**Red knot 2YYLB**

This Red Knot known since banding by the rather unromantic name of 2YYLB was banded at ‘Richard’s Point’ one of the sites on the eastern beaches of the northern shores of Roebuck Bay.

This male was aged 2 (in its second year of life) at banding. This male’s resighting history shows that he moved from Roebuck Bay to New Zealand between early August and November 2008. This is a regular occurrence for many of the Red Knot that visit Broome on their first southward migration. These birds subsequently become ‘New Zealand birds’ and don’t show up back in Roebuck Bay except a handful of individuals seen on a southward migration stopover as they return to New Zealand as adults.

This birds resighting history has recorded it at four loactions around the world (or within the EAAF)! Broome in north western Australia, North Island in New Zealand, west coast of Taiwan and Bohai Bay northern China. Not bad information from four small plastic (Darvic) bands and a flag. This bird is not as regualrly sighted as some birds and as usual for any individual there are gaps that we can only guess at. Presumably this bird was in New Zeaand during those preiods but not in the sites where the band of wonderful new Zealand shorebird enthusiasts make regular trips to.

I have edited the summary of sightings below to show the locations amd timing for the life history described above.

**Summary of sightings (edited)**

**Red Knot**

**Banding 2YYLB**

**16/08/2008 Richards Point, Roebuck Bay, Broome, Australia**

**05250589 (2YYLB) Aged 2 Sex M**

23/08/2008 Wader Beach, Roebuck Bay, Broome (-17.98, 122.33) Australia

Chris Hassell

16/11/2008 Clark's Bay, Manukau Harbour, South Auckland (-37.10, 174.76) New Zealand

Tony Habraken

03/09/2009 Miranda Firth of Thames (-37.18, 175.32) New Zealand

Phil Battley

01/04/2010 Tapora area, Kaipara Harbour, Auckland (-36.35, 174.25) New Zealand

Tony Habraken

20/05/2010 Nan Pu, Bohai Bay (39.04, 118.36) China (mainland)

Bohai Team 2010

17/04/2011 ZUIDONG BOHAI (SHUANG LONG HE MOUTH) (39.04, 118.36) China (mainland)

Bohai Team 2011

13/05/2011 Nan Pu, Bohai Bay (39.04, 118.36) China (mainland)

Bohai Team 2011

17/12/2011 Tapora area, Kaipara Harbour, Auckland (-36.35, 174.25) New Zealand

Tony Habraken

09/04/2012 Wang Gong, Chang-Hua County, Taiwan (23.00, 121.00) Taiwan (China)

Chih-Hui Lui

21/05/2012 Nan Pu, Bohai Bay (39.04, 118.36) China (mainland)

Bohai Team 2012

RK 2YYLB roosting at high tide on 09/04/2012 at Wang Gong, Chang-Hua County, Taiwan



Image Chih-Hui Lui