

# RECOVERY ROUND-UP

The recoveries in this section are only a selection of the thousands received each year by the Australian Bird-banding Scheme; they are not a complete list and should not be analysed in full or in part without the prior consent of the banders concerned. Longevity and distance records refer to the ABBS unless otherwise stated.—Hon. Editor.

## Little Penguin *Eudyptula minor*

- 190-02232. Nestling banded by the Penguin Study Group at Phillip Island, Vic. on 3 Jan. 70. Recovered at Norman Bay, Vic. on 28 Nov. 75, nearly 5 years 11 months after banding. 120 km ESE.

## Wandering Albatross *Diomedea exulans*

- (a) 140-03543. Banded by J. D. Gibson off Bellambi, NSW (34°22'S., 150°56'E.) on 6 Aug. 61. Recovered, 'released with band' at Marion Island (46°40'S., 38°00'E.) on 16 Mar. 75, nearly 13 years 7 months after banding. 8300 km SW.
- (b) 140-25494. Banded by J. D. Gibson off Bellambi, NSW on 4 July 59. Recovered dead by crew of Japanese whaling vessel in South Indian Ocean (45°08'S., 48°37'E.) on 22 Feb. 75, nearly 15 years 7 months after banding. 9200 km W.
- (c) 140-37632. Banded by J. D. Gibson off Bellambi, NSW on 23 Aug. 59. Found dead near Warrnambool, Vic. on 20 Oct. 74, over 15 years 1 month after banding. 880 km WSW.

## Northern Giant-petrel *Macronectes halli*

- (a) 130-73481. Nestling banded by member of ANARE on Macquarie Island on 2 Dec. 74. Found dying at Warrnambool, Vic. on 12 Oct. 75, 2200 km NW.
- (b) 130-73565. Nestling banded by E. Jones (ANARE) on Macquarie Island on 11 Dec. 74. Recovered, released with band, off Sydney Heads, NSW on 30 Aug. 75, 2253 km NNW.

## Flesh-footed Shearwater *Puffinus carneipes*

- 161-23212. Adult banded by J. L. McKean on Lord Howe Island on 18 Feb. 71. Found dead at Hat Head Beach near Smoky Cape, NSW on 30 Nov. 75, 579 km W.

## Short-tailed Shearwater *Puffinus tenuirostris*

- (a) 161-39475. Nestling banded by V. H. Yeoman on Griffith Island near Port Fairy, Vic. on 22 Apr. 75. Found dead at Ohtsu Toyokoromachi Nakagawa-gun Hokkaido, Japan (42°42'N., 143°39'E.) on 16 June 75, 8800 km N.
- (b) 161-39828. Nestling banded by V. H. Yeoman on Griffith Island, Port Fairy, Vic. (38°23'S., 142°14'E.) on 24 Apr. 75. Found dead at

Nishi-shitazabara Futtu Futtu-shi Chiba Pref. Japan (35°19'N., 139°47'E.) on 8 June 75, 7900 km N.

- (c) 161-40287. Nestling banded by V. H. Yeoman on Griffith Island, Port Fairy, Vic. on 27 Apr. 75. Found dead at Atsuga Port, Atsugamachi, Saru-gun, Hokkaido, Japan (42°25'N., 142°14'E.) on 25 June 75, 8200 km N.
- (d) 161-40379. Nestling banded by V. H. Yeoman on Griffith Island, Port Fairy, Vic. on 27 Apr. 75. Found dead at Tokai-mura Naka-gun Ibaraki Pref. Japan (36°26'N., 140°37'E.) on 4 June 75, 7400 km N.
- (e) 161-40432. Nestling banded by V. H. Yeoman on Griffith Island, Port Fairy, Vic. on 27 Apr. 75. Found dead at Tokachibuto, urahoromachi, Tokachi-gun, Hokkaido, Japan (42°23'N., 143°42'E.) on 20 June 75, 8800 km N.
- (f) 161-43215. Nestling banded by N. P. Brothers at Big Dog Island, Tas. (40°14'S., 148°14'E.) on 22 Mar. 75. Found dying at Funakuramachi Yokosuka-shi Kanagawa Pref. Japan (35°13'N., 139°43'E.) on 19 June 75, 8100 km N.

