

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.

PSG – Penguin Study Group.

VWSG – Victorian Wader Study Group.

Malleefowl *Leipoa ocellata*

121-17221. Adult (1+) banded by J. Brickhill at Yalgogrin, NSW on 10 Jan. 1983. Recaptured, released alive with band 13 km north east of Narriah Mt. Trig, NSW on 29 January 1989, over 6 years after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Australian Wood Duck *Chenonetta jubata*

101-16534. Immature (1) banded at Taronga Zoological Park, Mosman NSW on 17 Feb. 2000. Recovered injured at banding place, bird was rehabilitated and released alive with the band on 4 Dec. 2014, over 14 years 9 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Bar-shouldered Dove *Geopelia humeralis*

072-68418. Adult (1+) banded by the Broome Bird Observatory at Coconut Well, 10 km N of Broome, WA on 10 Jul. 1996. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place by H. Macarthur on 11 Sep. 2016, over 20 years, 2 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Shy Albatross *Thalassarche cauta*

131-46392. Nestling banded by N. P. Brothers on Albatross Island, Tas. on 9 Jan. 1981. Recovered dead at Smiths Beach, Phillip Island, Vic. on 18 Dec. 2016, over 35 years, 11 months after banding. 215 km NE

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Royal Penguin *Eudyptes chrysolophus schlegeli*

290-08319. Adult (2+) male banded by C. L. Hull on Macquarie Island, Tas. on 31 Jan. 1994. Band number read in field at Bauer Bay, Macquarie Island, Tas. on 8 Mar. 2015, over 21 years, 1 month after banding. 15 km SSW.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

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

Little Penguin *Eudyptula minor*

191-02054. Nestling banded by the PSG on the western side of Phillip Island, Vic. on 9 Feb. 1999. Band number read in field (bird not trapped) at Oberon Bay, Wilsons Promontory, Vic. on 15 Jan. 2017, over 17 years, 11 months after banding. 120 km ESE.

Black-faced Cormorant *Phalacrocorax fuscescens*

131-49063. Nestling banded by M. H. Waterman at the Breakwater, Outer Harbour, SA on 25 May 1985. Recovered dead at Salmon Beach, SA on 15 Dec. 2016, over 31 years, 6 months after banding. 137 km WSW.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Australian Pelican *Pelecanus conspicillatus*

170-12328. Nestling banded by M. H. Waterman on an unnamed island in Lake Eyre south, SA on 21 Apr. 1990. Recovered dead, (dried out corpse) near banding place on 13 Apr. 2010, over 20 years after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Eastern Great Egret *Ardea modesta*

111-14067. Immature (1) male banded by N. A. Hamilton at Perth Zoological Garden, South Perth, WA on 26 Feb. 2001. Recaptured at Burswood, WA tangled in fishing gear on 9 July 2010, bird is alive in captivity with band, over 9 years, 4 months after banding. 5 km S.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Eastern Osprey *Pandion cristatus*

280-06245. Nestling banded by C. P. S. de Rebeira on Rottnest Island WA on 9 Nov. 1992. Recovered dead at banding place on 11 Dec. 2016, over 24 years, 1 month after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

White-bellied Sea-Eagle *Haliaeetus leucogaster*

150-36222. Adult (5+) male banded by J. M. Wiersma at Deviot Spring Bay, Launceston, Tas. on 16 Jan. 2001. Colour marking sighted in field (band number inferred) at Native Point, Tamar River, Tas. on 13 Apr. 2016, over 15 years, 2 months after banding. 12 km SSW.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Wedge-tailed Eagle *Aquila audax*

150-44123. Nestling female banded by S. Cherriman at Avon Valley National Park, WA on 4 Nov. 2015. Recovered dead, causes unknown near the Eyre Highway, west of the Eyre Bird Observatory turn off on 31 March, 2017. 956 km W.

