

RECOVERY ROUND-UP

This section is prepared with the co-operation of the Secretary, Australian Bird and Bat Banding Schemes, Australian Nature Conservation Agency. 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 part without prior consent of the banders concerned. Longevity and distance records refer to the ABBBS 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). Where available ABBBS age codes have been included in the banding data.

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:

ABBBS – Australian Bird and Bat Banding Schemes

VWSG - Victorian Wader Study Group.

Black Swan *Cygnus atratus*

350-02003. Immature (1) male banded by R. A. Mulder at Albert Park Lake, East Melbourne, Vic. on 22 May. 2006. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place eleven times, the last occasion on 24 Nov. 2022, over 16 years, 6 months after banding.

Red-tailed Tropicbird *Phaethon rubricauda*

091-22741. Nestling banded by P. Ogilvie on Lady Elliot Island, Qld. on 4 Dec. 1997. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place four times, the last occasion on 13 Jun. 2023, over 25 years, 6 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Australasian Gannet *Morus serrator*

131-66984. Nestling banded by F. I. Norman at Popes Eye off Queenscliff, Port Phillip Bay, Vic. on 5 Jan. 1990. Recovered dead (beachwashed) at the southern end of Squeaky Beach, Wilsons Promontory, Vic. on 25 Jul. 2023, over 33 years, 6 months after banding. 164 km ESE.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Eastern Osprey *Pandion cristatus*

280-15099. Nestling female banded by G. P. Clancy at Serpentine Channel, Chatsworth Island, NSW on 1 Sep. 2010. Band number read in field (bird not trapped) at Wellington Point, Qld. on 26 Jan 2023, over 12 years, 4 months after banding. 211 km N.

Grey Goshawk *Accipiter novaehollandiae*

101-26514. Juvenile (1) male banded by P. J. Tonelli at Springfield Park, Northdown, Tas. on 25 Feb. 2009. Recovered, released alive with band at Acacia Hills, Tas. on 16 Mar. 2023, over 14 years after banding. 19 km WSW.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Bush Stone-curlew *Burhinus grallarius*

111-26392 plus engraved leg flag: Yellow E4. Nestling banded by G. P. Clancy at Boyd's Bay, Tweed River, NSW on 13 Dec. 2018. Readable flag sighted twice, the last occasion by C. Andrews at Tweed Head Holiday Park, NSW on 4 Oct. 2023, over 4 years, 9 months after banding.



Bush Stone-curlew displaying leg flag Yellow E4 with family.

Photo: C. Andrews

Beach Stone-curlew *Esacus magnirostris*

111-26364 plus engraved leg flag: Yellow A2. Nestling banded by G. P. Clancy at New Zealand Beach, Evans Headland, NSW on 7 Mar. 2011. Readable flag sighted nine times, the last occasion by S. Monkley at Hastings Point, NSW on 21 Oct. 2022, over 11 years, 7 months after banding. 88 km NNE.

Australian Pied Oystercatcher *Haematopus longirostris*

(a) 101-04848 plus leg flag: D5. Adult (3) banded by VWSG at Bullock Swamp, French Island, Vic. on 16 Dec. 1996. Leg flag sighted, band number inferred at Observation Point, Phillip Island, Vic. on 19 May, 2023, over 26 years, 6 months after banding. 19 km S.

(b) 101-15990 plus colour flag: Red 1V. Immature (1) banded by VWSG at Rhyll, Phillip Island, Vic. on 2 Aug. 2000. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place on 19 May, 2023, over 22 years, 3 months after banding.

(c) 101-21421 plus engraved leg flag: Yellow A3. Nestling banded by G. P. Clancy at Jerusalem Creek, Bundjalung, National Park, NSW on 20 Oct. 2006. Leg flag sighted, band number inferred on sixty occasions all within 147 km of the banding site, the last occasion by Mr Johnson at Picnic Area Beach, Broadwater National Park, NSW on 21 Jul. 2023, over 16 years, 9 months after banding 22 km N.

