

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 abbreviation appear in this issue:

AWSG - Australasian Wader Study Group.

BBO - Broome Bird Observatory

SOSSA - Southern Oceans Seabird Study Association.

VWSG - Victorian Wader Study Group

Wandering Albatross *Diomedea exulans*

BS27647 (plus Readable Band: White J26). Adult (6+) female banded on the Crozet Islands, Terres Australes et Antarctiques, France (46°25'00"S 51°51'00"E) on 1 March 1975. Readable band sighted in field, band number inferred at sea off Port Stephens, NSW (32°54'26"S 152°34'01"E), 36 years 7 months after banding. 8159 km SSE.

Black-browed Albatross *Thalassarche melanophrys*

CF31373. (plus Readable Band: White C47). Adult (6+) banded on the Kerguelen Islands, Terres Australes et Antarctiques, France, (49°21'00"S 70°13'00"E) on 1 Nov. 1989. Readable band sighted in field, band number inferred at sea off Portland, Victoria (38°45'45"S 141°23'38"E) on 14 Aug. 2011, over 21 years 9 months after banding. 5591 km SSE.

Grey-headed Albatross *Thalassarche chrysostoma*

0568-37205. Nestling banded on Bird Island, South Georgia, Antarctic, USA (54° 00'S 38° 02'W) on 7 April 1963. Recovered dead at Goolwa Beach, SA (35° 31'S 138° 46'E) on 7 June 2010, 47 years 2 months after banding. 10 054 km S.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Indian Yellow-nosed Albatross *Thalassarche c.bassi*

CF41199. (plus Readable Band: White P52). Adult (5+) banded on the Kerguelen Islands, Terres Australes et Antarctiques, France, (49°21'S 70°13'E) on 28 Dec. 2006. Readable band sighted in field, band number inferred at sea east of Wollongong, NSW by SOSSA (34°25'S 151°00'E) on 20 Aug. 2011. 6560 km ESE.

Wedge-tailed Shearwater *Puffinus pacificus*

161-70421. Nestling banded by N.M. Swanson on Muttonbird Island, Coffs Harbour, NSW on 27 April 1981. Recaptured released alive with band at banding place on 16 Sep. 2011, over 30 years 4 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Great-winged Petrel *Pterodroma macroptera*

083-15132. Adult (1+) banded by SOSSA at sea off Tomakin, NSW (35°50'S 150°15'E) on 9 Feb. 2003. Recaptured, released alive with band on East Island, New Zealand (37°41'S 178°35'E) on 8 April 2011, over 8 years, 1 month after banding. 2522 km ESE.

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

Australasian Gannet *Morus serrator*

M39490. Juvenile banded on White Island, Bay of Plenty, New Zealand, (37°31'S 177°11'E) on 31 Jan. 1982. Recovered dead near Poyungan Rocks, Eastern Beach, Fraser Island, Qld. (25°24'56"S 153°10'07"E) on 25 Sep. 2011, over 29 years 7 months after banding. 2634 km WNW.

Australian Pied Oystercatcher *Haematopus longirostris*

(a) 100-92430. (Plus engraved leg flag). Nestling banded by G.P. Clancy at Patch's Beach, Ballina, NSW on 6 Nov. 1998. Colour marking sighted in field, band number inferred three times, the last occasion at South Ballina Beach, on 21 Jan. 2011, over 12 years 2 months after banding. 7 km NNE.

(b) 100-92437. (Plus engraved leg flag). Nestling banded by G.P. Clancy south-west of Patch's Beach, Ballina NSW on 31 Oct. 1999. Colour marking sighted in field, band number inferred five times, the last occasion at Beswick's Beach, near Ballina, NSW on 6 Sep. 2011, over 11 years 10 months after banding. 10 km NNE.

(c) 101-21435 (Plus engraved leg flag LU Yellow B8). Nestling banded by G.P. Clancy at Bombing Range, Site 1, Bundjalung National Park, NSW on 17 Nov. 2006. Colour marking sighted in field, band number inferred nineteen times; the first eighteen times in northern New South Wales or southern Queensland, as far north as Oyster Point, Moreton Bay, the last occasion at Mogareeka, NSW, on 13 Dec. 2011. 891 km SSW.

Bar-tailed Godwit *Limosa lapponica*

(a) 072-80924. Adult (2+) banded by VWSG off Manns Beach, Corner Inlet, Vic. (38°41'S, 146°50'E) on 23 Feb. 2002. Recaptured on nest, released alive with band by US Wildlife Conservation Society near Ikpikpuk River, Arctic Alaska (70°33'46"N, 154°40'10"W) on 30 June 2011, over 9 years, 4 months after banding. 13 003 km NNE.

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

(b) 073-36417 (plus Engraved Leg Flag: Yellow DEJ). Adult (2) banded by AWSG at Beaches Crab Creek Road, Roebuck Bay, Broome, WA (18°00'S 122°22'E) on 7 June 2009. Recovered dead, shot for food or sport at Yana River, Battamah, Sakha, Verkhoyansy Region, Russia (67°44'33"N 134°17'48"E) on 18 May 2011. 9580 km N.

(c) 073-22555 (plus Engraved Leg Flag: Yellow ZD). Adult (2+) banded by AWSG at Beaches Crab Creek Road, Roebuck Bay, Broome, WA (18°00'S 122°22'E) on 20 Nov. 2006. Recovered dead, shot for food or sport at near Uluziea River. North Yakutia, Russia (68°25'14"N 153°20'52"E) on 5 June 2008. 9925 km N.

Grey-tailed Tattler *Heteroscelus brevipes*

5A38324. Adult (2+) banded at Torinoumi Marsh, Watari-cho, Miyaga Pref. Japan (38° 02'N 140° 55'E) on 5 May 2008. Recaptured, released alive with band by J.T. Coleman at Manly Harbour, Qld. (27° 27' 13"S 153° 11' 38"E) on 3 April 2011. 7391 km SSE.

