

BIRD CARE AND CONSERVATION SOCIETY INC.
BANDING REPORT TO ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - MARCH 2004

This report covers the period March 2003 to February 2004

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BCCS Inc. Bird Banders: Oliver Fuller, Sharon Blair, Anita Turton, Bev Langley

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, Jill McLatchie, Anita Turton, Sharon Blair, Bev Langley, Pat O'Neill, Leonie Phillips, Necia Hampton and Liz Long.

PROGRESSIVE TOTAL

From June 1987 to February 2004 - Birds Banded: **2404**

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*

*Our yearly total is significantly lower this year, due to the fact that we are no longer banding Pacific Black Ducks (previously averaging 40 per year)

TABLE 2

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

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 3
Monthly totals of birds banded

MONTH	NUMBER BANDED
March 2003	1
April 2003	3
May 2003	0
June 2003	4
July 2003	3
August 2003	3
September 2003	1
October 2003	10
November 2003	15
December 2003	15
January 2004	14
February 2004	10
TOTAL	79

TABLE 4
Species Banded

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

TABLE 5
Number of each Species Banded 2003/2004

Species Number	Species	Number Banded
43	Crested Pigeon	4
202	Australian Wood Duck	19
207	Australian Shelduck	4
210	Chestnut Teal	1
228	Whistling Kite	2
238	Black Falcon	1
240	Nankeen Kestrel	2
242	Southern Boobook	3
282	Adelaide Rosella	9
313	Tawny Frogmouth	1
322	Laughing Kookaburra	7
415	Magpie-lark	9
578	White-naped Honeyeater	1
631	New Holland Honeyeater	1
638	Red Wattlebird	7
705	Australian Magpie	6
710	Little Wattlebird	1
930	Australian Raven	1

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TABLE 6
Progressive Totals

The species most frequently banded since the programme began in 1987

Pacific Black Duck	433 *no longer banding
Australian Magpie	373
Magpie Lark	201
Australian Wood Duck	158
Crested Pigeon	90
Nankeen Kestrel	90

Recovery of non-BCCS banded birds, by BCCS

Four recoveries were made, however we were unable to obtain initial banding details at the time of writing this report

Recovery of BCCS banded birds

Band Number	Date of Recovery	Distance Travelled (kilometres)
Species	Site of Recovery	
Release Site	Time Between Release & Recovery	
Release Date	Status after Recovery	
091-44440 Laughing Kookaburra Flagstaff Hill 1/8/2003	12/12/2003 Darlington 4mths 11days Band read during feeding - bird alive with band	0
091-40089 Australian Magpie Reeves Plains 7/12/2003	29/2/2004 Reeves Plains 2mths 22days Band read during feeding - bird alive with band	0
111-24783 Pacific Black Duck Victor Harbour 20/2/2000	28/7/2003 Encounter Bay 3yrs 5mths 8days Dead - cause unknown	2
091-44437 Laughing Kookaburra Hahndorf 30/6/2003	4/07/03 Hahndorf 4days Caught in barb wire fence - rehabilitated & released	0
073-14705 Red Wattlebird Summertown 6/11/2003	19/11/2003 Ashton 13days Euthanased by finder, bird unwell	0
101-21802 Australian Wood Duck Cherry Gardens 12/1/2004	18/1/2004 Cherry Gardens 6days Dead - cause unknown	0

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TABLE 7

Species List

Species banded during entire duration of project

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

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