

Significant Encounters

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More correspondence from faithful readers: In the last column I reported a Yellow-rumped Warbler that exceeded the published longevity record (*NABB* 20:176). Peter Homan wrote me to point out that this bird was the same age (8 years, 9 months) as one of his recaptures reported in this column in *NABB* 17:30. Thus, the latest bird should have been reported as tying, not breaking the longevity record for this species. My apologies to Peter for missing his report.

The following records are presented to highlight interesting recoveries and recaptures that have resulted from banding projects. Many of the following records were reported by WBBA members in their 1994 banding summary reports. We hope the reports show how different banders are using the data generated from their work. Some of the records here, such as longevities, may be significant advances in our knowledge. For a listing of longevity records verified by the Bird Banding Laboratory, see the papers cited in Klimkiewicz and Fitcher (1989) *J. Field Ornithol.* 60:469-494.

Short-tailed Albatross 558-30754 Banded as HY-U on Torishima Island, Japan, on 10 Mar 1964. Caught and released by Eugene Kridler on Midway Atoll, Hawaiian Islands, on 19 Nov 1973, about 3825 km ESE of banding site. [Still largely in immature plumage 9+ years after banding.]

Trumpeter Swan Collar bands YwAc27 and YwAc51 Banded as TY-F by Gerald Bemersbergen at Elk Island National Park AB in Sep 1992. Observed north of Sacramento CA in Jan 1995, about 1850 km SW of banding site. [Second winter in which both females were observed together on wintering grounds in CA. New wintering area for Rocky Mountain populations of Trumpeter Swans.]

Redhead 896-13048 Banded as L-M by staff of Ruby Lake NWR, NV on 7 Sep 1994. Shot at Port Mansfield TX on 24 Nov 1994.

Steller's Eider 647-66757 and 1077-13265 Both banded by Christian Dau as ASY-M and ASY-F, respectively, at Izembek Lagoon, Izembek NWR, AK in Sep 1976. Both recaptured there in Sep 1994. At least 20 years, 4 mo old. [New longevity record. Previous record 19 yr, 3 mon also banded by Dau. See *NABB* 18:24]

... 706-46182 Banded as ASY-F by Christian Dau at Barrow AK in Jun 1994. Recaptured at Izembek Lagoon AK in Sep 1994, about 1650 km SW of banding site.

Bald Eagles The following eagles were banded by Al Harmata:

... 629-32858 Banded as AHY-M at Big Bear Lake CA on 28 Jan 1992. Found dead near Ennis MT on 14 May 1994. [See *NABB* 19:156 for previous sighting.]

... 629-32511 Banded as L-M on the Snake River near Island Park ID on 27 May 1988. Electrocuted and captured alive near Winters CA on 2 Jan 1994, about 1100 km SW of banding site. 6 years old. [Now in captivity.]

... 629-32537 Banded as L-F at Bishop Lake ID on 25 Jun 1988. Shot dead along the Gallatin River near Bozeman MT on 2 Jan 1994.

Sharp-shinned Hawk 1423-96519 Banded as SY-M by Ken Voget at Pahranaagat NWR, NV on 4 Nov 1992. Renetted near Chickaloon AK on 26 Sep 1994, about 3800 km NW of banding site.

Swainson's Hawk 987-45130 Banded as L-U by Erhard Pletz near Josephburg AB on 12 Jul 1989. Retrapped there by subpermittee Trevor Roper on 14 Jul 1994. 5 years old; one previous recapture.

Prairie Falcon 837-46531 Banded as L-F by Tracy Fleming near Keating OR on 14 Jun 1981. Retrapped by Randy Bachman at Jerita WA on 14 Dec 1993, about 223 km N of banding site. 12 years old.

... 987-81257 Banded as L-U by Steve Platt and subpermittees near Bitter Creek WY on 2 Jul 1993. Found dead near Hickok OK on 1 May 1994, about 600 km SE of banding site.

