

# 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:

AWSG — Australasian Wader Study Group.

QWSG — Queensland Wader Study Group.

VWSG — Victorian Wader Study Group.

## King Penguin *Aptenodytes patagonicus*

260–00213. Adult (2+) banded at Sandy Bay, Macquarie Island, Tas. on 17 Dec. 1980. Recovered dead, beach-washed, near banding place by M. Schulz on 11 Nov. 2003, over 22 years 10 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

## Southern Giant-Petrel *Macronectes giganteus*

132–19474. Nestling banded by R. P. Gales on Macquarie Island, Tas. (54°30'S, 158°55'E) on 23 Feb. 2003. Recovered dead, beach-washed on the Island of Fonualei, c. 60 km NW of Vava'u, Tonga (18°39'S, 173°59'W) on 1 July 2003. 4 602 km NE.

## Black-browed Albatross *Thalassarche melanophrys*

120–64531. Adult (1+) banded by A. F. C. Lashmar at Eastern Cove, Kangaroo Island, SA (35°46'S, 137°51'E) on 26 Aug. 1979. Recovered dead at Jacka Valley, Heard Island (53°05'S, 73°30'E) on 11 Jan. 2004, over 24 years 4 months after banding. 5 257 km SW.

## Grey-headed Albatross *Thalassarche chrysostoma*

1255514\*. Nestling banded on Bird Island, South Georgia, South Atlantic Ocean, (54°01'S, 38°03'W) on 27 Mar. 1991. Recaptured, released alive with band at Petrel Peak, Macquarie Island, Tas. (54°46'S, 158°48'E) by M. Schulz on 21 Oct. 2003, over 12 years 6 months after banding. 7 819 km SSW.

\*British Trust for Ornithology band.

## Australasian Gannet *Morus serrator*

131–58081. Nestling banded by C. G. Cooper on Lawrence Rocks, Portland, Vic. on 10 Feb. 1988. Recovered dead, beach-washed, west of Cape Northumberland, SA on 30 Dec. 2003, over 15 years 10 months after banding. 101 km WNW.

## Masked Booby *Sula dactylatra*

132–12781. Nestling banded by M. J. McCoy on Nepean Island, Norfolk Island (29°04'S, 167°57'E) on 11 Oct. 2002. Recovered exhausted, later died near Suva, Island of Bega, Fiji (18°10'S, 178°30'E) on 23 Nov. 2003. 1 618 km NE.

## Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus*

072–57295. Adult (2+) banded by QWSG at St Helena Island, Morton Bay, Qld. (27°23'S, 153°13'E) on 6 Apr. 1996. Recovered dead, shot for food or sport, at Sobolevskiy District, Ustevoe, Russia, (54°08'N, 155°52'E) on 30 Sep. 2003, over 7 years 5 months after banding. 9 066 km N.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

## Grey-tailed Tattler *Heteroscelus brevipes*

(a) 061–92226. Immature (1) banded by P. V. Driscoll at Amity Point, North Stradbroke Island, Qld. (27°24'S, 153°25'E) on 4 May 1992. Recaptured, released alive with band at Shunkunitai, Furen Lake, Nemuro City, Hokkaido Prefecture, Japan (43°17'N, 145°26'E) on 26 July 2002, over 10 years 2 months after banding. 7 900 km N.

(The bird was re-banded with band No: 5A–31002\* (right tibia) Blue flag (left tibia).)

(b) 062–76322. Adult (3+) banded by AWSG at Beaches Crab Creek Road, Roebuck Bay, Broome, WA (18°00'S, 122°22'E) on 3 Dec. 2002. Recovered dead, taken for scientific study, at Ola Lagoon, near Ola Village, East of Magadan, Northern sea of Okhotsk, Russia, (59°35'N, 151°17'E) on 30 May 2003. 9 014 km N.

\* Japanese Bird Banding Scheme band.

## Great Knot *Calidris tenuirostris*

061–90273. Adult (2) banded by AWSG on the shores of 80 Mile Beach, WA (19°15'S, 121°20'E) on 7 Oct. 1992. Recovered dead, taken for scientific study at Balaganchik River, Anadyr District, NE Siberia, Russia (64°55'N, 168°35'E) on 12 July 1995. 10 177 km N.

(This is the longest movement recorded for the species.)

## Red-necked Stint *Calidris ruficollis*

(a) 032–47353. Adult (2+) banded by VWSG at Werribee Sewerage Farm, Vic. on 12 Jan. 1985. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place on 27 Oct. 2003, over 18 years 9 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

(b) 033–73348. Adult (2+) banded by VWSG at Inverloch, Andersons Inlet-Point Smythe, Vic. (38°37'S, 145°45'E) on 8 Dec. 1990. Recaptured, released alive with band at Salt pans of Tanggu, Tianjin City, China (39°00'N, 117°36'E) on 7 June 1991. 9 093 km NNW.

(c) 035–39233. Adult (2+) banded by VWSG on Inverloch, Andersons Inlet-Point Smythe, Vic. (38°37'S, 145°45'E) on 29 Nov. 1998. Recaptured, released alive with band at Cangzhou City, China (38°09'N, 117°30'E) by Meng Derong on 25 May 2002. 9 009 km NNW.

