

# RECOVERY ROUND-UP

This section is prepared with the co-operation of the Secretary, Australian Bird and Bat Banding Schemes, Australian National Parks and Wildlife Service. 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.  
 ECWG — East China Waterbird Group.  
 SSG (BOAT) — Shorebird Study Group of the Bird Observers Association of Tasmania.  
 VWSG — Victorian Wader Study Group.  
 WBST — Wild Bird Society of Taiwan.

## Australian Pelican *Pelecanus conspicillatus*

- (a) 170-02640. Adult (+1) banded by J. A. K. Lane at Millers Point, Pallinup River, WA on 27 Nov. 78. Recovered dead at Maylands, Swan River, WA on 6 Nov. 90, over 11 years 11 months after banding. 396 km NW.
- (b) 170-10244. Nestling banded by M. H. Waterman at Lake Eyre South, SA on 21 Apr. 90. Recovered at Normanton, Qld. on 3 June 90, 1 353 km NNE.
- (c) 170-13104. Nestling banded by M. H. Waterman at Lake Eyre South on 21 Apr. 90. Recovered dead at Mount Isa, Qld. on 24 May 90, 986 km NNE.

## Cattle Egret *Ardeola ibis*

- 100-73063. Nestling banded by D. J. Geering near Grafton, NSW on 29 Jan. 90. Recovered sick, later died, at Copping, Tas. on 13 June 90, 1 533 km SSW.

## Straw-necked Ibis *Threskiornis spinicollis*

- 120-60840. Nestling banded by M. H. Waterman at Boof Lagoon, SA on 20 Nov. 65. Recovered dead near Wakool, NSW on 9 May 90, over 24 years 5 months after banding. 388 km ENE.

## Black Swan *Cygnus atratus*

- 140-34188. Immature (1) banded by R. J. Thomas at Lake Wendouree, Vic. on 21 Feb 72. Recaptured near banding place by D. A. Ball on 8 Apr. 90, over 18 years 1 month after banding. 3 km WNW.

## Pacific Black Duck *Anas superciliosa*

- 111-09043. Adult (+1) female banded by D. A. Ball at Healesville Sanctuary, Vic. on 27 Dec. 90. Shot at Cressy, Tas. on 9 Mar. 91, 466 km SSE.

## Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*

- 131-26255. Nestling banded by A. F. C. Lashmar near Pennington Bay, Kangaroo Island, SA on 19 Nov. 78. Recovered dead near Edithburgh, SA on 30 Jan. 91, over 12 years 2 months after banding. 77 km N.

## Pied Oystercatcher *Haematopus longirostris*

- 100-83652. Adult (+1) female banded by SSG (BOAT) at Aerial Lagoon, Lauderdale, Tas. on 12 July 81. Recovered dead at Droughty Point, Tas. on 26 Feb. 91, over 9 years 7 months after banding. 6 km WSW.

## Large Sand Plover *Charadrius leschenaultii*

- \*C03831. Immature banded by WBST at Ta Tu Hsi, Taiwan (24°12'N, 120°28'E) on 2 Sep. 89. Recaptured at Roebuck Bay, WA (18°00'S, 122°22'E) by AWSG on 8 Apr. 90, 4 673 km S.

\*Taiwan Bird Banding Centre Band.

## Grey-tailed Tattler *Tringa brevipes*

- (a) \*D01827. Adult (+2) banded by WBST at Ta Tu Hsi, Taiwan (24°12'N, 120°28'E) on 21 Aug. 89. Recaptured at Roebuck Bay, WA (18°00'S, 122°22'E) by AWSG on 12 Apr. 90, 4 673 km S.
- (b) 061-72179. Adult (+2) banded by AWSG at Roebuck Bay, WA (18°00'S, 122°22'E) on 12 Apr. 90. Recaptured at Kuantao, Taiwan (25°07'N, 121°27'E) by WBST on 5 May 90, 23 days after banding. 4 771 km N.

\*Taiwan Bird Banding Centre Band.

## Terek Sandpiper *Tringa terek*

- 051-25346. Adult (+1) banded by D. J. Geering at Buffalo Creek, Darwin, NT (12°20'S, 130°54'E) on 18 Sep. 89. Recovered dead 'taken for food' on Chongming Island, Shanghai, China (31°30'N, 121°52'E) by ECWG in 1989, 4 967 km NNW.

**Bar-tailed Godwit** *Limosa lapponica*

071-86531. Adult (+2) banded by AWSG at 80 Mile Beach, WA (19°15'S, 121°20'E) on 4 Apr. 90. Recovered dead 'taken for food' on Chongming Island, Shanghai, China (31°30'N, 121°52'E) by ECWG on 15 Apr. 90, 11 days after banding, 5 642 km N.

(b) 071-86536. Adult (+2) banded by AWSG at 80 Mile Beach, WA (19°15'S, 121°20'E) on 4 Apr. 90. Recovered dead 'taken for food' at Zanghai, Shanghai Province, China (30°48'S, 121°27'E) by ECWG on 16 Apr. 90, 12 days after banding, 5 564 km N.

