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It has been a couple of issues since this column appeared. My work load got somewhat overwhelming for a while, but I am slowly catching up. My apologies to those of you who have submitted significant encounters and have been waiting patiently (I hope) for your records to appear. The current column includes records submitted directly to me by banders in 1999, and some older encounters submitted on the WBBA annual summary reports. I hope to summarize the more recent WBBA summaries in the next few issues.

Only one error was caught by readers of the last column. In *NABB* 23:90, I reported a Barn Owl (band number 987-26722) banded at Delta, British Columbia, with the comment that the recovery location (Ladner, BC) was "about 2000 km NW of banding site." Several Canadian banders wrote me to point out that the bird had not moved much at all. "Delta" is the current name for a region of British Columbia that contains several formerly independent communities, including the recovery site, Ladner. Martin McNicholl writes that since the change in political status, "Ladner and the other communities still exist as distinct entities, but are jurisdictionally part of Delta." Thus, the bird was found somewhere close to where it was banded. Apparently the Canadian gazetteer to which I have access does not have the current political names, and came up with a "Delta" that was much further away. This allows me to point out again that it is extremely helpful to include as much information on banding and recovery sites as possible (lat-long coordinates are great) as it is sometimes difficult to track down from afar what is well known to local banders.

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, especially a long series of recoveries reported by Ron Ryder, and some reports from the late H. Elliott McClure. 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. The most up-to-date listing of North American longevities is maintained on the BBL's website (www.pwrc.usgs.gov/BBL/). I thank Chris Anderson and Kathy Klimkiewicz for help in processing the information used in this column.

American White Pelican The following pelicans were banded as L-U by Ron Ryder:

... 619-22128 Banded at Riverside Reservoir near Masters CO on 8 Jul 1988. Skeleton found at "Lake Madre," Mexico, reported in a letter to the BBL dated Jan 1995.

... 559-08223 Banded near Walden CO on 16 Jul 1993. Hit power line at Hennessey OK on 26 Oct 1995, about 875 km SE of banding site.

... 559-08332 Banded at Riverside Reservoir near Masters CO on 11 Jun 1974. Recovered at Hennessey OK on 26 Oct 1995, about 720 km SE of banding site. 21 years old.

... 619-29065 Banded at Antero Reservoir near Fairplay CO on 14 Jul 1993. Died of botulism at Salton Sea CA on 14 Sep 1996, about 1040 km SW of banding site.

Black-crowned Night-Heron 1187-09553 Banded as L-U by Scott Findholt near Laramie WY on 10 Jul 1985. Caught by hand in Tabasco, Mexico on 29 Sep 1995, at least 3000 km SE of banding site. 10 years old.

... 847-24747 Banded as L-U by Charles Trost at Pocatello ID on 2 Aug 1979. Recovered due to animal control operations at Springville UT on 17 May 1994, about 200 km S of banding site. 15 years old.

Greater White-fronted Goose The following geese were banded by staff of Kanuti NWR at Lake Todahntonten AK on 11 Jul 1996:

...1367-41191 Banded as ASY-M. Recovered in Garwood TX on 11 Jan 1997, about 5600 km SE of banding site.

... 1367-41281 Banded as SY-M. Recovered in Grand Prairie AB on 11 Sep 1996, about 1900 km SE of banding site.

... 4007-01496 Banded as SY-M. Recovered in Victoria TX on 14 Dec 1996, about 5600 km SE of banding site.

Trumpeter Swan 1939-00625 Banded as HY-F by G. Beyersbergin at Astotin Lake, Elk Island National Park AB on 8 Sep 1995. Seen (red tarsal band and number) at Ridgedale NWR, Portland OR on 25 Dec 1996, about 1050 km SW of banding site.

Wood Duck 786-57004 Banded as AHY-F by staff of the San Luis NWR at Los Banos CA on 19 Apr 1996. Shot in Redding CA on 19 Oct 1996, about 400 km N of banding site.

Gadwall The following birds were banded by Ron Ryder at Rawhide Energy Station, Wellington CO:

... 806-04188 Banded as SY-M on 29 Mar 1988. Shot at Cameron Parish LA on 24 Dec 1994, about 1550 km SE of banding site. 7 years old.

... 1006-08442 Banded as AHY-M on 15 Apr 1992. Shot at Eastland TX on 19 Nov 1994, about 1000 km SE of banding site.

... 1026-10921 Banded as SY-M in Apr 1994. Shot at Grassy Lake AR on 3 Dec 1995.

... 1026-10911 Banded as SY-M on 19 Apr 1994. Shot at St. Martins Parish LA on 29 Nov 1995, about 1650 km SE of banding site.

American Wigeon 805-90039 Banded as SY-M by Ron Ryder at Rawhide Energy Station, Wellington CO on 21 Apr 1994. Shot at Bethel AK in 1994, about 4400 km NW of banding site.

