

A founder and father of the Bird Banders' Association of Australia, the late S. G. (Bill) Lane and his contribution to bird study in Australia.

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S. G. (Bill) Lane had two areas of interest that filled his studious life, the army and birds. His drive and energy and meticulous eye for detail ensured he excelled in whatever he undertook. He retired from the Citizens Military Force (CMF) with a rank of Colonel in 1972, which emphasises the scale of his achievement. His achievements in ornithology are at least as great and in my view put him as one of the all time greats as an amateur ornithologist in the history of Australia.

Born in April 1922, he had an interest in birds from an early age when he bred Australian finches as a hobby. These activities were interrupted by war service, but he continued with his interest in birds after the war, by joining the RAOU in 1947. After holding a number of offices, he was elected to a fellowship of the RAOU in 1983 and was awarded the John Hobbs Medal in 1995 for avian research by an amateur.

He commenced banding in 1956 stirred on by an association with Keith Hindwood and Arnold McGill who were banding seabirds on Lion Island at the time. His interest in seabirds and seabird islands emanated from this association. He was appointed NSW Regional Organiser for the CSIRO Australian Bird Banding Scheme in 1961, where he played a key role in training new banders, an area in which he had particular expertise. He continued in this position until 1997. It was from this platform that he was instrumental in establishing the Bird Banders' Association of Australia. Initially, it was conceived for New South Wales but before final establishment it was expanded to cover Australia. The Association arranged at the time to have a meeting twice a year, to bring together interested parties to exchange ideas. A significant part of this Association's activities was to be the production of a quarterly publication. The first volume published between July 1962 and December 1963 was titled *The Bird Bander*, and the name was then changed in the March 1964 issue to *The Australian Bird Bander*. In March 1977 it was renamed *Corella, Journal of the Australian Bird Study Association*. The Bird Banders' Association was so popular that by the second issue of *The Bird Bander* in October 1962, it already had 62 full members, 19 associate members and 14 junior members.

Bill was inaugural President of the Association from its inception in July 1962 until February 1965 and then again in 1983 and 1984. At its first meeting in July 1962, he gave a report on his banding activities to date, in which he had already obtained significant data on the movement and population differences of Silvereyes, which had resulted from his banding activity in his back garden at Lane Cove, NSW.

He became Honorary Editor of *The Australian Bird Bander* in 1967 until it changed its name to *Corella* in 1977, editing 40 issues (Vol. 5, Part 1 to Vol. 14, Part 4). On its change of name to *Corella* he became Honorary Assistant Editor and remained so from 1977 to 1981, during which time 25 issues were published (Vol. 1, Part 1 to Vol. 5, Part 5). He then became editor of Special Publications (mostly seabird islands) from 1982 to 1992 covering 51 issues (Vol. 6, Part 1 to Vol. 16, Part 4), and was Seabird Island Editor (mainly a change of name) from 1993 until his death in 2000, covering a further 31 issues (Vol. 16, Part 5 to Vol. 24, Part 1/2).

This article is based solely on his contribution to Australian ornithology as indicated in *The Bird Bander*, *The Australian Bird Bander* and *Corella* (a list of other publications can be found in the Appendix). To substantiate the longstanding highly significant contribution he has made to Bird Study a bibliography from *The Bird Bander* and *The Australian Bird Bander* is presented in Table 1 and *Corella* (Table 2) in addition to a list of birds he banded which received a mention in 'Recovery Round up' (Table 3, see also Table 1 and 2). Birds recorded in 'Recovery Round-up' are recoveries showing the greatest distance moved, longest time between initial trapping and most recent recapture, or recoveries of significance. To achieve this recovery success he banded 67 337 birds of 446 species (J. Hardy pers comm.). There is hardly an issue of *The Bird Bander* and *The Australian Bird Bander* (Vol. 1, Part 1 to Vol. 14, Part 4) and more recently the *Corella* (Vol. 1, Part 1 to Vol. 24, Part 1/2) in which Bill has not received a mention by way of articles, a mention in 'Recovery Round-up', 'Book Reviews' or, more recently, as a recognised Editor of the 'Sea Bird Island' series (see Table 1: *The Bird Bander* and *The Australian Bird Bander*, and Table 2: *Corella*).

