

# RECOVERY ROUND-UP

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Recovery or longevity items may be submitted directly to me where-upon their merits for inclusion will be considered.

—Hon. Editor.

The following abbreviations appear in this issue:

ANARE — Australian National Antarctic Research Expeditions.

PSG — Penguin Study Group.

SSG — Sherbrooke Survey Group.

VWSG — Victorian Wader Study Group.

WAWSG — West Australian Wader Study Group.

## Little Penguin *Eudyptula minor*

- (a) 190-02375. Nestling banded by PSG on Phillip Island, Vic. on 23 Jan. 71. Found dead at Carrum Beach, Vic. on 19 Sept. 84, over 13 years 7 months after banding. 55 km N.
- (b) 190-07885. Adult banded by D. Barton at Eden, NSW on 9 Nov. 77. Found dead ("probably killed by fox") near banding place on 12 July 84, over 6 years 8 months after banding.
- (c) 190-18670. Nestling banded by P. Dann on Gabo Island, Vic. on 3 Dec. 83. Found dead at Victor Harbour, SA on 4 July 84. 1030 km W. (This is the longest movement recorded for this species.)
- (d) 190-21719. Nestling banded by P. Dann on Phillip Island, Vic. on 17 Feb. 84. Found dead at Victor Harbour, SA on 20 June 84. 670 km WNW.

## Shy Albatross *Diomedea cauta*

- 280-04533. Nestling banded by N. P. Brothers on Albatross Island, Tas. on 1 Apr. 84. Recovered alive off Albany, WA on 2 June 84. 2340 km W.

## Southern Giant-Petrel *Macronectes giganteus*

- 131-47013. Nestling banded by ANARE on Hawker Island, Davis, Antarctica (68°38'S., 77°51'E.) on 22 Feb. 84. "Tangled in buoy" on Juan Fernandez Islands, Chile (33°30'S., 80°00'W.) on 24 June 84. 9200 km ENE.

## Wedge-tailed Shearwater *Puffinus pacificus*

- (a) 160-17455. Banded by R. G. Lonnon on Mutton Bird Island, Coffs Harbour, NSW on 13 Dec. 66. Recaptured at banding place by S. G. Lane on 1 Nov. 84, over 17 years 10 months after banding.
- (b) 161-31571. Adult banded by S. G. Lane on Five Islands, Port Kembla, NSW (34°29'S., 150°56'E.) on 13 Dec. 75. "Landed on boat" probably in Manila Bay, Philippines (c 14°36'N., c 120°59'E.) on 8 July 84, over 8 years 6 months after banding. 6400 km NW.
- (c) 161-45690. Nestling banded by N. M. Swanson on Mutton Bird Island, Coffs Harbour, NSW (30°18'S., 153°09'E.) on 27 Mar. 77. Found dead in sea at Pinamalayan, Philippines (13°00'N., 121°29'E.) in July 83, over 6 years 3 months after banding. 5900 km NW.
- (d) 161-56662. Banded by N. M. Swanson on Mutton Bird Island, Coffs Harbour, NSW on 4 Dec. 70. Recaptured at banding place four times, the last occasion by S. G. Lane on 24 Oct. 84, over 13 years 10 months after banding.
- (e) 161-84427. Nestling banded by P. Fullagar on Montagu Island, NSW (36°15'S., 150°12'E.) on 1 Apr. 84. Recovered ("caught by fisherman") at Manila Bay, Philippines (14°36'N., 120°59'E.) on 15 July 84. 6550 km NW. (This is the longest movement recorded for this species.)

## Short-tailed Shearwater *Puffinus tenuirostris*

- (a) 161-07845. Runner banded by J. R. Wheeler on Griffith Island, Port Fairy, Vic. on 22 Apr. 67. Found dead near banding place by P. Du Guesclin on 2 Oct. 84, over 17 years 5 months after banding.
- (b) 161-30247. Nestling banded by G. M. Bowker on Griffith Island, Port Fairy, Vic. on 21 Apr. 73. Found dead ("killed by foxes or dogs") near banding place by P. Du Guesclin on 28 Sept. 84, over 11 years 5 months after banding.
- (c) 161-33641. Nestling banded by V. Yeoman on Griffith Island, Port Fairy, Vic. on 25 Apr. 74. Found dead (killed by foxes or dogs") near banding place by P. Du Guesclin on 1 Oct. 84, over 10 years 5 months after banding.
- (d) 160-59961. Runner banded by W. D. F. Mackenzie on Griffith Island, Port Fairy, Vic. on 25 Apr. 64. Found dead (killed by dogs") near banding place by P. Du Guesclin on 3 Oct. 84, over 20 years 5 months after banding.

