

EDITORIAL

There have been several sustained banding studies at selected sites since the commencement of the Australian Bird and Bat Banding Scheme, and it is hoped that further reports from some will appear in *Corella* over the coming years. The most recent contributions have been those of John Farrell and Jeff Hardy on their studies in the Blue Mountains, NSW (*Corella* 17: 33–40), and in this issue Steve Wilson (p. 65) reports studies over 20 years on White-browed Scrub-wrens in the Brindabella Range, ACT. Such sustained efforts have revealed a major difference between the ecology of passerines in Australia and those of the Northern Hemisphere. In Australia they generally live longer, and Wilson reports that a bird lived over 14 years. An examination of Recovery Round-up will reveal other examples. This difference in longevity and survival rate makes sustained studies of Australian species at selected sites desirable and necessitates that they continue longer than elsewhere. Also, the intensity of the study must cope with the influences of irregular rainfall of breeding success and the destruction of habitats by bush fires. This raises problems of sampling methods, some of which Wilson

discusses. These are real problems which are now recognized and can be accommodated if appropriate methods are adopted at the beginning of the study. Any members contemplating such studies should seek guidance from the Association on both methods and on the awesome task of handling data.

It should also be remembered that within the study are often observations of immense intrinsic interest and of great value, particularly should the identity of the bird be known because they have been banded with colour or readable bands. Such observations stand on their own and can be simply recorded in a short note, as have been those of Joan Sandbrink and Doug Robinson on the Southern Whiteface (p. 88). Their note gives yet another example of a feature of passerine ecology in Australia — communal breeding. There must be many other interesting notes that could be published in *Corella*. Our ignorance is still great.

A printing problem caused a faulty reproduction of figures in the 'Bird in the Hand' on the Blue-faced Honeyeater published in *Corella* 18(1). The article has been republished in this issue.

M. D. Murray (Hon. Editor)

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:

NZWSG — New Zealand Wader Study Group.

QWSG — Queensland Wader Study Group.

VWSG — Victorian Wader Study Group.

Australian Pelican *Pelecanus conspicillatus*

170–16958. Nestling banded by M. H. Waterman on North Pelican Island, The Coorong, SA on 17 Apr. 93. Recovered dead near Rosewood, Qld on 22 July 93. 1 542 km ENE.

Cattle Egret *Ardeola ibis*

(a) 100–71005. Nestling banded by S. G. Lane at Boambee near Coffs Harbour, NSW on 2 Jan. 93. Colour marking sighted in field (band number inferred) at:

- (1) Scottsdale, Tas. from 1 July to 31 July 93, first sighting 5 months 29 days after banding. 1 302 km SSW.
- (2) at banding site on 4 Dec. 93, 11 months 2 days after banding.

(b) 100–71420. Nestling banded by D. J. Geering at Lawrence near Grafton, NSW on 3 Dec. 88. Colour marking sighted in field (band number inferred) at:

- (1) Wyee, NSW during July and Aug. 90 (exact date not reported) 436 km S.
- (2) Junction Hill breeding colony, near banding site, on 5 Dec. 90.
- (3) Wyee, NSW on 7 Apr. 91. 436 km S.
- (4) Wyee, NSW on 5 Apr. 92. 436 km S.
- (5) Wyee, NSW on 3 July 93. 436 km S.
- (6) at banding site on 3 Dec. 93, 5 years after banding.

(c) 100–74153. Nestling banded by M. N. Maddock at Seaham, near Raymond Terrace, NSW on 11 Jan. 93. Colour marking sighted in field (band number inferred) at:

- (1) Wauchope, NSW on 15 Mar. 93, 2 months 4 days after banding. 163 km N.
- (2) Bomaderry, NSW on 23 Apr. 93, 3 months 12 days after banding. 424 km S.

Great Egret *Egretta alba*

(a) 110–19345. Nestling banded by M. N. Maddock at Shortland, NSW on 9 Feb. 93. Colour marking sighted in field (band number inferred) at Armidale, NSW from 1 June to 17 June 93. 265 km N.

(b) 110–19360. Nestling banded by M. N. Maddock at Shortland, NSW on 16 Feb. 93. Colour marking sighted in field (band number inferred) at Merriwa, NSW on 22 June 93. 150 km NW.

(c) 110–19363. Nestling banded by M. N. Maddock at Shortland, NSW on 18 Feb. 93. Colour marking sighted in field (band number inferred) at Berry, NSW on 19 May 93. 230 km S.

Intermediate Egret *Egretta intermedia*

- (a) 100-77008. Nestling banded by D. J. Geering at Lawrence, near Grafton, NSW on 7 Mar. 92. Colour marking sighted in field (band number inferred) near Landsborough, Qld on 10 May 92. 300 km N.
- (b) 100-77050. Nestling banded by D. J. Geering at Lawrence, near Grafton, NSW on 7 Mar. 92. Colour marking sighted in field (band number inferred) near Landsborough, Qld on 5 July 92. 300 km N.
- (c) 100-77173. Nestling banded by D. J. Geering at Lawrence, near Grafton, NSW on 7 Mar. 92. Colour marking sighted in field (band number inferred) at Dyers Crossing, near Nabiac, NSW on 4 June 92. 297 km S.

