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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.

NSW NPWS SP - NSW NPWS Seabird Project.

SOSSA - Southern Ocean Seabird Study Group.

Black-browed Albatross Thalassarche melanophris

121-49320 plus Readable Band: Silver with black 040. Nestling banded by R.P. Gales on Macquarie Island, Tas. (54°30'S 158°55'E) on 17 Mar. 2005. Band number and colour markings sighted on bird at nest on Bird Island, South Georgia, Antarctica (54°00'S 38°02'W) by British Antarctic Survey on 25 Feb. 2010. 7849 km S.

Shy Albatross Thalassarche cauta

280-04192. Nestling banded by N.P. Brothers at Padra Banca, Tas. on 12 Mar. 1984. Recovered dead west of Airley Inlet, Vic. on 11 Mar. 2010, over 25 years, 11 months after banding. 647 km NNW.

Southern Giant-Petrel Macronectes giganteus

(a) 130-22412. Nestling banded by G.G. Robertson at Langdon Point, Macquarie Island, Tas. on 14 Mar. 1970. Recovered dead near banding place by R.P. Gales on 8 July 2009, over 39 years, 3 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

- (b) 132-01069. Nestling banded by N.P. Brothers on Macquarie Island, Tas. (54°30'S, 158°55'E) on 27 Feb. 1998. Band number read on bird at nest (sitting on chick) on Ile du Prince de Monaco, Archipel de Kerguelen, Terres Australes et Antarctiques, France (49°36'S 69°14'E) on 27 Dec. 2009, over 11 years 10 months after banding. 5729 km SW.
- (c) 132-27645. Nestling banded by R.P. Gales on Macquarie Island, Tas. (54°30'S, 158°55'E) on 2 Mar. 2009. Recovered dead on the shoreline of the Pan de Azucar National Park, Atacama's Region, Chile (26°08'S, 70°40'W) on 22 Dec. 2009. 9874 km SE.

Little Penguin Eudyptula minor

190-39888. Nestling banded by R.D. Wooller on Penguin Island off Rockingham, WA on 30 Aug. 1990. Recovered injured, later died at Warnbro Sound, Safety Bay, WA on 19 Mar. 2010, over 19 years, 6 months after banding. 5 km ESE.

(This bird had been a regular breeder in the nest boxes on Penguin Island.)

Curlew Sandpiper Calidris ferruginea

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 Dist. Yakutia, Russia (67°55'N, 131°25'E) on 28 May 2007. 9725 km N.

Brown Skua Stercorarius antarcticus

- 111-20065. Adult (2+) banded by SOSSA at sea east of Wollongong, NSW (34°25'S, 151°00'E) on 21 Aug. 2005. Recorded at:
- (1) Recaptured, released alive with band, tangled in fishing line at Arakoon near South West Rocks, NSW on 6 June 2006.
- (2) Recovered dead at Sandy Bay, Macquarie Island, Tas. (54°30S, 158°55'E) by R.P. Gale on 8 Dec. 2009. 2316 km SSE

Little Tern Sternula albifrons

- 041-78318. plus Colour Bands: Left: Green/White Right: Mauve/metal. Nestling banded by NSW NPWS SP at Towra Point, Botany Bay, NSW on 5 Jan. 1993. Colour markings sighted in field, band number inferred 14 times as follows:
- (1) Twice at Towra Point in 1993.
- (2) Once at Kingscliff, NSW by C. Minton on 26 Sept. 1994. 680 km N.
- (3) Ten times in the Botany Bay area from 1998 to 2002.
- (4) At Karagi Point, The Entrance, NSW by A.K. Morris on 30 Jan. 2010, over 17 years after banding. 83 km N.

Australian Magpie Cracticus tibicen

091-24065. Adult (1+) male banded by the WA Rehabilitation Group at Sawyers Valley, WA on 7 June 1993. Recovered injured, mercy killed at Mundaring, WA on 13 Feb. 2010, over 16 years, 8 months after banding. 4 km W.

Silvereye Zosterops lateralis

018-71310. Adult (1+) banded by F. Matter at Mount Annan Botanic Gardens, Campbelltown, NSW on 28 Jan. 2002. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place twice, the last occasion by A.J. Leishman on 20 Feb. 2010, over 8 years 1 month after banding.