

« RECOVERY ROUND-UP »

The recoveries in this section are only a selection of the thousands received each year by the Australian Bird-banding 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 whereupon their merits for inclusion will be considered.

— Hon. Editor.

The following abbreviations appear in this issue:

BBG — Brindabella Banding Group.

PSG — Penguin Study Group.

Little Penguin *Eudyptula minor*

- (a) 190-07023. Adult male banded by PSG on Phillip Island, Vic. on 31 Aug. 68. Recaptured at banding place 94 times, the last occasion on 7 July 79, over 10 years 11 months after banding.
- (b) 190-07025. Adult male banded by PSG on Phillip Island, Vic. on 31 Aug. 68. Recaptured at banding place 110 times, the last occasion on 27 May 78, over 9 years 9 months after banding.
- (c) 190-07027. Adult male banded by PSG on Phillip Island, Vic. on 31 Aug. 68. Recaptured at banding place 115 times, the last occasion on 3 Jan. 81, over 12 years 4 months after banding.
- (d) 190-07028. Adult female banded by PSG on Phillip Island, Vic. on 31 Aug. 68. Recaptured at banding place 107 times, the last occasion on 19 July 80, over 11 years 11 months after banding.
- (e) 190-07034. Adult male banded by PSG on Phillip Island, Vic. on 31 Aug. 68. Recaptured at banding place 103 times, the last occasion on 6 Jan. 78, over 9 years 4 months after banding.
- (f) 190-07037. Adult male banded by PSG on Phillip Island, Vic. on 17 Aug. 68. Recaptured at banding place 119 times, the last occasion on 16 Aug. 80 (found dead) over 12 years after banding.
- (g) 190-07065. Adult male banded by PSG on Phillip Island, Vic. on 14 Sept. 68. Recaptured at banding place 130 times, the last occasion on 15 Sept. 79, over 11 years after banding.
- (h) 190-07066. Adult female banded by PSG on Phillip Island, Vic. on 14 Sept. 68. Recaptured at banding place 120 times, the last occasion on 11 Oct. 80, over 12 years after banding.
- (i) 190-07079. Adult female banded by PSG on Phillip Island, Vic. on 14 Sept. 68. Recaptured at banding place 97 times, the last occasion on 5 Jan. 80, over 11 years 3 months after banding.

(j) 190-07082. Adult female banded by PSG on Phillip Island, Vic. on 14 Sept. 68. Recaptured at banding place 101 times, the last occasion on 6 Jan. 79, over 10 years, 3 months after banding.

(k) 190-07083. Adult male banded by PSG on Phillip Island, Vic. on 14 Sept. 68. Recaptured at banding place 103 times, the last occasion (found dead) on 15 Mar. 80, over 11 years 6 months after banding.

(l) 190-07582* (changed from NA 3, Uni. of Hobart, Tas.) Nestling banded by A. Hodgson at Bruny Island, Tas. on 12 Dec. 59. Recaptured at Port Campbell, Vic. as breeding female six times, the last occasion on 19 Sep. 80, over 20 years 9 months after banding. (This is the oldest recorded for this species).

* Originally University of Hobart, Tas. band No. NA 3 — see Corella 1: 18.

Wandering Albatross *Diomedea exulans*

140-39042. Banded by J. D. Gibson near Austinmer, NSW on 21 Aug. 71. Found dead (entangled in fishing line) at Moon Island, near Swansea, NSW on 10 Nov. 80, over 9 years 2 months after banding. 150 km NNE.

Black-browed Albatross *Diomedea melanophrys*

121-12583. Nestling banded by Tasmanian National Parks and Wildlife Service at Macquarie Island (54°45' S., 158°35' E.) on 22 Mar. 80. Found dead 110 km south-east of Gabo Island, Vic. (38°33' S., 150°24' E.) on 14 Nov. 80. 1960 km NNW.

Wedge-tailed Shearwater *Puffinus pacificus*

160-90020. Runner banded by N. M. Swanson at Mutton Bird Island, Coffs Harbour, NSW (30°18' S., 153°09' E.) on 23 Mar. 72. Found dead in Sallapadan Region, Abra, Luzon, Philippines (17°20' N., 120°50' E.) in late July 80, over 8 years 4 months after banding. 6200 km NW. (This is the longest recorded movement for this species).

