

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 seen in QLD

Since the last newsletter 2002 sightings of green flags in Moreton Bay & Environs and 1 at Townsville were added to the database, only 8 of these were sightings of plain flags. The species recorded and the number of observations were as follows. Bar-tailed Godwit 611, Broad-billed Sandpiper 1, Curlew Sandpiper 49, Eastern Curlew 5, Great Knot 88, Greater Sand Plover 63, Grey Plover 3, Grey-tailed Tattler 497, Lesser Sand Plover 260, Pacific Golden Plover 62, Pied Oystercatcher 59, Pied Stilt 8, Red-necked Stint 147, Ruddy Turnstone 75, Sharp-tailed Sandpiper 34, Terek Sandpiper 5 and Whimbrel 36.

They were sighted by Sarah Beavis, John Bell, Vince Bugeja, Michele Burford, Robert Bush, Jon Coleman, Judy Coles, Tony Cotter, Phil Cross, Barb Dickson, Graham Donaldson, Julian Foster, Richard Fuller, Chris Gregory, Sandra Harding, Paul Hinds, Arthur Keates, Sheryl Keates, Athol Klieve, Min Li, Carli Lovell, John Lowry, Wayne Matthews, Vodka McClean, David Milton, Jan Nargar, David Niland, Gordana Pozvek, Peter Rothlisberg, Darren Smallwood, Michael Strong, Nicola Udy, Chris Walker, Dez Wells, Melissa Whitby and Brad Woodworth.

Arthur Keates was an observer on 924 occasions (46% of the sightings), Tony Cotter was the observer on 500 occasions (25%) and Dez Wells 162 sightings (8%); between them they reported almost 80% of the leg flag sightings for this period!

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

Bar-tailed Godwit –AAA, AAB, AAH, AAM, ABX, ACB, ACX, ACY, ACZ, ADA, ADB, ADH, ADM, ADN, ADP, ADW, ADX, ADZ, AEA, AEH, AEJ, AEK, AEN, AEU, AEV, AHA, AHE, AHL, AHM, AHN, AHP, AHS, AHT, AHW, AHY, AJB, AJD, AJL, AJM, AJW, AJY, AKA, AKD, AKJ, AKP, AKV, AKY, ALB, ALH, ALM, ALN, ALU, ALV, ALZ, AMA, AMH, AML, ANC, AND, ANE, ANK, ANM, ANX, APP, ARA, ARJ, ARN, AR, ARW, ASC, ASE, ASH, ASZ, ATD, AUN, AUS, AUU, AUV, AUW, AVA, AVC, AVD, AVK, AVM, AVN, AVP, AVS, AVU, AVW, AVX, AVY, AVZ, AXA, AXB, AXC, AXD, AXH, AXJ, AXL, AX, AXZ, AYA, AYB, AYC, AYK, AYN, AYS, AYU, AYV, AYW, AZB, AZC, AZD, AZM, AZS, AZT, AZV, AZZ, BAA, BAB, BAJ, BAS, BBD, BBE, BBJ, BBK, BBL, BBN, BBP, BBR, BBY, BCC, BCD, BCE, BCJ, BCL, BCM, BCN, BCP, BCR, BCS, BCT, BCV, BCX, BDA, BDJ, BDL, BDN, BDT, BDV, BDY, BEB, BEU, BEV, BEW, BEY, BHB, BHC, BHD, BHJ, BHK, BHN, BHP, BHR, BHS, BHT, BHU, BHV, BHW, BHY, BHZ, BJP, BKH, BKK, BKL, BKP, BKR, BKS, BKT, BLA, BNU, BPB, BPC, BPF, BPH, BPP, BPS, BPU, BPV, BRB, BRF, BRL, BRP, BTA, BTB, BTH, BTP, BUA, BUB, BUC, BUF, BUH, BUJ, BUS, BUT, BUU, BUV, BX, CAC, CAD, CAH, CAJ, CAK, CAN, CAS, CAT, CAU, CAV, CAZ, CBB, CBC, CBD, CBF, CBJ, CBK, CBN, CBS, CBT, CBV, CBX, CBY, CCA, CCC, CCF, CCK, CCL, CCT, CCV, CCX, CCY, CCZ, CJA, CJB, CJD, CJF, CJH, CJJ, CJL, CJN, CJP, CJS, CPM, CPT, CS, CU, CX, DBB, DBF, DBH, DBJ, DBK, DCA, DL, DN, EC, EL, EN, EY, HL, HP,

HR, HU, JA, JB, JE, JH, JJ, JM, JX, KN, PA, PC, PD, PE, PJ, PM, PN, PP, PR, PU, RL, RM & quantity 30 unread.

