

WADER WATCH Phil Cross

Can everyone please remember to use the 'Leg Flag Observation Report' form. **Please email leg flag sightings to Phil on his new email address.** phillipcross50@gmail.com

Can we also please ask people to carefully check which leg the flag is on. If you are not sure, or just see the colour, and do not know which leg it is, please do not make it up. We do record the sighting on the database, even if we do not know which leg it was on. Recording information that you have not seen, or do not know creates extra work for Phil and other people who this information goes to. We would appreciate your cooperation on this issue.

Green leg flag sightings

In each Qld Wader issue there are quite a number of green leg flag sightings recorded within Moreton Bay, which is where the bird was banded originally. As we are now seeing more leg flag combinations from other states and countries, and have limited space available for sightings, we will not be listing each individual sighting of green flag records in Queensland unless there is a significant movement of the bird. Instead, we will list the number of flags for each species and the period in which they were seen.

Sightings in Moreton Bay & Environs totalled 1605 in the last three months, the species recorded and the number of observations was as follows. Australian Pied Oystercatcher 17, Bar-tailed Godwit 829, Curlew Sandpiper 65, Eastern Curlew 7, Great Knot 220, Greater Sand Plover 2, Grey Plover 3, Grey-tailed Tattler 282, Lesser Sand Plover 22, Pacific Golden Plover 7, Red-capped Plover 4, Red-necked Stint 54, Ruddy Turnstone 15, Sharp-tailed Sandpiper 13, Terek Sandpiper 7, Whimbrel 57, and White Headed Stilt 1.

They were sighted by Chris Barnes, Sarah Beavis, Diane Blewett, Vicki Campbell, Tony Cotter, Phil Cross, Linda Cross, Detlef Davies, Carol Davies, John Esdaile, Cecile Espigole, Julian Foster, Sandra Harding, Ian Hartley, Mark Hocking, Arthur Keates, Sheryl Keates, Ko Konno, Penn Lloyd, Wayne Matthews, Neale Maynard, Ed Meyer, David Milton, Jan Nargar, Stuart Pickering, William Price, Peter Rothlisberg, Brian Russell, Natalie Sands, Michael Strong, Nicola Udy, Chris Walker, Dez Wells, and Melissa Whitby.

The following is a list of the individually marked green flags that have been seen on these species during this reporting period.

Australian Pied Oystercatcher – AAA, AAC, AAD, AAE, AAT, AAU, AAW, ABC ABE, C4, and EX.

Bar-tailed Godwit – AAA, AAB, AAE, AAH, AAL, AAM, ABX, ACA, ACB, ACH, ACJ, ACK, ACL, ACT, ACX, ACY, ACZ, ADA, ADB, ADC, ADD, ADH, ADN, ADP, ADT, ADW, ADX, ADZ, AEA, AEJ, AEN, AES, AEU, AEV, AHA, AHC, AHL, AHS, AHT, AJD, AJE, AJJ, AJL, AJM, AJS, AJT, AJY, AJZ, AKA, AKB, AKC, AKD, AKS, AKV, AKY, AKZ, ALD, ALH, ALL, ALM, ALN, ALS, ALU, ALZ, AMC, AMK, AML, ANB, ANM, ANW, ANX, ANY, APP, APR, APT, APV, APW, AR, ARA, ARJ, ARK, ARN, ART, ASD, ASE, ASM, ASN, ASR, AST, ASX, ASZ, ATA, ATB, ATD, AVA, AVB, AVC, AVD, AVK, AVM, AVP, AVR, AVU, AVX, AVZ, AWC, AWE, AX, AXT, AXU, AXV, AXW, AXZ, AYB, AYC, AYD, AYK, AYN, AYR, AYS, AYT, AYV, AYX, AZA, AZB, AZC, AZU, AZV, AZX, BAB, BAK, BAP, BAR, BAX, BBA, BBD, BBE, BBH, BBJ, BBK, BBL, BBM, BBN, BBP, BBR, BBS, BBV, BBY, BBZ, BC, BCC, BCE, BCK, BCX, BCZ, BD, BEB, BJK, BJZ, BKH, BKJ, BKK, BKL, BKP, BKS, BKT, BNA, BNB, BNK, BNL, BNN, BNP, BNS, BNU, BNY, BP, BPB, BPC, BPD, BPF, BPH, BPS, BPU, BPV, BPY, BR, BRJ, BRK, BRL, BRP, BRS, BRT, BTA, BTC, BTD, BTF, BTH, BTL, BTN, BTV, BTY, BUA, BUH, BUK, BX, CAB, CAC,