Short-tailed Shearwater *Puffinus tenuirostris*

(a) 160-30941/160-30956. Runner banded by W. D. F. Mackenzie at Port Fairy, Vic. on 22 Apr. 62. Found dead near banding place on 3 Nov. 80, over 18 years 6 months after banding.

(b) 161-46102/40520*. Nestling banded by D. L. Serventy on Fisher Island, Bass Strait, Tas. on 7 Mar. 50. Female recaptured at banding place during most successive breeding seasons since first breeding, the last occasion being on 12 Dec. 80, over 30 years 9 months after banding.

(c) 161-46163/40034*. Adult (breeding female) banded by D. I. Serventy on Fisher Island, Bass Strait, Tas. in Nov. 52. Recaptured at banding place during most successive breeding seasons, the last occasion being 12 Dec. 80, over 28 years after banding.

- (d) 161-46171/40074*. Nestling banded by D. L. Serventy on Fisher Island, Bass Strait, Tas. on 7 Mar. 50. Male recaptured at banding place during most successive breeding seasons since first breeding, the last occasion being on 12 Dec. 80, over 30 years 9 months after banding.
- (e) 50695*/40088*. Nestling banded by D. L. Serventy on Fisher Island, Bass Strait, Tas. in Mar. 51. Female recaptured at banding place during most successive breeding seasons since first breeding, the last occasion being on 14 Dec. 80, over 29 years 8 months after banding.
- (f) 50696*/40062*. Adult (breeding male) banded by D. L. Serventy on Fisher Island, Bass Strait, Tas. in Nov. 49. Recaptured at banding place during most successive breeding seasons, the last occasion being 12 Dec. 80, over 31 years after banding. (This is the oldest recorded for this species).
- (g) 50694*/40067*. Adult (breeding male) banded by D. L. Serventy on Fisher Island, Bass Strait, Tas. in Nov. 51. Recaptured at banding place during most successive breeding seasons, the last occasion being on 30 Nov. 80, over 29 years after banding.

* Tasmanian Animals and Birds Protection Board bands (now National Parks and Wildlife Service, Tas.).

Australasian Gannet *Morus serrator*

- 130-26105. Nestling banded by R. J. Edge at Lawrence Rocks, near Portland, Vic. on 23 Dec. 61. Found dead at Willson River, Kangaroo Island, SA by A. F. C. Lashmar on 28 Nov. 80, over 18 years 11 months after banding. 440 km NW. (This is the oldest recorded for this species).

Black-faced Shag *Leucocarbo fuscescens*

- 131-20992. Nestling banded by M. H. Waterman at Outer Harbour, SA on 17 Aug. 69. Found dead near banding place on 14 Jan. 81, over 11 years 4 months after banding.

Pied Cormorant *Phalacrocorax varius*

- 131-22920. Nestling banded by M. H. Waterman at Port Gawler, SA on 6 July, 74. Recovered injured at Henley Beach, SA on 29 Dec. 80, over 6 years 5 months after banding. 28 km S.

Magpie Goose *Anseranas semipalmata*

- 130-06093. Adult female banded by H. J. Frith at Donald's Lagoon, NT on 14 Nov. 57. Found dead (shot) near banding place on 16 Nov. 80, over 23 years after banding. (This is the oldest recorded for this species).

Black Swan *Cygnus atratus*

- 140-34262. Immature banded by R. J. Thomas at Lake Wendouree, Ballarat, Vic. on 8 Sept. 73. Found dead near banding place on 14 Feb. 81, over 7 years 5 months after banding.

Cape Barren Goose *Cereopsis novaehollandiae*

- 150-28383. Runner banded by I. J. Skira at Three Hummock Island, Tas. on 5 Oct. 80. Found dead at Montagu, Tas. on 25 Jan. 81. 38 km S.

Brown Goshawk *Accipiter fasciatus*

- 100-82453. Immature banded by M. H. Waterman at Mallala, SA on 17 Jan. 81. Found dead ("taken up residence in a pigeon loft") at Gawler, SA; finder's letter dated 20 Feb. 81. 27 km SE.

