. Recovered sick at the mouth of the Sandon River, near Grafton, NSW on 16 July 2002, over 11 years 9 months after banding. 471 km N.

(Bird is alive in care with band. This is the third most northerly recovery of this species.)

Streaked Shearwater *Calonectris leucomelas*

9A15136*. Adult (1+) banded at Kanmuri-jima Island, Maizuru-shi, Kyoto, Japan (35°40'N, 135°25'E) on 20 May 1990. Recovered sick, later died at Cable Beach, Broome, WA (17°56'S, 122°12'E) on 20 Sep. 2000, over 10 years 4 months after banding. 6 119 km S.

(This is the first recovery of this species in Australia.)

* Japanese Banding Scheme band.

Black-faced Cormorant *Phalacrocorax fuscescens*

131–47546. Nestling banded by G. N. Bromfield on Three Sisters Islands, Ulverstone, Tas. on 8 Nov. 1981. Recovered dead at Moorlands Point Beach, Tas. on 28 June 2002, over 20 years 7 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Australian White Ibis *Threskiornis molucca*

120–11681. Adult(2-) male banded by A. J. Leishman at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney on 16 Aug. 1991. Recovered dead at banding place on 25 Aug. 2002, 11 years after banding.

Bar-tailed Godwit *Limosa lapponica*

(a) 071–51045. Adult (3+) banded by VWSG on Swan Island, Queenscliff, Vic. on 28 Sep. 1980. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place on 5 Jan. 2002, over 21 years 3 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

(b) 071–51182. Adult (3+) banded by VWSG on Swan Island, Queenscliff, Vic. on 10 Dec. 1983. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place on 5 Jan. 2002, over 18 years after banding.

Eastern Curlew *Numenius madagascariensis*

091–25230. Adult (2+) male banded by VWSG at Inverloch, Andersons Inlet — Point Smythe, Vic. (38°37'S, 145°45'E) on 20 Nov. 1993. Recovered dead at Litovka River, Primorskii Krai, Russia (42°50'N, 132°45'E) in May 2002, over 8 years 4 months after banding. 9 149 km N.

Terek Sandpiper *Xenus cinereus*

051–91163. Adult (2+) banded by AWSG at Beaches Crab Creek Road, Roebuck Bay, Broome, WA (18°00'S, 122°22'E) on 7 Mar. 1996. Recovered dead at Machakh, Verkhoyansk District, Russia (67°33'N, 132°53'E) on 27 May 1999. 9 549 km N.

Red Knot *Calidris canutus*

051–18256. Adult (2) banded by VWSG on Swan Island, Queenscliff, Vic. on 19 Oct. 1985. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place on 5 Jan. 2002, over 16 years 2 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Pied Oystercatcher *Haematopus longirostris*

100–82086. Adult (2+) banded by VWSG at Werribee Sewerage Farm, Vic. on 8 Mar. 1980. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place on 7 Apr. 2001, over 21 years after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Double-banded Plover *Charadrius bicinctus*

(a) 041–31457. Adult (2+) male banded by VWSG on Swan Island, Queenscliff, Vic. on 12 July 1987. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place on 26 May 2002, over 14 years 10 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

(b) 041–44206. Adult (2+) female banded by VWSG on Swan Island, Queenscliff, Vic. on 31 July 1988. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place on 26 May 2002, over 13 years 9 months after banding.

(c) 041–47766. Immature (1+) banded by VWSG on Swan Island, Queenscliff, Vic. on 3 June 1989. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place on 26 May 2002, over 12 years 11 months after banding.

(d) 042–29222. Immature (1) banded by VWSG at Stockyard Point, Lang Lang, Westernport, Vic. (38°22'S, 145°32'E) on 16 July 2000. Recovered dead, found in Stoat den at Upper Tasman River, South Canterbury, New Zealand (43°47'S, 170°07'E) on 24 May 2002. 2 137 km ENE.

Kelp Gull *Larus dominicanus*

110–92944. Nestling banded by SSG BOAT on Green Island, Tas. on 9 Jan. 1982. Recovered dead at Opossum Bay, Tas. on 28 Apr. 2002, over 20 years 3 months after banding. 26 km NNE.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

White-browed Scrubwren *Sericornis frontalis*

024–25295. Adult (1+) male banded by A. J. Leishman at Mount Annan Botanic Gardens, Campbelltown, NSW on 29 Aug. 1993. Recaptured, released alive with band near banding place five times, the last occasion by F. Matter on 5 May 2002, over 8 years 8 months after banding. 1.5 km S.

Regent Honeyeater *Xanthomyza phrygia*

- (a) 041-30113. Immature (1) male banded by D. Geering (on behalf of P. Menkhorst) near Glen Alice, NSW on 30 July 2000. Colour-bands sighted in field (band number inferred) at Kariong, NSW on 30 July 2002, over 2 years after banding. 109 km E.
- (b) 041-30129. Adult (2+) male banded by D. Geering (on behalf of P. Menkhorst) near Glen Davis, NSW on 24 Nov. 2000. Colour-bands sighted in field (band number inferred) at Kariong, NSW on 30 July 2002, over 1 year 8 months after banding. 106 km E.

(This bird was also radio tagged.)

- (c) 041-57109. Adult (2+) male banded by D. Geering (on behalf of P. Menkhorst) near Glen Alice, NSW on 26 Oct. 1994. Colour-bands sighted in field (band number inferred):
1. near banding place on 27 Aug. 1997 over 2 years 10 months after banding
 2. near Chiltern, Vic on 21 July 2001 over 6 years 8 months after banding. 472 km SW.

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

- (d) 041-57369. Adult (2+) male banded by D. Geering (on behalf of P. Menkhorst) near Glen Alice, NSW on 1 Oct. 1997. Colour-bands sighted in field (band number inferred) at Morisset, NSW on 24 July 2002 over 4 years 9 months after banding. 123 km E

- (e) 041-57378. Adult (2-) male banded by D. Geering (on behalf of P. Menkhorst) near Glen Alice, NSW on 21 Oct. 1997. Colour-bands sighted in field (band number inferred) at:

1. Home Rule, NSW on 1 Sept. 1999 over 1 year 10 months after banding. 86 km N.
2. Kariong, NSW on 30 July 2002 over 4 years 9 months after banding. 109 km E.

- (f) 041-48912. Adult (1+) banded by A. Ley near Barraba, NSW on 8 Apr. 1995. Colour-bands sighted in field (band number inferred) at Kariong, NSW on 17 July 2002 over 7 years 3 months after banding. 355 km S.

White-winged Chough *Corcorax melanorhamphos*

- 091-17391. Juvenile female banded by A. Cockburn at Mount Ainslie, ACT on 21 Oct. 1988. Recaptured, released alive with band at Campbell Park, North Canberra, ACT by G. B. Baker on 30 July 2002, over 13 years 9 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)