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The following records were sent to me by individual banders or reported on the WBBA summaries submitted in 1998. To those of you who submitted significant encounters on your summaries in 1999, please have patience, as I will start summarizing them in the next column. With luck I can get some of them in print before the summaries submitted to WBBA this year will get to my desk.

One letter that I received in the last few months deserves mention here. In the last column, I reported a Hoary Redpoll recovery that exceeds the published longevity record. I did not flag the record as a new longevity, so it did not get the emphasis that it deserved. I am repeating that record in this column, with the relevant details.

The records presented here highlight interesting recoveries and recaptures that have resulted from banding projects. Some of the records in this column, such as the longevities, may be significant advances in our knowledge of birds. For a list of longevity records verified by the BBL, see the papers cited in Klimkiewicz and Futcher (1989) *J. Field Ornithol.* 60:469-494. The most up-to-date listing of North American longevities is maintained on the BBL's website (www.pwrc.usgs.gov/BBL/). I thank Kathy Klimkiewicz for help in verifying longevity records.

Gadwall 946-26579 Banded as AHY-F by Ron Ryder near Wellington CO on 31 Mar 1996. Shot along Rio Grande River TX on 11 Jan 1998, at least 1000 km S of banding site.

... 1036-59060 Banded as HY-U by Dianne Rowell near Madden AB on 1 Sep 1999 after rehabilitation. Shot by hunter near Rich Hill MO on 28 Dec 1999, about 2140 km SE of banding site.

American Wigeon 956-49277 Banded as HY-F by staff of California Fish and Game Department near Point Mugu CA on 15 Nov 1989. Shot by Chris Phinney at Nisqually NWR, WA on 7 Nov 1996, about 1500 km N of banding site. 7 years old.

Mallard 2397-58296 Banded as HY-U by Dianne Rowell near Madden AB on 13 Aug 1999 following rehabilitation. Shot on 14 Dec 1999 at Tule Lake CA, about 1175 km SSW of banding site.

... 2397-59668 Banded as HY-F by Grahame Booth at Madden AB on 27 Jul 1997. Shot on 13 Dec 1998 by Adam Daniel in Franklin County WA, about 618 km SSW of banding site.

... 2367-61769 Banded as HY-M by Ron Ryder near Wellington CO on 23 Aug 1997. Shot in Teller Co., CO on 11 Oct 1997, about 220 km S of banding site.

... 2327-24732 Banded as AHY-M by Ron Ryder near Wellington CO on 17 Oct 1992. Shot at Prewitt Reservoir CO on 10 Dec 1997. At least 6 years old.

... 2367-49371 Banded as AHY-M near Stalwart SK on 18 Aug 1994. Recaptured at Yukon Flats NWR, AK by staff there on 10 Aug 1997, about 2600 km NW of banding site. At least 4 years old.

Northern Shoveler 1036-59267 Banded as HY-U by Dianne Rowell near Madden AB on 1 Aug 1999 following rehabilitation. Shot on 11 Oct 1999 near Klamath Falls OR, about 1153 km SSW of banding site.

Redhead 976-73453 Banded as ASY-M by Ron Ryder near Wellington CO on 22 Mar 1988. Shot at Rockport TX on 4 Jan 1997, about 1800 km SE of banding site.

Cooper's Hawk 745-95315 Banded as L-U by J. DiDonato at Sunol Regional Park, Alameda Co. CA on 20 Jun 1995. Found dead south of Livermore CA on 12 Mar 1997. 2 years old.

Swainson's Hawk 1807-18436 Banded as L-U by Grahame Booth near Pollockville AB on 22 Jul 1997. Skeleton with band found on 11 May 1999 by Greg Wold on Potawatomi Reservation KS, about 1800 km SE of banding site.

Rough-legged Hawk 1387-28666 Banded as U-U by Dale Paton near Cowley AB on 30 Oct 1996. Found dead in Feb 2000 by Keith Day near Gunnison UT, about 1165 km SE of banding site. At least 4 years old.

Golden Eagle 629-35071 Banded as L-U by J. DiDonato at Fremont CA on 13 May 1993. Found after hitting wire near Paicines CA on 1 Nov 1997. 4 years old.

Peregrine Falcon 816-36777 Banded as L-M by Bud Anderson at Seattle WA on 28 May 1997. Found dead at Los Angeles International Airport CA on 27 Oct 1997, about 1150 km S of banding site.

... 987-33198 Banded as L-F by Bud Anderson at San Juan Islands WA on 5 Jun 1997. Killed by airplane at airport near Coos Bay OR on 21 Nov 1997, about 600 km S of banding site.

American Coot 1026-10777 Banded as U-U by Ron Ryder near Wellington CO on 1 Apr 1995. Shot at Scottsbluff NE on 15 Jul 1997, about 150 km NE of banding site.

