

Clarke explains that indigenous languages may not distinguish between the *Corvus* species that in Australian English are referred to as crows and ravens. This is hardly surprising because non-indigenous non-birder Australians are equally content with calling them all crows. Inadvisedly, he attempts to identify some included in the text, most as the Australian Raven *C. coronoides* but none as the Little Raven *C. mellori*, the common corvid of the Lower Murray and Lakes country of the Ngarrindjeri, his prime study area.

'In Aboriginal languages, the emu is not classed among other birds' (p. 88) (four citations) is contradicted later. He makes repeated references to the Emu not being included among group-names of birds but often categorised with other large game. There is no mystery in this.

Places mentioned in the text are not included in the index but the reference list has only minor errors and provides a valuable resource. Colour photographs are included near the middle but uncorrelated with the text. Some are stunning, many are not.

The book is interesting and is a worthwhile contribution as an introduction to Aboriginal knowledge but would have been improved with a more even coverage of the literature, had an ornithologist been consulted and the manuscript placed in the hands of a skilful editor.

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# 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:

- AAD – Australian Antarctic Division  
 AWSG – Australasian Wader Study Group  
 GBR – Great Barrier Reef  
 NSW NPWS – NSW NPWS Seabird Project  
 SOOCA – Southern Oceans Seabird Study Association  
 VWSG – Victorian Wader Study Group

## **Australian Brush-turkey** *Alectura lathami*

132-25278. Adult (1+) female banded by G. Ross at Pearl Beach, NSW on 27 Jul. 2007. Recovered dead at Killcare, NSW on 30 Apr. 2023, over 15 years, 9 months after banding. 5 km NE.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

## **Wompoo Fruit-Dove** *Megaloprepia magnifica*

101-30090. Adult (2+) banded by J. T. Coleman at Finch Hatton, QLD on 24 May 2020. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place three times, the last occasion on 1 Apr. 2025, over 4 years, 10 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

## **Little Penguin** *Eudyptula minor*

190-82352. Adult (1+) male banded by PSG at Penguin Parade, Phillip Island, Vic. on 5 Nov. 1994. Recovered dead, (beachwashed) at Eagle Bay, WA in Oct. 2006, over 11 years, 10 months after banding. 2,747 km WNW.

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

## **Yellow-nosed Albatross** *Thalassarche chlororhynchos*

121-35759. Immature (1) banded by M. H. Waterman at at sea off the coast of SA (36° 30'S 136° 00"E) on 15 Dec. 1995. Band number read in field (bird not trapped) on Ile Amsterdam, Indian Ocean, France (37° 50'S 77° 34"E) on 22 Oct. 2024, over 28 years, 10 months after banding. 5,091 km WSW.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

## **Shy Albatross** *Thalassarche cauta*

280-01389. Nestling banded by N. P. Brothers on Albatross Island, Tas. on 30 Mar. 1982. Recaptured, released alive with replacement band at banding place on 7 Aug. 2023, over 41 years, 4 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

**Glossy Ibis** *Plegadis falcinellus*

101-31410. Adult (2+) female banded by W. Rutherford at Herdsman Lake, WA on 12 Jul. 2014. Band number read in field at banding place on 11 Aug. 2025, over 11 years after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

**Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus ibis*

101-29966. Adult (1+) banded by J. T. Coleman at Osprey House, Pine Rivers, Qld on 14 Oct. 2010. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place on 7 Feb. 2025, over 14 years, 3 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

**Great Frigatebird** *Fregata minor*

210-01067. Adult (1+) banded by A. Stokes on Christmas Island, Indian Ocean (10°27'S, 105°40'E) on 27 Jun. 1984. Recaptured, released alive with band at Pulu Keeling National Park, Indian Ocean (11°50'S, 96°49'E) on 30 Oct. 2024, over 40 years, 4 months after banding. 977 km WSW.

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

**South Island Pied Oystercatcher** *Haematopus finschi*

101-41798. Adult (3) banded by VWSG at Stockyard Point, Lang Lang, Westernport, Vic. on 6 Aug. 2016. Readable band/flag sighted in field, band number inferred on eleven occasions at six different sites, the last occasion at Manning River, South Channel Inlet, NSW on 16 Mar. 2025, over 8 years, 7 months after banding. 961 km NNE.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

**Sooty Oystercatcher** *Haematopus fuliginosus*

101-42545. Adult (2-) plus Engraved Leg Flag RU Green ANB. Banded by J. T. Coleman at Caloundra, Qld. on 14 Apr. 2024. Readable leg band/flag sighted in field (band number inferred) by G. P. Clancy at Iluka Bluff, NSW on 27 Oct. 2024. 290 km S.

