

Fax (27/05/1996) from JL to AC with ‘... a copy of fax I sent Grant (GBP) on 23/08/1995. It contains the list of sites in WA at which sizeable numbers of Banded Stilt have been counted in the past’.

JL requests AC to prepare draft itinerary for AC to search Geraldton to Esperance area. This would be ACI’s 1ST extensive ground search, in June 1996. ‘I [JL] will do northern [Pilbara?] sites next month’. Check JL’s field notes for this ‘northern’ trip.

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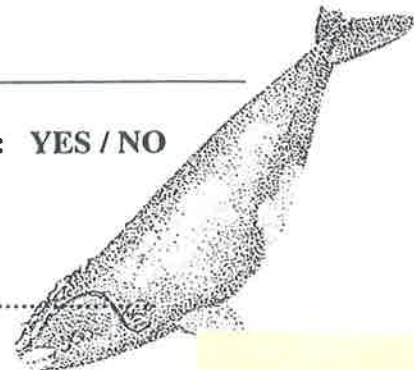
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RS. you may find it best to do
two 5 day trips. Do SW
(Gardiner - Esperance) sites only.
I will do northern sites next month.

Attached is copy of fax I sent Grant on 23/8/95. It contains
the list of sites in WA at which sizeable numbers of Banded Stilt
have been counted in the past. You could also have a look through
Jeansch et al (1988) for additional sites. Please discuss your selection of

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route/sites with Grant then fax draft
to me.

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| Lake Ninan (3 000) | |

Alan Clarke 27/5/96

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TO: GRANT PEARSON

BANDED STILT MONITORING

Monday's air survey by Andy Chapman showed that Lake Marmion will be dry in a week or so and Ballard in the next month or two. The stilt are therefore starting to move and will very soon be headed for more watered parts near and on the coast.

What we need are a few observers (one each) at a few key localities where Banded Stilt are known to congregate as inland waters dry out, to record the following on a regular basis. Weekly or fortnightly would be great, monthly would also be very worthwhile.

The information required from each visit is:

- * Location
- * date and time
- * observer
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- Oldfield Estuary (3 000)
- White Water L (Yealering) (2 900)
- Balicup Lake (2 800)
- Wilsons Inlet (2 500)

ask Denmark resident?

Alan Clarke

27/5/96

Other sites with useful numbers of Banded Stilt but not listed by Watkins are:

- * P. Hedland or Dampier saltworks ask Mike Bamford which & who might do
- * Rottnest Island ask Denis Saunders or Perry de Rebeira who might do
- * Vasse Wonnerup I could take care of

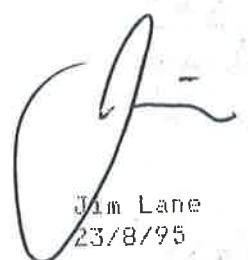
You might find CALM staff, e.g. Malcolm Graham and Leon Silvester in the Wheatbelt region (where there are numerous prospective sites), who could participate or give you names.

It also occurs to me that we can count/check the BaSt at each of the lakes we monitor in Sep and Nov this year.

Would you please set this up as a matter of urgency. The first step should be to contact Mike Bamford for ideas on who might cover which localities and to make sure that as far as possible whatever we set up is not in conflict with the regular wader counts he is setting up. I will let Mike know you will be contacting him and will also send him a copy of this fax for info.

All observations should be sent to you rather than me.

Any queries please ring me.


Jim Lane
23/8/95

P.S. Please ~~not~~ ring me when you have read this.

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Hardcopy (16/05/1996) of document 'Banded Stilt *Cladorhynchus leucocephalus* Seminar' '... compiled [by JL] 14-16 May 1996 in preparation for seminar at Woodvale [CALM's Wildlife Research Centre] on Fri 17 May [1996]. Only the first page and the two pages (pp.8-9) concerning searches for and sightings of leg-flagged BaSt are reproduced here. See another RMCR, yet to be prepared, for the full document.

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BANDED STILT CLADORHYNCHUS LEUCOCEPHALUS SEMINAR

This material compiled 14-16 May 1996 in preparation for seminar at Woodvale on Fri 17 May.

- Info in this document has been drawn from my BaSt files (Vol 1 gone thru carefully, Vol 2 less so, stopping just before reaching transcript of Clive comments while viewing uncut stilt footage from Ballard), also from the 2 Wingspan articles (Vol 5 Nos. 2&3), also my work diary.
- Still need to: redo Vol 2, go thru my notebooks, get data that Grant, Alan and Andy have yet to give me, get water analysis results, do sweep and gut contents, do photos of nest quadrats, data from logger (I think Grant has sent it to me).

The Banded Stilt is : *Cladorhynchus leucocephalus* Slide of stilt
description? *Get for twig on thin branch*
only found in Australia, monospecific genus, member of .. family
distribution, numbers *Get for white head.*

first discovered in 18.. by .. at ..

breeding a mystery until 1930 when recorded at.. by .. colony size ..

since then, breeding recorded at .. (sites, distribution) Only about 20 nesting events ever recorded (3 in SA and rest in WA). Most nesting attempts only found when chicks mobile or breeding over (deserted colonies).

breeding actually witnessed on few occasions, due to difficulty of finding and gaining access to colonies

Chicks on road at Menzies. (1400 walked thru town?, 500 killed on road?)

Grant and I have taken an interest in locating breeding sites since 19.. when he and Phil Fuller found .. at Lake Barlee.

Since then we have:

Barlee in 19.. with Roger Jaensch and found ..

Primary interest is in identifying significant breeding sites and any threats, conservation needs

In Feb 95, Tropical Cyclone Bobby dumped 385 mm of rain to north of Kalgoorlie in 4 days (25-28th) of continuous rain.

Stilts left coastal sites e.g. Creery lagoon.

We planned an air survey of .. for

Clive Minton contacted us. He was passing thru Kalgoorlie on .. and interested in flying with us sharing costs.

Jeremy Hogarth of ABCTV Natural history (who Grant had met on Broome wader expedition) also contacted us to see what we were doing 'cause they wanted to film Banded Stilts nesting (waiting for .. years since meeting Clive?).

Grant flew to Kal on .. to join Clive for flight.

Sun 12 March Air survey

Grant & Clive flew [Barlee, Ballard and Marmion] Lakes (previous nesting locations) 150-250 km N of Kal on Sunday 12 March, 16 days after 4 days rain started. 4.5 hrs searching.

Marmion: no birds.

Barlee: 20 000, all seemingly paired but no sign of colony. Had the least water of the three lakes.

Ballard: All birds on water were paired. 10 000 birds, half (5000) at colony (1st) of around 2000 nests. At core of colony incubation appeared to have begun.

Not equipped to gain access to colony.

Luck. Found a Jet Ranger helicopter in Kalgoorlie with a spare day. Agreed to share heli cost with Clive 50:50. (Pilot + 3 or 4 + hide; \$695/hr; 1hr each way). Clive rang me to convince of value. On Tues 14th he faxed me a draft research program.

Wed 15 March 1995, Clive Minton, Mari Reni, Grant, me. Helicopter to Lake Ballard

"Photo 6 at the north end of Marmion" between 1004 hrs + 1014 hrs.
"Photo 8 flooded station" between 1014 + 1018 hrs.
"Photo 9 East end of Ballard" between 1018 + (say) 1025 hrs.

On 11/6, banded 200 chicks (all that were issued) on left tibia. Flagged 195 chicks on right tibia. Worked from Argo, towing 3m punt. (Note that extra 20 were flagged but flags removed because thought on wrong leg).

Collected 1 family. Chicks weighed 32, 33, 34, 39, 42 gm. All had large yolk sacs. Adult was male, 221 gm.

Salinity 46 ppt on 11/6 (Andy Chapman), pH was 7.9.

Ostracods and Parartemia.

Depth mainly 10-20cm, too shallow for boat, used Argo.

Capture chicks by driving to creches, chase 20-30, catch, take back to boat, release, adults come back.

Oldest chicks have well developed flight and body feathers, will fly within week. Also chicks 2-4 days old.

Andy left at 0700hrs on 12/6 and flew air "survey" of Marmion (and..?) on Mon 12 June to find nesting site and direct Grant that way (also to Grant via radio in PM).

Banded and flagged chicks. Total flagged = $195+260+20=475$.

Collected more families. Detailed measurements taken.

On 13/6 Grant and Alan visited Marmion nest site (SLIDES??).

Water depth up to 52 cm.

Detailed observations made at colony.

Measurements. Size of colony. Peregrine Falcon and Wt Eagle. Photos & veg samples taken.

Totals of chicks banded and flagged.

Argo and trailer left at Marmion.

Grant and Alan returned to Perth on ..

Air survey by Andy Chapman on Fri 14 July.

(See V2, folio yy for full report)

Ballard: 4 passes over lake. 6-7000 Stilt all flying, no further nesting

Marmion: 20-25 000, include. 10% chicks not flying but "coloured up". He reported gear (trailer + Argo) was OK at Marmion.

Other bird observations made (see V2 folio xx)

Flight was 3hrs, Piper Warrior, \$630 in toto.

Air survey of Ballard and Marmion Andy Chapman and .. on Tues 22 August 1995

Piper Warrior. (See V2, folio yy for full report)

Ballard: 4 traverses of lake. Western end dry. c11 500 stilt "all adults wading and flying" ..

Marmion: 7500 stilt, c20 incapable of flight.

10 August 1995 Andy and .. collected Argo and trailer from Marmion

Depth 5cm at sample point near camp. Salinity 63 ppt. Of c200 stilt observed from shore only 5-6% had bands on chests.

.....Sep? , Grant diverted from SW lakes survey (9-17/9) to Ballard to collect water level recorder.

Drove up from Esperance.

Retrieved Water level recorder from Ballard. Observations?

Brought gear back from Marmion (observations?) and Kal?

Tag publicity and sightings

Publicity for tags - Wingspan? WA Bird Notes (see my Vol 1, folio 113), Direct approaches, Mike Bamford. "Tattler"? Clive will do SA and Vic.

Subsequent sightings, by, on, where, implications,

Mike Bamford reported 10 000 Banded Stilt at Port Hedland prior to Cyclone Bobby and none one week later.

Andy reported that on 24 October 1995, 1 stilt in flock of 300 in 2cm water at Lake Arrow 24km of Kalgoorlie was leg flagged (yellow). He is going to S coast over Xmas - observations??

Letter of late Nov 1995 from Mike Bamford.

Terri Llyod at Dumbleyung.

1 yellow flagged Stilt observed at Rotto on 21 Jan 1996.

Cargill Salt, Port Hedland, stilts began arriving 13 Feb 1996.

One yellow flagged stilt at Dampier Salt on 7 March 1996. Steve vL said BaSt have only begun arriving in past 2 weeks.

Grant saw 3 leg flagged and one banded Banded Stilt at Port Hedland Saltworks on 28 (check) Feb 1996.

ABC film

half our program "Bobby and the Banded Stilt"

Film in final stages. 1st draft of narration. ... of film. Jeremy Hogarth to TVNZ.

Working on data with Clive as time permits for publication in Emu. Popular articles in Wingspan.

No plans for further work at this stage, snowed under.

Andy Chapman

Found nesting on Marmion (why looked? for reneesting?).

Finished

Travel claims, diaries (checked mine 15/5/96), vehicle logs,

Granr, Alan and Andy slides?

No reneesting as at Lake Torrens (Wingspan)

**Fax (25/04/1996) from Jeremy Hogarth (formerly with ABC
Natural History Unit, now with TVNZ) attaching ‘... the
transcript of Clive’s [CDTM’s) comments when we were watching
the stilts rushes on a film editing machine’. On page 17 CDTM
says ‘We’ve got people watching for when numbers of birds
[BaSt] start to reappear around Perth and Albany and if they’ve
got tags on them ...’**

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DATE: 25 April, 1996
FROM: Jeremy Hogarth

TOTAL PAGES - 17

Dear Jim,

It was great to talk with you last night.

Thank you for the input you are giving to stilts. I honestly don't know what we can do in the way of any minor picture changes, especially as both you and I were looking at a version that had already changed.

However, the script is another matter entirely.

