

CATCH REPORT 07-07-2019

Great twinkle from Ady.

Great catch.

Great team effort.

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SPECIES	NEW	RETRAP	Age 1 1st Year of Life	Known Age 2	Age 2+ 2nd year of life or older	Known age 3	TOTAL
Black-tailed Godwit	2	0	2	0	0	0	2
Curlew Sandpiper	14	0	14	0	0	0	14
Great Knot	109	3	99	8	5	0	112
Grey-tailed Tattler	45	0	45	0	0	0	45
Red Knot	98	5	52	9	40	2	103
Ruddy Turnstone	5	0	5	0	0	0	5
Terek Sandpiper	6	0	6	0	0	0	6
TOTALS	279	8	223	17	45	2	287

The 2 known age re-trap Red Knot at age 3 were interesting. Our knowledge suggests that the vast majority of Red Knots are on the breeding grounds, on the New Siberian Islands 10,400km north of Broome, at age 3. This means they turn 4 (shorebirds have their birthday on August 1st) during their first breeding season. So these 2 birds will be 5 during their first breeding season assuming they migrate next April 2020. Age 5 seems old for a medium-sized shorebird to breed for the first time. The other 3 known-age re-traps were age 1 and 2 were age 2.

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