CAD, CAF, CAH, CAJ, CAK, CAL, CAN, CAS, CAT, CAU, CAV, CAX, CAY, CAZ, CBA, CBB, CBC, CBD, CBF, CBH, CBJ, CBK, CBL, CBN, CBP, CBS, CBT, CBU, CBV, CBX, CBY, CCA, CCB, CCC, CCD, CCF, CCH, CCJ, CCK, CCL, CCN, CJA, CJB, CJC, CJD, CJF, CJH, CJI, CJK, CJL, CJM, CJN, CJS, CM, CPB, CPD, CPM, CS, CU, CX, DN, DS, DX, EC, EJ, EL, EM, EN, ET, EX, FJ, FM, FY, HL, HP, HR, HU, JA, JB, JE, JJ, JP, JR, JX, KM, KN, NC, NV, PA, PC, PD, PE, PJ, PR, PU, RL, AND RP.

Curlew Sandpiper – AAK, AAM, AAP, ABP, ACS, ACZ, ADA, ADJ, AHX, AHZ, AJA, AJD, AJK, AJL, AJR, AJS, AJV, AKH, AKL, AND, ANN, ANU, APD, ASJ, AXA, AYA, AYH, AYP, AYS, AZA, CB, DR.

Eastern Curlew – AHA, AHC, AR.

Great Knot – AAP, ADA, ADC, AED, AEE, AEH, AEK, AEL, AEV, AEX, AHY, AHB, AJH, AJJ, AJN, AJS, AJU, AJW, ALA, ALC, ALE, ALL, ALN, ALS, ALU, ALW, ALX, AMJ, AMK, ATH, ATJ, ATK, ATM, ATN, ATR, ATT, ATU, ATX, ATY, ATZ, AUA, AUJ, AVX, AWA, AWE, AWJ, AYR, AYY, AZB, BAP, BAV, BAZ, BBB, BBD, BBE, BBH, BBK, BBL, BBT, BBX, BBY, BCE, BCT, BCY, BED, BEE, BEH, BEJ, BEK, BEL, BEM, BEN, BER, BES, BET, BEU, BEV, BEW, BEY, BEZ, BHA, BHB, BHC, BLA, BNA, BND, BNS, BRB, BRD, BRP, BRY, BTJ, BVK, CMA, CMJ, CMP, CMY, CNB, CND, CNN, CNS, and NA.

Greater Sand Plover – flag could not be read.

Grey Plover – JT.

Grey-Tailed Tattler – AAC, AAK, AAR, AAY, ABD, ABN, ACB, ACD, ACH, ACJ, ACK, ACN, ACW, ACX, ACY, ADH, AKB, AKJ, AKR, AKW, AKX, ALC, ANA, ANJ, ANN, ANT, APD, APL, APP, APS, APU, APV, APY, AR, ARD, ARH, ARJ, ARL, ARP, ARV, ARW, ARY, ASE, ASL, ASU, ASV, ASY, ATB, ATC, ATD, ATE, ATL, ATP, ATU, ATV, ATW, AUD, AUJ, AUN, AUS, AUT, AUU, AUV, AUW, AUY, AUZ, AVC, AVJ, AVN, AWU, AWV, AWW, AWX, AWY, AWZ, AXB, AXE, AXH, AXP, AXR, AXS, AXT, AXX, AXY, AYA, AZJ, AZP, AZS, AZU, AZV, AZX, AZY, AZZ, BAC, BAD, BAJ, BAM, BDB, BDD, BDH, BDJ, BDK, BDL, BDN, BHE, BT, BTA, BXC, BXD, BXF, BXH, BXL, BXN, BXP, BXS, BXT, CCA, CD, DAC, DAD, DX, EN, FA, H7, HK, HV, JN, JY, JZ, KV, KZ, LN, RD and RL.

Lesser Sand Plover – AJZ, AKX, ALU, ANP, ANV, APT, AST and AYT.

Pacific Golden Plover – AVS, BTA, DAA and DAB.

Red-capped Plover – CP and CR.

Red-necked Stint – A5, B9, F2, F6, F8, H2, H9, J5, K3, K7, L3, N3, N6, P6, PD, SJ, SK, SV, SX, TT, TY, U4, UK, UZ, V2, V6, V9, VL, VS, VZ, X9, XL, XZ, Y4, Y8, Z2, Z6 and ZZ.

Ruddy Turnstone – ABX, AHB, AKW, AKX, ALC, AXY, AYH, EX, and HE.

