

Fuscous Honeyeater *Lichenostomus fuscus*

022-06049. Adult male banded by A. J. Leishman near Appin, NSW on 31 Aug. 74. Recaptured at banding place twice, the second occasion by M. Paul on 5 Sept. 81, over 7 years 6 months after banding.

Common Mynah *Acridotheres tristis*

070-62844. Adult banded by M. A. Johnson at West Pymble, NSW on 16 June 74. Found dead at Turramurra, NSW on 26 July 81, over 7 years 1 month after banding. 5 km NNW. (This is the oldest recorded for this species.)

Regent Bowerbird *Sericulus chrysocephalus*

- (a) 060-14889. Immature male banded by D. I. Smedley at Iluka, NSW on 18 Nov. 75. Recaptured at banding place by A. J. Leishman on 12 May 82, over 6 years 6 months after banding.
 (b) 061-09264. Banded by D. I. Smedley at Iluka, NSW on 20 Sept. 76. Recaptured (adult female) at banding place by A. J. Leishman on 12 May 82, over 5 years 7 months after banding.

Australian Magpie-lark *Grallina cyanoleuca*

061-12830. Immature banded by G. Logan at Lake Munmorah, NSW on 8 Mar. 82. Found dead at Gorokan, NSW on 5 May 82. 8 km SW.

Australian Raven *Corvus coronoides*

100-10525. Juvenile banded by G. D. Thomas near Finley, NSW on 27 May 80. Found dead at Berrigan, NSW in Mar. 81. 40 km ESE.

Little Raven *Corvus mellori*

100-82195. Nestling banded by J. Klapste at Werribee, Vic. on 7 Sept. 80. Found dead at "Nokera Downs", Winchelsea, Vic. on 26 Apr. 81. 78 km WSW.

Recovery Data

Items for Recovery Round-up are obtained from:

1. Secretary, Aust. Bird-banding Scheme
2. Individual banders
3. Miscellaneous sources

The Secretary of the ABBS kindly provides most of the data involving recoveries away from the banding place and these constitute the largest part of Recovery Round-up. However, for a number of reasons, longevity information is not readily available from this source. Most longevity items included in Recovery Round-up are forwarded by a few banders in response to previous requests.

Banders are asked to forward to me details of longevity items which they consider may be suitable for inclusion in this section. As a guide in deciding suitability, items for the particular species should be checked in recent issues. If in doubt send the details anyway.

Hon. Editor.

Review

Markierungsmethoden für Vögel (Methods of Marking Birds): Hans Bub and Hans Oelke, die neue Brehm-Bücherei, Wittenberg Lutherstadt, 1980. 152 pages, 98 drawings and black and white plates, 1 colour plate, bibliography at the end of each chapter, index. Written in German.

Because of the increase in the methods of marking birds and the difficulty of finding the relevant reports, the authors of this book have sought to give a total survey of marking procedures to date. Their research includes material from German, French, British, American, Canadian Australian and other sources.

Chapter headings include the history and beginnings of the scientific marking of birds; metal bands — their uses, limitations, dangers; the many different types are discussed, e.g. numbered, plain, coloured, fluorescent, combined with plasticine; coloured PVC bands, coloured celluloid bands without information; use of dyes; methods of marking the legs, wings, head, bill, neck and back; using feathers by cutting a pattern or by transplanting foreign feathers; radiotelemetry.

Where appropriate, each chapter includes extensive information on the alphabetical and numerical combinations used in certain programmes. Advantages, disadvantages, dangers and success rates are discussed with respect to species, habitat and proposed study. In the chapter on dyes, information is listed under the following headings: species, dye, method of dyeing, durability and by whom used. The uses, suitability and technical aspects of radiotelemetry are discussed in depth.

Even those who do not read German will find the extensive bibliographies particularly useful, those who can follow the text will find it a mine of well-organised information of inestimable value to all whose ornithological activities involve banding or marking birds.

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Hawks in Focus. A Study of Australia's Birds of Prey, by Jack and Lindsay Cupper, 1981, Jaclin Enterprises Pty Ltd, Mildura. 208 pp. including 26 maps and over 300 colour illustrations. Approximately 22 x 30 cm. Price \$A29.50 (on bulk orders to members of ornithological societies).

At last a book is available which illustrates every Australian member of the Falconiformes with photographs taken at the nest and records first-hand biological data obtained in the process. For too long much of the literature has repeated old, incomplete data. This book improves on the situation to a pleasing extent. The aim of the authors was to share with bird watchers and the public the beauty of our birds of prey in the wild. They have achieved their aim admirably, and have also added much to our knowledge of these birds. They set out to emulate Peter Steyn's classic *Eagle Days* (Purnell, London) and anyone comparing both books would agree that they have succeeded remarkably well.