

# 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 — Australian Wader Study Group.  
SSG-BOAT — Shorebird Study Group — Bird Observers Association of Tasmania.  
VWSG — Victorian Wader Study Group.

## Short-tailed Shearwater *Puffinus tenuirostris*

162-40259. Nestling banded by P. B. Du Guesclin on Griffiths Island, Port Fairy, Vic. (38°23'S, 142°14'E) on 25 Apr. 1997. Recovered dead (tangled in fishing gear) in the sea of Okhotsk (55°15'N, 153°50'E) on 17 Oct. 1997. 10 467 km N.

## Grey-headed Albatross *Diomedea chrysostoma*

1255514\*. Nestling banded on Bird Island, South Georgia, Atlantic Ocean (54°00'S, 38°02'W) on 27 Mar. 1991. Band number read in field (bird alive with band) at Pearel Point, Macquarie Island, Tas. (54°30'S, 158°55'E) on 8 Jan. 1998, over 6 years 9 months after banding. 7 849 km S.

\*BTO Ringing and Migration band.

## Yellow-nosed Albatross *Diomedea chlororhynchos*

(a) 121-35781. Adult (1+) banded by M. H. Waterman at sea off South Australia (36°30'S, 138°00'E) on 11 Feb. 1996. Recaptured (released alive with band) at Point D'Entrecasteaux, Amsterdam Island, (37°51'S, 77°29'E) on 29 Sep. 1997. 5 265 km WSW.

(b) 121-38361. Adult (5+) banded by H. Battam at sea off Wollongong, NSW (34°25'S, 151°00'E) on 10 July 1994. Recaptured (released alive with band) at Point D'Entrecasteaux, Amsterdam Island (37°51'S, 77°29'E) on 29 Sep. 1997. 6 435 km WSW.

(c) CF35773\*. Nestling banded at Point D'Entrecasteaux, Amsterdam Island (37°51'S, 77°29'E) on 18 Mar. 1996. Recovered dead at Broke Inlet, near Walpole, WA (34°56'S, 116°27'E) on 28 July 1997. 3 477 km E.

\*French Banding Scheme band.

## Australasian Gannet *Morus serrator*

M59794\*. Juvenile banded on White Island, Bay of Plenty, New Zealand (37°31'S, 177°12'E) on 10 Feb. 1995. Recovered dead at Grassy Head Beach, NSW (30°48'S, 153°00'E) on 18 Aug. 1997. 2 340 km WNW.

## Brown Goshawk *Accipiter fasciatus*

(a) 091-19474. Adult (1+) male banded by A. Heuchmer at Mount Annan Botanic Garden, Campbelltown, NSW on 30 Jan. 1994. Recaptured at banding place (released alive with band) by A. J. Leishman on 25 Apr. 1998, over 4 years 2 months after banding.

(b) 101-00778. Adult (1+) female banded by M. H. Waterman near Mallala, SA on 10 Feb. 1991. Recovered dead 57 km south of Charleville, Qld. on 17 Nov. 1997, over 6 years 9 months after banding. 1 118 km NNE.

## Black-tailed Godwit *Limosa limosa*

LEG FLAG Ryellow. Banded north-western WA (19°00'S, 122°00'E) since 1992. Colour marking sighted in field (cohort only) at Szu-Tsao, Tainan County, Taiwan (23°01'N, 120°07'E) on 22 Apr. 1997. 4 675 km N.

## Bar-tailed Godwit *Limosa lapponica*

(a) 072-32968. Adult (2+) banded by AWSG at Beaches Crab Creek Road, Roebuck Bay, Broome, WA (18°00'S, 122°22'E) on 5 Oct. 1993. Recovered dead (shot for sport/food) at Momskiy Uls, Kulun-Elbyut, Russia (66°45'N, 142°47'E) on 31 May 1997. 9 572 km N.

(b) LEG FLAG Green. Banded coastal area, south-east Qld. (27°20'S, 153°10'E) since 1992. Colour marking sighted in field (cohort only) at;

(1) Pollock Spit, New Zealand (37°08'S, 174°40'E) on 24 Nov. 1996. 2 289 km ESE.

(2) Miranda, Firth of Thames, New Zealand (37°10'S, 175°19'E) on 22 Dec. 1996. 2 344 km ESE.