Grey Teal *Anas gibberifrons*

- 090-38675. Adult (1+) female banded by W. G. Lawler at Lake Salisbury, Salisbury Downs, NSW on 24 June 87. Recovered dead (shot) at Woorinen, Salt Lakes, Vic. on 20 May 93, over 5 years 10 months after banding. 611 km S.

Brown Goshawk *Accipiter fasciatus*

- 091-08245. Juvenile male banded by J. Klapste at Werribee, Vic. on 7 Apr. 84. Recaptured (sick or injured) at Purnim, Vic. on 16 Sep. 93, over 9 years 5 months after banding. 190 km WSW.

Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres*

- D99806*. Adult (1+) banded at Miranda, Firth of Thames, New Zealand (37°10'S, 175°19'E) on 28 Oct. 91. Recaptured by QWSG on St Helena Island, Moreton Bay, Qld (27°23'S, 153°13'E) on 19 Sep. 93. 2 336 km WNW.

*New Zealand Banding Scheme band.

Red Knot *Calidris canutus*

- (a) 051-15420. Adult (2+) banded by VWSG on Swan Island, Queenscliff, Vic. (38°15'S, 144°40'E) on 21 Feb. 87. Recaptured by NZWSG at South East Kaipara Harbour, New Zealand (36°34'S, 174°26'E) on 7 Mar. 93, over 6 years after banding. 2 624 km E. (Bird also banded with band no. C47052*).
- (b) 051-59681. Immature (1) banded by VWSG at Stockyard Point, Lang Lang, Westernport, Vic. (38°22'S, 145°32'E) on 4 July 92. Recaptured by NZWSG at Miranda, Firth of Thames, New Zealand (37°10'S, 175°19'E) on 18 Dec. 93. 2 609 km E. (Bird also banded with band no. C49130*).
- (c) C45552*. Adult (1+) banded at Miranda, Firth of Thames, New Zealand (37°10'S, 175°19'E) on 3 Nov. 90. Recaptured by QWSG at Nudgee Beach, Brisbane, Qld (27°20'S, 153°05'E) on 4 Sep. 93. 2 351 km WNW.

*New Zealand Banding Scheme band.

Sharp-tailed Sandpiper *Calidris acuminata*

- 041-08327. Adult (1+) female banded by F. W. C. van Gessel at Palmerston, Darwin, NT (12°31'S, 130°58'E) on 24 Nov. 84. Recovered dead at Andryushka Nizhnekolymsky District, North Yakutia, Russia (69°48'N, 154°34'E) on 20 June 93, over 8 years 6 months after banding. 9 332 km N.

Curlew Sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea*

- (a) 041-46835. Immature (1) banded by VWSG at Werribee Sewerage Farm, Vic. (38°05'S, 144°31'E) on 4 Dec. 88. Recovered dead at Ujung Watu Village, Java Island, Indonesia (06°30'S, 111°05'E) on 12 Sep. 93. 4 863 km NW.
- (b) 041-47739. Immature (1) banded by VWSG at Stockyard Point, Lang Lang, Westernport, Vic. (38°22'S, 145°32'E) on 20 May 89. Recaptured (released alive) at Kannan, Keh-Yea River Estuary, Hsin Chu, Taiwan (24°48'N, 120°54'E) on 28 Aug. 93. 7 477 km NNW.
- (c) 041-68328. Adult (2+) banded by VWSG at Yallock Creek, near Kooweerup, Vic. (38°13'S, 145°28'E) on 2 Jan. 93. Recovered dead at Yang-Jiao-Guo Salt Works, Shandong Province, China (37°10'N, 119°00'E) on 21 May 93. 8 809 km NNW.

Laughing Kookaburra *Dacelo novaeguineae*

- 091-11656. Adult (1+) male banded by D. J. Geering at Minnie Water, Yurager National Park, NSW on 7 Apr. 86. Recovered dead (road kill) near banding place on 24 Sep. 93, over 7 years 5 months after banding. 2 km S.

Eastern Yellow Robin *Eopsaltria australis*

- 023-47407. Adult (1+) banded by K. W. Lowe at Charcoal Tank Nature Reserve, West Wyalong, NSW on 6 July 86. Recaptured at banding place seven times, the last occasion by M. Clayton on 18 Sep. 93, over 7 years 2 months after banding.

Pale-yellow Robin *Tregellasia capito*

- 015-02871. Adult (1+) male banded by D. A. Secomb at Woolgoolga, NSW on 29 Nov. 86. Recaptured at banding place twice, the last occasion by B. D. Tynan on 6 Nov. 93, over 6 years 11 months after banding.

Gilbert's Whistler *Pachycephala inornata*

- 032-69513. Adult (2+) male banded by S. G. Lane at Charcoal Tank Nature Reserve, West Wyalong, NSW on 8 Sep. 88. Recaptured at banding place five times, the last occasion by A. O. Nicholls on 11 July 92, over 3 years 10 months after banding.

