

I hope this volume is the first of several on Australasia, and that future volumes will, among other things, correct any errors, shortcomings or omissions (e.g. the Birds Australia regional and special-interest groups) in 'Flight of the Emu' (cf. *Australian Bird Watcher* **19**: 205–207). Possible topics might include histories of the various other state museums, e.g. the Australian Museum, Queensland Museum, Museum Victoria and its H.L. White Collection, and the South Australian Museum; profiles of academic ornithologists and their work at the various universities; and perhaps a history of the Australian Bird Banders Association—ABSA and its publications (*Australian Bird Bander—Corella*) and key personnel. I would also like to see an exposé of the incompetence, by an inept bureaucracy, and persecution of Julian Ford, after his great service to ornithology, that ultimately led to his tragic and untimely death: an ugly blot on our ornithological history.

It must be a sign of the times, and of the Australian ethos, that this book was produced offshore rather than in the country whose history it relates. Would that funding sources, governments and publishers see fit to produce future such volumes here! Finally, it is appropriate to acknowledge that two of the featured greats, Ian Rowley and Allen Keast (not Allan, cf. Chapter 5), died soon after the book was published: a sad finale to the story so far, though their work will influence the playing-out of future chapters for years to come.

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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.

CWS – PORG. Canadian Wildlife Service – Polar Oceans Research Group.

VWSG – Victorian Wader Study Group.

Black-browed Albatross *Thalassarche melanophris*

CF43795*. Nestling banded on Kerguelen Islands, Terres Australes et Antarctiques, France (49°21'S 70°13'E) on 22 March 2009. Recovered dead at Lucky Bay Beach, Cape Le Grande National Park, WA (33°59'S 122°14'E) by D. Gosper on 14 Oct. 2009. 4540 km NE.

* French Banding Scheme band.

Shy Albatross *Thalassarche cauta*

(a) 280-10825. Nestling banded by N.P. Brothers on Albatross Island, Tas. on 20 March 1988. Recovered dead on Three Hummock Island, Tas. on 30 Dec. 2009, over 21 years 9 months after banding. 16 km ESE.

(b) 280-11181. Nestling banded by N.P. Brothers on Albatross Island, Tas. on 1 May 1987. Recovered dead, at Waratah Bay, South Gippsland, Vic. on 10 Dec. 2009, over 22 years 7 months after banding. 212 km NNE.

Yellow-nosed Albatross *Thalassarche chlororhynchos*

121-35759. Immature (1) banded by M.H. Waterman at sea south of Kangaroo Island SA (36°30'S 138°00'E) on 15 Dec. 1995. Recaptured, released alive with band on Amsterdam Island, Terres Australes et Antarctiques, France (37°41'S 77°31'E) on 8 Dec. 2009, over 13 years, 11 months after banding. 5268 km WSW.

Southern Giant-Petrel *Macronectes giganteus*

(a) 1048-22553*. Nestling banded by the CWS-PORG near Palmer Station, Anverse Island, Antarctica (64°46'S 64°04'W) on 24 Feb. 2009. Recovered sick, is alive in captivity with band at Waterman, 15 km north of Perth, WA (31°50'S 115°45'E) on 17 July 2009. 9271 km S.

(b) 1048-22853*. Nestling banded at Palmer Station, Anverse Island, Antarctica, USA (64°40'S 63°50'W) on 27 Feb. 2009. Recovered dead, at Ceduna Jetty, SA (32°07'S 133°40'E) on 10 June 2009. 9143 km S.

*USA Bird Banding Scheme band

NOTE: This bird and band has been lodged at the South Australian Museum

(c) 1009*. Nestling banded at Cape Geddes, Laurie Island, South Orkney Islands, Antarctica (60°41'S 44°34'W) on 3 April 2009. Recovered dead near Gregory, WA (28°10'S 114°14'E) on 10 July 2009. 9947 km SSE.

