

# 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.

VWSG - Victorian Wader Study Group.

## Bar-tailed Godwit *Limosa lapponica*

072-64977 (Plus Leg Flag: Orange). Immature (1) banded by VWSG off Manns Beach, Corner Inlet, Vic. (38° 41'S 146° 50'E) on 17 June 2000. Recaptured, released alive with band 13 km SEE of Nome, Alaska, USA (64° 28'N 165° 08'W) on 20 June 2009, over 9 years after banding. 12 208 km NNE.

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

NOTE: When the bird was recaptured the Orange geographical cohort flag (Victoria) was replaced with an Alaska alpha-numeric 'J4' – black with white characters. The Australian metal band remains and no North American metal bands were added.

## Gull-billed Tern *Gelochelidon nilotica*

063-03405 (Plus engraved flag: Yellow Z5). Adult (2+) banded by AWSG at Beaches Crab Creek Road, Roebuck Bay, Broome, WA (18° 00'S 122° 22'E) on 10 Nov. 2008. Readable flag sighted in field, band number inferred at Mai Po Marshes, Hong Kong, China, (22° 29'N 114° 02'E) by Yu Yat Tung on 18 April 2009.

NOTE: The first sighting of a Gull-billed Tern flagged in Australia and seen overseas – in fact, the first direct evidence of migratory movement by this species.

Clive Minton notes: "It is really is wonderfully exciting for us. It is the first flagged or banded Gull-billed Tern report we have received from outside Australia. We knew that some of the birds here were of the *affinis* race, which comes from Asia, because they are very much smaller than the *macrotaurus* race which breeds in Australia. We have caught, banded and flagged several hundred GBTs over the years and about 20% of these have been *affinis*. We also see them departing in small flocks in March and April from northwest Australia at the same time as various waders are leaving on northward migration. It is really nice to have proof that some of our birds do come from the Northern Hemisphere."

## Tropical Scrubwren *Sericornis beccarii*

018-06933. Adult (1+) female banded by A. Overs at Iron Range National Park, Cape York Peninsula, Qld. on 19 Aug. 1997. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place by W. Goulding on 9 Nov. 2008, over 11 years, 2 months after banding.

## Yellow-spotted Honeyeater *Meliphaga notata*

042-04162. Adult (1+) banded by W. Martin at Iron Range National Park, Cape York Peninsula, Qld. on 19 Aug. 1997. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place, three times, the last occasion by J. Coleman on 9 Nov. 2008, over 11 years, 2 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

## Blue-faced Honeyeater *Entomyzon cyanotis*

071-98143. Adult (2+) female banded by G. P. Clancy at Coutts Crossing, near Grafton, NSW on 11 June 2002. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place on 27 June 2009, over 7 years after banding.

## Tawny-breasted Honeyeater *Xanthotis flaviventris*

040-85624. Adult (1+) banded by M. Clayton at Iron Range National Park, Cape York Peninsula, Qld. on 16 Nov. 1999. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place by C. Elliot on 11 Nov. 2008, over 8 years, 11 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

## Little Shrike-thrush *Colluricincla megarrhyncha*

041-48532. Adult (1+) banded by K. Wood at Iron Range National Park, Cape York Peninsula, Qld. on 20 Nov. 1990. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place twice, the last occasion by A. Leavesley on 9 Nov. 2008, over 17 years, 11 months after banding.

041-49334. Adult (1+) banded by R. Allen at Iron Range National Park, Cape York Peninsula, Qld. on 20 Nov. 1990. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place by C. Elliot on 14 Nov. 2008, over 17 years, 11 months after banding.

041-50786. Adult (1+) banded by M. Clayton at Iron Range National Park, Cape York Peninsula, Qld. on 20 Nov. 1990. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place by D. Brewer on 15 Nov. 2008, over 17 years, 11 months after banding.

042-05506. Adult (1+) banded by A. Overs at Iron Range National Park, Cape York Peninsula, Qld. on 22 Aug. 1997. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place by D. Brewer on 15 Nov. 2008, over 11 years, 2 months after banding.

## White-faced Robin *Tregellasia leucops*

023-43292. Adult (1+) banded by M. Clayton at Iron Range National Park, Cape York Peninsula, Qld. on 23 Nov. 1990. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place by J. Coleman on 14 Nov. 2008, over 17 years, 11 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

025-68057. Adult (1+) banded by W. Klau at Iron Range National Park, Cape York Peninsula, Qld. on 16 Aug. 1997. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place by W. Martin on 10 Nov. 2008, over 11 years, 2 months after banding.

## Australian Magpie *Cracticus tibicen*

090-32772. Rehabilitated bird (1+) banded by Taronga Zoo Rehabilitation Programme and released at North Ryde Golf Course, NSW on 25 April 1994. Recovered injured, later died at Epping, NSW on 1 Oct. 2009, over 15 years, 5 months after banding. 5 km NNW.