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

Little Eagle *Hieraaetus morphnoides*

132-19712. plus Satellite transmitter. Adult (1+) male banded by J. Olsen at Woodstock Nature Reserve, ACT on 28 Oct. 2015. Satellite signal was detected near Daily Waters, NT on 2 Jun. 2017. 2639 km NNW.

Bush Stone-curlew *Burhinus grallarius*

101-23851. Juvenile female banded by A. K. Morris on St Hubert Island, Woy Woy, NSW on 5 Jan. 2006. Readable band/flag/neck col sighted in field, (band number inferred) at Umina High School, Woy Woy, NSW, on 19 March 2015, over 9 years, 2 months after banding. 14 km E.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Beach Stone-curlew *Esacus magnirostris*

111-26366. plus Engraved Leg Flag: L YellowA4. Nestling banded by G. P. Clancy at Mobbs Bay, South Ballina, NSW on 3 Feb. 2012. Colour marking sighted in field (band number inferred) twice, the last occasion at Tallow Beach, Byron Bay, NSW on 23 Feb 2017, over 5 years after banding. 26 km N.

Australian Pied Oystercatcher *Haematopus longirostris*

(a) 100-86690 plus Colour Bands LDmRDngr. Nestling banded by O. M. G. Newman at Barilla Bay, Tas. on 18 Dec. 1984. Colour marking sighted in field (band number inferred) at Porpoise Hole, Marion Bay, Tas on 27 Feb. 2017, over 32 years, 2 months after banding. 30 km E.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

(b) 100-92430. Nestling banded by G. P. Clancy at Patch's Beach SW of Ballina, NSW on 6 Nov. 1998. Band number read in field (bird not trapped) eight times the final occasion at North Creek, Ballina, NSW on 17 Jan. 2017, over 18 years, 2 months after banding. 13 km NE.

(c) 100-92431. Nestling banded by G. P. Clancy at Beswicks Beach, Empire Vale, NSW on 6 Nov. 1998. Band number read in field (bird not trapped) at Boundary Creek, South Ballina, NSW on 3 Jul. 2016, over 17 years, 7 months after banding. 10 km SSW.

(d) 100-92435. Nestling banded by G. P. Clancy south-west of Patches Beach, Ballina, NSW on 30 Nov. 1998. Band number read in field (bird not trapped) at South Ballina Beach, NSW on 3 Jul. 2016, over 17 years, 7 months after banding. 17 km NNE.

(e) 100-96111. Nestling banded by G. P. Clancy at Beswicks Beach, Empire Vale, NSW on 19 Dec. 2000. Band number read in field (bird not trapped) at Boundary Creek, South Ballina, NSW on 3 Jul. 2016, over 15 years, 6 months after banding. 10 km SSW.

(f) 101-27754. Nestling banded by G.P. Clancy near Bullock Gully, Bundjalung National Park, NSW on 7 Nov. 2007. Band number read in field (bird not trapped) at Fingal, Tweed Heads, NSW on 12 Nov. 2016, over 9 years after banding. 112 km N.

(g) 101-27794 plus Engraved Leg Flag: Yellow L4. Nestling banded by G. P. Clancy at Brunswick River, Brunswick Heads, NSW on 30 Oct. 2009. Colour marking sighted in field (bird not trapped) at Hastings Point, NSW on 10 Jan. 2017, over 7 years, 2 month after banding. 19 km N.

(h) 101-27796 plus Engraved Leg Flag: Yellow L6. Nestling banded by G. P. Clancy at Belongil Creek, Byron Bay, NSW on 16 Nov. 2009. Colour marking sighted in field (bird not trapped) five times the last occasion at Hastings Point, NSW on 10 Jan. 2017, over 7 years, 1 month after banding. 30 km N.

Hooded Plover *Thinornis rubricollis*

052-59932. plus Leg Flag (plain colour) LDowRDym. Nestling banded by VWSG at Brown Bay, 15 km east of Port Macdonnell, SA on 31 Dec. 2014. Colour marking sighted in field twice (band number inferred), the last occasion at Sir Richard Peninsula, SA on 21 Jul. 2015. 332 km WNW.

