

# 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 — Bird Observers Association of Tasmania.

VWSG — Victorian Wader Study Group.

SOSSA — Southern Oceans Seabird Study Association.

## Southern Giant-Petrel *Macronectes giganteus*

14873\*. Nestling banded at Cape Geddes, Laurie Island, South Orkney Islands, Antarctica (60°41'S, 44°34'W) on 17 Mar. 2005. Recovered dead at Mystery Bay, Eurobodalla National Park, NSW (36°18'S, 150°08'E) on 6 Aug. 2005. 9 146 km SSW.

\* Argentine Banding Scheme band

## Campbell Albatross *Thalassarche impavida*

M25402\*. Nestling banded on Bull Rock, Campbell Island, New Zealand (52°33'S, 169°09'E) on 22 Apr. 1971. Recaptured, released alive with band by SOSSA at sea off Wollongong, NSW (34°25'S, 151°00'E) on 26 June 2005, over 34 years 2 months after banding. 2 476 km NW.

\*New Zealand Banding Scheme band.

## Australasian Gannet *Morus serrator*

132-19648. Nestling banded by F. I. Norman at Popes Eye off Queenscliff, Port Phillip, Vic. on 23 Feb. 2005. Recovered dead (beachwashed) at Cervantes Beach, WA on 20 May 2005. 2 838 km W.

## Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus*

270-03748. Adult (1+) female banded by The Taronga Zoo Rehabilitation Programme at Rawson Park/Georges Heights Oval, Mosman, NSW on 15 Nov. 2001. Recovered dead near electricity wires at Lithgow, NSW on 17 June 2005. 109 km WNW.

## Terek Sandpiper *Xenus cinereus*

052-27484. Adult (2) banded by AWSG at Beaches Crab Creek Road, Roebuck Bay, Broome, WA (18°00'S, 122°22'E) on 25 Jan. 2004. Recovered dead at South Sakhalin, Aniva Bay, Russia (46°44'S, 142°43'E) on 24 May 2005. 7 480 km NNE.

## Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres*

(a) 051-60537. Adult (2+) banded by VWSG at West Head, Flinders, Vic. (38°29'S, 145°02'E) on 12 Nov. 1997. Colour marking sighted in field, band number inferred at Han-Pao, Changhua County, Taiwan (24°02'N, 120°21'E) on 28 Apr. 2005, over 7 years, 5 months after banding. 7 411 km N.

(Bird also carrying leg flag = Right Tibia Orange engraved 4J)

(b) 052-38720. Adult (2+) banded by VWSG at Brown Bay, near Port MacDonnell, SA (38°03'S, 140°50'E) on 22 Nov. 2004. Colour marking sighted in field, band number inferred at Mai Po Marshes, China (Hong Kong) (22°29'N, 119°14'E), on 10 May 2005. 7 097 km N.

(Bird also carrying leg flag = Right Tibia Orange engraved C2)

## Great Knot *Calidris tenuirostris*

062-77045. Adult (2+) banded by AWSG on the shores of 80 Mile Beach, WA (19°15'S, 121°20'E) on 10 Dec. 2002. Recaptured, released alive without band at Xiaodao Village, Donggang County, China (39°47'N, 123°37'E) on 15 May 2005. 6 567 km N.

## Kelp Gull *Larus dominicanus*

(a) 110-93877. Nestling banded by SSG-BOAT on Green Island, D'Entrecasteaux Channel, Tas. on 16 Jan. 1982. Recovered dead (beachwashed) at Gellibrand Point Beach, Tas. on 17 Mar. 2005, over 23 years 2 months after banding. 29 km NNE.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

(b) 111-03513. Adult (3+) banded by W. C. Wakefield on Green Island, D'Entrecasteaux Channel, Tas. on 24 Nov. 1987. Recovered dead (beachwashed) at Waterworks Reserve, Hobart, Tas. on 3 Dec. 2004, over 17 years after banding. 33 km N.

## Lesser Black-backed Gull *Larus fuscus*

C61741\*. Nestling banded at Simo, Lapland, Finland (65°35'N, 24°40'E) on 13 July 1957. Recovered dead on South Island, Cocos (Keeling) Islands, Indian Ocean (12°12'S, 96°54'E) on 25 Sep. 1959. 10 446 km ESE.

\*The Finland Ringing Centre band

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

NOTE: This record was not picked up by the Australian Bird and Bat Banding Scheme until recently when Mark Clayton was researching bird records for Cocos Island. The original recapture data was apparently returned to the Finland Ringing Centre through British channels. Cocos Island was at that time a dependency attaches to Singapore and administered by the British.

## Caspian Tern *Sterna caspia*

091-06239. Nestling banded by VWSG off Manns Beach, Corner Inlet, Vic. on 20 Dec. 1987. Recovered tangled in fishing gear, mercy killed at Scarborough, Morton Bay, Qld. on 26 June 2005, over 17 years 6 months after banding.

