

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:

ABBBS — Australian Bird and Bat Banding Schemes.

AWSG — Australasian Wader Study Group.

BTO — British Trust for Ornithology.

SOSSA — Southern Oceans Seabird Study Association.

VWSG — Victorian Wader Study Group.

Wandering Albatross *Diomedea exulans*

- (a) 5184883*. Nestling banded on Bird Island, South Georgia, Atlantic (54°01'S, 38°03'W) on 14 Oct. 1997.

Recovered, released alive with band:

- (1) by SOSSA at sea off Mossy Point, NSW (35°50'S, 150°11'E) on 12 Oct. 1999.

- (2) by BTO on Bird Island, South Georgia, Atlantic Ocean, (54°01'S, 38°03'W) on 19 Jan. 2005, over 7 years 3 months after banding.

* British Trust for Ornithology band.

(The bird was also banded with ABBBS band No. 140–50093.)

- (b) 140–39018. Adult (1+) banded by D. Gibson at sea off Austinmer, NSW (34°18'S, 150°58'E) on 14 Aug. 1971. Recaptured, released alive with band on Ile Des Cochons, Crozet Group, South Indian Ocean (France) (46°06'S, 50°15'E) on 10 Mar. 2005, over 33 years 6 months after banding. 8 067 km SW.

- (c) 140–39044. Adult (1+) banded by D. Gibson at sea off Austinmer, NSW (34°18'S, 150°58'E) on 21 Aug. 1971. Recaptured, released alive with band on Ile Des Cochons, Crozet Group, South Indian Ocean (France) (46°06'S, 50°15'E) on 10 Mar. 2005, over 33 years 6 months after banding. 8 067 km SW.

Black-browed Albatross *Thalassarche melanophris*

- CF38957*. Nestling banded on Iles Kerguelen, South Indian Ocean, (49°20'S, 70°15'E) on 18 Mar. 2004. Recovered dead at Cape Otway — Parker River Inlet, Vic. (38°52'S, 143°32'E) on 31 Jan. 2005. 5 730 km ESE.

* French Banding Scheme band.

Little Eagle *Hieraetus morphnoides*

- 131–68202. Adult (1+) female banded by J. G. McLaughlin near Bacchus Marsh, Vic. on 16 July 1989. Recovered dead at Myers Flat, Vic. on 27 Sep. 2004, over 15 years 2 months after banding. 109 km NNW.

Bar-tailed Godwit *Limosa lapponica*

- (a) 072–82450. Adult (2) banded by VWSG at Lyons Downs, Yanakie, Vic. (38°51'S, 146°15'E) on 22 Aug. 2004. Recaptured, released alive with band at Golden Bay, South Island, New Zealand (40°37'S, 172°40'E) on 13 Dec. 2004. 2 258 km ESE.

- (b) H029874*. Adult (2+) banded at Chongming Dongtan P.R. China (31°27'N, 121°54'E) on 14 April 2004. Recaptured, released alive with two bands by the AWSG at the shores of the 80 Mile Beach, near Broome WA (19°15'S, 121°20'E) on 21 Feb. 2005. 5 637 km S.

* National Bird Banding Centre of China band.

(The bird was also banded with ABBBS band No. 073–00983 plus Yellow leg flag.)

Grey-tailed Tattler *Heteroscelus brevipes*

- 5A34325* (+Blue leg flag). Juvenile banded at Shunkunitai, Furen Lake, Hokkaido, Japan (43°17'N, 145°26'E) on 5 Sep. 2004. Recaptured, released alive with two or more bands by AWSG on the shores of 80 Mile Beach, WA (19°15'S, 121°20'E) on 21 Feb. 2005. 7 375 km SSW.

* Bird Migration Research Centre, Japan band.

(The bird was also banded with ABBBS band No. 062–78925.)

