

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 abbreviation appear in this issue:

ABBBS – Australian Bird and Bat Banding Schemes

BBOG – Broome Bird Observatory Group

Laughing Kookaburra *Dacelo novaeguineae*

200-14230 (plus Anodised Bands: Left leg Yellow 3 over Blue). Adult (2+) male banded by S. Legge at Mount Ainslie, ACT on 11 Nov. 1996. Recovered injured at O'Connor, ACT on 11 July 2011, was successfully rehabilitated and released alive with band on 14 July 2011, near original banding site, 14 years, 8 months after banding. 5 km WNW.

Superb Fairy-wren *Malurus cyaneus*

(a) 018-59334. Adult (1+) male banded by A.J. Leishman at Mount Annan Botanic Gardens, Campbelltown NSW on 21 March 2004. Recaptured, released alive with band nine times at banding place, the last occasion on 11 June 2011, over 7 years, 2 months after banding.

NOTE: This Superb Fairy-wren was originally banded with ABBBS band no. 018-59334, on 21 March 2004 an additional band 019-34115 was placed on the left leg as the original band was showing signs of wear. The original band was removed from the right leg on 16 Jan. 2010 as it was cutting into the leg due to the lower edge of the band becoming very sharp. The second band on the left leg was replaced due to wear with a third band no. 01A-01999 on the 11 June 2011. This raises the question are we measuring band life or longevity of the birds in some cases?

(b) 018-59444. Adult (2+) male banded by A.J. Leishman at Mount Annan Botanic Gardens, Campbelltown NSW on 20 Nov. 2004. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place three times, the last occasion on 16 July 2011, over 6 years, 8 months after banding.

(Band replaced due to wear with ABBBS band no. 019-75069.)

Inland Thornbill *Acanthiza apicalis*

018-86886. Adult (1+) banded by A. Bougher at the Wandoo National Park (formerly Dobaderry Nature Reserve), near Beverley, WA on 21 April 2003. Recaptured released alive with band at banding place on 27 April 2010, over 7 years 0 months after banding.

Striped Honeyeater *Plectorhyncha lanceolata*

040-48701. Adult (1+) banded by N.W. Sheppard at Amphitheatre Gorge, Mootwingee National Park, NSW on 4 May 1986. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place by K.G. Rogers on 9 Oct. 1990, over 4 years, 5 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Blue-faced Honeyeater *Entomyzon cyanotis*

071-37272. Nestling banded by M.M. Crouther at Pleystowe, Qld. on 28 May 1983. Recovered dead (band returned to ABBBS) at Bucasia Beach, Mackay, Qld. on 9 Oct. 1989, over 6 years, 4 months after banding. 16 km E.

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

Bell Miner *Manorina melanophrys*

040-68891. Adult (1+) banded by A. Lill at Coranderrk Reserve, Healesville, Vic. on 18 Jan. 1988. Recaptured, released alive with new band at banding place on 1 Sep. 2001, over 13 years, 7 months after banding.

(Bird was rebanded with ABBBS band no. 042-07182.)

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Helmeted Honeyeater *Lichenostomus melanops cassidix*

041-37872. Nestling banded by P.W. Menkhorst at Cockatoo Creek, south of Yellingbo, Vic on 22 Jan. 1993. Recaptured, released alive with band at Macclesfield Creek near Yellingbo, Vic on 14 Jan. 2006, over 12 years 11 months after banding. 2 km SSE.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Black-chinned Honeyeater *Melithreptus gularis*

035-90184. Adult (1+) banded by D.C. Paton at Kangala, 10 km north-west of Goolwa, SA on 10 Nov. 2002. Colour marking sighted in field, band number inferred near Victor Harbour Sewage Treatment Ponds, SA on 4 June 2005. 17 km SSW.

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

White-naped Honeyeater *Meltheptus lunatus*

025-72298. Adult (1+) banded by A. Bougher at the Wandoo National Park (formerly Dobaderry Nature Reserve), near Beverley, WA on 22 February 2003. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place on 6 September 2009, over 6 years 6 months after banding.

White-cheeked Honeyeater *Phylidonyris nigra*

035-51102. Juvenile banded by A. Bougher at the Wandoo National Park (formerly Dobaderry Nature Reserve), near Beverley, WA on 3 October 2000. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place on 14 July 2010, over 9 years 8 months after banding.

Grey-crowned Babbler *Pomatostomus temporalis*

061-35363. Adult (1+) banded by N.B. Wells at Coconut Well, Broome, WA on 5 Apr. 1988. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place by BBOG on 21 July. 2001, over 13 years, 3 month after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Golden Whistler *Pachycephala pectoralis*

033-63949. Adult (2+) banded by Bill Greenlees on Susan Island, Grafton, NSW on 12 August 2002. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding site twice the last occasion on 28 May 2011, over 8 years 8 months after banding.