His love for sea birds led him and Durno Murray to attempt to assess and describe all Australian islands and the bird populations on them. This project, although huge, has been exceptionally popular and successful, and plays a crucial role in each State's conservation initiatives with respect to island management. To date 252, islands have been described, and until his death on 7 January 2000 all were edited by him. He personally visited, surveyed and wrote 36 of these accounts, which were published in these journals. According to a profile Bill wrote, he had made 556 visits to 151 Australian seabird islands and a further 13 visits to 13 seabird breeding islands in other countries, for surveying, resurveying and banding purposes up until 1992. During these visits large numbers of island nesting birds were banded and many spectacular recoveries of shearwaters and petrels have resulted from this effort. Currently, attempts are being made to revisit all these islands and update the previous findings.

Table 1

Titles of papers published by S. G. Lane in *The Bird Bander* (Vol. 1.1 – 1.7) and *The Australian Bird Bander* (Vol. 2.1 – 14.4). All volumes, parts, date of publication (month and year) and page numbers are shown. SGL is the number of birds banded by S. G. Lane shown in 'Recovery Round-up'. Rec RP is the number of birds reported in each issue of 'Recovery Round-up'. Those 'Seabird Island' numbers bracketed have been edited by S.G. Lane.

Vol. No.	Part No.	Date	Paper Title	Page No.	SGL	Rec. RP
1	1	7.62	Silvereye Project (talk)	4		
1	2	10.62	Albatross Banding at Malabar	9-10	0	5
			Recoveries of Tasmanian type Silvereyes in Sydney	11		
			Long distance recovery of Silvereyes	12		
1	3	12.62	Silvereye recoveries in the Sydney District	29-33	0	13
			Little Wattle-bird Wanderings	38		
1	4	3.63	Notes on banding Rainbow Birds	59-61	2	9
1	5	6.63			3	15
1	6	9.63	Albatross banding at Malabar 1963	133-135	0	8
1	7	12.63	Mist netting waders	165-167	5	11
			A useful holding bag.	173-175		
2	1	3.64	Banding Eastern Spinebills	8-11	2	18
			Useful holding bag amendment	14		
2	2	6.64	Message to members	37	4	12
			Silvereye longevity	51		
2	3	9.64	Review The birds around us	89-90	0	14
2	4	12.64			2	25
3	1	3.65	Backyard trapping (joint)	9-13	5	34
3	2	6.65	Recovery details	37	0	29
3	3	9.65			2	49
3	4	12.65	Seasonal banding of Fairy Martins	67-70	5	45
4	1	3.66	Reed Warbler concentration	7	4	68
4	2	6.66			1	43
4	3	9.66	A proven method of trapping hawks	56-57	4	70
			Silvereye project	67		
4	4	12.66	The cooperative Silvereye project	73-74	2	56
5	1	3.67	Sexing juvenile Spinebills	6	5	59
5	2	6.67	Habits of Spotted Pardalotes	27-28	7	66
			Longevity of Fuscous Honeyeaters (Joint)	33		
5	3	9.67	Sooty Tern recovery in the Philippines	57	5	53
5	4	12.67			2	51
6	1	3.68	Review : Australian Birds	22-23	3	43
			Review: Pocket list of Australian Birds.	23		
6	2	6.68			2	66
6	3	9.68			3	64
6	4	12.68	Age/plumage relationship of Rufous Whistlers	75-77	4	59
7	1	3.69	Collecting insects ectoparasitic on birds	10-11	3	59
7	2	6.69	Tumbi Umbi Banding Summary	27-32	5	70
7	3	8.69			12	41
7	4	12.69	New South Wales Albatross Season 1969	81-83	7	60
8	1	3.70			5	53
8	2	6.70			4	53
8	3	9.70			3	62
8	4	12.70			8	63
9	1	3.71	Moult, plumage and banding of the Regent Bowerbird. (joint H.J.de S. Disney)	11-13	7	58
			New South Wales Albatross Season 1970 season	17		
9	2	6.71	Obituary Keith Alfred Hindwood,	44	2	58
9	3	9.71			9	56
9	4	12.71	Silvereye movement in eastern Australia (joint H. Battam)	80-82	4	60
10	1	3.72	A review of the cooperative Silvereye Project	3-6	5	49
			New South Wales Albatross study group 1971 Season	14		
10	2	6.72	Tasmanian type Silvereye in New South Wales	33-34	1	64
10	3	9.72			6	55
10	4	12.72	An analysis of Magpie Lark banding	76-77	4	80
11	1	3.73	Seabird Islands, No. 1, Bird Island, NSW	14-15	7	70
11	2	6.73	(Seabird Island No. 2). Banding Migratory waders near Sydney,	27-29	2	50
			Obituary, Thomas Harrison (Tom) Guthrie	42		
11	3	9.73	Seabird Island No.3. Belowla Island New South Wales.	61	6	55