## Bridled Tern *Sterna anaethetus*

061-79907. Nestling banded by J. N. Dunlop on Penguin Island, WA on 6 Dec. 1988. Recovered dead (beachwashed) at banding place on 8 Feb. 2005, over 16 years 2 months after banding.

## Brown Treecreeper *Climacteris picumnus*

041-41484. Immature (1) male banded by G. Fry at Warraderry State Forest, near Grenfell, NSW on 6 Oct. 1996. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place four times, the last occasion by A. Leishman on 26 July 2005, over 8 years 9 months after banding.

(The bird was also banded with ABBBS band No. 042-19075.)

## Large-billed Scrubwren *Sericornis magnirostris*

015-81118. Banded by D. Geering at Illuka Nature Reserve, NSW on 21 Mar. 1991. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place twice, the last occasion by A. Leishman on 21 June 2005, over 14 years 3 months after banding.

(The bird was also banded with ABBBS band No. 019-20562.)

## Striated Thornbill *Acanthiza lineata*

017-26640. Adult (1+) banded by J. Farrell at Blue Gum Swamp Creek, Winmallee, Blue Mountains National Park, NSW on 26 Mar. 1995. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place 9 times, the last occasion by D. McKay on 27 Mar. 2005, over 10 years after banding.

**Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater** *Acanthagenys rufogularis*

051-23343. Adult (1+) male banded by J. W. Hardy at Burrendong Arboretum, NSW on 20 Aug. 1999. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place twice, the last occasion by D. McKay on 4 June 2005, over 5 years 9 months after banding.

**Singing Honeyeater** *Lichenostomus virescens*

034-78235. Adult (2+) male banded by A. Bougher at the Wandoo Conservation Park (formerly Dobaderry Nature Reserve) near Beverley, WA on 18 Feb. 1995. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place twice, the last occasion on 13 Jan. 2002, over 6 years 10 months after banding.

**White-plumed Honeyeater** *Lichenostomus penicillatus*

- (a) 021-40432. Adult (1+) female banded by J. W. Hardy at Burrendong Arboretum, near Wellington, NSW on 26 July 1997. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place twice, the last occasion by D. McKay on 3 Sep. 2005, over 8 years, 1 month after banding.
- (b) 023-13706. Adult (2+) male banded by J. W. Hardy at Burrendong Arboretum, NSW on 6 Nov. 1998. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place twice, the last occasion by C. Kinross on 5 June 2005, over 6 years, 5 months after banding.
- (c) 023-47819. Adult (2+) male banded by J. W. Hardy at Burrendong Arboretum, NSW on 1 May 1999. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place 3 times, the last occasion by C. Kinross on 5 June 2005, over 6 years, 1 month after banding.

**Brown Honeyeater** *Lichmera indistincta*

- (a) 025-49676. Adult (2+) male banded by A. Bougher at Dryandra Forest near Narrogin, WA on 29 June 1995. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place twice, the last occasion by W. Bancroft on 4 Sep. 2004, over 9 years 2 months after banding.
- (b) 025-13415. Adult (2+) male banded by P. Congreve at the Wandoo Conservation Park (formerly Dobaderry Nature Reserve) near Beverley, WA on 18 July 1993. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place by A. Bougher on 8 Sep. 2001, over 8 years after banding.

**White-cheeked Honeyeater** *Phylidonyris nigra*

033-48385. Adult (2+) female banded by A. Bougher at the Wandoo Conservation Park (formerly Dobaderry Nature Reserve) near Beverley, WA on 18 Jan. 1995. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place on 13 Oct. 2002, over 7 years 8 months after banding.

**Scarlet Robin** *Petroica multicolor*

017-74043. Adult (1+) female banded by A. Bougher at the Wandoo Conservation Park (formerly Dobaderry Nature Reserve) near Beverley, WA on 9 Oct. 1995. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place on 22 Feb. 2003, over 7 years 4 months after banding.

**Eastern Yellow Robin** *Eopsaltria australis*

023-94423. Immature (1) banded by D. Page at Illuka Nature Reserve, NSW on 25 Aug. 1996. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place by A. Leishman on 22 June 2005, over 8 years 9 months after banding.

(The bird was also banded with ABBBS band No. 025-97036.)

**Grey Shrike-thrush** *Colluricincla harmonica*

051-39974. Adult (2+) male banded by R. Jacobs at Burrendong Arboretum, NSW on 25 Sep. 1999. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place by D. McKay on 5 June 2005, over 5 years 8 months after banding.

**Grey Butcherbird** *Cracticus torquatus*

060-74781. Adult (2+) banded by J. W. Hardy at Burrendong Arboretum, NSW on 26 Sep. 1999. Recaptured, killed in net by unknown predator, band removed at banding place by D. McKay on 5 June 2005, over 5 years 8 months after banding. (All that was left of this bird was two legs and part of rump.)