Sabine's Gulls The following gulls were banded by James Helmericks at the Colville River Delta, AK and recaptured there on 1 Aug 1994:

... 1433-31506 Banded as SY-U on 27 Jul 1983. 12 years, 2 mo old. [New longevity record. Previous record 9 yr, 1 mo, see *NABB* 18:26.]

... 1433-31546 Banded as ASY-U on 2 Aug 1984. At least 12 years old.

... 1433-31568 Banded as ASY-U on 24 Jul 1987. At least 9 years old.

... 1433-31578 Banded as ASY-U on 9 Aug 1987. At least 9 years old.

Great Gray Owl 608-95660 Banded as U-F by Doug Collister 15 km SW of Bergen AB on 26 Dec 1988. Found dead by a roadside 6 km W of Water Valley AB on 19 Sep 1992, about 15 km SSE of banding site. At least 4 years old. [Previously reported in *NABB* 19:156, but recovery location was incorrectly stated to be 65 km W of Water Valley.]

Boreal Owl 745-98960 Banded as L-U by Chris Schultz near Collbran CO on 30 Jun 1994. Found dead near Debeque CO on 15 Dec 1994, about 50 km from banding site. [Intervening habitat mostly desert and Colorado Plateau canyon lands.]

Rufous Hummingbird t12793 Banded as AHY-F by Elinor Jones at Swan Lake MT on 23 Jul 1988. Retrapped there on 10 Jul 1994. At least 7 years old.

... t12960 Banded as AHY-F by Elinor Jones at Swan Lake MT on 10 May 1989. Retrapped there on 16 May 1994. At least 6 years old. [Jones also reported three other 6-yr-old and two 5-yr-old hummers, all females.]

Eastern Kingbird 1451-38640 Banded as AHY-F by Ross Dickson at Inglewood Bird Sanctuary in Calgary AB on 7 Jul 1992. Recaptured there by Grahame Booth on 11 Aug 1995. At least 4 years old.

Tree Swallow 2021-84667 Banded as L-U by Bob Danner near Musidora AB on 24 Jun 1990. Retrapped there on 12 Jun 1994. Four years old.

... 2010-91982 Banded as L-U by George Loades near Calgary AB in 1986. Renetted there in summer 1994. 8 years old. [Two previous recaptures. Reported in area newsletter by Don Stiles.]

... 2011-77261 Banded as AHY by George Loades near Calgary AB in summer 1988. Recaptured in summer 1994. 7 years old. [Four previous recaptures; always in nest box in which it was originally banded. Reported in area newsletter by Don Stiles.]

Bank Swallow 1800-42633 Banded as AHY-F by Barry Garrison at Chico CA on 5 Jun 1988. Recaptured near Willows CA on 5 Jun 1994, about 40 km W of banding site. 7 years old.

Black-capped Chickadee 1780-40924 Banded as U-U by Doug Collister in Calgary AB on 17 Sep 1989. Recaptured there on 5 Feb 1995. At least 6 years old.

Common Bushtit 1720-13632 Banded by Breck Tyler at Younger Lagoon, Santa Cruz CA in Dec 1988. Renetted there on 30 Jan 1994. At least 6 years old.

Mountain Bluebird 1451-41605 Banded as AHY-F by Bob Danner near Musidora AB on 13 Jun 1992. Retrapped there on 28 May 1994. At least 3 years old.

(Least) **Bell's Vireo** 1890-35262 Banded as L-U by Barbara Kus at Sweetwater Reservoir, San Diego Co., CA on 1 May 1992. Resighted on the San Jose River, San Jose del Cabo, Mexico on 22 Nov 1994.

Warbling Vireo 1830-51650 Banded as HY-U by Dennis Vroman in the Siskiyou Nat. Forest, Josephine Co., OR on 2 Aug 1989. Recaptured there on 11 July 1994. 5 years old.

... 1910-52290 Banded as AHY-F by Ross Dickson at Inglewood Bird Sanctuary in Calgary AB on 28 Jul 1992. Recaptured there by Grahame Booth on 4 Aug 1995. At least 4 years old.

