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As the above address indicates, I have moved from the University of Georgia to the great Midwest. It has been a while since I outlined the criteria for inclusion of records in this column, so I thought my move would be a good excuse for repeating the criteria. I consider encounters to be "significant" if they are 1) birds 5+ years old, 2) birds reported from sites >80 km from their banding locations, 3) species rarely recovered or banded, or 4) individuals with an unusual history of banding. Records submitted by WBBA members on their annual summaries are sent to me by the compilers. EBBA and IBBA members, as well as WBBA members that do not contribute to the annual summary, are encouraged to send their records directly to me at the above address.

The following records are presented to highlight interesting recoveries and recaptures that have resulted from banding projects. We hope the reports show how different banders are using the data generated from their projects. Some of the records here, such as the 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 Fletcher (1989) *J. Field Ornithol.* 60:469-494.

American White Pelican 619-12809 Banded as L-U by Ronald Ryder at Riverside Reservoir CO on 10 Jul 1984. Found dead at Enterprise LA on 20 April 1992, at least 1400 km SE of banding site. 8 years old.

... 519-48806 Banded as L-U by George Merrick near Adel OR on 21 Jun 1969. Band found at Clear Lake NWR, CA on 6 Sep 1991. 22 years old.

Double-crested Cormorant 798-20404 Banded as L-U by Ronald Ryder at MacFarland Reservoir, Walden CO on 14 Jul 1992. Drowned under ice at Aurora CO on 21 Dec 1992.

Trumpeter Swan 619-24708 Banded as L-M by staff at the Red Rock Lake NWR, MT on 23 Sep 1992. Shot at Ogden Bay UT on 13 Nov 1993, about 450 km S of banding site.

Greater White-fronted Goose The following geese were banded by staff of the Kanuti NWR at Todatonten Lake AK:

...4007-01983 Banded as SY-M on 3 Jul 1991. Shot near Whiteville LA on 2 Jan 1992, about 5300 km SE of banding site.

...1367-40163 and 5037-05438 Both banded on 7 Jul 1990 and shot near Georgetown AR, about 4900 km SE of banding site. [40163 was banded as SY-M and was shot on 1 Jan 1991, 05438 was banded as ASY-F and was shot on 1 Dec 1991.]

...1437-20102 Banded as ASY-F on 7 Jul 1990. Found dead at Miry Creek Bay SK on 9 Oct 1991.

...5037-05334 Banded as ASY-M on 7 Jul 1990. Shot at Trumann AR on 14 Dec 1991, about 5000 km SE of banding site.

...1367-41130 Banded as AHY-F on 2 Jul 1987. Shot at Katy TX on 30 Nov 1991, about 5000 km SE of banding site.

...4007-01642 Banded as ASY-M on 3 Jul 1991. Shot at Bonita LA on 28 Nov 1992, about 5200 km SE of banding site.

...4007-01922 Banded as ASY-F on 3 Jul 1991. Shot at San Fernando, Mexico on 13 Jan 1993. [San Fernando is a common place name in Mexico, but the recovery was at least 4200 km SE of banding site. A Redhead banded by Ron Ryder in 1988 was also reported shot at San Fernando, see *NABB* 18:24.]

Mallard 2347-88514 Banded as AHY-M by staff at the Red Rock Lake NWR, MT on 15 Aug 1992. Shot at Gustine CA on 6 Jan 1993, about 1200 km SW of banding site.

... 2347-88760 Banded as AHY-M by staff at the Red Rock Lake NWR, MT on 24 Aug 1992. Shot at McArthur CA on 31 Oct 1992, about 800 km SW of banding site.

... 847-45837 Banded as U-M by Randy Hill at the Columbia NWR, Othello WA on 22 Jan 1974. Shot at Shoal Lake, AB in Sept 1992. At least 18 years old.

... 1467-80054 Banded as SY-F by Ronald Ryder at Wellington CO on 12 Mar 1987. Shot near Cook Inlet AK on 10 Sep 1991, about 3200 km NW of banding site. 6 years old.

... 1467-80812 Banded as AHY-M by Ronald Ryder at Riverside Reservoir CO on 17 Sep 1988. Shot at Smartville CA on 9 Dec 1992, about 1350 km W of banding site.

Blue-winged Teal 865-84933 Banded as HY-F near Seaforth ON on 27 Aug 1991. Trapped by Randy Hill at the Columbia NWR, Othello WA on 31 Jul 1992, about 3000 km W of banding site.

Gadwall 826-74748 Banded as SY-F by Ronald Ryder at Wellington CO on 27 Mar 1989. Shot near Brigham City UT on 8 Nov 1991, about 600 km W of banding site.

Redheads The following ducks were banded as SY birds by Ronald Ryder at Wellington CO:
686-43554 Male banded on 13 Mar 1987. Shot at LaJoya Wildlife Management Area NM on 23 Dec 1991. 6 years old.

...776-54419 Female banded on 23 Mar 1988. Shot at Granger TX on 29 Nov 1991, about 1400 km SE of banding site. 5 years old.

