BIRD CARE AND CONSERVATION SOCIETY INC

ANNUAL BANDING REPORT - MARCH 2005

This report covers the period March 2004 to February 2005

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BCCS Inc Bird Banders: Oliver Fuller Sharon Blair Anita Turton

BCCS would like to extend their appreciation to the following members/carers, who have had their birds banded prior to release this year: Margaret Fuller, Pam Robinson and Anita Turton.

PROGRESSIVE TOTAL

From June 1987 to February 2005 - Birds Banded**: 2430**

TABLE 1

Figures showing number of birds banded in each 12mth period

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
2004	79
2005	26

TABLE 2

Number of different species banded since the programme began in 1987: **88**
(unchanged this year - no new species)

TABLE 3

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
2004	55	69%	79
2005	17	65%	26

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.

TABLE 4

Monthly totals of birds banded

MONTH	NUMBER BANDED
March 2004	3
April 2004	3
May 2004	0
June 2004	1
July 2004	0
August 2004	0
September 2004	2
October 2004	2
November 2004	10
December 2004	1
January 2005	2
February 2005	2
TOTAL	**26**

TABLE 5
Number of each Species Banded 2004/2005

Species Number	Species	Number Banded
43	Crested Pigeon	3
188	White-faced Heron	1
222	Collared Sparrowhawk	2
237	Peregrine Falcon	1
242	Southern Boobook	3
249	Barn Owl	1
338	Fan-tailed Cuckoo	1
415	Magpie-lark	4
424	Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	1
591	Eastern Spinebill	1
638	Red Wattlebird	3
705	Australian Magpie	5

TABLE 6
Species List: Species banded during entire duration of project

No	Species	No	Species
5	Little Penguin	115	Crested Tern
9	Stubble Quail	125	Silver Gull
34	Common Bronzewing	126	Pacific Gull
43	Crested Pigeon	133	Masked Lapwing
45	Lewin's Rail	188	White-faced Heron
46	Buff-banded Rail	198	Cape Barren Goose
49	Australian Crake	202	Australian Wood Duck
55	Black-tailed Native Hen	203	Black Swan
58	Purple Swamphen	207	Australian Shelduck
59	Eurasian Coot	208	Pacific Black Duck
61	Australasian Grebe	210	Chestnut Teal
62	Hoary-headed Grebe	211	Grey Teal
71	Short-tailed Shearwater	215	Hardhead
77	White-headed Petrel	218	Spotted Harrier
89	Yellow-nosed Albatross	219	Marsh Harrier
96	Great Cormorant	221	Brown Goshawk
97	Little Black Cormorant	222	Collared Sparrowhawk
98	Black-faced Cormorant	225	Little Eagle
99	Pied Cormorant	228	Whistling Kite
100	Little Pied Cormorant	229	Black Kite

TABLE 6 (Cont'd)

Species List: Species banded during entire duration of project

No	Species	No	Species
232	Black-shouldered Kite	364	Willie Wagtail
235	Australian Hobby	401	Rufous Whistler
237	Peregrine Falcon	408	Grey Shrike-thrush
238	Black Falcon	415	Magpie-lark
239	Brown Falcon	424	Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike
240	Nankeen Kestrel	547	Dusky Woodswallow
242	Southern Boobook	574	Silvereye
249	Barn Owl	578	White-naped Honeyeater
254	Rainbow Lorikeet	591	Eastern Spinebill
258	Musk Lorikeet	614	Yellow-faced Honeyeater
259	Purple-crowned Lorikeet	625	White-plumed Honeyeater
282	Adelaide Rosella	631	New Holland Honeyeater
288	Eastern Rosella	634	Noisy Miner
307	Elegant Parrot	635	Yellow-throated Miner
313	Tawny Frogmouth	638	Red Wattlebird
317	Australian Owlet-nightjar	640	Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater
322	Laughing Kookaburra	693	White-winged Chough
325	Red-backed Kingfisher	705	Australian Magpie
326	Sacred Kingfisher	710	Little Wattlebird
337	Pallid Cuckoo	929	Southern Giant Petrel
338	Fan-tailed Cuckoo	930	Australian Raven
357	Welcome Swallow	935	Kerguelen Petrel
359	Tree Martin	976	Striated Pardalote
360	Fairy Martin	989	Spotted Turtle-dove

TABLE 7

Progressive Totals

The species most frequently banded since the program began in 1987

Pacific Black Duck	433 *no longer banding
Australian Magpie	378
Magpie-lark	205
Australian Wood Duck	158
Crested Pigeon	93
Nankeen Kestrel	90

Recovery of non-BCCS banded birds, by BCCS

Band Number **Species** **Release Site** **Release Date**	**Date of Recovery** **Site of Recovery** **Time Between Release & Recovery** **Status after Recovery**	**Distance Travelled (kilometres)**
036-27086 New Holland Honeyeater Gilberton 20th April, 2003	12th August, 2003 Walkerville 3mths 23days Dead - cause known	0

Recovery of BCCS banded birds

Band Number **Species** **Release Site** **Release Date**	**Date of Recovery** **Site of Recovery** **Time Between Release & Recovery** **Status after Recovery**	**Distance Travelled (kilometres)**
035-55041 New Holland Honeyeater Enfield 30th September, 2003	11th October, 2003 Nailsworth 11days Rescued from ground, very young. Rehabilitation attempted but bird died.	< 2
111-22226 Southern Boobook Norwood 31st January, 2004	2nd March, 2004 Highbury/Tea Tree Gully area 1mth 2days Taken/attacked by Domestic Animal (?Species)	10
082-98493 Crested Pigeon Reeves Plains 23rd November, 2001	22nd August, 2004 Reeves Plains 2yrs 9mths Bird hand caught, band read and bird released. Second time caught pinching chook's grain! Initially (banded 2001) mild concussion in chook house.	0
111-23467 Pacific Black Duck Kersbrook/One Tree Hill 7th December, 1997	14th February, 2004 Finnis Point SA 6yrs 2mths 7days Shot for Sport/Food	69

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