Wedge-tailed Eagle *Aquila audax*

- 150-26104. Banded by A. F. C. Lashmar at Point Coutts, Kangaroo Island, SA on 28 June, 75. Found dead near banding place on 11 Mar. 80, over 4 years 8 months after banding. (This is the oldest recorded for this species).

Dusky Moorhen *Gallinula tenebrosa*

- 110-88060. Adult banded by M. Carins at Moitaka, Moresby, Papua New Guinea (09°21' S., 147°10' E.), on 24 Oct. 76. Found shot at Hisiu, Papua New Guinea (09°03' S., 146°46' E.), finder's letter received 28 Oct. 80. 60 km NW. (This is the longest recorded movement for this species).

Masked Lapwing *Vanellus miles*

- 081-30513. Runner banded by J. R. Wheeler at Chillwell, Geelong, Vic. on 15 Sept. 72. Found dead near banding place on 2 Feb. 81, over 8 years 4 months after banding.

Silver Gull *Larus novaehollandiae*

- (a) 080-62716. Runner banded by D. G. Nicholls on Mud Islands, Port Phillip Bay, Vic. on 6 Oct. 79. Found injured (later died) in Sydney, NSW on 30 Jan. 81. 770 km ENE.
- (b) 080-91893. Banded by G. M. Bromfield at Three Sisters Island, Ulverstone, Tas. on 22 Sept. 76. Found dead at Moonah, Tas. in Oct. 77. 205 km SSE.
- (c) 081-61425. Banded by R. Carrick at Penguin Island, Rivoli Bay, SA on 11 Sept. 68. Recaptured at Lake Colac, Vic. on 6 Nov. 80, over 12 years 1 month after banding. 327 km ESE.

Kelp Gull *Larus dominicanus*

- (a) 110-22827. Runner banded by J. G. K. Harris on Green Island, Tas. on 13 Jan. 79. Found dead at Howden, North West Bay, Tas. on 26 Dec. 80. 20 km N.
- (b) 110-55085. Runner banded by J. G. K. Harris at Green Island, Tas. on 17 Dec. 77. Found dead at Bellarive Beach, Tas. on 30 Nov. 80. 36 km NNE.

Bridled Tern *Sterna anaethetus*

- 061-21227. Runner banded by R. E. Johnstone north of Fisherman Island, WA (30°08' S., 114°57' E.) on 31 Dec. 79. Recovered at Tanjong Labian, Jahad Datu, Sabah, Malaysia (05°09' N., 119°13' E.) on 18 Aug. 80. 3 834 km N. (This is the longest recorded movement for this species).

Crested Tern *Sterna bergii*

- (a) 070-49251. Juvenile banded by M. H. Waterman at Penguin Island, Beachport, SA 29 Dec. 62. Found dead at Cowrie Bay, Phillip Island, Vic. on 13 Sept. 80, over 17 years 8 months after banding. 470 km ESE.
- (b) 071-06790. Nestling banded by M. H. Waterman on Stoneywell Island, The Coorong, SA on 14 Dec. 68. Found injured at Peterborough Beach, Vic. on 26 Jan. 81, over 12 years 1 month after banding. 410 km SE.
- (c) 071-43536. Nestling banded by A. J. Leishman on Big Island, Five Island, NSW on 15 Nov. 80. Found dead at Mungo Brush, about 20 km north of Hawkes Nest, NSW on 23 Jan. 81. 233 km NNE.

White-tailed Black-Cockatoo*Calyptorhynchus baudinii*

210-00472. Adult banded by D. A. Saunders at Coomaloo Creek, WA on 5 Dec. 73. Found shot near banding place on 10 Oct. 80, over 6 years 10 months after banding.

Rainbow Lorikeet *Trichoglossus haematodus*

250-02025. Banded by C. Cannon at Currumbin Beach, Qld on 29 Apr. 80. Recaptured at Burleigh Heads, Qld on 10 Jan. 81. 8 km NNW.

Laughing Kookaburra *Dacelo novaeguineae*

090-50401. Banded by G. S. Clark at Botanic Gardens, ACT on 24 May, 75. Found dead near banding place on 3 Mar. 81, over 5 years 9 months after banding.

White-browed Scrubwren *Sericornis frontalis*

(a) 020-59137. Adult female banded by J. L. McKean at Bushrangers Creek, Brindabella Ranges, ACT on 8 Nov. 70. Recaptured at banding place by I. Grant on 21 Dec. 80, over 10 years 1 month after banding.