Curlew Sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea*

- B86384* (+White Flag). Adult (2+) banded at Karaka, South Manakau Harbour, New Zealand (37°05'S, 174°49'E) on 1 Mar. 2003. Recaptured, released alive with band by VWSG at Yallock Creek near Koweerup, Vic. (38°13'S, 145°28'E) on 19 Feb. 2005. 2 576 km WSW.

* New Zealand Banding Scheme band.

Caspian Tern *Sterna caspia*

- 082–43604. Nestling banded by VWSG off Mann's Beach, Corner Inlet, Vic. on 7 Feb. 1982. Recovered injured, tangled in fishing gear, at Lawrence, NSW on 22 Feb. 2005. Rehabilitation attempted but bird died on 26 Feb. 2005, over 23 years after banding. 1 173 km NNE.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

(Specimen held by The Australian Museum, Sydney, AM 070943.)

White-throated Treecreeper *Cormobates leucophaeus*

- 031–18288. Adult (2+) female banded by J. W. Hardy at Munghom Gap Nature Reserve near Mudgee, NSW on 26 Jan. 1997. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place three times the last occasion by G. Fry on 26 Mar. 2005, over 8 years 1 months after banding.

(Band replaced due to wear with ABBBS band No. 035–14141.)

Superb Fairy-wren *Malurus cyaneus*

- (a) 017–70389. Adult (1+) female banded by A. J. Leishman at Mount Annan Botanic Garden, Campbelltown, NSW on 26 May 1996. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place three times, the last occasion on 10 Apr. 2005, over 8 years 10 months after banding.

(Band replaced due to wear with ABBBS band No. 019–20382.)

- (b) 018–14491. Adult (2+) male banded by J. Dale at Munghom Gap Nature Reserve near Mudgee, NSW on 8 Oct. 1998. Recaptured, released alive with bands at banding place five times the last occasion by G. Fry on 23 Apr. 2005, over 6 years 5 months after banding.

(The bird was also banded with ABBBS band No. 018–57149.)

- (c) 018-15026. Adult (2+) banded by A. J. Leishman at Munghorn Gap Nature Reserve near Mudgee, NSW on 3 Jan. 1999. Recaptured, released alive with bands at banding place five times the last occasion by G. Fry on 23 Apr. 2005, over 6 years 2 months after banding.

(The bird was also banded with ABBBS band No. 018-57143.)

White-browed Scrubwren *Sericornis frontalis*

- (a) 023-34072. Immature (1) male banded by A. J. Leishman at Mount Annan Botanic Gardens, Campbelltown, NSW on 23 Mar. 1996. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place on 10 Apr. 2005, over 9 years after banding.

(Band replaced due to wear with ABBBS band No. 025-75647.)

- (b) 024-88140. Immature (1) banded by A. Aitkin at Munghorn Gap Nature Reserve near Mudgee, NSW on 27 Dec. 1997. Recaptured, released alive with bands at banding place four times the last occasion by G. Fry on 23 Apr. 2005, over 7 years 2 months after banding.

(The bird was also banded with ABBBS band No. 025-65199.)

Brown Thornbill *Acanthiza pusilla*

- 018-07999. Adult (1+) banded by K. Egan at Munghorn Gap Nature Reserve near Mudgee, NSW on 8 Oct. 1998. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place twice the last occasion by G. Fry on 23 Apr. 2005, over 6 years 5 months after banding.

Eastern Spinebill *Acanthorhynchus tenuirostris*

- 015-60809. Adult (1+) male banded by G. Fry at Munghorn Gap Nature Reserve near Mudgee, NSW on 28 Mar. 1997. Recaptured, released alive with bands at banding place three times the last occasion on 25 Apr. 2005, over 8 years after banding.

(The bird was also banded with ABBBS band No. 018-57164.)

Chowchilla *Orthonyx spaldingii*

- 071-54247. Adult (2+) female banded by J. W. Hardy at Mount Lewis near Jullaten, Qld. on 26 Nov. 1990. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place by A. H. Koetz on 22 Oct. 2004, over 13 years 10 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)