

# 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:

ANARE — Australian National Antarctic Research Expeditions.

NSWGP — New South Wales, National Parks and Wildlife Service, Gull Project.

PSG — Penguin Study Group.

SSG(BOAT) — Shorebird Study Group of the Bird Observers Association of Tasmania.

VWSG — Victorian Wader Study Group.

## Little Penguin *Eudyptula minor*

- (a) 190-12089. Nestling banded by P. N. Reilly on Phillip Island on 6 Dec. 80. Recovered, 'oiled', later died at Apollo Bay, Vic on 13 Aug. 91, over 10 years 8 months after banding. 130 km WSW.
- (b) 190-12322. Adult (1+) banded by P. N. Reilly at Summerland Penguin Reserve, Phillip Island, Vic. on 19 Aug. 79. Recovered dead at Portarlington, Vic. on 10 Mar. 91, over 11 years 6 months after banding. 60 km NW.
- (c) 190-43760. Adult (1+) banded by H. Battam on Big Island, Five Islands, NSW on 28 Aug. 88. Recaptured by M. H. Waterman on West Island, Victor Harbour, SA on 17 Aug. 91, over 2 years 11 months after banding. 1132 km WSW.
- (d) 190-47317. Adult (1+) banded by A. W. J. Fletcher on Bruny Island, Tas. on 1 Sep. 88. Recaptured by M. H. Waterman on West Island, Victor Harbour, SA on 17 Aug. 91, over 2 years 11 months after banding. 1134 km NW.
- (e) 190-56725. Nestling banded by PSG at Penguin Parade, Phillip Island, Vic. on 23 Nov. 90. Recovered dead at Aldinga Beach South, near Adelaide, SA on 10 Sep. 91. 694 km WNW.

## Wandering Albatross *Diomedea exulans*

- (a) 140-37390. Banded by D. Gibson off Bellambi, NSW on 26 July 1958. Recaptured at banding place twice by (1) S. G. Lane on 19 July 1975, and (2) H. Battam on 15 Aug. 1987, 29 years after banding.
- (b) 140-39851. Adult (1+) banded by D. Gibson off Bellambi, NSW (34°20'S, 151°00'E) on 6 Aug. 83. Recovered dead at Manukau Harbour, South Auckland, New Zealand (37°08'S, 174°42'E) on 23 Aug. 91, over 8 years after banding. 2155 km SSE

## Light-mantled Sooty Albatross *Phoebastria palpebrata*

- 120-46495. Adult (1+) banded by ANARE at Sandy Bay, Macquarie Island, Tas. (54°34'S, 158°56'E) on 12 Nov. 76. Recovered dead at Te Kopuru, North Island, New Zealand (36°02'S, 173°55'E) on 3 May 91, over 14 years 5 months after banding. 2359 km NE.

## Southern Giant-Petrel *Macronectes giganteus*

- (a) V11977\*. Nestling banded on Penguin Island, South Shetlands (62°00'S, 57°50'E) on 4 Mar. 90. Recaptured by C. P. S. de Rebeira at Yanchev Beach, WA (31°33'S, 115°37'E) on 21 July 90. 9594 km WNW.
- (b) V11981\*. Nestling banded on Penguin Island, South Shetlands (62°00'S, 57°50'E) on 4 Mar. 90. Recovered dead on Phillip Island, Vic. (38°32'S, 145°19'E) on 15 July 91. 8642 km WNW.

\*Brazilian Banding Centre band.

## Short-tailed Shearwater *Puffinus tenuirostris*

- (a) 161-02657. Nestling banded by T. W. Pescott on Griffiths Island, Port Fairy, Vic. on 26 Apr. 69. Recovered dead near banding place on 19 Oct. 91, over 22 years 5 months after banding.
- (b) 161-02665. Nestling banded by T. W. Pescott on Griffiths Island, Port Fairy, Vic. on 26 Apr. 69. Recovered dead near banding place on 27 Sep. 91, over 22 years 5 months after banding.
- (c) 161-21186. Nestling banded by G. M. Bowker on Griffiths Island, Port Fairy, Vic. on 27 Apr. 71. Recovered dead at Culburra, NSW on 30 Oct. 91, over 20 years 6 months after banding. 852 km ENE.
- (d) 161-21208. Nestling banded by G. M. Bowker on Griffiths Island, Port Fairy, Vic. on 29 Apr. 71. Recovered dead at Caloundra, Qld on 16 Oct. 91, over 20 years 5 months after banding. 1641 km NE.
- (e) 161-29373. Adult (1+) banded by G. M. Bowker on Griffiths Island, Port Fairy, Vic. on 8 Apr. 73. Recovered on North Stradbroke Island, Qld on 20 Oct. 91, over 18 years 6 months after banding. 1583 km NE.

