

# 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:

- PSG — Penguin Study Group  
 SOSSA — Southern Oceans Seabird Study Group  
 SSG-BOAT — Shorebird Study Group – BOAT (Tas.)  
 VWSG — Victorian Wader Study Group.

## Little Penguin *Eudyptula minor*

190–36130. Adult (1+) male banded by PSG on the northern shore of Phillip Island, Vic. on 6 Jan. 1988. Recovered dead, beachwashed at Point Nepean, Vic. on 21 Nov. 2003, over 15 years 10 months after banding. 49 km W.

## Southern Giant-Petrel *Macronectes giganteus*

0988–05215\*. Nestling banded near King George Island, Antarctica (62°00'S, 58°15'W) on 5 Mar. 2004. Recovered, injured or sick, at Cottesloe Beach, WA (31°59'S, 115°45'E) on 26 June 2004. 9 548 km S.

(Bird was successfully rehabilitated and released with band near Carnac Island, WA on 18 Aug. 2004)

\* Bird Banding Laboratory (USA) band.

## Wedge-tailed Shearwater *Puffinus pacificus*

(a) 161–60619. Nestling banded by A. J. Leishman on Big Island No 1, Five Islands, NSW on 31 Mar. 1979. Recaptured, released alive with band by SOSSA at sea east of Wollongong, NSW on 29 Aug. 2004, over 25 years 4 months after banding. 10 km E.

(b) 161–60683. Adult (1+) banded by A. J. Leishman on Big Island No 2, Five Islands, NSW on 10 Jan. 1981. Recaptured, released alive with band at sea by SOSSA east of Wollongong, NSW on 29 Aug. 2004, over 23 years 7 months after banding. 10 km E.

## Wandering Albatross *Diomedea exulans*

(a) 140–33210. Adult (1+) banded by D. Gibson at sea off Bellambi, NSW (34°22'S, 150°56'E) on 12 Aug. 1979. Recaptured, released alive with band on Albatross Island, South Georgia, Antarctica (54°01'S, 37°20'W) on 31 Jan. 2004, over 24 years 5 months after banding. 10 153 km S.

(b) 140–39229. Adult (1+) banded by D. Gibson at sea off Austinmer, NSW (34°18'S, 150°58'E) on 31 July 1971. Recaptured, released alive with band on Bird Island, South Georgia, Antarctica (54°01'S, 38°03'W) on 11 Jan. 2004, over 32 years 5 months after banding. 10 154 km S.

(c) 5217398\*. Immature (1) banded on Bird Island, South Georgia, Antarctica (54°01'S, 38°03'W) on 13 Oct. 2002. Recaptured, released alive with 2 or more bands by SOSSA at sea east of Wollongong, NSW (34°25'S, 151°00'E) on 5 Oct. 2003. 10 141 km S.

(The bird was also banded with Australian band No. 140–50042.)

\*British Trust for Ornithology band.

## Shy Albatross *Thalassarche cauta*

(a) 131–92451. Nestling banded by N. P. Brothers on Albatross Island, Tas. (40°23'S, 144°39'E) on 10 Apr. 1998. Recovered dead, caught on longline at sea in the Southern Ocean (42°28'S, 23°51'E) on 4 June 1999. 9 048 km SW.

(b) 132–06048. Nestling banded by N. P. Brothers on Albatross Island, Tas. (40°23'S, 144°39'E) on 12 Apr. 2000. Recovered dead, caught on longline at sea off south-eastern Tasmania (42°17'S, 153°53'E) on 5 May 2003. 799 km ESE.

(c) 280–00729. Nestling banded by N. P. Brothers on the Mewstone, Tas. on 15 Mar. 1982. Recovered dead, beachwashed at Wingan Inlet, Vic. on 26 Jan. 2004, over 21 years 10 months after banding. 717 km NNE.

## Australasian Gannet *Morus serrator*

M79183\*. Nestling banded on White Island, Bay of Plenty, New Zealand (37°31'S, 177°12'E) on 25 Jan. 2004. Recovered dead, beachwashed at Jumpinpin, North Stradbroke Island, Qld. (27°45'S, 153°26'E) on 13 Aug. 2004. 2 466 km WNW.

