

RECOVERY ROUND-UP

This section is prepared with the co-operation of the Secretary, Australian Bird and Bat Banding Schemes, Australian National Parks and Wildlife Service. 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 — Australian Wader Study Group.
 ECWG — East China Wader Group.
 NSWWSG — New South Wales Wader Study Group.
 VWSG — Victorian Wader Study Group.
 WAWSG — Western Australian Wader Study Group
 WWFN — World Wildlife Fund for Nature

Lesser Golden Plover *Pluvialis dominica*

061-43604. Adult (2+) banded by W. Barden on Kooragang Island, Newcastle, NSW on 21 Dec. 84. Recaptured at banding place by NSWWSG on 17 Mar. 91, over 6 years 2 months after banding.

Terek Sandpiper *Tringa terek*

- (a) 050-80713. Adult (1+) banded by F. W. van Gessel on Kooragang Island, Newcastle, NSW on 12 Nov. 77. Recaptured at banding place by NSWWSG on 18 Jan. 92, over 14 years 2 months after banding.
- (b) 051-01221. Immature (1) banded by F. W. van Gessel on Kooragang Island, Newcastle, NSW on 6 Feb. 81. Recaptured at banding place by NSWWSG on 18 Jan. 92, over 10 years 11 months after banding.
- (c) 051-06355. Adult (1+) banded by S. G. Lane on Kooragang Island, Newcastle, NSW on 6 Feb. 81. Recaptured at banding place by NSWWSG on 15 Mar. 91, over 10 years 1 month after banding.
- (d) 051-32635. Adult (2+) banded by AWSG at Roebuck Bay, WA (18°00'S, 122°22'E) on 24 Mar. 88. Recovered dead at Yakutskaya SSR, Srednekolymsk, USSR (67°27'N, 153°41'E) on 2 Jun. 91, over 3 years 2 months after banding. 9 838 km N.

- (e) 051-38600. Adult (2+) banded by AWSG at 80 Mile Beach, WA (19°15'S, 121°20'E) on 31 Mar. 88. Recovered dead at Miao-Gang, Yangtze River Estuary, China (30°52'N, 121°52'E) on 30 Apr. 91, over 3 years after banding. 5 572 km N.
- (f) 051-39174. Adult (2+) banded by AWSG at Roebuck Bay, WA (18°00'S, 122°22'E) on 6 Apr. 88. Recovered dead (shot) at Yakut ASSR, Olekminsky Reg Sanyahtat, USSR (60°35'N, 124°03'E) on 15 May 89, over 1 year 1 month after banding. 8 737 km N.

Red Knot *Calidris canutus*

- (a) 050-48030. Adult (1+) banded by J. W. Hardy on Kooragang Island, Newcastle, NSW (32°52'S, 151°46'E) on 4 Dec. 88. Recaptured at Kaipara Harbour, New Zealand (36°34'S, 174°26'E) by Miranda Banders on 22 Dec. 91, over 3 years after banding. 2 106 km ESE.
- (b) 051-42994. Adult (2) banded by VWSG at Stockyard Point, Westernport, Vic. (38°22'S, 145°32'E) on 11 Aug. 91. Recaptured at Kaipara Harbour, New Zealand (36°34'S, 174°26'E) by Miranda Banders on 22 Dec. 91. 2 547 km E.

Great Knot *Calidris tenuirostris*

- (a) 061-69597. Adult (2+) banded by AWSG at Roebuck Bay, WA (18°00'N, 122°22'E) on 23 Mar. 88. Recovered, dead, at Zanghai, Shanghai Province, China (30°48'N, 121°27'E) on 8 Apr. 90. 5 426 km N.
- (b) 061-69936. Immature (1) banded by AWSG at 80 Mile Beach, WA (19°15'S, 121°20'E) on 29 Mar. 88. Recovered, dead, at Zanghai, Shanghai Province, China (30°48'N, 121°27'E) on 20 Apr. 90. 5 564 km N.
- (c) 061-70671. Immature (1) banded by AWSG at Roebuck Bay, WA (18°00'S, 122°22'E) on 6 Apr. 88. Recovered, dead, at Fengxian Coast of Shanghai, China (30°50'N, 121°45'E) on 14 May 91. 5 429 km N.
- (d) 071-84678. Adult (2+) banded by AWSG at Roebuck Bay, WA (18°00'S, 122°22'E) on 23 Mar. 88. Recovered, dead, at Zanghai, Shanghai Province, China (30°48'N, 121°27'E) on 20 Apr. 90. 5 401 km N.