(d) 101-21422 plus engraved leg flag: Yellow A4. Nestling banded by G. P. Clancy at Bombing Range, Bundjalung, National Park, NSW on 20 Oct. 2006. Leg flag sighted, band number inferred on fifteen occasions, the last occasion by Mr. Hocking at Bunga Beach, Mimosas National Park, NSW on 13 Aug. 2023, over 16 years, 9 months after banding 872 km S.

- (e) 101-27793 plus engraved leg flag: Yellow L3. Nestling banded by G. P. Clancy at Brunswick River, Brunswick Heads, NSW on 30 Oct. 2009. Leg flag sighted, band number inferred on twenty-three occasions all within 116 km of the banding site, the last occasion by Mr Johnson at Picnic area Beach, Broadwater National Park, NSW on 21 Jul. 2023, over 13 years, 8 months after banding. 58 km S.
- (f) 101-27796 plus engraved leg flag: Yellow L6. Nestling banded by G. P. Clancy at Belongil Creek, Byron Bay, NSW on 16 Nov. 2009. Leg flag sighted, band number inferred on twenty occasions all within 39 km of the banding site, the last occasion by D. Beaumont at Hastings Point Beach, NSW on 2 Oct. 2023, over 13 years, 10 months after banding. 30 km N.



Australian Pied Oystercatcher displaying leg flag Yellow L6.

Photo: D. Beaumont

Citizen scientists are to be thanked for the 129 recoveries for the above photographed two species. These observations have added considerably to the understanding of the movements of these species.

Editor

Sooty Oystercatcher *Haematopus fuliginosus*

101-22093 plus engraved leg flag: White X3. Adult (3+) banded by VWSG at West Head, Flinders, Vic. on 21 Apr. 2004. Leg flag sighted in field (band number inferred) twice, the last occasion at Mushroom Reef Beach, Flinders, Vic. on 1 Jul. 2023, over 19 years, 2 months after banding.

Banded Stilt *Cladorhynchus leucocephalus*

083-36626 plus engraved leg flag: CKZ. Adult (2+) banded by VWSG at Yallock Creek near Koo Wee Rup, Vic. on 2 Jan. 2015. Recovered dead near Streaky Bay School, SA on 15 Apr. 2023, over 8 years 3 months after banding. 1,184 km WNW.

(This is the longest movement recorded for the species.)

Bar-tailed Godwit *Limosa lapponica*

073-80831 plus engraved leg flag: HDD. Immature (1) banded by VWSG off Manns Beach, Corner Inlet, Vic. (38° 41' S, 146° 50'E) on 31 Jan. 2018. Readable leg flag sighted in field (band number inferred) at Teshekpuk Lake, Special Area, Arctic Alaska, USA (70° 37'N, 154° 42'W) on 8 Jun. 2023 over 5 years 4 months after banding. 12,167 km NNE.

(This is the longest movement recorded for the species.)

Red-necked Stint *Calidris ruficollis*

C497309* plus leg flags, left metal/blue, right black/white. Banded by Forestry Resource Monitoring Centre at Xinpu, Cixi City, Zhejiang Province, China (30° 29'N, 121° 41'E) on 19 May 2018. Recaptured, released alive with ABBBS band by VWSG at Stockyard Point, Vic. (38° 20'S, 145° 31'E) on 23 Feb. 2023, over 4 years 9 months after banding. 8,042 km SSE

*Chinese Banding Scheme Band.

Curlew Sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea*

042-45623. Adult (2+) banded by VWSG at Yallock Creek near Koo Wee Rup, Vic. on 10 Dec. 2005. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place twice, the last occasion on 25 Jan. 2023, over 17 years, 1 month after banding.

Common Noddy *Anous stolidus*

062-91611. Adult (2+) banded by J. N. Dunlop on Lancelin Island, WA on 27 Dec. 2004. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place on 8 Oct. 2022, over 17 years, 7 months after banding.