I also had a long talk to Clive last night in Broome - lucky him. It's not a bad life?

Following this cover page is the transcript of Clive's comments when we were watching the stilts rushes on a film editing machine.

Also thank you in advance for giving me some contact names in Asia for shore birds.

With best wishes,



Jeremy Hogarth
Executive Producer

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Done

TRANSCRIPTION OF COMMENTS WHILE WATCHING UN-CUT RUSHES OF
BANDED STILTS ON LAKE BALLARD.

PRESENT: Dr Clive Minton, Mark Lample, David Luffman, Jeremy Hogarth,
Recorded at ABC Natural History Unit, 1985.

TAPE START.

Clive Minton:

".....there's a bird trying to mate with an incubating bird - well that is interesting. I saw it happening everywhere but never on an incubating bird.

There's a very good example of a bird in very little breeding plumage a month after the colony started. When we first went there there were 25% of the birds that had not gone into breeding plumage, they were mating, breeding, laying eggs, sitting on eggs even incubating in some cases with no breeding plumage and in other cases with only a bit of it. By the time I was there in early April I didn't see any without full breeding plumage.

What's going on here? Is it attempted copulation? Is it two trying to copulate on one - not very willing co-operation.

Just slightly speeded up like this if [the colony] looks just like the main street of Tokyo.

Jeremy: There's no way you can distinguish the sexes?

Clive: No. You see, there's a beautiful bird there in the middle in terms of plumage, that one there with a solid chest band, but no we tried, ah, we saw birds like that with birds with flecked plumage on top of them and we couldn't tell. The ones that we collected and gutted and sexed I tried to predict what sex they were before we knew and I couldn't get it right.

That's someone wanting to mate, but is it wanting to mate with its mate or someone else's mate? He's still got the urge but I don't think he's trying to take over the incubation or anything like that. Now he's being more gentle perhaps, seeing if that will perhaps work. But will he succeed, we'll have to wait and see. Only Mark will remember.

Now that's copulation actually taking place. Yes, this is very interesting. I never saw any of this [attempted copulation] Mark, attempts to copulate with incubating birds. Now there's a very good example of a male in very poor breeding plumage attempting to mate with a bird in very good plumage.

Jeremy: Are the eggs lying around abandoned?

Clive: Those are just the rubbish of abandoned eggs. In each of those squares [transects] about six hundred eggs were laid and I counted the eggs in those pegged squares afterwards and there were about a hundred on average that hadn't hatched, now that looked awful but it's only about 15%.

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Mark. That's their panic move, when they were alarmed. they would still feed, but all march in the same direction.

Jeremy. Will those chicks stay at that lake for as long as conditions are right?

Clive. Well, no one really knows. We've got people watching for when numbers of birds start to reappear around Perth and Albany and if they've got leg tags on them and if any are obviously juvenile by plumage, I would think in most cases they would leave the lake pretty promptly, but in this year because of the timing and the water situation they've probably stayed much longer than normal. How deep would that mud be, about ankle?

Mark. No, about waist deep.

Clive. You can't walk on that?

Mark. stuck. No. When the water goes away and the ARGO is sitting on it, you're

Clive. There is no doubt that extensive crècheing, in the sense that they have got into a large amorphous mass with few adults, has taken place by now.

[long pause]

Clive. So it would be about one adult to ten chicks.

Mark. chicks. That would be pretty right, about one adult to between ten or twelve

Clive. And they came up right by the boat to feed?

Mark. Yes, and it was when they were a little bigger than that when they were starting to try and fly.

Clive. I would guess that those chicks are about four weeks old.

Mark. Now that would also sometimes happen, a single adult would fly in and start feeding.

Clive. And it wouldn't seem to have much ownership of anything?

Mark. That's right.

Clive. We'd be fascinated to know what they did do at night.
- [long pause] - There are some examples of where more than one bird has gone down to the water and although one bird has tried to keep the other bird away the chicks are obviously attached to one bird, and I wonder if that is it's mate and that is the moment of separation, it's saying "go on, you bugger off and get fat and get ready to relay and I'm looking after the chicks".

END OF TAPE

**Note (23/04/1996, or is it 23/01/1996?) from Steve van Leeuwin to
GBP reporting BaSt numbers at Dampier Salt in the preceding
month or so.**

23.1.96

Grant

Since your telephone call about 1 month ago, no Banded Stilts have been seen at Dampier Salt. I also did not see any immediately after the last cyclone (the one preceeding Cyclone Olivia). I presume they headed inland again!

Numbers before they departed were in the order of a few hundred only.

cheers

Stephen J.L.

Letter or fax (20/03/1996) from GBP to Terri Lloyd referring to her and her friends efforts to find leg-flagged BaSt and advising that he (GB) had ‘... turned up 3 leg flags and a leg band on young **Banded Stilts at the [Port] Hedland salt works [on 28/02/1996?]** and received a report of one other [when?] at Dampier Salt’. Find **original details of these sightings by GBP.**

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To: Terri Lloyd

From: Grant Pearson

Date: March 20, 1996

Subject: Various

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This eventually happened on the 28th of Feb as part of the north-west wader expedition with Clive Minton and was most fruitful. On my way up to Broome I turned up 3 leg flags and a leg band on young Banded Stilts at the Hedland salt works and received a report of one other at Dampier Salt. These sightings really made the trip worthwhile. The rest of the time at Broome Bird Observatory was top quality with 40 or so people from all over the world participating in wader studies. I can recommend the experience.

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Regards

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CC:Jim Lane

Undated note (attempt to date this) from GBP to CDTM with
'Attached summary [of BaSt flag sightings] as requested'. Listed
sightings span the period December 1995 to March (7th) 1996 and
are of flagged birds seen near Kalgoorlie and at Rottnest, [Port]
Hedland Salt and Dampier Salt.

Chris Attached Summary as requested.

12/95 Summary of BAST. Flag Sightings
Andy Chapman report of flagged bird at Kalbarrie.

2. 21/1/96 Hottnest 50+9 chest band on flagged bird

28/2/96 Hedland Salt. 3 Flags } 609 chest band
1 metal leg }
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7/3/96 Dampier Salt 1 Flag - No info on chest band.
22/3/96

Attached also summary of BBO Proposal.

G.R.F. is concerned that CALM is seeking funds thru the bank does for Research. It is important to emphasise the community & BBO involvement & long term benefits to BBO. income potential

Chris
G.F.

Cover sheet of fax (11/03/1996) from JL to GBP with copy of JL's notes of a phone call (08/03/1996) from Steve van Leeuwin (see below). Notation on cover sheet reads 'ESP, Mike & Ann Buckmann, Pink Lake Rd, 090 713517, 30mm'. Perhaps they were prospective BaSt observers?

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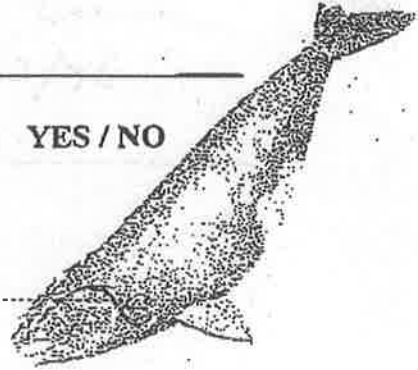
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Phone call from Steve van Leeuwen
8/3/96

promised "Regina" -

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Regina - truck driver

11 am 7/3/96

↑ Regina has
got a phone call

(he presumably saw it
during the
morning shift)

It was at Dampier Salt on "Lance 3"
(main haulroad)

on a pond with Artemia

* 1 bird ^(Bast) with flag - noted Reg.

(they take off where land trucks go past)

Steve saw several 100 + Raptor + BUST.

Kamtha has had lots of rain

* Bast have only appeared in last 2 weeks

None seen previously.

A Dampier/Kamtha in

Steve says.

JL's notes of phone call (08/03/1996) from Steve van Leeuwin relaying a message from his wife Regina [who works for Dampier Salt] that a truck driver saw a leg-flagged Banded Stilt on a pond at 'Levee 3 (main haul road)' at Dampier Salt on March 7th 1996.

JL also notes 'Steve says BaSt have only appeared in Dampier/Karratha in last 2 weeks. None seen previously'. Copy of notes faxed by JL to GBP on 11th March, 1996.

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None seen ^{previously}

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(they take off when head runs off)

Steve saw several 100 + Rotor + BW Shot recently.

Kamtha has lost lots of rain

* Bast have only appeared in last 2 weeks
None seen previously. Danger/Kamtha in
Steve says.

Copy of fax (14/02/1996) from Mal McKenzie of Cargill Salt, Port Hedland, WA, to GBP. This copy has some notations in GBP's handwriting including one that seems to indicate that on 26th Feb 1996 there were 2,000-3,000 BaSt at Cargill Salt.

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GRANT PEARSON JIM JANE

FROM:

MAL MCKENZIE

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26/2/96

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 Turn Rt.
 Mal's
 Kathy Sander
 Mark Watson

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Mal

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I WILL CONTINUE LOOKING FOR
 YELLOW LEG BANDS & KEEP YOU
 INFORMED

Cheers

Mal MCK

FYI

Also confirming 11/march for Greg etc.

Cheers
CP

**Fax (14/02/1996) from Mal McKenzie of Cargill Salt, Port
Hedland, WA, to GBP, re-faxed by GBP to JL on 15/02/1996,
reporting inter alia that 'Banded Stilts returned yesterday.
Approx 200. Further arrivals today. As yet no leg bands apparent.
Some juveniles present'.**

CARGILL SALT

P.O. Box 430 Port Hedland, Western Australia 6721
Wilson Street, Port Hedland
Western Australia 6721
Telephone: (091) 40 1255
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Jim HANE 101.

TELEPHONE: (091) 40-1255

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TO:

CALM

ATTENTION:

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Article titled 'Leg-flagged Banded Stilts' on page 18 of WA Bird Notes, No.77, March 1996. Reports recent leg-flagging activity and requests sighting to be reported to GBP. Doesn't list any sightings to date. Author (JL) of article not acknowledged.

Note that a different article with the same heading, with authorship by JL acknowledged, appeared in the December 1996 issue of WA Bird Notes (No.80). That article did list leg-flag sightings to date.

LEG FLAGGED BANDED STILTS

In April-May, metal bands were placed on 500 Banded Stilts and metal bands and yellow leg flags were placed on a further 500, all in the Lake Ballard area (see WABN 74, p. 3 and Wingspan 5(2): 13-15, June 1995). The aim is to gather data on timing and direction of dispersal away from breeding areas, and subsequent movements.

To date (early February '96), only two leg-flagged stilts have been sighted away from the breeding areas: one at a small salt lake near Kalgoorlie in September and one at Herschell Lake on Rottnest Island on 20/1/96.

RAOU members are requested to watch out for Banded Stilts wearing leg flags. The bands and flags were placed above the 'knee' and are most visible when the birds are foraging. For each observation, the following information is required:

- location
- date and time of observation
- name(s) and contact details of observer(s)
- total number of Banded Stilt seen at the location
- estimate of % of birds with chestnut chest bands
- number of Banded Stilts with yellow leg flags, and those with metal bands, seen at the location
- whether or not the flagged stilts have chestnut chest bands

Numbers, date and location are the most important information to note. Also, if you have examined Banded Stilts for flags and not found them, this is also valuable information.

Please send records to Grant Pearson, Wildlife Research Centre, Dept CALM, PO Box 51, Wanneroo 6065, or telephone (09) 405 5100, fax (09) 306 1641.

CONSERVING AUSTRALIA'S THREATENED BIRDS

The RAOU, in conjunction with the Australian Nature Conservation Agency, has just established a threatened bird network to conserve Australia's 127 species and sub-species of threatened birds.

The network aims to link and strengthen the actions of species recovery teams around Australia, and in particular, to encourage community participation in urgent conservation tasks.

Over 2000 discrete tasks await adoption by the community, tasks developed by teams of scientists and community members expert in particular species requirements. Actions range from searching remote areas of Cape York for Golden-shouldered Parrots, to guarding nest sites of Little Terns on the beaches of south-eastern Australia.

