

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.

SSG-BOAT — Shorebird Study Group — BOAT (Tas.)

VWSG — Victorian Wader Study Group.

Southern Giant-Petrel *Macronectes giganteus*

14140*. Nestling banded at Watson Peninsula, Laurie Island, South Orkney Islands, Antarctica (60°41'S, 44°32'W) on 10 Mar. 2004. Recovered sick, later died at Wambro, near Rockingham, WA (32°20'S, 115°42'E) on 1 Aug. 2004. 9 514 km SSE.

(Specimen retained by the WA Museum.)

*Argentine Banding Scheme band.

Northern Giant-Petrel *Macronectes halli*

(a) 132-00971. Nestling banded by N. P. Brothers on Macquarie Island, Tas. (54°30'S, 158°55'E) on 3 Mar. 1998. Recovered dead, caught on longline at sea, location unknown, between 1999 and 2003.

(b) 132-03747. Nestling banded by N. P. Brothers on Macquarie Island, Tas. (54°30'S, 158°55'E) on 15 Jan. 2000. Recovered dead, caught on longline at sea in the Southern Ocean (41°20'S, 19°56'E) on 16 July 2001. 8 666 km SSW.

(c) 132-08296. Nestling banded by N. P. Brothers on Macquarie Island, Tas. (54°30'S, 158°55'E) on 29 Jan. 2000. Recovered dead, caught on longline at sea in the Southern Indian Ocean (40°07'S, 91°10'E) on 26 Nov. 2003. 5 131 km WSW.

Short-tailed Shearwater *Puffinus tenuirostris*

161-47131. Nestling banded by V. H. Yeoman on Griffiths Island, Port Fairy, Vic. on 30 Apr. 1976. Recovered dead near banding place on 22 Apr. 2004, over 27 years 11 months after banding.

Black-browed Albatross *Thalassarche melanophris*

(a) 121-34524. Adult (1+) banded by M. H. Waterman at sea off Kangaroo Island, SA (36°30'S, 138°00'E) on 17 Mar. 1994. Recovered dead, caught on longline at sea in the Southern Indian Ocean (39°00'S, 103°02'E) on 29 Aug. 1999. 3 067 km WSW.

(b) 121-45909. Nestling banded by N. P. Brothers on Macquarie Island, Tas. (54°30'S, 158°55'E) on 14 Mar. 2000. Recovered dead, caught on longline at sea in the south/east Indian Ocean (44°15'S, 116°19'E) on 26 Nov. 2000. 3 228 km W.

Grey-headed Albatross *Thalassarche chrystostoma*

121-39345. Adult (2+) banded by N. P. Brothers on Macquarie Island, Tas. (54°30'S, 158°55'E) on 23 Dec. 1995. Recovered dead, caught on longline at sea in the Southern Atlantic Ocean (41°59'S, 11°11'E) on 17 June 1996. 8 855 km SSW.

Brown Booby *Sula leucogaster*

121-16418. Nestling banded by B. R. King on Raine Island, Qld. on 4 Dec. 1981. Recaptured exhausted, is alive in captivity on Stephen Island, Torres Strait, Qld. on 1 June 2004, over 22 years 5 months after banding. 239 km N.

Australian White Ibis *Threskiornis molucca*

121 36204. Immature (1) male banded by A. J. Leishman at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney, NSW on 4 June 1992. Recovered sick, later died at Circular Quay, Sydney, NSW on 5 Dec. 2003, over 11 years 6 months after banding. 2 km N.

Black-necked Stork *Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus*

290-08612. Nestling banded by G. P. Clancy near Buladelah, NSW on 12 Nov. 2003. Recovered dead near Casino, NSW on 28 Apr. 2004. 400 km N.

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

Bar-tailed Godwit *Limosa lapponica*

072-55448. Adult (1+) banded by AWSG at Beaches Crab Creek Road, Roebuck Bay, Broome, WA (18°00'S, 122°22'E) on 5 Nov. 1995. Recovered dead, shot for food or sport at Srednekolymskiy District, Tondulakh, Russia (67°58'N, 154°50'E) on 23 May 2004, over 8 years 6 months after banding. 9 912 km N.

Terek Sandpiper *Xenus cinereus*

052-25586. Adult (2+) banded by AWSG at 80 Mile Beach, WA (19°15'S, 121°20'E) on 6 Nov. 2001. Recaptured, released alive with band at Lun-Wei, Changhwa County, Taiwan (24°07'N, 120°24'E) on 1 Aug. 2004. 4 822 km N.