... 805-90099 Banded as AHY-F by Ron Ryder at Rawhide Energy Station, Wellington CO on 12 Apr 1995. Shot at Tobari Estuary, Baja California, Mexico on 4 Dec 1995, at least 1475 km SW of banding site.

Mallards The following Mallards were banded by staff at Medicine Lake NWR MT:

... 1427-21975 Banded as AHY-F on 18 Sep 1986. Shot by hunter at Welsh LA on 10 Jan 1997, about 2200 km SE of banding site. At least 12 years old.

... 1427-21585 Banded as HY-F on 6 Aug 1986. Shot by hunter at Sutherland NE on 7 Nov 1996, about 850 km SE of banding site. 10 years old.

... 1457-78538 Banded as AHY-M on 3 Aug 1987. Shot by hunter at Belvue KS on 22 Dec 1996, about 1200 km SE of banding site. At least 10 years old.

... 1427-21799 Banded as AHY-M on 19 Sep 1985. Shot by hunter at Columbus NE in Dec 1995, about 1000 km SE of banding site.

... 1337-43860 Banded as HY-M on 2 Aug 1984. Shot by hunter at Felsenthal NWR AR on 14 Jan 1996, about 1900 km SE of banding site. 12 years old.

... 1427-21533 Banded as HY-M on 15 Aug 1985. Shot by hunter at Scott AR on 26 Nov 1995, about 1700 km SE of banding site. 10 years old.

Mallards The following ducks were banded by Ron Ryder at Rawhide Energy Station, Wellington CO:

... 1487-80262 Banded as SY-M on 19 Apr 1987. Recaptured and released at Lost Mountain Lake SK on 23 Aug 1993. 7 years old.

... 2327-24923 Banded as AHY-M on 29 Oct 1992. Recaptured and released at Yellowknife NWT on 16 Aug 1995, about 2600 km NW of banding site.

... 2327-24971 Banded as AHY-M on 23 Oct 1993. Recaptured and released at Camp Lake AB on 26 May 1995.

... 2327-24721 Banded as HY-M on 17 Oct 1992. Recovered at Cohagen MT on 19 Sep 1995, about 700 km N of banding site.

... 1467-80022 Banded as SY-F on 27 Feb 1987. Shot at Des Arc AR on 18 Dec 1994, about 1250 km SE of banding site. 8 years old.

Mallard 2417-14952 Banded as HY-U by Grahame Booth near Madden AB on 1 Aug 1996. Shot by hunter at Holland Tract CA in 1996, about 1590 km SSW of banding site.

... 2417-14959 Banded as HY-U by Grahame Booth near Madden AB on 1 Aug 1996. Shot by hunter at Mann Lake ID on 24 Nov 1996, about 590 km S of banding site.

Northern Pintail 796-72252 Banded as HY-F by Kristine Sowl at Yukon Flats NWR AK on 15 Aug 1991. Retrapped there on 7 Aug 1996. 5 years old.

Green-winged Teal 574-42162 Banded as AHY-F by Ron Ryder at Rawhide Energy Station, Wellington CO on 20 Apr 1995. Collected for scientific study at Pakowki AB in Oct 1995, about 1000 km NW of banding site.

Redhead 1006-87001 Banded as AHY-M by staff at Medicine Lake NWR MT on 11 Aug 1995. Shot by hunter at Woodville NY on 3 Jan 1996, about 2500 km E of banding site.

... 776-54046 Banded as SY-M by Ron Ryder at Rawhide Energy Station, Wellington CO on 6 Apr 1988. Shot at Matagorda Bay TX on 15 Dec 1995, about 1550 km SE of banding site. 8 years old.

Bald Eagle 629-20286 Banded as L-M by Al Harmata at Jackson WY on 12 May 1987. Found dead from poisoning at Herriman UT on 10 Mar 1997, about 400 km SW of banding site. 10 years old.

... 629-37490 Banded as HY-U at Columbus OH in 1996. Found injured in Ontario on 5 Oct 1996, at least 250 km N of banding site. [Reported by Elizabeth Thunstrom.]

Cooper's Hawk 745-95315 Banded as L-F by Joe DiDonato at Sunol Regional Park CA on 20 Jun 1995. Found dead at San Jose CA on 12 Mar 1997.

Northern Goshawk 877-96585 Banded as Adult F by Sarah Dewey and Dan Roberts at Vernal UT on 24 Jun 1995. Found dead there on 30 Mar 1997. 3 years old.

