

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.

NSWNPWSSP – NSW National Parks and Wildlife Seabird Project

QWSG – Queensland Wader Study Group

VWSG – Victorian Wader Study Group.

Eastern Osprey *Pandion cristatus*

280-12702. Nestling banded by G. P. Clancy at Woodford Island, near Maclean, NSW on 15 Sep. 2000. Colour bands sighted in field (band number inferred) at Romiaka Channel, near Yamba, NSW on 25 June 2009, over 8 years 9 months after banding. 15 km ENE.

Australian Pied Oystercatcher *Haematopus longirostris*

(a) 100-92431. Nestling banded by G.P. Clancy at Beswicks Beach, Empire Vale, NSW on 6 Nov. 1998. Band number read in field (bird not trapped) at Patches Beach, south-west of Ballina, NSW by R. Moffatt on 6 Nov. 2008, over 10 years after banding. 5 km SSW

(b) 100-92437. Nestling banded by G.P. Clancy south-west of Patches Beach, Ballina, NSW on 31 Oct. 1999. Band number read in field (bird not trapped) at South Ballina Beach, NSW on 17 March 2009, over 9 years, 4 months after banding. 10 km NNE

(c) 101-27772. (plus Engraved Flag Yellow H9). Nestling banded by G.P. Clancy south-west of Patches Beach, Ballina, NSW on 13 Nov. 2008. Readable flag sighted in field (band number inferred) at:

(1) Broadwater National Park, NSW on 1 Jan. 2009.

(2) Broadwater National Park, NSW on 27 Jan 2009. 2 km S.

Bar-tailed Godwit *Limosa lapponica*

(a) 072-62164. Adult (1+) female banded by QWSG at Reeders Point, Moreton Island, Qld (27°21'S 153°25'E) on 22 June 1997. Recovered dead, shot for food or sport at Cape Avinof, Alaska, USA (59°49'N 164°05'W) on 6 Sep. 2008, over 11 years 2 months after banding. 10438 km NNE.

(b) 073-22717. (plus Engraved Leg Flag: Yellow AHU). Adult (2+) banded by AWSG at Beaches Crab Creek Road, Roebuck Bay, Broome, WA (18°00'S 122°22'E) on 8 July 2007. There have been 16 resightings at Roebuck Bay, Broome WA since banding, the last being on 21 March 2008 and two resighting at Egegik Bay, Alaska, USA (58°10'N 157°30'W) on 20 July 2008 and 19 Aug. 2008. 11136 km NNE.

(c) 073-36682. Adult (3+) male banded by VWSG at Barry Beach, Corner Inlet, Vic. (38°42'S 146°23'E) on 25 March 2008. Recovered dead, shot for food or sport at Cape Avinof, Alaska, USA (59°49'N 164°05'W) on 6 Sep. 2008. 11851 km NNE.

Sanderling *Calidris alba*

041-91698. Adult (2+) banded by VWSG at Brown Bay, 15 km east of Port MacDonnell, SA (38°03'S 140°50'E) on 6 Feb. 1995. Recovered dead, shot for food on sport at Noglikskiy District, Chayvo Bay, Russia (52°25'N 143°16'E) on 6 Aug. 2008, over 13 years 6 months after banding. 10060 km N.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

(This bird has been recaptured at banding place on numerous occasions.)

Red-necked Stint *Calidris ruficollis*

2R93321*. Juvenile banded at Takamatsu Beach, Kahoku, Ishikawa Pref., Japan (36°46'N 136°43'E) on 29 Sep. 2001. Recaptured, released alive with band at Buffalo Creek near Lee Point, Darwin, NT (12°20'S 130°55'E) by R. Chatto and C. Minton on 28 Oct. 2008, over 7 years after banding. 5492 km S.

*Japanese Bird Banding Scheme band.

Little Tern *Sternula albifrons*

(a) 041-60431 (plus Leg Flags L metal/yellow, R blue/dk green). Adult (2+) banded by VWSG at Spermwhale Head/ Ocean Grange area, Vic. on 9 March 1991. Recaptured, released alive with band at Lake Conjola, NSW by NSWNPWSSP on 5 Jan. 2009, over 17 years, 9 months after banding. 388 km NE.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

(b) 041-80358 (plus Leg Flags L blue/red, R yellow/metal). Adult (2+) banded by NSWNPWSSP at Dredge Spoil Island, Forster/Tuncurry, NSW on 27 Feb. 1993. Colour markings sighted in field (band no. inferred) at Lake Wollumboola, Nowra, NSW by J. Pegler on 9 Feb. 2009, over 15 years 11 months after banding. 346 km SSW.

Kelp Gull *Larus dominicanus*

111-12803. Nestling banded by W.C. Wakefield on Green Island, D'Entrecasteaux Channel, Tas. on 19 Jan. 1992. Recovered dead between Alannah Jetty and Sheepwash Bay, Bruny Island, Tas on 12 April 2009, over 17 years, 2 months after banding. 10 km SSW.

Yellow Thornbill *Acanthiza nana*

014-78365. Adult (1+) banded by A.J. Leishman at Mount Annan Botanic Gardens, Campbelltown, NSW on 8 Feb. 2003. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place twice, the last occasion on 16 May 2009, over 6 years 3 months after banding.

Fuscous Honeyeater *Lichenostomus fuscus*

024-39695 Adult (2+) banded by G. P. Clancy at South Grafton Water Reserve on 18 July 2001. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place by W. Greenlees on 21 Mar 2009, over 7 years 8 months after banding

Noisy Miner *Manorina melanocephala*

061-77182. 1+ banded by G. P. Clancy at Levenstrath, near Coutts Crossing, near Grafton, NSW on 11 Sep. 2001. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place on 5 June 2009, 7 years 8 months after banding.