

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:

NSWWSG — New South Wales Wader Study Group.

SOSSA — Southern Ocean Seabird Study Group.

SSG-BOAT — Shorebird Study Group (BOAT) Tasmania.

Southern Giant-Petrel *Macronectes giganteus*

10741*. Nestling banded at Potter Peninsula, King George Island, South Shetland Islands (62°14'S, 58°38'E) on 15 Mar. 2003. Recaptured, released alive carrying 2 or more bands by SOSSA at sea off Bellambi, NSW (34°20'S, 151°00'E) on 22 July 2003. 8 951 km SSW.

(Bird also banded with Band No. 132–12004.)

* Argentine Banding Scheme band.

Northern Giant-Petrel *Macronectes halli*

132–19017. Nestling banded by R. P. Gales on Macquarie Island, Tas. (54°30'S, 158°55'W) on 24 Jan. 2003. Recovered dead at Lower Timaru Road, Oakura, Taranaki, New Zealand (39°08'S, 173°55'E) on 22 Apr. 2003. 2 045 km NE.

Hutton's Shearwater *Puffinus huttoni*

X11645*. Adult (1+) banded at Upper Kowhai Catchment, Kaikoura, New Zealand (42°15'S, 173°36'E) on 13 Sep. 2001. Recovered dead at Ocean Beach near Denmark, WA (35°01'S, 117°19'E) on 11 Apr. 2003. 4 864 km W.

*New Zealand Banding Scheme band.

Indian Yellow-nosed Albatross *Thalassarche bassi*

CF11411*. Adult (1+) banded at Point D'Entrecasteaux, Amsterdam Island, Southern Indian Ocean (37°51'S, 77°29'E) on 1 Oct. 1972. Recovered dead at Younghusband Peninsular, Coorong, SA (35°40'S, 139°05'E) on 30 May 2000, over 27 years 7 months after banding. 5 389 km ESE.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

* French Banding Scheme band.

Australasian Gannet *Morus serrator*

M38341*. Nestling banded on Bush Island, Hauraki Gulf, New Zealand (36°41'S, 175°24'E) on 21 Oct. 1980. Recovered dead at The Gardens, Bay of Fires, Tas. (41°12'S, 148°15'E) on 12 Feb. 2000, over 19 years 3 months after banding. 2 390 km WSW

* New Zealand Banding Scheme band.

Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus*

270–04912. Nestling (1) female banded by I. D. Falkenberg at Roonka near Blánchtown, SA on 26 Oct. 1989. Recovered dead at Cadell, SA on 4 May 2003, over 13 years 6 months after banding. 26 km NNE.

Bar-tailed Godwit *Limosa lapponica*

082–74632. Adult (1+) banded by NSWWSG on Kooragang Island, Newcastle, NSW (32°52'S, 151°46'E) on 4 Apr. 1993. Bird taken for scientific study (band was left on, specimen is in the collection at the University of Alaska, Museum, Cat. No. UAM 13550) at Attu Island, Aleutian Islands, Alaska (52°49'N, 173°10'E) on 30 May 2001, over 8 years 1 month after banding. 9 748 km NNE.

Kelp Gull *Larus dominicanus*

(a) 110–96916. Nestling banded by SSG–BOAT on Visscher Island, Tas. on 31 Dec. 1983. Recovered dead at Battery Point, Hobart, Tas. on 15 Mar. 2003, over 19 years 2 months after banding. 53 km W.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

(b) 110–98255. Nestling banded by SSG–BOAT on Green Island, Tas. on 22 Dec. 1984. Recovered dead on beach at Dennes Point, Bruny Island, Tas. on 17 Feb. 2003, over 18 years 1 month after banding. 16 km NNE.

Regent Honeyeater *Xanthomyza phrygia*

041–87452. Adult (2+) female banded by D. Geering (on behalf of P. Menkhorst) near Glen Alice, NSW on 30 Aug. 1999. Colour-bands sighted in field (band number inferred) at Quorrobolong, near Cessnock, NSW 109 km E of banding place on 7 Aug. 2003 over 3 years 11 months after banding.

Silvereye *Zosterops lateralis*

(a) 017–70552. Immature (1) male banded by J. Dale at Mount Annan Botanic Gardens, Campbelltown, NSW on 14 Dec. 1996. Recaptured at banding place four times, the last occasion by S. Skelton on 29 Mar. 2003, over 6 years 4 months after banding.

(b) 017–70846. Adult (1+) banded by A. J. Leishman at Mount Annan Botanic Gardens, Campbelltown, NSW on 23 Feb. 1997. Recaptured at banding place by F. Matter on 10 May 2003, over 6 years 2 months after banding.

(c) 017–94366. Adult (1+) banded by A. J. Leishman at Mount Annan Botanic Gardens, Campbelltown, NSW on 24 Aug. 1997. Recaptured at banding place twice, the last occasion by S. Skelton on 7 June 2003, over 5 years 9 months after banding.

(d) 017–94515. Adult (1+) banded by A. J. Leishman at Mount Annan Botanic Gardens, Campbelltown, NSW on 24 Aug. 1997. Recaptured at banding place three times, the last occasion by F. Matter on 10 May 2003, over 5 years 9 months after banding.

ERRATUM

The recovery for the Australian Magpie band No. 090-40501 published in Recovery Round-up, *Corella* 27(2): 60, June 2003 incorrectly stated that 'This was the oldest recorded for the species'.

The above error was pointed out by David Purchase, who was the officer-in-charge of the Australian Bird and Bat Banding Scheme from 1966 to 1984 during the period it was administered by the CSIRO. David also provided the following information on what is the longevity record for an Australian Magpie.

The oldest I know of is 090-05314 which was banded as an adult female on 12 September 1956 by Robert Carrick, at 'Gungahlin' homestead on the outskirts of Canberra (headquarters of the then CSIRO Wildlife Survey Section (now Sustainable Ecosystems)). She was one of the population studied by Dr Carrick in his investigation into the social and ecological factors in population regulation of the Australian Magpie. On 26 June 1980 she was found unable to fly about 120 m NE of the place she was banded (see Recovery Round-up in *Corella* 4(5) December 1980).

The day was cold and wet. She was brought to my office and I took her home for rehabilitation (aka TLC). She was kept in a cage on the deck of our house where she responded well to treatment, so much so that she began to concern the local pair of resident magpies who seemed to view her as a threat. A great deal of aggressive, rather than joyous, carolling ensued as the local pair tried to evict her from the area. This became a problem for all concerned, both avian and human, and she was transferred to the care of the Wildlife Foundation (an organisation that cared for sick and injured wildlife in the ACT) and placed in an aviary at Murrumbateman, New South Wales, together with other magpies.

She could not be released back into the wild as she was developing cataracts. However, although partly blind, she was so aggressive to these magpies that she had to be removed and was placed in an aviary with a blind Tawny Frogmouth. She became totally blind and eventually died on 9 February 1981. [age over 24 years, 5 months after banding] Her skin and band are now in the Australian National Wildlife Collection (it is rather reminiscent of Phar Lap!).

It would appear she spent all of her banded life in the wild in the same territory where she had been originally banded as an adult female. During her life as well as colour bands, she carried three metal bands, the first two aluminium, Nos. 090-05314 and 090-63723, both of these bands were changed due to wear and finally a stainless steel band No. 091-02991.