

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

VWSG — Victorian Wader Study Group.

WAWSG — Western Australian Wader Study Group

Northern Giant-Petrel *Macronectes halli*

132–16794. Nestling banded by R. P. Gales on Macquarie Island, Tas. (54°30'S, 158°55'E) on 17 Jan. 2002. Recovered dead on beach at Guaratuba City, Parana, Brazil (25°54'S, 48°34'W) on 2 Sep. 2002. 10 693 km E.

Wedge-tailed Shearwater *Puffinus pacificus*

161–53407. Nestling banded by N. M. Swanson on Muttonbird Island, Coffs Harbour, NSW on 17 Apr 1977. Recaptured, released alive with band 8 nautical miles SSE of Yamba, NSW on 24 Sept. 2002, over 25 years 5 months after banding. 85 km N.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Cattle Egret *Ardea ibis*

100–72735. Nestling banded by D. J. Geering at Lawrence, NSW on 23 Dec. 1989. Recovered dead near Taree, NSW on 30 June 2002, over 12 years 6 months after banding.

Bar-tailed Godwit *Limosa lapponica*

071–85283. Immature (1) banded by AWSG at Beaches Crab Creek Road, Roebuck Bay, Broome, WA (18°00'S, 122°22'E) on 6 Apr. 1988. Recovered dead, (shot for food) at Noglikskiy District, Nytskiy Bay, Russia (52°07'N, 143°05'E) in 1998, over 9 years after banding. 8 049 km N.

Great Knot *Calidris tenuirostris*

(a) 05001169*. Banded at Okgu Saltpan, Okgu-Up, Kunsan City, Korea (35°52'N, 126°43'E) on 4 May 1999. Recaptured, released alive with band at Beaches Crab Creek Road, Roebuck Bay, Broome, WA (18°00'S, 122°22'E) by AWSG on 9 Oct. 2001. 6 006 km S.

*Korean Banding Scheme band.

(b) 051–15918. Adult (2+) banded by WAWSG at Roebuck Bay, Broome, WA (18°04'S, 122°19'E) on 2 Sep. 1981. Recovered dead (shot for food) at Tuguro-Chumikanskiy District, near Chumikan Village, Russia, (53°46'N, 136°52'E) in Apr. 1998, over 6 years 6 months after banding. 8 106 km N.

(c) 061–72710. Adult (3+) banded by AWSG at 80 Mile Beach, WA (19°15'S, 121°20'E) on 24 Sep. 1992. Recovered dead (shot for food) at Tuguro-Chumikanskiy District, near Chumikan Village, Russia, (53°46'N, 136°52'E) in 2000, over 7 years after banding. 8 252 km N.

(d) 061–72988. Adult (2) banded by AWSG at Beaches Crab Creek Road, Roebuck Bay, Broome, WA (18°00'S, 122°22'E) on 1 Oct. 1992. Recovered dead (shot for food) at Tuguro-Chumikanskiy District, near Chumikan Village, Russia, (53°46'N, 136°52'E) in 1997. 8 098 km N.

(e) 062–08677. Adult (2+) banded by AWSG at 80 Mile Beach, WA (19°15'S, 121°20'E) on 10 Mar. 1994. Recovered dead (shot for food) at Tuguro-Chumikanskiy District, near Chumikan Village, Russia, (53°46'N, 136°52'E) in April 1998. 8 252 km N.

(f) 062–33167. Adult (2+) banded by AWSG at Beaches Crab Creek Road, Roebuck Bay, Broome, WA (18°00'S, 122°22'E) on 27 Mar. 1996. Recovered dead (shot for food) at Tuguro-Chumikanskiy District, near Chumikan Village, Russia, (53°46'N, 136°52'E) in April 1998. 8 098 km N.

Red Knot *Calidris canutus*

(a) 04002136*. Banded at Okgu Saltpan, Okgu-Up, Kunsan City, Korea (35°53'N, 126°41'E) on 18 Oct. 2001. Recaptured, released alive with band off Manns Beach, Corner Inlet, Vic. (38°41'S, 146°50'E) by VWSG on 25 July 2002. 8 544 km SSE.

*Korean Banding Scheme band.

(b) 051–40768. Immature (1) banded by VWSG off Manns Beach, Corner Inlet, Vic. (38°41'S, 146°50'E) on 21 Jan. 1996. Recovered dead (shot for food) at Tuguro-Chumikanskiy District, near Chumikan Village, Russia, (53°46'N, 136°52'E) in 2000. 10 322 km N.

Masked Lapwing *Vanellus miles*

081–99961. Adult (1+) banded by SSG Boat at Kingston, Tas. on 7 Aug. 1988. Colour marking sighted in field, band number inferred at banding place on 5 July 2002, over 13 years 10 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Crested Tern *Sterna bergii*

071–38618. Nestling banded by M. H. Waterman on Stonywell Island, Coorong, SA on 16 Dec. 1978. Recovered sick, rehabilitated and released alive with band at Port Macdonnell, SA on 17 July 2002, over 23 years 7 months after banding. 256 km SSE.

Roseate Tern *Sterna dougallii*

052–20348. Adult (2+) banded by J. P. O'Neill on Gannet Cay, Swain Reefs, Great Barrier Reef, Qld. (21°59'S, 152°29'E) on 8 Jan. 2002. Recaptured, released alive with band at Yagaji, Nago-City, Okinawa Pref. Japan (26°40'N, 128°02'E) on 24 July 2002. 6 014 km NNW.

Little Tern *Sterna albifrons*

041–91587. Adult (2+) banded by VWSG on Albifrons Island, Ocean Grange Lakes National Park, Vic. (37°57'S, 147°47'E) on 26 Jan. 1996. Colour marking sighted in field, band number inferred at Tenryu River, Nagashima, Hamakita-Shi, Japan (34°48'N, 137°48'E) on 1 June 2000. 8 153 km N.

Australian Magpie *Gymnorhina tibicen*

091–15242. Adult (2+) female banded by P. H. Sutton at Beachmerc, Qld. on 30 July 1988. Band number read in field, bird not trapped near banding place on 3 Sep. 2002, over 14 years 1 month after banding. 2 km S.

Satin Bowerbird *Ptilonorhynchus violaceus*

071–44387. Adult (2+) banded by C. Frith near Paluma, Qld. on 9 Oct. 1985. Recaptured, released alive with band at Paluma State Forest, Qld. on 1 Oct. 2002, over 16 years 11 months after banding. 2 km E.

Footnote: (While not being avian species this report could be of interest to members).

Grey-headed Flying-fox *Pteropus poliocephalus*

072–08361. Adult (1+) male banded by C. R. Tidemann at Gordon, NSW on 10 Nov. 1990. Recaptured, released alive with band at Indooroopilly Island, Qld on 15 Oct. 2002, over 11 years 11 months after banding. 715 km N.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)