

# 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 in part without the 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).

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 — Australian Wader Study Group.

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

VWWSG — Victorian Wader Study Group.

WAWWSG — Western Australian Wader Study Group.

## Australian Pelican *Pelecanus conspicillatus*

170-08100. Nestling banded by H. Battam on Five Islands off Wollongong, NSW on 12 Aug. 87. Recovered (released alive) at Port Macquarie, NSW in 88. 385 km NNE.

## Cattle Egret *Ardeola ibis*

(a) 100-71263. Nestling banded by D. J. Geering at Lawrence, NSW on 21 Dec. 88. "Colour marking sighted in field (band number inferred)" at Wyong, NSW on 6 May 89. 448 km SSW.

(b) 100-71964. Nestling banded by D. J. Geering at Lawrence, NSW on 5 Jan. 89. "Colour marking sighted in field (band number inferred)" at Wyong, NSW on 23 Apr. 89. 448 km SSW.

## Australian Shelduck *Tadorna tadornoides*

121-17295. Juvenile female banded by N. Mooney at Little Bay, Moulting Lagoon, near Cranbrook, Tas. on 9 Jan. 87. Shot near Cressy, Tas. on 6 May 89. 90 km W.

## Grey Teal *Anas gibberifrons*

(a) 090-31244. Juvenile male banded by S. V. Briggs at Barrenbox Swamp, NSW on 22 Feb. 84. Shot at junction of Tallangatta Creek and Mitta Mitta River, Vic. on 17 Feb. 89. 259 km SW.

(b) 090-38554. Male banded by W. G. Lawler at Lake Salisbury, Salisbury Downs, NSW on 22 June 87. Shot at Gippsland Lakes, Vic. on 18 Mar. 89. 996 km SE.

(c) 090-64665. Banded by K. J. Mack at Berri, SA on 19 Feb. 86. Shot at Hume Weir, Dora Dora, Vic. on 18 Mar. 89. 646 km E.

(d) 090-86463. Banded by K. J. Mack at Berri Evaporation Basin, Berri, SA on 4 Feb. 88. Shot at Cuba State Forest, Darlington Point, NSW on 9 Apr. 89. 506 km E.

## Mongolian Plover *Charadrius mongolus*

051-00108. Adult banded by S. G. Lane at Stockton Bridge, Kooragang Island, near Newcastle, NSW on 31 Jan. 75. Recaptured at Kooragang Island, near Newcastle, NSW on 28 Feb. 87, over 12 years after banding. (This is the oldest recorded for this species).

## Red-capped Plover *Charadrius ruficapillus*

030-23667. Adult male banded by F. W. C. van Gessel on Kooragang Island, near Newcastle, NSW on 19 Oct. 73. Recaptured at banding place by S. G. Lane on 27 Feb. 87, over 13 years 4 months after banding.

## Red Knot *Calidris canutus*

(a) 051-08452. Banded by VWWSG on Swan Island, Queenscliff, Vic. (38°15'S., 144°40'E.) on 22 Mar. 80. Killed at Zanghai, Shanghai Province, China (30°48'N., 121°27'E.) on 30 Apr. 89, over 9 years 1 month after banding. 8 015 km NNW.

(b) 051-15251. Banded by VWWSG at Towong, Gibson's Soak, Vic. (36°07'S., 147°07'E.) on 8 Nov. 86. Recaptured at Kaipara Harbour, New Zealand (36°34'S., 174°26'E.) on 23 Feb. 89. 2 445 km E.

(c) 051-15556. Banded by VWWSG on Swan Island, Queenscliff, Vic. (38°15'S., 144°40'E.) on 1 Oct. 88. Recaptured at Kaipara Harbour, New Zealand (36°34'S., 174°26'E.) on 23 Feb. 89. 2 631 km E.

(d) 051-18325. Banded by VWWSG on Swan Island, Queenscliff, Vic. (38°15'S., 144°40'E.) on 19 Oct. 85. Killed at Zanghai, Shanghai Province, China (30°48'N., 121°27'E.) on 2 May. 89. 8 015 km NNW.

## Great Knot *Calidris tenuirostris*

(a) 061-37861. Banded by VWWSG on Swan Island, Queenscliff, Vic. (38°15'S., 144°40'E.) on 30 Dec. 84. Killed on East Chongming Island, Shanghai, China (31°30'N., 121°52'E.) in 88. 8 076 km NNW.

(b) 061-38231. Banded by WAWWSG near Anna Plains, WA (19°15'S., 121°20'E.) on 24 Aug. 82. Killed at Hangzhou Bay, Shanghai, China (30°51'N., 121°32'E.) on 4 Apr. 88, over 5 years 7 months after banding. 5 544 km N.

(c) 061-38356. Banded by WAWWSG at Eighty Mile Beach near South Anna Plains, WA (19°15'S., 121°25'E.) on 24 Aug. 82. Killed on East Chongming Island, Shanghai, China (31°30'N., 121°52'E.) in 88. 5 616 km N.

