

RECOVERY ROUND-UP

This section is prepared with the co-operation of the Secretary, Australian Bird-banding Scheme, CSIRO Division of Wildlife and Rangelands Research. 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 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:

ANARE — Australian National Antarctic Research Expeditions.

PSG — Penguin Study Group.

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

VWSG — Victorian Wader Study Group.

WAWSG — West Australian Wader Study Group.

Little Penguin *Eudyptula minor*

190-07006. Nestling banded by PSG at Port Campbell National Park, Vic. on 1 Jan. 79. Found dead (decomposed) at Carpenter's Rocks, 30 km SW of Mount Gambier, SA on 11 Jan. 84, over 5 years after banding. 240 km WNW.

Wandering Albatross *Diomedea exulans*

- (a) 140-25169. Banded by S. G. Lane off Malabar, NSW on 29 Aug. 59. Recaptured off-shore in the Bellambi/Wollongong area, NSW eight times, the last occasion by H. Battam on 13 Aug. 83, over 23 years 11 months after banding.
- (b) 140-25473. Banded by J. D. Gibson off Bellambi NSW on 22 July 61. Recaptured at banding place three times, the last occasion by H. Battam on 13 Aug. 83, over 22 years after banding.
- (c) 140-30040. Adult male banded by ANARE on Macquarie Island (54°35'S., 158°55'E.) on 3 Dec. 54. Recaptured at or near banding place 20 times (ten times at nest or on egg), the last occasion with chick and mate 140-30131 on 14 Apr. 82, over 27 years 4 months after banding.
- (d) 140-30131. Female banded by ANARE at Macquarie Island (54°35'S., 158°55'E.) on 2 Apr. 60. Recaptured at or near banding place seven times (five times at nest or on egg), the last occasion with chick and mate 140-30040 on 14 Apr. 82, over 22 years after banding.
- (e) 140-49849. Banded by C. B. Campion off Malabar, NSW on 18 July 59. Recaptured by H. Battam off Bellambi, NSW on 6 Aug. 83, over 24 years after banding.

Shy Albatross *Diomedea cauta*

- (a) 140-47491. Adult banded by N. P. Brothers on Albatross Island, Tas. on 16 Nov. 81. Found dead near Port MacDonnell, SA on 11 Jan. 84. 430 km NW.
- (b) 280-02735. Nestling banded by N. P. Brothers on Albatross Island, Tas. on 30 Mar. 83. Found dead in the Great Australian Bight, SA on 16 Dec. 83. 1480 km WNW.

Wedge-tailed Shearwater *Puffinus pacificus*

- 161-27521. Adult banded by S. G. Lane on Broughton Island, near Port Stephens, NSW on 8 Dec. 73. Recovered at Toukley Beach, NSW on 25 Feb. 84, over 10 years 3 months after banding. 104 km SW.

Short-tailed Shearwater *Puffinus tenuirostris*

- (a) 161-28636. Banded by G. M. Bowker on Griffith Island, Port Fairy, Vic. on 24 Mar. 73. Found dead at Killarney Beach, Warrnambool, Vic. on 29 Jan. 84, over 10 years 10 months after banding. 9 km ENE.
- (b) 161-78641. Nestling banded by V. H. Yeoman on Griffith Island, Port Fairy, Vic. on 16 Apr. 83. Found dead at Fort Direction, Tas. on 17 Dec. 83. 660 km SE.

Masked Booby *Sula dactylatra*

- (a) 131-48592. Nestling banded by O. R. Evans on Nepean Island, Norfolk Island (29°04'S., 167°58'E.) on 27 Nov. 82. Found injured on Tanna Island, Vanuatu (19°33'S., 169°17'E.) on 25 Dec. 83. 1000 km N.
- (b) 131-49507. Nestling banded by O. R. Evans on Nepean Island, Norfolk Island (29°04'S., 167°58'E.) on 20 Sept. 83. Found dead at Milip Village, Malekula Island, Vanuatu (16°20'S., 167°32'E.) on 4 Feb. 84. 1400 km N.

Brown Booby *Sula leucogaster*

- (a) 120-65369. Adult female banded by B. R. King on Raine Island, Great Barrier Reef, Qld (11°36'S., 144°01'E.) on 13 Dec. 79. "Killed, cooked and eaten" at Niulakita, Tuvalu (10°30'S., 179°20'E.) in Nov. 83. 4000 km E. (This is the longest recorded movement for this species.)
- (b) 121-15551. Nestling banded by B. R. King on No. 8 Sandbank, Great Barrier Reef, Qld (13°22'S., 143°58'E.) on 18 Dec. 81. Recovered (later died) at Vaitupu, Tuvalu (7°28'S., 178°41'E.) on 20 Jan. 84. 3800 km E.
- (c) 121-15928. Nestling banded by B. R. King on Raine Island, Great Barrier Reef, Qld (11°36'S., 144°01'E.) on 8 Dec. 82. Found dead on Panawina Island, Papua New Guinea (11°10'S., 153°00'E.) on 25 June 83. 980 km E.