## Australian Gannet *Morus serrator*

- (a) 130-19540.—Nestling banded by J. L. McKean at Lawrence Rock near Portland, Vic. on 26 Dec. 60. Found dead near Kingston, SA on 31 Oct. 75, 14 years 10 months after banding. 242 km NW. (This is the oldest recorded for this species).
- (b) 130-30450. Nestling banded by J. L. McKean at Lawrence Rock near Portland, Vic. on 23 Dec. 61. Found dead at Port Parham, SA on 26 Oct. 75, 13 years 10 months after banding. 500 km NW.

## Brown Booby *Sula leucogaster*

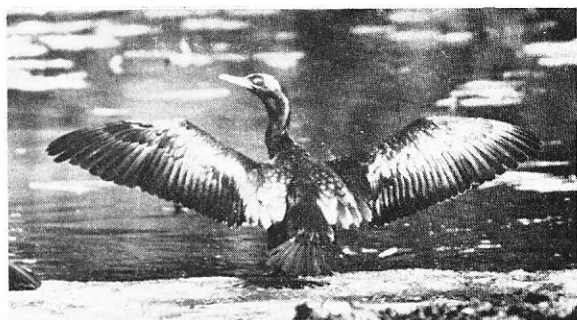
- 130-31655. Nestling banded by J. Booth at Fairfax Island, Qld on 13 Jan. 73. Found dead at Ranken Island near Port Clinton, Qld during late Aug. 75, 2 years 7 months after banding. 226 km NW.

## Darter *Anhinga melanogaster*

- 131-24818. Nestling banded by N. J. Favaloro at Lake Cawndilla, NSW on 26 Jan. 75. Found dead 75 km south of Menindee on 11 July 75, 60 km SSW.

## Pied Cormorant *Phalacrocorax varius*

- 130-54091. Adult banded by M. H. Waterman at Price, Yorke Peninsula, SA on 1 May 65. Found dead at Black Point, SA on 17 Dec. 75, over 10 years 7 months after banding. (This is the oldest recorded for this species).



● Little Black Cormorant

Photo: R. P. Cooper

### Little Pied Cormorant

*Phalacrocorax melanoleucos*

- (a) 110-37613. Nestling banded by B. Miller at Lake Brewster, NSW on 20 Feb. 74. Found dead at Long Jetty, NSW on 25 June 75. 508 km E.
- (b) 110-37661. Nestling banded by B. Miller at Lake Brewster, NSW on 20 Feb. 74. Shot near Deepwater, NSW on 3 Dec. 75. 873 km NE.
- (c) 110-41024. Nestling banded by M. H. Waterman near Mount Barker, SA on 18 Dec. 63. Found dead at Macclesfield, SA on 9 July 75, nearly 11 years 7 months after banding. (This is the oldest recorded for this species).

### Little Black Cormorant

*Phalacrocorax sulcirostris*

- (a) 110-25386. Nestling banded by B. Miller at Lake Brewster, NSW on 4 May 74. Found dead at Naalong near Eidsvold, Qld on 21 Aug. 75. 1052 km NNE.
- (b) 110-37730. Nestling banded by B. Miller at Lake Brewster, NSW (33°30'S., 146°00'E.) on 20 Feb. 74. Found dead at Lake Paringa, New Zealand (43°43'S., 169°24'E.) on 20 June 75. 2200 km ESE. (This is the longest movement recorded for this species).

### Straw-necked Ibis *Threskiornis spinicollis*

- (a) 121-02466. Nestling banded by M. H. Waterman at Cape Jaffa, SA on 17 Nov. 74. Shot at Aurukun, Qld on 30 Nov. 75. 2600 km N.
- (b) 121-03427. Banded by M. H. Waterman near Cape Jaffa, SA on 17 Nov. 74. Killed by car at Eungalla Range, Qld on 9 July 75. 1950 km NNE.

### Royal Spoonbill *Platalea regia*

- (a) 130-27266. Nestling banded by H. Guyatt near Sale, Vic. on 21 Dec. 74. Found dead at Ebenezer near Windsor, NSW on 20 Aug. 75. 602 km NE.

- (b) 131-25201. Nestling banded by H. Guyatt near Sale, Vic. on 14 Dec. 74. Found dead near Wauchope, NSW on 20 May 75. 886 km NE.
- (c) 131-25326. Nestling banded by N. J. Favalaro at Lake Menindee, NSW on 26 Jan. 75. Found dead at Swan Island, Vic. on 23 Aug. 75. 710 km SSE.