Table 1 (Cont.)

Vol. No.	Part No.	Date	Paper Title	Page No.	SGL	Rec. RP
11	4	12.73	Little Wattle-bird Banding at North Ryde, New South Wales (Seabird Islands No. 4-5). No. 5 Cook Island, New South Wales	78-80 84	5	58
12	1	3.74	The Shearwater colony on Lion Island Seabird Islands, No. 6. North Solitary Island, New South Wales	10 14-15	4	45
12	2	6.74	(Seabird Island No. 7)		1	54
12	3	9.74	(Seabird Island No. 8) Soft part colours in Fuscous Honeyeaters	55-57	3	54
12	4	12.74	Seabird Islands No. 9. Split Solitary, New South Wales.	79	4	47
13	1	3.75	Seabird Islands No. 10, South-west Solitary Island, New South Wales	14-15	3	53
13	2	6.75	Seabird Islands No. 11, Lion Island, New South Wales. Australian Bush Birds in colour, Review.	34-37 43	4	49
13	3	9.75	(Seabird Island No.12) Further notes on the Seabirds of the Solitary Islands, NSW. The White-winged Widowbird near Windsor, New South Wales	56-57 61	5	54
13	4	12.75	(Seabird Islands No. 13 and 14). No. 14. South Solitary Island.	80-82	2	54
14	1	3.76	(Seabird Islands No. 15-30). No. 17: Juan and Julia Rocks, New South Wales. No. 18: Broughton Island, New South Wales. No. 19: Little Broughton Island, New South Wales. No. 20: North Rock, Broughton Island, New South Wales. No. 21: Inner Rock, Broughton Island, New South Wales. No. 24: Bowen Island, New South Wales. No. 25: Grasshopper Island, New South Wales. No. 26: Wasp Island, New South Wales. No. 30: Delicate Nobby, New South Wales.	8-9 19-13 14-15 16-17 18-19 24-26 27 28 39		
14	2	6.76			5	68
14	3	9.76	Results from banding Southern Yellow Robins.	63-66	5	71
14	4	12.76	(Seabird Islands 31-38) No. 33, Korffs Islet, New South Wales. No. 36, Little Island, New South Wales. No. 37, Shark Island, New South Wales.	92 98 99		
Total					213 7.9%	2708

Table 2

Titles of papers published by S. G. Lane in the *Corella* (Vol. 1.1 – 25.4). All volumes, parts, date of publication (month and year) and page numbers are shown. SGL is the number birds banded by S.G. Lane shown in 'Recovery Round-up'. Rec. RP is the number birds reported in each issue of 'Recovery Round Up'. Those 'Seabird Island' numbers bracketed have been edited by S.G. Lane.

