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

CCNTGFP — Conservation Commission of Northern Territory,

Gouldian Finch Project

SOSSA — Southern Oceans Seabird Study (NSW)

SSG-BOAT — Shorebird Study Group (BOAT) Tasmania

VWSG - Victorian Wader Study Group.

Stubble Quail Coturnix pectoralis

060-52217. Nestling banded by L. C. Llewellyn at Aloe Hill near Morundah, NSW on 11 May 1968. Recaptured at banding place (taken for scientific study) by M. Clayton on 22 July 1972, over 4 years 2 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Pacific Black Duck Anas superciliosa

110–88668. Adult (1+) male banded by P. J. Fullagar at Gungahlin, ACT on 1 Oct. 1981. Recovered sick (bird was rehabilitated and released with band) near banding site on 4 Mar. 1997, over 15 years, 5 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Grey Teal Anas gracilis

090-16879. Adult (1+) female banded by H. A. Frith at Lake Wyangan, Griffith, NSW on 19 Dec. 1957. Recovered on 28 Aug. 1989 (location unknown, bird in captive care at Taronga Zoo, Sydney), over 31 years, 8 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Wedge-tailed Shearwater Puffinus pacificus

162–43314. Nestling male banded by SOSSA on Big Island, Five Islands, Port Kembla, NSW (34°29'S, 150°56'E) on 27 Mar. 1998. Recovered dead at Divilacan, Isabela Province, Philippines (17°23'N, 122°19'E) on 14 Oct. 1998. 6 511 km NNW.

Red-footed Booby Sula sula

110–34808. Nestling banded by M. K. Tarburton at Vatu-I-Ra, Fiji (17°19'S, 178°28'E) on 14 July 1974. Recaptured, (released alive with band) on Anuta Island, Solomon Islands (11°40'S, 169°30'E) on 22 May 1997, over 22 years, 10 months after banding. 1 151 km WNW.

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

Osprey Pandion haliaetus

131–26253. Nestling banded by A. F. C. Lashmar 7 km east of Pennington Bay, Kangaroo Island, SA on 19 Nov. 1978. Recovered, (band number read in field) at Bales Bay, Kangaroo Island, SA by T. E. Dennis on 2 Dec. 1995, over 17 years after banding. 44 km WSW

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Whistling Kite Haliastur sphenurus

110-91577. Adult (1+) banded by A. L. Hertog at Wildman River Station, NT on 1 Sep. 1979. Recovered dead 5 km south of Katherine, NT on 7 Mar. 1994, over 14 years 6 months after banding. 215 km SSE.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Wedge-tailed Eagle Aquila audax

150–10778. Nestling banded by M. G. Ridpath at Kanandah, WA on 24 Aug. 1968. Recovered dead at Earaheedy, WA on 7 July 1980, over 11 years 10 months after banding. 659 km NNW.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Grey-tailed Tattler Heteroscelus brevipes

051-15731. Adult (2) banded by AWSG at Beaches Crab Creek Road, Roebuck Bay, Broome, WA on 1 Sep. 1981. Recaptured at banding place on 26 Mar. 1996, over 14 years, 6 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Great Knot Calidris tenuirostris

062–08121. Adult (2) banded by VWSG at North West Corner, Swan Bay, Queenscliff, Vic. (38°13'S, 144°39'E) on 18 Oct. 1997. Recaptured, (released alive with band) on Chongming Island, Shanghai, China (31°27'N, 121°53'E) on 9 Apr. 1998. 8 096 km NNW.

Broad-billed Sandpiper Limicola falcinellus

041–06350. Adult (2) banded by AWSG at the Saltworks, Port Hedland, WA on 30 Aug. 1982. Recaptured at banding place on 10 Apr. 1994, over 11 years 7 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Greater Sand Plover Charadrius leschenaultii

051–20768. Adult (3+) banded by AWSG at Beaches Crab Creek Road, Roebuck Bay, Broome, WA on 4 Sep. 1982. Recaptured at banding place on 23 Mar. 1996, over 13 years 6 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Crested Tern Sterna bergii

071–33877. Nestling banded by M. H. Waterman on Stoneywell Island, Coorong, SA on 6 Dec. 1979. Recovered dead at Ballina, NSW on 20 Sep. 1998, over 18 years, 9 months after banding. 1 538 km ENE.

Black Noddy Anous minutus

061–10390. Adult (1+) banded by M. K. Tarburton at Vatu-I-Ra, Fiji (17°19'S, 178°28'E) on 14 Nov. 1976. Recaptured (released alive with band) at Levuka Town, Fiji (17°41'S, 178°50'E) on 15 Dec. 1988, over 12 years, 1 month after banding. 56 km SE.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Long-billed Black-Cockatoo Calyptorhynchus baudinii

210–01652. Adult (4+) female banded by D. A. Saunders at Coomallo Creek, WA on 2 Nov. 1989. Recaptured at banding place on 18 Nov. 1996, over 7 years after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Sacred Kingfisher Todiramphus sanctus

051–70852. Adult (1+) male banded by J. Farrell at Scheyville, near Windsor, NSW on 12 Jan. 1994. Recaptured at banding place by R. Jacobs on 11 Jan. 1998, 4 years after banding.

