

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.

PSG - Penguin Study Group

SOSSA - Southern Ocean Seabird Study Group

WASR - Western Australian Seabird Rescue

Wandering Albatross *Diomedea exulans*

J18397*. Nestling banded on Marion Island, South Indian Ocean, South Africa (46°51'S 37°44'E) on 24 July 2004. Recaptured, released alive with two or more bands 110 - 80 nautical miles to sea off Ulludulla, NSW (35°37'S 151°44'E) by SOSSA on 20 Oct. 2008. 8731 km ESE.

*South African Bird Ringing Unit band.

Campbell Albatross *Thalassarche impavida*

M46983*. Nestling banded on Campbell Island, New Zealand (52°30'S 169°00'E) on 30 March 1988. Recaptured, released alive with 2 or more bands 110 - 80 nautical miles to sea off Ulludulla, NSW (35°37'S 151°44'E) by SOSSA on 20 Oct. 2008, over 20 years 6 months after banding. 2316 km NW.

(The bird was also banded with ABBBS band no. 132-04479.)

* New Zealand Banding Scheme band.

White-capped Albatross *Thalassarche steadi*

280-12875. Adult (1+) banded by SOSSA at sea east of Wollongong, NSW (34°25'S 151°00'E) on 13 Aug. 1995. Band number read in field (bird not trapped) at Castaways Bay, Disappointment Island, New Zealand (50°36'S 165°59'E) on 9 Dec. 2008, over 13 years 3 months after banding. 2169 km SSE.

Northern Giant-Petrel *Macronectes halli*

132-30736. Nestling banded by R.P. Gales on Macquarie Island, Tas. (54°30'S 158°55'E) on 16 Jan. 2008. Recovered dead at Lagoon Rocha Bar, Uruguay (34°30'S 55°19'W) on 18 Nov. 2008. 9588 km SSE.

Wedge-tailed Shearwater *Ardenna pacifica*

161-82763. Nestling banded by S.G. Lane on Mutton Bird Island, Coffs Harbour, NSW on 18 April 1986. Recovered dead at Arrawarra Beach near Ocean View, NSW on 1 Feb. 2009, over 22 years, 9 months after banding. 26 km N.

Short-tailed Shearwater *Ardenna tenuirostris*

(a) 160-19858. Adult (1+) banded by T.W. Pescott on Griffiths Island, Port Fairy, Vic. on 17 Dec. 1960. Recovered dead at Port Fairy Beach, Vic. on 10 April 2009, over 48 years 3 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

(b) 161-33101. Nestling banded by V.H. Yeoman on Griffiths Island, Port Fairy, Vic. on 23 April 1974. Recovered dead at Port Fairy Beach, Vic. on 10 April 2009, over 34 years 11 months after banding.

Little Penguin *Eudyptula minor*

(a) 190-56747. Nestling banded by PSG on the eastern side of Port Phillip Bay, Vic. on 26 Nov. 1990. Recovered sick, later died at South Werribee Beach, Vic. on 2 Feb. 2009, over 18 years 2 months after banding. 73 km NNW.

(b) 190-64022. Nestling banded by PSG at Penguin Parade, Phillip Island, Vic. on 25 Nov. 1991. Recovered dead at Squeaky Beach, Wilsons Promontory, Vic. on 19 April 2009, over 17 years, 4 months after banding. 115 km ESE.

Masked Booby *Sula dactylatra*

131-50714. Nestling banded by O.R. Evans on Philip Island, Norfolk Island (29°07'S 167°57'E) on 19 Dec. 1985. Band number read in field (bird not trapped) at banding place on 6 Dec. 2008, over 22 years 11 months after banding.

131-50755. Juvenile banded by O.R. Evans on Philip Island, Norfolk Island (29°07'S 167°57'E) on 30 Nov. 1986. Band number read in field (bird not trapped) at banding place on 6 Dec. 2008, over 22 years after banding.

Brown Booby *Sula leucogaster*

121-19596. Banded by A. Stokes on Christmas Island, Indian Ocean (10°29'S 105°35'E) on 16 Aug. 1985. Recovered dead near banding place on 10 May 2009, over 23 years 8 months after banding. 4km E.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Australian Pelican *Pelecanus conspicillatus*

170-05612. Immature (1) banded at Rockingham, WA on 14 July 1993. Recovered sick, at Soldiers Cove, Mandurah Central, WA, on 3 Feb. 2009, currently in captivity with WASR, over 15 years 6 months after banding. 28 km S.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Eastern Osprey *Pandion cristatus*

280-06219. Nestling banded by C.P.S. de Rebeira on Garden Island, WA on 21 Nov. 1990. Band number read in field (bird not trapped) by M. O'Brien at Claremont, WA on 8 Jan. 2009, over 18 years 1 month after banding. 26 km NNE.

Little Curlew *Numenius minutus*

063-03790. (plus Engraved Yellow Leg Flag L2.). Adult (2+) banded by AWSG at Beaches Crab Creek Road, Roebuck Bay, Broome, WA on 28 Nov. 2008. Readable flag sighted in the field 50-55 km south of Anna Plains on 80 Mile Beach, WA by A. Boyle on 12 Dec. 2008. 216 km S.

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