Vol. No.	Part No.	Date	Paper Title	Page No.	SGL	Rec. RP
1	1	3.77			4	75
1	2	6.77	White-faced Storm-petrels on Belowla Island	35	2	58
1	3	9.77	(Seabird Islands 43-53)			
1	4	12.77			5	68
2	1	3.78	Some results from banding Little Terns at Stockton, New South Wales	8-9	3	55
2	2	5.78	(Seabird Islands 54-65)			
2	3	6.78	Some results from banding Japanese Snipe near Sydney, New South Wales. Shearwater hazard on breeding island.	49-51 58	3	46
2	4	9.78			3	41
2	5	12.78			2	48
2	Supp.	7.79	(Atlas Scheme)			
3	1	3.79	Summary of the breeding seabirds on New South Wales coastal islands	7-10	6	33
3	2	6.79	A visit to islands of Wilsons Promontory, Victoria.	29,30	1	59
3	3	8.79	(Seabird Islands 66-79)			
3	4	9.79			6	42
3	5	12.79			3	37
4	1	3.80			10	51
4	2	6.80	Seabirds of Norman and Wattle Islands, Wilson Promontory, Victoria. (Joint)	37-38	8	55
4	3	9.80			1	53
4	4	11.80	(Seabird Islands 80-101)			
4	5	12.80			6	54
5	1	3.81			7	59

Table 2 (Cont.)

Vol. No.	Part No.	Date	Paper Title	Page No.	SGL	Rec. RP
5	2	6.81			13	61
5	3	81	(Seabird islands 102-112)			
5	4	9.81	Additional visits to islands off Wilsons Promontory, Victoria. (joint)	91-94	0	53
5	5	12.81	A Hybrid Wader, (joint)	114-115	8	65
6	1	3.82			6	68
6	2	6.82	Avifauna of islands off Esperance, Western Australia	37-39	4	59
6	3	8.82	(Seabird Islands 113-126) Nares Island, Archipelago of the Recherche, Western Australia. No 114. Lorraine Island, Archipelago of the Recherche, Western Australia. No. 115 Ram Island, Archipelago of the Recherche, Western Australia. No. 116 MacKenzie Island, Archipelago of the Recherche, Western Australia. No. 117 Frederick Island, Archipelago of the Recherche, Western Australia, No. 119 Remark Island, Archipelago of the Recherche, Western Australia, No. 121 Long Island, Archipelago of the Recherche, Western Australia, No. 122 Cull Island, Archipelago of the Recherche, Western Australia, No. 123 Observatory Island, Archipelago of the Recherche, Western Australia, No. 124 Figure of Eight Island, Archipelago of the Recherche, Western Australia, No. 126	51-52 53-54 55-56 57-58 61-62 65-66 67-68 69-70 71-72 75-76		
6	4	9.82	Weight and wingspan measurements as a means of sexing birds.	92	4	44
6	5	12.82			2	49
7	1	3.83	Data exchange Eastern Spinebill, New Holland Honeyeater,	22-23	1	63
7	2	6.83			1	58
7	3	9.83	Bird in the Hand, Fuscous Honeyeater	64-65	3	62
7	4	11.83	(Seabird Island 127-137)			
7	5	12.83			3	61
8	1	3.84			5	65
8	2	6.84			4	55
8	3	9.84	Further notes on visits to islands of the south coast of Western Australia A report on visits to Stanley Island and Flat Island, Western Australia.	64-66 69-70	6	
8	4	12.84			0	61
8	5	5.85	(Seabird Islands 138-149) Mudjimba Island, Queensland (joint), No. 138 Blyth Island, Sir Joseph Banks Group, South Australia. No. 144 Charley Island, Archipelago of the Recherche, Western Australia (joint), No. 147 Stanley Island, Western Australia, No. 148 Flat Island, Western Australia. No. 149	101-102 113-114 119-120 121-122 123-124		
9	1	3.85			3	63
9	2	9.85	Notes on the birds recorded during a visit to islands of the Sir Joseph Bank Group, S.A. Obituary Lt, Col, Henry Laurie (Harry) Bell.	64-65 70	6	67
9	3	11.85	(Seabird Islands 150-159)			
9	4	12.85			3	81
10	1	3.86	Nesting behaviour of Sooty Terns <i>Sterna fuscata</i> on Pelsart Island, Western Australia Review: Bird Banding by Elliot McClure.1984	28-29 36	2	65
10	2	6.86			2	70
10	3	11.86	(Seabird Islands 43/1, 160-168)			
10	4	12.86			2	68
11	1	3.87	Review: The birdlife of Rottnest Island,	36	1	69
11	2	6.87			1	73
11	3	10.87	(Seabird Islands 169-179)			
11	4	12.87	Data record cards: their history and methods of use.	121-123	1	65
12	1	3.88	Data exchange; Little Cormorants	32	2	59
12	2	6.88			3	73
12	3	10.88	(Seabird Islands 180-189)			
12	4	12.88	Obituary: Arnold Robert MacGill	131-132	1	43
13	1	3.89			1	37
13	2	5.89	(Seabird Islands 190-196)			
13	3	7.89			3	49
13	4	9.89	(Seabird Islands 197-201). A visit to Distant Cay, Swain Reefs, Great Barrier Reef, Queensland	122	1	31
13	5	12.89	Data exchange: Unusual iris colour in White-cheeked Honeyeater.	161	1	40
14	1	3.90			0	36
14	2	5.90	(Seabird Island 202)		2	33

