

# « RECOVERY ROUND-UP »

The recoveries in this section are only a selection of thousands received each year by the Australian Bird-banding Scheme; they are not a complete list and should not be analysed in part or full without the prior consent of the banders concerned. Longevity and distance records refer to the ABBS 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). —Hon. Editor.

## Little Penguin *Eudyptula minor*

- (a) 190-04466. Nestling banded by H. Battam on Big Island, Five Islands, NSW on 13 Jan. 79. Found dead at North Stockton Beach, NSW on 25 Feb. 79. 197 km NNE.
- (b) 190-10162. Nestling banded by Penguin Study Group on Gabo Island, Vic. on 22 Jan. 79. Found dead at Port MacDonnell, SA on 20 May 79. 830 km W.

## Wedge-tailed Shearwater *Puffinus pacificus*

- 161-27150. Adult banded by S. G. Lane on Little Broughton Island, NSW on 6 Dec. 72. Found dead at Bateau Beach, NSW on 13 Nov. 78, 5 years 11 months after banding. 117 km SW.

## Australasian Gannet *Morus serrator*

- 130-66595. Adult banded by G. M. Bowker on Lawrence Rock, Portland, Vic. on 26 Dec. 71. Found dead at Nora Creina Bay, SA on 18 Dec. 78, 6 years 11 months after banding. 198 km NW.

## Pied Cormorant *Phalacrocorax varius*

- 130-25992. Nestling banded by M. H. Waterman at St. Kilda, SA on 9 May 64. Found dead at Semaphore, SA on 31 Jan. 79, over 14 years 8 months after banding. 11 km SSW.

## Little Pied Cormorant

### *Phalacrocorax melanoleucos*

- 120-14959. Nestling banded by H. Guyatt near Sale, Vic. on 7 Jan. 79. Found shot at Hydro Bay, Arthurs Lake, Tas. on 4 Mar. 79. 440 km S.

## Straw-necked Ibis *Threskiornis spinicollis*

- 120-94944. Nestling banded by M. H. Waterman near Narrung, SA on 22 Nov. 71. Found dead at Murray River, near Blanchetown, SA on 10 Apr. 79, 7 years 4 months after banding. 148 km NNE.

## Pacific Black Duck *Anas superciliosa*

- 110-88305. Banded by A. J. Leishman at Pitt Town Common, near Windsor, NSW on 6 Jan. 79. Shot near Ipswich, Qld on 2 June 79. 680 km NNE.

## Grey Teal *Anas gibberifrons*

- 090-20007. Adult male banded by H. J. Frith at Lake Wyangan, NSW on 6 Jan. 58. Found shot near Hattah, Vic. on 10 Mar. 79, over 21 years 2 months after banding. 300 km WSW. (This is the oldest recorded for the species by the Australian Bird-banding Scheme).

## Maned Duck *Chenonetta jubata*

- 100-55237. Adult male banded by G. D. Thomas near Finley, NSW on 11 Feb. 76. Shot at Wangarabell, Vic. on 3 Mar. 79, 3 years after banding. 418 km ESE.

## Brown Goshawk *Accipiter fasciatus*

- (a) 090-28880. Immature male banded by M. H. Waterman near Mallala, SA on 16 Feb. 79. Recaptured (band returned) at Kapunda, SA on 4 Apr. 79. 41 km ENE.
- (b) 100-11175. Immature female banded by M. H. Waterman near Mallala, SA on 10 Feb. 79. Found dead at One Tree Hill, SA on 14 Mar. 79. 35 km SE.
- (c) 100-11186. Immature female banded by M. H. Waterman near Mallala, SA on 20 Feb. 79. Found dead at Avon, SA on 25 Mar. 79, 23 km NW.

## Mongolian Plover *Charadrius mongolus*

- 051-00201. Banded by J. A. Broadbent at Kooragang Island, Hunter River, Stockton, NSW on 17 Feb. 73. Recaptured at banding place four times by S. G. Lane, the last occasion on 28 Apr. 79, over 6 years 2 months after banding. (This is the oldest recorded for the species).

## Red-capped Plover *Charadrius ruficapillus*

- 030-23630. Adult female banded by F. W. C. van Gessel at Stockton, NSW on 25 Aug. 73. Recaptured at banding place four times, the last occasion on 26 May 79, 5 years 9 months after banding.

## Grey-tailed Tattler *Tringa brevipes*

- (a) 050-64917. Banded by F. W. C. van Gessel at Stockton, NSW on 1 Dec. 73. Recaptured at banding place by S. G. Lane on 27 Apr. 79, 5 years 5 months after banding. (This is the oldest recorded for the species).
- (b) 051-04613. Banded by B. Forest at Bonna Point, Botany Bay, NSW (34°00' S., 151°10' E.) on 21 Apr. 78. Recovered (released with band) at Obitsu Estuary, Kisarazu-shi, Chiba, Japan (35°25' N., 139°54' E.). 7750 km NNW.