## Australian Pelican *Pelecanus conspicillatus*

- (a) 170-02295. Banded by J. A. K. Lane at Peel Inlet, WA on 15 Nov. 77. Found dead at Walcott Inlet, WA on 3 Sept. 84, over 6 years 9 months after banding. 2000 km NE. (This is the oldest recorded and longest movement recorded for this species.)

- (b) 170-02483. Banded by J. A. K. Lane at Emu Point, Oyster Harbour, WA on 30 June 78. Found dead at Sandy Beach, Walpole, WA on 28 Aug. 84, over 6 years 1 month after banding. 115 km W.

### Masked Booby *Sula dactylatra*

- 131-49769. Nestling banded by O. R. Evans on Nepean Island, Norfolk Island (29°05'S., 167°58'E) on 18 Dec. 83. "Killed by fisherman" off Aniwa Island, Vanuatu (18°17'S., 169°36'E.) on 4 Aug. 84. 980 km N.

### Black-faced Shag *Leucocarbo fuscescens*

- (a) 131-19801. Nestling banded by M. H. Waterman at Outer Harbour Breakwater, Outer Harbour, SA on 7 July 73. Found dead near banding place on 7 July 84, 11 years after banding.
- (b) 131-20988. Nestling banded by M. H. Waterman at Outer Harbour Breakwater, Outer Harbour, SA on 29 July 73. Found dead at Barrows Beach near Port Germain, SA on 15 July 84, over 10 years 11 months after banding. 200 km NNW.

### Pied Cormorant *Phalacrocorax varius*

- 131-05206. Nestling banded by M. H. Waterman at Price, SA on 12 Apr. 70. Found dead at Webb Beach, SA on 8 July 84, over 14 years 2 months after banding. 40 km SE.

### Red-tailed Tropicbird *Phaethon rubricauda*

- 200-07489. Nestling banded by B. R. King on Raine Island, Great Barrier Reef, Qld (11°36'S., 144°01'E.) on 15 July 84. Recovered at Bimaramio Village, Papua New Guinea (08°04'S., 143°20'E.) on 21 Sept. 84. 255 km NNW. (This is the longest movement recorded for this species.)

### Cattle Egret *Ardeola ibis*

- 100-62581. Nestling banded by N. G. McKillingan at Melaleuca Wood near Gatton, Qld on 27 Dec. 83. Found dead at Greenlands Golf Course, Liverpool, NSW on 23 June 84. 920 km SSW.

### Eastern Reef Egret *Egretta sacra*

- 100-13920. Banded by R. A. Elvish on One Tree Island, Qld on 15 Apr. 77. Found dead at Yeppoon Beach, Qld on 11 Oct. 84, over 7 years 6 months after banding. 145 km NW.

### Rufous Night Heron *Nycticorax caledonicus*

- 110-96454. Juvenile banded by B. R. King on Raine Island, Great Barrier Reef, Qld (11°36'S., 144°01'E.) on 8 Apr. 84. "Killed with bow and arrow" at Tovei Village, Kikori District, Papua New Guinea (07°35'S., 144°36'E.) on 7 June 84. 285 km NNE.

### Yellow-billed Spoonbill *Platalea flavipes*

- 131-31808. Nestling banded by K. W. Lowe at Top Marsh, Kerang, Vic. on 13 May 84. Found dead at Berrybank, 70 km SW of Ballarat, Vic. about 6 June 84. 250 km SSW. (This is the longest movement recorded for this species.)

### Australian Shelduck *Tadorna tadornoides*

- 120-49403. Banded by J. Eveleigh at Menindee Lake, NSW on 2 Feb. 83. Shot at Johnsons Swamp, Kerang, Vic. about 11 Apr. 84. 400 km SSE.

### Mallard *Anas platyrhynchos*

- 270-02452. Nestling banded by O. R. Evans on Norfolk Island (29°02'S., 167°55'E.) on 30 Sept. 82. "Caught by dog" at Tanna, Vanuatu (19°33'S., 169°17'E.) on 23 May 84. 1000 km N.

### Whistling Kite *Haliastur sphenurus*

- 110-92058. Banded by J. A. Estbergs at Kapalga, NT on 29 Apr. 80. Shot at Humpty Doo, NT on 10 Oct. 84. 80 km W.

### Wedge-tailed Eagle *Aquila audax*

- 150-26118. Nestling banded by A. F. C. Lashmar at Western Cove, Kangaroo Island, SA on 7 Nov. 83. Found "dead under power line junction" at Antechamber Bay, Kangaroo Island, SA on 1 June 84. 43 km E.