...976-73172 Male banded on 22 Mar 1988. Shot at Goose Lake OR on 14 Oct 1991, about 1300 km NW of banding site. 5 years old.

Bald Eagle 629-32858 and 629-32860 Both banded and radio-tagged by Al Harmata and Al Bath at Big Bear Lake CA on 28 Jan 1992 and 7 Feb 1992, respectively. [Both observed at Cliff and Wade Lakes, sw MT, in June 1992. Both returned to Big Bear Lake CA for winter of 1993.]

Sharp-shinned Hawk 1443-65753 Banded as AHY-F by Carol McIntyre at Dry Lake AK on 21 Sep 1991. Released alive after capture at Ellensburg WA on 4 Oct 1991.

Cooper's Hawk 745-97113 Banded as AHY-F by Steve Hoffman in the Goshute Mountains NV on 23 Sep 1988. Recaptured there on 21 Sep 1992. 5 years old.

Ferruginous Hawk 788-04549 Banded as L-U by Doug Collister near Kininvie AB on 28 Jun 1992. Killed by vehicle near Snyder TX on 3 Apr 1993, about 2200 km SE of banding site.

Clapper Rail 825-39488 Banded as U-U by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service personnel at Upper Newport Bay CA on 17 Sep 1988. Retrapped there on 27 Sep 1992. At least 4 years old.

California Gull 825-23201 Banded as L-U by Ronald Ryder at Antero Reservoir CO on 29 Jun 1985. Found dead at Oroville CA on 26 Apr 1992, about 1400 km W of banding site. 7 years old.

Caspian Tern 815-46440 Banded as L-U by Henry Weston at Moss Landing CA on 26 Jun 1978. Found dead there on 9 Aug 1991. 13 years old.

Great Gray Owl 608-95660 Banded as U-F by Doug Collister near Bergen AB on 26 Dec 1988. Found dead by a roadside 65 km of Water Valley AB on 19 Sep 1992. At least 4 years old.

Blue-throated Hummingbird x44860 Banded as AHY-F by Tom Wood at Ramsey Canyon AZ on 28 Jul 1986. Recaptured there on 22 May 1992. At least 6 years, 11 months old. [**Longevity record?** Species not included in recent compilations of longevities by Clapp, Klimkiewicz and co-workers.]

Magnificent Hummingbird x44854 Banded as AHY-M by Tom Wood at Ramsey Canyon AZ on 25 Jul 1986. Recaptured there on 14 July 1992. At least 7 years, 1 month old. [Longevity record? Species not included in recent compilations by Clapp, Klimkiewicz and coworkers.]

... x59569 Banded as AHY-F by Tom Wood at Ramsey Canyon AZ on 30 Aug 1986. Recaptured there on 15 May 1992. At least 6 years, 11 months old.

Black-chinned Hummingbird x45025 Banded as AHY-M by Tom Wood at Ramsey Canyon AZ on 28 Jul 1986. Recaptured there on 14 Jun 1992. At least 7 years old. [Longevity record? Species not included in recent compilations of longevity by Clapp, Klimkiewicz and coworkers.]

... t25243 Banded as AHY-F by Don Powers at the Southwestern Research Station, Chiricahua Mountains AZ on 16 Jul 1989. Renetted there on 22 July 1992. At least 4 years old.

Rufous Hummingbird t12793 Banded as AHY-F by Elinor Jones at Bigfork MT on 23 Jul 1988. Recaptured there on 10 Jul 1994. At least 7 years, 1 mon old. [New longevity record. Previous record was 4 years, 1 mon old, see *J. Field Ornithol.* 60:484. One of 42 recaptures among 200 hummers banded in 1994. Also had 2 five-yr-old and 4 six-yr-old birds return. All 7 oldest returns were females.]

... t52675 Banded as HY-M by Tom Wood at Ramsey Canyon AZ on 21 Sep 1991. Killed by striking window at Silver Lake WA on 24 May 1992, at least 2000 km NW of banding site.

Northern Beardless-Tyrannulet Banded as AHY-U by Kay Burk at Tucson AZ on 25 Feb 1989. Recaptured there on 24 March 1994. At least 5 years, 9 mon old. [New longevity record. Previous record 4 yr, 9 mon, see *J. Field Ornithology* 60:484.]

Tree Swallow 2031-62019 Banded as AHY-F by Donald Stiles near Calgary AB on 30 June 1990. Shot near Webster SD on 28 July 1993, about 1400 km SE of banding site.

... 2010-91554 Banded as L-U by Donald Stiles near Didsbury AB on 25 June 1988. Band found in Barn Owl pellet near Grand Chenier LA on 23 Aug 1991, about 2950 km SE of banding site.

... 2061-53259 Banded as L-U by Bob Danner near Leduc AB on 1 Jul 1989. Band found in Barn Owl pellet near Grand Chenier LA on 23 Aug 1991, about 2900 km SE of banding site. [Same pellet as previous record??]