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

032-11759. Banded by P. Evans at Stockyard Point, Westernport Bay, Vic. (38°25' S., 145°23' E.) on 12 Dec. 74. Recovered at Chita, Berzja, Tareii Lake, USSR (50°19' N., 116°23' E.) on 10 Sept. 77. 9 600 km NNW.

**South Polar Skua** *Stercorarius maccormicki*

120-46297. Adult banded by M. L. McGinley (ANARE) at Casey Station, Antarctica (66°00' S., 111°00' E.) on 22 Nov. 69. Found dead at banding place on 12 Jan. 78, over 8 years 1 month after banding.

**Silver Gull** *Larus novaehollandiae*

081-77065. Runner banded by R. D. Wooller on Carnac Island, WA on 25 June 78. Found dead at Dunsborough, WA on 13 Apr. 79. 172 km SSW.

**Common Tern** *Sterna hirundo*

051-01152. Banded by F. W. C. van Gessel at Kooragang Island, Hunter River, Stockton, NSW (32°56' S., 151°47' E.) on 25 Jan. 76. Recovered at Jakutija, Sangar, USSR (63°53' N., 127°25' E.) on 2 Aug. 77. 11 200 km NNW. (This is the first recovery overseas for a Common Tern banded in Australia).

**Crested Tern** *Sterna bergii*

(a) 071-04937. Nestling banded by M. H. Waterman on Troubridge Island, Edithburg, SA on 19 Jan. 69. Recaptured on Kangaroo Island, SA on 18 Apr. 79, over 10 years 3 months after banding. 74 km S.

(b) 071-29307. Nestling banded by M. H. Waterman on Penguin Island, Beachport, SA on 22 Dec. 74. Found dead at Sawtell Beach, NSW on 13 May 79, over 4 years 4 months after banding. 1 460 km NE.

**Flame Robin** *Petroica phoenicea*

010-28483. Adult male banded by I. M. Bateman near Barooga, NSW on 29 May 70. Retrapped at banding place four times, the fourth occasion on 16 June 79, 9 years 1 month after banding. (This is the oldest recorded for the species).

**Eastern Yellow Robin** *Eopsaltria australis*

(a) 021-49401. Adult banded by S. G. Lane at North Ryde, NSW on 7 Oct. 72. Recaptured for the first time on 20 May 79, over 6 years 7 months after banding.

(b) 021-49491. Banded by S. G. Lane at Scheyville, near Windsor, NSW on 1 Sept. 73. Recaptured near banding place on 2 June 79, over 5 years 9 months after banding.

(c) 021-69667. Juvenile banded by S. G. Lane at Scheyville, near Windsor, NSW on 21 Jan. 73. Recaptured at banding place on 2 June 79, over 6 years 4 months after banding.

**Little Shrike-thrush** *Colluricincla megarhyncha*

040-66553. Adult banded by D. I. Smedley at Iluka, NSW on 29 Mar. 75. Recaptured at banding place twice, the last occasion by G. P. Clancy on 29 Apr. 79, 4 years 1 month after banding.

**Superb Fairy-wren** *Malurus cyaneus*

(a) 012-11734. Immature male banded by S. G. Lane at North Ryde, NSW on 29 May 71. Recaptured at banding place five times, the last occasion by L. W. Filewood on 22 Apr. 79, over 7 years 10 months after banding.

(b) 012-60563. Banded by S. G. Lane at North Ryde, NSW on 4 May 71. Recaptured at banding place six times, the last occasion (as adult female) on 16 June 79, over 5 years 1 month after banding.

**Large-billed Scrubwren** *Sericornis magnirostris*

012-58997. Banded by G. P. Clancy at Tumbi Umbi, near Tuggerah, NSW on 10 Mar. 73. Recaptured at banding place 14 times, the last occasion by P. A. White on 18 Nov. 78, 5 years 8 months after banding.

**White-browed Scrubwren** *Sericornis frontalis*

021-19047. Adult female banded by C. S. Day at Tumbi Umbi, near Tuggerah, NSW on 15 June 70. Recaptured at banding place 13 times, the last occasion by P. A. White on 22 May 78, 7 years 10 months after banding.

**Brown Thornbill** *Acanthiza pusilla*

011-89258. Banded by G. P. Clancy at Tumbi Umbi, near Tuggerah, NSW on 5 Sept. 71. Recaptured at banding place three times, the last occasion by P. A. White on 23 Oct. 77, 6 years 1 month after banding.

**Red Wattlebird** *Anthochaera carunculata*

070-27699. Adult banded by D. F. Dorward at Burwood, Vic. on 30 Apr. 76. Found dead near Red Hill South, Vic. on 15 Mar. 79. 60 km S.

**Lewin's Honeyeater** *Meliphaga lewinii*

040-06115. Adult banded by A. K. Morris at Tumbi Umbi, near Tuggerah, NSW on 30 Dec. 73. Recaptured at banding place five times, the last occasion by P. A. White on 18 Feb. 79, 5 years 1 month after banding.

