

# « RECOVERY ROUND-UP »

The recoveries in this section are only a selection of the thousands received each year by the Australian Bird-handling Scheme; 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 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).

Recovery or longevity items may be submitted directly to me where-upon their merits for inclusion will be considered. — Hon. Editor.

The following abbreviations appear in this issue:

ABBS — Australian Bird-handling Scheme.

PSG — Penguin Study Group.

VWSG — Victorian Wader Study Group.

## Little Penguin *Eudyptula minor*

- (a) 190-10954. Nestling banded by H. Battam on Toll-gate Islands, NSW on 5 Jan. 80. Found dead near Tuross Heads, NSW on 25 Jan. 80. 30 km SSW.
- (b) 190-11631. Nestling banded by PSG near Summerland Penguin Reserve, Phillip Island, Vic. on 5 Jan. 80. Found dead at Beachport, SA on 14 May, 80. 310 km W.
- (c) 190-11923. Nestling banded by PSG near Summerland Penguin Reserve, Phillip Island, Vic. on 5 Jan. 80. Found dead at Port Fairy, Vic. on 24 May 80. 253 km W.

## Yellow-nosed Albatross

### *Diomedea chlororhynchos*

- 121-08742. Adult banded by D. Barton 40 km south-east of Green Cape, NSW on 24 July 79. Recaptured (tangled in fishing line) off Newcastle, NSW on 1 June 80. 520 km NNE. (This is the longest movement recorded for the species.)

## Shy Albatross *Diomedea cauta*

- 140-05285. Nestling banded by R. H. Green on Albatross Island, Tas. on 26 Jan. 73. Found dead near Ulverstone, Tas. on 28 June 80, over 7 years 5 months after banding. 148 km SE.

## Wedge-tailed Shearwater *Puffinus pacificus*

- (a) 161-56196. Nestling banded by N. M. Swanson on Mutton Bird Island, Coff's Harbour, NSW (33°18'S., 153°09'E.) on 31 Mar. 79. Recovered (killed by cat) at Infanta, Quezon, Phillipines (14°45'N., 121°39'E.) on 4 May 80. 6000 km NW.
- (b) 161-57109. Adult banded by D. Barton near Green Cape, NSW on 14 Mar. 78. Found dead at Blacksmiths Beach near Swansca, NSW on 8 June 80. 524 km NNE.

## Australasian Gannet *Morus serrator*

- M-29051\*. Juvenile banded on White Island, New Zealand (37°30'S. 177°15'E.) on 27 Jan. 80. Found dead at Port Botany, NSW (33°57'S., 151°11'E.) on 6 Apr. 80. 2350 km WNW.

\* New Zealand National Banding Scheme hand.

## Masked Booby *Sula dactylatra*

- 131-34813. Nestling banded by B. Miller at Muttonbird Point, Lord Howe Island, NSW on 26 Oct. 79. Recaptured on Fraser Island, Qld on 8 May 80. 950 km NNW.

## Brown Booby *Sula leucogaster*

- 120-65777. Nestling banded by B. R. King on Raine Island, Qld (11°36'S., 144°01'E.) on 13 Dec. 79. Found sick (later died) near Rabaul, PNG (4°04'S., 152°18'E.) on 7 May 80. 1250 km NE.

## Pied Cormorant *Phalacrocorax varius*

- (a) 131-18978. Nestling banded by M. H. Waterman at Price, Yorke Peninsula, SA on 27 May 73. Found dead at Coohowie, SA on 28 May, 80. 90 km SSW.
- (b) 131-33619. Nestling banded by N. J. Favalaro at Lake Menindee, NSW on 11 Apr. 79. Found dead near Barmera, SA on 15 May 80. 283 km SW.
- (c) 140-24230. Nestling banded by M. H. Waterman at St. Kilda, SA on 9 May 64. Found dead near Manunda, SA on 4 Mar. 80, over 15 years 9 months after banding (This is the oldest recorded for this species).

## Cattle Egret *Ardeola ibis*

- (a) 100-12831. Nestling banded by D. H. Davidson at Murwillumbah, NSW on 30 Dec. 79. Found dead by J. N. Hobbs near Nowra, NSW on 25 May, 80. 810 km SSW.

- (h) 100-19651. Juvenile banded by D. H. Davidson near Grafton, NSW on 14 Dec. 77. Recovered (caught by cat) at Myall River, NSW on 9 July 80. 310 km S.
- (c) 100-25054. Nestling banded by J. Willows near Grafton, NSW (29°39'S., 152°56'E.) on 24 Dec. 79. Found "dying" near Kawhia, West Coast of New Zealand (38°04'S., 174°49'E.) on 4 May 80. 2 128 km ESE. (This is the longest movement recorded for the species.)
- (d) 100-33560. Nestling banded by J. Willows at Murwillumbah, NSW on 11 Dec. 79. Found dead at Timboon, Vic. on 16 June 80. 1 520 km SW.