Table 2 (Cont.)

Vol. No.	Part No.	Date	Paper Title	Page No.	SGL	Rec. RP
14	3	7.90			4	39
14	4	9.90	(Seabird Islands 203-206)		1	42
14	5	12.90			1	59
15	1	3.91			4	42
15	2	5.91	(Seabird Islands 207-210)		6	32
15	3	7.91			6	41
15	4	9.71	(Seabird Islands 211-214) Breeding of the Short-tailed Shearwater on Mutton Bird Island, NSW.	107	4	45
			Some problems during the exodus of young shearwaters from Mutton Bird Island NSW.	108		
			No. 214. Distant Cay, Great Barrier Reef, Queensland.(Joint)	117-118		
15	5	12.91			6	47
16	1	3.92			2	34
16	2	5.92	(Seabird Islands 215) Bird Island NSW revisited.	59	1	50
			Data exchange - Wedge-tailed Shearwater	59		
16	3	7.92			2	25
16	4	9.92			1	21
16	5	12.92	(Seabird Islands 216-217)		5	34
17	1	3.93			1	31
17	2	5.93			0	44
17	3	7.93				
17	4	9.93			3	27
17	5	12.93	(Seabird Islands 218-222)		2	45
18	1	3.94	A report on the banding of Blue-faced Honeyeater <i>Entomyzon cyanotis</i> on the NSW north coast.(joint)	25-27	0	32
18	2	5.94	(Seabird Islands 223-224) Differentiating Crested and Lesser Crested Tern chicks	48-49	1	44
18	3	7.94	Nesting of the Eastern Rosella <i>Platycerus eximius</i>	90	6	39
18	4	9.94	(Seabird Islands 225-228)		5	32
18	5	12.94			1	33
19	1	3.95			5	40
19	2	6.95			1	31
19	3	9.95			3	37
19	4	12.95			4	42
20	1	3.96	(Seabird Island 229)		0	36
20	2	6.96	(Seabird Island 230-232)		4	29
20	3	9.96			2	29
20	4	12.96			6	29
21	1	3.97	An unusual plumage for a Sooty Shearwater	16	9	32
21	2	6.97			2	31
21	3	9.97	(Seabird Islands 233-235) Short-tailed Shearwater (<i>Puffinus tenuirostris</i>) on Mutton Bird Island, Coffs Harbour, NSW.	98	3	29
21	4	12.97	(Seabird Island 236)		4	32
22	1	3.98	An alternative method for applying shearwater bands (size 16SS)	32-33	3	43
22	2	6.98	(Seabird Islands 237,238)		0	38
22	3	9.98			4	34
22	4	12.98	(Seabird Islands 239,241)		6	64
23	1	3.99	(Seabird Islands 242, 243). Food of Satin Bowerbird.	17	1	36
23	2	6.99	Recover of Curlew Sandpiper from China	32	1	34
23	3	9.99	(Seabird Island 244) Notes on banding Wonga Pigeons <i>Leucosarcia melanoleuca</i> at Moonee, N.S.W	67-68	1	37
23	4	12.99	(Seabird Island 245)		2	73
24	1-2	3.00			6	41
24	3	9.00	(Seabird Islands 246-247)		3	36
24	4	12.00			1	33
25	1	3.01				
25	2	6.01			0	36
25	3	9.01			0	41
25	4	12.01			1	20
Total					299	4481
					6.7%	

