

EARLY AUSTRALIAN BIRD-BANDING*

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Since the paper on the Australian Bird-banding Scheme (Carrick 1956) went to press, two further instances of early bird-banding activities in Australia have been brought to my notice by Dr. D. L. Serventy.

In the 1930's, Dr. W. MacGillivray and Mr. E. M. Embury conducted a scheme, as part of the work of the Embury Barrier Reef Expedition, in which about 4000 wedge-tailed shearwaters, *Puffinus pacificus* (Gmelin), are said to have been banded. It may have commenced as early as 1930, at North-west Island, Qld. (MacGillivray 1931).

In 1948, Mr. A. F. D'Ombrian commenced banding a colony of the white-winged (= Gould's) petrel, *Pterodroma leucoptera* Gould, at Cabbage Tree Island, N.S.W. Privately manufactured bands and also some from the Victorian Fisheries and Game Department have been used, and the scheme is still in progress.

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