White-browed Scrubwren Sericornis frontalis

022–11656. Adult (2+) male banded by G. S. Clark at the Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT on 20 Nov. 1976. Recaptured at banding place on 30 Oct. 1992, over 15 years, 11 months after banding. This bird was rebanded with Band No. 025–09721 and the colour markings were sighted in the field on 9 Feb. 1993, (band number inferred), over 16 years, 2 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Weebill Smicrornis brevirostris

(a) 014–23873. Adult (1+) banded by B. Foreman near Wellington, SA on 15 May 1982. Recaptured at banding place on 6 Oct. 1989, over 7 years 4 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

(b) 014–72580. Adult (1+) banded by D. I. Smedley at Burrendong Arboretum, near Wellington, NSW on 18 Aug. 1991. Recaptured at banding place by R. Jacobs on 26 July 1997, over 5 years, 11 months after banding.

Fuscous Honeyeater Lichenostomus fuscus

023-96537. Adult (1+) male banded by T. Nixon at Scheyville, near Windsor, NSW on 20 Jan. 1989. Recaptured at banding place by R. Jacobs on 11 Nov. 1998, over 9 years 9 months after banding.

White-plumed Honeyeater Lichenostomus penicillatus

- (a) 022-61000. Adult (1+) banded by L. W. C. Filewood at Burrendong Arboretum, near Wellington, NSW on 18 Sep. 1982. Recaptured at banding place twice, the last occasion by R. Jacobs on 19 June 1997, over 14 years, 9 months after banding. (Bird rebanded with Band No. 023-85361 on 28 Aug. 1993 due to band wear.)
- (b) 023-34576. Adult (1+) male banded by G. D. Bell at Burrendong Arboretum, near Wellington, NSW on 3 Oct. 1987. Recaptured at banding place by R. Jacobs on 5 Sep. 1998, over 10 years, 11 months after banding.
- (c) 023-85124. Immature (1) banded by D. I. Smedley at Burrendong Arboretum, near Wellington, NSW on 22 June 1990. Recaptured at banding place by R. Jacobs on 6 Sep. 1998, over 8 years, 2 months after banding.

White-naped Honeyeater Melithreptus lunatus

020–52459. Immature (1) banded by D. B. Mack at Millbrook Reserve, near Chain of Ponds, SA on 21 Mar. 1964. Recaptured (released alive with band) at Para Wirra, Williamstown, SA by H. A. Ford on 16 July 1976, over 12 years, 3 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Grey-headed Robin Heteromyias albispecularis

040–74061. Nestling banded by C. Frith at Paluma, Qld on 21 Nov. 1978. Recaptured (released alive with band) near banding place by K. G. Rogers on 4 May 1992, over 13 years, 5 months after banding. 4 km WNW.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Grey-crowned Babbler Pomatostomus temporalis

061–12627. Adult (2+) banded by J. J. Councilman 10 km east of Meandarra, Qld on 17 Aug. 1976. Recovered (band number read in field) at banding place by D. D. Dow on 17 Oct. 1985, 9 years 2 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Crested Shrike-tit Falcunculus frontatus

033-05437. Adult (1+) male banded by T. J. Long at Burrendong Arboretum, near Wellington NSW on 25 Mar. 1989. Recaptured at banding place by R. Jacobs on 6 June 1998, over 9 years, 2 months after banding.

Figbird Sphecotheres viridis

071–92115. Adult (2+) male banded by G. E. Richards near Tullymorgan School, NSW on 1 Nov. 1988. Recaptured at banding place on 5 Nov. 1993, over 5 years after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Grey Currawong Strepera versicolor

100-14455. Adult (1+) banded by SSG-BOAT at Ridgeway, Tas. on 13 Sep. 1975. Recovered dead at Fern Tree, Tas. on 23 Apr. 1995, over 19 years, 7 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Green Catbird Ailuroedus crassirostris

081–85102. Adult (2+) banded by S. G. Lane at Moonee near Coffs Harbour, NSW on 20 Oct. 1984. Recaptured at banding place on 18 July 1998, over 13 years, 8 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Satin Bowerbird Ptilonorhynchus violaceus

091–05217. Immature (1) female banded by S. Marchant at Moruya, NSW on 9 June 1979. Recaptured at banding place on 6 Dec. 1991, over 12 years, 5 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Red-browed Finch Neochmia temporalis

015–65589. Juvenile banded by G. P. Clancy at Susan Island, Grafton, NSW on 3 Mar. 1989. Recaptured (released alive with band) at the junction of Clouds and Horton Creeks, NSW by D. A. Secomb on 21 Sep. 1997, over 8 years, 6 months after banding. 42 km NW.

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

Diamond Firetail Stagonopleura guttata

010–04371. Adult (2+) banded by J. B. Hood at Joanna, SA on 8 Mar. 1963. Recaptured at banding place on 7 Feb. 1969, over 5 years, 10 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Gouldian Finch Erythrura gouldiae

024–52832. Juvenile banded by S. C. Tidemann at Newry Station, NT on 25 May 1991. Recaptured at banding place by the CCNTGFP on 26 July 1995, over 4 years, 2 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Welcome Swallow Hirundo neoxena

022-69809. Adult (1+) banded by P. Congreve at Eyre Bird Observatory, Eyre, WA on 2 Sep. 1982. Recaptured at banding place by the Eyre Bird Observatory Group on 2 Mar. 1994, over 11 years, 6 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Silvereye Zosterops lateralis

011–53326. Adult (2+) banded by J. B. Paton at Beaumont, SA on 16 Dec. 1965. Recaptured at banding place on 10 Aug. 1976, over 10 years, 7 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)