Red-tailed Hawk (Band number not reported) Banded as HY-U by Leonard Soucy at Kittatinny Mountains Raptor Banding Station, Sussex Co., NJ on 22 Sep 1975. Found dead in East Granby CT on 29 Nov 1998, about 180 km NE of banding site. 23 years, 5 mon old. [Ties former longevity record published in NABB 20:26. BBL website lists current longevity record as 25 years, 9 months.]

... 1387-43909 Released after rehabilitation as SY-U by Joe DiDonato on 21 Mar 1995, originally found in Fremont CA. Found dead in San Jose CA on 31 Jan 1997.

... 1807-40011 Banded as ATY-U by Angus Hull east of Lincoln CA on 5 Jan 1994. Found dead near Mineral CA on 1 Oct 1996, at least 150 km N of banding site. At least 5 years old.

... 1807-40034 Banded as SY-U by Angus Hull near Princeton CA on 10 Feb 1995. Found dead at Live Oak CA on 27 Jan 1997, about 34 km E of banding site. 3 years old.

Ferruginous Hawk 608-88496 Banded as L-U by Doug Collister near Pollockville AB on 21 Jun 1997. Killed by airplane (!) on 14 Oct 1997 near Midland TX, about 2257 km SSE of banding site.

American Kestrel 2003-02951 Banded as Adult F by L. McEwen and B. Petersen in Weld Co., CO on 26 Apr 1993. Trapped in Aguascaliente, Mexico in 1995, at least 2100 km S of banding site.

American Coot 946-26821 Banded as AHY-U by Ron Ryder at Rawhide Energy Station, Wellington CO on 8 Oct 1995. Found injured at Port Hueneme CA on 16 Nov 1995, about 1450 km SW of banding site.

... 865-98184 Banded as AHY-U by Ron Ryder at Rawhide Energy Station, Wellington CO on 20 Sep 1992. Caught on fish line in Sinaloa, Mexico on 1 Mar 1993, at least 1700 km SW of banding site.

Sabine's Gull 1403-13036 Banded as ASY-U by James Hemericks at Colville River Delta AK on 25 Jul 1987. Recaptured there in Jul 1996. At least 11 years old.

... 1403-01010 Banded as ASY-U by James Hemericks at Colville River Delta AK on 17 Jul 1988. Recaptured there in Jul 1996. At least 10 years old. [Hemericks also reported returns of 7-year, 8-year, and 9-year old gulls.]

Mourning Dove 1153-19940 Banded as HY-U by Edward Channing near Turlock CA on 9 Aug 1969. Shot by hunter near Los Banos CA on 1 Sep 1996, about 40 km S of banding site. 27 years, 3 mon old. [**Surpassed published longevity record** when first reported to BBL, but BBL website currently reports a longevity record of 31 years, 4 months for this species.]

Burrowing Owl 1204-07155 Banded as HY-U by staff of Rocky Mountain Arsenal NWR CO on 15 Jun 1991. Retrapped there as AHY-F on 3 Jun 1996. 5 years old.

.... 1204-12613 Banded as AHY-F by staff of Rocky Mountain Arsenal NWR CO on 21 Apr 1992. Retrapped near there on 8 May 1996. At least 5 years old.

Great Horned Owl 608-97715 Banded as L-U by Grahame Booth near Carstairs AB on 2 May 1998. Found dead near Willow Creek MT on 6 May 1999, about 665 km S of banding site.

Steller's Jay 1083-80772 Banded as HY-U by Frank Baldrige near Truckee CA on 15 Sep 1996. Found dead at Sutter Creek CA on 8 Mar 1997, about 115 km SSW of banding site.

... 1083-80768 Banded as HY-U by Frank Baldrige near Truckee CA on 1 Sep 1996. Found dead at San Andreas CA on 10 Apr 1997, about 140 km SSW of banding site.

Tree Swallow 3101-89524 Banded as L-U by Grahame Booth near Calgary AB on 10 Jul 1996. Recaptured as TY-F in nest box near Three Hills AB on 23 May 1998, about 90 km NNE of banding site.

Black-capped Chickadee 1850-76289 Banded as HY-U by Kay Burk at Troy MT on 28 Aug 1989. Recaptured there on 16 Jun 1998. 9 years old.

Oak Titmouse 80-76413 Banded as U-U by Barbara Peck and Bob Yutzy at Turtle Bay, Redding CA on 26 Sep 1987. Recaptured there on 14 Nov 1992. At least 5 years old. [See *NABB* 23:91 for similar recovery of another Oak Titmouse.]

House Wren 1910-52261 Banded as AHY-U by Ross Dickson at Inglewood Bird Sanctuary, Calgary AB on 21 Jul 1992. Recaptured there on 5 Jul 1998. At least 7 years old.

California Gnatcatcher 1350-76175 Banded as AHY-F by David Bontrager in Irvine Coast Regional Park, Orange Co., CA on 14 Jul 1992. Resighted (color bands) there throughout summer 1996. At least 5 years old. [Bontrager also reports two other 5-year-old birds at the same location.]

