

Discovery Box: Grey-tailed Tattler. Transcript.

This Grey-tailed Tattler was photographed by Arthur Keates at Manly Harbour, Queensland on 23 March 2018. It's wearing a blue engraved leg flag 191 above a white flag on its left leg, which indicates it was banded in Japan.

Records kept by Japanese birders show that it had been banded three years earlier at Tori-No-Umi, Watari-cho, Miyagi Prefecture in Japan when it was aged between two and three years old and had stopped to feed on its way or to breed in Siberia.

Grey-tailed Tattlers do an amazing 11,000-kilometre journey from places in Australia like Moreton Bay to Siberia, with only a few stops along the way. After breeding they fly all the way back to Moreton Bay and other places in Australia and New Zealand.

This Grey-tailed Tattler was last observed at Manly Harbour, on 22 April 2019.