Grey Shrike-thrush *Colluricincla harmonica*

- 050-19463. Adult (2+) female banded by M. Clayton at Charcoal Tank Nature Reserve, West Wyalong, NSW on 16 Aug. 86. Recaptured at banding place three times, the last occasion by A. O. Nicholls on 19 Sep. 93, over 7 years 1 month after banding.

Spectacled Monarch *Monarcha trivirgatus*

- (a) 022-51340. Adult (1+) female banded by S. G. Lane at Woolgoolga NSW on 15 Feb. 86. Recaptured at banding place three times, the last occasion on 19 Mar. 94, over 8 years 1 month after banding. (Original band replaced with band no. 023-90289 on 14 Sep. 91).

White-browed Babbler*Pomatostomus superciliosus*

- 050-19496. Adult (2+) banded by M. Clayton at Charcoal Tank Nature Reserve, West Wyalong, NSW on 7 June 87. Recaptured at banding place ten times, the last occasion on 20 Nov. 93, over 6 years 5 months after banding. (Original band replaced with band no. 051-45308).

Variegated Fairy-wren *Malurus lamberti*

- 015-02728. Adult (2+) male banded by S. G. Lane at Charcoal Tank Nature Reserve, West Wyalong, NSW on 8 Sep. 88. Recaptured at banding place twice, the last occasion by M. Clayton on 12 July 92, over 4 years 10 months after banding.

White-browed Scrubwren *Sericornis frontalis*

- 022-62665. Adult (1+) male banded by D. J. Geering at Coffs Harbour, NSW on 17 Mar. 84. Recaptured at banding place 14 times, the last occasion by S. G. Lane on 16 Apr. 94, over 10 years after banding.

Shy Hylacola *Sericornis cautus*

- 023-10697. Adult (2+) male banded by M. Clayton at Charcoal Tank Nature Reserve, West Wyalong, NSW on 16 Aug. 86. Recaptured at banding place twice, the last occasion on 24 Jan. 93, over 6 years 5 months after banding.

Brown Thornbill *Acanthiza pusilla*

- 012-93923. Immature (1) banded by S. G. Lane at Humewood Forest, near Campbelltown, NSW on 28 Aug. 82. Recaptured at banding place 11 times the last occasion by J. Dale on 1 May 94, over 11 years 8 months after banding.

White-throated Treecreeper*Climacteris leucophaea*

- 031-69957. Adult (1+) male banded by A. J. Leishman at Humewood Forest, near Campbelltown, NSW on 7 Apr. 85. Recaptured at banding place 14 times, the last occasion by G. Fry on 1 May 94, over 9 years after banding.

White-eared Honeyeater *Lichenostomus leucotis*

- 032-68007. Adult (2+) banded by K. W. Lowe at Charcoal Tank Nature Reserve, West Wyalong, NSW on 6 July 86. Recaptured at banding place 13 times, the last occasion by M. Clayton on 17 July 93, over 7 years after banding.

Yellow-tufted Honeyeater*Lichenostomus melanops*

- 031-43981. Adult (1+) banded by J. Ipsen at Upper Millwood Dam, Kamarooka, Vic. on 30 Dec. 84. Recaptured at banding place by G. Moors on 26 Jan. 94, over 9 years after banding.

Fuscous Honeyeater *Lichenostomus fuscus*

- 022-09600. Adult (1+) banded by L. W. Filewood at Scheyville, near Windsor, NSW on 20 Sep. 81. Recaptured at banding place three times, the last occasion by K. Egan on 27 Feb. 94, over 13 years 5 months after banding.

Brown-headed Honeyeater*Melithreptus brevirostris*

- 023-16660. Adult (2+) banded by M. Clayton at Charcoal Tank Nature Reserve, West Wyalong, NSW on 17 Aug. 86. Recaptured at banding place three times, the last occasion on 18 Sep. 93, over 7 years 1 month after banding.

White-cheeked Honeyeater *Phylidonyris nigra*

- 032-69650. Banded by S. G. Lane at Red Rock (south) on 18 June 88. Recaptured at banding place on 21 Aug. 93, over 5 years 2 months after banding. (Note: 21 banding visits were made to the site in the intervening period).

Silvereye *Zosterops lateralis*

- 014-71345. Adult (1+) banded by A. J. Leishman at Mount Annan Botanic Garden, Campbelltown, NSW on 20 July 86. Recaptured at banding place six times, the last occasion by A. Heuchmer on 11 Dec. 93, over 7 years 5 months after banding.

Satin Bowerbird *Ptilonorhynchus violaceus*

- 082-46332. Banded by G. Borgia at Beaury State Forest, NSW on 5 Oct. 83. Recaptured at Pretty Gully near Tabulam, NSW (found inside man made structure, released alive) on 1 Nov. 93, over 10 years after banding. 30 km S.

ERRATUM**Corella 18(1)**

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Asian Dowitcher *Limnodromus semipalmatus* (Band number CF14783) should read Southern Giant Petrel *Macronectes giganteus*.