Black-faced Shag *Leucocarbo fuscescens*

131-09743. Nestling banded by M. H. Waterman at Outer Harbour Breakwater, Outer Harbour, SA on 8 Aug. 71. Found dead (decomposed) at Victor Harbour, SA on 27 Nov. 83, over 12 years 4 months after banding. 88 km S.

Pied Cormorant *Phalacrocorax varius*

131-31523. Nestling banded by N. J. Favalaro at Lake Menindee, NSW on 9 July, 76. Found dead (in fishing net) at Lake Hindmarsh, Vic. on 26 Jan. 84, over 7 years 6 months after banding. 400 km S.

Cattle Egret *Ardeola ibis*

- (a) 100-32961. Nestling banded by D. H. C. Davidson at Murwillumbah Swamp, NSW on 31 Dec. 82. Found dead (decomposed) at Ocean Grove, Vic. on 10 Nov. 83. 1400 km SW.
- (b) 100-39440. Nestling banded by S. G. Lane at Lawrence, NSW (29°30'S., 153°06'E.) on 17 Dec. 83. Recovered "exhausted" at Te Horo, New Zealand (40°48'S., 175°07'E.) on 23 Apr. 84. 2400 km SE.
- (c) 100-39463. Nestling banded by S. G. Lane at Lawrence, NSW (29°30'S., 153°06'E.) on 17 Dec. 83. Found dead at Waitotara, New Zealand (39°48'S., 174°44'E.) on 30 Apr. 84. 2300 km SE.

Straw-necked Ibis *Threskiornis spinicollis*

120-71394. Nestling banded by M. H. Waterman at "Narrung Narrows", Narrung, SA on 8 Dec. 68. Found dead at Meningie, SA on 28 Nov. 83, over 14 years 11 months after banding. 24 km SE.

Cape Barren Goose *Cereopsis novaehollandiae*

150-31023. Nestling banded by M. H. Waterman at Rocky River, Flinders Chase National Park, Kangaroo Island, SA on 14 Oct. 83. Found injured at Rush Lagoon, Kangaroo Island, SA by A. F. C. Lashmar on 9 Jan. 84. 73 km ENE.

Brown Goshawk *Accipiter fasciatus*

100-85911. Adult female banded by J. Klapste at Werribee, Vic. on 9 Apr. 83. Recaptured at banding place on 25 Apr. 83 and found dead near Nhill, Vic. on 23 Jan. 84. 334 km NW.

Marsh Harrier *Circus aeruginosus*

110-91813. Adult female banded by D. Baker-Gabb at Werribee, Vic. on 10 June. 80. Found dead near Princetown, Vic. by A. Withers on 14 July 82. 146 km WSW.

Pied Oystercatcher *Haematopus longirostris*

100-84300. Male banded by SSG (BOAT) at Ralphy Bay, Tas. on 29 Aug. 82. Found dead (about three weeks) at Eaglehawk Neck Beach, Pirates Bay, Tas. on 30 Oct. 83. 40 km E.

Red-capped Plover *Charadrius ruficapillus*

032-37031. Banded by WAWSG at Lake Forrestdale, WA on 20 Mar. 82. Found dead (badly decomposed) at Pelican Point, Swan River, WA by M. Bailey on 15 Nov. 83. 20 km NNW.

Grey-tailed Tattler *Tringa brevipes*

061-31078. Banded by S. G. Lane at Stockton near Newcastle, NSW on 18 Mar. 77. Recaptured at banding place by W. P. Barden on 17 Mar. 84, over 6 years 11 months after banding. (This is the oldest recorded for this species.)

Terek Sandpiper *Tringa terek*

- (a) 050-10789. Banded by F. W. van Gessel at Stockton near Newcastle, NSW on 27 Dec. 73. Recaptured at banding place twice, the second occasion by W. P. Barden on 17 Mar. 84, over 10 years 2 months after banding. (This is the oldest recorded for this species.)
- (b) 051-01780. Banded by S. G. Lane at Stockton near Newcastle, NSW on 11 Dec. 76. Recaptured at banding place by W. P. Barden on 31 Mar. 84, over 7 years 3 months after banding.
- (c) 051-07525*. Banded at Yamato Kantaku, Fukuoka Prefecture, North Kyushu (33°05'N., 130°24'E.) about 24 Aug. 79. Recaptured at Lytton, Qld (27°24'S., 153°10'E.) by P. F. Woodall on 24 April 83. 7100 km NNW.