### Mountain Duck *Tadorna tadornoides*

- 120-40924. Adult female banded by L. W. Braithwaite at Lake George, NSW on 18 Feb. 70. Shot at Dingee, Vic. on 28 May 75. 466 km WSW.

### Black Duck *Anas superciliosa*

- 110-00513. Juvenile male banded by L. W. Braithwaite at Lake George, NSW on 24 Feb. 70. Shot at Edenhope, Vic. on 31 May 75. 742 km WSW.

### Grey Teal *Anas gibberifrons*

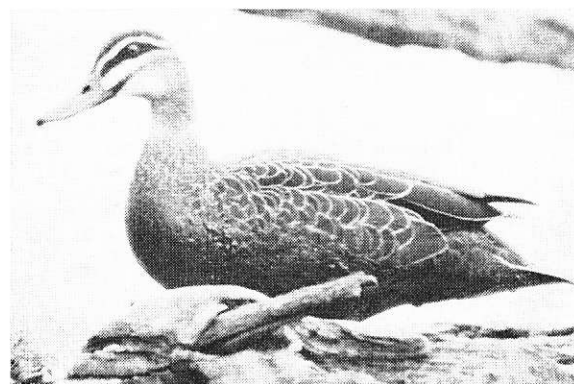
- 090-21090. Adult male banded by H. J. Frith at Dareton near Wentworth, NSW on 26 Apr. 58. Found dead at Lake Neerie near Menindee, NSW on 8 June 75, over 17 years 1 month after banding 190 km NNE. (This is the oldest recorded for this species).

### Brown Goshawk *Accipiter fasciatus*

- (a) 100-15718. Immature banded by M. H. Waterman near Mallala, SA on 3 Mar. 75. Recovered 'alive and healthy, released with band' at Port Lincoln, SA on 10 Sept. 75. 245 km WSW.
- (b) 100-11788. Immature male banded by J. B. Paton at Langhorne Creek, SA on 24 Jan. 75. Found dead at Willaston, SA on 28 Aug. 75. 85 km NNW.

### Swamp Harrier *Circus aeruginosus*

- 110-35208. Adult banded by E. B. Thomas near Barham, NSW on 10 June 73. Shot near Devonport, Tas. on 22 Oct. 75. 670 km SSE. (This is the first recorded movement of this species from the mainland to Tasmania.)



● Black Duck.

Photo: T. W. Pescott

**Nankeen Kestrel** *Falco cenchroides*

081-09481. Banded by G. P. Clancy at Kurnell, NSW on 13 July 71. Recovered ('bird alive but in weak condition') at Moggill near Brisbane, Qld on 24 Sept. 75, over 4 years 2 months after banding. 758 km NNE. (This is the longest movement recorded for this species).

**Eastern Curlew** *Numenius madagascariensis*

090-71421. Banded by F. W. C. van Gessel at Stockton, NSW on 19 Oct. 73. Retrapped at banding place on 14 Dec. 75, over 2 years 1 month after banding.

**Japanese Snipe** *Gallinago hardwickii*

060-29228. Banded by G. P. Clancy at McGraths Hill near Windsor, NSW on 3 Mar. 73. Shot near Barham, NSW on 26 Jan. 75. 644 km WSW.

**Crested Tern** *Sterna bergii*

- (a) 070-20380. Nestling banded by J. B. Hood near Nora Creina Bay, SA on 1 Feb. 60. Found dead at Beaumaris Beach, Vic. on 16 Nov. 75, over 15 years 9 months after banding.
- (b) 070-25357. Nestling banded by S. G. Lane at Moon Island, near Swansea, NSW on 7 Nov. 59. Recovered ('stunned; released with band') at Rathmines, NSW on 8 June 75, 15 years 7 months after banding.
- (c) 070-44996. Adult banded by D. Pinner at Wrights Island, Tas. on 9 Dec. 62. Found dead at Shelly Beach, Scamanda, Tas. on 9 Aug. 75, 12 years 8 months after banding.
- (d) 071-06664. Banded by M. H. Waterman at Stonywell Island, Coorong, SA on 14 Dec. 68. Found dead at Main Beach, Stradbroke Island, Qld on 23 Feb. 75. 1640 km NE.
- (e) 071-24377. Nestling banded by M. H. Waterman at Stonywell Island, Coorong, SA on 22 Dec. 74. Recovered, released with band, at Mooloolaba Harbour, Qld on 18 Sept. 75. 1610 km NE.
- (f) 071-26346. Nestling banded by M. H. Waterman at Stonywell Island, Coorong, SA on 7 Dec. 74. Recovered (released without band) at Lennox Head, NSW on 27 Aug. 75. 1520 km ENE.
- (g) 071-29573. Nestling banded by M. H. Waterman at Penguin Island, Beachport, SA on 22 Dec. 74. Found dead at Kingscliff, NSW on 24 July 75. 1610 km NE.
- (h) 071-29665. Nestling banded by M. H. Waterman at Penguin Island, Beachport, SA on 22 Dec. 74. Found dead at Brunswick Heads, NSW on 29 Sept. 75. 1610 km NE.
- (i) 071-29864. Nestling banded by M. H. Waterman at Penguin Island, Beachport, SA on 22 Dec. 74. Drowned in net at Clarence River near Maclean, NSW on 15 Oct. 75. 1525 km NNE.