(d) 1078*. Nestling banded at Cape Geddes, Laurie Island, South Orkney Islands, Antarctica (60°41'S 44°34'W) on 3 April 2009. Recaptured exhausted, is in rehabilitation with band at Singleton Beach, WA (32°27'S 115°45'E) on 17 July 2009. 9503 km SSE.

*Argentine Banding Scheme band.

- (e) 131-99641. Nestling banded by N.P. Brothers on Macquarie Island, Tas. (54°30'S 158°55'E) on 24 Jan. 1998. Recovered dead at Big Hellfire Beach, Stewart Island, New Zealand (46°49'S 167°43'E) on 19 Nov. 2009, over 11 years, 9 months after banding. 1054 km NNE.

Northern Giant-Petrel *Macronectes halli*

- (a) CF44096*. Nestling banded on Crozet Islands, Terres Australes et Antarctiques, France (46°25'S 51°51'E) on 29 Dec. 2008. Recovered dead at South Beach, Wollongong, NSW (34°26'S 150°54'E) on 19 Nov. 2009. 7929 km ESE.

*French Banding Scheme band.

- (b) 132-01069. Nestling banded by N.P. Brothers on Macquarie Island, Tas. (54°30'S 158°55'E) on 27 Feb. 1998. Recaptured, released alive with band (on chick) on Ile du Prince de Monaco, Archipel de Kerguelen, Terres Australes et Antarctiques, France (49°36'S 69°14'E) on 30 Dec. 2009, over 11 years, 10 months after banding. 5729 km WNW
- (c) 132-27357. Nestling banded by R.P. Gales on Macquarie Island, Tas. (54°30'S 158°55'E) on 18 Jan. 2009. Recovered dead on Portezuelo Beach, west of Punta Del Este, Uruguay, South America (34°53'S 55°02'W) on 13 Sep. 2009. 9556 km SSE.

Short-tailed Shearwater *Ardenna tenuirostris*

- (a) 162-43860. Nestling banded by P.B. du Guesclin on Griffiths Island, Port Fairy, Vic. (38°23'S 142°14'E) on 1 May 1998. Recovered dead (shot for food or sport) at Dolinskiy District, Starodubskoe, Sakhalin O. Russia (47°24'N 142°48'E) on 16 April 2009, over 10 years, 11 months after banding. 9536 km N.
- (b) 162-61630. Nestling banded by C.E. Meathrel on Great Dog Island, Bass Strait, Tas. (40°15'S 148°15'E) on 9 March 2007. Recovered dead (shot for food or sport) at Petropavlovsk-Kamchatskiy, Khalaktyrskiy Playazh, Kamchatka O. Russia (53°05'N 159°00'E) in Sept. 2008, 10427 km N.

Royal Penguin *Eudyptes chrysolophus schlegeli*

290-08319. Adult (2+) male banded by C.L. Hull on Macquarie Island, Tas. on 31 Jan. 1994. Band number read in field, bird not trapped (in breeding colony) by M.A. Hindell on 24 Nov. 2009, over 15 years 9 months after banding. 7 km SSW.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Little Penguin *Eudyptula minor*

190-88730. Adult (1+) female banded by R.P. Gales at Low Head, Tas. on 14 July 1995. Band number read in field, bird not trapped at banding place on 2 Jan. 2010, over 14 years, 5 months after banding.

NOTE: This penguin was banded after being affected by a major oilspill in 1995, it was rehabilitated, banded and released, and is still in the breeding colony after 14 years.

Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus*

270-08369. Nestling female banded by V.G. Hurley at Penrose Property, Grenville, Vic. on 24 Oct. 1998. Recovered dead at Riddells Creek, Vic. on 8 May 2009, over 10 years, 6 months after banding. 77 km ENE.