Grey-tailed Tattler *Heteroscelus brevipes*

062-72006. Adult (3+) banded by AWSG at 80 Mile Beach, WA (19°15'S, 121°20'E) on 30 Sept. 2001. Recaptured, released alive with band at Lun-Wei, Changhwa County, Taiwan (24°07'N, 120°24'E) on 1 Aug. 2004. 4 822 km N.

Great Knot *Calidris tenuirostris*

(a) 062-08110. Adult (2) banded by VWSG at the NW Corner of Swan Bay, Queenscliff, Vic. (38°13'S, 144°39'E) on 18 Oct. 1997. Recaptured, released alive with band at Chongming Dongtang P.R. China (31°27'N, 121°54'E) on 9 Apr. 2004. 8 095 km NNW.

(b) 062-57273. Adult (2+) banded by AWSG at Beaches Crab Creek Road, Roebuck Bay, Broome, WA (18°00'S, 122°22'E) on 3 Mar. 2000. Recaptured, released alive with band at Chongming Dongtang P.R. China (31°27'N, 121°54'E) on 12 Apr. 2004. 5 497 km N.

(c) 062-72462. Adult (2+) banded by AWSG at Beaches Crab Creek Road, Roebuck Bay, Broome, WA (18°00'S, 122°22'E) on 1 Nov. 2001. Recovered dead, shot for food or sport at Amurskiy Liman Island, Chkalov, Russia (53°25'N, 141°15'E) on 5 July 2002. 8 143 km N.

(d) 062-57475. Adult (2+) banded by AWSG at Beaches Crab Creek Road, Roebuck Bay, Broome, WA (18°00'S, 122°22'E) on 4 Mar. 2000. Recaptured, released alive with band at Chongming Dongtang P.R. China (31°27'N, 121°54'E) on 12 Apr. 2004. 5 497 km N.

(c) 062-72549. Adult (3+) banded by AWSG at Beaches Crab Creek Road, Roebuck Bay, Broome, WA (18°00'S, 122°22'E) on 9 Oct. 2001. Recaptured, released alive with band at Chongming Dongtang P.R. China (31°27'N, 121°54'E) on 5 Apr. 2004. 5 497 km N.

Curlew Sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea*

- (a) 041-17850. Immature (1) banded by VWWSG at Yallock Creek, near Kooweerup, Vic. on 12 Apr. 1986. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place on 31 Dec. 2003, over 17 years, 8 months after banding.
- (b) 041-47060. Adult (2+) banded by VWWSG at Yallock Creek, near Kooweerup, Vic. on 27 Dec. 1988. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place on 31 Dec. 2003, over 15 years after banding.

Pied Oystercatcher *Haematopus longirostris*

- 101-22064. Adult (3) banded by VWWSG at Stockyard Point, Lang Lang, Westernport, Vic. on 13 Sept. 2003. Colour marking sighted in field, band number inferred at the Broadwater, North Coast, NSW on 15 Aug. 2004. 1 269 km NNE.

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

Greater Sand Plover *Charadrius leschenaultii*

- 052-02301. Immature (1) banded by AWSG at 80 Mile Beach, WA (19°15'S, 121°20'E) on 30 Sept. 2001. Recaptured, released alive with band at Hsien-Hsi, Changhua County, Taiwan (24°08'N, 120°24'E) on 14 July 2004. 4 824 km N.

Brown Skua *Catharacta antarctica lonnbergi*

- DZ20668*. Nestling banded on Iles Kerguelen, South Indian Ocean (49°20'S, 70°15'E) on 1 May 2000. Recaptured, released alive with band at sea off Moruya, NSW (35°55'S, 150°15'E) on 31 July 2004. 6 397 km ESE.

*French Banding Scheme band

Pacific Gull *Larus pacificus*

- 110-90454. Nestling banded by B. I. Robertson on Shellback Island, Vic. on 29 Dec. 1983. Recaptured, tangled in fishing gear, later mercy killed at Smiths Beach, Phillip Island, Vic. on 6 Apr. 2004, over 20 years 3 months after banding. 99 km NW.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Kelp Gull *Larus dominicanus*

- (a) 111-06388. Nestling banded by W. C. Wakefield on Green Island, D'Entrecasteaux Channel, Tas. on 26 Dec. 1988. Recovered dead at Primrose Point, Primrose Sands, Tas. on 1 Feb. 2004, over 15 years 1 month after banding. 47 km NE.
- (b) 110-99602. Nestling banded by SSG-BOAT on Green Island, D'Entrecasteaux Channel, Tas. on 15 Dec. 1985. Recovered dead at Great Bay Beach, Bruny Island, Tas. on 1 May 2003, over 17 years 4 months after banding. 5 km E.