**Mallee Ringneck** *Barnardius barnardi*

070-93619. Nestling banded by E. F. Boehm near Sutherlands, SA on 28 Sept. 69. Retrapped near banding place on 21 Aug. 75, over 5 years 10 months after banding.

**Fan-tailed Cuckoo** *Cuculus pyrrhophanus*

040-31949. Adult banded by S. J. Wilson at New Chums Road, Brindabella Range, ACT on 5 Oct. 69. Retrapped at banding place by the Brindabella Banding Group on 27 Sept. 75, over 5 years 11 months after banding. (This is the oldest recorded for this species).

**Boobook Owl** *Ninox novaeseelandiae*

110-26191. Banded by G. P. Clancy at Terrey Hills, NSW on 31 Jan. 72. Found dead (hit by car) at banding place by J. McCrea on 26 Sept. 75, nearly 3 years 8 months after banding.

**Flame Robin** *Petroica phoenicea*

- (a) 011-45687. Caught in a trap by I. M. Bateman on river flats near Cobram, Vic. on 6 Aug. 66. Recaptured (adult male) 'coming to roost in orchard' near Cobram, Vic. on 10 Aug. 73, over 6 years 11 months after banding. 3.2 km ESE.
- (b) 011-52619. Caught in a trap by I. M. Bateman near Barooga, NSW on 27 Aug. 67. Retrapped (adult male) in orchard near banding place on 11 July 70, 13 June 71 (by K. Hough), 17 June 71, 11 June 72 (by G. Cameron), 16 June 74 (by G. Thomas) and 28 July 74, the last occasion being over 6 years 11 months after banding.

**Grey Shrike Thrush** *Colluricincla harmonica*

050-70919. Banded by M. O. Gunn near Cavendish, Vic. on 18 Mar. 67. Retrapped at banding place three times, the last occasion on 14 Jan. 75, nearly 7 years 10 months after banding.

**Blackbird** *Turdus merula*

060-88194. Adult male banded by C. R. Jenkins at Coorong, SA on 23 Mar. 74. Shot (male) at Hawthordene, SA on 25 July 75. 210 km NNW.

**Little Thornbill** *Acanthiza nana*

010-78637. Adult banded by S. G. Lane at North Ryde, NSW on 26 Sept. 64. Retrapped at banding place for the first time on 8 Feb. 76 (there were 194 banding visits to the area in the intervening period), over 11 years 4 months after banding. (This is the oldest recorded for this species).

**White-browed Scrub-wren** *Sericornis frontalis*

020-27442. Adult banded by S. J. Wilson at New Chums Road, Brindabella Range, ACT on 29 Oct. 61. Retrapped at banding place 15 times, the last occasion by the Brindabella Banding Group on 27 Sept. 75, nearly 13 years 11 months after banding. (This is the oldest recorded for this species).

**Yellow-throated Scrub-wren** *Sericornis lathamii*

021-15017. Adult male banded by S. G. Lane at Tumbi Umbi, near Tuggerah, NSW on 17 Dec. 66. Retrapped at banding place eleven times, the last occasion by A. Cam on 29 Aug. 75, over 8 years 8 months after banding. (This is the oldest recorded for this species).

**Redthroat** *Pyrholaemus brunneus*

021-89376. Adult female banded by E. F. Boehm near Bower, SA on 14 June 70. Retrapped at banding place on 17 Aug. 75, 5 years 2 months after banding.