### Sacred Ibis *Threskiornis aethiopica*

- 120-41889. Nestling banded by W. Barrett at Rhyll, Phillip Island, Vic. on 2 Nov. 63. Shot near banding place on 29 May 80, over 16 years 6 months after banding. (This is the oldest recorded for this species.)

### Black Swan *Cygnus atratus*

- 140-31485. Adult banded by L. W. Braithwaite at Lake Alexandrina, SA on 6 Nov. 64. Recaptured at Menindee, NSW on 16 Mar. 80, over 15 years 4 months after banding. (This is the oldest recorded for this species.)

### Whistling Kite *Haliastur sphenurus*

- 110-90966. Adult banded by J. Estbergs at Humpty Doo, NT on 8 July 79. Recaptured (caught in crow trap — released with band) at East Toorale, near Bourke, on 9 May 80. 2 430 km SSE. (This is the longest movement recorded for this species.)

### Brown Goshawk *Accipiter fasciatus*

- 090-28895. Immature male banded by M. H. Waterman near Mallala, SA on 24 Dec. 79. "Caught while hunting in woolshed" (released with band) near Clare, SA on 24 Mar. 80. 89 km N.

### Spotted Harrier *Circus assimilis*

- 110-87995. Nestling banded by N. J. Favaloro at Pirlta, Vic. on 2 Oct. 79. Found dead near Gawler, SA on 31 May, 80. 300 km W.

### Pied Oystercatcher *Haematopus longirostris*

- 100-81163. Juvenile banded by VWSG at The Spit, Werribee, Vic. on 28 Apr. 79. Recaptured at Rhyll, Phillip Island, Vic. on 1 Mar. 80. 82 km SE.

### Red-necked Stint *Calidris ruficollis*

- (a) 032-19956. First year bird banded by VWSG at Werribee, Vic. on 22 Sept. 79. Recaptured at Pipeclay Lagoon, near Hobart, Tas. on 15 Mar. 80. 610 km NNW.
- (b) 032-28370. Adult banded by J. G. Harris at Ralphs Bay, Tas. on 17 Feb. 80. Recaptured at Queenscliff, Vic. on 14 June, 80. 590 km NNW.
- (c) 040-97136. Adult banded by VWSG at Werribee, Vic. (30°03'S., 140°32'E.) on 13 Jan. 80. Recaptured at Ning-bo, China (29°54'N., 121°33'E.) on 12 May 80. 7 700 km NNW.

### Curlew Sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea*

- 040-95458. Adult banded by VWSG at The Spit, Werribee, Vic. (38°03'S., 144°32'E.) on 24 Mar. 79. Recaptured at San Tin, Hong Kong (22°30'N., 114°04'E.) on 11 Apr. 80. 7 200 km NNW.

### Crested Tern *Sterna bergii*

- (a) 071-02480. Nestling banded by M. H. Waterman at Penguin Island, Beachport, SA on 23 Dec. 67. Recaptured (caught on fishing line) at Point Lookout, Stradbroke Island, Qld over 12 years 3 months after banding. 1 665 km NE. (This is the oldest and the longest movement recorded for this species.)
- (b) 071-39708. Nestling banded by M. H. Waterman at Penguin Island, Beachport, SA on 22 Dec. 74. Found dead at Clifton Springs, Vic. on 14 Apr. 80, over 5 years and 4 months after banding. 410 km ESE.
- (c) 071-30275. Nestling banded by M. H. Waterman at Stoneywell Island, The Coorong, SA on 11 Dec. 76. Recaptured by VWSG at Queenscliff, Vic. on 22 Mar. 80. 510 km ESE.

### Feral Pigeon *Columba livia*

- 090-39095. Immature banded by M. H. Waterman near Mallala, SA on 29 Apr. 69. Found dead at Magill, SA on 5 May 80, over 11 years after banding. (This is the oldest recorded for this species.)

### Crested Pigeon *Ocyphaps lophotes*

- 080-70655. Banded by N. J. Favaloro near Red Cliffs, Vic. on 10 Jan. 71. Found dead near banding place in Nov. 78, over 7 years 10 months after banding. (This is the oldest recorded for this species.)

### Galah *Cacatua roseicapilla*

- 200-03192. Juvenile banded by I. C. R. Rowley at Cadoux, WA on 23 Mar. 73. Found dead (shot) near Tammin, WA on 30 May 80, over 7 years 2 months after banding. 84 km SSE.

**Eastern Yellow Robin** *Eopsaltria australis*

021-69931. Immature banded by S. G. Lane at West Pennant Hills, NSW on 16 Feb. 74. Recaptured three times at banding place by T. H. Hughes, the last occasion on 12 Apr. 80, over 6 years 1 month after banding.

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

012-18997. Banded by G. P. Clancy at Tumbi Umbi, near Tuggerah, NSW on 10 Mar. 73. Recaptured at banding place 15 times, the last occasion by P. A. White on 29 Mar. 80, over 7 years after banding.

