

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:

NATF — Native Animal Trust Fund Inc.

NSWWSG — New South Wales Wader Study Group.

WIRES — NSW Wildlife Information and Rescue Service Inc.

VWSG — Victorian Wader Study Group.

Wedge-tailed Shearwater *Puffinus pacificus*

- (a) 161–56109. Adult (1+) banded by N. M. Swanson on North Solitary Island, NSW on 9 Dec. 1978. Recovered dead near Dilli Village, Fraser Island, Qld. on 4 Feb. 2001, over 22 years 1 month after banding. 576 km N.
- (b) 161–56776. Adult (1+) banded by N. M. Swanson on North Solitary Island, NSW on 15 Jan. 1980. Recovered dead at Southport, Qld. on 7 Feb. 2001, over 21 years after banding. 251 km N.
- (c) 162–19474. Adult (4+) banded by S. G. Lane on Bird Island, off Norah Head, NSW on 22 Jan. 1990. Recaptured, released alive with band at sea off Wollongong, NSW on 1 Sep. 2001, over 11 years 7 months after banding. 137 km S.

Shy Albatross *Thalassarche cauta*

- (a) 140–47545. Adult (1+) banded by N. P. Brothers on Albatross Island, Tas. on 9 Sep. 1981. Recovered dead at Woolamai surf beach, Phillip Island, Vic. on 17 June 2001, over 19 years 9 months after banding. 212 km N.
- (This is the longest movement recorded for the species.)
- (b) 280–05203. Nestling banded by N. P. Brothers on Albatross Island, Tas. on 2 Apr. 1984. Recovered dead at Woolnorth, Tas. on 12 July 2001, over 17 years 3 months after banding. 34 km S.

Straw-necked Ibis *Threskiornis spinicollis*

120–95480. Nestling banded by M. H. Waterman at Narrung Narrows, Narrung, SA on 22 Nov. 1971. Recovered dead at Boatswain Point, SA on 1 Feb. 2001, over 29 years 2 months after banding. 181 km SSE.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Bar-tailed Godwit *Limosa lapponica*

082–74632. Adult (1+) banded by NSWWSG on Kooragang Island, Newcastle, NSW (32° 52'S 151° 46'E) on 4 Apr. 1993. Recovered dead on Attu Island, Aleutian Islands, Alaska (52° 49'S 173° 10'E) on 30 May 2001, over 8 years 1 month after banding. 9 748 km N.

Caspian Tern *Sterna caspia*

091–41441. Juvenile banded by VWSG at Manns Beach, Vic. on 20 Dec. 2000. Recovered sick, is alive in captivity at Pumicestone Passage, Bribie Island, Qld. on 4 Oct. 2001. 1418 km NNE.

Crested Tern *Sterna bergii*

072–71788. Nestling banded by M. H. Waterman on Troubridge Island, Edithburgh, SA on 13 Dec. 1997. Recovered dead at Tomakin, NSW on 26 Aug. 2001. 1120 km E.

Rainbow Lorikeet *Trichoglossus haematodus*

- (a) 250–08867. Immature (1) captured and injured by a dog. Held in care for treatment and care by WIRES for 20 days before banding and release at Neutral Bay, NSW on 11 Sep. 1995. Recovered dead, cause unknown at Gladesville, NSW on 26 Aug. 1999, over 3 years 11 months after rehabilitation. 8 km W.
- (b) 250–09276. Juvenile hand-raised by WIRES for 1 month 19 days before banding and release at Bilgola Plateau, NSW on 4 Nov. 1996. Recovered dead in still water at Newport, NSW on 29 Jan. 2000, over 3 years 2 months after banding. 2 km SSE.

Tawny Frogmouth *Podargus strigoides*

101–06751. Adult (2+) found injured beside road with concussion and bruising. Held in care by WIRES for 9 days before banding and release at Church Point, NSW on 16 Dec. 1996. Found sick or injured at Terry Hills, NSW on 28 Oct. 1999, but later died, over 2 years 10 months after rehabilitation. 6 km WSW.

Laughing Kookaburra *Dacelo novaeguineae*

- (a) 091–31060. Adult (2+) female found concussed and held for 6 days by WIRES before banding and release at Avoca, NSW on 9 Oct 1993. Band number read in the field on live bird at Killcare Heights, NSW on 23 Jul 1998, over 4 years 9 months after rehabilitation. 8 km SW.
- (b) 091–31083. Immature found injured with a bruised wing. Held in care by WIRES for 34 days before banding and release at Lugarno, NSW on 29 Mar. 1996. Several times reported to the ABBBS as alive in the wild in the general vicinity of the release location, the last occasion on 5 Feb. 2001, over 4 years 10 months after rehabilitation. 2km SSW.
- (c) 091–31109. Juvenile found abandoned and cared for by WIRES for 23 days before banding and release at Chittaway Point, NSW on 26 Dec 1993. Band number read in the field on live bird near the release site on 10 Oct. 1998, over 4 years 9 months after rehabilitation.
- (d) 091–35472. Juvenile separated from its family, held in care by NATF for 13 days before banding and introduction/reintroduction to a/its family flock at Fennel Bay, NSW on 25 Nov. 1996. Band number read in field on the live bird near the release site on 30 Dec. 2000, over 4 years 1 month after rehabilitation. 4 km S.
- (e) 091–35520. Juvenile found concussed and held in care by WIRES for 26 days before banding and release at Niagara Park, NSW on 15 Jan. 1997. Band number read on live bird in the wild at Somersby, NSW on 9 Aug. 2000, over 3 years 7 months after rehabilitation. 7 km WNW.

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.)

023–92650. Immature (1) banded by K. Shadbolt at Rotamah Island Bird Observatory, Vic. on 1 March 1992. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place for the first time by D. Ripper on 30 Aug. 2000, over 8 years 5 months after banding. (Band replaced with band no. 025–99959).

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.