Table 3Birds banded by S. G. Lane in 'Recovery Round-up' in *The Bird Bander*, *The Australian Bird Bander* (ABB) and *Corella* (listed alphabetically).

Common Name	Scientific Name	ABB	Corella	Total
Australasian Gannet	<i>Morus serrator</i>		1	1
Azure Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo azurea</i>	1		1
Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>		6	6
Bell Miner	<i>Manorina melanophrys</i>	2		2
Black Butcherbird	<i>Cracticus quoyi</i>		1	1
Black Noddy	<i>Anous minutus</i>		3	3
Boobook Owl	<i>Ninox novaeseelandiae</i>	1		1
Brown Thornbill	<i>Acanthiza pusilla</i>	7	2	9
Brown Treecreeper	<i>Climacteris picumnus</i>		1	1
Brown-headed Honeyeater	<i>Melithreptus brevirostris</i>	1		1
Buff-breasted Paradise Kingfisher	<i>Tanysiptera sylvia</i>		2	2
Cattle Egret	<i>Ardea ibis</i>		5	5
Common Koel	<i>Eudynamis scolopacea</i>		3	3
Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	1		1
Crested Shrike-tit	<i>Falcunculus frontatus</i>		4	4
Crested Tern	<i>Sterna bergii</i>	7	2	9
Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>		8	8
Dollar Bird	<i>Eurystomus orientalis</i>		1	1
Double-banded Plover	<i>Charadrius bicinctus</i>		1	1
Double-barred Finch.	<i>Taeniopygia bichenovii</i>		1	1
Dusky Robin	<i>Melanodryas vittata</i>		1	1
Dusky Woodswallow	<i>Artamus cyanopterus</i>		1	1
Eastern Spinebill	<i>Acanthorhynchus tenuirostris</i>	14	6	20
Eastern Whipbird	<i>Psophodes olivaceus</i>		1	1
Eastern Yellow Robin	<i>Eopsaltria australis</i>	10	28	38
Fan-tailed Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis flabelliformis</i>	1		1
Fernwren	<i>Oreoscopus gutturalis</i>		1	1
Flesh-footed Shearwater	<i>Puffinus carneipes</i>		10	10
Fuscous Honeyeater	<i>Lichenostomus fuscus</i>	10	15	25
Gilbert's Whistler	<i>Pachycephala inornata</i>		3	3
Golden Bowerbird	<i>Prionodura newtoniana</i>		1	1
Golden Whistler	<i>Pachycephala pectoralis</i>	2	5	7
Green Catbird	<i>Ailuroedus crassirostris</i>	2	3	5
Grey Butcherbird	<i>Cracticus torquatus</i>		3	3
Grey Fantail	<i>Rhipidura fuliginosa</i>	1	2	3
Grey Shrike-thrush	<i>Colluricincla harmonica</i>	1	2	3
Grey Teal	<i>Anas gracilis</i>	1		1
Grey-headed Robin	<i>Heteromyias albispecularis</i>		1	1
Grey-tailed Tattler	<i>Heteroscelus brevipes</i>		2	2
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	1		1
Japanese Snipe	<i>Gallinago hardwickii</i>	1		1
Large-billed Scrubwren	<i>Sericornis magnirostris</i>	8	2	10
Laughing Kookaburra	<i>Dacelo novaeguineae</i>	1	1	2
Lesser Noddy	<i>Anous tenuirostris</i>		2	2
Lewin's Honeyeater	<i>Meliphaga lewinii</i>	5	6	11
Little Penguin	<i>Eudyptula minor</i>	3	4	7
Little Shrike-thrush	<i>Colluricincla megarhyncha</i>	1	1	2
Little Tern	<i>Sterna albifrons</i>	1	2	3
Little Wattlebird	<i>Anthochaera chrysoptera</i>	4	1	5
Mistletoebird	<i>Dicaeum hirundinaceum</i>		1	1
Mongolian Plover	<i>Charadrius mongolus</i>		4	4
New Holland Honeyeater	<i>Phylidonyris novaehollandiae</i>	11	2	13
Noisy Friarbird	<i>Philemon corniculatus</i>		1	1
Noisy Miner	<i>Manorina melanocephala</i>	1		1
Northern Giant Petrel	<i>Macronectes halli</i>		1	1
Northern Scrub-robin	<i>Drymodes superciliosus</i>		2	2
Pied Currawong	<i>Strepera graculina</i>		5	5
Providence Petrel	<i>Pterodroma solandri</i>		2	2
Rainbow Lorikeet	<i>Trichoglossus haematodus</i>		1	1

