

TABLE 3

## Recoveries of Crested Pigeons

Band Number	Date Banded	Date Recovered	Notes
At Banding Place			
080-79955	4. 8.71	18. 6.72	10 months 14 days after banding. Released with band.
080-79952	31. 7.71	2. 4.72	Found dead 9 months 2 days after banding.
080-49843	6. 1.65	18. 6.65	5 months 12 days after banding. Released with band.
080-91784	13. 6.72	21. 6.72	Found 8 days after banding, badly injured and destroyed. This was a young bird about 8 weeks out of the nest.
Away from Banding Place			
080-79957	21. 2.72	21. 3.72	Found injured (destroyed) at Mooball Beach Road, about 13 km SE of banding place.

Progress reports to date are inconclusive but the bandings and re-trappings suggest that much of the Bar-shouldered Dove population is rather more nomadic than strictly sedentary. For example, during 1971 there were 88 new doves banded but only 18 of these were retrapped at the banding site during the first eight months of 1972. More recoveries away from the banding place are needed before any pattern of their movement can be demonstrated.

Some of the more interesting recoveries of Bar-shouldered Doves are set out in Table 2. All these birds were banded as adults and except the last three were retrapped at the banding place. Although scanty, the Crested Pigeon recovery data is listed in Table 3.

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• Crested Pigeon (Juvenile)

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## Dominican Gull —An Early Sighting

In the *Aust. Bird Bander*, 9:60, the sighting of a Dominican Gull *Larus dominicanus* near Botany Bay, New South Wales in January 1943 was stated to be the second record for Australia and apparently the first for N.S.W. and the eastern coast.

Although it was the first published record, two of these birds were seen by me at Morna Point near Port Stephens, N.S.W. on 15 January 1938. My boatman friend, Mr Alf Mitchell saw them first while we were chasing marlin and they were quite close for easy identification when I saw them later. Then on 22 January 1939, two were seen off Newcastle and subsequently I have observed them near Port Stephens on a number of occasions.

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