

# **A REPORT ON EIGHT YEARS OF BANDING REHABILITATED BIRDS**

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The WA Rehabilitation Banding Group was formed to evaluate the success of returning sick, injured and orphaned birds to the wild. Over eight years 3 578 birds of 123 species were banded and during this time 132 recoveries were made. Time between release and recovery was more than three months in over 50 per cent of recoveries. Some individual recoveries showed long periods of survival and a few had travelled quite extensive distances. An analysis of encounter method and recovery method showed injury to be the common cause in both cases. Whilst many questions remain unanswered, continuation of the banding programme will permit longer recovery periods, possibly more recoveries and hopefully more interesting and significant results.