Anyone wishing to help should contact Michael Fendley at RAOU Melbourne. Below are updates on two threatened species occurring in WA.

Gouldian Finch

For the first time information is coming to light on the bird's Wet season movements, with observations near Katherine (NT) suggesting that birds move from the hills to the flats to seek out seeding, perennial grasses along creeks and around depressions.

Population numbers appear to be down at Yinberrie in the Northern Territory, but further monitoring is required. Waterhole counts across the Top End are planned for late September-early October 1996, at which time volunteer

assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Glen Holmes is chasing up leads in Queensland with the objective of locating a good population for intensive study. Any sightings by Queensland birders would be very useful.

Malleefowl

A most successful national conference was held in Adelaide in September 1995. Although Malleefowl range and numbers appear to be declining, there is hope that this can be arrested. Energetic recovery work is going on in several areas, with Western Australia lucky enough to have a Malleefowl shire and faunal emblem (Gnowangerup Shire - apparently 'Gnow' is Aboriginal for Malleefowl), and a dynamic Malleefowl Preservation Group numbering 250 financial members, with the natty T-shirt slogan of "It's Gnow or never".



Encouraging news has been received from South Australia where the number of active mounds in Bakara Conservation Park has increased from 9-16 over the last four years. Increased breeding density is attributable, at least in part, to a cooperative fox and rabbit control program implemented by local landholders, volunteers and Department of Environment and Natural Resources staff.

Joe Benshemesh is extending the Recovery Team's grid monitoring system in Victoria and would welcome help in setting up grids in the Little Desert area. Other volunteers will be needed shortly to carry out similar extension of the system throughout the bird's range.

Michael Fendley

NEW MEMBERS

The following people joined the RAOU WA Group between 23 October 1995 and 24 January 1996. We look forward to meeting you at our excursions and general meetings.

E P Anderson, C and J Andrews, R Bernardo, J Bonomelli, M and A Buckman, C Chodorowski, P Comerford, A R Fergie, Mr and Mrs R S Ferguson, A Fincham, T and H Galluccio, J Gonat, M Gale, N Hogstrom, P Hyndes, D Blyth, D Jonas, T P Kemp, A and B King, M R Kollinger, J and R Luyer, H Macarthur, J D Massey, B, S and S Mee, S and J Miller, J Mills, S T Murray, U Neumann, K Peggs, J M Price, R D Moore, M Pudovskis, T Reynolds, A G Robertson, K Saunders,

Lane, Jim

From: Library DPAW
Sent: Friday, 17 January 2014 10:25 AM
To: Lane, Jim
Subject: FW: Attached Image

Yes

From: Lane, Jim
Sent: Friday, 17 January 2014 7:05 AM
To: Library DPAW
Subject: FW: Attached Image

Good Morning Library,

Could you plse confirm (or otherwise) for me that the attached article appeared in 'WA Bird Notes' No.77 in March 1966?

Thanks

Jim

From: BUSS-401-CanonIRC4080@dec.wa.gov.au [<mailto:BUSS-401-CanonIRC4080@dec.wa.gov.au>]
Sent: Friday, 17 January 2014 2:59 PM
To: Lane, Jim
Subject: Attached Image

17/01/2014

Fax (06/02/1996) from JL to Allan Burbidge with ‘... info we are seeking [any sightings of leg-flagged BaSt, plus associated observations]’. The ‘info’ is contained in a copy of JL’s letter of 30/10/1995 to Fran Head at Rottnest Island.

DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND LAND MANAGEMENT
BUSSELTON DISTRICT
FAX NO: (097) 521 432

100,

TO: ALAN BURBIDGE URGENT: YES/NO

AT:

..... Fax No.

FROM: JIM LANE

DATE: 6/2/86

Your Ref:

Local Ref:

See attached for info we are seeking

Thanks.

No. of pages inc. this page: 3

Please call us on (097) 521 677 if this message was incomplete or illegible

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Records can be sent to Mr Grant Pearson, Senior Technical Officer, Department of Conservation and Land Management, Woodvale, 6065; (ph) 405 5163, (fax) 306 1641.

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DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND LAND MANAGEMENT



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Please address all enquiries to:

14 Queen Street
BUSSELTON WA 6280

Your Ref:
Our Ref:
Enquiries:

Copy to GSP

Ms Fran Head
Environmental Department
ROTTNEST ISLAND WA 6161

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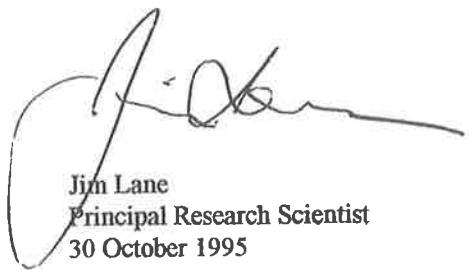
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Thanks very much for your interest in this. As mentioned the other day, Grant will come over to Rottnest some time soon to meet you and any other volunteers.

Yours sincerely,



Jim Lane
Principal Research Scientist
30 October 1995

Copies: Grant Pearson
Mike Bamford (WA Wader Study Group)

**Fax (06/02/1996) from GBP to Steve van Leeuwen at 'K'
[probably Karratha] with 'Banded Stilt information [copy of JL's
letter of 31/10/1995 confirm date to Fran Head with details of
information to be recorded when searching for leg-flagged BaSt]
as discussed'.**

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SCIENCE & INFORMATION DIVISION
WILDLIFE RESEARCH CENTRE, WOODVALE
FAX NO (09) 306 1641 TELEPHONE NO (09) 405 5100



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Date:

6/2/96

To:

Steve Van der Merwe

At:

H.

From:

Chris & Rossie

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Message:

Boxed still information as discussed
Chris
CP

14 Queen Street
BUSSELTON WA 6280

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Fax (02/02/1996) from GBP to Andy Chapman advising that a yellow-flagged BaSt was recorded on Rottnest Island on 20th January 1996. GBP asks Andy 'Any chance of checking south coast lakes etc'

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WILDLIFE RESEARCH CENTRE, WOODVALE
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Date:

2/2/96

To:

Andy Chapman

At:

Kal

From:

Grant

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Message:

Good news 1 more stilt must have
survived your mauling! Seen at
Rotto on 20/1 one yellow flag.
Any chance of checking south coast
lakes etc.

cheers

GR

An undated note, in GBP's handwriting, that reads 'Rottnest Island. Fran Head. 1 tagged BAST sighted at Lake Herschell [one of numerous lakes on Rottnest Island]. No chest band on 20 & 21 Jan 96. 7PM. by a visitor to the island'.

Rothnest Island

From Head 1 tagged BAST
Sighted at Lake Herschell

No chest band on 20 & 21 Jan 96
7 pm

by a visitor to the island

Fax (02/02/1996) from GBP to JL advising that a yellow-flagged BaSt was recorded on Rottnest Island on 21st (or 27th, handwriting unclear) of January 1996.

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WILDLIFE RESEARCH CENTRE, WOODVALE
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97.

Date:

2/2/96

To:

Jim Lane

At:

Bin

From:

C.P.

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Message:

Attached costs for Broome &
fox from Clive - Please advise.

xx NB xx Yellow Pledged BAST
Recorded at Rotto 21/1/96 !!

Fax (17/01/1996) from JL to CDTM inter alia advising 'Only one sighting of a flagged stilt so far – by Andy Chapman, from Ballard / Marmion to Kalgoorlie area'.

FAXED

Clive Minton

Regrettably I will not be able to participate this year due to family commitment and lack of funds. I have made no further progress with the Stilt ~~Project~~ project but plan to do so for a presentation in April. Only one sighting of a fledgling Stilt so far - by Andy Chapman, from Bellvue/Mission & Kefauver area. Best wishes to you also.

17/1/96

Fax to Tim Lane 0951-521-432 (CALM Australia)

9/1/96

You indicated some time ago that you might be able to personally participate in the N.W. Australia Wader Expedition in Mar / April this year. You are now trying to finalise the team etc. Could you advise me please whether you are able to participate & if so what are the likely dates please?

Very best wishes for '96.

Clive 03-9589-4901

Letter (16/12/1995) from Terri Lloyd to GBP with results of recent wader (including BaSt) counts (10th, 19th, 25th Nov and 16th December 1995) on Lake Dumbleyung by her, Geoff Burrow and Barbara Dawson. 'None of us observed leg bands'. 'The old causeway across the lake is obvious and this is usually so when it [the water level] is awfully low'. As a matter of interest, unrelated to BaSt research, find out about more about this causeway.

600ft Bunker did the 14.11th survey (28)
and Barber went out on the
25th. 11th

Hobart prevented me from
surveying the lake & fortuitous
earlier. so I don't know what happened
then. None of us observed leaf bands.

Have taken a water sample from
in the creek — once when couldn't
get to the water — I was
sinking down to my boot steps!

All in all awfully salty and
little water remaining — the
level had receded to almost
the point of Coover hill.

The old causeway across the
lake is obvious and this is
usually so when it is awfully
low. I don't think it would be worth
your time to take a return trip.
Thanks for all your help.
Regards
Tari

(27)

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Address: 4 PO BOX 52
DUMBLETON 6

Site Name: DUMBLYUNG LAKE

Please sketch map on back of form

Figure 1

Wn Str

Total birds

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10.11.58 11.11.58 12.11.58 13.11.58 14.11.58 15.11.58 16.11.58 Notes

GEOFF BURROW

AUSTRALASIAN WADER STUDY GROUP

Name **TEREL LLOYD BARBET DAWSON**Address: **4 PO BOX 51
DUMBLYUNG**

k1

k2

State

Date

Site code

Record No.

Site Name

DUMBLYUNG LAKE

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Year

Month

Day

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Fishes

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Long

Count distribution

Total releases

4

Please attach tag on back of form

1995

Species	Total	100	200	300	400	Notes
Gosh Thick-knee	174					
Beach Thick-knee	175					
Painted Snipe	170					
Fried Oyster Plover	170					
Song Sparrowcatcher	161					
Marsh Sparrow	155					
Banded Lapwing	150					
Grey Plover	148					
Lesser Golden Plover	148					
Red-kneed Dotterel	148					
Hooded Plover	148					
Mongolian Plover	148					
Double-banded Plover	140					
Large Sand Plover	140					
Oriental Plover	142					
Red-capped Plover	142					
Black-fronted Plover	141					
Black-winged Stilt	146					
Banded Stilt	147					
Red-necked Avocet	142	500	300	160		
Ruddy Turnstone	128	150	40			
Eastern Curlew	148					
Whimbrel	150					
Little Curlew	151					
Wood Sandpiper	154					
Grey-tailed Tattler	155					
Wandering Tattler	155					
Tattler sp.	147					
Common Sandpiper	157					
Green-shank	158					
Marsh Sandpiper	158					
Terek Sandpiper	160					
Latham's Snipe	162					
Snipe sp.	164					
Black-tailed Godwit	162					
Bar-tailed Godwit	163					
Red Knot	164					
Great Knot	165					
Shore-tailed Sandpiper	163					
Pectoral Sandpiper	178					
Red-necked Stint	162					
Long-toed Stint	165					
Curlew Sandpiper	161					
Sanderling	166					
Ruff or Reeve	194					
Broad-billed Sandpiper	177					
Oriental Pratincole	172					

has on back of form

no leg bands to write



**Notice (on p.22 of WA Bird Notes, No.76, December 1995) of Mon
22nd April 1996 meeting of RAOU WA Group. JL to talk about
Banded Stilts' 1995 breeding event at Lake Ballard (and Lake
Marmion).**

Leaders: John Blyth, Mal Graham (Katanning)

As was announced on page 19 of the last issue of *WA Bird Notes*, tens of thousands of Banded Stilts nested at Lake Ballard near Menzies following cyclonic rain early in 1995. Jim Lane of CALM (who recently spoke to us about Black Swans at the Vasse Estuary, Busselton) will describe this memorable breeding event and what it has added to our knowledge of this unusual wader species.

Associate Professor Ron Wooller of Murdoch University will describe the landmark study on Short-tailed Shearwaters (Muttonbirds) begun by the late Dom Serventy (one of the most important figures in WA ornithology) in 1947 and still continuing today. Although the study is conducted in Bass Strait and the shearwaters which are its subject breed only in small numbers in WA in the Archipelago of the Recherche, the findings about this bird's natural history have implications for other shearwaters and seabirds generally.