### Brown Falcon *Falco berigora*

- 100-81313. Nestling banded by D. J. Baker-Gabb at Werribee, Vic. on 28 Oct. 79. Recaptured as adult female near banding place by J. Klapste and P. Klapste on 25 Apr. 84.

### Sharp-tailed Sandpiper *Calidris acuminata*

- 040-94391. Adult banded by VWSG at Werribee, Vic. (38°03'S., 144°32'E.) on 27 Jan. 79. Recovered at Qianshan, Liaoning, People's Republic of China (41°00'N., 123°06'E.) on 16 June 80. 9000 km NNW.

### Red-necked Stint *Calidris ruficollis*

- (a) 032-10816. Banded by J. A. K. Lane at Pelican Point, Perth, WA on 5 Dec. 74. Recaptured at Emu Point, Albany, WA on 10 Mar. 84, over 9 years 3 months after banding. 390 km SE. (This is the oldest recorded for this species.)
- (b) 032-37075. Banded by WAWSG at Lake Forrest-dale, WA on 20 Mar. 82. Found dead on Rottnest Island, WA by C.P.S. de Rebeira on 9 Oct. 84. 45 km NW.
- (c) 032-49104. Banded by WAWSG at Pelican Point, Perth, WA on 31 Dec. 83. Recaptured on Rottnest Island, WA on 9 Sept. 84. 30 km W.

### Curlew Sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea*

- 040-97759. Adult banded by VWSG at Werribee, Vic. (38°03'S., 144°32'E.) on 26 Jan. 80. Recovered at Gaohu, Fujian, People's Republic of China (26°00'N., 119°18'E.) on 5 May 84. 7700 km NNW.

### Pacific Gull *Larus pacificus*

- (a) 110-90473. Runner banded by B. Robertson on Shellback Island, Vic. on 30 Dec. 83. Recovered "alive and healthy" at Venus Bay, near Inverloch, Vic. on 14 July 84. 57 km NW.
- (b) 110-90495. Runner banded by B. Robertson on Kanowna Island, Vic. on 6 Jan. 84. Found dead on French Island, Vic. on 13 Oct. 84. 125 km NW.

- (c) 110-97015. Runner banded by W. C. Wakefield on Visscher Island, Tas. on 31 Dec. 83. "Caught in fishing net which was lying on a jetty" at Eaglehawk Neck, Tas. on 22 May 84. 19 km SSW.

### **Crested Tern** *Sterna bergii*

- (a) 070-33471. Nestling banded by M. H. Waterman on Stonywell Island, The Coorong, SA on 19 Dec. 71. Recovered dead at Edithvale, Port Phillip Bay, Vic. by I. Temby on 14 Aug. 84, over 12 years 7 months after banding. 545 km SE.
- (b) 070-41411. Nestling banded by J. B. Paton on West Island, Victor Harbour, SA on 2 Jan. 73. "Hit by stone which injured one wing" at Myponga Beach, SA on 23 Sept. 84, over 11 years 8 months after banding. 33 km NNW.
- (c) 071-25513. Nestling banded by M. H. Waterman on Stonywell Island, The Coorong, SA on 7 Dec. 74. Found dead at Woolamai Waters, Phillip Island, Vic. on 9 July 84, over 9 years 7 months after banding. 580 km ESE.
- (d) 071-27294. Runner banded by J. B. Paton on West Island, SA on 1 Dec. 74. Recovered ("stunned, released same day") at Mt Eliza, Vic. by M. Carter on Aug. 84, over 9 years 8 months after banding. 630 km SE.
- (e) 071-37997. Nestling banded by M. H. Waterman on Stonywell Island, The Coorong, SA on 3 Dec. 83. Recovered at South Single Beach, NSW on 10 Aug. 84. 1 710 km NE.

### **Rainbow Lorikeet** *Trichoglossus haematodus*

- 250-01979. Banded by C. Cannon at Currumbin Bird Sanctuary, Currumbin, Qld on 4 Dec. 78. "Being fed in the garden" at Shailer Park, Qld on 7 Aug. 84, over 5 years 8 months after banding. 63 km NNW. (This is the longest movement recorded for this species.)

### **Common Koel** *Eudynamis scolopacea*

- 091-02074. Juvenile banded by S. G. Lane at Lane Cove, NSW (33°49'S., 151°10'E.) on 20 Jan. 83. Shot at Old Iare Village, Gulf Province, Papua New Guinea (07°45'S., 145°05'E.) in April 84. 2 950 km NNW. (This is the longest movement recorded for this species.)