- (d) 061-44521. Banded by AWSG at Eighty Mile Beach, WA (19°15'S., 121°20'E.) on 13 Apr. 85. Killed at Hangzhou Bay, Shanghai, China (30°51'N., 121°32'E.) on 14 Apr. 88. 5 544 km N.
- (c) 061-44675. Banded by AWSG at Roebuck Bay, Broome, WA (18°00'S., 122°22'E.) on 18 Apr. 85. Killed at Zanghai, Shanghai Province, China (30°48'N., 121°27'E.) on 6 Apr. 89. 5 401 km N.
- (f) 061-44724. Banded by AWSG at Roebuck Bay, Broome, WA (18°00'S., 122°22'E.) on 18 Apr. 85. Killed at East Chongming Island, Shanghai, China (31°30'N., 121°52'E.) in 88. 5 478 km N.
- (g) 061-44755. Banded by AWSG at Roebuck Bay, Broome, WA (18°00'S., 122°22'E.) on 18 Apr. 85. Killed on East Chongming Island, Shanghai, China (31°30'N., 121°52'E.) on 7 Apr. 89. 5 478 km N.
- (h) 061-44896. Banded by AWSG at Roebuck Bay, Broome, WA (18°00'S., 122°22'E.) on 18 Apr. 85. Killed on Chongming Island, Shanghai, China (31°27'N., 121°53'E.) in Apr. 88. 5 472 km N.
- (i) 061-69592. Banded by AWSG at Roebuck Bay, Broome, WA (18°00'S., 122°22'E.) on 23 Mar. 88. Killed on Chongming Island, Shanghai, China (31°27'N., 121°53'E.) in Apr. 88. 5 472 km N.
- (j) 061-69612. Banded by AWSG at Roebuck Bay, Broome, WA (18°00'S., 122°22'E.) on 23 Mar. 88. Killed on East Chongming Island, Shanghai, China (31°30'N., 121°52'E.) in 88. 5 478 km N.
- (k) 061-69632. Banded by AWSG at Roebuck Bay, Broome, WA (18°00'S., 122°22'E.) on 23 Mar. 88. Killed at Meigong, Shanghai Province, China (30°52'N., 121°52'E.) on 8 Apr. 89. 5 407 km N.

### Curlew Sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea*

- 040-98966. Banded by J. G. K. Harris at Pipe Clay Lagoon, Tas. (42°58'S., 147°32'E.) on 23 Nov. 79. Found dead at Taichung Tadu River mouth, Central West Taiwan (24°12'N., 120°28'E.) on 7 Apr. 89, over 9 years 4 months after banding. 7 938 km NNW.

### Sacred Kingfisher *Haleyon sancta*

- 051-33202. Banded by P. G. R. Mahoney at Kenmore, Old (27°30'S., 152°56'E.) on 26 Dec. 88. Shot at Wewak East, Sepik Province, Papua New Guinea (3°35'S., 143°40'E.) on 14 Apr. 89. 2 825 km NNW.

### Eastern Yellow Robin *Eopsaltria australis*

- 022-27346. Adult banded by A. Cam at Munghorn Gap Nature Reserve near Mudgee, NSW on 10 Apr. 82. Recaptured at banding place by D. I. Smedley on 26 Aug. 89, over 7 years 4 months after banding.

### Golden Whistler *Pachycephala pectoralis*

- 031-65629. Juvenile banded by J. Hardy at Blue Gum Swamp Creek, Wimallee, NSW on 6 Feb. 82. Recaptured at banding place five times, the last occasion by W. Ebsery on 13 Aug. 89, over 7 years 6 months after banding.

### Variegated Fairy-wren *Malurus lamberti*

- 014-33105. Adult male banded by G. D. Bell at Blue Gum Swamp Creek, Wimallee, NSW on 4 June 83. Recaptured four times at banding place, the last occasion by J. Farrell on 13 Aug. 89, over 6 years 2 months after banding.

### Brown Thornbill *Acanthiza pusilla*

- 014-53767. Adult banded by G. D. Bell at Munghorn Gap Nature Reserve near Mudgee, NSW on 3 Oct. 83. Recaptured at banding place twice, the second occasion by D. I. Smedley on 27 Aug. 89, over 5 years 10 months after banding.

### Striated Thornbill *Acanthiza lineata*

- 015-90822. Adult banded by A. Cam at Munghorn Gap Nature Reserve, near Mudgee, NSW on 15 Dec. 80. Recaptured at banding place twice, the second occasion by G. D. Bell on 26 Nov. 88, over 7 years 11 months after banding.

### White-throated Treecreeper

#### *Climacteris leucophaea*

- 040-67857. Adult banded by A. K. Morris at Munghorn Gap Nature Reserve near Mudgee, NSW on 22 Oct. 74. Recaptured at banding place five times, the last occasion by G. D. Bell on 26 Nov. 88, over 14 years 1 month after banding.

### Brown Treecreeper *Climacteris picumnus*

- 040-67839. Adult banded by G. D. Bell at Munghorn Gap Nature Reserve near Mudgee, NSW on 30 Jan. 84. Recaptured at banding place three times, the last occasion by D. I. Smedley on 26 Aug. 89, over 5 years 6 months after banding.