Dr Nic Dunlop, a consulting ecologist known for his work on seabirds, will talk to us about the natural history of the Bridled Tern *Sterna anaethetus* in Western Australia.

Andy Chapman of CALM in Kalgoorlie works in an area with major salt lake systems and a high diversity of eucalypts and will be telling us about the changes which have taken place in the birdlife of that area since European settlement.

Russell Barrett, a keen naturalist with a particular interest in birds and plants, lives on Beverley Springs Station in the Kimberley and will describe his experience of the birdlife of a region in which few people have had the opportunity to observe birds at all times of the year.

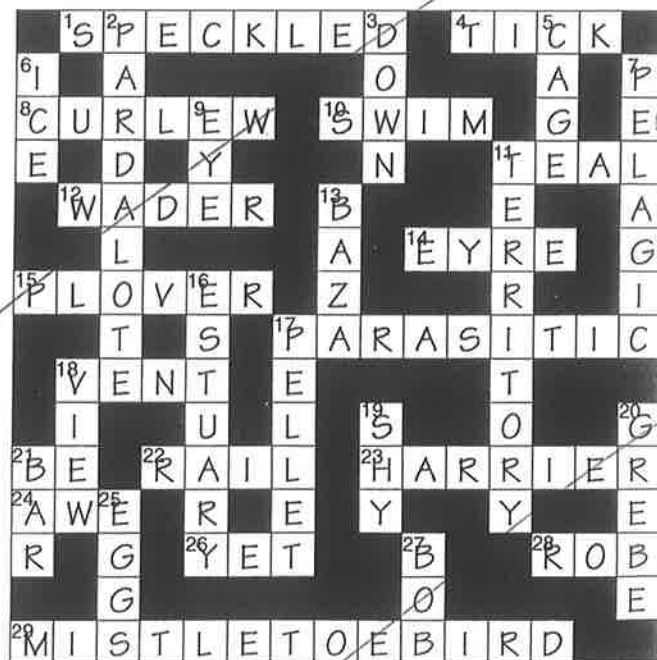
The name of Dr Clive Minton is associated in Western Australia with the NW Australia wader expeditions which he has led for the last decade and which have been based in Broome. His talk, the final details of which remain to be settled, will concern an area considered to be one of the most important for waders in the world.

The Annual General Meeting will be held at the Herdsman Lake Wildlife Centre on Monday February 26th 1996 at 8pm. All committee positions will be declared vacant and office

**EXHIBITION OF FRAMED
PHOTOGRAPHS OF
BIRDS, WILDLIFE AND
LANDSCAPES
BY SIMON NEVILL**

Perry House, 71 Oceanic Drive, Floreat
Exhibition open from Tuesday 12 December to
15 December, 9.30 am to 12.00 noon

Crossword Solution



**Article on pp.16-17 of WA Bird Notes, No.76, December 1995,
titled 'Banded Stilts Complete the Job', authored by 'Clive
Minton, Jim Lane and Grant Pearson' and re-printed from 'The
Tattler 4 July 1995'. The article concludes with 'Would everyone
in Western Australia, please keep a lookout for banded/flagged
birds? Please also monitor, by regular counts, the return of birds
to traditional non-breeding areas as they leave the drying salt
lakes in the near future'.**

community is indicated, eg, good representation of insectivorous species.

It would be appreciated if your responses, including a copy of the relevant survey information, could be directed to:

Mr Kevin McAlpine
Conservation Branch
Environmental Protection Authority
141 St George's Tce, Perth WA 6000

There are also a number of specific areas for which the DEP is keen to receive information on the avifauna. Some of these areas are known to have high conservation value from a plant community perspective while others are areas for which additional information might help in the selection process. Some of the areas containing important plant communities are listed below for your information:

Talbot Road Reserve and bushland to the south
Shireview Hill, Neerabup
Landsdale Rec reserve
Hartfield Park
Brixton Reserve and adjacent bushland
Waterloo Townsite
Manea Park, Bunbury
Capel Nature Reserve and adjacent bushland
Yoongarillup reserve, Busselton
Ambergate reserve, Busselton
Carbunup Townsite
Yallingup siding, Dunsborough
Philips Road Nature Reserve and adjacent bushland,
West Pinjarra

Clifton Townsite

Bushland north and south of rifle range, South Yarloop

If there are any members interested in surveying one or more areas for the System 6 update programme, including those listed above, could they please contact Mr Kevin McAlpine of the DEP (Tel 09 222 7055, fax 321 5184).

Any assistance you can give us would be greatly appreciated.

System 6 Study Team

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Zeiss Binoculars 8 x 20B with leather case as new \$330.00
ono : Ring Nancy Stewart - Tel (09) 383 3492

NW 1996 EXPEDITION

The north west of Australia is one of the top regions in the world for waders with up to three quarters of a million individuals of 50 species spread between three main locations:

- Roebuck Bay/Roebuck Plains (near Broome)
- 80 Mile Beach/Anna Plains (250 kms SW of Broome)
- Port Hedland Saltworks (600 kms SW of Broome)

The 1996 expedition will be the sixteenth to NW Australia and will last for **seven weeks - from 2 March to 20 April**. Participants are encouraged to come for as long as possible (preferably a minimum of 2-3 weeks). They are also welcome to stay at Broome Bird Observatory outside the 'core' expedition dates - counting of migration departures will, for example, be continuing until the end of April.

The main objectives of the expedition will include banding - mainly by cannon-netting, but with some mist-netting - and associated leg-flagging (yellow flags) and moult/weight/other biometric data measurement. During the 1994 expedition 6,000 waders of 36 species were caught (as well as eight species of terns and several hundred passerines).

Would prospective participants please indicate their preferred dates as soon as possible so manpower can be scheduled to give as even a cover as possible? It is necessary to do this for logistic reasons - particularly with transport limitations in mind.

For full details of the expedition including itinerary, climate, costs, travel, etc, contact Clive Minton, 165 Dalgety Road, Beaumaris, Victoria 3193, Australia. Phone/Fax (61) 3-9589-4901.

Snippets

A Sooty Tern, banded by New Zealand meteorological staff on Raoul Island 35 years ago, has been found 14,000 kilometres away on the Seychelles group of islands in the Indian Ocean. The bird was still breeding! Banding studies are almost the only way such fundamental life history information can be gathered about many species.

AWSG WADER CONFERENCE - AN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIR

Plans are well underway for the first International Wader Conference to be held in Australia, on 16/17 March 1996. This event will be one of the most significant wader conferences to be held and will be a truly international affair.

Although the full program for the Conference will not appear until the October issue of "The Tattler" it can be safely said that the Brisbane Wader Conference will be the most significant milestone event in wader conservation to be held in this part of the world, and will have major implications on the future activities of the AWSG. The Wader Conference will also provide a unique opportunity for Australian ornithologists to meet and talk to wader specialists from other parts of the globe. At least one evening is planned during the Ramsar Conference for Wader Conference participants to meet with Ramsar delegates to discuss important wader sites within the Flyway. This information will be essential to delegates when addressing the importance of Ramsar sites.

Activities during the Conference will include a Conference Dinner to be held on the Saturday evening. Excursions are being organised by the QWSG to allow participants of the Wader Conference and Ramsar to visit important wader sites in and around the Moreton Bay Ramsar site. It is hoped that a number of participants from both conferences will attend the NW '96 Expedition to take part in the cannon-netting and wader monitoring program carried out by the AWSG.

Conference fees will be A\$65 and will include morning and afternoon teas and lunches for both days, Conference package, program abstracts and post seminar proceedings. Proceedings will be available to non-participants for A\$40 (A\$25 to AWSG members).

Billeting: the QWSG will play host to a number of members of AWSG by providing accommodation at members' homes. This will substantially reduce costs for interstate and overseas visitors. Anyone looking for a bed during the Conference should notify Peter Driscoll, Fahey Rd, Mt Glorious, Qld 4520, early to avoid missing out.

BANDED STILTS COMPLETE THE JOB

Research work by Jim Lane, Grant Pearson and other officers from the Department of Conservation and Land

Management (CALM) in Western Australia has continued at the Banded Stilt breeding locations in the Goldfields. The ABC Natural History Unit also made a follow-up visit in late May to film chick creching and fledging.

Overall it appears that breeding success was good with an excellent survival rate of young birds to fledging. Mark Lamble, the ABC cameraman, reported "tens of thousands" of well grown chicks on the western end of Lake Ballard. It seems that although the chicks could swim and feed in the normal metre deep water during their first few days after hatching they preferred to gradually make their way down to the shallow parts of the lake, 30 kms away, for the bulk of their fledging period. There they marched around on the wet mud or very shallow water picking up minute items of food – thought to be too small to be the traditional brine shrimps.

In contrast the accompanying adults, which had greatly reduced in numbers as the chicks gradually coalesced into hundred strong groups, seemed to find feeding unsatisfactory. They thus periodically left the chicks and flew to deeper water, presumably to feed on the now abundant supply of brine shrimps.

In contrast to Lake Torrens in 1989 there has apparently been no 'second round' of breeding at Lake Ballard. Plenty of adults are still present on the lake however and some excited gatherings and even copulation have been observed, and so a further nesting event may occur.

A small nesting colony (5,000 pairs) did form on nearby Lake Marmion and at least 2,000 chicks were seen in June, but nesting success was probably lower than at Lake Ballard due to the regular presence of a Wedge-tailed Eagle and a Peregrine Falcon at the colony.

Considerable success was achieved in banding and colour-flagging chicks, with nearly 1,000 birds being marked altogether. It was reasonably straightforward to catch chicks in a handnet from a moving boat. When birds were still in family parties it was necessary to only catch part of the brood. This precautionary procedure was also followed with larger groups of chicks. It does incidentally provide yet another contrast between Banded Stilts and other waders. Banded Stilts do not defend their young and do not carry out agitated distraction displays such as the "broken-wing trick" like other waders.

A further aerial survey is planned for mid-July to see if any further nesting attempts have been made and to log the numbers of adult and juvenile birds still present. The water levels are holding up well, which is encouraging.

Would everyone in Western Australia, please keep a lookout for banded/flagged birds? Please also monitor, by regular counts, the return of birds to traditional non-breeding areas as they leave the drying salt lakes in the future.

Clive Minton, Jim Lane and Grant Pearson
from *The Tattler* 4 July 1995

Excursion and Observatory Reports

BROOME BIRD OBSERVATORY

The dry season of 1995 at BBO has been the busiest on record. There has been an increased demand for nature-based experiences such as birdwatching and the peaceful

surroundings of Roebuck Bay provide the perfect setting. Our exciting news is that an Ecotourism Grant application for a 24 hour power system (just 4 hours at present) was successful. RAOU Headquarters applied for the grant from the Department of Tourism on BBO's behalf and we were told the amazing news in May. Over two years work have gone into the development of a suitable remote area power supply by Western Power, who will use the system to promote renewable energy. The Observatory and Western Power will also contribute to the capital cost.

The system, as specified by the Murdoch University Energy Research Institute, will be capable of supplying air conditioning during the hot tropical summer months and enough power for peak use during the busy dry season. The good news is that the gas fridges will be replaced with electric and there will be power for fans, lighting and office equipment. The system will comprise an array of solar panels tracking the sun, batteries, inverter and backup generator. Installation is expected to be completed by end of January. The benefits will be enormous and hopefully the enjoyment of all visitors to BBO will be enhanced.

The new power system will be well tested in March and April 1996 when the Australasian Wader Studies Group descend on BBO for a seven-week expedition. The reputation of past expeditions has created a demand for places, resulting in a strong team representing 11 countries. To make the best use of these wader experts, our first course *Wave the Waders Goodbye* will overlap a few days when the expedition is at the Observatory. Danny Rogers, course leader, will fill in the story of our waders as they leave Broome, as he was lucky to visit the northern coast of Russia last year. Please book early (discount for RAOU members).

