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# Significant Encounters

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Several readers responded to the last few columns with corrections or additional information. Kathy Klimkiewicz of the BBL wrote to correct several Mallard recoveries reported in NABB 22:134. Three Mallards (1087-09499, 727-70567, and 967-59986) were reported in the column as having survived at least 20 years. In fact, the age of these birds is not known accurately. Each of these records are present in the BBL files with a "letter date" code, which indicates that the report to the BBL did not include the date of recovery for the bird. In place of the recovery date, the BBL substitutes in their files a number equal to 50 plus the date or postmark on the letter they received. Thus a letter dated May 16, 1997 would receive a code of "5-66-97." The BBL does not use records containing letter date codes in the calculation of longevities, because the relationship between the postmark and the actual recovery is unknown. Thus the 3 Mallards in the last column could not be accurately aged.

Tracy Fleming also wrote to correct a Prairie Falcon recovery reported in NABB 21:57. In this case more detail was added to the recovery report to make it clear who did the original banding and recovery. The corrected report appears in the list below. Similarly, Jim Helmericks wrote to correct a Snowy Owl recovery reported in NABB 22:136. He retrapped the owl in question (608-32837), but was not the original bander.

As always, the records below are presented to highlight interesting recoveries and recaptures that have resulted from banding projects. Many of the records in this column come from the banding summaries submitted by WBBA members. Some of the records here, such as longevities, may be significant advances in our knowledge. For a list of longevity records verified by the BBL, see the papers cited in Klimkiewicz and Fitcher (1989) *J. Field Ornithol.* 60:469-494. I thank Chris Anderson for help in processing the information used in this col-

umn, including searching for cryptic banding and recovery locations.

**American White Pelican** 619-19805 Banded as L-U by staff of the British Columbia Wildlife Branch at Stum Lake BC on 29 Jul 1992. Found dead due to botulism at Salton Sea CA on 17 Sep 1996, about 2200 km SE of banding site. 4 years old.

... 619-18154 Banded as L-U by staff of the British Columbia Wildlife Branch at Stum Lake BC on 13 Aug 1991. Found dead due to botulism at Salton Sea CA on 17 Oct 1996, about 2200 km SE of banding site. 5 years old.

**Canada Goose** 698-83139 Banded as L-U by staff of the British Columbia Wildlife Branch along the lower Pitt River BC on 23 Jun 1982. Found dead at Burnaby BC on 13 Sep 1996. 14 years old.

**Wood Duck** 986-34055 Banded as AHY-F by Paul Fielder near Colockum State Wildlife Area WA on 29 May 1991. Killed by mink in nest box there on 5 Jun 1996. At least 6 years old.

**Osprey** 608-95266 Banded as L-U by staff of the British Columbia Wildlife Branch at Kootenay Lake BC on 15 Jul 1987. Trapped and released near there on 28 Jun 1995. 8 years old.

... 608-86094 Banded as L-U by staff of the British Columbia Wildlife Branch at Kootenay Lake BC on 18 July 1990. Trapped and released in Harrison ID on 5 Jun 1996, about 220 km SE of banding site. 6 years old.

**Sharp-shinned Hawk** 2003-68968 Banded as HY-F by staff of Golden Gate Raptor Observatory in Marin Headlands CA on 25 Sep 1995. Flew into stationary object at Modesto CA on 12 Dec 1996, about 130 km SE of banding site.

...2003-68953 Banded as HY-F by staff of Golden Gate Raptor Observatory in Marin Headlands CA on 22 Sep 1995. Shot as SY-F in San Quintin, Mexico in 1996, at least 1050 km SE of banding site.

**Cooper's Hawk** 745-24443 Banded as HY-F by staff of Golden Gate Raptor Observatory in Marin Headlands CA on 3 Oct 1996. Found dead in Malibu CA on 27 Oct 1996, about 550 km SE of banding site.

...1705-25892 Banded as HY-F by staff of Golden Gate Raptor Observatory in Marin Headlands CA on 17 Sep 1995. Found dead in Orland CA on 13 Oct 1995, about 220 km NE of banding site.

**Red-tailed Hawk** 987-81248 Banded as L-U by Steve Platt near Point of Rocks WY on 15 Jun 1993. Found dead near Pathfinder NWR WY on 19 Sep 1995, about 175 km NW of banding site.

