

BIRD CARE AND CONSERVATION SOCIETY INC.

BANDING REPORT TO ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MARCH 2003

This report covers the period March 2002 to February 2003.

BCCS would like to extend their appreciation to the following members and carers who currently have their birds banded prior to release:

Margaret Fuller, Pam Robinson, Jill McLatchie, Bob Hall, Lesley Hodgson, Pat Walshaw, Anita Turton, Sharon Blair, Bev Langley, Sue Secomb, Necia Hampton, Sally Chapman, Gill Hastings, Leonie Phillips, Fauna Rescue members and other rescue organisations as well.

The banding scheme has been and will always be a valuable and worthwhile programme. **ALL** BCCS members are encouraged to participate. It takes little time and may just give you the feedback you are looking for on the success of your rehabilitated birds.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding the banding of birds, please contact Oliver Fuller. He will be only too happy to discuss any issues with you.

TABLE 1
Monthly totals of birds banded

Month	Number Banded
March 2002	13
April 2002	7
May 2002	0
June 2002	2
July 2002	5
August 2002	3
September 2002	4
October 2002	27
November 2002	41
December 2002	25
January 2003	13
February 2003	7
Total	147

PROGRESSIVE TOTAL

From June 1987 to February 2003 - Birds Banded: **2325**

TABLE 1a
Figures showing number of birds banded in each twelve month period from 1990 to date

Year	Total Birds Banded
1990	78
1991	105
1992	128
1993	175
1994	236
1995	155
1996	220
1997	133
1998	179
1999	132
2000	136
2001	121
2002	173
2003	147

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TABLE 1b

Graph of birds banded in each twelve month period from 1991 to date

There is a significant reduction of duck banding due to the cessation of banding Pacific Black Ducks. Hybridisation with Mallards is causing difficulty in banding Pacific Black Ducks, due to increased leg size. Therefore the banders have decided not to band them at all.

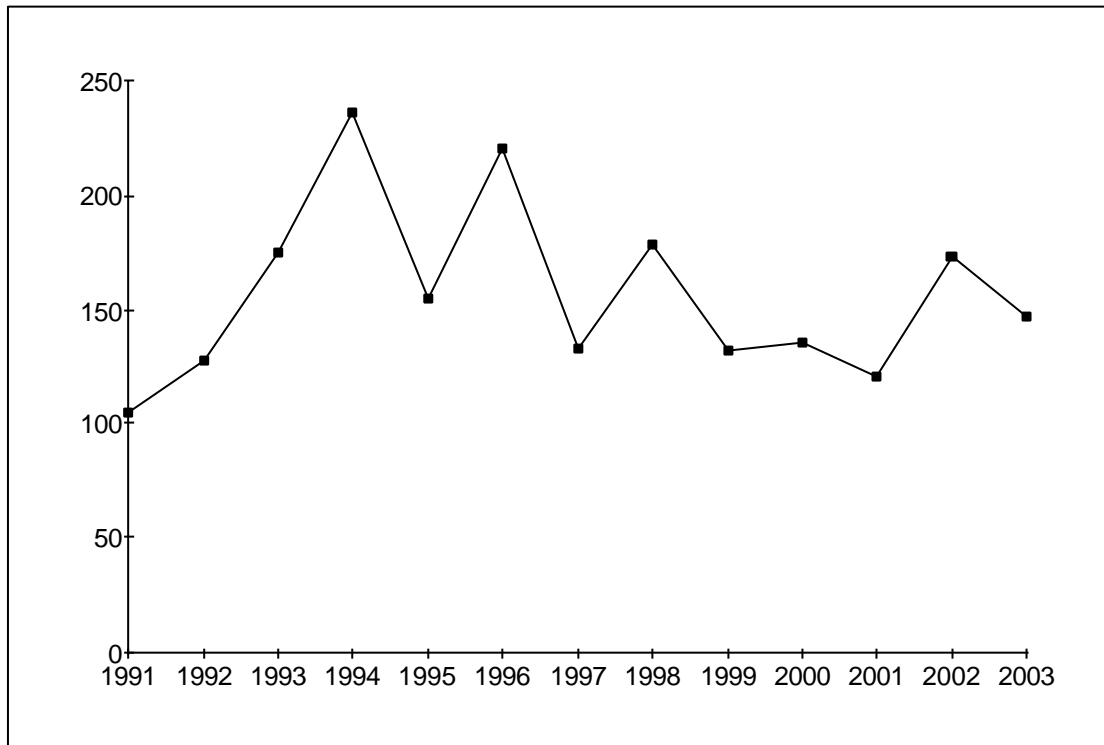


TABLE 1c

**The figures for the breeding season (September to January)
as a percentage of the totals from Table 1 (March to February)**

Year	September to January	Percentage	March to February (Yearly Total)
1993	111	63%	175
1994	154	65%	236
1995	100	64%	155
1996	130	60%	220
1997	79	60%	133
1998	111	62%	179
1999	106	80%	132
2000	91	67%	136
2001	86	71%	121
2002	141	82%	173
2003	110	74%	147

These figures confirm the effect of the breeding season on the overall total. Anything affecting the breeding season (eg. weather, food supply) will have a significant impact on the annual total.