Broome and Russia continue to play international ping pong with the third sighting of an individual Red and White colour banded Great Knot from Russia:

1. 22/06/94 Banded NE Siberia (adult female)
2. 09/09/94 Seen Roebuck Bay, Broome (three occasions)
3. 27/06/95 Seen NE Siberia (same breeding grounds)
4. 17/10/95 Seen Roebuck Bay, Broome.

The last sighting was on the beach directly in front of the Observatory. Becky, keen to have a witness, ran to find Jon. Fortunately Jon had a good look just before an Australian Hobby sent the flock into a panic. It seems a remarkable set of sightings, as more than 22,000 Great Knot occur in Roebuck Bay and such huge distances have been travelled. Considering the odds, this Great Knot might as well have landed in BBO car park and stretched out her leg for examination!

Another record was established in August when a Great Knot was caught on exactly the same beach as it was banded way back in 1981. Aged as a juvenile, it is now 15 years old making it the oldest Great Knot on record and certainly the oldest retrap for NW Australia.

After welcoming back the waders in August and September this year we farewelled our four workers who had worked for so long and so hard. Tim and Kerry Thornton were Assistant Wardens for over four months and Emile and Francine Delhaize were volunteers for six weeks. They all contributed so much to BBO's success and helped us look after some 4,500 visitors to the Observatory. It is only with such dedicated volunteers that BBO can continue to be the special place it is.

Many of the waterholes surrounding Broome continued

**Fax (22/11/1995) from Terri Lloyd [of 'Eden Valley'?] to GBP
advising inter alia that 300 Banded Stilt were on Dumbleyung
Lake 'on Sunday' and 'Barbara to survey again Friday and one
on Dec. 16'. Re-faxed by GBP to JL on 27/11/1995.**

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 FROM: TERRI LLOYD

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WILDLIFE RESEARCH CENTRE, WOODVALE
FAX NO (09) 306 1641 TELEPHONE NO (09) 405 5100



Date: 27/11/95
To: Jim Lane
At: BSW
From: L.P.
No of Pages: 4
(including face sheet)
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Thanks
LP

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To: GRANT PEARSON
DEPT. CALM WOODVALE

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From: TERE LLOYD
DUMBLEYUNG

098 634129

Over Grant to let you know that I
 Just 2 note water on the yacht
 recently tested Dumbleyung like it a very
 club side of puddle - it tested 25
 salty little
 13.660 mslm.
 The like is all but dry and looks set
 to dry this season. this in your monitor.
 Hope you can
 Regards
 Teri

600	Hol Pay
350	
<u>250</u>	w/camp
1200	
<u>250</u>	
950	

Looks unpaid holiday & extend.

Pay Hol. Pay.

Glen Forrest.

NH Hwy

Call Perry. 10.30
White Camper Mazda

Letter (undated, but probably late November 1995) from Mike Bamford to JL reporting Banded Stilt (but no leg flags seen) on a lake on Mt Monger Station, east of Kalgoorlie, on 14/11/1995. Also refers to encouraging someone to 'check out Banded Stilts at Walyoumoring (sic) Lake' and that person saying '... he had seen them breeding on a salt lake between Little Wongan Hill and Kondut in the late '60s/early '70s'.

23 Plover Way,
Kingsley, Wa, 6026.
ph/fax. 09 309 3671

Jim Lane,
CALM,
14 Queen St,
Busselton, 6280.

Dear Jim,

A few quick notes on Banded Stilts. I was checking out an exploration lease east of Kalgoorlie last week and got the opportunity to visit the nearest salt lake on 14 November. This has no name on my maps, but is south of Mt Belches on Mt Monger Station (ca 31° 10' S, 122° 15' E). It contained shallow water for several kms and the shoreline was changing with the wind, but had contained a lot more water over the past few months. There were lots of (probably Banded Stilt) footprints around the old shoreline and one flock of 500 Banded Stilts in the current shallows. I could only get to within about 300 m of them because they were nervous and the mud was unpleasant. I saw no leg flags but at that range these could have been missed. I saw only four birds in adult (breeding) plumage. In addition, there were 100 Red-necked Stints and 110 Red-capped Plovers.

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Another note you might like to file away... One of my mature-age students at Edith Cowan Uni grew up in the Wongan Hills area and his family still farms there (they settled in the area in 1913 and he has given me a copy of a slide of a Valentine tank modified for clearing). I was encouraging him to check out Banded Stilts at Walyoumoring Lake and he said he had seen them breeding on a salt lake between Little Wongan Hill and Kondut in the late '60s/early '70s. (ca 30° 45' S, 116° 43' E). He called them Rottnest Snipe and said they nested in a group on a small island (only about 10-15 m across) in the middle of a salt lake. Unlikely to be Black-winged Stilt but perhaps Red-necked Avocets?

All the best,

Mike Bamford

Mike Bamford



Letter or fax (16/11/1995) from GBP to Alan Rose (Ranger, Cape Le Grande National Park) with ‘... a list of the details [including yellow leg-flag sightings] we would like on any Banded Stilts you may get the chance to observe [particularly at Lakes Warden and Gore in the Esperance area]’.

**Department of Conservation and Land Management
Woodvale Research Centre**

Ocean Reef Road Woodvale 6065

Telephone: (09) 405 5163

Fax: (09) 306 1641

To: Alan Rose
Ranger
Cape Le Grande

From: Grant Pearson

Date: November 16, 1995

Subject: Banded Stilts

Attached is a list of the details we would like on any Banded Stilts you may get the chance to observe. The main lakes are Warden and Gore although any other observations would be valuable.

Many thanks in anticipation.



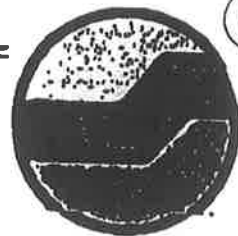
G B Pearson

CC:

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Copy to GSP

Mr Fran Head
Environmental Department
ROTTNEST ISLAND WA 6161

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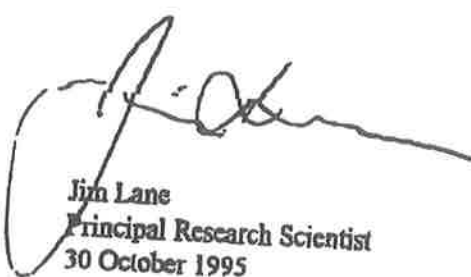
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Yours sincerely,



Jim Lane
Principal Research Scientist
30 October 1995

Copies:

Grant Pearson
Mike Bamford (WA Wader Study Group)

TO: GRANT PEARSON

BANDED STILT MONITORING

Monday's air survey by Andy Chapman showed that Lake Marmion will be dry in a week or so and Ballard in the next month or two. The stilt are therefore starting to move and will very soon be headed for more watered parts near and on the coast.

What we need are a few observers (one each) at a few key localities where Banded Stilt are known to congregate as inland waters dry out, to record the following on a regular basis. Weekly or fortnightly would be great. monthly would also be very worthwhile.

The information required from each visit is:

- * Location
- * date and time
- * observer
- * total number of Banded Stilt
- * % with chestnut chest band
- * number with yellow leg flags or metal leg bands or both
- * whether or not each of the banded/flagged birds has a chest band.

The few localities could be chosen from the following list (from Watkins 1993 *A National Plan for Shorebird Conservation in Australia*). The number in brackets is the highest known count, as given in Watkins 1993. Mike Bamford will be able to give you advice on who might be approached about which sites. I have asterisked the sites I think you are most likely to find people for.

- Lake McLeod (53 100)
- * Lake King (30 000)
- * Lake Gore (20 000)
- Shark Bay (14 500)
- Lake Grace North (12 000)
- * Walyermouring lake (10 700)
- * Lake Warden (10 000)
- * Peel Inlet (9 000)
- Lake Hinds (8 000)
- Lake Kwoornicup (7 000)
- Lake Dumbleyung (6 000)
- Lake Mears (5 200)
- * Culham Inlet (5 000)
- Gidon wetlands (Esperance)
- Lake Quarbind (Wagin) (4 500)
- Nambling (nearby lake) (3 000)
- Lake Ninan (3 000)

- too remote?
- rarely has water/stilts?
- ask Hoop researcher?
- too remote?
- too remote?
- Esperance resident?
- we are doing (Creery?)

ask Andy Chapman?

CALM CSIRO Audubon exclusion Program

2 sites minimum baseline

Letter or fax (14/11/1995) from GBP to Bernie [Haberley of CALM] inter alia asking him to use a radio broadcast to recruit someone to search for leg-flagged BaSt in the Esperance area.

**Department of Conservation and Land Management
Woodvale Research Centre**

Ocean Reef Road Woodvale 6065

Telephone: (09) 405 5163

Fax: (09) 306 1641

To: Bernie

From: Grant Pearson

Date: November 14, 1995

Subject: Banded Stilts

Attached is a letter from Jim Lane to people at Rottnest detailing what to look for and to record when looking for Banded Stilts with leg flags or bands.

I understand Alan Rose may be interested so could you please ensure he gets a copy of this. As discussed last week we really need to get someone enthused about this in Esperance because of the high expectation of stilts using Warden, Gore and other lakes. If you can bring forward your radio broadcast or even a one off special it may result in the recruitment of a good person and it will certainly make the locals aware of the possibilities.

Good hunting and thanks.

CC:Klaus Tiedeman

Note by JL recording Andy Chapman told him on 8th November 1995 that he saw a leg-flagged Banded Stilt at Lake Arrow, near Kalgoorlie, on Tues 24th October 1995.

Andy Chapman told me 8/11/95

He saw at Lake Arrow near Kelowna in 2m of water
1 ^{Base in Rock} of 300 was leg flagged!
on Tues 24th October 1995

24 km north of "town" (Kelowna)

surprised only 1 had ~~lost~~ leg flag.

He is going to south coast over Xmas.

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FAX NO: (097) 521 432

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TO: ALAN CLARKE URGENT: YES / NO

AT: WOODVALE

Fax No. _____

FROM: JIM LANE

DATE: 31/10/95

Your Ref: _____

Local Ref: _____

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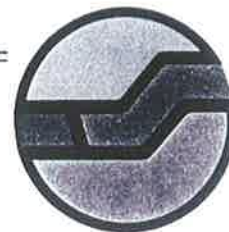
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Copy to A. Clarke
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ROTTNEST ISLAND WA 6161

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FAX NO: (097) 521 432

TO: **FAXED** *NITE JAMFORD* URGENT: YES / NO

AT:

Fax No. *09 409 8422*

FROM: *JIM LANE*

DATE: *31/10/95*

Your Ref:

Local Ref:

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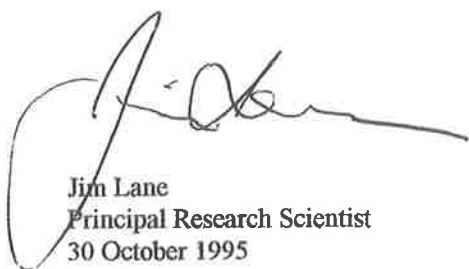
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AT: WOODVALE

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Copy to GSP

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ROTTNEST ISLAND WA 6161

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Jim Lane
Principal Research Scientist
30 October 1995

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Mike Bamford (WA Wader Study Group)

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TO: MS FRAN HEAD URGENT: YES / NO

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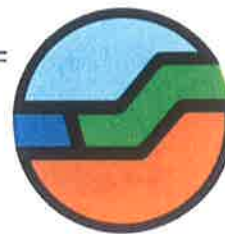
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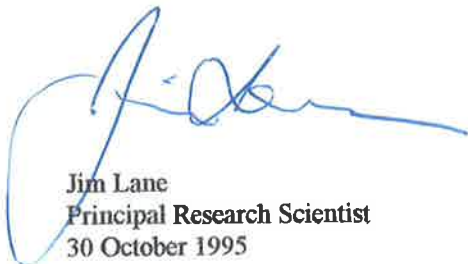
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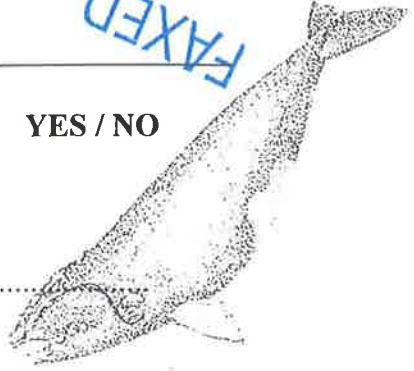
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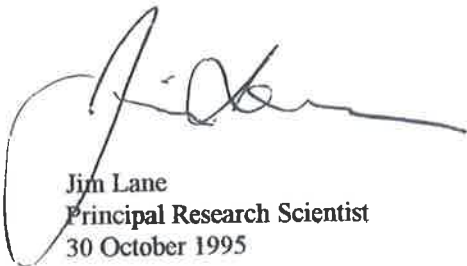
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**Fax (10/10/1995) from Mike Flood, Rottnest Island Authority, to
GBP offering to meet (regarding 'Banded Banded Stilts') with
GBP, JL – and others from Rottnest Island – on Thurs 19th Oct
1995, at Rottnest.**

ROTTNEST ISLAND AUTHORITY

MEMO

TO: GRANT PEARSON

FROM: MIKE FLOOD

DATE: 10 OCTOBER, 1995

FAX: 306 1641

SUBJECT: BANDED BANDED STILTS

Our Terrestrial Ranger, Chas Hansen, returns from leave on Wednesday 18 October, 1995. If you wish, a brief meeting could be arranged on Thursday 19 October, 1995 between yourself or Jim Lane, Chas and my wife, Gillian Fuller, who also has a day off from her nursing duties on that day.

