

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:

ABBBS – Australian Bird and Bat Banding Schemes

AWSG - Australasian Wader Study Group.

VWGS - Victorian Wader Study Group.

Southern Giant-Petrel *Macronectes giganteus*

25385*. Nestling banded at Cape Geddes, Laurie Island, South Orkney Island, Antarctica (60°41'S 44°34'W) on 17 April 2007. Recovered sick (is alive and in care at Taronga Zoo Rehabilitation Centre) at Nora Head Beach, NSW (33°17'S 151°34'E) on 25 Dec. 2007. 9461 km S.

* Argentine Banding Scheme band.

Shy Albatross *Thalassarche cauta*

(a) 280-01978. Adult (1+) banded by N.P. Brothers on Albatross Island, Tas. on 14 Nov. 1981. Recovered dead on the west coast of Phillip Island, Vic. on 9 March 2008, over 26 years, 3 months after banding. 211 km N.

(Original band no.140-47477, removed and replaced with the above ABBBS band in Nov. 1982).

(b) 280-05653. Nestling banded by N.P. Brothers on Albatross Island, Tas. on 1 May 1987. Recovered dead at Ansons Bay, north of St. Helens, Tas. on 20 Jan. 2008, over 20 years, 8 months after banding. 315 km ESE.

(c) 280-08553. Nestling banded by N.P. Brothers on Albatross Island, Tas. on 21 March 1986. Recovered dead at Port MacDonnell, SA on 12 Feb. 2008. over 21 years, 10 months after banding. 427 km NNW.

Brahminy Kite *Haliastur indus*

110-91371. Adult (1+) banded by F.L. Kristo at Ten Mile Beach, Bundjalung National Park, NSW on 12 Oct. 1983. Recovered sick, later died at Broadwater Beach Picnic Area, Broadwater National Park, NSW on 7 April 2008, over 24 years, 5 months after banding. 27 km N.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Black-tailed Godwit *Limosa limosa*

072-61957 (plus Leg Flag: Yellow). Adult (2+) banded by AWSG at Beaches Crab Creek Road, Roebuck Bay, Broome, WA (18°00'S 122°22'E) on 13 Aug. 1998. Recovered dead, shot for food or sport at Okhotskiy District, Kukhtuy River Mouth, Khabarovsk, Russia (59°24'N 143°16'E) in May 2007, over 8 years, 9 months after banding. 8812 km N.

NOTE: This is the first recovery of an Australian banded Black-tailed Godwit in Russia.

Bar-tailed Godwit *Limosa lapponica*

071-51226. Immature (1) banded by VWGS on Swan Island,

Queenscliff, Vic. on 30 Dec. 1984. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place on 20 Oct. 2007, over 22 years 9 months after banding.

Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres*

052-24037. (plus Leg Flags: Orange/Yellow). Adult (2+) banded by VWSG at Pelican Point, Carpenter Rocks, SA (37°55'S 14°024'E) on 18 March 2002. Recovered dead, shot for food or sport at Lyarvo Island, Sakhalin O., Russia (52°08'N 143°07'E) on 30 July 2007, over 5 years, 4 months after banding. 10 014 km N.

Sanderling *Calidris alba*

(a) 041-97612. (plus leg flag Right: Orange/Yellow). Adult (2+) banded by VWSG at Brown Bay near Port MacDonnell, SA (38°03'S 140°50'E) on 19 Jan. 1998. Recovered dead, shot for food or sport at Chayvo Bay, North Sakhalin Island, Russia (52°23'N 143°14'E) on 24 Aug. 2007, over 9 years, 7 months after banding. 10 056 km N.

(b) 042-29525. (plus leg flag Right: Orange/Yellow). Adult (2+) banded by VWSG at Danger Point, Brown Bay near Port MacDonnell, SA (38°04'S 140°49'E) on 6 Feb. 2003. Recovered dead, shot for food or sport at Chayvo Bay, North Sakhalin Island, Russia (52°25'N 143°15'E) on 20 July 2007. 10 062 km N.

(c) 042-36321. (plus leg flag Right: Orange/Yellow). Adult (2+) banded by VWSG at Danger Point, Brown Bay near Port MacDonnell, SA (38°04'S 140°49'E) on 11 March 2003. Recovered dead, shot for food or sport at Chayvo Bay, North Sakhalin Island, Russia (52°23'N 143°14'E) on 19 Aug. 2007. 10 058 km N.

(d) 042-36457. (plus leg flag Right: Orange/Yellow). Immature (1) banded by VWSG at Danger Point, Brown Bay near Port MacDonnell, SA (38°04'S 140°49'E) on 11 March 2003. Recovered dead, shot for food or sport at Chayvo Bay, North Sakhalin Island, Russia (52°23'N 143°14'E) on 29 July 2007. 10 058 km N.

(e) 042-44787. (plus leg flag Right: Orange/Yellow). Adult (2+) banded by VWSG at Brown Bay near Port MacDonnell, SA (38°03'S 140°50'E) on 15 March 2005. Recovered dead, shot for food or sport at Chayvo Bay, North Sakhalin Island, Russia (52°23'N 143°14'E) on 26 Aug. 2007. 10 056 km N.

