

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:

ANPWS CSP — Australian National Parks and Wildlife Service Coral Sea Project.

AWSG — Australasian Wader Study Group.

VWSG — Victorian Wader Study Group.

WAWSG — Western Australian Wader Study Group.

Southern Giant-Petrel *Macronectes giganteus*

131-89071. Nestling banded by N. P. Brothers on Macquarie Island, Tas. (54°00'S, 158°00'E) on 10 Mar. 96. Recovered dead at Kommetjie Beach, near Cape Town, South Africa (34°08'S, 18°19'E) on 9 June 96. 9 476 km SW.

Wandering Albatross *Diomedea exulans*

(a) 140-26431. Adult (1+) banded by H. Battam off Malabar, NSW (33°58'S, 151°20'E) on 7 July 69. Recaptured (released alive with band) on Antipodes Island, New Zealand (49°40'S, 178°48'E) on 22 Mar. 95, over 25 years 8 months after banding. 2 841 km SE.

(b) 140-37482. Adult (5+) banded by S. G. Lane off Bellambi, NSW (34°20'S, 151°00'E) on 28 Aug. 87. Recaptured (released alive with band) on Antipodes Island, New Zealand (49°40'S, 178°48'E) on 19 Feb. 95, over 6 years 7 months after banding. 2 833 km SE.

Yellow-nosed Albatross

Diomedea chlororhynchos

CF35643*. Adult (3+) banded on Amsterdam Island, Indian Ocean (37°30'S, 77°50'E) on 20 Dec. 95. Recaptured (released alive with band) at King George Sound, Albany, WA (35°04'S, 118°00'E) by G. Kennedy on 6 May 96. 3 582 km E.

*French Banding Scheme band.

Red-tailed Tropicbird *Phaethon rubricauda*

200-12026. Nestling banded by ANPWS CSP on Coringa Islet, Coral Sea (16°58'S, 149°56'E) on 9 May 90. Recaptured (released alive with band) on North-East Cay, Herald Cays, Coral Sea (16°57'S, 149°11'E) on 4 May 96, over 5 years 11 months after banding. 80 km W.

Australasian Gannet *Morus serrator*

(a) 130-16699. Nestling banded by I. O'Connor on Lawrence Rocks, Portland, Vic. on 26 Dec. 60. Recaptured at banding place by C. G. Cooper on 19 Dec. 89, over 28 years 11 months after banding. (The bird was rebanded with band no: 131-71506.)

The Secretary of the ABBBS, Mr Tom Scotney reported that; "This band was illegible when sent in (in 1989). David Drynan managed to clean it up and get a number. (It is amazing what a piece of steel wool can do!!!)". This was after a number of high tech tests had been carried out on similar bands, these tests had failed to reveal the band numbers.

(b) M56708*. Juvenile banded on White Island, Bay of Plenty, New Zealand (37°31'S, 177°12'E) on 30 Jan. 94. Recovered dead at Shelley Beach, Portsea, Vic. (38°19'S, 144°43'E) on 25 Apr. 96. 2 835 km WSW.

(c) M63111*. Juvenile banded on White Island, Bay of Plenty, New Zealand (37°31'S, 177°12'E) on 5 Mar. 96. Recovered dead at Chinamans Beach, Evans Head, NSW (29°07'S, 153°26'E) on 5 May 96. 2 389 km W.

*New Zealand Banding Scheme band.

Red-footed Booby *Sula sula*

270-01347. Juvenile banded by B. R. King on Raine Island, Qld (11°36'S, 144°01'E) on 14 June 81. Recaptured (released alive with band) on South Island, Willis Group, Coral Sea (16°17'S, 150°00'E) by ANPWS CSP on 7 May 96, over 14 years 10 months after banding. 829 km SE. (This is the longest movement recorded for this species.)

Australian Pelican *Pelecanus conspicillatus*

170-04330. Nestling banded by M. H. Waterman on North Pelican Island, Coorong, SA on 16 Dec. 84. Recovered dead at Pound Bend, Vic. on 6 Apr. 96, over 11 years 3 months after banding. 312 km ENE.

Bar-tailed Godwit *Limosa lapponica*

(a) 071-86884. Adult (2+) banded by AWSG at the Saltworks, Port Hedland, WA (20°15'S, 118°55'E) on 13 Apr 90. Recaptured (released alive with band) at Chongming Island, Shanghai, China (31°38'N, 121°27'E) on 9 Apr. 96, over 5 years 11 months after banding. 5 774 km N.

- (b) 072-11823. Adult (2+) female banded by P. V. Driscoll on Bishop Island, Brisband River, Qld (27°21'S, 153°10'E) on 13 Oct. 91. Recaptured (released alive with band) at Chongming Island, Shanghai, China (31°38'N, 121°27'E) on 1 Apr. 96. 7 368 km NNW.
- (c) 082-44675. Adult (2+) banded by S. G. Lane on Kooragang Island, Newcastle, NSW (32°52'S, 151°46'E) on 28 Feb. 87. Recaptured (released alive with band) at Kametsu, Tokunoshima-Cho, Oshima-Gun, Japan (27°44'N, 129°01'E) on 10 Apr. 96, over 9 years 1 month after banding. 7 152 km NNW.