Chas, Gillian and myself can then pass the necessary information on to Guides and other interested parties.

Chas's direct telephone line is 372 9773 or better to fax a time and date on 372 9715

Yours sincerely,



Mike Flood
Education and Community Relations Manager

All communications to
be addressed to:

Rottneest Island Authority
Rottneest Island
Western Australia 6161
Telephone (09) 372 9727
Facsimile (09) 372 9715

**Undated (but presumably late 1995) page of notes by GBP that
appears to be mainly or entirely a list of possible contacts on
Rottnest Island**

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372 9774

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- Ranger
Gardner
Horschell
Baghdad

Fran.

Ken
FH 372 9775

Chas Harrison - highlander

Don Marsh.

Adams Drive

311 8333

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**Notice (on p.15 of WA Bird Notes, No.75, Sept 1995) of Mon 22nd
April 1996 meeting of RAOU WA Group. JL to talk about
Banded Stilts' 1995 breeding event at Lake Ballard (and Lake
Marmion).**

Saturday/Sunday 2/3 December – WA Twitchathon 3 pm Sat to 3 pm Sun and End-of-Year BBQ

The WA Twitchathon will be held during December as part of our end-of-year programme. So start getting your teams together – minimum of three and maximum of four. If you do not have a team but would like to participate contact John Blyth (405 5161) or Trevor Stoneman (387 2467). It is suggested that each team contributes 10¢ per species of bird seen during the 24-hour period with monies raised going to support the Hooded Plover Project.

A celebratory, pre-Christmas barbecue will be held at Perry House on the Sunday commencing at 5 pm when the winner will be declared.

Anyone from WA who wishes to participate in the national Twitchathon to be held in October can do so through RAOU HQ.

Sunday 10 December – Half-day walk at Mary Carroll Park Lake and Wright Lake, Gosnells

Meet at 8.30 am in the car park off Eudoria Street, Gosnells.

This is a small but important wetland in the metropolitan area, with over 38 species of waterbird on its list.

We'll then go to Wright Lake for an hour or so, where we may see waders at this time of year.

Leader: Bill McRoberts

NOTE:

NO DECEMBER EVENING MEETING

Monday 22 January 1996 Meeting – Herdsman Lake Wildlife Centre 8.00 pm

Our chairman, Brian Wilson, continues to watch birds in out-of-the-way parts of the world and will on this occasion report to us on what he saw in the Galapagos Islands, the unusual animal life of which played such an important part in Charles Darwin's thinking on the subject of evolution.

Monday 26 February Meeting – Herdsman Lake Wildlife Centre 8.00 pm

Jiri Lochman, whose striking photographs of scenery and wildlife will be familiar to readers of the CALM journal *Land scope* and other publications, will show slides of birds and discuss the circumstances in which he took them.

Monday 25 March Meeting – Herdsman Lake Wildlife Centre 8.00 pm

Dr Graeme Smith of the CSIRO Division of Wildlife and Ecology at Helena Valley conducted research on the Noisy Scrub-bird in the 1970s and was involved in censuses of that species and of the Western Bristlebird until 1988. In addition, recent work in Two Peoples Bay has given him a valuable historical perspective on the birdlife of this most important nature reserve. His talk will concentrate on the general ecology of the three rare bird species to be found in that reserve, namely, the Noisy-Scrub-bird, the Western Bristlebird and the Western Whipbird.

Monday 22 April Meeting – Herdsman Lake Wildlife Centre 8.00 pm

As was announced on page 19 of the last issue of *WA Bird Notes*, tens of thousands of Banded Stilts nested at Lake Ballard near Menzies following cyclonic rain early in 1995. Jim Lane of CALM (who recently spoke to us about Black Swans at the Vasse Estuary, Busselton) will describe this memorable breeding event and what it has added to our knowledge of this unusual wader species.

Monday 27 May Meeting – Herdsman Lake Wildlife Centre 8.00 pm

Associate Professor Ron Wooller of Murdoch University will describe the landmark study on Short-tailed Shearwaters (Muttonbirds) begun by the late Dom Serventy (one of the most important figures in WA ornithology) in 1974 and still continuing today. Although the study is conducted in Bass Strait and the shearwaters which are its subject breed only in small numbers in WA in the Archipelago of the Recherche, the findings about this bird's natural history have implications for other shearwaters and seabirds generally.

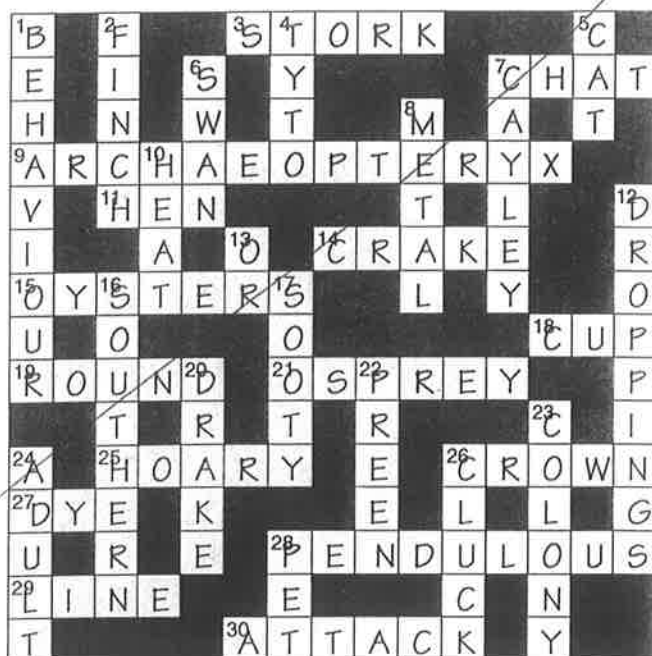
Monday 24 June Meeting – Herdsman Lake Wildlife Centre 8.00 pm

Speaker to be arranged.

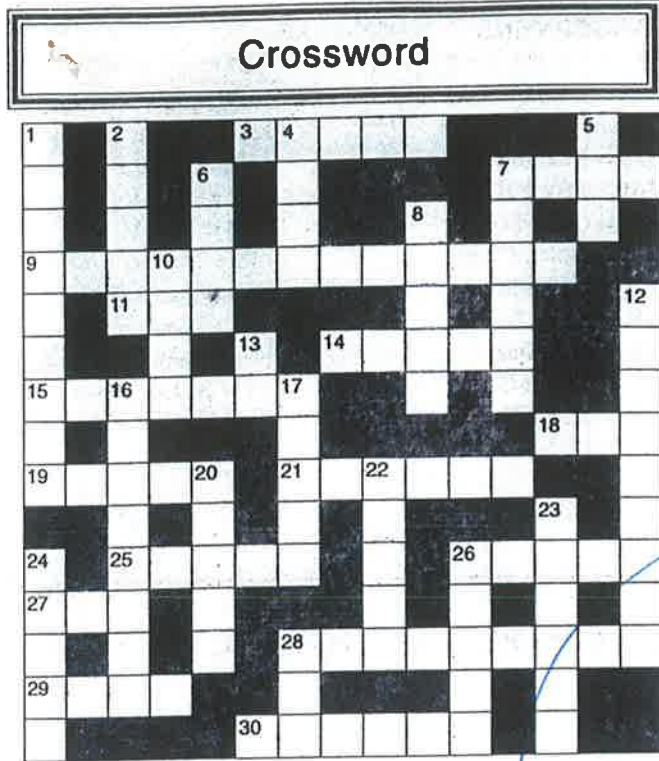
Monday 22 July Meeting – Herdsman Lake Wildlife Centre 8.00 pm

Andy Chapman of CALM in Kalgoorlie works in an area with major salt lake systems and a high diversity of eucalypts and will be telling us about the changes which have taken place in the birdlife of that area since European settlement.

Crossword Solution



Article in WA Bird Notes (No.75, p.4, Sept 1995) by Mal McKenzie headed 'Disappearing Stilts' reporting that 'At the Cargill salt works, Port Hedland, there are up to 1000 Banded Stilts and Red-necked Avocets during winter. This year, both species left ... after rain in the middle of February [Cyclone Bobby]. ... It will be interesting to see when they [the BaSt] return'.



Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

3. The sole representative of this family in Australia is a black-necked one.
7. You may have time for one while you wait for one to appear.
9. One of the feathered dinosaurs, a distant relative of today's birds.
11. The female of a bird species.
14. Secretive bird of the marshes.
15. Possibly the favoured food of a smart black and white coastal bird.
18. A common shape for a bird's nest.
19. Many parrots lay eggs which are roughly this shape.
21. If lucky, you may see one nesting on a cliff on Rottnest Island.
25. Officially means "grey with age" but a certain grebe may feel insulted by the name.
26. May well be colourful but, unlike a king's, it can't be removed.
27. Sometimes used for marking birds in order to check movements.
28. Could describe the nests of both Mistletoebird and Yellow-breasted Sunbird.
29. One above or below the eye is often a useful identification feature.
30. A Willy Wagtail may well expect this from a hungry Australian Hobby!

CLUES DOWN

1. Together with colour and shape, this may help you to identify a bird easily.
2. Small bird, often seen in flocks in dry areas.
4. The formal genus name of the Barn Owl.
5. The "arch enemy" of small bush birds.
6. Often represents the State of Western Australia.
7. Author of an early Australian bird identification book.
8. Common material from which leg-bands are made.
10. May cause both birds and 'birdos' to lie low in the

middle of the day.

12. If conspicuous on the ground, may indicate a popular roosting site.
13. A fork may seem a good nest site, but if the limbs on either side fall off, you'd be left with this word only!
16. This Whiteface lacks a band across its lower breast.
17. Dull black.
20. Male duck.
22. It's essential for a bird to do this every day.
23. The bird equivalent of a crowded city in China.
24. A bird reaches its full colouration during this stage.
26. You may hear a Scrubfowl do this softly.
28. In past years, a Galah may well have been one of these.

Members' Contributions

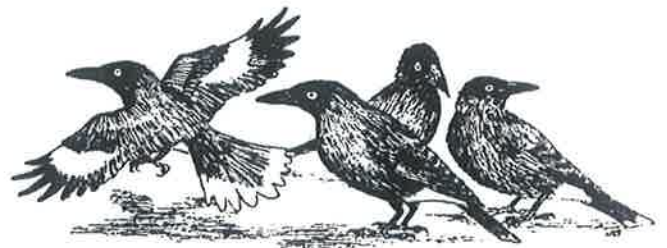
DISAPPEARING STILTS

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Mal McKenzie

GREY CURRAWONGS ON THE SWAN COASTAL PLAIN

From Margery Clegg's and my observations it would appear that this species is resident in The Spectacles Reserve, Kwinana. We have been visiting the area since it was first drawn to our attention by work done by Mike Bamford. On nine out of 10 visits, spread over the past seen or heard Grey Currawongs, nearly all area but never among the banksia we however, agree that we do not find them away from the hills. And a further distribution of the species in the Darling F common along the upper regions of Helen always be observed close to Mundaring Weir and in Jacoby Park. We sometimes find them along one of the valleys which cross Flynn Road, Mundaring Shire, when the creeks are flowing, but we only find them in one part of that district.



