

## WADER WATCH Phil Cross

Can everyone please remember to use the 'Leg Flag Observation Report' form.

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 2,199 between 23.09.14 and 15.02.15. They were sighted by Julian Ashton, Sarah Beavis, Robert Bush, Jimmy Choi, Judy Coles, Jon Coleman, Tony Cotter, Ken Cowell, Linda Cross, Phil Cross, Edith Cuffe, Kristy Currie, Rip Curtis, David Edwards, David Exton, David Hannah, Renate Hottman-Schaefer, Bob James, Arthur Keates, Sheryl Keates, Penn Lloyd, Greg McLachlan, David Milton, Joanne Morris, Jan Nargar, Hebo Pang, Alan Pilkington, Wendy Pilkington, Peter Rothlisberg, Michael Strong, Nicola Udy and Dez Wells.

9 Eastern Curlew, 16 Whimbrel, 942 Bar-tailed Godwit, 3 Black-tailed Godwit, 54 Pied Oystercatcher, 6 Black-winged Stilt, 5 Pacific Golden Plover, 96 Great Knot, 5 Red Knot, 418 Grey-tailed Tattler, 22 Terek Sandpiper, 47 Ruddy Turnstone, 97 Sharp-tailed Sandpiper, 1 Greater Sand Plover, 21 Lesser Sand Plover, 97 Curlew Sandpiper, 3 Red-capped Plover and 357 Red-necked Stint.

The birds sighted above included some of the individually marked flags that QWSG have been fitting and are listed below.

Eastern Curlew – AR, BD.

Whimbrel – FV, FX, UE, UF, UH, UJ, UP, AAD.

Bar-tailed Godwit – AB, AE, AR, BC, BM, BX, CN, CU, CX, DN, DP, DS, DZ, EC, EH, EL, EM, EN, ET, EY, FJ, FK, FL, FM, FZ, HA, HL, HP, HR, HU, JA, JB, JE, JH, JP, JS, JR, JX, KN, NC, NK, NH, NN, NU, NV, NZ, PA, PC, PD, PE, PJ, PM, PR, PS, PU, PX, PY, PZ, RL, RM, RP, RR, RY, AAA, AAB, AAE, AAH, AAL, AAM, ABJ, ABL, ACA, ACB, ACC, ACD, ACJ, ACL, ACN, ACT, ACW, ACX, ACY, ADA, ADC, ADD, ADH, ADJ, ADK, ADM, ADN, ADP, ADT, ADU, ADV, ADW, ADX, ADY, ADZ, AEA, AEB, AEH, AEJ, AEM, AEN, AER, AES, AEU, AEV, AHA, AHC, AHE, AHH, AHL, AHM, AHN, AHS, AHT, AHW, AHZ, AJB, AJC, AJE, AJH, AJJ, AJL, AJM, AJR, AJS, AJY, AJZ, AKA, AKB, AKC, AKD, AKE, AKS, AKY, AKZ, ALB, ALM, ALN, ALP, ALS, ALT, ALV, ALZ, AMA, AMB, AMD, AMH, AMK, AML, AND, ANH, ANJ, ANK, ANP, ANW, ANX, APB, APJ, APK, APP, APT, APU, APV, APW, APX, APY, ARA, ARD, ARE, ARH, ARJ, ARN, ARR, ART, ARU, ARZ, ASA, ASC, ASD, ASE, ASH, ASL, ASM, ASN, ASR, AST, ASU, ASV, ASY, ASX, ASZ, ATA, ATB, ATD, AVA, AVB, AVC, AVH, AVK, AVN, AVP, AVR, AVS, AVU, AVW, AVX, AVZ, AWA, AWC, AWD, AWE, AWH, AXS, AXT, AXY, AXZ, AYA, AYD, AYH, AYK, AYN, AYP, AYS, AYU, AYV, AYW, AYX, AZC, AZD, AZX, BAB, BAC, BAE, BAK, BAN, BAP, BAR, BAS, BAU, BAW, BAX, BAY, BBA, BBD, BBE, BBH, BBJ, BBK, BBL,

BBM, BBN, BBP, BBR, BBS, BBT, BBU, BBV, BBW, BBX, BBY, BCB, BCC, BCE, BCJ, BCK, BCX, BJB, BJN, BJP, BJS, BJU, BJY, BJZ, BKC, BKD, BKH, BKJ, BKK, BKL, BKM, BNA, BNB, BND, BNH, BNJ, BNK, BNL, BNP, BNS, BNU, BNV, BNX, BNY, BNZ, BPA, BPB, BPC, BPD, BPF, BPH, BPJ, BPK, BPL, BPN, BPP, BPS, BPT, BPU, BPV, BPX, BPY, BRD, BRJ, BRL, BRN, BRP, BRS, BRT, BRU, BRV, BRX, BRY, BSA, BZL,

Black-tailed Godwit – APA.