(d) 035–73219. Adult (2+) banded by VWSG on Swan Island, Queenscliff, Vic. (38°15'S, 144°40'E) on 29 Jan. 2000. Recaptured, released alive with band at Cangzhou City, China (38°09'N, 117°30'E) by Meng Derong on 14 May 2002. 9 009 km NNW.

(e) 035–77824. Juvenile banded by VWSG at Inverloch, Andersons Inlet-Point Smythe, Vic. (38°37'S, 145°45'E) on 2 Dec. 2000. Recaptured, released alive with band at Cangzhou City, China (38°09'N, 117°30'E) by Meng Derong on 6 Aug. 2003. 9 009 km NNW.

(f) 035–80528. Adult (2+) banded by VWSG on Swan Island, Queenscliff, Vic. (38°15'S, 144°40'E) on 11 Feb. 2001. Recaptured, released alive with band at Cangzhou City, China (38°09'N, 117°30'E) by Meng Derong on 25 May 2002. 8 936 km NNW.

## Curlew Sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea*

(a) 041–58231. Adult (2+) banded by VWSG on Swan Island, Queenscliff, Vic. (38°15'S, 144°40'E) on 18 Nov. 1989. Recaptured, released alive with band at Tanggu, east of Tianjin City, China (38°55'N, 117°37'E) on 12 May 1991. 9 012 km NNW.

- (b) 042-30935 Adult (2+) banded by VWSG at Werribee Sewerage Farm, Vic. (38°05'S, 144°31'E) on 22 Jan. 2002. Recaptured, released alive with band at Cangzhou City, China (38°09'N, 117°30'E) by Meng Derong on 6 May 2002. 8 914 km NNW.

### **Pied Oystercatcher *Haematopus longirostris***

- 100-88029. Adult (5+) male banded by O. M. G. Newman at Mortimer Bay South, Tas. on 22 Nov. 1986. Recovered dead, taken by domestic or wild dog at South Arm, Tas. on 22 Sep. 2003, over 16 years 10 months after banding. 6 km SW.

### **Sooty Oystercatcher *Haematopus fuliginosus***

- (a) 100-84330. Nestling banded by W. C. Wakefield on Curlew Island, D'Entrecasteaux Channel, Tas. on 27 Dec. 1983. Colour marking sighted in field, (band number inferred), on Green Island, D'Entrecasteaux Channel, Tas. on 11 Nov. 2000, over 16 years 10 months after banding. 28 km NNE.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

- (b) 100-96864. Immature (1) banded by VWSG at Barry Beach, Corner Inlet, Vic. on 6 Aug. 1989. Colour marking sighted in field (band number inferred) on Kanowna Island, Vic. on 15 Jan. 2004, over 14 years 5 months after banding. 51 km S.

### **Caspian Tern *Sterna caspia***

- 091-06194. Nestling banded by VWSG off Manns Beach, Corner Inlet, Vic. on 24 Dec. 1988. Recaptured, released alive with band at Barry Beach, Corner Inlet, Vic. on 21 Dec. 2003, over 14 years 11 months after banding. 39 km W.

### **Roseate Tern *Sterna dougallii***

- (a) 5A01600\*. Adult (1+) banded at Minna Island, Okinawa Prefecture, Japan (26°38'N, 127°49'E) on 23 July 1988. Recaptured, released alive with bands at Bacchi Cay, Swain Reefs, Great Barrier Reef, Qld. (21°38'S, 151°23'E) by J. P. O'Neill on 12 Jan. 2002, over 13 years 5 months after banding. 5 935 km SSE.

Bird also banded with band No. 052-29092.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

- (b) 5A08075\*. Banded by Bird Migration Research Centre, Japan at Keise Island, Tokashiki, Okinawa Prefecture, Japan (26°16'N, 127°33'E) on 1 Aug. 1991.

Recaptured twice:

- (1) Recaptured, released alive with two bands by J. P. O'Neill on Gannet Cay, Swain Reef, Great Barrier Reef, Qld. (21°59'S, 152°29'E) on 15 Jan. 2003. (Bird also banded with band No. 052-30236).
- (2) Recaptured, released alive with bands at Seragaki, Onna, Okinawa Prefecture, Japan, (26°30'N, 127°50'E) on 24 July 2003, over 11 years 11 months after banding. 6 008 km NNW.

- (c) 5A12993\*. Banded by Bird Migration Research Centre, Japan at Yagaji, Nago City, Okinawa Prefecture, Japan (26°40'N, 128°02'E) on 25 July 1996.

Recaptured twice:

- (1) Recaptured, released alive with two bands by J. P. O'Neill on Gannet Cay, Swain Reef, Great Barrier Reef, Qld. (21°59'S, 152°29'E) on 9 Jan. 2002. (Bird also banded with band No. 052-20591). 6 014 km SSE.
- (2) Recaptured, released alive with bands at the original banding place, Yagaji, Nago City, Okinawa Prefecture, Japan, (26°40'N, 128°02'E) on 22 July 2003, over 6 years 11 months after banding. 6 014 km NNW.

\*Japanese Banding Scheme band

(The above two-way recoveries of Roseate Terns are exceptional, they clearly indicate the current level of field work, data exchange and co-operation in and between China, Japan and Australia.)

### **Rufous Whistler *Pachycephala rufiventris***

- 034-48633. Adult (2+) female banded by A. J. Leishman at Warraderry State Forest near Grenfell, NSW on 5 Oct. 1996. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place twice, the last occasion on 21 Oct. 2003, over 7 years after banding.