... 1387-07408 Banded as HY-U by staff of Golden Gate Raptor Observatory at Marin Headlands CA on 31 Aug 1991. Flew into wire at Sonoma Marsh CA on 4 Jan 1997. 6 years old.

...1387-84266 Banded as HY-U by staff of Golden Gate Raptor Observatory at Marin Headlands CA on 16 Sep 1996. Caught due to injury at Long Beach CA on 8 Dec 1996, about 650 km S of banding site.

**Ferruginous Hawk** 410-01286 Banded as L-U by Larry Apple near Baggs WY on 27 Jun 1993. Recovered near Sheridan WY on 12 Apr 1994, about 430 km NE of banding site.

... 1207-63112 Banded as L-U by Larry Apple near Rawlins WY on 25 Jun 1993. Recovered near the Rio Grande River TX on 27 Feb 1994, at least 1200 km S of banding site.

... 788-26207 Banded as L-U by Larry Apple near Rawlins WY on 26 Jun 1995. Recovered at Bowstring Lake MN on 15 Aug 1995, about 1200 km NE of banding site.

**Peregrine Falcon** 1807-49523 Banded as HY-F by staff of Golden Gate Raptor Observatory in Marin Headlands CA on 7 Nov 1994. Retrapped there on 3 Dec 1996. 2 years old.

**Prairie Falcon** 837-46531 Banded as L-F by the late Ron Rohweder, Oregon Dept. Fish and Wildlife, near Keating OR on 14 Jun 1981. Retrapped

by Randy Bachman (subpermittee of Tracy Fleming) at Jerita WA on 14 Dec 1993, about 223 km N of banding site. 12 years, 6 mon old.

... 1807-33389 Banded as HY-F by staff of Golden Gate Raptor Observatory in Marin Headlands CA on 26 Aug 1995. Found dead in Winters CA in Nov 1995, about 90 km NE of banding site.

**California Gull** The following gulls were banded as L-U by the staff at San Francisco Bay Bird Observatory near Alviso CA:

...875-02618 Banded on 28 May 1984. Band found on leg bone in garden at Menlo Park CA in Jan 1997, about 7 miles west of banding site.

...875-02202 Banded on 26 May 1984. Band number read by Pete Bloom using spotting scope at Pismo Beach, San Luis Obispo County CA on 5 Nov 1996. 12 years old.

...875-03887 Banded on 22 May 1985. Band number read by Pete Bloom using spotting scope at Pismo Beach, San Luis Obispo County CA on 31 Oct 1996. 11 years old.

...875-00732 Banded on 27 May 1985. Band number read by Pete Bloom using spotting scope at Pismo Beach, San Luis Obispo County CA on 31 Oct 1996. 11 years old.

...875-04190 Banded on 4 Jun 1985. Band number read by Pete Bloom using spotting scope at Pismo Beach, San Luis Obispo County CA on 2 Nov 1996. 11 years old.

...875-05582 Banded on 23 May 1986. Band number read by Pete Bloom using spotting scope at Pismo Beach, San Luis Obispo County CA on 1 Nov 1996. 10 years old.

**Barn Owl** 987-26722 Banded as HY-U by staff of the British Columbia Wildlife Branch at Delta BC on 3 Nov 1983. Found dead at Ladner BC on 18 Jan 1996, about 2000 km NW of banding site. 13 years old.

**Great Gray Owl** 608-95665 Banded as AHY-F by Doug Collister near Water Valley AB on 11 Mar 1989. Recaptured near there on 17 Mar 1997. At least 9 years old.

**Tree Swallow** 2031-59372 Banded as L-U by Doug Collister near Water Valley AB on 1 Jul 1991. Recaptured as AHY-F by Bill Ritchie near Dogpound AB on 14 Jun 1997, about 16 km E of banding site. 6 years old.

... 2021-62874 Banded as L-U by Doug Collister near Water Valley AB on 1 Jul 1990. Found dead in nest box by Isabelle Orr near Madden AB on 7 Jul 1997, about 35 km SE of banding site. 7 years old. [First recaptured as AHY-F in 1995 by I. Orr, in nest box in which it was later found dead.]

**Gray Jay** 1423-91987 Banded as AHY-U by Thomas Nicholls in Grand County CO on 29 Aug 1987. Trapped and released there on 27 Aug 1996. At least 10 years old. [See date of Steller's Jay recapture below.]