**Pacific Golden Plover** *Pluvialis fulva*

063-27336. Adult (2+) banded by J. T. Coleman at Manly Harbour, Qld, on 12 Mar. 2017. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place twice, the last occasion on 3 Nov. 2024, over 7 years, 7 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

**Hooded Plover** *Thinornis cucullatus*

052-71250. Nestling banded by D. L. Oliver at Tilba Lake, NSW on 4 Feb. 2023. Readable band/flag sighted in field, (band number inferred) at Salty Lagoon Entrance, Broadwater National Park, NSW, on 8 Jul. 2023. 864 km N.

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

**Black-tailed Godwit** *Limosa limosa*

073-00288. Imature (1) banded by AWSG at Beaches Crab Creek, Road, Roebuck Bay, Broome, WA on 3 Jul. 2003. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place on 18 Oct. 2023, over 20 years, 3 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

**Ruddy Turnstone** *Arenaria interpres*

052-29837. Immature (1) banded by VWSG at Nora Creina 22 km NW of Beachport, SA on 6 Mar. 2006. Readable leg band/flag sighted in field (band number inferred) at Three Rivers Bay, King Island, Tas. on 31 Jan. 2025, over 18 years, 10 months after banding. 443 km SE.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

**Red Knot** *Calidris canutus*

052-27294. Immature (1) banded by AWSG at Beaches Crab Creek Road, Roebuck Bay, Broome, WA, on 3 Jul. 2003. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place on 26 Feb. 2024, over 20 years, 7 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

**Broad-billed Sandpiper** *Calidris falcinellus*

042-65560. Adult (2+) banded by AWSG at Beaches Crab Creek Road, Roebuck Bay, Broome, WA on 7 Mar. 2012. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place on 23 Feb. 2024, over 11 years, 11 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

**Red-necked Stint** *Calidris ruficollis*

036-00131. Immature (1) banded by VWSG at Werribee Sewerage Farm (Spit, Pt Wilson), Vic. on 20 Apr. 2002. Recaptured, released alive with band at Nene Valley, SA on 14 Apr. 2024, over 21 years 11 months after banding. 350 km W.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

**Latham's Snipe** *Gallinago hardwickii*

073-88015. Adult (2+) banded by VWSG at Jerrabomberra Wetlands, ACT on 29 Jan. 2018. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place on 18 Jan. 2023, over 4 years, 11 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

**Brown Noddy** *Anous stolidus*

062-51353. Nestling banded by J. N. Dunlop on Lancelin Island, WA, on 10 Jan. 1999. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place on 25 Sep. 2024, over 25 years, 8 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

**Greater Crested Tern** *Thalasseus bergii*

072-14980. Nestling banded by VWSG on Mud Island, Port Phillip Bay, Vic. on 15 Dec. 1990. Band number read in field, (bird not captured) at Iluka Bluff, NSW, on 22 Aug. 2023, over 32 years 8 months after banding. 1,267 km NE.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

**Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo** *Calyptorhynchus banksii*

320-01188. Adult (3) female banded by P. R. Mawson at Dewhurst's/ Cohunu, WA, on 21 Nov. 2013. Colour marking sighted in field (band number inferred) at Knight Road, Gngangara, WA, on 6 Aug. 2023, over 9 years, 8 months after banding. 39 km S.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

**Kangaroo Island Glossy Black-Cockatoo***Calyptorhynchus lathamii halmaturinus*

(a) 210-10274. Nestling banded by L. Pedler at Stokes Bay Ki Flock, SA, on 5 May 1998. Band number read in field (bird not captured) at banding place by the KI Glossy Black Recovery Team on 26 Apr. 2024, over 25 years 11 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

(b) UNK-01625. Nestling banded by L. Pedler at Stokes Bay Ki Flock, SA on 17 May 2025. Band number read in field (bird not captured) by the KI Glossy Black Recovery Team at De Mole Ki Flock, West of De Mole Mouth, SA on 26 Feb. 2024, over 18 years after banding. 50 km WSW.