Table 3 (Cont.)

Common Name	Scientific Name	ABB	Corella	Total
Red Knot	<i>Calidris canutus</i>		1	1
Red-browed Finch	<i>Neochmia temporalis</i>	3	1	4
Red-necked Stint	<i>Calidris ruficollis</i>		2	2
Red-whiskered Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus jocosus</i>	6	2	8
Regent Bowerbird	<i>Sericulus chrysocephalus</i>	1	6	7
Rose Robin	<i>Petroica rosea</i>	1		1
Royal Spoonbill	<i>Platalea regia</i>	1		1
Rufous Whistler	<i>Pachycephala rufiventris</i>	5	8	13
Sacred Ibis	<i>Threskiornis molucca</i>		1	1
Sacred Kingfisher	<i>Todiramphus sanctus</i>	1		1
Satin Bowerbird	<i>Ptilonorhynchus violaceus</i>	1	11	12
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	<i>Calidris acuminata</i>		1	1
Short-tailed Shearwater	<i>Puffinus tenuirostris</i>	2	3	5
Silveryeye	<i>Zosterops lateralis</i>	20	3	23
Sooty Shearwater	<i>Puffinus griseus</i>		1	1
Sooty Tern	<i>Sterna fuscata</i>		1	1
Southern Giant-petrel	<i>Maronectes gigantes</i>	9	1	10
Spectacled Monarch	<i>Monarcha trivirgatus</i>		1	1
Spotted Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia chinensis</i>	2		2
Striated Thornbill	<i>Acanthiza lineata</i>	7	4	11
Superb Blue Wren	<i>Malurus cyaneus</i>	6	5	11
Terek Sandpiper	<i>Tringa terek</i>		9	9
Tooth-billed Catbird	<i>Ailuroedus melanotis</i>		2	2
Variiegated Fairy-wren	<i>Malurus lamberti</i>	1	2	3
Wandering Albatross	<i>Diomedea exulans</i>	16	22	38
Wedge -tailed Shearwater	<i>Puffinus pacificus</i>	14	30	44
White-browed Scrubwren	<i>Sericornis frontalis</i>		7	7
White-cheeked Honeyeater	<i>Phylidonyris nigra</i>		1	1
White-faced Robin	<i>Tregellasia leucops</i>		2	2
White-faced Storm-petrel	<i>Pelagodroma marina</i>		2	2
White-naped Honeyeater	<i>Melithreptus lunatus</i>	2	1	3
White-throated Treecreeper	<i>Cormobates leucophaeus</i>	1	1	2
Wonga Pigeon	<i>Leucosarcia melanoleuca</i>		1	1
Yellow Thornbill	<i>Acanthiza nana</i>	2	1	3
Yellow-faced Honeyeater	<i>Lichenostomus flavicollis</i>	5		5
Yellow-throated Scrubwren	<i>Sericornis citreogularis</i>	6		6
Yellow-tufted Honeyeater	<i>Lichenostomus melanops</i>	2	2	4
	Total	213	299	512
Total number of records in "Recovery Round-up".		2708	4481	7189
Percentage of records recorded by S.G. Lane.		7.87	6.67	7.12
96 species.				

