

(iii) Bellambi - Bulli, N.S.W. Band no. 140-01568.

Bulli, where the bird was found dead on the beach on June 29, 1959, is only two miles from the banding place. It was banded on August 10, 1958. This recovery is only significant in its supplementation of the re-traps mentioned earlier.

#### 7. Recovery of *D. exulans* banded in South Georgia

On July 18, 1959, one of the Wandering Albatrosses caught at Bellambi was a dark-plumaged young bird bearing a band (58311) which had been affixed by members of the Falkland Islands Dependencies Scientific Bureau on November 28, 1958, when it was a yearling nestling on Bird Island, South Georgia. According to W. L. N. Tickell, it probably left the island some time in the preceding December or even in January, thus spending about seven months on the outward journey.

This recovery is a reciprocal of that of 140-02111, the end points of each migration being coincident within a mile or two. The question yet to be resolved is whether the respective routes taken had an easterly or westerly bearing.

The Falkland Islands Dependencies Survey (F.I.D.S.) has been responsible for the banding of large numbers of albatrosses and Giant Petrels (*Macronectes giganteus*) on their South Atlantic islands. No opportunity should be missed of examining for bands any large sea-birds washed up on Australian coasts.

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**Young of Some Swamp Birds.**—From remarks recently made to me it appears there is still some confusion between the chicks of the Coot, the Dusky Moorhen and the Eastern Swamp-hen. The partly-lobed feet of the first and the sturdy bill of the last should indicate identity, but the colours around the head are apt to catch the eye and mis-identification is possible. For the Moorhen chick has blue on the face (and there is none on the adult), which could suggest the Swamp-hen; the Coot chick has the face and throat principally red (a hue missing in the adult); and the Swamp-hen has neither red nor blue in the chick but an appearance, particularly around the bill, which suggests *Fulica atra*. The nestlings of all three species, and of the Black-tailed Native-hen, are well portrayed in Mathews' and Iredale's *A Manual of the Birds of Australia*, plate 9.—C. E. BRYANT, Melbourne, Vic., 22 3 60.