Broad-billed Sandpiper – quantity 1 unread.

Curllew Sandpiper – AAM, AAP, AAY, ABP, ABZ, ACK, ACT, ACX, ACZ, AJD, AJK, AJL, AJR, AKK, AKL, ANU, APD, AUB, AVF, AXA, AYD, AYP, AYS, AZU, AZV, AZY, DE and quantity 2 unread.

Eastern Curlew – AAD & quantity 4 unread.

Great Knot – AAM, AAP, AAT, ADA, ADC, AED, AEL, AHU, AJS, ALH, ALM, ALU, AMJ, ATH, ATT, ATX, ATY, AUA, AVX, AYY, BAP, BAZ, BBE, BBL, BBT, BBX, BCE, BCT, BCZ, BEH, BEJ, BEN, BES, BET, BEU, BEX, BHA, BHR, BLA, BNS, BRD, BRP, CNS, NA & 10 unread.

Greater Sand Plover – CAC, CAD, CAF, CAY, CCB, CCC, CSB, CVB, CVF, CVH, CVJ & ED.

Grey Plover – JT.

Grey-Tailed Tattler – AAC, AAK, AAR, ABD, ABJ, ACD, ACE, ACH, ACJ, ACK, ACN, ACW, ACX, ACY, ACZ, ADH, ADJ, ADN, ADZ, AKC, AKJ, AKK, AKR, AKV, AKW, AMB, AMC, ANA, ANN, ANT, ANZ, APS, APU, APY, APZ, AR, ARD, ARH, ARJ, ARL, ARS, ARU, ARW, ARY, ASA, ASE, ASJ, ASL, AST, ASU, ASY, ASZ, ATA, ATC, ATD, ATE, ATH, ATJ, ATL, ATW, AUA, AUD, AUK, AUN, AUP, AUS, AUT, AUY, AUZ, AVA, AVC, AVJ, AVN, AWU, AWV, AWW, AWZ, AXB, AXD, AXE, AXH, AXJ, AXP, AXR, AXX, AYA, AYB, AZL, AZP, AZU, AZW, AZX, AZY, AZZ, BAD, BAJ, BAL, BAM, BDB, BDJ, BDL, BDN, BHE, BHH, BPJ, BPL, BPX, BPY, BPZ, BSN, BSP, BSS, BST, BT, BXB, BXD, BXF, BXH, BXJ, BXL, BXN, BXS, CA, DAD, DX, EM, HK, HT, HY, JD, JL, JN, JY, JZ, KM, KV, KX, KZ, LM, LN, RD, RM, RU & quantity 20 unread.

Lesser Sand Plover – AEK, AEL, AEN, AEP, AER, AES, AET, AEU, AEW, AEX, AEY, AEZ, AJZ, ALR, ALU, ALZ, AMB, AMC, AMH, AML, ANP, AST, AUC, AUD, AUN, AUS, AUU, AUX, AUZ, AVC, AVN, AVP, AVS, AVT, AVV, AVX, AVY, AXB, AXC, AXF, AXL, AXN, AXP, AXT, AXU, AXV, AXX, AXY, AXZ, AYT, AYV, AYY, AYZ, AZD, AZT, BAA, BUB, BUD, BUF, BUH, BUL, CVD, HZ & quantity 10 unread.

Pacific Golden Plover – AVV, BHK, BHN, BSB, BSC, BSD, BSH, BSJ, BSK & quantity 2 unread.

Pied Oystercatcher – AAD, AAE, AAK, AAT, AAU, AAY, ABC, ABE, ABL, ABM, AML, C4, D3, EX & quantity 2 unread.

Pied Stilt – ABD, BED, BEJ, BZC, KC & quantity 2 unread.