**White-naped Honeyeater** *Melithreptus lunatus*

020-84846. Adult banded by N. M. Swanson at North Ryde, NSW on 15 July 72. Recaptured at banding place for the first time on 20 May 79, over 6 years 10 months after banding.

**Satin Bowerbird** *Ptilonorhynchus violaceus*

090-23763. Banded by A. Marsland at Bogong, Vic. on 30 Apr. 77. Recaptured (band returned) at Mudgegonga, Vic. on 5 May 79. 48 km NW.

**Regent Bowerbird** *Sericulus chrysocephalus*

060-29211. Adult female banded by G. P. Clancy at Tumbi Umbi, near Tuggerah, NSW on 1 Oct. 72. Recaptured at banding place three times, the last occasion by P. A. White on 22 Apr. 78, 7 years 6 months after banding.

**Green Catbird** *Ailuroedus crassirostris*

080-80749. Immature banded by G. P. Clancy at Tumbi Umbi, near Tuggerah, NSW on 6 Jan. 73. Recaptured at banding place three times, the last occasion by P. A. White on 27 Aug. 78, 5 years 7 months after banding.

**Pied Butcherbird** *Cracticus nigrogularis*

070-42907. Adult male banded by H. J. de S. Disney at Broke, NSW on 10 Sept. 71. Recaptured at banding place three times, the last occasion by J. St G. D. Rawlins on 16 Apr. 79, over 7 years 7 months after banding. (This is the oldest recorded for the species).

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## Colour Banding of Eastern Reef Egret

I am colour banding Eastern Reef Egret *Egretta sacra* (formerly the Reef Heron) in the Capricorn Islands off Gladstone, Queensland.

Colour bands are placed either on the right tibia (two bands on right upper leg bone) or both tibiae (two bands on left upper leg bone and one band on right upper leg bone). A numbered metal band is placed on the tarsus of either leg (lower leg bone).

Any of the following information about sightings would be appreciated:

date;

location;

the colour of the leg bands reading from top to bottom where two are on the one leg; which leg the bands are on.

Some of these bands are faded and their colour is difficult to determine but even the date and location of a bird wearing coloured plastic bands would be useful.

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## Recent Literature

*The extracts in this section are selected from a wide range of Journals from various sources covering subjects considered to be of interest to members. It is regretted that copies of papers cited are unavailable through the Association.—Hon. Editor.*

### BANDING and RECOVERY REPORT

**Report on Bird-Ringing for 1976.** 1978. Robert Spencer and Robert Hudson. *Ringling and Migration* 1: 189-252.

In Great Britain during 1976, 669 975 individuals of 330 species were banded; 13 080 birds of 283 species were recovered. There were 1 103 recoveries of 95 species outside the country. An annotated list of species is presented.

**Results of the Japanese Bird-Banding Scheme April 1, 1973 - Jan. 31, 1978.** 1978. Bird Migration Research Centre, Yamashina Institute for Ornithology. (In Japanese with English species names).

For the period 1 April 1973-31 January 1978, 321 746 individuals of 279 species were banded. Seven species accounted for over 2 000 individuals each, the highest being the Rustic Bunting (14 878). Annual totals are presented and are generally similar to those for 1977-78 (68 392 birds of 207 species). Total recoveries for the period are 1 489 (360 in 1977-78). The most frequently recovered were the Pintail (589 overall, 154 in 1977-78) and Pied Wagtail (129 overall, 24 in 1977-78). Birds banded in Australia have been recovered in Japan and vice versa. Most interchange of banding and recoveries is with the U.S.S.R.

### ANALYTICAL STUDIES

**Behavioural Ecology of Ionnbergi Skuas in Relation to Environment on the Chatham Islands, New Zealand.** 1978. E. C. Young. *N.Z. Journal of Zoology* 5: 401-416.

A population of *Ionnbergi* skuas was studied in order to compare its behavioural ecology with other skuas and assess the effect of the environment on the breeding biology. Many aspects of the biology differ from other populations in trends broadly related to latitude or are related to special features of the environment.

**The Distribution and Numbers of New Zealand (Falco novaeseelandiae).** 1978. N. C. Fox. *Notornis* 25: 317-331.

The distribution of the New Zealand Falcon was ascertained from field studies and other sources. The known and possible breeding distribution on each island is summarised. An estimate of 3 000-4 500 existing pairs is made.

**Breeding Biology of the Starling Sturnus vulgaris in Western Finland.** 1978. Erkki Korpimäki. *Ornis Fennica* 55: 93-104.

Records were obtained from 239 nests during 1966-67. The clutch size ranged from 2-8, with a mean of 5.1. Clutch declined as the breeding season progressed. Incubation took 12 days and the nestling period 20 days. The mean nestling success was 3.6 young per nest. A decline in the starling population has been noted since the study started.