Mew Gull 744-36428 Banded as L-U by Michael North at Anchorage AK on 5 Jul 1994. Seen alive there in Apr 1996.

Ring-billed Gull (marked with patagial tag) Banded as Adult – M by John Cummings at Priest Rapids Dam, Yakima Co. WA in April 1995. Observed on the Feather River near Oroville CA on 14 Dec 1997, about 750 km S of banding site.

White Tern 662-05295 Banded as AHY-U by Eugene Kridler at Sand Island, Midway Atoll HI on 9 Feb 1964. Recaptured there on 9 Feb 1979. At least 16 years old. [to the day!]

... 662-05070 Banded as AHY-U by Eugene Kridler at Sand Island, Midway Atoll HI on 26 Jan 1964. Recaptured there on 7 Feb 1979. At least 16 years old.

... 662-06108 Banded as AHY-U by Eugene Kridler at Lisianski Island HI on 11 Mar 1964. Recaptured there on 20 Jul 1978. At least 15 years old.

Gray-backed Tern 763-19070 Banded as AHY-U by Eugene Kridler at Nihoa Island HI on 13 Mar 1965. Recaptured there on 4 Jun 1980. At least 16 years old.

Mourning Dove 1153-19940 Banded as HY-U by Edward Channing near Turlock CA on 9 Aug 1969. Shot by hunter at Los Banos CA on 1 Sep 1996. 27 years, 3 months old. [Exceeds published longevity in *J. Field Ornithol.* 54:125, but current longevity is 31 years, 4 months according to BBL website.]

Snowy Owl 608-88465 Banded as AHY-F by Grahame Booth near Carstairs AB on 10 Feb 1996 after rehabilitation. Recaptured on 21 Dec 1999 by H. Pletz near Nisku AB, about 207 km N of banding site. At least 4 years old. [Bird was originally captured by a trucker who found the owl tangled in his rig on 23 Jan 1996. Required 100 stitches to close wound on back.]

... 599-42553 Banded as AHY-F by Erhard Pletz at Edmonton AB on 22 Jan 1988. Found injured near there on 5 Apr 1997. At least 9 years, 10 months old. [Close to current longevity record of 10 years, 9 months. Died 10 days later.]

... 599-42567 Banded as AHY-F by Erhard Pletz near Edmonton AB on 1 Feb 1991. Found injured there on 16 Jan 1998. At least 8 years old.

... (band number not given) Banded as HY-M by Bud Anderson near Edison WA on 1 Mar 1997. Seen near there on 14 Feb 1998. [First confirmation of winter philopatry for Snowy Owl in state of Washington. Identified by patagial wing tag.]

Great Gray Owl The following owls were banded as AHY-U by Ray Cromie:

... 608-96768 Banded at Collinton AB on 26 Nov 1994. Found with broken wing along road in the town of Wandering River AB on 18 Nov 1997. At least 4 years old.

... 608-96712 Banded at Collinton AB on 22 Jan 1994. Found dead on road in Grassland AB on 23 Feb 1997, about 100 km NE of banding site.

... 608-96713 Banded at Perryvale AB on 22 Jan 1994. Found dead on road in Meadowlake SK on 25 Jul 1997, about 300 km E of banding site.

Blue-throated Hummingbird t60684 Banded as AHY-M by Joan Day-Martin near Tijeras NM on 16 Aug 1993. Retrapped there on 22 Jul 1997. At least 5 years old. [Bander also reported three 4-year-old Blue-throats.]

Rufous Hummingbird 7000-21321 Banded as Adult-F by J. Cam Finlay at Rosewell Creek Hatchery BC on 19 Jun 1991. Retrapped at Goldstream Park BC on 24 Apr 1997. At least 7 years old.

Hairy Woodpecker 8051-24231 Banded as AHY-F by Deborah Finch at Bosque del Apache NWR, NM on 25 Oct 1995. Renetted there on 30 Aug 1997. At least 3 years old.

Loggerhead Shrike 8081-92148 Banded as HY-U by Susan Craig near Elliott CO in 1998. Retrapped there as AHY-F on 2 Apr 2000. [One of 3 recaptures out of 130 total shrike captures.]

Western Scrub-Jay 1003-79298 Banded as U-U by Otis Swisher at Medford OR on 27 Oct 1992. Recaptured there on 29 Mar 1998. At least 6 years old.

Tree Swallow 3101-89542 Banded as L-U by Grahame Booth near Cremona AB on 11 Jul 1996. Renetted on 6 May 1999 by Ed Jones at Beaverhills Lake AB, about 260 km NE of banding site. 3 years old.