(Additional engraved leg flag Green B3 added to bird prior to release)

Red-necked Stint *Calidris ruficollis*

2AD-44076 (plus Leg Flag: Blue/Blue). Juvenile banded at Lake Komuke, Monbetsu City, Hokkaido, Japan (44°16'N 143°29'E) on 27 Aug. 2010. Recaptured, released alive with band by VWSG at Yanerbie Beach, near Streaky Bay, SA (32°56'S 134°09'E) on 15 Nov. 2011. 8634 km S.

Fairy Tern *Sterna nereis*

043-01924. Adult (2+) banded by D.C. Paton on West Cattle Island, Coorong, SA on 19 Feb. 2010. Colour marking sighted in field (band number inferred) by D.I. Rogers at Western Treatment Plant, Vic. on 4 July 2011. 510 km ESE.

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

Common Tern *Sterna hirundo*

052-23820. Adult (2+) banded by VWSG at Spermwhale Head/ Ocean Grange area, Vic (37°58'S 147°44'E) on 17 March 2003. Recovered dead on the upper reaches of the Sylgybastakh River, Susumanskiy District, Russia (62°32'N 148°15'E) on 23 Sep. 2011, over 8 years 6 months after banding. 11 172 km N

Crested Tern *Sterna bergii*

073-97851. Nestling banded by VWSG at the west end of Phillip Island (The Nobbies), Vic. (38° 31'S 145° 07'E) on 22 Dec. 2009. Recovered dead at Maui Platform A c. 35 km west of Taranaki, Cape Egmont, New Zealand (39° 33'24"S 173° 26'57"E) on 11 July 2011. 2438 km ESE.

Spotted Bowerbird *Ptilonorhynchus maculatus*

(a) 071-72699. Adult (1+) male banded by C. Frith, at Bruslee Station south of Chartered Towers, Qld. on 22 Oct. 1995. Recaptured, released alive with band by J.R. Madden at Taunton National Park, Qld on 11 Sept. 1999. 403 km SE.

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

(b) 072-34908. Banded by J.R. Madden at Taunton National Park, Qld. on 11 Aug. 1998. Recaptured, released alive with band near banding place by J.A. Nicholls on 26 Oct. 2008, over 10 years 2 months after banding. 6 km SSE.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Great Bowerbird *Ptilonorhynchus nuchalis*

082-78396. Adult (2+) banded by BBO at the Broome Bird Observatory, 18 km E of Broome, WA on 25 July 1999. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place on 5 Dec. 2007, over 8 years, 4 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

White-browed Scrubwren *Sericornis frontalis*

024-39711. Adult (1+) banded by G.P. Clancy at Iluka Nature Reserve (South), NSW on 20 March 2001. Recaptured, released alive with two bands at Iluka Nature Reserve (North), NSW on 18 Dec. 2011, over 10 years, 3 months after banding.

(The bird was also banded with band no. 026-79087.)

Inland Thornbill *Acanthiza apicalis*

018-86886. Adult (1+) banded by A. Brogher at Wandoo National Park (formerly Dobaderry Nature Reserve), near Beverley, WA on 21 April 2003. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place on 27 April 2010, over 7 years after banding

Lewins Honeyeater *Meliphaga lewinii*

041-38060. Adult (1+) banded by A.J. Leishman at Iluka Nature Reserve, NSW on 20 March 2001. Recaptured, released alive with two bands twice the last occasion by G.P. Clancy on 18 Dec. 2011, over 10 years, 8 months after banding.

(The bird was also banded with band no. 043-00366.)

Yellow-faced Honeyeater *Lichenostomus chrysops*

026-06805. Adult (2+) banded by P. Thomson at Dandahra Creek, Gibraltar Range National Park, NSW on 12 Feb 2005. Recaptured, released alive with band, at banding place by G. P. Clancy on 28 Nov. 2011, over 6 years 9 months after banding.

Golden Whistler *Pachycephala pectoralis*

033-63949 Adult (2+) banded by G. P. Clancy at Susan Island, Grafton, NSW on 12 Aug 2002. Retrapped, released alive with band at banding place (adult female) on 30 Aug 2009, over 7 years after banding.

Australian Magpie *Cracticus tibicen*

091-17045. Adult (2+) male banded by S.G. Lane at Moonee, near Coffs Harbour, NSW on 5 Aug. 1990. Recovered sick, later died at banding place on the 10 Oct. 2011, over 21 years 2 months after banding.

Black Currawong *Strepera fuliginosa*

091-09807. Adult (1+) male banded by M.C. Holdsworth at Cradle Valley, Cradle Mountain National Park, Tas. on 25 Oct. 1984. Band number read in field, (bird not trapped) at banding place on 3 Nov. 2008, over 24 years after banding. Bird was very tame around picnic table.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Grey Fantail *Rhipidura albiscapa*

019-20576. Adult (1+) banded by A.J. Leishman at Mount Annan Botanic Gardens, Campbelltown, NSW on 17 Sep. 2005. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place on 28 May 2011, over 5 years, 8 months after banding.

Willie Wagtail *Rhipidura leucophrys*

034-37410. Adult (1+) banded by A.J. Leishman at Warraderry State Forest near Grenfell, NSW on 1 Oct. 2001. Recaptured, released alive with two bands twice at banding place the last occasion on 28 April 2011, over 9 years, 6 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

(The bird was also carrying band no. 035-14344.)

Tree Martin *Petrochelidon nigricans*

019-25483. Adult (2+) banded by W. Rutherford at Herdsman Lake, WA on 11 June 2005. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place on 9 July 2011, over 6 years after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)