Pacific Gull *Larus pacificus*

111-33450 plus readable band: Black CH2. Immature (1) banded by B. I. Robertson at Bowes River Mouth, WA, on 10 Jul. 2022. Readable band sighted in field, (band number inferred) at Fisherman's Hollow, Yanchep, WA on 22 Jun. 2023, over 10 months after banding. 366 km. S.

(This is the longest movement recorded for the species.)

Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo *Calyptorhynchus banksii*

320-01416. Adult (5+) female banded by P. R. Mawson at Harold Rossiter Park, Kensington, WA on 20 Jul. 2016. Colour marking sighted in field (band no inferred) at banding place on 30 Apr. 2023, over 6 years, 9 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Sulphur-crested Cockatoo *Cacatua galerita*

220-05007 plus wing tag: Yellow 12. Adult (2+) banded by J. M. Martin at the Royal Botanic Garden and Domain, Sydney, NSW on 11 Nov. 2011. Colour marking sighted in field (band number inferred) at Naremburn, NSW on 12 Oct. 2022, over 10 years, 10 months after banding. 6 km NNW.

Pale-headed Rosella *Platycercus adscitus*

240-30813. Adult (2+) female banded by J. T. Coleman at Shailer Park, Qld. on 4 Nov. 2012. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place twice, the last occasion on 2 Oct. 2022, over 9 years 10 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Satin Bowerbird *Ptilonorhynchus violaceus*

082-01447. Adult (2+) banded by A. J. Leishman at the Australian Botanic Garden, Mount Annan, NSW on 18 Aug. 2015. Recovered dead at Narellan Vale, NSW on 2 Nov. 2022, over 7 years, 2 months after banding. 2 km NNW.

Purple-crowned Fairy-wren *Malurus coronatus*

026-79118. Nestling banded by A. M. Peters at Mornington Wildlife Sanctuary, WA on 21 Sep. 2010. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place six times, the last occasion on 3 Nov. 2022, over 12 years after banding.

Thick-billed Grasswren *Amytornis textilis*

042-96204. Adult (1+) male banded by A. H. Burbidge near Stromatolites, NW of Hamlin Homestead, WA, on 24 Jul. 2019. Colour band sighted in field (band number inferred) at banding place on 18 Aug. 2023, over 4 years after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Yellow-throated Scrubwren *Sericornis citreogularis*

026-27331. Banded by S. E. Williams at Brooklin Reserve, Mount Lewis, Qld. on 14 Oct. 2006. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place twice, the last occasion on 17 Jun. 2023, over 16 years, 8 months after banding.

Mangrove Gerygone *Gerygone levigaster*

019-68961. Immature (1) banded by J. T. Coleman at Nudgee Beach, Qld. on 12 Jul. 2009. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place on 30 Oct. 2022, over 13 years, 3 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Brown Thornbill *Acanthiza pusilla*

018-23120. Adult (2+) banded by A & A Leishman at Camden Airport, NSW on 28 Nov. 2015. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place on 8 Apr. 2023, over 7 years, 4 months after banding.

Eastern Spinebill *Acanthorhynchus tenuirostris*

01A-39655. Immature (1) female banded by J. Farrell at Agnes Banks Nature Reserve, NSW on 10 Feb. 2013. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place by J. Webb on 21 May 2023, over 10 years, 3 months after banding.

Eungella Honeyeater *Lichenostomus hindwoodi*

037-57885. Adult (1+) banded by J. T. Coleman at Chelmans Road, Dalrymple Heights, Qld. on 17 May 2019. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place three times, the last occasion on 2 Nov. 2022, over 3 years, 5 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Yellow-faced Honeyeater *Lichenostomus chrysops*

026-08246. Adult (1+) banded by P. Ewin at Weddin Mountain, Grenfell, NSW on 14 Mar. 2015. Recaptured released alive with band at banding place by A. Bestow on 17 Jun. 2023, over 8 years, 3 months after banding.