(f) 042-44797. (plus leg flag Right: Orange/Yellow). Adult (2+) banded by VWSG at Brown Bay near Port MacDonnell, SA (38°03'S 140°50'E) on 15 March 2005. Recovered dead, shot for food or sport at Chayvo Bay, North Sakhalin Island, Russia (52°22'N 143°13'E) on 16 Aug. 2007. 10 054 km N.

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NOTE: An additional eight recoveries of Sanderlings banded at the same site in Victoria and recovered under the same circumstances at the same site in Russia were received by the Australian Bird and Bat Banding Office.

Red-necked Stint *Calidris ruficollis*

036-18583. (plus Leg Flag Yellow). Adult (2+) banded by VWSG off Manns Beach, Corner Inlet, Vic. (38°41'S 146°50'E) on 23 Jan. 2005. Recovered dead, shot for food or sport, at Tuguro-Chumikanskiy District, Tugurskiy Bay, Russia (53°45'N 136°47'E) on 15 Aug. 2007. 10 321 km NW.

Sharp-tailed Sandpiper *Calidris acuminata*

Colour Banded: Right leg; Light blue band over green flag on tibia, Metal Band on tarsus; Left Leg; Red band on tibia. One of 29 birds banded, colour marked and flagged at Tutakoke River, central Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta, Alaska, USA (61°14'N 165°37'W) between 16-20 Sept. 2006. Colour markings sighted in field, feeding on mudflats in a mixed group of waders by Margaret Dadd

on Lake Alexandrina, SA (35°25'S 139°10'E) on 1 Jan. 2008. 11
870 km SSW.

NOTE: There have now been two recoveries in the non-breeding
grounds (29 banded out of a flyway population of 160 000). The first
recovery was inferred from the actual band being given to a Medical
Doctor at a remote village in Papua New Guinea. This is the first real
evidence that juvenile Sharp-tailed Sandpiper that travel to the
heartland of their non-breeding area come from their breeding grounds
in Siberia via Alaska.

Beach Stone-curlew *Esacus neglectus*

110-88020. Runner banded by G.P. Clancy at Curlew Island, Wooli
Wooli River, NSW on 16 Nov. 2006. Colour marking sighted in
field, band number inferred, at South West Rocks, NSW on 10 Oct.
2007. 116 km SSW.

Pied Oystercatcher *Haematopus longirostris*

(a) 100-96116. Runner banded by G.P. Clancy near Patches Beach,
South Ballina, NSW on 23 Oct. 2001. Band number read in field
by A. Harrison at South Ballina Beach, NSW on 4 Sep. 2005, 11
km NNE.

(b) 100-92431. Runner banded by G.P. Clancy at Beswicks Beach,
Empire Vale, NSW on 6 Nov. 1998. Band number read in field by
A. Harrison at South Ballina Beach, NSW on 15 Nov. 2005, over 7
years after banding. 2 km NE.

(c) 101-21423. (plus Leg Flag Left Tibia Yellow A5). Nestling banded
by G.P. Clancy at Bundjalong National Park, NSW on 20 Oct.
2006. Readable band sighted in field, band number inferred near
Dunwich, North Stradbroke Island, Qld. on 1 Feb. 2008. 185 km N.

Lesser Sand Plover *Charadrius mongolus*

042-43528. Adult (2+) banded by AWSG at Beaches Crab Creek Road,
Roebuck Bay, Broome, WA (18°00'S 122°22'E) on 1 Dec. 2005.
Recovered dead, shot for food or sport at Noglikskiy District,
Chayvo Bay, Kleye Province, Russia (52°20'N 143°11'E) on 18
July 2007. 8074 km N.

Caspian Tern *Sterna caspia*

091-49353. (plus Leg Flag Orange). Nestling banded by VWSG off
Manns Beach, Corner Inlet, Vic. on 21 Dec. 2006. Recovered
injured, later died at Cleveland Road, south of Townsville, Qld on
2 March 2008. 2144 km N.

NOTE: This bird was sighted earlier on the same day at the same
location by Annette Sutton, but without any physical injuries
(photographs of the individual match).
(This is the longest movement recorded for the species.)

Crested Tern *Sterna bergii*

(a) 071-19613. Nestling banded by M.H. Waterman on Penguin
Island, Beachport, SA on 21 Dec. 1975. Recovered dead at Point
Ricardo, East Gippsland, Vic. on 25 Feb. 2008, over 32 years, 2
months after banding. 757 km E.
(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

(b) 071-95301. Nestling banded by VWSG on Mud Island, Port Phillip
Bay, Vic. on 17 Dec. 1988. Recovered injured by fishing tackle, is
alive in captivity at Frankston Beach, Vic. on 30 Nov. 2007, over
18 years 11 months after banding. 35 km ENE.

Peaceful Dove *Geopelia striata*

062-45858. Adult (1+) banded by A.J. Leishman at Warraderry State
Forest near Grenfell, NSW on 19 April 2003. Recaptured (rescued
from chicken food dispenser) released alive with band at
Jackadgery Station, c.28 km WNW of Grafton, NSW on 6 March

2008, over 4 years, 10 months after banding. 612 km NNE.
(This is the longest movement recorded for the species.)

ERRATUM: In Volume 32, Number 1 at page 24 the recovery for:
050-09553. White-browed Treecreeper *Climacteris affinis* should read
White-browed Babbler *Pomatostomus superciliosus*.