... 2121-85793 Banded as L-U by Donald Stiles near Cochrane AB on 8 Jul 1995. Renetted at Modoc NWR, CA on 12 Apr 1997, about 1175 km SE of banding site.

... 2011-77803 Banded as L-U by Donald Stiles near Millarville AB on 8 Jul 1988. Recaptured in nest box there in Jun 1997. 9 years old. [Bander notes that this bird was the oldest of its species recaptured to date in the Calgary area. One 7-year-old and four 6-year-old swallows were also recovered in 1997.]

Mountain Chickadee 1950-06018 Banded as AHY-U by Ron Ryder at Estes Park CO on 10 Oct 1995. Recaptured there on 30 Mar 1998. At least 4 years old.

White-breasted Nuthatch 1391-40307 Banded as HY-F by Otis Swisher at Medford OR on 19 Sep 1993. Recaptured there on 18 Mar 1997. 4 years old. [See Dark-eyed Junco report below for another old recovery recaptured on same date.]

California Gnatcatcher (band number not given) Color-banded as AHY-F by David Bontrager at Laguna Beach CA on 14 Jul 1992. Resighted by color bands there in 1997 breeding season. At least 6 years old. [Could be **longevity record**, as current record in BBL files is 5 years, 2 months old, but not yet submitted to BBL.]

Western Bluebird 1491-30677 Banded as L-M by Elsie Eltzroth at Dallas OR on 26 Jun 1992. Found nesting there on 14 Jun 1997. 5 years old. [Raised 2 broods.]

Mountain Bluebird 8051-71843 Banded as L-U by Donald Stiles near Pincher Creek AB on 26 Jun 1996. Found dead on road near Millarville AB in Jul 1997, about 140 km N of banding site.

... 8031-50628 Banded as L-U by Donald Stiles at Ellis Bird Farm near Red Deer AB on 27 Jul 1996. Captured in nest box near Millarville AB in Jun 1997, about 200 km SW of banding site.

Swainson's Thrush 1481-05523 Banded as AHY-U by Dennis Vroman at Grayback Creek, Siskiyou Nat. Forest OR on 3 Jun 1992. Recaptured there on 28 May 1997. At least 6 years old.

... 2091-33569 Banded as AHY-U by Dennis Vroman at Grayback Creek, Siskiyou Nat. Forest OR on 27 May 1991. Recaptured there on 5 Jun 1997. At least 7 years old. [See *NABB* 23:91 for previous recapture.]

Yellow-rumped (Myrtle) Warbler 1950-25281 Banded as HY-M near Chippewa Falls WI on 30 Sep 1996. Recaptured by staff of Tetlin NWR AK near Tok AK on 17 May 1997, about 4000 km NW of banding site.

... 1960-60515 Banded as HY-U near Fairbanks AK on 18 Aug 1994. Netted at Tetlin NWR near Tok AK by staff there on 3 May 1997, about 365 km SE of banding site.

Worm-eating Warbler 990-50147 Banded as AHY-M by V.C. Bladen at Lyme CT on 3 Jun 1985. Recaptured there on 16 Jul 1992. At least 8 years, 1 month old. [**Current longevity record**, and listed as such on BBL's website. Originally banded under Erma Fisk's master permit.]

Ovenbird 990-81803 Banded as HY-U by V.C. Bladen at Lyme CT on 31 Jul 1988. Recaptured there on 12 Jun 1999. 11 years, 0 months old. [**Current longevity record**, and listed as such on BBL website.]

... 990-81773 Banded as HY-U by V.C. Bladen at Lyme CT on 26 Jul 1988. Recaptured there as AHY-F on 10 Jun 1997. 9 years old.

Wilson's Warbler 1930-32853 Banded as AHY-M by Joan Hagan in Benton Co., OR on 2 Jun 1994. Renetted there in Jul 1997. At least 4 years old.

Summer Tanager 8051-24019 Banded as AHY-M by Deborah Finch at Bosque del Apache NWR, NM on 4 May 1994. Renetted there on 10 Sep 1997. At least 4 years old.

Spotted Towhee 8031-74616 Banded as AHY-F by Eugene Kridler at Sequim WA on 27 Feb 1997. Killed by cat near Vancouver Island BC on 14 Mar 1997, about 50 km N of banding site.

... 8041-42484 Banded as HY-U by Dennis Vroman at Horse Creek Meadows, Siskiyou Nat. Forest OR on 13 Jul 1993. Recaptured there on 30 Jul 1997. 4 years old.

... 951-57976 Banded as AHY-M by Otis Swisher at Medford OR on 28 Feb 1995. Recaptured there on 11 Mar 1998. At least 4 years old.

