

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 abbreviation appear in this issue:

AWSG – Australasian Wader Study Group

VWSG – Victorian Wader Study Group

Red Knot *Calidris canutus*

- (a) 051-56125 (plus engraved leg flag Yellow 1M). Adult (3+) banded by AWSG at Beaches Crab Creek Road, Roebuck Bay, Broome, WA on 12 Oct. 1992. Readable flag sighted in field, band number inferred on six occasions, four times at banding place and twice away from banding place the last occasion by C & G Morton at Simpson's Beach, Roebuck Bay, Broome, WA on 15 Jan. 2012, over 19 years 3 months after banding. 18 km W.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Little Tern *Sterna albifrons*

- 042-29706 (plus leg flag: RL Metal/Orange, LL Red/Blue). Nestling banded by VWSG at Danger Point, Brown Bay, near Port MacDonnell, SA on 7 Jan. 2007. Colour marking sighted in field, band number inferred on three occasions, twice at banding place on 5 Mar. 2007 and 28 Dec. 2010 and the third occasion on South Stradbroke Island, Qld on 14 Oct. 2011. 1641 km NE.

Noisy Pitta *Pitta versicolor*

- 061-91957. Adult (1+) banded by R. Allen at Iron Range National Park, Cape York Peninsula, Qld. on 21 Nov. 2005. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place by J. Coleman on 23 Nov. 2011, 6 years after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Brown Treecreeper *Climacteris picumnus*

- 051-10731. Adult (1+) female banded by A.J. Leishman at Warraderry State Forest near Grenfell, NSW on 10 July 2004. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place three times the last occasion by G. Fry on 19 Aug. 2011, over 7 years, 1 month after banding.

Eastern Spinebill *Acanthorhynchus tenuirostris*

- (a) 018-47505. Adult (1+) female banded by R. & R. Jacobs at Munghorn Gap Nature Reserve near Mudgee, NSW on 15 Sep. 2001. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place twice the last occasion by G. Fry on 2 April. 2011, over 9 years, 7 months after banding.

(The bird was also banded with band no. 018-87754.)

- (b) 018-57006. Adult (2+) female banded by G. Fry at Munghorn Gap Nature Reserve near Mudgee, NSW on 27 Jan. 2004. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place three times the last occasion on 4 Sep. 2011, over 6 years, 7 months after banding

(The bird was also banded with band no. 018-87436.)

Crested Shrike-tit *Falcunculus frontatus*

- 034-42614. Adult (2+) female banded by L.W. Filewood at Scheyville National Park near Windsor, NSW on 15 Aug. 2004. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place twice, the last occasion by H. Watson on 11 Sep. 2011, over 7 years after banding.

Little Shrike-thrush *Colluricincla megarrhyncha*

- (a) 041-75062. Adult (1+) female banded by W. Klau at Iron Range National Park, Cape York Peninsula, Qld. on 22 Aug. 1997. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place twice, the last occasion by J. Coleman on 18 Nov. 2011, over 14 years, 2 months after banding.

- (b) 041-49334. Adult (1+) banded by R. Allen at Iron Range National Park, Cape York Peninsula, Qld. on 20 Nov. 1990. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place twice, the last occasion by C. Elliot on 22 Nov. 2011, 21 years after banding.

(The bird was also banded with band no. 062 76106.)

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Magnificent Riflebird *Ptiloris magnificentus*

- 071-78316. Adult (1+) female banded by P. Mahoney at Iron Range National Park, Cape York Peninsula, Qld. on 17 Nov. 2002. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place by P. Ewen on 9 Nov. 2011, over 9 years after banding.

White-faced Robin *Tregellasia leucops*

- 025-41447. Immature (1) banded by J. Nicholls at Iron Range National Park, Cape York Peninsula, Qld. on 20 Nov. 1994. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place three times, the last occasion by H. Perkins on 20 Nov. 2011, 17 years after banding.

BANDING SNIPPETS

Pair fidelity in

White-browed Scrubwrens *Sericornis frontalis*

These two birds were caught together on three separate occasions over a period of five months at Prospect Nature Reserve, NSW.

- 023-48036 Immature (1) unsexed, banded at Prospect Nature Reserve, NSW on 14 Nov. 2010. Subsequently retrapped (sex later determined as female) with male (below) on 12 Dec. 2010, 13 Feb. 2011 and 22 May 2011.

- 026-65547 Adult (2+), male, banded at Prospect Nature Reserve, NSW on 12 Dec. 2010 and then retrapped on 13 Feb. 2011 and 22 May 2011.

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