(c) 081-35529. Adult (+1) banded by J. W. Hardy at Kooragang Island Nature Reserve, NSW (32°52'S, 151°46'E) on 4 Dec. 88. Recaptured at Miranda, Firth of Thames, New Zealand (37°10'S, 175°19'E) by Miranda Banders on 3 Nov. 90, 2 191 km ESE.

(Original band removed, bird rebanded with NZ band Y3905.)

**Red Knot** *Calidris canutus*

051-27757. Adult (+2) banded by AWSG at 80 Mile Beach, WA (19°15'S, 121°20'E) on 13 Apr. 85. Shot at Miaogang, Yangtze River Estuary, China (30°52'N, 121°52'E) on 12 Apr. 90, over 4 years 11 months after banding, 5 572 km N.

**Sharp-tailed Sandpiper** *Calidris acuminata*

041-05708. Adult (+2) banded by P. N. Maher near Burraboi, NSW (35°22'S, 144°12'E) on 31 Jan. 88. Recovered dead, 'taken for food' at Hangzhou Bay, China (30°48'N, 121°27'E) by ECWG on 12 May 90, 7 730 km NNW.

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

(a) 032-39845. Adult (+1) banded by K. R. Mills at Emu Point, Albany, WA on 9 Mar. 84. Recaptured at Oyster Harbour, NE of Albany, WA by V. W. Smith on 23 Feb. 91, over 6 years 11 months after banding, 5 km NNE.

(b) 033-65884. Adult (+2) banded by VWSG at Inverloch, Vic. (38°37'S, 145°45'E) on 20 Nov. 88. Recovered dead, 'taken for food' at Hangzhou Bay, China (30°48'N, 121°27'E) by ECWG on 12 May 90, 8 117 km NNW.

**Curlew Sandpiper** *Calidris ferruginea*

(a) 041-17708. Adult (+2) banded by AWSG at Roebuck Bay, WA (18°00'S, 122°22'E) on 17 Apr. 85. Recaptured at Szo-Tsao, Taiwan (22°58'N, 120°10'E) by WBST on 29 Apr. 90, over 5 years after banding, 4 538 km N.

(b) 041-31101. Adult (+2) banded by VWSG at Werribee Sewerage Farm, Vic. (38°03'S, 144°32'E) on 18 Jan. 87. Recovered dead 'taken for food' at Zanghai, Shanghai Province, China (30°48'N, 121°27'E) by ECWG on 5 May 89, 8 020 km NNW.

**Galah** *Cacatua roseicapilla*

200-00018. Adult (+1) male banded by I. C. R. Rowley at Helena Valley, WA on 15 June 70. Recovered dead at Darlington, Perth, WA by C. P. S. de Rebeira on 12 Nov. 90, over 20 years 4 months after banding, 4 km ENE.

**Laughing Kookaburra** *Dacelo novaeguineae*

091-05124. Banded by R. J. S. Beeton at Gatton, Qld. on 24 Aug. 80. Recaptured at banding site on 12 Dec. 90, over 10 years 3 months after banding.

**Fairy Martin** *Cecropis ariel*

(a) 016-22460. Banded by W. L. Klau near Bruce, SA on 18 Sep. 90. Recaptured by bander 5 km SE of Melrose, SA on 16 Nov. 90, 43 km S.

(b) 016-22480. Banded by W. L. Klau 12 km NE of Wilmington, SA on 18 Oct. 90. Recaptured by bander 5 km SE of Melrose, SA on 1 Nov. 90, 31 km S.

(c) 016-45678. Banded by W. L. Klau 6 km N of Melrose, SA on 1 Nov. 90. Recaptured at banding place on 5 Nov. 90, later recaptured 5 km SE of Melrose, SA on 16 Nov. 90, 16 km S.

**Grey-headed Robin** *Poecilodryas albispecularis*

031-24773. Adult (+1) banded by D. W. Frith near Paluma, Qld. on 14 Sep. 83. Recaptured at Paluma State Forest, Qld. by S. G. Lane on 1 Dec. 90, over 7 years 2 months after banding, 4 km WNW.

**Grey Shrike-Thrush** *Colluricincla harmonica*

050-79802. Juvenile female banded by P. Thomas at Blue Gum Swamp Creek, Winmalee, NSW on 19 Nov. 78. Recaptured at banding place six times, the last occasion by J. Farrell on 24 Feb. 91, over 12 years 3 months after banding.  
(Band replaced with 051-36931.)

**White-throated Treecreeper**  
*Climacteris leucophaea*

(a) 031-64736. Adult male banded by J. W. Hardy at Blue Gum Swamp Creek, Winmalee, NSW on 7 Dec. 80. Recaptured at banding place three times, the last occasion by L. Taylor on 24 Feb. 91, over 10 years 2 months after banding.  
(Band replaced with 033-32545.)

(b) 031-93637. Adult male banded by S. G. Lane at Moonee, NSW on 20 May 83. Recaptured at banding place five times, the last occasion on 18 July 90, over 7 years 1 month after banding.