(f) 161-48005. Nestling banded by V. H. Yeoman on Griffiths Island, Port Fairy, Vic. on 18 Apr. 77. Recovered dead at Red Rock Beach, NSW on 20 Oct. 91, over 14 years 6 months after banding. 1 375 km NE.

### Australasian Gannet *Morus serrator*

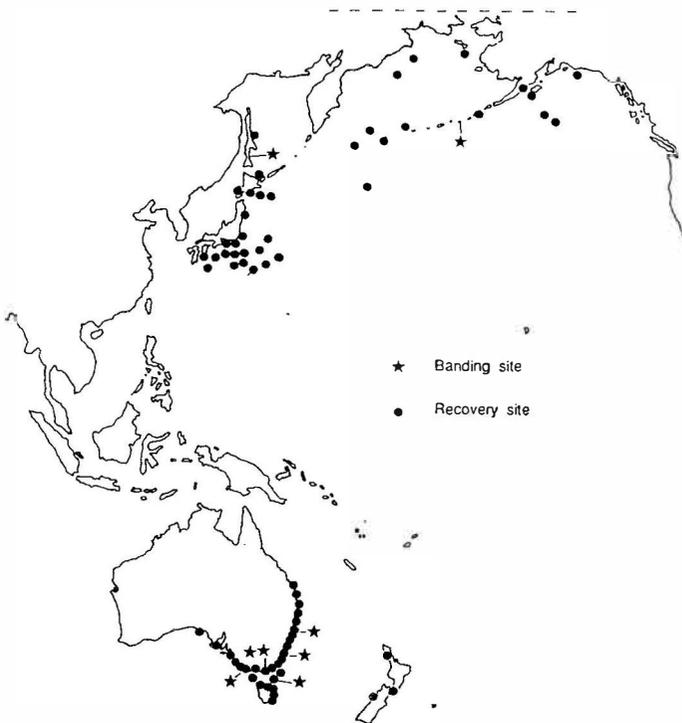
- (a) 130-66296. Nestling banded by G. M. Bowker on Lawrence Rocks, Portland, Vic. on 31 Dec. 69. Recaptured near banding place by C. G. Cooper on 19 Dec. 89, over 19 years 11 months after banding.
- (b) 130-66513. Nestling banded by G. M. Bowker on Lawrence Rocks, Portland, Vic. on 26 Dec. 71. Recaptured near banding place by C. G. Cooper on 19 Dec. 89, over 17 years 11 months after banding.
- (c) 130-66596. Adult (1+) banded by G. M. Bowker on Lawrence Rocks, Portland, Vic. on 26 Dec. 71. Recaptured near banding place by C. G. Cooper on 19 Dec. 89, over 17 years 11 months after banding.
- (d) 131-71620. Nestling banded by C. G. Cooper on Lawrence Rocks, Portland, Vic. on 19 Dec. 89. Recovered dead at sea off Cervantes, WA in June 90. 2 576 km WNW.
- (e) 131-73471. Nestling banded by C. G. Cooper on Lawrence Rocks, Portland, Vic. on 17 Dec. 90. Recovered dead by G. J. Goodreid near Eyre Bird Observatory, WA on 24 Aug. 91. 1552 km WNW.