\*New Zealand Banding Scheme band.

## Masked Booby *Sula dactylatra*

(a) 131–41035. Nestling banded by O. R. Evans on Nepean Island, Norfolk Island (29°04'S, 167°57'E) on 30 Sep. 1979. Recaptured, released live with band near Kaaji, north of the Isle of Pines, New Caledonia (22°40'S, 167°30'E) on 26 July 2004, over 24 years 9 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

## Bar-tailed Godwit *Limosa lapponica*

(a) 072–79576. Adult (2+) banded by AWSG at Beaches Crab Creek Road, Roebuck Bay, Broome, WA (18°00'S, 122°22'E) on 10 June 2001. Recaptured, released alive with band at Chongming Dongtang P.R. China (31°27'N, 121°54'E) on 9 Apr. 2004. 5 497 km N.

(b) 072–99696. Adult (2+) male banded by AWSG at Beaches Crab Creek Road, Roebuck Bay, Broome, WA (18°00'S, 122°22'E) on 18 Nov. 2002. Recaptured, released alive with band at Chongming Dongtang P.R. China (31°27'N, 121°54'E) on 13 Apr. 2004. 5 497 km N.

## Great Knot *Calidris tenuirostris*

(a) 062–72808. Adult (3+) banded by AWSG at Beaches Crab Creek Road, Roebuck Bay, Broome, WA (18°00'S, 122°22'E) on 9 Oct. 2001. Recaptured, released alive with band at Chongming Dongtang P.R. China (31°27'N, 121°54'E) on 5 Apr. 2004. 5 497 km N.

(b) 062–75872. Immature (1) banded by AWSG at Beaches Crab Creek Road, Roebuck Bay, Broome, WA (18°00'S, 122°22'E) on 23 June 2002. Recaptured, released alive with band at Chongming Dongtang P.R. China (31°27'N, 121°54'E) on 8 Apr. 2004. 5 497 km N.

(c) 062–76518. Adult (2) banded by AWSG at Beaches Crab Creek Road, Roebuck Bay, Broome, WA (18°00'S, 122°22'E) on 3 July 2003. Recaptured, released alive with band at Chongming Dongtang P.R. China (31°27'N, 121°54'E) on 5 Apr. 2004. 5 497 km N.

(d) 062–77235. Immature (1) banded by AWSG at Beaches Crab Creek Road, Roebuck Bay, Broome, WA (18°00'S, 122°22'E) on 1 July 2003. Recaptured, released alive with band at Chongming Dongtang P.R. China (31°27'N, 121°54'E) on 4 Apr. 2004. 5 497 km N.

(e) 062–77367. Immature (1) banded by AWSG at Beaches Crab Creek Road, Roebuck Bay, Broome, WA (18°00'S, 122°22'E) on 3 July 2003. Recaptured, released alive with band at Chongming Dongtang P.R. China (31°27'N, 121°54'E) on 30 Mar. 2004. 5 497 km N.

**Sanderling** *Calidris alba*

041-96407. Adult (2+) banded by VWSG at Stoney Point, Port MacDonnell, SA (38°04'S, 140°46'E) on 25 Feb. 1997. Recovered dead, beachwashed at Times Beach, Davao City, Philippines (07°05'N, 125°34'E) on 9 Sep. 2004, over 7 years 6 months after banding. 5 260 km NNW.

**Red-necked Stint** *Calidris ruficollis*

036-00571 (+orange flag). Immature (1) banded by VWSG at Barry Beach, Corner Inlet, Vic. on 12 June 2002. Band number read in field (bird not trapped) by L. George at Carnarvon Sewage Farm, WA on 20 Sep. 2004. 3 429 km WSW.

**Pied Oystercatcher** *Haematopus longirostris*

- (a) 100-64312. Immature (1) banded by D. J. Geering at Red Rock, NSW on 7 Dec. 1985. Band number read in field (bird not trapped) by G. P. Clancy at banding place on 22 Sep. 2004, over 18 years 9 months after banding.
- (b) 100-92449. Nestling (1) banded by G. P. Clancy at Red Rock, NSW on 29 Nov. 2000. Band number read in field (bird not trapped) at Station Creek, NSW on 22 Sep. 2004. 4 km N.