Red-necked Stint – 2A, 2D, 2P, 3A, 3K, 3L, 3P, 3T, 3U, 3Z, 4F, 4H, 4J, 4L, 4P, 4T, 4U, 4Y, 5A, 5B, 5D, 5F, 5U, 5Z, 6A, 6B, 6C, 6D, 6H, 6P, 6U, 7F, 7H, 7J, 7L, 7P, 7V, 8A, 8B, 8J, 8N, 8S, 8V, 8Z, AY, B3, BN, D4, K3, K4, N2, N4, N5, NC, P6, SJ, SV, TD, U3, U6, UZ, VL, X2, X9, XT, Z2, Z6, Z9, ZP, ZT, ZZ & quantity 4 unread.

Ruddy Turnstone – ABY, AKW, AKX, APJ, ATA, ATB, ATC, ATD, ATF, ATH, ATK, ATN, ATP, ATT, ATU, ATV, ATY, ATZ, AUC, AUD, AUH, AXY, AYH, CSA, CSC, CSD, HE & quantity 3 unread.

Sharp-tailed Sandpiper – AEL, AEN, AEP, ALL, AXC, CAZ, CCF, CTB, CTM, CVC, CVK & quantity 6 unread.

Terek Sandpiper – HD & quantity 4 unread.

Whimbrel – ABT, BXN, BXS, BXU, BYA, BYC, BYH, BYL, BYP, BYT, CJV, DAC, DAF, DAH, DAM, DAN, DAT, DAY, DBY, DCB, DJD, DJH, DJN, DJP, FV, & quantity 5 unread.

GREEN leg flag sightings seen INTERSTATE

None

GREEN leg flag sightings seen OVERSEAS

In Japan

Grey-tailed Tattler

C2 on flag - 17.5.2013 – Rokugo Estuary Tama River Tokyo – Mariko Sagawa

BAH on flag - 17.5.2013 – Mouth of Suzuka-Hasen River Kusu Mie – Hiroshi Abe

In China

None

ORANGE (Victoria) leg flag sightings seen in QLD.

Bar-tailed Godwit

CHH on flag – 15.12.2017 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates

Curlew Sandpiper

ELF unread – 19.12.2017 – Port of Brisbane – Arthur & Sheryl Keates

Great Knot

Plain flag – on 7 occasions – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates et al

Plain flag – 6.1.2018 – Toorbul – Sarah Beavis

Plain flag – on 3 occasions – Manly/Lota Esplanade – Tony Cotter

Plain flag – on 2 occasions – Kakadu Beach – Michael Strong

Plain flag – 20.12.2017 – Thorneside – Arthur Keates

OVERSEAS FLAGGED birds seen in QLD

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

Great Knot

C34 on white flag – 21.12.2017 – Bushland Beach Townsville – John Lowry

A94 on white flag – 3.1.2018 – Bushland Beach Townsville – John Lowry

E17 on white flag – 3.1.2018 – Bushland Beach Townsville – John Lowry

T77 on white flag – 3.1.2018 – Bushland Beach Townsville – John Lowry

U54 on white flag – 3.2.2018 – Bushland Beach Townsville – John Lowry

C75 on white flag – 3.2.2018 – Bushland Beach Townsville – John Lowry

2 plain flags – 3.2.2018- Bushland Beach Townsville – John Lowry

J62 on white flag – 15 & 30.12.2017 & 25.1.2018 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates

J62 on white flag – 20.12.2017 – Wellington Point – Graham Donaldson

J62 on white flag – 13.1.2018 – Acacia St Wellington Point – Nicola Udy

J62 on white flag – 14.1.2018 – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter

J62 on white flag – 27.1.2018 – Manly/Lota Esplanade – Tony Cotter

U04 on white flag – 16.12.2017 – Cairns Esplanade – Jun Matsui

U04 on white flag – 23.10.2017 – Cairns Esplanade – Michel Belaud

Red Knot

1 plain flags – 17.11.2017 – Wynnum Esplanade – Athol Klieve

1 plain flags – 2 & 3.12.2017 – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter

1 plain flags – 8 & 10.12.2017 – Manly – Arthur Keates

Grey-tailed Tattler

1 plain flags – 21.1.2018 – Tinnanbar Great Sandy Strait – Dez Wells

Green over Blue (Jiangsu, China) leg flag sightings

Lesser Sand Plover

1 plain flags left tibia – 15.1.2018 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates

Black over Yellow (Kamchatka Russia) leg flag sightings

Great Knot

EH on yellow flag – 3 & 28.1.2018 – Bushland Beach Townsville – John Lowry

ELF unread – 3.1.2018 – Bushland Beach Townsville – John Lowry

White (New Zealand) leg flag sightings

None

Blue (Japanese) leg flag sightings – (use four colour combinations)

Grey-tailed Tattler

plain flag – 22.11.2017 – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter

plain flag – 2 & 23.12.2017 – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter

plain flag - 30.12.2017 – Manly - Arthur Keates

plain flag – 7.1.2018 – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter

plain flag - 14.1.2018 – Manly/Lota Esplanade – Tony Cotter

plain flag – 2, 15 & 29.1.2018 – Manly - Arthur Keates

plain flag - 19.1.2018 – Wynnum Esplanade – Gordana Pozvek & Paul Hinds

plain flag – 26.1.2018 – Lytton Roost – Tony Cotter

plain flag – 9.2.2018 – Lytton Roost – Gordana Pozvek

plain flag – 10 & 11.2.2018 – Lytton Roost – Tony Cotter

plain flag – 12.2.2018 – Manly - Arthur Keates

Red-necked Stint

Engraved flags unread – on R tibia & R tarsus – 3.1.2018 – Bushland Beach Townsville – John Lowry

C43 on blue flag on R tibia, plain blue flag on R tarsus – 3.2.2018 – Bushland Beach Townsville – John Lowry

Blue over White (Japanese) leg flag sightings

Grey-tailed Tattler

667 on blue flag – 19 & 26.11.2017 – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter

667 on blue flag – 10, 15 & 29.1.2018 – Manly – Arthur Keates

667 on blue flag – 12.2.2018 – Manly – Arthur Keates

568 on blue flag – 20.12.2017 – Thorneside – Arthur Keates

568 on blue flag – 30.12.2017 – Manly – Arthur Keates

568 on blue flag – 2, & 15.1.2018 – Manly – Arthur Keates

568 on blue flag – 27.1.2018 – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter

568 on blue flag – 12.2.2018 – Manly – Arthur Keates

569 on blue flag – 15.1.2018 – Manly – Arthur Keates

191 on blue flag – 22.12.2017 – Manly/Lota Esplanade – Arthur Keates

191 on blue flag – 30.12.2017 – Manly – Arthur Keates

315 on blue flag – 30.12.2017 – Manly – Arthur Keates

315 on blue flag – 2.1.2018 – Manly – Arthur Keates

315 on blue flag – 10.1.2018 – Manly – Arthur Keates & Melissa Whitby

315 on blue flag – 27.1.2018 – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter

Engraved flag unread – 26.11.2017 – Manly – Arthur Keates, Melissa Whitby

Engraved flag unread – 23.12.2017 – Manly – Arthur Keates, Melissa Whitby

Engraved flag unread – 2, 25 & 29.1.2018 – Manly – Arthur Keates

Engraved flag unread – 28.1.2018 – Lytton Roost - Tony Cotter

Engraved flag unread – 3.2.2018 – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter

Engraved flag unread – 11.2.2018 – Manly/Lota Esplanade – Tony Cotter

Lesser Sand Plover

Engraved flag unread – 19.11.2017 – Port of Brisbane – Arthur & Sheryl Keates

Red-necked Stint

Engraved flag unread – 14.12.2017 – Qld Alumina Gladstone – Margaret Worthington

H06 on blue flag – 18.12.2017 – Yorkey's Knob North Qld – Tony Neilson

White over Blue (Taiwan) leg flag sightings

Red-necked Stint

080 on white flag – 25.1.2018 – Manly – Arthur Keates

Greater Sand Plover

Plain flags – 28.1.2018 – Bushland Beach – John Lowry

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.

J4 on flag – 31.10.2017 – Bribie Island eastern beach – Natalie Sands

J4 on flag – 12.1.2018 – Bribie Island eastern beach – Natalie Sands

C4 on flag – 10.1.2018 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates & Melissa Whitby

C4 on flag – 21.1.2018 – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter

Caspian Tern Orange flag (Victoria)

E1 on flag - 1.1.2018 – Kakadu Beach Bribie – Michael Strong

U8 on flag - 2.1.2018 – Kakadu Beach Bribie – Michael Strong