Great Knot *Calidris tenuirostris*

- (a) 051-92733. Adult (3+) banded by AWSG at Beaches Crab Creek Road, Roebuck Bay, Broome, WA (18°00'S 122°22'E) on 29 Aug. 1998. Recovered dead, (shot for food or sport) at Ozerpakh, Nikolaevskiy District, Khabarovsk, Russia (53°03'N 141°14'E) on 3 Aug. 2008, over 9 years, 11 months after banding. 8104 km N.

- (b) 061-63795. Adult (2+) banded by P.V. Driscoll on Bishop Island, mouth of Brisbane River, Qld. (27°21'S 153°10'E) on 21 Oct. 1990. Recovered dead, (shot for food or sport) at Kosa, Petrovskaya, Khabarovsk, Russia (53°28'N 141°03'E) in Aug. 2007, over 16 years, 9 months after banding. 9060 km N.

Red Knot *Calidris canutus*

- 052-29516. Adult (3+) banded by VWSG on Swan Island, Queenscliff, Vic. (38°15'S 144°40'E) on 22 Oct. 2005. Recovered dead, (shot for food or sport) at Nikolaevskiy District, Okhotskoe More, Schastya Bay, Chaechnyy Island, Russia (53°22'N 141°12'E) between 7 and 10 July 2008. 10190 km N.

Curlew Sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea*

- (a) 042-43859. Immature (1) banded by AWSG on the Shores of 80 Mile Beach, WA (19°15'S 121°20'E) on 16 Nov. 2006. Recovered dead, (shot for food or sport) at Bytantay River, Kustur, Verkhoyanskiy District, Yakutia, Russia (67°55'N 131°25'E) on 28 May 2007. 9725 km N.
- (b) KS10121*. Adult (2+) female banded at Taimyr, Khatanga District, Verkhnyaya River, Taimyra, Russia (74°08'N 99°34'E) on 28 June 2005. Recaptured, released alive with band at Beaches Crab Creek Road, Roebuck Bay, Broome, WA (18°00'S 122°22'E) by AWSG on 17 Oct. 2009, 10372 km SSE.

* Russian Banding Scheme band.

South Polar Skua *Stercorarius maccormicki*

DZ16730*. Nestling banded at Adelie Land, Terres Australes et Antarctiques, France (66°40'S 140°01'E) on 1 Jan. 1990. Band number read in field, (bird not captured) at Mawsons Hut, Cape Denison, Commonwealth Bay, Antarctica (67°00'S 142°40'E) on the following dates, 20 Dec. 2006, 14 Jan. 2010 & 16 Jan. 2010, over 20 years after banding. 122 km ESE.

* French Banding Scheme band.

Roseate Tern *Sterna dougallii*

5A06978*. Adult (2+) banded at Nagannu, Keise Island, Okinawa Pref. Japan (26°16'N 127°33'E) on 27 July 1990. Recaptured, released alive with band by AWSG on Bacchi Cay, Swain Reefs, Great Barrier Reef, Qld. (21°38'S 152°23'E) on 31 Jan. 2009, over 18 years, 6 months after banding. 5959 km SSE.

* Japanese Bird Banding Scheme band.

Golden Whistler *Pachycephala pectoralis*

- (a) 033-63949 Adult (2+) banded by G. P. Clancy on Susan Island, Grafton, NSW on 12 Aug 2002. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place on 30 Aug 2009, over 7 years after banding.
- (b) 034-36796. Adult (2) banded by A.J. Leishman at Iluka Nature Reserve, NSW on 24 Aug. 1996. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place (as adult female) by G.P. Clancy on 5 May 2009, over 12 years, 8 months after banding.
- (c) 034-61495. Adult (1+) female banded by K. Egan at Agnes Banks Nature Reserve, NSW on 16 May 1999. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place three times, the last occasion by C. Young on 17 May 2009, 10 years after banding.
- (d) 035-17034. Adult (2+) female banded by A. Huggett at Iluka Nature Reserve, NSW on 25 Aug. 2001. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place by A. Overs on 4 May 2009, over 7 years, 8 months after banding.