- (f) M50668\*. Juvenile banded on White Island, Bay of Plenty, New Zealand (37°31'S, 177°12'E) on 23 Jan. 91. Recovered dead near Torquay, Vic. (38°21'S, 144°19'E) on 14 Feb. 91. 2 869 km WSW.
- (g) M50831\*. Juvenile banded on White Island, Bay of Plenty, New Zealand (37°31'S, 177°12'E) on 23 Jan. 91. Recovered dead on Corringale Beach, near Orbost, Vic. (37°47'S, 148°31'E) on 28 Sep. 91. 2 515 km W.
- (h) M50848\*. Juvenile banded on White Island, Bay of Plenty, New Zealand (37°31'S, 177°12'E) on 23 Jan. 91. Recovered dead at Congo Point, near Moruya, NSW (35°57'S, 150°09'E) in March 91. 2 408 km W.
- (i) M51086\*. Juvenile banded on White Island, Bay of Plenty, New Zealand (37°31'S, 177°12'E) on 24 Jan. 91. Recovered dead on Teewah Beach near Noosa, Qld (26°23'S, 153°04'E) on 8 Aug. 91. 2 580 km NW.
- (j) M51253\*. Juvenile banded on White Island, Bay of Plenty, New Zealand (37°31'S, 177°12'E) on 24 Jan. 91. Recovered dead near Torquay, Vic. (38°21'S, 144°19'E) on 22 Feb. 91. 2 869 km WSW.

\*New Zealand Banding Scheme band.

### Masked Booby *Sula dactylatra*

131-40191. Adult (1+) female banded by B. R. King on Raine Island, Qld (11°36'S, 144°01'E) on 12 June 81. Shot for food at Bamu River, Western Province, Papua New Guinea (07°55'S, 143°24'E) in Jun. 90. 415 km N.



### Short-tailed Shearwater *Puffinus tenuirostris*

This map of Short-tailed Shearwater recoveries provides an insight into the migration of this species.

The vast majority of the recoveries within Australia are from dead birds washed onto the beaches, predominantly in the period in which the birds are returning to Australia to breed. The high mortality rates in this period are presumably the result of stress encountered during their long trans-Pacific migration.

The majority of the recoveries from the non-breeding areas have been picked up by fishing vessels while at sea and provide an indication of the distribution of this species in the non-breeding period. All the recoveries from the non-breeding areas support the known distribution of the species outside Australia.

The birds whose movements are recorded on the map were banded by the following groups of individuals: J. McKean, C. Hall, M. B. Gottsch, T. Pescott, G. F. Gayner, G. Bowker, J. R. Wheeler, H. A. Bradley, S. G. Lane, P. Fullagar, V. H. Yeoman, N. P. Brothers, D. Geering, I. J. Skira, D. Foley, H. Battam, C. A. Lill, J. C. Fitzherbert, J. R. Tucker, A. Leishman, P. Du Guesclin, D. L. Field and Tasmanian Fauna Board.

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**Brown Booby *Sula leucogaster***

- (a) 121-15354. Adult (1+) male banded by B. R. King on Sandbank No. 8, Qld on 25 June 81. Recovered 'band number read in field' near Michaelmas Cay, Qld on 12 Feb. 91, over 9 years 7 months after banding. 421 km SSE.
- (b) 121-34608. Nestling banded by F. M. Savage on Cato Island, Qld (23°15'S, 155°32'E) on 15 Dec. 90. Recovered at Popondetta, Ono Province, Papua New Guinea (08°47'S, 148°13'E) on 10 June 91. 1787 km NNW.

**Black-faced Shag *Leucocarbo fuscescens***

- 131-11065. Nestling banded by M. H. Waterman on the Breakwater, Outer Harbour, SA on 3 July 71. Recovered dead near Semaphore Jetty, SA on 26 Sep. 91, over 20 years 2 months after banding. 6 km SSW.

**Pied Cormorant *Phalacrocorax varius***

- 131-60630. Nestling banded by D. A. Ball at Werribee, Vic. on 13 May 90. Recovered dead at Geelong, Vic. on 20 July 90. 25 km SW.

**Great Skua *Stercorarius skua***

- 843404\*. Nestling banded on Marion Island, South Indian Ocean, (46°54'S, 37°45'E) on 31 Jan. 87. Recovered dead at Fremantle, WA (22°03'S, 115°45'E) on 28 Aug. 91. 7 344 km NW.

\*South African Bird Ringing Unit band.

