

# 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 in part without the 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).

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:

ANARE — Australian National Antarctic Research Expeditions.

ANPWS(CSP) — Australian National Parks and Wildlife Service (Coral Sea Project).

PSG — Penguin Study Group.

SSG(BOAT) — Shorebird Study Group of the Bird Observers Association of Tasmania.

VWSG — Victorian Wader Study Group.

## Little Penguin *Eudyptula minor*

- (a) 190-17646. Immature banded by PSG on Gabo Island, Vic. on 6 Jan. 83. Recovered dead at Stumpy's Bay, Mt. William National Park, Tas. on 16 Jan. 89, 6 years after banding. 395 km SSW.
- (b) 190-27059. Nestling banded by M. H. Waterman on Troubridge Island, SA on 28 Dec. 85.
- (1) Recaptured at Port Campbell, Vic. by PSG on 2 June 87, 1 year 5 months later. 607 km SE.
- (2) Recaptured near banding place by M. H. Waterman on 3 June 88, 2 years 5 months after banding.
- (c) 190-36313. Nestling banded by PSG on Phillip Island, Vic. on 19 Jan. 88. Recaptured on Lorne Beach, Vic. by P. Waller on 16 Feb. 88, 28 days after banding. 102 km W.
- (d) 190-36524. Nestling banded by PSG on Phillip Island, Vic. on 1 Feb. 88. Recovered dead on Knight's Beach, Port Elliott, SA in Apr. 88. 662 km WNW.
- (e) 190-36648. Nestling banded by PSG on Phillip Island, Vic. on 8 Feb. 88. Recovered dead at White's Beach, Cape Bridgewater, Vic. on 20 Mar. 88, 1 month 12 days after banding. 413 km W.
- (f) 190-37050. Nestling banded by M. Fortesque at Bowen Island, Jervis Bay, A.C.T. on 24 Nov. 88. Recovered at Argunna Beach, Mimosas National Park, NSW on 31 Dec. 88, 1 month 7 days after banding. 175 km SSW.
- (g) 190-42434. Juvenile banded by M. H. Waterman on Troubridge Island, SA on 31 Dec. 87. Recovered dead at Quarry Beach, Portland, Vic. on 23 Jan. 89, 23 days after banding. 499 km SE.
- (h) 190-44691. Juvenile banded by M. H. Waterman on Troubridge Island, SA on 7 June 88. Recovered at Bridge Water Bay, Vic. by P. Norman on 10 Jan. 89, 7 months 3 days after banding. 480 km SE.
- (i) 190-47060. Nestling banded by M. H. Waterman at Lipson Cove Island, SA on 29 Oct. 88. Recaptured at Troubridge Island, SA by M. H. Waterman on 30 Dec. 88, 2 months after banding. 333 km ESE.

## Wandering Albatross *Diomedea exulans*

- 140-30190. Adult banded by R. Carrick at Caroline Cove, Macquarie Island (54°46'S., 158°48'E.) on 9 Apr. 67. Recaptured at Cape Gazert, Heard Island (53°04'S., 73°22'E.) by ANARE on 29 Jan. 88, 20 years 9 months after banding. 5 256 km SW.

## Black-browed Albatross *Diomedea melanophrys*

- CF6537\*. Nestling banded on Iles Kerguelen (49°20'S., 70°15'E.) on 2 Mar. 68. Recaptured 'breeding' on Heard Island (53°00'S., 73°22'E.) by ANARE on 30 Nov. 87, over 19 years after banding. 460 km SE.

\*French Band.

## Shy Albatross *Diomedea cauta*

- 280-03772. Adult banded by N. P. Brothers on Mewstone, Tas. (43°44'S., 146°22'E.) on 10 Mar. 84. Recovered dead at Spreeuwalde in Saldanha Bay, South Africa (33°01'S., 18°01'E.) in July 88. 10 025 km SW.

## Light-mantled Sooty Albatross

### *Phoebastria palpebrata*

- 120-07927. Adult banded by ANARE at Macquarie Island (54°30'S., 158°57'E.) on 31 Oct. 57. Recaptured near banding place on 11 Dec. 85, over 28 years after banding. This band had replaced ANARE band 5303, put on adult on 31 Oct. 56. (This is the oldest recorded for this species).

## Wedge-tailed Shearwater *Puffinus pacificus*

- (a) 161-64378. Juvenile banded by O. R. Evans on Norfolk Island (29°02'S., 167°57'E.) on 3 Nov. 79. Recovered dead at Jerusalem Creek, north of Iluka, NSW (29°10'S., 153°25'E.) on 30 Dec. 88, over 9 years 1 month after banding. 1 414 km W.
- (b) 161-91998. Nestling banded on Mutton Bird Island, NSW (30°18'S., 153°09'E.) by S. G. Lane on 27 Mar. 87. Recovered 'dying at sea' near Malimono, Philippines (9°34'N., 125°25'E.) on 4 May 88, over 1 year 1 month after banding. 5 316 km NW.

**Streaked Shearwater** *Calonectris leucomelas*

J09104204\*. Nestling banded at Kanmuri-jima Maizuru-shi, Kyoto, Japan (35°40'N., 135°25'E.) on 3 Nov. 87. Recovered dying at Darapap Village, East Sepik Province, Papua New Guinea (3°47'S., 144°15'E.) in Jan. 88, 2 months after banding. 4 463 km SSE.

\*Japanese band.

**Least Frigatebird** *Fregata ariel*

(a) 210-04492. Nestling banded on Herald Cays (16°57'S., 149°11'E.) by K. W. Lowe ANPWS(CSP) on 13 June 86. Recaptured at Fak Fak, Irian Jaya, Indonesia (2°55'S., 132°18'E.) on 29 Aug. 87, 1 year 2 months after banding. 2 412 km NW.