**Speckled Warbler** *Sericornis sagittatus*

012-73628. Adult male banded by G. J. Logan at Scheyville, near Windsor, NSW on 16 Feb. 75. Recaptured at banding place twice, the second occasion by J. W. Hardy on 16 Aug. 80, over 5 years 6 months after banding.

**Yellow-tufted Honeyeater***Lichenostomus melanops*

(a) 031-41982. Banded by R. G. Lonnon at Shaws Creek, near Castlereagh, NSW on 1 Dec. 79. Recaptured by J. W. Hardy at Blue Gum Swamp Creek, Winmalee, NSW on 17 Feb. 80. 5 km. W.

(b) 031-66287. Banded by A. Cam at West Pennant Hills, NSW on 12 June 77. Recaptured by T. H. Hughes on 12 Apr. 80. 2 km SW.

**Fuscous Honeyeater** *Lichenostomus fuscus*

(a) 021-69514. Banded by S. G. Lane at Scheyville, near Windsor, NSW on 19 Mar. 73. Recaptured at banding place four times, the last occasion by G. J. Logan on 4 May, 80, over 8 years 1 month after banding.

(b) 021-99140. Juvenile banded by R. G. Lonnon at Scheyville, near Windsor, NSW on 16 Feb. 75. Recaptured at banding place twice, the second occasion by J. W. Hardy on 16 Aug. 80, over 5 years 6 months after banding.

(c) 022-06129. Juvenile banded by S. G. Lane at Scheyville, NSW on 9 Feb. 75. Recaptured at banding place by J. W. Hardy on 16 Aug. 80, over 5 years 6 months after banding.

(d) 022-06180. Juvenile banded by S. G. Lane at Scheyville, NSW on 9 Feb. 75. Recaptured at banding place by J. W. Hardy on 16 Aug. 80, over 5 years 6 months after banding.

(e) 022-06191. Juvenile banded by S. G. Lane at Scheyville, NSW on 9 Feb. 75. Recaptured twice at banding place, the second occasion by J. W. Hardy on 16 Aug. 80, over 5 years 6 months after banding.

(f) 022-08404. Banded by G. J. Logan at Scheyville, NSW on 20 Oct. 74. Recaptured at banding place three times, the third occasion by J. W. Hardy on 16 Aug. 80, over 5 years 9 months after banding.

**New Holland Honeyeater***Phylidonyris novaehollandiae*

031-41990. Banded by R. G. Lonnon at Shaws Creek, near Castlereagh, NSW on 1 Dec. 79. Recaptured by J. W. Hardy at Blue Gum Swamp Creek, Winmalee, NSW on 20 Jan. 80. 5 km W.

**Eastern Spinebill** *Acanthorhynchus tenuirostris*

(a) 012-23342. Immature female banded by S. G. Lane at North Ryde, NSW on 28 June 75. Recaptured at banding place seven times, the last occasion by L. W. Filewood on 9 Aug. 80, over 5 years 1 month after banding.

(b) 012-49404. Adult male banded by G. S. Clark at Botanic Gardens, ACT on 8 Sept. 73. Found dead ("eaten by cat") at Cook, ACT on 23 July, 80, over 6 years 10 months after banding. 4 km W.

(c) 012-70295. Adult male banded by A. Stokes near Nerriga, NSW on 18 June 79. Found dead at Boggy Plain, near Cooma, NSW on 24 Mar. 80. 140 km SW. (This is the longest movement recorded for this species.)

**Silvereye** *Zosterops lateralis*

(a) 012-48615. Banded by M. Jones at Helena Valley, WA on 2 July 71. Found injured near banding place on 13 Mar. 80, over 8 years 8 months after banding.

(b) 012-55990. Banded by G. K. Meldrum at Lower Sandy Bay, Tas. on 16 June 73. Found dead near banding place on 9 Apr. 80, over 6 years 9 months after banding.

**Australian Magpie** *Gymnorhina tibicen*

090-05314. Adult female banded by R. Carrick at "Gungahlin", ACT on 13 Sept. 56. Recaptured at banding place ten times to 22 Aug. 76, then found nearby — unable to fly — on 26 June 80, over 23 years 9 months after banding. (This is the "oldest" recorded for this species and also the longest elapsed time between banding and recovery reported for any bird banded through the ABBS.)

*Note: Replacement bands were applied on 25 Feb. 65 and 22 Aug. 76.*

**Little Crow** *Corvus bennetti*

(a) 090-46118. Adult banded by I. C. R. Rowley at Midlands, WA on 22 Jan. 73. Found dead at Mogumber, WA on 8 Apr. 80, over 7 years 2 months after banding. 95 km. N. (This is the oldest recorded for this species.)

(b) 090-63165. Nestling banded by J. N. Hobbs at Ivanhoe, NSW on 13 Sept. 73. Found dead near banding place on 7 May 80, over 6 years 7 months after banding.