... 1423-91956 Banded as AHY-U by Thomas Nicholls in Grand County CO on 19 Aug 1986. Trapped and released there on 29 Aug 1996. At least 11 year, 3 mon old. [**Ties longevity** in *NABB* 20:175, which was also a Nicholls-banded bird. BBL webpage lists 11 years, 2 months as officially recognized longevity. See Klimkiewicz, M.K. 1997. Longevity records of North American birds. Version 97.1. Patuxent Wildlife Research Center. Bird Banding Laboratory, Laurel MD.]

... 912-56899 Banded as AHY-U by Doug Collister near Water Valley AB on 13 Jan 1991. Recaptured there on 16 Nov 1997. At least 7 years old.

**Steller's Jay** 1043-44603 Banded as AHY-U by Thomas Nicholls in Grand County CO in Aug 1987. Trapped and released there on 27 Aug 1996. At least 10 years old. [Tom caught two 10-year-old jays on the same day.]

**Oak Titmouse** 80x-76483 Banded as U-U by Bob Yutzy and Barbara Peck at Turtle Bay, Redding CA on 7 Nov 1992. Mist-netted there on 13 Oct 1996. At least 4 years old.

**House Wren** 1910-52261 Banded as AHY-U by Ross Dickson at Inglewood Bird Sanctuary, Calgary AB on 21 Jul 1992. Recaptured there as AHY-M on 31 Jul 1997. At least 6 years old. [6 previous recaptures, see *NABB* 22:137.]

**Western Bluebird** 1511-44880 Banded as L-U by staff of Northwest Ecological Research Institute (Portland OR) near Corvallis OR on 11 May 1994. Retrapped in nest box near Sherwood OR on 19 Jun 1996.

**Swainson's Thrush** 1471-73904 Banded as AHY-M by Dennis Vroman at Grayback Creek MAPS station, Siskiyou National Forest OR on 7 Jun 1991. Netted there on 22 Jul 1996. 6 years old. [17 previous recaptures.]

... 2091-33569 Banded as AHY-U by Dennis Vroman at Grayback Creek MAPS station, Siskiyou National Forest OR on 27 May 1991. Netted there as AHY-M on 22 Jul 1996. 6 years old. [7 previous recaptures.]

**(Least) Bell's Vireo** 1930-08382 Banded as L-U by B. Kus or associates at San Luis Rey River, San Diego CA in June 1993. Mist-netted by Jim Greaves along Santa Clara River, Saticoy, Ventura Co. CA in Jun 1995. [Also resighted in 1996 breeding season, on same breeding territory (photos at nest in 1996).]

... 1910-06936 Banded as L-U by Jim Greaves at Gibraltar Reservoir, Santa Barbara Co. CA in May 1993. Mist-netted at nest along Santa Clara River, Ventura Co. CA as AHY-F in Jun 1996, about 55 km SE of banding site.

**Bell's Vireo** 1870-15751 Banded as L-U by Phil Walters at Tanque Verde Ranch, Tucson AZ on 29 Jun 1990. Trapped by Steven Hopp along Tanque Verde Wash on 7 Jun 1997, about 3 km from banding site. 7 year, 0 mon old. [**New longevity record.** Previous record 6 yr, 11 mon, see *J. Field Ornithol.* 54:291.]

**Yellow-rumped (Audubon's) Warbler** 1880-01686 Banded as AHY-M by Dennis Vroman at Bear Camp MAPS station, Siskiyou National Forest OR on 31 May 1991. Netted there on 22 Jun 1996. 6 years old.

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**Wilson's Warbler** 1880-32717 Banded as AHY-F by Walter Wehtje on San Nicolas Is. CA on 17 May 1996. Recaptured at Alaska Peninsula NWR, AK on 15 Aug 1997, about 2400 km N of banding site.

**MacGillivray's Warbler** 1880-01674 Banded as AHY-M by Dennis Vroman at Horse Creek MAPS station, Siskiyou National Forest OR on 24 May

1991. Netted there on 31 May 1996. 5 year, 11 mon old. [**New longevity record.** Previous record was 4 yr, 1 mon, see *J. Field Ornithol.* 60:489.]

**Dark-eyed Junco** 2031-54787 Banded as AHY-M by Patti Dennison at Teslin, Yukon Territory on 16 May 1994. Mist-netted there on 1 Jul 1996. 3 years old.

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