(b) 020-99369. Adult male banded by G. Horey at New Chum's Road, Brindabella Ranges, ACT on 28 Dec. 70. Recaptured at banding place six times, the last occasion by the BBG on 20 Aug. 80, over 9 years and 4 months after banding.

(c) 021-99890. Adult male banded by G. Horey at New Chum's Road, Brindabella Ranges, ACT on 13 Sept. 71. Recaptured at banding place three times, the last occasion by the BBG on 14 Sept. 80, over 9 years after banding.

White-throated Treecreeper*Climacteris leucophaea*

030-24467. Adult female banded by G. Horey at New Chum's Road, Brindabella Ranges, ACT on 2 Oct. 72. Recaptured at banding place 10 times, the last occasion by the BBG on 10 Aug. 80, over 7 years 10 months after banding.

White-naped Honeyeater *Melithreptus lunatus*

011-92510. Juvenile banded by S. J. Wilson at New Chum's Road, Brindabella Ranges, ACT on 14 Feb. 70. Recaptured at banding place six times, the last occasion by the BBG on 14 Sept. 80, over 10 years 7 months after banding.

Satin Bowerbird *Ptilonorhynchus violaceus*

090-45989. Immature banded by G. P. Clancy at Tumbi Umbi, near Tuggerah, NSW on 11 Mar. 73. Caught near banding place (released with band) on 15 Feb. 81, over 7 years 11 months after banding.

Regent Bowerbird *Sericulus chrysocephalus*

061-17811. Banded by P. A. White at Tumbi Umbi, near Tuggerah, NSW on 18 Feb. 78. Found dead near Holgate, NSW on 8 Nov. 80. 7 km SSW.

Australian Magpie-lark *Grallina cyanoleuca*

060-03068. Immature banded by S. R. Tingay at Koongamia, WA on 12 Feb. 74. Found dead near banding place on 10 Jan. 81, 6 years 11 months after banding. (This is the oldest recorded for this species).

REVIEW

Learning About Australian Birds, by Rosemary Balmford. William Collins Pty. Ltd., 1980. 240 pp., 8 Coloured Plates, many B & W figures. \$16.95.

The highly-qualified professional ornithologist and the casual bird-watcher each had a common beginning. There was a time in their respective lives when they first realised both the desire and the need to identify a certain species of bird, either by sight or sound. This book is intended to assist such persons from that original enquiring beginning and details various ways in which research can be continued. As the author states in the Introduction — "Bird study can be a lifetime's activity, begun or continued at any age. All kinds of people find a common interest in birds, and the friendships arising from this interest form no small part of the pleasures which it brings".

Nevertheless, even the bird-observer of long standing will find helpful material throughout. Each of the thirteen chapters covers various aspects of field ornithology that will materially assist the embryo observer. Such a section as "What bird is that?" contains helpful advice concerning the diagnostic characteristics which distinguishes birds that share one common group name from another. Although aimed mostly towards the elementary side of ornithology the final two chapters deal with more "heavy" aspects, such as evolution and palaeontology.

Both scientific and common names follow the recent lists, although the author states: "I am not entirely happy with all the vernacular names used in the *Check-list* and *Interim List*". Who is, except the person who originally designed them? Stability and uniformity is desirable, but both these RAOU publications surely unstabilised what was mostly in use during the previous half century.

The drawings of Rhyllis Plant are well-executed and the colour plates of birds from Mark Gottsch's photographs makes one wish there could have been many more. Stephen Davies states in his Foreword — "There are large numbers of Australians interested in birds, but without a guide book to foster this interest". This does imply a prior lack of any like publication, but P. A. Bourke's *Elementary Bird Study*, published in 1955, is somewhat similar and certainly assisted many would-be bird observers in past years.

In the section "Further Reading", occupying pages 214 to 231 it is somewhat strange that among the many authors of selected books and articles in this comprehensive coverage the names of such men as A. H. Chisholm and K. A. Hindwood are not mentioned, yet these two contributed more to Australian ornithology than any other writers on that subject, past or present.

Despite some light criticism, this book contains helpful information and everyone desirous of furthering their knowledge among the ever-increasing band of bird observers will find in this book much of interest.

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