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

Plains-wanderer *Pedionomus torquatus*

052-66326. Banded by M. Antos at Patho Plains, Vic. on 13 May 2016. Recaptured, released alive with band at near the Ranch Homestead, Boorooban, NSW by P. N. Maher on 10 Apr. 2017. 124 km NNE.

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

Bar-tailed Godwit *Limosa lapponica*

(a) 073-36953. Adult (2+) banded by VWSG at Barry Beach, Corner Inlet, Vic (38°41'S, 146°50'E) on 9 Feb. 2009.

(1) Recaptured at banding place on 1 Feb 2011 (the same day as 073-63920 was banded, see below) readable Orange leg flag added. Released alive with band.

(2) Colour marking, leg flag, sighted in field (band number inferred) at Arao Beach, Kumamoto, Japan (32°59'32"N, 130°25'41"E) on 3 May 2011. 8145 km NNW

(3) Both 073-36953 and 073-63920 were sighted together in field (band numbers inferred) at Arao Beach, Kumamoto, Japan (32°59'32"N, 130°25'41"E) on 26 Apr. 2016, 7 years, 2 months after banding. 8145 km NNW

(b) 073-63920. plus readable Orange leg flag. Adult (3+) banded by VWSG at off Manns Beach, Corner Inlet, Vic. (38°41'S, 146°50'E) on 1 Feb. 2011 (same day as 073-36953 was retrapped).

(1) Both 073-63920 and 073-36953 were sighted in field (band numbers inferred) at Arao Beach, Kumamoto, Japan (32°59'32"N, 130°25'41"E) on 26 Apr. 2016, 5 years, 2 months after banding. 8145 km NNW

Grey-tailed Tattler *Tringa brevipes*

052-71950. Adult (2) banded by AWSG on the Shores of 80 Mile Beach, WA on 1 Nov. 2001. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place on 14 Feb. 2016, over 14 years, 3 months after banding.

Curlew Sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea*

042-29860. Immature (1) banded by VWSG at Yanerbie, SA on 17 Nov. 2013. Recaptured, released alive with band at Beaches Crab Creek Road, Roebuck Bay, Broome, WA by AWSG on 20 Feb. 2016. 2034 km NW.

Common Noddy *Anous stolidus*

062-36784. Adult (2+) banded by J. N. Dunlop on Lancelin Island, WA on 25 Nov. 1995. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place on 5 Nov. 2016, over 20 years, 11 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

(Band replaced with band no. 062-94010.)

Bridled Tern *Onychoprion anaethetus*

061-77336. Nestling banded by J. N. Dunlop on Penguin Island, WA on 26 Mar. 1988. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place on 13 Nov. 2016, over 28 years, 7 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Little Tern *Sternula albifrons*

041-99093 plus Leg Flag (Plain Colour) LwRn . Nestling banded by NSW Seabird Project at Towra Point, Botany Bay, NSW on 5 Dec. 1998. Colour marking sighted in field (band no. inferred) six times, the last occasion at Flat Rock, East Ballina, NSW on 3 Feb. 2017, over 18 years, 1 month after banding. 621 km N.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Fairy Tern *Sternula nereis*

040-78646. Nestling banded by J. N. Dunlop on Tern Island, Safety Bay, WA on 17 Jan. 1997. Band number read in field (bird not trapped) at Breakwater Parade, Mandurah, WA on 7 Jan. 2017, over 19 years 11 months after banding. 24 km S.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Caspian Tern *Hydroprogne caspia*

091-06189. Runner banded by VWSG off Manns Beach, Corner Inlet, Vic. on 24 Dec. 1988. Recovered dead at Barrier Landing, Ocean Beach, south-west of Lakes Entrance, Vic. on 5 Oct. 2015, over 26 years, 9 months after banding. 131 km NE.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Crested Tern *Thalasseus bergii*

071-83405. Nestling banded by VWSG off Manns Beach, Corner Inlet, Vic. on 10 Jan. 1988. Band number read in field at Flat Rock, Ballina, NSW five times by S. Mc Bride, the last occasion on 18 Jun. 2017, over 29 years, 5 months after banding. 1260 km NNE.