Orange-crowned Warbler 1910-30466 Banded as AHY-F by Bill Calder near Nevado de Colima, Mexico on 28 Dec 1992. Mist-netted by staff of Colorado Bird Observatory near Silverthorne CO on 3 Jul 1994, about 2300 km N of banding site. [Reported by CBO staff.]

Yellow-rumped (Audubon's) Warbler 1890-06845 Banded as HY-F by Ronnie Ryno at Modoc NWR, CA on 28 Sep 1993. Netted at Point Loma, San Diego CA on 5 Apr 1994, about 1000 km SE of banding site.

Black-headed Grosbeaks The following grosbeaks (as well as two 4-yr-old birds) were banded by Merlin Killpack at Odgen UT and recaptured there:

... 8031-29604 Banded as AHY-F on 5 Jun 1989. Recaptured 31 May 1994. At least 6 years old.

... 8031-29610 Banded as SY-U on 14 Jun 1989. Recaptured 26 May 1994. 6 years old.

... 8031-29635 Banded as HY-U on 13 Jul 1989. Killed by cat there on 14 Jun 1994. 5 years old.

Lazuli Bunting 1830-51626 Banded as AHY-M by Dennis Vroman in the Siskiyou Nat. Forest, Josephine Co., OR on 21 Jul 1989. Recaptured there on 23 May 1994. At least 6 years old.

Golden-crowned Sparrow 1361-26483 Banded by Breck Tyler at Younger Lagoon, Santa Cruz CA in Oct 1986. Renetted there on 30 Jan 1994. At least 8 years old. [See *NABB* 19:158 for previous return.]

White-crowned (Gambel's) Sparrow 1351-84845 Banded as AHY-U by Catherine Sandell in Las Cruces NM on 19 Nov 1989. Retrapped there on 17 Dec 1994. At least 6 years old.

... 1351-84874 Banded as AHY-U by Catherine Sandell in Las Cruces NM on 23 Nov 1989. Retrapped there on 24 Nov 1994. At least 6 years old.

Dark-eyed (Oregon) Junco 1760-66568 Banded as HY-U by Otis Swisher at Medford OR on 7 Dec 1989. Retrapped there on 2 Mar 1994. 5 years old.

Snow Bunting 951-05572 Banded as L-M by James Helmericks at the Colville River Delta AK on 8 Aug 1990. Recaptured there on 3 May 1994. 4 years old.

Red-winged Blackbird 972-63622 Banded as HY-F by Eugene Kridler at Sequim WA on 24 Jun 1994. Caught at Hansville WA on 14 Oct 1994, about 95 km SE from banding site.

... 922-71598 Banded as ASY-M by Elinor Jones at Swan Lake MT on 26 Mar 1989. Retrapped there on 13 Mar 1994. At least 7 years old.

Pine Grosbeaks 8041-54750 and 8041-54757 Both banded by Doug Collister at Water Valley AB on 18 Jan 1992. Both recaptured there in 1994, #54750 (originally banded as ASY-M) on 6 Nov, #54757 (originally banded as AHY-U) on 25 Nov.

Common Redpoll 9C65735 (Danish Zoological Museum Band) Banded as AHY-F by Henrik Vang Christensen (Thisted, Denmark) at Kangerlussuaq, Greenland on 18 Jul 1995. Retrapped and released alive at Toivola MI on 16 Mar 1996, about 3100 km SW of banding site. [Reported by M. Restani, Logan UT]

...1930-64305 Banded as AHY-U by Ross Dickson near Water Valley AB on 6 Feb 1993. Recaptured there by Doug Collister on 17 Feb 1996. At least 4 years old. [Collister reports that during one of the intervening winters (1994-95), redpolls were very hard to find in the general area.]

Pine Siskin 1860-99867 Banded as HY-U by Doug Collister at Water Valley AB on 10 Jul 1994. Recaptured at Wetaskiwan AB on 11 Aug 1994, about 190 km NNE of banding site.

