

RECOVERY ROUND-UP

This section is prepared with the co-operation of the Secretary, Australian Bird and Bat Banding Schemes, Biodiversity Group, Environment Australia. 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:

QWSG — Queensland Wader Study Group.

WIRES — NSW Wildlife Information and Rescue Service.

VWSG — Victorian Wader Study Group.

Northern Giant-Petrel *Macronectes halli*

131-86464. Nestling banded by N. P. Brothers on Macquarie Island, Tas. (54°00'S, 158°00'E) on 30 Jan. 96. Recovered dead near Prince Edward Islands, Southern Indian Ocean, (46°43'S, 38°10'E) on 15 Dec. 96. 7 464 km WNW.

Antarctic Petrel *Thalassoica antarctica*

091-09235. Nestling banded by the Antarctic Division on Filla Island, Rauer Group near Davis, Antarctica (68°48'S, 77°47'E) on 15 Feb. 84. Recaptured on Ardery Island, Northern Plateau, Antarctica (66°23'S, 110°27'E) on 7 Dec. 96, over 12 years 9 months after banding. 1 393 km E.

Black-browed Albatross *Diomedea melanophrys*

M61239*. Nestling banded on Bull Rock, Campbell Island, New Zealand (52°30'S, 169°09'E) on 14 Mar. 95. Recovered dead at Mystery Bay, near Narooma, NSW (36°19'S, 150°08'E) on 3 Jan. 97. 2 334 km WNW.

*New Zealand Banding Scheme band.

Black-faced Cormorant *Phalacrocorax fuscescens*

130-86803. Nestling banded by M. H. Waterman at Dangerous Reef, Port Lincoln, SA on 14 Feb. 70. Recovered dead at Point Souttar, SA on 3 Jan. 97, over 26 years 10 months after banding. 99 km E.

Great Egret *Ardea alba*

110-61549. Nestling banded by D. Munro at Corio Swamp, Pinjarra, WA on 21 Nov. 89. Colour marking sighted in field, band number inferred at Lake Forrestdale, WA on 4 Jan. 97, over 7 years 1 month after banding. 41 km N. (This is the oldest recorded for this species.)

Australian White Ibis *Threskiornis molucca*

120-11674. Adult (3+) female banded by A. J. Leishman at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney, NSW on 3 July 91. Band number read in field by I. C. T. Nisbet on 6 Mar. 97, over 5 years 8 months after banding.

Australian Kestrel *Falco centurio*

082-65876. Adult with fractured wing, rehabilitated by WIRES and released at Alexandria, NSW on 2 Jan. 91. Recovered dead at Randwick, NSW on 24 May 96, over 4 years 4 months after rehabilitation. 6 km E.

Eastern Curlew *Numenius madagascariensis*

101-06459. Adult (3+) male banded by QWSG on south-eastern Morton Island Sand Bar, Qld. (27°20'S, 153°26'E) on 10 Feb. 97. Recaptured 2 km North of Saidor, Papua New Guinea (05°34'S, 146°30'E) on 18 Mar. 97. 2 528 km N.

Curlew Sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea*

(a) 040-93386. Adult (1+) banded by VWSG at Werribee Sewerage Farm, Vic. on 6 Nov. 78. Recaptured at banding place on 27 Dec. 96, over 18 years 1 month after banding.

(b) 040-94877. Immature (1) banded by VWSG at Werribee Sewerage Farm, Vic. on 24 Feb. 79. Recaptured at banding place on 28 Dec. 96, over 17 years 10 months after banding.

Double-banded Plover *Charadrius bicinctus*

041-05008. Immature (1) banded by VWSG at Stockyard Point, Lang Lang, Westernport, Vic. on 24 July 83. Recaptured at banding place on 31 Aug. 96, over 13 years 1 month after banding. (The bird was also banded with band no: 041-95366.)

Common Tern *Sterna hirundo*

AT150635*. Nestling banded at Kuopio, Finland (62°46'N, 27°46'E) on 30 June 96. Recaptured (released alive with band) by VWSG at Albifrons Island, Ocean Grange National Park, Vic. (37°57'S, 147°47'E) on 24 Jan. 97. 15 192 km SE. (The bird was also banded with band no: 051-19663. This juvenile Common Tern had probably flown over 26 000 km from its nest in Finland.)

*Finland Ringing Centre band.

Little Tern *Sterna albifrons*

3B36728*. Nestling banded at Fuji River Mouth, Japan (35°07'N, 138°38'E) on 10 July 93. Recaptured (released alive with band) by VWSG at Albifrons Island, Ocean Grange Lakes National Park, Vic. (37°57'S, 147°47'E) on 24 Jan. 97. 8 177 km S. (The bird was also banded with band no: 041-96354.)

*Bird Migration Research Centre (Japan) band.

041-92158. Adult (2+) banded by VWSG on Albifrons Island, Ocean Grange Lakes National Park, Vic. (37°57'S, 147°47'E) on 26 Jan. 96. Colour marking sighted in field, band number inferred at Ishiki, Aichi Prefecture, Japan (34°47'N, 137°09'E) on 25 May 96. 8 160 km N.

