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SIGNIFICANT ENCOUNTERS

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The records below, sent to me over the past two years, highlight significant resightings, recaptures, and recoveries resulting from research involving banded birds. Significance is evaluated on a case by case basis. In general, however, recoveries are significant if they represent 1) birds ≥ 5 years old, 2) birds reported from sites > 80 km from their banding locations, 3) species rarely banded or recovered, or 4) individuals with an unusual history.

Caspian Tern 735-68849 Banded as L-U by Charles Collins at Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve, CA 11 Jul 1992. Resighted there by Peter Knapp on 9 Aug 2009. 17 years, 1 month old.

Caspian Tern 925-00122 Banded as L-U by Charles Collins at Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve, CA on 18 Jul 1993. Resighted at Port of Los Angeles, CA on 17 Jun 2009. 15 years, 11 months old.

Caspian Tern 925-00129 Banded as L-U by Charles Collins at Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve, CA on 18 Jul 1993. Resighted at Port of Los Angeles, CA on 23 Jun 2009. 15 years, 11 months old.

Caspian Tern 965-00892 Banded as L-U by William Henry at Carson Sink, NV, on 20 Jul 1999. Resighted at Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve, CA, by Peter Knapp on 27 May 2008 and at Port of Los Angeles, CA, by Charles Collins on 9 Jun 2008. 9 years old and 670 km SW of banding site.

Caspian Tern 965-00876 Banded as L-U by William Henry at Carson Sink, NV, on 20 Jul 1999. Resighted at Port of Los Angeles, CA, by Charles Collins on 11 Jun 2008. 9 years old and 670 km SW of banding site.

Elegant Tern and Black Skimmers Banded as L-U by Charles Collins at Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve, CA, in 1990. Bands were wrapped in colored tape for year/cohort identification. One Elegant Tern and four skimmers with tape-wrapped bands resighted at Bolsa Chica in Aug 2009. Band numbers were obscured by the tape. 19 years old. **[New longevity record for Elegant Tern]**

Black Skimmer 634-54832 Banded as L-U by William Schew and Charles Collins at Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve, CA, on 18 Jul 1989. Resighted there by Peter Knapp on 16 May 2009. 19 years, 10 months old.

Black Skimmer 634-54818 Banded as L-U by William Schew and Charles Collins at Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve, CA, on 18 Jul 1989. Resighted there by Peter Knapp on 30 Aug 2009. 20 years, 1 month old.

Black Skimmer 634-47411 Banded as L-U by Norm Hogg at the north end of the Salton Sea, CA, on 27 Jul 1991. Resighted at Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve, CA, by Peter Knapp on 17 May 2009. 17 years, 10 months old and 112 km NW of banding site.

Northern Saw-whet Owl 924-21813 Banded as TY-F by Pat Mitchell SW of Calgary, AB, on 12 Oct 2005. Recaptured at same location on 3 Oct 2008. 5 years old.

Northern Saw-whet Owl 924-34148 Banded as HY-F by Ross Dickson at Last Mountain Lake NWA, SK, on 9 Oct 2006. Recaptured at Delta Marsh Field Station, MB, on 1 Oct 2008. 500 km E of banding site.

Broad-tailed Hummingbird H76661 Banded as HY-M by Mark Armstrong at the Hummingbird Group Research Conference in Peaceful Valley, CO, on 1 Aug 2009. Found dead at the Mescalero Apache Indian Reservation in Mescalero, NM, by Doug Byers on 31 Aug 2009. 770 km S of banding site.

Red-bellied Woodpecker 912-15133 Banded as TY-M by Suzanne Miller and William Teetz at Occoquan Bay NWR, VA, 1 May 2002. Recaptured there on 11 Apr 2007. 6 years, 11 months old.

Eastern Kingbird 1461-63750 Banded as AHY-M by Doug Collister at Inglewood Bird Sanctuary, Calgary, AB, on 1 Aug 1997. Recaptured there on 20 May 2002. At least 6 years old.

Carolina Chickadee 2270-26922 Banded as ASY-M by Suzanne Miller and William Teetz at Occoquan Bay NWR, VA, on 6 Apr 2003. Recaptured there 21 Apr 2007. At least 6 years old.

Yellow Warbler 2390-30570 Banded as HY-M by Ross Dickson at Inglewood Bird Sanctuary, Calgary, AB, on 19 Aug 2001. Recaptured there on 5 Jun 2007. 6 years old.

Common Yellowthroat 2240-50154 Banded as ASY-M by Suzanne Miller and William Teetz at Occoquan Bay NWR, VA, on 24 Apr 2002. Recaptured there on 4 May 2007. At least 7 years old.

White-throated Sparrow 1411-35147 Banded as AHY-M by Suzanne Miller and William Teetz at Occoquan Bay NWR, VA, 17 Apr 2001. Recaptured there on 11 Apr 2007. At least 7 years old.

White-throated Sparrow 1411-35175 Banded as ASY-M by Suzanne Miller and William Teetz at Occoquan Bay NWR, VA, on 27 Apr 2001. Recaptured there on 25 Apr 2007. At least 8 years old.

Northern Cardinal 1781-73233 Banded as AHY-F by Suzanne Miller and William Teetz at Occoquan Bay NWR, VA, 2 May 2003. Recaptured there on 9 May 2007. At least 5 years old.

Northern Cardinal 1781-73255 Banded as SY-M by Suzanne Miller and William Teetz at Occoquan Bay NWR, VA, 17 May 2003. Recaptured there on 20 May 2007. 5 years old.

Northern Cardinal 912-15131 Banded as AHY-M by Suzanne Miller and William Teetz at Occoquan Bay NWR, VA, on 27 Apr 2002. Recaptured there on 18 May 2007. At least 6 years old.

Indigo Bunting 1771-79580 Banded as ASY-M by Suzanne Miller and William Teetz at Occoquan Bay NWR, VA, on 29 May 2004. Recaptured there on 20 May 2007. At least 5 years old.

Red-winged Blackbird 912-15178 Banded as ASY-M by Suzanne Miller and William Teetz at Occoquan Bay NWR, VA, on 24 Apr 2004. Recaptured there on 29 Apr 2007. At least 5 years old.

Common Grackle 1433-10907 Banded as ASY-F by Suzanne Miller and William Teetz at Occoquan Bay NWR, VA, on 6 May 2001. Recaptured there on 9 May 2007. At least 8 years old.



Northern Saw-whet Owl