Orange-bellied Parrot *Neophema chrysogaster*

230-19196. Nestling male banded by M. C. Holdsworth at Melaleuca, Tas. on 14 Jan. 2008. Readable band/flag/neck collar sighted in field, near banding site (band number inferred), on 30 Sep. 2015, over 7 years 8 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

White-throated Treecreeper *Cormobates leucophaeus*

034-31916. Adult (1+) male banded by K. Gover at Scheyville National Park, NSW, on 13 Apr. 2008. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place by L. Hook on 9 Aug. 2015, over 7 years 3 months after banding.

Rufous Treecreeper *Climacteris rufa*

042-01907. Adult (1+) male banded by A. M. de Rebeira, at Smith Brook Nature Reserve, WA on 3 April 2005. Recovered, released alive with band at banding place on 20 Nov. 2016, over 11 years, 7 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Superb Fairy-wren *Malurus cyaneus*

019-30149. Adult (1+) male banded by C. Young at Scheyville National Park, NSW, on 10 May 2008. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place five times, the last occasion by J. Hardy on 9 Aug. 2015, over 7 years 2 months after banding.

Red-backed Fairy-wren *Malurus melanocephalus*

019-02251. Adult (1+) female banded by J. O. Karubian near Herberton, Atherton Tableland, Qld. on 30 Nov. 2004. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place eight times the last occasion on 25 Oct. 2012, over 7 years, 10 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

White-browed Scrubwren *Sericornis frontalis*

025-22262. Adult (1+) male banded by J. Farrell at Scheyville National Park, NSW, on 13 Jul. 2008. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place four times, the last occasion by D. McKay on 9 Aug. 2015, over 7 years after banding.

Western Gerygone *Gerygone fusca*

019-25514. Immature (1) banded by W. Rutherford at Herdsman Lake, WA on 25 Jun. 2005. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place four times the last occasion on 23 Jul. 2016, 11 years after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Large-billed Gerygone *Gerygone magnirostris*

018-09917. Adult (1+) banded by R. H. Clarke on Boigu Island, Torres Strait, Qld. on 29 Nov. 2006. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place on 11 Jul. 2014, over 7 years, 7 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

White-throated Gerygone *Gerygone albogularis*

018-21026. Adult (1+) banded by H. F. Macarthur at Coconut Well, Broome, WA on 4 Jul. 1998. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place on 19 Jul. 2014, over 16 years after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Yellow Thornbill *Acanthiza nana*

019-24325. Adult (1+) banded by K. Gover at Scheyville National Park, NSW, on 10 May 2008. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place by D. Smith on 10 Apr. 2015, over 7 years 11 months after banding.

Chestnut-rumped Thornbill *Acanthiza uropygialis*

017-59292. Adult (1+) banded by J. A. Nicholls at Dixon Property, 15 km SW of Grenfell, NSW on 26 Oct. 1996. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place five times the last occasion on 13 Jun. 2009, over 12 years, 7 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Lewin's Honeyeater *Meliphaga lewinii*

041-38907. Adult (2+) male banded by A. & A. Leishman at Camden Airport, NSW on 13 Aug. 2007. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place four times, the last occasion on 27 Mar. 2017, over 9 years, 7 months after banding.

Noisy Miner *Manorina melanocephala*

062-61669. Nestling banded on Rotamah Island, Vic. on 21 Oct. 2001. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place on 5 Dec. 2015, over 14 years, 1 month after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Bar-breasted Honeyeater *Ramsayornis fasciatus*

026-71848. Adult (1+) banded by J. E. Lewis at Old Spillway Creek, Wyndham, WA on 2 March 2010. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place on 3 Apr. 2016, over 6 years, 1 month after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

White-fronted Chat *Epthianura albifrons*

017-78518 plus colour bands LDrRdm. Adult (2+) male banded by R. E. Major at Newington Nature Reserve, NSW on 20 Jun. 2008. Colour marking sighted in field (bird not trapped) at banding place on 5 Nov. 2016, over 8 years, 4 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Blue-faced Honeyeater *Entomyzon cyanotis*

071-98151. Adult (2+) banded by G. P. Clancy at Coutts Crossing, NSW on 10 Sep. 2007. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place on 14 Oct. 2016, over 9 years after banding.