**White-throated Honeyeater***Melithreptus albogularis*

020-98758. Juvenile banded by J. S. Robertson at Wellington Point, Qld on 26 Nov. 70. Retrapped at banding place three times, the last occasion on 23 Oct. 75, nearly 4 years 11 months after banding. (This is the oldest recorded for this species).

**Eastern Spinebill** *Acanthorhynchus tenuirostris*

010-78626. Adult male banded by S. G. Lane at North Ryde, NSW on 29 Aug. 64. Retrapped at banding place four times, the last occasion being on 8 Feb. 76, over 11 years 5 months after banding. (This is the oldest recorded for this species).

**Brown Honeyeater** *Gliciphila indistincta*

020-81887. Adult banded by J. S. Robertson at Wellington Point, Qld on 15 Oct. 64. Retrapped at banding place 12 times, the last occasion on 25 Aug. 75, over 10 years 10 months after banding. (This is the oldest recorded for this species).

**Lewin Honeyeater** *Meliphaga lewinii*

030-89333. Adult banded by R. Curran at Tumby Umbi, near Tuggerah, NSW on 30 Jan. 65. Retrapped at banding place five times, the last occasion by A. J. Leishman on 24 Aug. 75, nearly 10 years 8 months after banding.

**Yellow-plumed Honeyeater** *Meliphaga ornata*

- (a) 021-70062. Immature banded by E. F. Boehm near Sutherlands, SA on 26 Mar. 67. Retrapped at banding place twice, the last occasion on 22 June 75, nearly 8 years 3 months after banding. (This is the oldest recorded for this species).
- (b) 021-70104. Immature banded by E. F. Boehm near Sutherlands, SA on 21 May 67. Retrapped at banding place three times, the last occasion on 8 June 75, over 8 years after banding.

**Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater***Acanthagenys rufogularis*

050-64593. Adult banded by E. F. Boehm near Bower, SA on 7 Sept. 73. Retrapped near Blanchetown, SA by J. B. Paton on 13 Feb. 75, 35 km SE.

**Satin Bowerbird** *Ptilonorhynchus violaceus*

090-23287. Adult banded by A. Marsland at Bogong, Vic. on 28 Oct. 74. Found dead at Tallangatta Valley, Vic. on 3 June 75, 60 km NNE. (This is the longest movement recorded for this species).

**Regent Bowerbird** *Sericulus chrysocephalus*

060-22815. Banded by S. G. Lane at Iluka, NSW on 1 Sept. 69. Retrapped at banding place by D. I. Smedley on 18 Nov. 75, over 6 years 2 months after banding.

**Little Raven** *Corvus mellori*

100-43390. Nestling banded by E. F. Boehm near Sutherlands, SA on 29 Sept. 74. Shot near Murray Bridge, SA on 2 Feb. 75, 100 km SSE.

**Pied Currawong** *Strepera graculina*

091-01597. Immature banded by B. Baker at Hughes, ACT on 29 Aug. 73. Found injured, died later, at Cootamundra, NSW on 1 July 75, 124 km NNW.

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## Extracts from Letters

In a letter dated 30 October 1975, Dr D. F. Dorward has provided information on movements of the Cape Barren Goose. Details from his letter follow:

"In Recovery Round-up, Vol. 13(3): p. 62 (September 1975) you note that the recovery of the Cape Barren Goose *Cereopsis novaehollandiae* 252 km ESE from the place of banding (Sir Joseph Banks Group) was the longest movement recorded for this species.

While this may be true in terms of bands recovered or re-read, there are sight records of marked birds which have travelled further. In late 1966, staff of the South Australian Department of Fisheries and Fauna put white plastic collars on 150 geese from Kangaroo Island and the Sir Joseph Banks Group and within six weeks twelve white-collared birds were sighted in the Western District of Victoria, a distance of about 700 km south east (Dorward, Xth International Council for Bird Preservation Bulletin, 1967, pp. 56-71, 'The status of the Cape Barren Goose').

In 1974 a single bird with a white collar was sighted amongst a flock near Fish Creek, Victoria. The date of marking of this bird cannot be determined, but the colour white was reserved for South Australian birds in the marking scheme for this species agreed upon by the authorities concerned in each state and the conclusion must be that, barring errors, this bird extended the record to about 800 km."

(Recovery Round-up information is based on official banding records which do not include sight records. However, when received, sight records are published separately, as in this case. I am grateful to Dr Dorward for providing this very interesting information.—Hon. Editor.)