My conclusion is that they prefer to be close to some form of water. Against the above observation, I am well aware of the fact that they can often be observed along the edge of the Albany Highway.

Bryan Barrett

Fax (29/08/1995) from JL to GBP referring to his fax of 28/08/1995. Fax refers to ‘... split up of lakes between you, me and Alan [ACI]’ [This is a reference to who will visit which lakes during Sept 1995 routine wetland monitoring]. Time to be allowed during monitoring runs to check out any BaSt for leg flags. ACI is to also conduct waterbird surveys of Lakes Logue and Indoon. GBP to extend his run (to Esperance) up to Lake Ballard to retrieve the water level logger and ‘... go (walk?) out to Camp Island and do standard sweeps, water samples, etc. as before’.

FAX

Grant Pearson at Woodville

Re your fax of 28/8/95 1628 hrs!

- ① The split up of lakes between you, me and Alan looks good.
- ② Each of us needs to allow enough time to check out any Banded Shilt on the lakes we are visiting. Alan also needs to spend one day at Lakes Ogare and Indoon for thorough waterbird surveys. (a minimum of)
- ③ Your suggestion that you go to Kell and Belkosh is a good one — provided it doesn't make the total trips too rushed. As well as retrieving the logger, I would like you to go (well?) out to Camp Island and do standard sweeps, water samples etc as before.
- ④ Make sure I give you and Alan account codes for all expenses related to these trips.



29/8/95.

Fax (28/08/1995) from GBP to Bernie Haberley (CALM Esperance] that begins with 'Attached is the outline for recording Banded Stilts as discussed'. Urges Bernie to '... regularly visit at least one of the major lakes around Esperance'.

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Woodvale Research Centre**

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Fax: (09) 306 1641

To: Bernie \$ Haberley
From: Grant Pearson
Date: August 28, 1995
Subject: \$ Banded Stilt counts

Attached is the outline for recording Banded Stilts as discussed. Any observations of the birds at other sites would be appreciated but the important thing is to regularly visit at least one of the major lakes around Esperance. Your request to borrow one of our many canoes will be considered shortly in the light of your exemplary duty and general demeanour.

Many thanks for your very kind offer which defies description.

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Good luck with those birds etc.

**Fax (28/08/1995) from GBP to Kathy Sanderson that begins with
'As discussed attached list of details for recording observations of
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From: Grant Pearson

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Cheers

CC:

**Fax (28/08/1995) from JL to Mike Bamford (of RAOU, now
Birdlife Australia, WA Group) with a copy of JL's fax of
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TO: GRANT PEARSON

BANDED STILT MONITORING

Monday's air survey by Andy Chapman showed that Lake Marston will be dry in a week or so and Ballard in the next month or two. The stilts are therefore starting to move and will very soon be headed for more watered parts near and on the coast.

What we need are a few observers (one each) at a few key localities where Banded Stilt are known to congregate as inland waters dry out, to record the following on a regular basis. Weekly or fortnightly would be great. monthly would also be very worthwhile.

The information required from each visit is:

- * Location
- * date and time
- * observer
- * total number of Banded Stilt
- * % with chestnut chest band
- * number with yellow leg flags or metal leg bands or both
- * whether or not each of the banded/flagged birds has a chest band.

The few localities could be chosen from the following list (from Watkins 1993 *A National Plan for Shorebird Conservation in Australia*). The number in brackets is the highest known count, as given in Watkins 1993. Mike Bamford will be able to give you advice on who might be approached about which sites. I have asterisked the sites I think you are most likely to find people for.

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|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| | Lake McLeod (53 100) | too remote? |
| | Lake King (30 000) | rarely has water/stilts? |
| * | Lake Gore (20 000) | ask Hoop researcher? |
| | Shark Bay (14 500) | too remote? |
| | Lake Grace North (12 000) | too remote? |
| | Walyormouring Lake (10 700) | |
| * | Lake Warden (10 000) | Esperance resident? |
| * | Peel Inlet (9 000) | we are doing (Creery)? |
| | Lake Hinds (8 000) | |
| | Lake Kwoornicup (7 000) | |
| | Lake Dumbleyung (6 000) | |
| | Lake Neers (5 200) | |
| | Culham Inlet (5 000) | ask Andy Chapman? |
| | Gidon wetlands (Esperance) | |
| | Lake Quarbind (Wagin) (4 500) | |
| | Nambling (nearby lake) (3 000) | |
| | Lake Ninan (3 000) | |

Oldfield Estuary (3 000)
 White Water L (Tealering) (2 900)
 Balicup Lake (2 800)
 Wilsons Inlet (2 500)

ask Denmark resident?

Other sites with useful numbers of Banded Stilt but not listed by Watkins are:

- * F. Hedland or Dampier saltworks ask Mike Bamford which who might do
- * Rottnest Island ask Denis Saunders or Perry de Kebeira who might do
- * Vasse Wonnerup I could take care of

You might find CALM staff, e.g. Malcolm Graham and Leon Silvester in the Wheatbelt region (where there are numerous prospective sites), who could participate or give you names.

It also occurs to me that we can count/check the BaSt at each of the lakes we monitor in Sep and Nov this year.

Would you please set this up as a matter of urgency. The first step should be to contact Mike Bamford for ideas on who might cover which localities and to make sure that as far as possible whatever we set up is not in conflict with the regular wader counts he is setting up. I will let Mike know you will be contacting him and will also send him a copy of this fax for info.

All observations should be sent to you rather than me.

Any queries please ring me.

Jim Lane
 23/8/95

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Lucky Bay Bigg's
Seagulls

TO: GRANT PEARSON

or was it Tue 22/8?
10/1/14

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Monk Trilow

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CALM CSIRO Redden ex.clusion Program

- Esperance resident?
- we are doing (Greery?)

ask Andy Chapman?

2 sites minimum besides ones

Esperance

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Kuchy Bay Bigger
Leghams

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CALM CSIRO Audubon or a similar program

Esperance resident?
we are doing (Creery?)

ask Andy Chapman?

2 sites minimum basals and

Oldfield Estuary (3 000)
 White Water L (Yealering) (2 900)
 Balicup Lake (2 800)
 Wilsons Inlet (2 500)

ask Denmark resident?

Other sites with useful numbers of Banded Stilt but not listed by Watkins are:

- * F. Hedland or Dampier saltworks ask Mike Bamford which & who might do
- * Rottnest Island ask Denis Saunders or Perry de Kebeira who might do
- * Vasse Wonnerup I could take care of

You might find CALM staff, e.g. Malcolm Graham and Leon Silvester in the Wheatbelt region (where there are numerous prospective sites), who could participate or give you names.

It also occurs to me that we can count/check the BaSt at each of the lakes we monitor in Sep and Nov this year.

Would you please set this up as a matter of urgency. The first step should be to contact Mike Bamford for ideas on who might cover which localities and to make sure that as far as possible whatever we set up is not in conflict with the regular wader counts he is setting up. I will let Mike know you will be contacting him and will also send him a copy of this fax for info.

All observations should be sent to you rather than me.

Any queries please ring me.



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16/8/95

JIM LANE

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The Tattler

No.4 July 1995

The tour involved presentations by Drs Driscoll and Zikov illustrating the important link between Russia and Australia with Japan. Evening talks at visits to each site were attended by local wetlands groups and representatives of the media. Information was exchanged about Russian, Australian and local research and conservation efforts. An overview of shorebird and Littler Tern banding was presented by Shigeta Yoshimitsu of the Yamashina Institute for Ornithology at the Tokyo meeting.

It is hoped that the tour will result in a greater awareness by the Japanese people of the international importance of local wetlands and the need for international cooperation for the conservation of shorebirds and their habitat. The link between Australia and Japan was demonstrated by the presence of colour-flagged Bar-tailed Godwits from Queensland and New Zealand during the tour and observations of colour-flagged waders by members of all groups who attended the visits at the various sites.

Japan has lost great expanses of tidal flats during the last few decades due to development.

Banded Stilts complete the job

Research work by Jim Lane, Grant Pearson and other officers from the Department of Conservation and Land Management (CALM) in Western

Australia has continued at the Banded Stilt breeding locations in the Goldfields. The ABC Natural History Unit also made a follow up visit in late May to film chick creching and fledging.

Overall it appears that breeding success was good with and excellent survival rate of young birds to fledging. Mark Lambie, the ABC cameraman, reported "tens of thousands" of well grown chicks on the western end of Lake Ballard. It seems that although the chicks could swim and feed in the normal metre deep water during their first few days after hatching they preferred to gradually make their way down to the shallow parts of the lake, 30 kms away, for the bulk of their fledging period. There they marched around on the wet mud or very shallow water picking up minute items of food - thought to be too small to be the traditional brine shrimps.

In contrast the accompanying adults, which had greatly reduced in numbers as the chicks gradually coalesced into hundred strong groups, seemed to find feeding unsatisfactory. They thus periodically left the chicks and flew to deeper water, presumably to feed on the now abundant supply of brine shrimps.

In contrast to Lake Torrens in 1989 there has apparently been no 'second round' of breeding at Lake Ballard. Plenty of adults are still present on the lake however and some excited gatherings and even copulation have been observed, and so a further nesting event may occur.

A small nesting colony (5000 pairs) did form on nearby Lake Marnion and at least 2000 chicks were seen in June, but nesting success was probably lower than at Lake Ballard due to the regular presence of a Wedge-tailed Eagle and a Peregrine Falcon at the colony.

Considerable success was achieved in banding and colour-flagging chicks, with nearly 1000 birds being marked altogether. It was reasonably straightforward to catch chicks in a handnet from a moving boat. When birds were still in family parties it was necessary to only catch part of the brood. This precautionary procedure was also followed with larger groups of chicks. It does incidentally provide yet another contrast between Banded Stilts and other waders. Banded Stilts do not defend their young and do not carry out agitated distraction displays such as the "broken-wing trick" like other waders.

A further aerial survey is planned for mid July to see if any further nesting attempts have been made and to log the numbers of adult and juvenile birds still present. The water levels are holding up well, which is encouraging.

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Clive Minton, Jim Lane & Grant Pearson

オオジ シキ by any other name- Sniping in Hokkaido

As an adjunct to an ecological study on migratory shorebirds in the Hunter estuary, conducted by Shortland

Wetlands Centre for the Kooragang Wetlands Rehabilitation Project, I was recently fortunate enough to spend a month, from mid-May to mid-June, in Hokkaido, Japan studying Latham's Snipe. My family and I were accompanied during the first week of the trip by Mike Weston of the Royal Australasian Ornithologists Union and the AWSG. Mike, incidentally, is quite an impressive sight in a suit. It is hoped that the RAOU and the Australian Nature Conservation Agency, in conjunction with the Wildbird Society of Japan and the Japanese

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‘knee’ (on the tibia)’. Article calls for people to report the details
of any leg-flagged BaSt they see to JL at CALM’s Busselton office.**

Leaders: Jan and Rob Hill

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Monday 25 September Meeting — Herdsman Lake Wildlife Centre 8.00 pm

Neil Hamilton is Section Keeper of Birds at the Perth Zoo and will talk about the Zoo's role in bird conservation, a role often performed in conjunction with other organisations such as government departments and other zoos.

Monday 23 October Meeting — Herdsman Lake Wildlife Centre 8.00 pm

Michael Craig, a former secretary of the WA Group, will help us with wader identification, a source of considerable difficulty to many, as migrant wader species, normally in WA in the summer, are then less distinctive.

Monday 27 November Meeting — Herdsman Lake Wildlife Centre 8.00 pm

Some time ago Gordon Tozer and others started a photographic group within the RAO in Perth. Gordon, Peel Howden and Mavis Norgard will show 15 slides apiece and Dusty Miller will display print photographs. In discussing their work, they will be giving helpful hints for beginners in bird photography.