*CSIRO band replaced the original Japanese band.

Red-necked Stint *Calidris ruficollis*

- (a) 032-14105. Banded by WAWSG at Roebuck Bay, WA (18°04'S., 122°19'E.) on 30 Aug. 81. Recaptured at Dian Cheng, Guangdong, People's Republic of China (21°33'N., 111°20'E.) on 22 Dec. 83. 4350 km NNW.
- (b) 032-20181. Adult banded by VWWSG at Werribee, Vic. on 18 Nov. 79. Recaptured at Ralphy Bay, Tas. by SSG (BOAT) on 18 Sept. 83. 620 km SSE.
- (c) 032-28253. Juvenile banded by VWWSG at Werribee, Vic. on 7 Dec. 80. Recaptured at Ralphy Bay, Tas. by SSG (BOAT) on 18 Sept. 83. 620 km SSE.
- (d) 032-35985. Banded by VWWSG at Yallock Creek, Western Port, Vic. (38°13'S., 145°28'E.) on 4 Dec. 82. Shot at Kompong Binsulok, Sabah, East Malaysia (5°33'N., 115°45'E.) on 25 Apr. 83. 5900 km NW.

Curlew Sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea*

040-90019. Banded by J. A. K. Lane at Pelican Point, Swan River, WA on 30 Oct. 73. Recaptured at Ralphy Bay, Tas. by SSG (BOAT) on 2 Oct. 83, over 9 years 11 months after banding. 3000 km ESE.

Silver Gull *Larus novaehollandiae*

- (a) 080-15218. Nestling banded by G. N. Bromfield at Wynyard Breakwater, near Wynyard, Tas. on 24 Nov. 73. Found dead at Windemere Bay, Claremont, Tas. on 8 Feb. 84, over 10 years 2 months after banding. 240 km SSE.
- (b) 081-58677. Runner banded by R. Carrick at Lake Mulgundawa, SA on 24 Sept. 68. Found injured (destroyed) at Brooklyn, NSW by B. Miller about 8 Jan. 84, over 15 years 3 months after banding. 1130 km E.
- (c) 081-67278. Nestling banded by R. Carrick on Penguin Island, Beachport, SA on 1 Oct. 70. "Band number read through binoculars" at Robe SA on 18 Dec. 83, over 13 years 2 months after banding. 35 km NNW.

- (d) 081-80838. Nestling banded by D. G. Nicholls on Mud Islands, Port Phillip Bay, Vic. on 23 Oct. 81. Found injured (later died) at Rokeby, Tas. on 28 Nov. 83. 570 km SSE.
- (e) 081-83643. Runner banded by G. van Tets on Big Island, Five Islands, off Port Kembla, NSW on 6 Nov. 82. Found dead at Batemans Bay, NSW on 26 Dec. 83. 154 km SSW.
- (f) 082-46278. Nestling banded by S. Soans on Penguin Island, WA on 25 May 83. Found dead at Bunbury, WA on 25 Jan. 84. 112 km S.

Pacific Gull *Larus pacificus*

- (a) 110-90404. Runner banded by B. Robertson on Norman Island, Vic. on 28 Dec. 83. Recovered (sight record) at Norman Bay, Wilson's Promontory, Vic. by M. Clarke on 16 Feb. 84. 6 km ESE.
- (b) 110-93073. Runner banded by B. Robertson on Shellback Island, Vic. on 27 Jan. 81. Found dead at Norman Bay, Wilson's Promontory, Vic. on 1 Dec. 83. 12 km SE.
- (c) 110-96126. Runner banded by SSG (BOAT) on Bisscher Island, Tas. on 16 Jan. 83. Found dead (for about one week) at Brick Point, Carnarvon Bay, Port Arthur, Tas. on 19 Dec. 83. 34 km SSW.

Kelp Gull *Larus dominicanus*

- 110-93868. Runner banded by SSG (BOAT) on Green Island, Tas. on 16 Jan. 82. Found dead at Cornelian Bay, near Hobart, Tas. in May 83. 38 km N.