### **Laughing Kookaburra** *Dacelo novaeguineae*

- 090-73813. Adult banded by R. K. Carruthers at Castle Cove, NSW on 5 Nov. 72. Reported as "being fed (for about five years)" near banding place on 24 Jan. 83, then as "being fed" at Killarney Heights, NSW on 25th Oct. 84, over 11 years 11 months after banding. 3 km W.

### **Pilotbird** *Pycnoptilus floccosus*

- (a) 040-05349. Nestling adult banded by SSG in Sherbrooke Forest Park, Kallista, Vic. on 2 Sept. 72. Sighted (using binoculars) at banding place 16 times, the last occasion on 21 Aug. 84, over 11 years 11 months after banding.
- (b) 040-05353. Adult banded by SSG in Sherbrooke Forest Park, Kallista, Vic. on 2 Sept. 72. Sighted (using binoculars) at banding place 28 times, the last occasion on 14th Jan. 80, over 7 years 4 months after banding.

### **Brown Thornbill** *Acanthiza pusilla*

- 011-65202. Banded by J. Liddy at Cowiebank, Qld on 31 July 71. Recaptured at banding place on 8 July 84, over 12 years 11 months after banding.

### **Lewin's Honeyeater** *Meliphaga lewinii*

- 040-29853. Adult banded by S. G. Lane at Cumberland State Forest, West Pennant Hills, NSW on 12 Jan. 75. Recaptured at banding place three times, the last occasion by J. W. Hardy on 22 Sept. 84, over 9 years 8 months after banding.

### **Eastern Spinebill** *Acanthorhynchus tenuirostris*

- 013-10315. Adult male banded by P. J. Thomas at Blue Gum Swamp Creek near Winmalee, NSW on 25 June 77. Recaptured at banding place 12 times, the last occasion by J. W. Hardy on 15 Sept. 84, over 7 years 2 months after banding.

### **Silvereye** *Zosterops lateralis*

- (a) 012-30310. Adult banded by B. R. Hutchins at Sandy Creek Conservation Park near Sandy Creek, SA on 26 Feb. 72. Recaptured at banding place on 2 May 81, over 9 years 2 months after banding.
- (b) 013-32638. Banded by I. Rooke at Gowaramup, WA on 5 Nov. 80. Recaptured near Greenbushes, WA on 30 June 84. 88 km E.
- (c) 014-10113. Banded by O. Mueller 46 km NNW of Perth, WA on 17 Mar. 82. Found dead at Osbourne Park, near Perth, WA on 3 June 84. 40 km SSE.
- (d) 014-46896. Banded by R. J. Brown at Middlesex, Manjimup, WA on 3 Mar. 84. Found dead at Bridgetown, WA on 13 Sept. 84. 33 km N.

### **Common Starling** *Sturnus vulgaris*

- (a) 060-93792. Adult banded by M. H. Waterman near Mallala, SA on 13 June 70. Recaptured near banding place four times, the last occasion on 4 Aug. 84, over 14 years 1 month after banding. (This is the oldest recorded for this species.)
- (b) 060-96808. Adult banded by M. H. Waterman near Mallala, SA on 25 July 74. Recaptured near banding place nine times, the last occasion on 4 Aug. 84, over 10 years after banding.
- (c) 060-98966. Adult banded by M. H. Waterman near Mallala, SA on 28 Aug. 71. Recaptured near banding place four times, the last occasion on 4 Aug. 84, over 12 years 11 months after banding.

### **Pied Currawong** *Sterepera graculina*

- (a) 091-01157. Banded by G. B. Baker at Hughes, ACT on 24 Sept. 72. "Hit by car" near banding place on 15 July 84, over 11 years 9 months after banding.
- (b) 091-02377. Banded by D. G. Nicholls at Timber-top, Vic. on 12 June 75. "Band number read through binoculars" at Falls Creek, Vic. on 14 July 84, over 9 years 1 month after banding. 92 km ENE.
- (c) 091-02886. Immature banded by A. Marshland at Bogong, Vic. on 2 Nov. 76. "Band number read through binoculars" at Falls Creek, Vic. on 14 July 84, over 7 years 8 months after banding. 10 km SE.

### **Little Raven** *Corvus mellori*

- 100-83538. Nestling banded by J. Klapste and P. Klapste at Werribee, Vic. on 29 Aug. 82. Found dead at Rockbank, Vic. in Apr. 84. 22 km NNW.