

# Regent Honeyeater Captive Release & Community Monitoring Project – Update #30

Hi everyone (Regent Honeyeater email group),  
**Update #30 - 19 months post release**

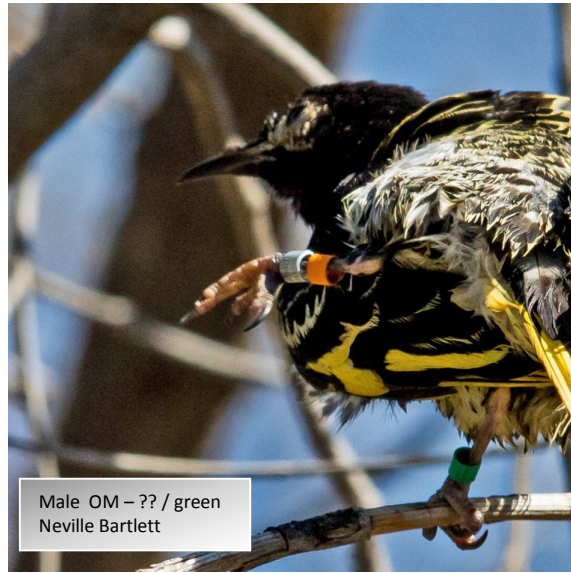
Our last Update #29 reported a highly significant recent successful wild female / ex-captive male breeding event.

The exact identity of the released male was unclear as it has only one (green) band on it's right leg. Minus known fatalities, there are six male birds released with at least one green right leg band.

### Operation Metal Band

You thought it was hard confirming just the colour leg bands!

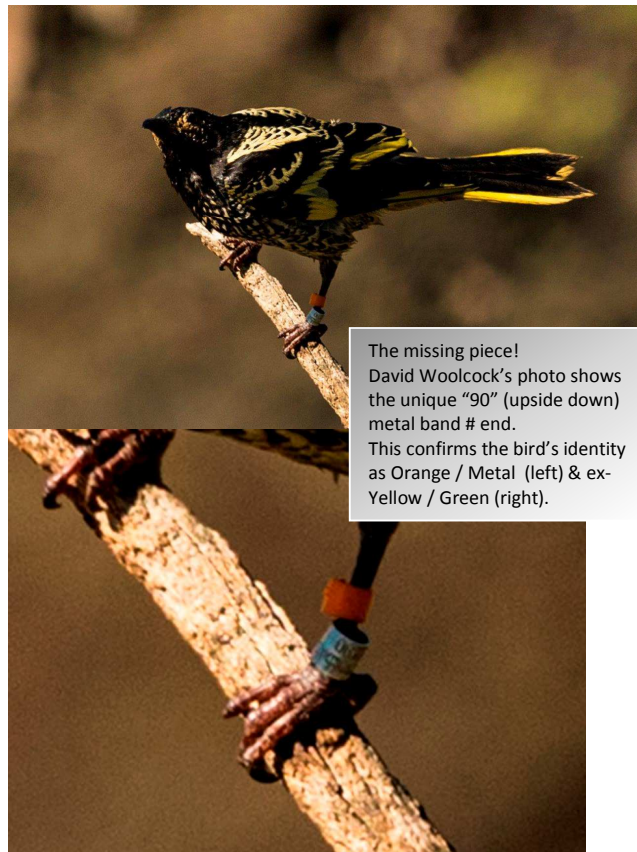
Spare a thought ..... the only way to identify this bird was to confirm its unique stamped metal band number.



Male OM – ?? / green  
 Neville Bartlett



Neville Bartlett's 'post dip' photo confirms "122" which form part of a number sequence on all 2017 released birds metal bands.



The missing piece!  
 David Woolcock's photo shows the unique "90" (upside down) metal band # end. This confirms the bird's identity as Orange / Metal (left) & ex-Yellow / Green (right).

In this instance there was no way to catch the bird for band inspection in the hand, so the next best option was via high resolution photos.

Trouble is ... only the last two of each birds 8-digit metal band number that differ from one another.

Please turn over for Orange Metal Yellow Green details.





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## Orange Metal Yellow Green details:

- Date of birth: 15 Dec 2015
- Release date: 28 April 2017
- Last seen: 18 August 2017 (in Chiltern)

## Recorded breeding experience:

- Pair bond formed (female OMYR): 12 June 2017
- Nest commenced: 30 July 2017 (but abandoned several days later following rain event)



## 100 not out

Both young are still kicking now almost (?) four weeks post fledge and survived yesterday's 38-degree heat.



## Spot a Regent in the meantime?

Now is the time to spot Regents visiting gardens with:

- Plentiful flowering native shrubs including Bottlebrush & Grevillea; &
- Bird baths, ponds or dams (especially now that the temperatures are on the rise – Regents will dip in and drink regularly from reliable water sources)
- Large flowering trees such as late flowering Mugga Ironbark or Yellow Box (currently in full blossom in parts of NE Vic & Sth NSW) and even planted Silky Oat (*Grevillea robusta*) which will flower in a month or so.

Please let us know ASAP if you spot any or hear of Regent observations. Remember to check for bands with binoculars and take / forward photos where possible.



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