Sharp-tailed Sandpiper – AEL, AKB, AKJ, AMH, AXJ, CCD and CCF.

Terek Sandpiper – ACK, ALB and HD.

Whimbrel – ABT, BXA, BXB, BXD, BXF, BXH, BXN, BXV, BYB, BYD, BYJ, BYN, BYP, BYU, CJX, CJY, CKA, DAF, DAM, DAN, DAP, DAS, DAV, DAX, DAY, DJA, DJC, DJD, DJF, DJJ, DJM, DJP, DJS, FV, UH and UP.

White-headed Stilt – AAZ.

Green leg flag sightings seen Interstate

Australian Pied Oystercatcher

(A6 on flag) – Iluka NSW – Observer unknown -2.2.2017

(A8 on flag) – Richmond River Ballina NSW – Bob Moffatt – 2.1.2017

Green leg flag sightings seen Overseas

Japan

Grey-tailed Tattler

ADS on flag - 9.5.2016 – Fijimae Tidal Flat Nahoya-shi Aichi-ken – Kenichi Kondo

BWC on flag – 27.9.2016 – Mouth of Kumode River Matsusaka-shi Mie-ken – Michinobu Nakatsuka

New Zealand

Bar-tailed Godwit

AJN on flag – 28.12.2015 – Miranda South Auckland – Tony Habraken
AJN on flag – 2, & 15.3.2016 – Miranda South Auckland – Ian Southey
ASJ on flag – 3.1 & 27.2.2017 – Matakaitai South Auckland – Tony Habraken
DAA on flag – 31.1.2016 – Big Sand Island Kaipara Harbour – Tony Habraken
AHH on flag – 28 Feb, 4 & 13 Mar 2016 – Omaha Sandspit North Auckland – Marie Ward
AHH on flag – 10.3.2016 – Omaha Sandspit North Auckland – Sue Cook
AHH on flag – 18.11.2016 – Omaha Sandspit North Auckland – G Pulham
AHH on flag – 27.11.2016 – Omaha Sandspit North Auckland – Marie Ward & Sue Cook
ABW on flag – 27.11.2016 – Omaha Sandspit North Auckland – Marie Ward & Sue Cook
AJK on flag – 12.3.2016 – Miranda South Auckland – Ian Southey
FX on flag – 24.10 & 20.11.2016 – Clifton Road Whitford South Auckland – Tony Habraken
BRB on flag – 14.11.2016 – Papakanui Spit Kaipara Harbour – Tony Habraken
BJK on flag – 26.12.2016 – Clifton Road Whitford South Auckland – Tony Habraken
ALB on flag – 2.1.2017 – Karaka Manukau Harbour Auckland – Tony Habraken

Yellow (Western Australia) leg flag sightings

Great Knot

1 plain flag – 12.11.2016 – Maaroom – Chris Barnes

Orange (Victoria) leg flag sightings

Bar-tailed Godwit

CBB on flag – 20.10.2016 – Toorbul – Dez Wells
CHH on flag – 19.1.2017 – Oyster Point Cleveland – Penn Lloyd
1 with plain flag – 20.10.2016 – Toorbul – Dez Wells
1 with plain flag – 28.10.2016 – Toorbul – Dez Wells
1 with plain flag – 29.11.2016 – Toorbul – Detlef & Carol Davies

Great Knot

1 with plain flag – 26.9.2016 – Cairns Esplanade – Jun Matsui
1 with plain flag – 15.11.2016 – Toorbul – Dez Wells
1 with plain flag – 21.11.2016 – Toorbul – Linda Cross
1 with plain flag – 29.11.2016 – Toorbul – Detlef & Carol Davies
1 with plain flag – 16.12.2016 – Toorbul – Cecile Espigole & William Price

Curlew Sandpiper

DCV on flag – 24.1.2017 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates

Black over white or white over black (Shanghai, China) leg flag sightings

Great Knot

U04 on white flag – 26.9.2016 – Cairns Esplanade – Jun Matsui
T58 on white flag – 28.10 & 15.11.2016 – Toorbul – Dez Wells
T58 on white flag – 18.11.2016 – Kakadu Beach Bribie Island – Michael Strong
J62 on white flag – 23.11.2016 – Manly / Lota Esplanade – Arthur Keates
J62 on white flag – 15.12.2016 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates
J62 on white flag – 10.1.2017 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates & Melissa Whitby
J62 on white flag – 24.1.2017 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates
J62 on white flag – 7.2.2017 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates
J74 on white flag – 26.12.2016 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates
J74 on white flag – 10.1.2017 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates & Melissa Whitby
J74 on white flag – 24.1 & 7.2.2017 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates
1 plain flags – 26.12.2016 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates
1 plain flags – 28.12.2016 – Mouth Black River Townsville – John Lowry
4 plain flags – 29.12.2016 – Mouth Black River Townsville – John Lowry
1 plain flags – 10.1.2017 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates & Melissa Whitby
1 plain flags – 7.2.2017 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates

Green over Blue (Jiangsu, China) leg flag sightings

Red-necked Stint

1 plain flags right tibia – 11.11.2016 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates

Lesser Sand Plover

1 plain flags left tibia – 13.11.2016 – Port of Brisbane – David Milton

1 plain flags left tibia – 10.1.2017 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates & Melissa Whitby

1 plain flags left tibia – 7.2.2017 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates

Green over Orange (Yalu Jiang Nature Reserve, China) leg flag sightings

Bar-tailed Godwit

Also blue over white band left tarsus, yellow over yellow band right tarsus and metal band left tibia

20 & 28.10.2016 – Toorbul – Dez Wells

21.11.2016 – Toorbul – Linda Cross

29.11.2016 – Toorbul – Detlef & Carol Davies

1.12.2016 – Toorbul – Dez Wells

14.1.2017 – Toorbul – Arthur Keates

29.1.2017 – Kakadu Beach Bribie Island – Michael Strong

5.2.2017 – Toorbul – Mark Hocking

12.2.2017 – Kakadu Beach Bribie Island – Michael Strong, Jan Nargar & Julian Foster

Bar-tailed Godwit

1 plain flags only - 29.9.2016 – Brisbane Airport Mudflat – Penn Lloyd

1 plain flags only – 16.12.2016 – Toorbul – Cecile Espigole & William Price

Green over Blue (Jiangsu, China) leg flag sightings

Red-necked Stint

Blue left tibia, green left tarsus – 1.1.2017 – Port of Brisbane – David Edwards & Robert Bush

Yellow over White (Sakhalin Island Russia) leg flag sightings

Great Knot

12.11.2016 – Maaroom – Chris Barnes

Black over Yellow (Kamchatka Russia) leg flag sightings

Great Knot

L2 on yellow flag – 29.12.2016 – Black River Townsville – John Lowry

EH on yellow flag – 2.1.2017 – Bushland Beach Townsville - Ed Pierce

White (New Zealand) leg flag sightings

Bar-tailed Godwit

Plain white flag – 13.11.2016 – Bundaberg Port Swamp – Nev Capell

Blue (Japanese) leg flag sightings – use four combinations

Great Knot

28.10.2016 – Toorbul – Dez Wells

12.11.2016 – Maaroom – Chris Barnes

Grey-tailed Tattler

24.1.2017 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates

Bar-tailed Godwit

16.11.2016 – Port of Brisbane – Arthur Keates

Blue & White (Japanese) leg flag sightings

Grey-tailed Tattler

315 on blue flag – 24.1.2017 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates

315 on blue flag – 7 & 9.2.2017 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates

191 on blue flag – 7.2.2017 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates

311 on blue flag – 12.2.2017 – Zilzie Headland Rockhampton – Barry Ellis

Red-necked Stint

195 on blue flag (left tibia), white left tarsus – 13.2.2017 – Shellgrit Creek Mackay – Gerry Woodruff

Other wader leg flag and banded sightings

None reported

Pied Oystercatcher Yellow leg flag (2 digit) sightings

The following sightings of yellow flagged oystercatchers are not birds flagged in North West Western Australia, as per the flagging protocol. They are another project being run from Victoria and New South Wales. Birds flagged in Victoria will have a yellow flag on the right tibia and inscribed with two digits. New South Wales birds will have the yellow flag on the left tibia and inscribed with two digits.

S5 on flag – 19.11.2016 – Dunwich North Stradbroke Island – Mary Barram

C4 on flag – 18.1.2017 – St Helena Island Pier – Robert Bush & Arthur Keates

Yellow flag unread – 18.1.2017 – St Helena Island North – Arthur Keates & Natalie Sands

Other leg flag sightings and banded birds

Caspian Tern Orange flag (Victoria)

E6 on flag, left tarsus - 15.10.2016 – Buckley's Hole Sandbar – Dez Wells

MORE DETAILED INFORMATION OF THE SIGHTINGS LISTED ABOVE IS INCLUDED IN THE DIGITAL VERSION OF THIS NEWSLETTER AND ON THE WEBSITE.