(b) 747-66358\*. Nestling banded near Enderbury Island, Pacific Ocean (3°08'S., 171°05'W.) on 11 Nov. 64. Recovered on Home Island, Cocos (Keeling) Islands, Indian Ocean (12°07'S., 96°54'E.) on 5 July 83, over 19 years after banding. 10 165 km WSW.

\*United States Fisheries and Wildlife Service.

**Australasian Gannet** *Morus serrator*

131-55518. Nestling banded by E. Wingham on Lawrence Rocks, Portland, Vic. on 2 Jan. 87. Recaptured on Bowden Reef, ENE of Townsville, Qld by J. M. B. Graham on 6 Jan. 88, 1 year after banding. 2 233 km NNE.

**Brown Booby** *Sula leucogaster*

(a) 121-15791. Nestling banded by B. R. King on Raine Island, Qld (11°36'S., 144°01'E.) on 5 Dec. 86. Recaptured at Temakin Betio Tarawa, Kiribati (1°21'N., 172°56'E.) on 6 Mar. 88, 1 year 3 months after banding. 3 505 km ENE.

(b) 121-16684. Nestling banded by B. R. King on Raine Island, Qld (11°36'S., 144°01'E.) on 4 Dec. 86. Found alive on ship near Vangunu, West Solomon Islands (8°38'S., 158°00'E.) on 25 May 87, 6 months after banding. 1 567 km ENE.

(c) 121-30035. Nestling banded by M. E. Jones on Price Cay, Swain Reefs, Great Barrier Reef, Qld (21°47'S., 152°27'E.) on 31 Jan. 88. Recaptured at sea near Gatokae Island, Solomon Islands (8°50'S., 158°10'E.) on 27 May 88, 4 months after banding. 1 558 km NNE.

**Masked Booby** *Sula dactylatra*

(a) 131-57591. Juvenile banded by O. R. Evans on Philip Island, Norfolk Island (29°07'S., 167°57'E.) on 21 Feb. 88. Recaptured on Tanna Island, Vanuatu (19°30'S., 169°20'E.) on 20 Aug. 88, 6 months after banding. 1 074 km N.

(b) 131-59587. Nestling banded by O. R. Evans on Nepean Island, Norfolk Island (29°07'S., 167°57'E.) on 2 Feb. 87. Recaptured by A. Tennyson on Macauley Island, Kermadec Group (30°31'S., 178°33'W.) on 2 Dec. 88, 10 months after banding. 1 314 km E.

(c) 131-59587. Nestling banded by O. R. Evans on Nepean Island, Norfolk Island (29°04'S., 167°57'E.) on 16 Dec. 87. Recaptured by A. Tennyson on Macauley Island, Kermadec Group (30°31'S., 178°33'W.) on 2 Dec. 88, over 11 months after banding. 1 314 km E.

**Silver Gull** *Larus novaehollandiae*

(a) 081-68250. Adult banded by P. Ogilvie at rubbish dump Gladstone, Qld on 27 Apr. 87. 'Colour marking sighted in field (band number inferred)' at Sandy Bay, Tas., by M. Lord on 16 Feb. 89, 9 months after banding. 2 144 km S.

(b) 081-68260. Adult banded at Rockhampton dump, Qld by P. Ogilvie on 13 May 87. 'Colour marking sighted in field (band number inferred)' by W. C. Wakefield at Sandy Bay, Tas. on 28 Feb. 88, 9 months after banding. 2 186 km S. (This is the longest movement recorded for this species).

(c) 081-86609. Nestling banded by D. G. Nicholls on Mud Islands, Vic. on 28 Oct. 83.

(1) Recaptured sick at Shorncliffe, Morton Bay, Qld by D. Groom on 29 June 86 and released when well. 1 439 km NE.

(2) Found dead at Altona, Vic. on 26 July 88, 4 years 8 months after banding. 45 km N.

(d) 082-06720. Nestling banded by B. J. Kentish at Winters Swamp, Vic. on 26 Aug. 88. Recovered dead at Greenacres, SA on 2 Jan. 89, 4 months after banding. 550 km WNW.

**Crested Tern** *Sterna bergii*

071-83497. Nestling banded by VWSG at Corner Inlet, Vic. on 10 Jan. 88. Recaptured and released at Seven Mile Beach, Booti Booti Rec. Reserve, NSW by K. Lambert on 20 Aug. 88, 6 months 10 days after banding. 866 km NE.

**Arctic Tern** *Sterna paradisaea*

K8555649\*. Nestling banded at Amager Sjaelland, Denmark (55°38'N., 12°34'E.) on 5 June 67. Recovered dead at Gantheaume Bay, WA (27°35'S., 114°05'E.) on 15 Oct. 86, 19 years 4 months later. 13 200 km ESE.

\*Danish Banding Scheme.

**Recovery Round-up Notes**

The Little Penguin recoveries demonstrate how far immature birds move within a month of banding. The albatross recoveries demonstrate longevity and that of the Wandering Albatross is an interesting movement between two distant breeding locations. Fuller details of the recoveries from Heard Island were given by Woehler in *Corella* 13(2): 38-40. The Least Frigatebird recoveries are the first reported (see Stokes and Dunn, *Corella* 13(2): 62). The Australasian Gannet, boobies and Silver Gulls show distant movements. It is some time since an Arctic Tern has been reported, and it is interesting that yet another bird from Scandinavia has been recovered in Western Australia.

M. D. Murray