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

**Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo** *Zanda latirostris*

320-01979. Adult (3) male banded by P. R. Mawson at Ford Road, Bridgetown, WA, on 31 May 2022. Band number read in field, (bird not captured) at Rosella Road, Gnangara, WA on 10 Mar. 2024, over 1 year, 9 months after banding. 272 km N.

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

**Little Corella** *Cacatua sanguinea*

210-12294 plus wing tag, Green BR. Adult (1+) banded by M. Blythman at Carine open space, WA, on 15 Feb. 2013. Colour marking sighted in field, band number inferred twenty eight times, the last occasion by K. Hatten at Hovea Avenue, Sorrento, WA on 15 Apr. 2025, over 12 years, 2 month after banding. 2.6 km NNW.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

**Sulphur-crested Cockatoo** *Cacatua galerita*

220-04551, Adult (1+) female banded by G. S. Baxter at Dandenong Ranges National Park, Vic. on 30 Jul. 2008. Band number read in field, (bird not captured) at Victoria Street, Macedon, Vic. on 29 Sep. 2024, over 16 years, 1 months after banding. 87 km NW.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

**Golden-shouldered Parrot** *Psephotellus chrysopterygius*

230-24898. Immature (1) male banded by S. A. Murphy at Artemis Station, Qld on 9 Sep. 2021. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place on 16 Nov. 2023, over 2 years, 2 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

**Eastern Rosella** *Platycercus eximius*

240-33017. Immature (2-) banded by K. Sebo at Dixon Property, 15 km SW of Grenfell, NSW on 29 Jul. 2017. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place by R. Allen on 17 May 2025, over 7 years, 9 months after banding.

**Orange-bellied Parrot** *Neophema chrysogaster*

230-20212. Adult (1+) male banded by M. C. Holdsworth at Melaleuca, Tas. on 15 Feb. 2011. Colour markings sighted in field, (band number inferred) at banding place sixteen times, the last occasion on 18 Feb. 2021, over 10 years after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

**Spotted Bowerbird** *Chlamydera maculate*

073-34651. Banded by J. R. Madden at Taunton National Park, Qld on 22 Aug. 2009. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place three times, the last occasion on 29 Nov. 2023, over 14 years, 3 months after banding. 6 km SW.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

**Western Bowerbird** *Chlamydera guttata*

074-09752. Adult (2+) male banded by DARS at Lorna Glen, WA. on 15 Jun. 2014. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place twice the last occasion on 19 Oct. 2023, over 9 years, 4 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

**Purple-crowned Fairy-wren** *Malurus coronatus*

026-72514. Nestling banded by A. M. Peters at Mornington Wildlife Sanctuary, WA on 8 Dec. 2009. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place thirteen times, the last occasion on 13 Nov. 2024, over 14 years, 11 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

**Red-winged Fairy-wren** *Malurus elegans*

(a) 018-98827. Adult (1+) male banded by L. Bouwer at Smith Brook Reserve, Middlesex Field Station, WA on 1 Nov. 2008. Colour markings sighted in field, (band number inferred) at banding place on 4 Jan. 2025, over 16 years, 2 month after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

(b) 018-98828. Adult (2+) banded by L. Bouwer at Smith Brook Reserve, Middlesex Field Station, WA, on 7 Nov. 2008. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place on 11 Dec. 2023. 15 years, 1 month after banding.

**Brown-headed Honeyeater** *Melithreptus brevirostris*

025-93990. Adult (1+) banded by R. Allen at Dixon Property, 15 km SW of Grenfell, NSW on 19 Mar. 2017. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place on 16 Nov. 2024, over 7 years, 7 months after banding.

**Painted Honeyeater** *Grantiella picta*

027-50720. Immature (1) banded by A. M. Hunt at TSR, The McGrane Way, 12 km South of Narromine, NSW on 8 Feb. 2025. Colour marking sighted in field, (band number inferred) at The McGrane Way, 17 km South of Narromine, NSW, on 19 Feb. 2025, 11 days after banding. 5 km SW.

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

**White-gaped Honeyeater** *Stomiopera unicolor*

035-89463. Adult (1+) banded AWSG at Anna Plains, Bore Stream, WA on 27 Feb. 2020. Recaptured, released alive with band at Broome Bird Observatory 18 km E of Broome, WA on 24 Feb. 2024, over 3 years, 11 months after banding. 168 km N.