Gray Jay 832-49376 Banded as U-U by Doug Collister at Water Valley AB on 12 Oct 1987. Recaptured there on 22 Feb 1992. At least 5 years old.

Steller's Jay 1433-30520 Banded as AHY-U by Elinor Jones at Swan Lake MT on 10 Nov 1985. Found dead there on 26 Jul 1992. At least 8 years old.

American Dipper 942-48401 Banded as AHY-F at Lundy Canyon, Lee Vining CA on 27 Aug 1988. Renetted there on 28 Aug 1993. At least 6 years, 2 mon old. [New longevity record. Previous record was 5 yr, 1 mon, see *J. Field Ornithology* 54:289. Two previous recaptures. Submitted by Chris Otahal of Coyote Creek Riparian Station.]

Mountain Bluebird 1421-77881 Banded as AHY-F by Bob Danner near Musidora AB on 28 May 1990. Retrapped there on 10 Jun 1992. At least 3 years old.

Gray Catbird 921-31338 Banded as AHY-U by Doug Collister at Matlock MB on 27 Aug 1986. Recaptured there on 12 Aug 1991. At least 6 years old.

Warbling Vireo 1780-40846 Banded as HY-U by Doug Collister at Matlock MB on 24 Aug 1989. Recaptured there on 26 Aug 1993. At least 4 years old.

Tennessee Warbler 1860-99797 Banded as HY-U at Matlock MB by Doug Collister on 2 Sep 1993. Found dead by Gloria Dahlen near St. Paul MN on 15 Sep 1993, 690 km SSE of banding site. [Implies average migration travel of 53 km/day.]

Common Yellowthroat 1770-09764 Banded as AHY-M by staff at Modoc NWR, CA on 18 Sep 1987. Recaptured there on 27 Sep 1992. At least 6 years old. [Captured three times in 1992, but not at all in 1988-1991.]

Black-headed Grosbeak 911-09715 Banded as HY-U by Merlin Killpack at Ogden UT on 7 Jul 1987. Recaptured there on 11 Jul 1992. 5 years old.

... 971-93886 Banded as AHY-F by Merlin Killpack at Ogden UT on 3 Jul 1987. Recaptured there on 3 Jul 1992. At least 6 years old.

California Towhee 842-12570 Banded as HY-U by Breck Tyler at Santa Cruz CA in Oct 1987. Renetted there on 1 Nov 1992. 5 years old.

Fox Sparrow 861-93630 Banded as HY-U by Breck Tyler at Santa Cruz CA on 5 Nov 1986. Renetted there on 24 Oct 1992. 6 years old.

Song Sparrow 2030-21976 Banded as AHY-M by Breck Tyler at Santa Cruz CA in April 1986. Renetted there on 21 Apr 1992. At least 7 years old.

... 2051-52945 Banded as AHY-M by Breck Tyler at Santa Cruz CA on 7 May 1987. Renetted there on 14 Nov 1992. At least 6 years old.

Golden-crowned Sparrow 1361-26483 Banded as HY-U by Breck Tyler at Santa Cruz CA on 29 Oct 1986. Renetted there on 17 Oct 1992. 6 years old.

Dark-eyed (Oregon) Junco 1310-27892 Banded as AHY-F by George Merrick at Bend OR on 21 Feb 1989. Killed by cat 1.6 km from banding site on 14 Apr 1991. At least 3 years old.

Brewer's Blackbird 842-12561 Banded as U-M by Breck Tyler at Santa Cruz CA on 11 Sep 1987. Renetted there on 26 Jan 1992. At least 5 years old.

Northern Oriole 971-68306 Banded as U-U by Doug Collister at Matlock MB on 16 Aug 1987. Recaptured there on 22 Aug 1993. At least 6 years old.

House Finch 77x-41926 Banded as AHY-M by Marjorie Elmore at San Jose CA on 11 Jun 1988. Recaptured there on 15 Jan 1993. At least 6 years old.

... 2030-21925 Banded as U-M by Breck Tyler at Santa Cruz CA on 15 Nov 1985. Renetted there on 21 Nov 1992. At least 7 years old.

Common Redpoll 1790-89622 Banded as ASY-U near Leona WI on 18 Mar 1990. Recovered by Pierre Deviche in Fairbanks AK on 23 Apr 1992, about 4300 km NW of banding site.

... 1880-90344 Banded near McGrath AK on 16 Feb 1991. Recovered by Pierre Deviche in Fairbanks AK on 29 Mar 1992, about 300 km SW of banding site.

... 1830-38645 Banded as AHY-U by Doug Collister near Water Valley AB on 10 Mar 1991. Recaptured there on 11 Dec 1991. [First return out of 900+ redpolls banded since 1985.]

Pine Siskin 1770-78485 Banded as AHY-U by Merlin Killpack at Ogden UT on 3 Feb 1988. Recaptured there on 19 Mar 1992. At least 5 years old.

Evening Grosbeak 8001-87051 Banded as SY-F by David Prescott at Exshaw AB on 21 Dec 1990. Found dead at Lapine OR on 8 Feb 1993, about 1100 km SW of banding site.