STOP PRESS Leg-flagged Banded Stilts

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The lake's water level is high and food supply (brine-shrimps) abundant so the majority of these chicks should survive to fledge and disperse to other wetlands.

Should you sight any of these leg-flagged stilts we would be most grateful if you could pass the details on to me at CALM's Busselton office (ph: 097-521677 or fax: 097-521432 or mail c/o Dept. of CALM, Queen Street, Busselton, 6280). Information we would like is location, date, number of "flagged" stilts seen, total number of stilts and any other information of possible interest. Include the name of the observer and a contact number or address.

Jim Lane

WABN #74 p 19

June '95 note

(N° 74, p 19)

"Washed Antenna
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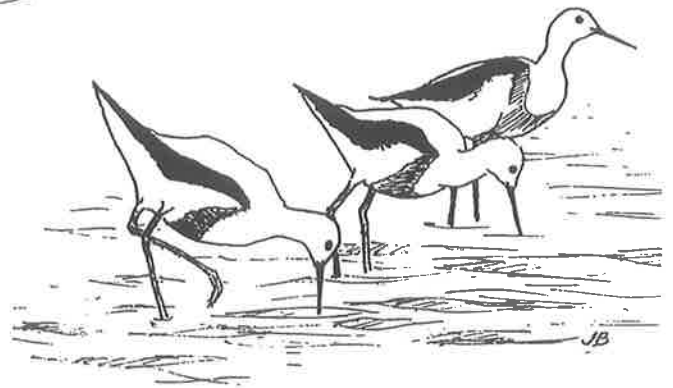
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Also refers to somewhat similar response by breeding BaSt reported by Kolichis (1976).

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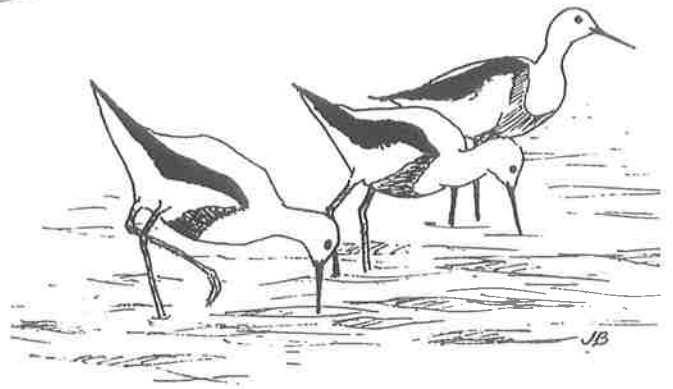
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White-backed Swallow - 14, 17/4/95, Barrett-Lennard Lake (3 km N of Beermullah Lake) (Gingin) - BB

ARID ZONE (including the Pilbara, Gaseoyne, interior and Nullarbor)

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Black-fronted Dotterel - 1, 21/3/95 and 3/4/95, on beach, Eyre Bird Observatory (Dundas) - EBO

Hooded Plover - 2, 9/4/95, Goongarrie, on a salt lake near the National Park (Menzies) - TK * 2 pairs each with 2 eggs, ca. 15/4/95, small lakes adjacent to Lake Deborah West, near Bullfinch (Yilgarn) - RAOU excursion

KIMBERLEY

Magpie Goose - 60 birds and 25 nests, 18/3/95, Roebuck Plains (Broome) - CM

Pink-eared Duck - 8 adult birds and 6 ducklings, 25/3/95, Roebuck Plains (Broome) - CM (few breeding reports from the Kimberley)

Hardhead - 1000, 18/3/95, Roebuck Plains (Broome) - CM (generally uncommon in the Kimberley)

Great Crested Grebe - 5, Taylors Lagoon, ca. 80 km E of Broome (Broome) - BBO, GS (rare in the Kimberley)

Glossy Ibis - 230, 18/3/95, Roebuck Plains (Broome) - CM

Letter-winged Kite - 1, 30/4/95, Roebuck Plains (Broome) - RC

Baillon's Crake - 1, 28/4/95, Roebuck Plains (Broome) - CS, RC

Little Button-quail - 3, 25/4/95, Roebuck Plains (Broome) - BBO

Red-chested Button-quail - 1, 4/1/95, Kununurra sewage ponds (Wyndham-East Kimberley) - FO, FS, JBe, KB * 2, 6/1/95, beside Packsaddle Plains Road, near Kununurra

(Wyndham-East Kimberley) - FO, FS, JBe, KB * 1, 30/4/95, Roebuck Plains (Broome) - RC (few records in the Kimberley)

Common Redshank - 8, 14/4/95, Roebuck Bay (Broome) - TD

Grey-tailed Tattler - 3000, 19/3/95, Roebuck Plains (Broome) - CM (very high count for this species)

Ruddy Turnstone - 303, 9/3/95, Roebuck Plains (Broome) - BBO

Asian Dowitcher - 103, 9/3/95, Roebuck Plains (Broome) - BBO (high count for this species)

Black-winged Stilt - 5000, with hundreds nesting, 18/3/95, Roebuck Plains (Broome) - CM

Red-kneed Dotterel - 8 adults and 6 chicks, 22/3/95, Roebuck Plains (Broome) - BBO (few breeding records in the Kimberley)

Whiskered Tern - 1500, most nesting, 18/3/95, Roebuck Plains (Broome) - CM

White-winged Black Tern - 1500, 23/3/95, Roebuck Plains (Broome) - BBO

Flock Bronzewing - 1, 8/4/95, Roebuck Plains (Broome) - TD

Fork-tailed Swift - 300, 21/2/95, Broome Bird Observatory (Broome) - BBO

Yellow Chat - 5, 23/3/95, Roebuck Plains (Broome) - CM

Lemon-bellied (Kimberley) Flycatcher - 1, 30/10/94, in Melaleuca thicket on Roebuck Plains (Broome) - BBO (this species is normally only found in mangroves)

Leaden Flycatcher - 2, 6/4/95, Roebuck Plains (Broome) - JP

OBSERVERS

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The Editors request contributors to note:

- WABN publishes material of interest to the WA Group
- contributions should be written or typed with **double spacing**
- WABN uses RAOU recommended English names
- contributions will be published unless the contributor is informed to the contrary

Deadline for the September Issue

1 August 1995
at Perry House

Fax (30/05/1995) from JL to CDTM with copy of 'Leg-flagged Banded Stilt' faxed to John Blyth (editor of WA Bird Notes) on 16/05/1995. Fax (to CDTM) cover note reads 'Accompanying is the article that will appear in the June issue of 'WA Bird Notes''.

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BUSSELTON DISTRICT
FAX NO: (097) 521 432

TO: CLIVE MINTON URGENT: YES / NO

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Fax No.

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FROM: TIM LANE

DATE: 30/5/95

Your Ref:

Local Ref:

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in the June issue of "W.A. Bird Notes".

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% Dept of C.A.L.M., Queen St Busselton #6280).

Information we would like is location, date, number
of "flagged" skitt, total number of skitt and any other
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of the ~~observer~~ observed and a contact number or
address.

~~The skitt flags~~ The leg flags are small, ~~and~~ made of
stiff yellow plastic and located above the left "knee",
ie on the tibia.

Thanking you in anticipation!

Tim Lane, Busselton.

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During the first week of May, ~~the~~ Alan Clarke and I leg-flagged 170 (one hundred and seventy) chicks at various stages of growth.

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to report sightings of leg-flagged BaSt to JL at Busselton.**

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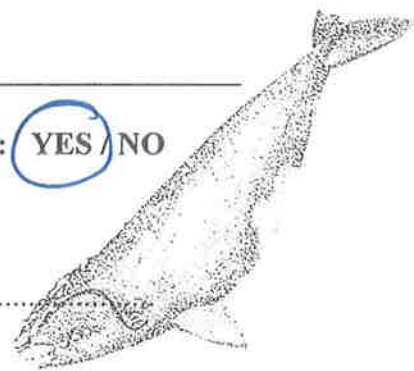
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DATE: 16/5/95

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As discussed - thanks

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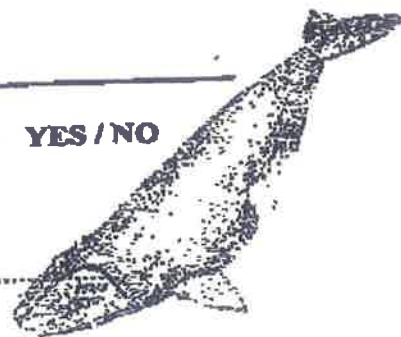
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FAX NO: (097) 521 432

TO: ~~John B.~~ / ALAN ZUBERLE URGENT: YES/NOAT: LIT/DUNEFROM: Return to
JIM LANE

Fax No.

DATE: 16/5/95

Your Ref:

Local Ref:

Can you advise me (first week in Aug.)
 ① next deadline for material for WA. Bird Notes
 ② when that issue will appear - first week Sept.
Thanks

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 for the June issue - I have the
 final copy typeset copy now.
 Cheers
 John B.

FAXED

Record (notes) of phone conversation (13/04/1995, or soon thereafter) between Mike Bamford and JL. JL's notes indicate MBamford said 'There were 10,000 Banded Stilt at Port Hedland prior to Cyclone Bobby and none one week later'.

DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION
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ATTENTION

J. m. Lane

URGENT

YES

NO

MESSAGE FROM

Mike Bamford

TELEPHONE NUMBER

09309 3671

ON

13 / 4 / 95

AT

11.40

a.m.
p.m.

☐ TELEPHONED

☐ CALLED TO SEE YOU

☐ WILL RING AGAIN

☐ WILL CALL AGAIN

☐ PLEASE RING BACK

☐ WANTS TO SEE YOU

- V-W report 2 weeks late (mid May)

MESSAGE/ACTION TAKEN

- there were 10,000 Banded Shags at
Port Hedland prior to Cyclone Betty
and none one week later

MESSAGE RECORDED BY

GAL.

Q I said I would ring him
for more info later.

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MESSAGE ADVICE

(LEAVE PAD NEAR TELEPHONE)

Letter (23/03/1995) from Australian Bird and Bat Banding Scheme (ABBBS), Canberra, to GBP giving approval to attach yellow leg flags to left tibia of 500 juvenile Banded Stilt of '1995+ cohort'. Also approved individually marking 50 adult BaSt with 'master colour over metal' on left tibia and '1 colour' on right tibia. JL's recollection (14/01/2014) is that no adults were banded, flagged or otherwise marked during the 1995 work, but maybe CDTM managed to catch and mark a few. Confirm that no adult BaSt were marked by CDTM or JL at Lakes Ballard or Marmion in 1995 (they had hoped to be able to capture some on nests and individually mark them).

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PPROVAL TO UNDERTAKE COLOUR MARKING

I am pleased to advise that your recent application to use a new or revised colour marking technique has been approved. Details of all colour marking schemas now registered for the relevant project are given below. Please check the details to ensure that they are correct.

In undertaking any banding or colour marking you are required to comply with the fauna laws pertaining to the capture and handling of birds or bats in the relevant State or Territory. Only the species and numbers indicated below are to be colour marked in the manner described.

You are required to conduct all colour marking in accordance with the instructions issued by the ABBBS.

PROJECT: 1 Study of Banded Stilt breeding biology

SPECIES: Banded Stilt REGION: WESTERN AUSTRALIA PLACES:
METHOD: COLOUR BANDS SCHEMA: 29 LEFT TIBIA: MASTER COLOUR OVER METAL, RIGHT TIBIA: 1 COLOUR
MASTER: ALL NO. APPROV: 50 DETAILS: 1995+ Individual marking: Adults

SPECIES: Banded Stilt REGION: WESTERN AUSTRALIA PLACES:
METHOD: LEG FLAG SCHEMA: NA NOT APPLICABLE
MASTER: YELLOW NO. APPROV: 500 DETAILS: 1995+ Cohort marking, juveniles, yellow flag on left tibia

Yours sincerely

E. B. Dettmann

Elinda Dettmann
Senior Project Officer

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