(c) LEG FLAG Yellow. Banded north-western WA (19°00'S, 122°00'E) since 1992. Colour marking sighted in field (cohort only) at Guangli-Zima Rivers Mouth, China (37°20'N, 119°00'E) on 1 May 1997. 6 270 km N.

## Eastern Curlew *Numenius madagascariensis*

(a) 091-26469. Adult (2+) banded by VWSG at The Gurdies, Westernport Bay, Vic. (38°22'S, 145°33'E) on 10 Dec. 1994. Band number read in field at Imazu, Fukuoka, Japan (33°36'N, 130°15'E) on 22 Mar. 1997. 8 155 km NNW.

(b) LEG FLAG Rgreen. Banded coastal area, south-east Qld. (27°20'S, 153°10'E) since 1992. Colour marking sighted in field (cohort only) at Hsiang-Shan, Hsinchu County, Taiwan (24°38'N, 120°44'E) on 26 Apr. 1997. 6 742 km NNW.

## Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia*

061-57107. Adult (2+) banded by VWSG near Warneet, Westernport Bay, Vic. on 11 Mar. 1989. Recaptured (released alive with band) at Bullock Swamp, French Island, Vic. on 21 Nov. 1997, over 8 years 8 months after banding. 6 km SSW.

## Great Knot *Calidris tenuirostris*

LEG FLAG RUyellow. Banded north-western WA (19°00'S, 122°00'E) since 1992. Colour marking sighted in field (cohort only) at;

(1) Asan Bay, Korea (36°54'N, 126°54'E) two birds sighted on 24 Apr. 1997. 6 235 km N.

(2) Mankyung Estuary, Korea (35°52'N, 126°43'E) two birds sighted on 26 May 1997. 6 120 km N.

**Red Knot *Calidris canutus***

LEG FLAG Green. Banded coastal area, south-east, Qld. (27°20'S, 153°10'E) since 1992. Colour marking sighted in field (cohort only) at Kidds, Karaka, New Zealand (37°05'S, 174°50'E) on 15 Dec. 1996. 2 300 km ESE.

**Red-necked Stint *Calidris ruficollis***

C85624\*. Juvenile banded at Gamou Sendai-Shi Miyagi, Japan (38°15'N, 141°01'E) on 30 Aug. 1992. Recaptured (released alive with band) at Werribee Sewerage Farm, Vic. (38°05'S, 144°31'E) by VWSG on 27 Dec. 1997. (The bird was also banded with band no. 035-07435.)

\*Bird Migration Research Centre (Japan) band.

**Curlew Sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea***

(a) 040-97056. Adult (2+) banded by VWSG off Manns Beach, Corner Inlet, Vic. on 28 Dec. 1979. Recaptured at banding place (released alive with band) on 24 Feb. 1998, over 18 years 1 month after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for this species.)

(b) LEG FLAG Rorange. Banded southern Vic. (38°00'S, 145°00'E) since 1990. Colour marking sighted in field (cohort only) at Szu-Tsao, Tainan County, Taiwan (23°01'S, 120°07'E) on 7 May 1997. 7 264 km NNW.

**Pied Oystercatcher *Haematopus longirostris***

(a) 100-82024. Adult (2+) banded by VWSG on Swan island, Queenscliff, Vic. on 13 June 1981. Recovered dead at Middle Park Beach, Vic. on 28 Oct. 1997, over 16 years 4 months after banding. 50 km NNE.

(b) COLOUR BANDS RUGreen RDM. Banded by VWSG at Manns Beach, Corner Inlet, Vic. on 30 Dec. 1979. Colour marking sighted in field (cohort only) at banding place on 20 Feb. 1998, over 18 years 1 month after banding.

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**Double-banded Plover *Charadrius bicinctus***

C50823\*. Adult (2+) male banded at Ahuriri River, New Zealand (44°28'S, 169°59'E) on 22 Oct. 1995. Colour marking sighted in field (band number inferred) at Orierton Lagoon, Tas. (42°46'S, 147°32'E) on 3 Aug. 1997. 1 811 km W.

\*New Zealand Banding Scheme band.

**Great Skua *Catharacta skua***

DZ16653\*. Banded at Dumont D'Urville, Adelle Land, Antarctica (66°40'S, 140°01'E) on 12 Feb. 1988. Recovered dead at Handspike Point, Macquarie Island, Tas. (54°30'S, 158°54'E) on 28 Jan. 1998, over 9 years 11 months after banding. 1 686 km NE.