### Noisy Friarbird *Philemon corniculatus*

- 070-22904. Banded by D. I. Smedley at Burrendong Arboretum, near Wellington, NSW on 10 Aug. 84. Found dead 20 km east of Parkes, NSW on 27 Mar. 89. 84 km SW.

### Yellow-tufted Honeyeater

#### *Lichenostomus melanops*

- (a) 031-49081. Banded by D. I. Smedley at Munghorn Gap Nature Reserve, near Mudgee, NSW on 14 Apr. 79. Recaptured at banding place four times, the last occasion by D. J. Geering on 7 May 89, over 10 years after banding.
- (b) 031-56128. Adult banded by D. I. Smedley at Munghorn Gap Nature Reserve near Mudgee, NSW on 2 Apr. 84. Recaptured at banding place six times, the last occasion on 27 Aug. 89, over 5 years 4 months after banding.

**Eastern Spinebill** *Acanthorhynchus tenuirostris*

- (a) 011-85587. Adult banded by D. I. Smedley at Munghorn Gap Nature Reserve near Mudgee, NSW on 10 Apr. 82. Recaptured at banding place four times, the last occasion by G. D. Bell on 26 Nov. 88, over 6 years 7 months after banding.
- (b) 015-90805. Adult banded by G. D. Bell at Munghorn Gap Nature Reserve near Mudgee, NSW on 6 Sept. 83. Recaptured at banding place six times, the last occasion on 26 Nov. 88, over 5 years 2 months after banding.
- (c) 015-90825. Adult banded by J. McCrea at Munghorn Gap Nature Reserve, near Mudgee, NSW on 18 Apr. 81. Recaptured at banding place nine times, the last occasion by G. D. Bell on 26 Nov. 88, over 7 years 7 months after banding.

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**OBITUARY**

**Mr E. L. (Lindsay) Hyem** died at Gloucester Hospital, New South Wales on 1 February 1989, aged 81. Born in Melbourne on 3 December 1907, he was educated at Melbourne Grammar School. His father acquired property at Merriwa and "Mernot" (north-west of Gloucester) New South Wales. Lindsay lived on and worked the "Mernot" property from 1924 up to his death, specializing in Hereford cattle. "Mernot" is now regarded as one of the prime cattle raising properties, and Lindsay competed at the Sydney Royal Show carcass competition with great success from 1969 to 1988, gaining ribbons each and every year. "Mernot" is in steep country with well-watered valleys, high mountains, valleys covered in grass with the hills and mountains varying from open woodland to dense eucalypt forest and rainforest. Lindsay spent considerable time on horseback roaming the area, always observing birds and their habits, particularly their nests and eggs. He had many of his notes published in the *Emu* in the early 1930's concerning the nests and eggs of the local species.

Other articles followed through the years, perhaps the best known being the extensive account of the birds of the Manning River District in *Emu* 36: 109-127, 262-272, (1936-37). He had a long-standing interest in owls and spent many lonely nights in the bush and scrub observing the behaviour of and listening to the calls of the five owl species in the area. Observations collected over many years were published in his paper "Observations on Owls in the Upper Manning River District", *New South Wales (Corella)* 3: 17-25).

An active man for most of his life, still mustering cattle on horse and climbing trees well into his 70's. His love of birds and his interest in them did not wane at all and right up to the last, Lindsay was still thinking and talking about his beloved birds.

Predeceased by his wife Muriel, Lindsay is survived by his brothers Keith and Ray.

Walter Boles and Brian Crisp

**OBITUARY**

**Patrick Albert Bourke**, a long standing member of the ABSA, died on 26 October 1988. Pat, as he was known, first joined in late 1963, nine months after the formation of the Bird Bander's Association, supporting the Association in all its activities.

Pat was the author of the book *A Handbook of Elementary Bird Study* (1955) and provided material for other ornithological books and journals published in Australia and overseas. He was a Country Councillor and Life Member (1948) of the N.S.W. Gould League and regularly published notes and excellent black and white photographs in the journal *Gould League Notes* up until 1965, when that journal was incorporated into a new publication of the N.S.W. Department of Education.

As a primary school teacher and principal living in many parts of rural New South Wales, he was able to collect and publish informative data on the birds of the area in which he served. This information has important value in determining the more recent changes in the avifauna of the State. Pat, too, assisted in the establishment and management of some important Reserves in the Hunter Valley particularly Kooragang Island and Gould Island (Cabbage Tree) Nature Reserves. In 1983 Pat was awarded the Order of Australia for his contribution to ornithology.

To his wife Iona, daughter Kerry and his family, the Association extend its sympathy.

A. Morris

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**CORRIGENDUM**

Please note the following corrections to *Corella* Volume 13, Number 1, March 1989.

Page 21: In Heat regulation in the Great-billed Heron *Ardea sumatrana*, paragraph 3, alter 1300 hr to read 1030 hr.

Page 24: In Bird in the Hand — Identification of nestling egrets (*Egretta* sp. and *Ardeola ibis*), the captions for the Cattle Egret and the Great Egret as to the location of the notch are transposed. They should read:

Cattle Egret — NOTCH BELOW BACK OF EYE.

Great Egret — NOTCH BEHIND BACK OF EYE.