Crested Tern *Sterna bergii*

- (a) 070-33187. Nestling banded by M. H. Waterman on Stonywell Island, The Coorong, SA on 19 Dec. 71. Recaptured at Queenscliff, Vic. by VWSG on 25 Feb. 84, over 12 years 2 months after banding. 510 km ESE.
- (b) 071-00025. Breeding adult banded by M. H. Waterman on Stonywell Island, The Coorong, SA on 16 Dec. 67. Recaptured (breeding) at banding place twice, the second occasion on 22 Dec. 79. Found dead (killed by car) at Tea Tree Crossing, The Coorong, SA on 3 Feb. 84, over 16 years 1 month after banding. 28 km SSE.
- (c) 071-00055. Breeding adult banded by M. H. Waterman on Stonywell Island, The Coorong, S.A. on 16 Dec. 67. Recaptured at Queenscliff, Vic. by VWSG on 25 Feb. 84, over 16 years 2 months after banding. 510 km ESE.
- (d) 071-17791. Adult banded by M. H. Waterman on West Island, Victor Harbour, SA on 10 Dec. 72. Recaptured (breeding) on Stonywell Island, The Coorong, SA on 3 Dec. 83, over 11 years after banding. 90 km ESE.
- (e) 071-34284. Nestling banded by M. H. Waterman on Stonywell Island, The Coorong, SA on 14 Dec. 75. Recaptured at Queenscliff, Vic. by VWSG on 25 Feb. 84, over 8 years 2 months after banding. 510 km ESE.
- (f) 071-51133. Adult banded by VWSG at Queenscliff, Vic. on 5 Mar. 83. Recaptured (breeding) on Stonywell Island, The Coorong, SA by M. H. Waterman on 3 Dec. 83. 510 km WNW.

Scaly-breasted Lorikeet

Trichoglossus chlorolepidotus

- 240-01994. Banded by C. Cannon at Currumbin Sanctuary, Currumbin, Qld on 20 Jan. 81. Found dead at Southport, Qld on 8 Dec. 83. 20 km NNW.

Mulga Parrot *Psephotus varius*

- 230-02351. Female banded by W. Klau near Kalgoorlie, WA on 1 Dec. 83. Found dead (partly decomposed) at Noonans Dam, WA on 30 Jan. 84. 6 km SE.

Rainbow Pitta *Pitta iris*

- 050-27797. Banded by J. Kikkawa at Kemp Airfield, NT on 25 July 79. Recaptured at banding place by J. McKean on 17 Jan. 84, over 4 years 6 months after banding. (This is the oldest recorded for this species.)

Blackbird *Turdus merula*

- 061-03279. Juvenile banded by S. B. Unthank at Moorooduc, Vic. on 13 Dec. 82. Found shot at Tyabb, Vic. on 10 Jan. 84. 8 km E.

Hooded Robin *Melanodryas cucullata*

- 021-87106. Adult male banded by B. Hutchins at Sandy Creek Conservation Park, near Sandy Creek, SA on 16 Feb. 74. Recaptured at banding place on 30 July 78, over 4 years 7 months after banding.

Eastern Yellow Robin *Eopsaltria australis*

- (a) 022-06069. Nestling banded by A. J. Leishman near Appin, NSW on 13 Dec. 74. Recaptured at banding place five times, the last occasion on 29 April 84, over 9 years 4 months after banding.
- (b) 022-16316. Banded by D. I. Smedley at Munghorn Gap Nature Reserve near Mudgee, NSW on 29 Sept. 75. Recaptured at banding place six times, the last occasion by J. W. Hardy on 21 April 84, over 8 years 6 months after banding.

Golden Whistler *Pachycephala pectoralis*

- 031-03729. Banded by J. Liddy at Cowiebank, near Beerburum, Qld on 14 Apr. 73. Recaptured (adult female) at banding place twice, the second occasion on 20 Aug. 83, over 10 years 4 months after banding.

Rufous Whistler *Pachycephala rufiventris*

- (a) 031-16204. Banded by S. McCosker at Cowiebank, near Beerburum, Qld on 1 Dec. 69. Recaptured (adult male) at banding place by J. Liddy on 6 Aug. 83, over 13 years 8 months after banding.
- (b) 031-16275. Banded by S. McCosker at Cowiebank, near Beerburum, Qld on 31 May 71. Recaptured (adult male) at banding place by J. Liddy on 6 Aug. 83, over 12 years 2 months after banding.

Brown Thornbill *Acanthiza pusilla*

- (a) 012-60639. Adult banded by A. J. Leishman near Appin, NSW on 13 Dec. 74. Recaptured at banding place eight times, the last occasion on 29 April 84, over 9 years 4 months after banding.
- (b) 012-82930. Adult banded by A. J. Leishman near Appin, NSW on 28 Dec. 75. Recaptured at banding place three times, the last occasion by G. D. Bell on 18 March 84, over 8 years 2 months after banding.