Savannah Sparrow 2031-08086 Banded as AHY-U by Greg Smith at Morro Bay CA on 9 Dec 1989. Recaptured there on 18 Jan 1998. At least 9 years, 7 months old. [**New longevity record?** Exceeds current longevity record of 6 years, 10 months, but record not yet submitted to BBL for verification.]

... 2111-80362 Banded as AHY-U by Deborah Finch at Bosque del Apache NWR, NM on 24 Oct 1995. Renetted there on 22 Oct 1997. At least 3 years old.

Swamp Sparrow 3101-89952 Banded as HY-U by Rainer Ebel at Inglewood Bird Sanctuary AB on 16 Sep 1998. Killed by cat owned by Roy Phillips on 10 Jul 1999 near Stony Plain AB, about 280 km NNW of banding site.

Golden-crowned Sparrow The following birds were banded by Otis Swisher at Medford OR and recovered there in 1998:

... 1231-55128 Banded as HY-U on 1 Dec 1989 and recovered on 8 Apr 1998. 9 years old.

... 1231-55173 Banded as AHY-U on 18 Feb 1991 and recovered on 12 Mar 1998. At least 8 years old.

... 1231-55175 Banded as AHY-U on 18 Feb 1991 and recovered on 1 Apr 1998. At least 8 years old. [Bander also reports 2 seven-year-old, 4 six-year-old, 1 five-year-old, 12 four-year-old sparrows as well as several younger returns, for his best year ever for repeat birds.]

Golden-crowned Sparrow 1351-34212 Banded as SY-U by Jon Anderson at Olympia WA on 11 Feb 1990. Recaptured there on 18 Oct 1997. 8 years old. [7 previous returns.]

Dark-eyed (Oregon) Junco 3111-89964 Banded as HY-U by Joe Engler at Ridgefield NWR near Ridgefield WA on 19 Oct 1996. Netted by Jon Anderson in Olympia WA on 20 Dec 1996, about 145 km N of banding location.

... 1860-00250 Banded as AHY-U by Otis Swisher at Medford OR on 11 Mar 1992. Recaptured there on 18 Mar 1997. At least 6 years old. [See White-breasted Nuthatch report above.]

... 1930-09504 Banded as AHY-U by Otis Swisher at Medford OR on 2 Mar 1994. Recaptured there on 16 Mar 1998. At least 5 years old. [Bander also reports the return of 2 four-year-old and 2 three-year-old juncos. See Golden-crowned Sparrow recoveries, above.]

Blue Grosbeak 1471-13168 Banded as ASY-M by Steve Cox of Rio Grande Bird Research, Inc., at the Rio Grande Nature Center, Albuquerque NM on 10 Aug 1991. Recaptured there on 31 Aug 1997. At least 8 years old.

... 1511-24713 Banded as ASY-F by Steve Cox at the Rio Grande Nature Center, Albuquerque NM on 17 May 1994. Recaptured there on 30 Aug 1997. At least 5 years old.

... 1471-57240 Banded as AHY-M by Deborah Finch at Bosque del Apache NWR, NM on 25 May 1994. Renetted there on 28 Aug 1997. At least 4 years old.

Bullock's Oriole 901-34593 Banded as ASY-F by staff of Colorado Bird Observatory near Durango CO on 20 May 1995. Found dead at Peralta NM on 28 Apr 1997, about 280 km S of banding site.

Pine Grosbeak 861-22986 Banded as AHY-U by Ross Dickson near Water Valley AB on 12 Feb 1994. Recaptured there on 21 Dec 1999. At least 6 years old.

... 8011-92418 Banded as SY-M by Michael North at Anchorage AK on 8 Jan 1994. Found dead along Kasilof River AK and reported to staff of Kenai NWR in April 1996, about 100 km SW of banding site. 3 years old.

Hoary Redpoll 1910-29674 Banded as AHY-F by Leonard Peyton near Fairbanks AK on 21 Mar 1991. Retrapped there on 5 Mar 1997. At least 6 years, 9 months old, one previous recapture. [**New longevity record**, exceeds published record of 5 years, 9 months on BBL website.]

Pine Siskin 1810-94559 Banded as AHY-U by John Hubbard at Pleasanton NM on 3 May 1997. Recaptured at Teton Basin ID on 2 Jun 1997, about 400 km N of banding site.

... 2390-62984 Banded as AHY-U by Jay Banta at Fish Springs NWR, UT on 26 May 1997. Retrapped and released at Rogerson ID on 27 Jul 1997, about 300 km NW of banding site.

American Goldfinch 3510-03131 Banded as SY-M by staff of Colorado Bird Observatory at Bonny Reservoir CO on 17 May 1997. Collided with stationary object at Frenchman Butte SK on 21 Jul 1997, about 1650 km NW of banding site.



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