Terek Sandpiper *Xenus cinereus*

04004505*. Banded on south side of Young-Jong Island, Korea (37°27'N, 126°29'E) on 19 Sep. 93. Recaptured (released alive with bands) at 80 Mile Beach, WA (19°15'S, 121°20'E) by AWSG on 3 Apr. 96. 6 326 km S. (The bird was also banded with band no: 051-92295.)

*Korean Banding Scheme band.

Grey-tailed Tattler *Heteroscelus brevipes*

- (a) 061-92216. Adult (2+) banded by P. V. Driscoll at Amity Point sandspit, North Stradbroke Island, Qld (27°24'S, 153°25'E) on 4 May 92. Recovered dead (cause unknown) at Toshima, Izu Island, Tokyo, Japan (34°32'N, 139°17'E) on 7 May 96, over 4 years after banding. 7 044 km NNW.
- (b) 5A10322*. Adult (1+) banded at Obitsu Estuary, Kisarazu-Shi, Japan (35°25'N, 139°54'E) on 29 Aug. 93. Recaptured (released alive with bands) off Manns Beach, Corner Inlet, Vic. (38°41'S, 146°50'E) by VWWSG on 18 Jan. 96. 8 268 km S. (The bird was also banded with band no: 061-57410.)

*Japanese Banding Scheme band.

Great Knot *Calidris tenuirostris*

- (a) 061-41958. Adult (3+) banded by WAWWSG at 80 Mile Beach, near Anna Plains, WA (19°15'S, 121°23'E) on 31 Oct. 83. Recovered dead on Chongming Island, Shanghai, China (31°38'N, 121°27'E) in May 95, over 11 years 6 months after banding. 5 657 km N.
- (b) 061-87556. Juvenile banded by S. Alonzo-Pasicolan at Olango Island Wildlife Sanctuary, Phillipines (10°16'N, 124°03'E) on 28 Sep. 95. Recaptured (released alive with band) on Chongming Island, Shanghai, China (31°38'N, 121°27'E) on 2 Apr. 96. 2 390 km N.
- (c) 061-90664. Adult (3+) banded by AWSG at Beaches Crab Creek Road, Roebuck Bay, Broome, WA (18°00'S, 122°22'E) on 16 Oct. 92. Recaptured (released alive with band) on Chongming Island, Shanghai, China (31°38'N, 121°27'E) on 10 Apr. 96. 5 518 km N.

Red-necked Stint *Calidris ruficollis*

3B48429*. Banded adult (2+) at Furen Lake, Nemuro City, Hokkaido, Japan (43°16'N, 145°27'E) on 10 Aug. 95. Recaptured (released alive with band) at the Saltworks, Port Hedland, WA (20°15'S, 118°55'E) by AWSG on 19 Mar. 96. 7 564 km SSW.

*Japanese Banding Scheme band.

Curlew Sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea*

- (a) 041-69239. Adult (2+) banded by VWWSG at Yallock Creek near Kooweerup, Vic. (38°13'S, 145°28'E) on 13 Feb. 93. Recovered dead at Chongming Island, Shanghai, China (31°38'N, 121°27'E) in May 95. 8 154 km NNW.
- (b) C03078*. Male banded at Szu-Tsao, Tai Nan, Taiwan (23°01'N, 120°07'E) on 20 May 89. Recaptured (released alive with bands) at 80 Mile Beach, WA (19°15'S, 121°20'E) by AWSG on 4 Apr. 96, over 6 years 10 months after banding. 4 701 km S. (The bird was also banded with band no: 041-81635.)

*Taiwan Bird Banding Centre band.

Double-banded Plover *Charadrius bicinctus*

C50761*. Adult (1+) female banded at Tekapo River, South Island, New Zealand (44°20'S, 170°12'E) on 30 Nov. 93. Colour marking sighted in field (band no. inferred) at Boat Harbour, Kurnell, NSW (34°01'S, 151°13'E) by J. M. Pegler on 6 Apr. 96. 1 990 km WNW.

Eastern Rosella *Platycercus eximius*

240-03502. Adult (2+) male banded by A. J. Leishman at Mount Annan Botanic Garden, Campbelltown, NSW on 29 May 88. Recaptured near banding place twice, the last occasion on 23 Sep. 95, over 7 years 3 months after banding. 1 km NW.

Large-billed Scrubwren *Sericornis magnirostris*

014-96391. Banded by L. W. Filewood at Pappinbarra Field Studies Centre, NSW on 19 Apr. 87. Recaptured at banding place four times, the last occasion by D. J. Geering on 15 June 96, over 9 years 1 month after banding.

Brown Gerygone *Gerygone mouki*

015-17198. Banded by D. J. Geering at Pappinbarra Field Studies Centre, NSW on 11 July 87. Recaptured at banding place on 15 June 96, over 9 years 11 months after banding.

Brown Thornbill *Acanthiza pusilla*

014-89341. Banded by D. J. Geering at Pappinbarra Field Studies Centre, NSW on 11 July 87. Recaptured at banding place on 15 June 96, over 9 years 11 months after banding.

Red-whiskered Bulbul *Pycnonotus jocosus*

040-67955. Adult banded by A. J. Leishman at Mount Annan Botanic Garden, Campbelltown, NSW on 3 Nov. 90. Recaptured at banding place twice, the last occasion by J. Dale on 26 May 96, over 5 years 6 months after banding.