Curlew Sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea*

- (a) 040-77500. Immature (1) banded by F.W. van Gessel on Kooragang Island, Newcastle, NSW on 16 Oct. 82. Recaptured at banding place by NSWWSG on 13 Jan. 91, over 8 years 2 months after banding. (band replaced by 041-65019.)

- (b) 040-90518. Adult (1+) banded by WAWSG at Roebuck Bay, WA on 30 Aug. 81. Recaptured at Kooragang Island, NSW by NSWWSG on 8 Dec. 91, over 10 years 3 months after banding, 3 365 km ESE.
- (c) 040-93897. Juvenile (J) banded by VWWSG at Werribee Sewerage Farm, Vic. (38°03'S, 144°32'E) on 25 Nov. 78. Recovered dead (shot) at Yakut ASSR Alekseevsky Reg. USSR (62°23'N, 133°32'E) on 27 June 89, over 10 years 7 months after banding, 11 208 km N.
- (d) 041-60318. Adult (2+) banded by VWWSG at Yallock Creek, Vic. (38°13'S, 145°28'E) on 12 Jan. 91. Recovered at Ying Kou City, Province of Liaoning, China (40°04'N, 122°14'E) on 10 May 91, 9 018 km NNW.

White-browed Babbler

Pomatostomus superciliosus

- 050-41748. Banded by G. R. Cam at Munghorn Gap Nature Reserve near Mudgee, NSW on 26 Mar. 78. Recaptured at banding place 13 times, the last occasion by J. L. Gardner on 26 Apr. 91, 13 years 1 month after banding.

Striated Thornbill *Acanthiza lineata*

- 012-41341. Adult banded by A. K. Morris at Munghorn Gap Nature Reserve near Mudgee, NSW on 11 June 75. Recaptured at banding place for the first time by J. W. Hardy on 26 Jan. 91, over 15 years 7 months after banding.

White-plumed Honeyeater

Lichenostomus penicillatus

- 022-53299. Adult banded by D. I. Smedley at Burrendong Arboretum near Wellington, NSW on 5 Sept. 81. Recaptured at banding place four times, the last occasion by L. W. Filewood on 17 Aug. 91, over 9 years 11 months after banding.

Satin Bowerbird *Ptilonorhynchus violaceus*

- 091-05773. Adult (7+) male banded by A. J. Leishman at Cumberland State Forest, West Pennant Hills, NSW on 16 May 87. Recaptured at banding place by L. W. Filewood on 20 Sept. 92, (age 12+) over 5 years 4 months after banding.

BIRD IN THE HAND

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YELLOW-THROATED SCRUB-WREN *Sericornis citreogularis*

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The Yellow-throated Scrub-wren can be sexed using plumage characters and aged using iris colour. For a more detailed discussion see Geering (1992)* from which this scheme is taken.

SEXING

Males of all age categories can be readily separated from females. The forehead, face, area around and throughout the eye and ear coverts are dusky black in the juvenile male, glossy black in older males and greeny-brown in the female.

*Geering, D. J. (1992). Sex and age characteristics of the Yellow-throated Scrub-wren *Sericornis citreogularis*. *Corella* 16: 104-105.

AGEING

Juvenile (J)

The plumage is laxer and fluffier than in older birds, the gape is fleshy and yellow and the iris grey. The facial patch of the male is dusky rather than glossy black.

Immature (I)

The plumage is similar to adults but the iris colour is either brown or brown with a plum centre.

Adult (2+)

The iris colour is completely plum.