Roseate Tern *Sterna dougallii*

- (a) 052-30791. Adult (2+) banded by J. P. O'Neill on Bacchi Cay, Swain Reefs, Great Barrier Reef, Qld. (21°38'S, 151°23'E) on 17 Jan. 2003. Recaptured, released alive with band on Chi-Shan Island, Peng-Hu County, Taiwan (23°38'N, 119°40'E) on 9 Aug. 2004. 6 090 km NNW.
- (b) 052 32859. Adult (2+) banded by J. P. O'Neill on Bylund Cay, Swain Reefs, Great Barrier Reef, Qld. (21°47'S, 152°25'E) on 9 Jan. 2004. Recaptured, released alive with band on Chi-Shan Island, Peng-Hu County, Taiwan (23°38'N, 119°40'E) on 8 Aug. 2004. 6 167 km NNW.

White-browed Scrubwren *Sericornis frontalis*

- 022-62655. Adult (2+) banded by D. Geering at Iluka Nature Reserve, NSW on 22 Jan. 1984. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place twice, the last occasion by G. P. Clancy on 24 Aug. 2001, over 17 years 7 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Large-billed Scrubwren *Sericornis magnirostris*

- 015-75407. Adult (2+) banded by G. E. Richards at Iluka Nature Reserve, NSW on 18 Feb. 1988. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place twice, the last occasion by A. Huggett on 26 Aug. 2001, over 13 years 6 months after banding.

Little Wattlebird *Anthochaera chrysoptera*

- 061 77144. Adult (2+) male banded by G. P. Clancy at Iluka Nature Reserve, NSW, on 24 Aug. 1996. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place on 24 Aug. 2001, 5 years after banding.

Lewin's Honeyeater *Meliphaga lewinii*

- (a) 041-40925. Adult (1+) banded by G. P. Clancy at Iluka Nature Reserve, NSW, on 21 Aug. 1994. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place by A. Huggett on 25 Aug. 2001, over 7 years after banding.
- (b) 041-40929. Adult (2+) male banded by G. P. Clancy at Iluka Nature Reserve, NSW, on 21 Aug. 1994. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place by G. E. Richards on 25 Aug. 2001, over 7 years after banding.

Fuscous Honeyeater *Lichenostomus fuscus*

- 024-02643. Adult (1+) female banded by G. P. Clancy at the South Grafton Water Reserve on 11 Sept. 1988. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place three times, the last occasion on 18 July 2001, over 12 years 9 months after banding.

Western Spinebill *Acanthorhynchus superciliosus*

- 017-68912. Adult (1+) male banded by G. Marston at Marradong Timber Reserve, near Boddington, WA on 23 July 1995. Recovered dead at banding place on 18 April 2004, over 8 years 8 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Eastern Yellow Robin *Eopsaltria australis*

- 024-02784. Adult (2+) male banded by G. P. Clancy at Iluka, NSW, on 20 Aug. 1994. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place three times, the last occasion by A. Huggett on 25 Aug. 2001, over 7 years after banding.

Rufous Whistler *Pachycephala rufiventris*

- 033-26050. Adult (2+) male banded by G. P. Clancy at Coutts Crossing, near Grafton NSW, on 21 July 1989. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place on 12 June 2002, over 12 years 10 months after banding.

(Band replaced with band No. 033-63941.)

Pied Currawong *Strepera graculina*

- 091-17031. Adult (2+) banded by S. G. Lane at Bellbird Rest Area, Washpool National Park, NSW on 26 June 1989. Observed by G. P. Clancy (band number read through telescope) at Coachwood Picnic Area, Washpool National Park (near banding site) three times, the last occasion on 29 July 2000, over 11 years 1 month after banding.

Regent Bowerbird *Sericulus chrysocephalus*

- 061-54349. Immature (1+) male banded by D. Geering at Iluka Nature Reserve, NSW, on 7 July 1988. Recaptured (full adult male plumage), released alive with band at banding place by G. P. Clancy on 26 Aug. 2001, over 13 years 1 month after banding.