Buff-rumped Thornbill *Acanthiza reguloides*

012-95652. Adult banded by J. T. Richards at Murchison, Vic. on 20 Aug. 77. Recaptured at banding place by D. G. Roberts on 20 Aug. 83, 6 years after banding. (This is the oldest recorded for this species.)

Red Wattlebird *Anthochaera carunculata*

071-32173. Adult male banded by E. B. Male near Millwood Dam, Bendigo Whipstick, Vic. on 25 Sept. 83. Recovered at Elphinstone, Vic. on 15 Nov. 83, 60 km S.

Yellow Wattlebird *Anthochaera paradoxa*

070-07030. Banded by N. P. Ali at Lower Sandy Bay, Tas. on 3 Apr. 74. Found "dead in donkey's plastic water bin" at banding place on 31st Dec. 83, over 9 years 9 months after banding. (This is the oldest recorded for this species through ABBS.)

Yellow-tufted Honeyeater*Lichenostomus melanops*

031-32279. Immature banded by A. K. Morris at Mung-horn Gap Nature Reserve near Mudgee, NSW on 22 Oct. 74. Recaptured at banding place three times, the last occasion by J. W. Hardy on 20 April 84, over 9 years 5 months after banding.

Black-chinned Honeyeater *Melithreptus gularis*

031-48780. Adult banded by G. Logan at Munghorn Gap Nature Reserve near Mudgee, NSW on 9 April 77. Recaptured at banding place three times, the last occasion by A. K. Morris on 22 April 84, over 7 years after banding.

Pied Currawong *Strepera graculina*

091-00190. Banded by H. L. Bell at Aranda, ACT on 24 May, 73. Found dead (upper mandible has been missing for several years) at banding place on 23 Feb. 84, over 10 years 9 months after banding.

New Members

ASQUITH, M., Gordon, N.S.W.

CULLEN, Dr M., Clayton, Vic.

MAJOR, R., Clayton, Vic.

MERROTSY, P. L. Canungra, Qld.

ROOKE, J., Casterton, Vic.

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SMITH, G. C., Nathan, Qld.

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REVIEW

Fairy Penguins and Earthy People. Pauline Reilly, 1983, Lothian Publishing Company Pty Ltd, Melbourne. 92 pp., 35 drawings, 1 map, bibliography. \$5.95.

Pauline Reilly's work on the Little Penguin, *Eudyptula minor*, extending over a period of 13 years, is now well known to all interested ornithologists in Australia and to many overseas. The results of these studies are embodied in a series of papers by herself and Professor J. M. Cullen, published in *Emu*, as well as by a chapter in Bernard Stonehouse's definitive work on *The Biology of Penguins* (1974) and numerous shorter papers. However, in the present book Pauline addresses herself to the interested spectator, with a most happy result.

It is important for the scientific community, especially in a field of widespread interest such as this, that the results of its researches should be made available to the general public in an interesting and understandable form. And those who address themselves to this task are performing a valuable service both to their science and to the general community.

In this book Pauline sets out to describe both the story and the results of 13 years work by the Penguin Study Group (PSG) under her leadership, in an entertaining and readable form. (The Penguin Study Group is a part of the Victorian Ornithologists Research Group.) Starting with a chapter on how the study began, she follows its progress with a chapter on each season's work, introducing new aspects of the study as she goes. To give continuity to her story, she details the fortunes of individual birds as they returned to nest season after season, identifying them by the pet names used by the PSG. Ebb and Flo remained faithful over 12 consecutive seasons, during which Flo laid 32 eggs, till one year Ebb failed to return. Other characters were much less constant. Jezebel had four different mates, who in turn had to find solace elsewhere. And the whole text is enlivened by the numerous black-and-white drawings of Ralph Keller, who displays his talent in this direction to good advantage.

In this way the whole story is covered in a short book of 90 pages, a considerable part of them occupied by the illustrations. Perhaps to compensate for this, the print, though very clear, is small to a point which some older people may find trying. This is my only criticism. The need for such a book is clearly demonstrated by the fact that every year many thousands of visitors to Phillip Island, some of them coming expressly for this purpose, go to view the Little Penguins on their nightly parade.

But it should not be thought that this is a book only or even primarily for the casual visitor. Written by an authority on the species, it contains a great deal of original information and many serious ornithologists will read it with enjoyment. It is also an easy way of brushing up on a study which has now become a classical piece of work. As well, it may stimulate some who read it to take a deeper interest in the subject of ornithology.

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