
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.

NPWLSNSW – National Parks and Wildlife Service New South Wales

PSG – Penguin Study Group

TWWSG – Taiwan Wader Study Group.

VWWSG - Victorian Wader Study Group.

Little Penguin *Eudyptula minor*

190-56053. Adult (1+) female banded by PSG at Penguin Parade, Phillip Island, Vic. on 19 Nov. 1990. Recovered dead at Moggs Creek near Airley Inlet, Vic. on 18 April 2008, over 17 years 4 months after banding. 90 km W.

Black-browed Albatross *Thalassarche melanophris*

CF37051* plus Electronic Tag: 915. Nestling banded on Kerguelen Island, Antarcitiques, France (49°21'S 70°13'E), on 27 March 1997. Recaptured, tangled in fishing gear at sea, released alive with band off Port McDonnell, SA (38°28'S 140°51'E) on 19 April 2008, over 11 years after banding. 5572 km E.

* French Banding Scheme band.

Australian White Ibis *Threskiornis molucca*

(a) 121-49830. Nestling banded by NPWSNSW at Lake Gillawarna, Bankstown, NSW on 6 Jan. 2004. Recovered dead, collided with a moving road vehicle at Currumbin Valley, Gold Coast, Qld. on 22 April 2004. 675 km NNE.

- (b) Powder coated colour bands RURdMLUw. Nestling colour banded at Centennial Parklands, Sydney, NSW by NPWSNSW in Dec. 2004. Colour markings sighted in field (cohort only) at a landfill on the Sunshine Coast, Qld. on 20 March 2004. 810 km N.

Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus*

- 083-22779. Adult (3+) banded by AWSG at Beaches Crab Creek Road, Roebuck Bay, Broome, WA (18°00'S 122°22'E) on 13 Nov. 2005. Recovered, shot for food or sport at Ust-Bolsheretskiy District, Pravaya Yavino River, Kamchatka O, Russia (51°38'N 156°35'E) on 8 Sept. 2007. 8423 km N.

Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres*

- 052-51862 plus Engraved Flag: RL Orange S8/Blue. Adult (2+) banded by VWG at Surprise Bay, King Island, Tas. (40°07'S 143°54'E) on 22 March 2007. Flag sighted, band number inferred at Shinkawa Estuary, Otaru, Hokkaido, Japan (43°10'N 141°14'E) on 8 Aug. 2007. 9262 km N.

Red Knot *Calidris canutus*

- 052-29671. Immature (1) banded by VWG off Manns Beach, Corner Inlet, Vic. (38°41'S 146°50'E) on 5 Feb. 2006. Recovered, shot at Ola Lagoon, north coast of Okhotsk, east of Magadan, Russia (59°35'N 151°24'E) on 26 May 2008. 10 932 km N.

(Specimen is held with band at the Zoological Museum, Moscow University).

Pied Oystercatcher *Haematopus longirostris*

- 100-82059. Adult banded (2) by VWG at Rhyll, Philip Island, Vic. on 1 March 1980. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place on 24 March 2008, over 28 years after banding.

(Bird also banded with ABBBS band no 101-26623 plus Engraved flag: Orange B6.)

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Sooty Oystercatcher *Haematopus fuliginosus*

- 100-99543. Adult (3+) banded by VWG off Manns Beach, Corner Inlet, Vic. on 22 March 1992. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place on 4 July 2008, over 16 years 3 months after banding.

Oriental Pratincole *Glareola maldivarum*

- 052-27907 plus Leg Flag: Yellow. Adult (2+) banded by AWSG 10 km North of Anna Plains, WA (19°10'S 121°35'E) on 4 Feb. 2004. Band number read in field (bird not trapped) by the TWG at Tai-Pao, Chia-I, Taiwan (23°28'N 120°18'E) between 8-10 June 2008, over 4 years 4 months after banding.

(This is the first International Recovery for this species)

Brown Skua *Catharacta antarctica loonbergi*

- DZ22257*. Adult (1+) banded on Kerguelen Island, Terres Australes et Antarctiques, France (49°21'S 70°13'E) on 5 Jan. 2006. Recovered dead, tangled in fishing gear at Long Reef, north of Sydney, NSW (33°44'S 151°18'E) on 29 July 2008. 6631 km ENE.

* French Banding Scheme band

Silver Gull *Larus novaehollandiae*

- 082-57394. Nestling banded by D.G. Nicholls on Mud Island, Port Phillip Bay, Vic. on 13 Oct. 1985. Recovered dead at Naracoopa, King Island, Tas. on 5 May 2008, over 22 years, 6 months after banding. 193 km SSW.

White-browed Scrubwren *Sericornis frontalis*

- 025-75359. Immature (1) female banded by G.R. Fry at Mount Annan Botanic Gardens, Campbelltown, NSW on 16 Sep. 2000. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place eleven times, the last occasion on 26 July 2008, over 7 years 10 months after banding.

Yellow Thornbill *Acanthiza nana*

- 016-69449. Adult (1+) banded by R. Jacobs at Munghorn Gap Nature Reserve, near Mudgee, NSW, on 2 April 1994. Recaptured at banding place four times, the last occasion by G.R. Fry on 30 May 2008, over 14 years 1 month after banding.

(Bird also banded with ABBBS band no 018-57865)

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Golden Whistler *Pachycephala pectoralis*

- 034-48599. Adult (3+) female banded by A.M. Leishman at Mount Annan Botanic Gardens, Campbelltown, NSW on 19 Aug.. 2000. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place four times, the last occasion on 14 June 2008, over 7 years 9 months after banding.

Australian Magpie *Gymnorhina tibicen*

- (a) 091-05316. Adult (2+) female banded by S.M. Davey at the Australian National University/Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT on 25 April 1989. Recovered sick, is (in care with band) at the Australian National University, Canberra, ACT on 11 July 2008, over 19 years 2 months after banding. 2 km SSE.

- (b) 091-17045. Adult (2+) male banded by S.G. Lane at Moonee, near Coffs Harbour, NSW on 5 Aug. 1990. Band number read in field (bird not trapped) near banding place on 22 July 2008, over 17 years 11 months after banding.

White-winged Chough *Corcorax melanorhamphos*

- 091-28764. Adult (1+) female banded by R.G. Heinsohn at the National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT, on 25 Oct. 1993. Recaptured, released alive without band at Acton, ACT by D.A. Drynan on 23 June, 2008, over 14 years 7 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Common Blackbird *Turdus merula*

- 062-23349. Adult (2+) male banded by A.M. Leishman at Mount Annan Botanic Gardens, Campbelltown, NSW on 30 Dec. 2000. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place twice, the last occasion on 26 July 2008, over 7 years 6 months after banding.

(The bird was also banded with ABBBS band no. 061-34293)