**Silver Gull *Larus novaehollandiae***

- (a) 081-94721. Nestling banded by K. W. Lowe on Big Island, Five Islands, NSW on 18 Oct. 86. Recovered, 'band number read in field' by W. C. Wakefield at Bridgewater, Tas. on 10 Feb. 91. 972 km SSW.
- (b) 081-98734. Nestling banded by D. G. Nicholls on Mud Islands, Vic. on 12 Oct. 86. Recovered dead at Orielson Lagoon, Tas. by W. C. Wakefield on 23 Feb. 91. 556 km SSE.
- (c) 082-05316. Adult (1+) female banded by NSWGP on Big Island, Five Islands, NSW on 15 Sep. 88. Recovered dead 'aircraft strike', at Melbourne Airport in 1990. 651 km SW.
- (d) 082-11099. Adult (1+) banded by NSWGP at Whytes Gully Tip, Dapto, NSW on 3 May 90. Recaptured at Werribee Garbage Dump, Vic. by P. Turnbull on 13 Nov. 91. 749 km SW.
- (e) 082-12031. Adult (1+) banded by NSWGP at Whytes Gully Tip, Dapto, NSW on 17 May 90. Recovered dead at Corio, Vic. by T. Pescott on 10 Aug. 91. 781 km SW.
- (f) 082-17875. Nestling banded by NSWGP on Five Islands, NSW on 18 Oct. 90. Recovered, later died, at Hope Island, Gold Coast, Qld on 21 Nov. 91. 772 km NNE.

**Kelp Gull *Larus dominicanus***

- 110-96083. Nestling banded by SSG(BOAT) on Green Island, Tas. on 3 Jan. 83. Recovered dead near Sandford, Tas. on 18 Aug. 91, over 8 years 7 months after banding. 28 km NNE.

**Common Tern *Sterna hirundo***

- 051-29642. Adult (2+) banded by VWWSG at Spermwhale Head/Ocean Grange area, Vic. (37°58'S, 147°44'E) on 4 Mar. 89. Recaptured at Bontoc Hindang, Leyte, Philippines (10°25'N, 124°40'E) on 14 Oct. 91. 5 889 km NNW.

**Bridled Tern *Sterna anaethetus***

- 061-23362. Adult (2+) banded by J. N. Dunlop on Penguin Island, WA (32°17'S, 115°41'E) on 1 Nov. 86. Recovered dead at Tukuran Zamboanga Del Sur, Philippines (07°51'N, 123°35'E) on 20 June 91. 4 539 km N.

**Crested Tern *Sterna bergii***

- (a) 071-07945. Nestling banded by M. H. Waterman on Stoneywell Island, SA on 14 Dec. 69. Recovered dead at Portland, Vic. on 15 June 91, over 21 years 6 months after banding. 326 km SSE.
- (b) 071-16048. Nestling banded by M. H. Waterman on Stoneywell Island, SA on 28 Dec. 70. Recovered dead at Canunda National Park, SA on 13 July 91, over 20 years 6 months after banding. 211 km SSE.
- (c) 071-26488. Nestling banded by M. H. Waterman on Stoneywell Island, SA on 7 Dec. 74. Recovered dead near Goolwa, SA on 19 Feb. 91, over 16 years 2 months after banding. 61 km NW.
- (d) 072-01763. Nestling banded by W. C. Wakefield at Bicheno, Tas. on 29 Nov. 90. Recovered dead on Fraser Island, Qld on 25 Sep. 91. 1 914 km N.
- (e) 072-05154. Nestling banded by VWWSG on Mud Islands, Vic. on 15 Dec. 90. Recaptured at Burrum Heads, Qld on 10 July 91. 1 632 km NNE.
- (f) 072-05384. Nestling banded by VWWSG on Mud Islands, Vic. on 15 Dec. 90. Recaptured near mouth of Macleay River, NSW on 31 Oct. 91. 1 116 km NNE.
- (g) 072-11016. Nestling banded by M. H. Waterman on Troubridge Island, Edithburgh, SA on 16 Dec. 90. Recovered dead at Batemans Bay, NSW on 7 Oct. 91. 1 125 km E.

**Black Noddy *Anous minutus***

- (a) 061-35112. Nestling banded by D. D. Dow on Heron Island, Qld on 20 Jan. 79. Recaptured at banding place by P. Ogilvie on 24 Nov. 88, over 9 years 10 months after banding.
- (b) 061-35114. Nestling banded by D. D. Dow on Heron Island, Qld on 20 Jan. 79. Recaptured at banding place by P. Ogilvie on 23 Nov. 88, over 9 years 10 months after banding.