\*French Banding Scheme band.

**Kelp Gull *Larus dominicanus***

(a) 110-92742. Nestling banded by SSG-Boat on Green Island, Tas. on 14 Dec. 1980. Recovered dead at Cape De La Sortie, Tas. on 23 Nov. 1997, over 16 years 11 months after banding. 16 km NNE.

(This is the oldest recorded for this species.)

(b) 110-95981. Nestling banded by SSG-Boat on Green Island, Tas. on 26 Dec. 1982. Recovered dead at Opossum Bay Beach, Tas. on 12 Nov. 1997, over 14 years 10 months after banding. 26 km NNE.

(c) 110-96086. Nestling banded by SSG-Boat on Green Island, Tas. on 3 Jan. 1983. Recovered dead at Hobart Tip, Tas. on 3 Jan. 1998, 15 years after banding. 35 km N.

**Bridled Tern *Sterna anaethetus***

061-79912. Nestling banded by J. N. Dunlop on Penguin Island, WA (32°17'S, 115°41'E) on 6 Dec. 1988. Recaptured (released alive with band) at Tawi Tawi Waters, Mindanao, Philippines (07°30'N, 123°30'E) on 17 Nov. 1997, over 8 years 11 months after banding. 4 500 km N.

**Regent Honeyeater *Xanthomyza phrygia***

(a) 041-37786. Nestling banded by P. Menkhorst at Chiltern State Park on 24 Nov. 1989. Colour bands sighted in field (band number inferred) near banding place on 14 June 1996, over 6 years 6 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for this species.)

(b) 041-57109. Adult (2+) male banded by D. Geering near Glen Alice, Capertee Valley, NSW on 26 Oct. 1994. Colour markings sighted in field (band number inferred) 6.5 km from banding place on 21 Aug. 1997, over 2 years 10 months after banding.

(c) 041-57128. Adult (2+) male banded by D. Geering near Glen Alice, Capertee Valley, NSW on 8 Oct. 1995. Colour markings sighted in field (band number inferred) near Wollar, NSW on 21 Aug. 1996, over 10 months after banding. 86 km N.

(d) 041-57181. Juvenile male banded by D. Geering at Bogee, Capertee Valley, NSW on 20 Dec. 1995. Colour markings sighted in field (band number inferred) near Wollar, NSW on 21 Aug. 1996, over 8 months after banding. 71 km N.

(e) 041-57202. Adult (2+) female banded by D. Geering near Wollar, NSW on 20 Dec. 1995. Recaptured and colour-banded, near Glen Alice Capertee Valley, NSW on 1 Oct. 1997, over 1 year 1 months after banding. 86 km S.

(f) 041-87308. Adult (1+) male banded by M. Clayton at Canberra Nature Park, Watson, ACT 15 Dec. 1995. Colour markings sighted in field (band number inferred) near Mount Marsden, Capertee Valley, NSW on 8 Mar. 1998, over 2 years 2 months after banding. 269 km N.

(g) 041-87311. Adult (1+) male banded by M. Clayton at Canberra Nature Park, Watson, ACT 16 Dec. 1995. Colour markings sighted in field (band number inferred) by D. Geering near Glen Alice, Capertee Valley, NSW on 8 Oct. 1997, over 1 year 9 months after banding. 258 km N.

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

051-48194. Adult (3+) female banded by K. Egan at Menai, NSW on 30 Jan. 1992. Recaptured at banding place twice, the last occasion on 30 Apr. 1998, 6 years, 3 months after banding.

**Common Starling *Sturnus vulgaris***

(a) 062-29003. Adult (1+) banded by M. H. Waterman at Coorabie, Fowlers Bay, Eyre Peninsula, SA on 12 Apr. 1994. Recaptured (taken into captivity for nature conservation reasons) by Agriculture Western Australia, near Condingup, WA on 19 Dec. 1997. 940 km WSW.

(b) 062-29259. Adult (1+) banded by M. H. Waterman at Coorabie, Fowlers Bay, Eyre Peninsula, SA on 13 Apr. 1994. Recaptured (taken into captivity for nature conservation reasons) by Agriculture Western Australia, near Condingup, WA on 19 Dec. 1997. 940 km WSW.