In addition, he played a significant role in the banding of albatrosses, which resulted in many remarkable recoveries. He was active also in the banding of waders using mist nets and more recently cannon nets at sites in Newcastle and Botany Bay. His seasonal banding of Fairy Martins, banding of Rainbow Bee-eaters (reported as Rainbow Birds), and banding of hawks using Bal-chatri traps all required special techniques and are examples of the particular knowledge he had of the birds concerned.

His most outstanding findings resulted from his long-term banding from his home at Lane Cove where he uncovered much of the story of Silveryeye movements along the east coast. Recoveries from continued banding at one site were significant and produced many longevity records and movement records for many other species also.

His diverse ornithological expertise is displayed in the 125 articles he published in *The Bird Bander*, *The Australian Bird Bander* and *Corella*. Seventy-six were on techniques, methodology, survey results and reports on projects and activities; 36 specifically as part of the 'Seabird Island Series', 6 reviews, and 5 obituaries. His reports on particular projects included Silveryeyes, Albatrosses at Malabar, banding at Tumbi Umbi, Albatross seasonal reports, migratory waders, Little Wattlebird banding in North Ryde, Eastern Yellow Robins (reported as Southern Yellow Robin), Little Tern banding at Stockton, Latham's Snipe (reported as Japanese Snipe) banding at Sydney, Blue-faced Honeyeaters on the north coast, nesting of the Eastern Rosella, Wonga Pigeons at Moonee, and many reports on island birds outside the 'Seabird Island Series', to name but a few.

His banding successes are most aptly demonstrated by an examination of 'Recovery Round-up' in the journals (Table 3). Although these reports may be somewhat biased, because he was the editor and compiler of these data in the earlier years, and other banders were either reluctant or slow to supply such data for inclusion, it nevertheless succinctly emphasizes the extreme effort and amazing results he acquired as a result of his banding activities. Out of 2708 recoveries reported in *The Bird Bander* and *The Australian Bird Bander* 213 or approximately seven per cent were either banded or recovered by him and in *Corella* out of 4481 recoveries 299 or approximately seven per cent were either banded or recovered by him. Overall he banded or recovered 512 (~7%) of the 7189 of the birds reported. The most spectacular numbers of recoveries were for Wandering Albatross (38) and Wedge-tailed Shearwater (44) demonstrating significant long-distance oceanic movement and some exceptional longevity records for these species. The oldest Wedge-tailed Shearwater and Sooty Shearwater were 21 years and 7 years 3 months respectively, as at September 2000. High numbers of recoveries for Eastern Yellow Robin, Fuscous Honeyeater and Eastern Spinebill serve as examples of a significant extension of our knowledge of longevity and mobility in these species. The banding of waders also produced

significant results demonstrating global movement of many wader species.

This is just a glimpse into some of the avian activities of S.G. (Bill) Lane through his association with 'The Bird Banders' Association of NSW', 'The Bird Banders' Association of Australia' and 'The Australian Bird Study Association'. Bill has been gone for nearly 12 years and his vibrant disposition, energy and commitment to disseminating his knowledge to the uninitiated and overall friendliness have and will continue to be sadly missed. However, his contribution to Australian ornithology and personal influence on other ornithologists, both professional and amateur alike, will live forever.

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