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

**Eungella Honeyeater** *Bolemoreus hindwoodi*

037-52764. Adult (2+) banded by J. T. Coleman at Chelmans Road, Dalrymple Heights, Qld on 15 Sep. 2020. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place on 9 Apr. 2025, over 4 years, 6 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

**White-plumed Honeyeater** *Ptilotula penicillata*

025-93543. Adult (1+) banded by R. Allen at Dixon Property, 15 km SW of Grenfell, NSW on 16 Jun. 2013. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place five times, the last occasion on 17 May 2025, over 11 years, 11 months after banding.

**Bell Miner** *Manorina melanophrys*

042-40459. Adult (2) female banded by A. J. Leishman at The Australian Botanic Gardens, Mount Annan, NSW on 8 Nov. 2016. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place ten times, the last occasion by M. Paul on 1 Sep. 2025, over 8 years, 9 months after banding.

(Band replaced with band no. 043-14602.)

**Black-eared Miner** *Manorina melanotis*

052-71370. Adult (1+) banded by GRSG at Froggy Dam, Gluepot Station, SA on 20 Jun. 2016. Band number read in field, (bird not trapped) at Gluepot Reserve, SA on 25 May 2024, over 7 years, 11 months after banding. 8 km S.

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

**Green-backed Gerygone** *Gerygone chloronota*

016-52821. Adult (1+) banded by J. Rawsthorne at East Point Reserve, NT, on 3 Jan. 2021. Colour marking sighted in field, (band number inferred) at banding place on 30 Aug. 2024, over 3 years, 7 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

**Brown Thornbill** *Acanthiza pusilla*

019-95609, Adult (1+) male banded by G. Fry at Munghorn Gap Nature Reserve, NSW on 20 Apr. 2014. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place seven times, the last occasion by G. Little on 28 Dec. 2024, over 10 years, 9 months after banding.

**Buff-rumped Thornbill** *Acanthiza reguloides*

01A-22439. Adult (1+) banded by H. Perkins at Dixon Property, 15 km SW of Grenfell, NSW on 21 Aug. 2016. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place twice, the last occasion by R. Allen on 17 May 2025, over 8 years, 8 months after banding.

**White-browed Babbler** *Pomatostomus superciliosus*

042-47754. Adult (1+) banded by R. Allen at Dixon Property, 15 km SW of Grenfell, NSW on 28 Jan. 2017. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place fourteen times, the last occasion on 7 Jun. 2025, over 8 years, 5 months after banding.

**Olive-backed Oriole** *Oriolus sagittatus*

062-80158. Immature (1) banded by G. Fry at Munghorn Gap Nature Reserve, NSW on 30 Dec. 2017. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place twice, the last occasion by L. Williams on 31 Dec. 2024, over 7 years after banding.

**Eastern Shrike-tit** *Falcunculus frontatus*

035-91081. Adult (1+) male banded by P. Ewin at Dixon Property, 15 km SW of Grenfell, NSW on 24 May 2014. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place four times, the last occasion by R. Allen on 12 Oct. 2024, over 10 years, 4 months after banding.

**Rufous Whistler** *Pachycephala rufiventris*

034-78574. Adult (3+) male banded by R. Allen at Dixon Property, 15 km SW of Grenfell, NSW on 19 Sep. 2009. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place eight times, the last occasion by T. Korodaj on 13 Oct. 2024, over 15 years after banding.

**Red-capped Robin** *Petroica goodenovii*

01C-08086. Adult (1+) female banded by A. R. Bougher at Dobaderry Wildlife Reserve, WA on 27 Oct. 2018. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place four times, the last occasion on 24 Apr. 2025 over 6 years, 5 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

**Jacky Winter** *Microeca fascians*

01A-22486. Adult (1+) banded by H. Perkins at Dixon Property, 15 km SW of Grenfell, NSW on 21 Jul. 2018. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding by R. Allen on 13 Oct. 2024, over 6 years, 2 months after banding.

**Eastern Yellow Robin** *Eopsaltria australis*

026-42069. Adult (1+) banded by H. Perkins at Dixon Property, 15 km SW of Grenfell, NSW on 19 Mar. 2011. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place thirteen times, the last occasion by R. Allen on 5 Jul. 2025, over 14 years, 3 months after banding.

**Chestnut-breasted Mannikin** *Lonchura castaneothorax*

027-21883. Adult (2) banded by J. T. Coleman at Lake Samsonvale, Qld. on 2 Jan. 2019. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place on 16 Aug. 2024, over 5 years, 7 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

**Referee Panel for 2025**

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