**Noisy Miner** *Manorina melanocephala*

061-00571. Adult (+1) banded by A. H. Burbidge at Rotamah Island Bird Observatory, Vic. on 30 Oct. 80. Recaptured at banding place by J. W. Reside on 14 July 90, over 9 years 8 months after banding.

**Yellow-faced Honeyeater***Lichenostomus chrysops*

- (a) 022-669J9. Immature (1) banded by A. J. Leishman near Appin, NSW on 11 Dec. 83. Recaptured at banding place eight times, the last occasion on 3 Mar. 91, over 7 years 3 months after banding.
- (b) 022-73471. Adult banded by R. Jordan at Barren Grounds Bird Observatory, Jamberoo, NSW on 2 Sep. 83. Recaptured at banding place six times, the last occasion by M. Bramwell on 28 Aug. 90, over 6 years 11 months after banding.

**Purple-gaped Honeyeater***Lichenostomus craiiutus*

- 022-40113. Juvenile banded by P. Duncan at Eyre Bird Observatory, WA on 6 Feb. 80. Recaptured at banding place 36 times, the last occasion by P. Congreve on 1 Dec. 90, over 9 years 10 months after banding.

**New Holland Honeyeater***Phylidonyris novaehollandiae*

- 031-66791. Banded by P. Duncan at Eyre Bird Observatory, WA on 5 June 81. Recaptured at banding place by P. Congreve on 1 Dec. 90, over 9 years 5 months after banding.

**Silvereye** *Zosterops lateralis*

- 014-78103. Adult (+1) banded by A. J. Leishman near Appin, NSW on 28 Mar. 87. Recaptured near Armidale, NSW by A. J. Ley on 13 Apr. 91, over 4 years after banding, 405 km NNE.

**Golden Bowerbird** *Prionodura newtoniana*

- 050-57103. Immature (1) male banded by C. Frith near Paluma, Qld, on 9 Apr. 79. Recaptured at Paluma State Forest by S. G. Lane on 1 Dec. 90, over 11 years 7 months after banding, 4 km WNW.

**Tooth-billed Catbird** *Ailuroedus melanotis*

- (a) 071-42511. Adult (+1) banded by C. Frith near Paluma, Qld, on 22 Nov. 78. Recaptured at Paluma State Forest by S. G. Lane on 1 Dec. 90, over 12 years after banding, 4 km WNW.
- (b) 071-44317. Adult (+1) banded by C. Frith near Paluma, Qld, on 20 Oct. 80. Recaptured at Paluma State Forest by S. G. Lane on 30 Nov. 90, over 10 years 1 month after banding, 4 km WNW.

**Grey Butcherbird** *Cracticus torquatus*

- 060-36774. Immature (1) banded by S. G. Lane at Pennant Hills Park, NSW on 12 June 72. Band number read in field (bird not trapped) at Turrumurra, NSW, by T. Allan on 4 Apr. 91, over 18 years 9 months after banding.

**OBITUARY**

R. K. 'Sam' Carruthers died suddenly at Buderim in early March 1991, aged 69 years. A mining engineer by profession, he was an enthusiastic bird watcher and bander for many years. He applied to his hobby that attention to detail his job demanded. His birding notes were meticulous. If he saw in any publication a statement which deviated from the facts as he knew them, he was quick to draw the author's attention to the error of his ways. The most interesting part of his birding life was in north-west Queensland when he lived in Mount Isa in the 50s and 60s. At that time the large artificial lakes were being created with a fascinating impact on the birdlife. He was the leading spirit of a small but enthusiastic group of bird watchers and banders who observed and recorded this phenomenon. Later his career took him to Sydney where his birding was more limited but his interest was rekindled on his retirement to the Sunshine Coast, where he carefully recorded the details of birds in his garden until the time of his death.

A most friendly and sociable man with a great knowledge of birds as well as an endless fund of stories about the colourful characters of Queensland's North-West; a day with Sam and his wife Joy was always a delight. A moonlit west Queensland night, a camp-fire and a beer with Sam after a day's birding was one of life's great pleasures for those of us fortunate enough to experience it. He will be affectionately remembered and sadly missed. He is survived by his wife Joy and his three sons to whom we extend our sympathy.

A. T. Thomason

**NEW MEMBERS**

BIELEWICZ, J. A., Redcliff, Qld  
BOUGHER, A. R., Mount Hawthorn, WA  
CHAMBERS, L., Doncaster, Vic  
DARJANO, Bundoora, Vic  
HEALEY, C., Castiarina, NT  
IRELAND, C. A., Blackheath, NSW  
MARTIN, S. T., McKellar, ACT  
MIEKAUTSCH, E., Riverwood, NSW  
MIEKAUTSCH, M. S., Riverwood, NSW  
MURPHY, D., Midland, WA  
RAIDAL, S. R., Camden, NSW  
SINCLAIR, R. G., Adelaide, SA  
STANVIC, F., Valley Heights, NSW  
UNDERWOOD, G. H., Healesville, Vic