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TABLE 2
Progressive Totals

The species most frequently banded since the programme began in 1987

Pacific Black Duck**	433**
Australian Magpie	367
Magpie Lark	192
Australian Wood Duck	139
Crested Pigeon	86
Nankeen Kestrel	88

****No longer banding after this year**

TABLE 2a
Species Banded

Number of different species banded since the programme began in 1987: **88**

TABLE 2b
Number of each Species Banded 2002/2003

Species Number	Species	Number Banded
43	Crested Pigeon	1
62	Hoary-headed Grebe	1
125	Silver Gull	1
202	Australian Wood Duck	17
208	Pacific Black Duck	18
221	Brown Goshawk	1
239	Brown Falcon	1
240	Nankeen Kestrel	3
242	Southern Boobook	7
249	Barn Owl	7
258	Musk Lorikeet	1
282	Adelaide Rosella	11
288	Eastern Rosella	6
313	Tawny Frogmouth	2
322	Laughing Kookaburra	3
357	Welcome Swallow	8
415	Magpie-lark	7
424	Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	3
631	New Holland Honeyeater	3
638	Red Wattlebird	6
705	Australian Magpie	34
710	Little Wattlebird	4
976	Striated Pardalote	1
989	Spotted Turtle-dove	1

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TABLE 2c

Species List

** indicates species first year banded*

No	Species	No	Species
5	Little Penguin	239	Brown Falcon
9	Stubble Quail	240	Nankeen Kestrel
34	Common Bronzewing	242	Southern Boobook
43	Crested Pigeon	249	Barn Owl
45	Lewin's Rail	254	Rainbow Lorikeet
46	Buff-banded Rail	258	Musk Lorikeet
49	Australian Crake	259	Purple-crowned Lorikeet
55	Black-tailed Native Hen	282	Adelaide Rosella
58	Purple Swamphen	*288	Eastern Rosella
59	Eurasian Coot	307	Elegant Parrot
64	Australasian Grebe	313	Tawny Frogmouth
62	Hoary-headed Grebe	317	Australian Owlet-nightjar
71	Short-tailed Shearwater	322	Laughing Kookaburra
77	White-headed Petrel	325	Red-backed Kingfisher
89	Yellow-nosed Albatross	326	Sacred Kingfisher
96	Great Cormorant	337	Pallid Cuckoo
97	Little Black Cormorant	338	Fan-tailed Cuckoo
98	Black-faced Cormorant	357	Welcome Swallow
99	Pied Cormorant	359	Tree Martin
100	Little Pied Cormorant	360	Fairy Martin
115	Crested Tern	364	Willie Wagtail
125	Silver Gull	401	Rufous Whistler
126	Pacific Gull	408	Grey Shrike-thrush
13	Masked Lapwing	415	Magpie-lark
188	White-faced Heron	424	Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike
198	Cape Barren Goose	547	Dusky Woodswallow
202	Australian Wood Duck	574	Silvereye
203	Black Swan	578	White-naped Honeyeater
207	Australian Shelduck	591	Eastern Spinebill
208	Pacific Black Duck	614	Yellow-faced Honeyeater
210	Chestnut Teal	625	White-plumed Honeyeater
211	Grey Teal	631	New Holland Honeyeater
215	Hardhead	634	Noisy Miner
218	Spotted Harrier	635	Yellow-throated Miner
219	Marsh Harrier	638	Red Wattlebird
221	Brown Goshawk	640	Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater
222	Collared Sparrowhawk	693	White-winged Chough
225	Little Eagle	705	Australian Magpie
228	Whistling Kite	710	Little Wattlebird
229	Black Kite	929	Southern Giant Petrel
232	Black-shouldered Kite	930	Australian Raven
235	Australian Hobby	935	Kerguelen Petrel
237	Peregrine Falcon	976	Striated Pardalote
238	Black Falcon	*989	Spotted Turtle-dove

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TABLE 3

Recoveries

Band Number Species Release Site Release Date	Date of Recovery Site of Recovery Time Between Release & Recovery Status after Recovery	Distance Traveled (kilometres)
091-45593 Australian Magpie Cherry Gardens 20-11-2002	14-01-2003 Cherry Gardens 1 month 25 days Dead - drowned in wetland	0
091-45592 Australian Magpie Cherry Gardens 20-11-2002	10-01-2003 Cherry Gardens 1 month 21 days Found dead on highway/road but not certain hit by car	0
101-15836 Southern Boobook Reeves Plains 10-07-2002	23-07-2002 Reeves Plains 13 days Found dead on highway/road but not certain hit by car	0
091-45598 Australian Magpie Echunga 25-11-2002	20-2-2003 Echunga 2 months 26 days Dead - cause unknown	0
091-44448 Australian Magpie Cherry Gardens 02-03-2002	14-03-2002 Cherry Gardens 12 days Found sick or injured, rehabilitation attempted but bird died	0
101-21708 Australian Wood Duck Echunga 25-11-2002	28-02-2003 Echunga 3 months 3 days Dead - cause unknown	0
240-09392 Adelaide Rosella Modbury North 25-03-2002	25-06-2002 Modbury 3 months Dead - cause unknown	1

Recovery of non-BCCS banded birds by BCCS

072-54530 Little Wattlebird Newland Head Cons Park 19-05-1996	22-05-2002 Sandy Creek 6 years 3 days Found sick or injured - was rehabilitated and released with the band by BCCS	114
111-04619 Pacific Black Duck Belair National Park 26-01-1990	22-02-2002 Belair National Park 12 years 27 days Collided with moving road vehicle, rehabilitation attempted by BCCS but bird died	2
250-10226 Rainbow Lorikeet Oakbank 11-05-2000	14-06-2002 Cherry Gardens 2 years 1 month 3 days Found dead on highway/road but not certain hit by car	18

The Banding team for 2003:

Banding Officer	Oliver Fuller	Linden Park	8379 4416
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Bander	Bev Langley	Cherry Gardens	8270 1169

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