Western Bluebird 8081-82517 Banded as L-U by Marcella Bishop in western Montana on 18 May 1995. Found dead at Hamilton MT on 1 Apr 1996, about 100 km S from banding site.

... 1571-56928 Banded as L-F by Elsie Eltzroth near Corvallis OR on 17 Aug 1996. Drowned by bullfrog (!) there on 12 Sep 1996.

... 1511-44880 Banded as L-F by Elsie Eltzroth near Corvallis OR on 11 Apr 1994. Recaptured as incubating bird at Chehalem Mountain, Portland OR on 19 Jun 1996, about 110 km N of banding site.

Mountain Bluebird The following birds were banded as L-U by Donald Stiles, and recovered as breeders in nest boxes:

... 8041-86974 Banded near Millarville AB on 17 Jun 1995. Recovered as AHY-F at Police Lake AB in May 1996, about 205 km from banding site.

... 8041-94607 Banded near Monarch AB on 30 May 1994. Recovered as AHY-F at Dogpound AB on 3 Jun 1996, about 205 km from banding site.

... 8051-68698 Banded north of Pincher Creek AB on 19 July 1995. Recovered as AHY-F near Millarville AB on 22 Jun 1996, about 125 km from banding site.

... 8051-54109 Banded near Shellmouth MN on 20 Jun 1993. Recovered as AHY-F near Priddis AB on 13 Jun 1996, about 870 km W of banding site.

Mountain Bluebird 1451-93710 Banded as L-U by Grahame Booth near Cochrane AB on 13 Jun 1997. Recaptured near Coaldale AB in Jun 1998, about 242 km SE of banding site.

... 1461-85047 Banded as AHY-U by Rachel Holt near Golden BC in Jun 1994. Recovered in nest box by Alfred Larson in Elmore Co., ID on 15 Apr 1996, about 800 km S of banding site.

... 8041-86538 Banded as L-U by Donald Stiles near Millarville AB on 3 Jul 1994. Found dead near Olds AB on 15 Apr 1996, about 105 km from banding site.

American Robin 942-95710 Banded as AHY-M by Wendy Nixon at Shadowlake YT on 30 Jun 1994. Recaptured there on 11 Jun 1996. At least 3 years old.

Orange-crowned Warbler 1910-20667 Banded as HY-U by Virginia Johnson at Point Loma, San Diego CA on 29 Oct 1992. Renetted there on 8 Oct 1996. 4 years old.

California Towhee 981-58173 Banded as AHY-U by Elliott McClure at Camarillo CA on 3 Aug 1995. Recovered there on 25 Sep 1997. At least 3 years old.

Song Sparrow 2161-60759 Banded as AHY-M by Fern Tainter at Oceanside CA on 27 Apr 1995. Renetted there on 1 Apr 1997. At least 3 years old.

White-throated Sparrow 1511-04528 Banded as AHY-U by Elliott McClure at Camarillo CA on 27 Oct 1994. Recovered there on 18 Dec 1997. At least 4 years old.

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White-crowned Sparrow 1451-00983 Banded as SY-U by Elliott McClure at Camarillo CA on 28 Feb 1991. Recovered there on 10 Apr 1997. 7 years old.

(Gambel's) White-crowned Sparrow 1441-00934 Banded as SY-U by Virginia Johnson at Point Loma, San Diego CA on 1 Mar 1990. Renetted there on 13 Feb 1996. 7 years old.

Dark-eyed (Slate-colored) Junco 1930-74030 Banded as HY-U by Merlin Killpack at Ogden UT on 24 Dec 1992. Recaptured there on 28 Jan 1996. 4 years old.

Dark-eyed (Oregon) Junco 3111-89964 Banded as HY-U by Joe Engler near Ridgefield WA on 19 Oct 1996. Netted by Jon Anderson at Olympia WA on 20 Dec 1996, about 144 km N of banding site.

House Finch 2011-08238 Banded as HY-U by Elliott McClure at Camarillo CA on 11 Jun 1987. Recovered there on 11 Sep 1997. 10 years old.

Common Redpoll 2080-26986 Banded as AHY-U by Dale Paton near Blairmore AB on 23 Mar 1996. Found dead near Anchorage AK on 17 Feb 1998, about 2520 km NW of banding site.

... 1990-42545 Banded as AHY-U by Leonard Peyton near Fairbanks AK on 17 Jan 1995. Found dead near Montreal PQ on 18 Apr 1996, about 5000 km E of banding site.

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 7 years old, one previous recapture.

House Sparrow 1451-00635 Banded as HY-U by Elliott McClure at Camarillo CA on 3 Jul 90. Recovered there on 25 Sep 1997. 7 years old.