Golden Whistler *Pachycephala pectoralis*

(a) 034-37388. Adult (2+) banded by A. & A. Leishman at Camden Airport, NSW on 27 Aug. 2007. Recaptured, (full adult male) released alive with band at banding place twice, the last occasion on 16 Jul. 2016, over 8 years, 10 months after banding.

(The bird was also banded with band no. 035-26650.)

(b) 034-37389. Adult (2+) female banded by A. & A. Leishman at Camden Airport, NSW on 10 Sep. 2007. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place four times, the last occasion on 16 Jul. 2016, over 8 years, 10 months after banding.

(The bird was also banded with band no. 035-26621.)

Spangled Drongo *Dicrurus bracteatus*

062-97212. Adult (1+) banded by R. H. Clarke on Boigu Island, Torres Strait, Qld. on 29 Nov. 2006. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place on 14 Feb. 2015, over 8 years 2 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Leaden Flycatcher *Myiagra rubecula*

024-69036. Immature (1) banded by R. H. Clarke on Boigu Island, Torres Strait, Qld. on 11 Sep. 2007. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place on 9 Jul. 2014, over 6 years, 9 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Friiled Monarch *Arses telescopthalmus*

025-87975. Adult (2+) banded at the Broome Bird Observatory, WA on 29 April 2006. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place three times the last occasion on 20 Aug. 2013, over 7 years, 3 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Eastern Yellow Robin *Eopsaltria australis*

(a) 024-94110. Adult (1+) male banded by J. Hardy at Scheyville National Park, NSW, on 12 Aug. 2007. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place four times, the last occasion by M. Franklin on 15 May 2016, over 8 years 9 months after banding.

(b) 024-94137. Adult (1+) female banded by J. Hardy at Scheyville National Park, NSW, on 10 May 2008. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place four times, the last occasion by J. Webb on 12 Jun. 2016, over 8 years 1 month after banding.

(c) 025-97621. Adult (2+) male banded by A. & A. Leishman at Camden Airport, NSW on 17 Mar. 2008. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place on 17 Sep. 2016, over 8 years, 6 months after banding.

(d) 026-30603. Adult (1+) female banded by J. Farrell at Scheyville National Park, NSW, on 12 Aug. 2007. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place five times, the last occasion by J. Hardy on 11 Oct. 2015, over 8 years 1 month after banding.

Buff-sided Robin *Poecilodryas cerviniventris*

026-57645. Adult (1+) banded by P. A. Barden on the Macarthur River, upstream, NT on 22 Aug. 2007. Colour marking sighted in field (band number inferred) at banding place twelve times, the last occasion on 23 Jun. 2016, over 8 years 10 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Tawny Grassbird *Megalurus timoriensis*

037-13229. Immature (1) banded by J. T. Coleman at Eagleby Wetlands, Qld. on 4 Jun. 2010. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place on 5 Nov. 2016, over 6 years, 5 months after banding

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Mistletoebird *Dicaeum hirundinaceum*

019-18513. Adult (1+) male banded by M. J. Ward at Aldinga Scrub Conservation Park, SA on 14 Jul. 2004.

(1) Recaptured, released alive at banding place on 13 Sep. 2004.

(2) Recovered injured at Arundel Road, Brighton, SA on 3 Feb. 2009, 32 km NE, bird taken into care and later released alive with band.

(3) Killed by cat at Balhannah, SA on 6 Nov. 2009, 5 years, 3 months after banding. 51 km NE

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