

Banding of the Black-browed Albatross at Heard Island and Macquarie Island

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The Black-browed Albatrosses (*Diomedea melanophris*) banded have been caught at their nesting sites on steep cliffs at Jacka Valley at Heard Island, and at North Head at Macquarie Island. The breeding colony at Macquarie Island is very small, only two to five chicks being reared annually. At Heard Island, some eighty pairs of birds breed in the main colony at Jacka Valley.

BAND TYPES

The bands used were the same as those used for the Giant Petrels (see 'Banding of Giant Petrels', by M. C. Downes, A. M. Gwynn and P. F. Howard, following).

Band type F were copper bands marked NOTIFY FAUNA BOARD HOBART TAS AUSTRALIA—see Ealey and Chittleborough (1950).

NUMBER OF BIRDS BANDED

(a) Heard Island

Season	NESTLINGS		ADULTS		Operator
	No.	Bands	No.	Bands	
March 1949	18	F	-	-	{ E. H. M. Ealey R. G. Chittleborough
February 1951	38	A	9	A	
Jan., Feb. 1952	42	B	{ 64	A	M. C. Downes
April 1953	40	C	6	B	M. C. Downes
December 1953	-	-	-	-	A. M. Gwynn
February 1954	32	C	1	C	A. M. Gwynn
			1	C	R. McNair

(b) Macquarie Island

September 1949	2	D	-	-	A. M. Gwynn
December 1952	-	-	14	B	Z. Soucek and M. C. Taylor
Jan., Feb. 1954	5	B	2	B	M. C. Taylor

RECOVERIES

Band type B, 4901. Banded as an adult in the colony at North Head, Macquarie Island, on December 3, 1952. Caught on April 12, 1953, and ring removed, when feeding on waste from a fishing boat at Merimbula, near Eden, N.S.W. Reported by M. Woods of Eden.

Band type A, 16540. Banded as a nestling in the Jacka Valley colony at Heard Island on February 22, 1951. Caught on October 9, 1953, and the ring removed when bird became tangled in fishing line off Broughton Island about 100 miles north of Sydney. Reported by I. Robinson of Shoal Bay, N.S.W.