**Kelp Gull** *Larus dominicanus*

110-99685. Nestling banded by SSG — BOAT on Green Island, D'Entrecasteaux Channel, Tas. on 15 Dec. 1985. Recaptured (tangled in fishing gear), released alive with band at Sandy Bay Beach, Tas. on 19 Apr. 2004, over 18 years 4 months after banding. 34 km N.

**White-browed Scrubwren** *Sericornis frontalis*

021-59088. Adult (1+) male banded by O. P. P. Mueller at Yundurup, WA, on 5 Mar. 1989. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place by W. Rutherford on 2 May 2004, over 15 years 1 month after banding.

(Band replaced with band No. 026-19407.)

**Brown Thornbill** *Acanthiza pusilla*

017-33818. Adult (1+) banded by M. Brown at Braeside Park, Springvale, Vic. on 31 Dec. 1997. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place on 7 Aug. 2004, over 6 years 8 months after banding.

**Regent Honeyeater** *Xanthomyza phrygia*

041-85433. (Rm Lu). Adult (1+) male banded by A. K. Morris (on behalf of P. Menkhorst) at Howes Valley, NSW on 14 Aug. 1994. Recaptured, released alive with band by D. Geering near Glen Alice, Capertee Valley, NSW 58 km WSW of banding place on 7 Sep. 2004, over 10 years after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for this species.)

041-57375. (Lr/m Rb/o). Adult (2+) male banded by D. Geering (on behalf of P. Menkhorst) near Glen Alice, Capertee Valley, NSW on 21 Oct. 1997. Colour-bands sighted in field (band number inferred) at banding place on 7 Aug. 2003, over 6 years 10 months after banding.

041-30138. (Ly/m Ry/y). Adult (2-) male banded by D. Geering near Glen Davis, Capertee Valley, NSW on 5 Dec. 2000. Colour-bands sighted in field (band number inferred) near Glen Davis, NSW 3 km W of banding place on 13 Aug. 2004, over 3 years 8 months after banding. This bird was fitted with a radio transmitter at the time of banded and tracked until 23 February 2001.

041-57338. (Lb/m Rp/y). Adult (2-) male banded by D. Geering (on behalf of P. Menkhorst) near Bogee, Capertee Valley, NSW on 13 Aug. 1997. Colour-bands sighted in field (band number inferred)

a) At banding place on 2 Aug. 2004, over 3 years 11 months after banding.

b) Near Glen Alice, Capertee Valley, NSW 10 km SE of banding place on 14 Aug. 2004, over 7 years after banding.

041-87557. (Ly/m Ro/p). Adult (1-) female banded by D. Geering near Glen Davis, Capertee Valley, NSW on 13 Dec. 2000. Colour-bands sighted in field (band number inferred) near Glen Alice, NSW 12 km W of banding place on 12 Sep. 2004, 3 years 9 months after banding.

**White-plumed Honeyeater** *Lichenostomus penicillatus*

023-50265. Immature (1) banded by A. J. Leishman at Warraderry State Forest, 16 km N of Grenfell, NSW on 19 Apr. 2003. Recaptured, released alive with band by P. Ewin at Dixon Property, 15 km SW of Grenfell, NSW on 25 Apr. 2004. 25 km SSW.

**Black Currawong** *Strepera fuliginosa*

091-15194. Immature (1) banded by R. M. Patterson at Fern Tree, Tas. on 22 July 1989. Band number read in field (bird not trapped) 2 km SW of banding place on 2 July 2004, over 14 years 11 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

**Tooth-billed Bowerbird** *Scenopoeetes dentirostris*

072-13003. Adult (1+) banded by J. D. A. Grant at Warrabee, 12 km NE of Yungaburra, Qld. on 24 Jan. 1991. Recaptured, released alive with band by A. N. D. Freeman at the Centre for Rainforest Studies, Qld. (4 km NNW of banding site) on 12 Sep. 2004, over 13 years 7 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)