Sooty Tern *Sterna fuscata*

061-17515. Adult (1+) banded by S. G. Lane on Pelsaert Island, Houthman Abrolhos, WA on 25 Nov. 82. Recaptured at banding place by C. Surman on 7 Dec. 96, over 14 years after banding.

Southern Boobook *Ninox novaeseelandiae*

(a) 110-82025. Adult rescued on 21 July 94 with concussion and damage to left eye. Rehabilitated by WIRES and released at Beverly Hills, NSW on 16 Aug. 94. Recovered "sick" at Campbelltown, NSW on 3 Sep. 94, later died. 31 km SW.

(b) 110-95849. Adult rescued on 31 Mar. 91 with concussion and eye injury. Rehabilitated by WIRES and released at Galston Gorge, NSW on 13 Apr. 91. Recovered dead in park at Newport, NSW on 27 Apr. 91. 25 km NE.

(c) 111-09271. Road casualty rehabilitated by WIRES and released at Concord, NSW on 15 Sep. 91. Found shot dead at Manly, NSW on 25 Sep. 91. 10 km E.

Barn Owl *Tyto alba*

111-18229. Adult with bruised wing rehabilitated by WIRES and released at Ebenezer, NSW on 7 Sep. 94. Recovered dead near electricity wires at Penrith, NSW on 11 Nov. 95. 31 km SW.

Laughing Kookaburra *Dacelo novaeguineae*

The following recoveries of rehabilitated Laughing Kookaburras demonstrate that, contrary to popular belief in rehabilitation circles, kookaburras can survive return to the wild if they are not returned to their original family group after a certain period of captivity.

(a) 090-40791. Juvenile orphan hand raised by WIRES and released at Woy Woy, NSW on 11 Jan. 95. Band number read in field at Palm Beach, NSW on 12 Oct. 95, over 8 months after release. 15 km S.

(b) 090-75640. Immature bird rescued on 26 Mar. 95 with a broken leg. Rehabilitated by WIRES and released at Ingleside, NSW on 3 May 95. Recovered injured at St Ives, NSW on 18 Dec. 95, over 7 months after release. 11 km SW.

(c) 091-26178. Adult male, an illegally caged bird, rehabilitated by WIRES and released at Jervis Bay, NSW on 11 July 92. Band number read in field at Erowal Bay, NSW on 15 Dec. 93, over 1 year 5 months after release. 19 km NW.

(d) 091-29926. Adult female rescued with damaged feathers and bruising. Rehabilitated by WIRES and released at Winston Hills, NSW on 2 Apr. 95. Band number read in field at Hornsby, NSW on 18 May 95, 1 month 16 days after release. 17 km NE.

Large-billed Scrubwren *Sericornis magnirostris*

(a) 015-26726. Adult (2+) male banded by S. G. Lane at Iluka Nature Reserve, NSW on 20 Oct. 88. Recaptured at banding place by D. J. Geering on 10 Feb. 97, over 8 years 3 months after banding.

(b) 015-75407. Adult (2+) banded by G. E. Richards at Iluka Nature Reserve, NSW on 18 Feb. 88. Recaptured at banding place by W. L. Klause on 10 Feb. 97, over 8 years 11 months after banding.

(c) 015-81118. Adult banded by D. J. Geering at Iluka Nature Reserve, NSW on 21 Mar. 91. Recaptured at banding place by J. Dale on 11 Feb. 97, over 5 years 10 months after banding.

Brown Thornbill *Acanthiza pusilla*

(a) 013-44818. Banded by S. Wallace at Pappinbarra Field Study Centre, NSW on 10 Mar. 84. Recaptured at banding place three times, the last occasion by D. J. Geering on 29 Mar. 97, over 13 years after banding.

(b) 013-82781. Adult banded by B. Foreman at Bridgewater, SA on 23 Mar. 78. Recaptured at banding place twice, the last occasion by E. L. Liebing on 8 Nov. 95, over 17 years 5 months after banding. (This is the oldest recorded for this species.)

Golden Whistler *Pachycephala pectoralis*

033-02504. Adult female banded by D. J. Geering at Pappinbarra Field Study Centre, NSW on 1 Mar. 91. Recaptured at banding place twice, the last occasion on 29 Mar. 97, over 6 years after banding.

Rufous Whistler *Pachycephala rufiventris*

032-86576. Banded by L. W. Filewood at Munghorn Gap Nature Reserve, NSW on 28 Dec. 88. Recaptured (female) at banding place three times, the last occasion by G. Fry on 25 Jan. 97, over 9 years after banding.

Australian Magpie *Gymnorhina tibicen*

091-05797. Immature (1) banded by G. Fry at Hurstville Grove, NSW on 19 June 89. Band number read in field at Miranda, NSW on 3 Dec. 96, over 7 years 5 months after banding. 6 km S.