White-plumed Honeyeater *Lichenostomus penicillatus*

(a) 026-10808. Adult (2+) banded by G. Fry at Munghorn Gap Nature Reserve, NSW on 20 Sep. 2013. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place twice, the last occasion by R. Kyte on 11 Jun. 2023, 9 years, 9 months after banding.

(b) 025-93565. Immature (1) banded by R. Allen at Weddin Mountain, Grenfell NSW on 28 Jul. 2013. Recaptured released alive with band at banding place five times, the last occasion on 29 Oct. 2022, over 9 year, 10 months after banding.

(c) 026-76697. Adult (2) banded by G. Fry at Munghorn Gap Nature Reserve, NSW on 1 Oct. 2017. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place twice, the last occasion by R. Kyte on 11 Jun. 2023, 5 years, 8 months after banding.

White-cheeked Honeyeater *Phylidonyris niger*

037-72412. Immature (1) male banded by M. Moens at Cripple Creek, NSW on 6 Dec. 2020. Recaptured, released alive with band at Agnes Banks Nature Reserve, NSW by J. Webb on 16 Apr. 2023, 2 years, 4 months after banding. 11 km NE.

Brown-headed Honeyeater *Melithreptus brevirostris*

025-93540. Adult (1+) banded by R. Allen at Weddin Mountain, Grenfell, NSW on 16 Jun. 2013. Recaptured released alive with band at banding place four times, the last occasion by P. Ewin on 29 Oct. 2022, over 9 year, 4 months after banding.

Painted Honeyeater *Grantiella picta*

027-30524 plus colour bands, Left leg Red over metal, Right leg Yellow over Pink. Adult (1+) female banded by A. Hunt at Urganie, NSW on 6 Jan. 2018. Colour marking sighted and photographed in field, (band number inferred) at banding place twice, the last occasion by J. Hunt on 1 Oct. 2023, over 5 years, 8 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Hall's Babbler *Pomatostomus halli*

052-70710. Adult (2-) banded by J. T. Coleman at Bowra Gumholes, Qld. on 8 Apr. 2015. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place three times, the last occasion on 10 Apr. 2023, over 8 years after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Golden Whistler *Pachycephala pectoralis*

(a) 026-08704. Adult (1+) female banded by D. J. Ripper at Clive Disher Park, Perry Bridge, Vic. on 19 Oct. 2002. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place twelve times, the last occasion on 26 Feb. 2022, over 19 years, 3 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

(b) 032-66601. Adult (3+) female banded by J. Hardy at Agnes Banks Nature Reserve, Western Sydney, NSW on 19 May 2013. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place by J. Webb on 21 May 2023, over 10 years after banding.

(c) 037-13240. Immature (2-) banded by J. T. Coleman at Bunce Farm, Qld. on 4 Jul. 2020. Recaptured, released alive with band four times the last occasion on 19 Mar. 2023, over 12 years, 6 months after banding.

Willie Wagtail *Rhipidura leucophrys*

037-26289. Immature (1) banded by A. F. Silcocks at Edithvale South, Vic. on 12 Mar. 2012. Band number read in field (bird not trapped) at Edithvale Wetlands, Vic. on 21 Mar. 2023, over 11 years after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Eastern Yellow Robin *Eopsaltria australis*

- (a) 026-35632. Adult (1+) female banded by A. Leavelsey at Weddin Mountain, Grenfell, NSW on 23 Aug. 2008. Recaptured released alive with band at banding place seven times, the last occasion by R. Allen on 23 Jul. 2022, over 13 year, 11 months after banding.
- (b) 026-42069. Adult (1+) banded by H. Perkins at Weddin Mountain, Grenfell, NSW on 19 Mar. 2011. Recaptured released alive with band at banding place eleven times, the last occasion on 30 Oct. 2022, over 11 year, 7 months after banding.

Tawny Grassbird *Megalurus timoriensis*

036-63921. Adult (2+) banded by J. T. Coleman at The Spit, Southport, Qld. on 4 Jan. 2016. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place five times, the last occasion on 16 Feb. 2023, over 7 years, 1 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)