Pied Oystercatcher – B2, B4, B7, C4, D6, H7, AAA, AAB, AAC, AAD, AAH, AAK, AAT, AAU, AAV, AAW, ABB, ABC.

Black-winged Stilt – BB, AAN, AAY, ABA, ABD, BZC.

Pacific Golden Plover – AZR, BVA, BVC,

Great Knot – EV, AAN, AAP, AAY, ADC, AED, AEL, AEU, AEX, AHA, AHC, AHY, AJC, AJD, AJH, AJK, ALL, ALU, ALZ, AMH, AMK, ATH, ATL, ATM, ATN, AUD, AUH, AUK, AUL, AUM, AWE, AWK, AYR, AYY, AZD, BAT, BAX, BBC, BBE, BBJ, BBL, BBX, BCD, BCE, BCK, BCN, BCP, BCR, BCT, BCU, BCX, BCZ, BVK.

Red Knot – ABM, AKM.

Grey-tailed Tattler – A7, AR, AV, AX, BN, CD, DX, JC, JJ, JN, JX, JY, KA, KB, KH, KV, KX, KZ, LE, LH, LM, LN, RC, RD, RH, RU, RY, AAA, AAC, AAD, AAJ, ABB, ABD, ABE, ABS, ABZ, ACA, ACB, ACD, ACH, ACJ, ACP, ACW, ACY, ACZ, ADH, ADL, ADM, ADW, ADZ, AHD, AHN, AKB, AKJ, AKT, AKV, AKW, AMA, AMB, ANA, ANN, ANT, APJ, APM, APP, APX, APZ, ARD, ARE, ARH, ARJ, ARK, ARS, ARY, ASE, ASN, ASP, AST, ASV, ASW, ASX, ASZ, ATA, ATB, ATC, ATD, ATE, ATH, ATK, ATL, ATM, ATP, ATR, ATS, ATV, ATW, ATX, AUA, AUB, AUC, AUD, AUE, AUH, AUJ, AUK, AUL, AUM, AUN, AUP, AUS, AUT, AUU, AUV, AUX, AUY, AUZ, AVA, AVB, AVC, AVD, AVH, AVJ, AVN, AWA, AWP, AWT, AWU, AWV, AWW, AWZ, AXA, AXB, AXC, AXE, AXH, AXL, AXS, AXU, AXV, AXX, AXY, AYA, AYB, AYC, AYD, AYE, AYL, AYN, AYS, AZJ, AZK, AZL, AZM, AZN, AZP, AZS, AZT, AZU, AZV, AZW, AZX, AZY, BAD, BAH, BAJ, BAL, BAM, BDA, BDB, BDD, BDH, BDJ, BDK, BDL, BDM, BDN, BDP,

Terek Sandpiper – AM, CA, CY, DY, EJ, AJN, AKY, ALB, ALD, ALE,

Ruddy Turnstone – AN, EE, HE, ABY, AJB, AKV, AKW, AKX, AKZ, ALC, AXT, AXX, AXY, AYH,

Sharp-tailed Sandpiper – ABT, AEL, AEN, AJA, AJC, AJD, AJE, AJH, AJJ, AJK, AJL, AJM, AJS, AJT, AJW, AJY, AKB, AKD, AKE, AKH, AKJ, AKN, AKP, AKR, AKS, AKT, ALM, AXA, AXB, AXC, AXD, AXJ, AXK, AXP, AXU, AXV, AXZ, AZH.

Curlew Sandpiper – AP, FM, AAD, AAP, AAS, ABA, ABE, ACJ, ACL, ACR, ACT, ACU, ADA, ADJ, AHC, AHE, AHH, AHK, AHL, AHM, AHN, AHP, AHR, AHT, AHU, AHX, AHY, AHZ, AJA, AJB, AJD, AJH, AJJ, AJK, AJR, AJU, AJW, AJX, AKA, AKC, AKD, AKH, AKJ, AKK, AKL, AKN, ANC, ANN, APF,

Lesser Sand Plover – EP, HZ, AJZ, ANP, ANT, APB, APH, APZ.

Red-necked Stint – A5, A7, A9, B2, B3, B4, B5, B9, C2, C3, C4, C5, C8, C9, AB, BA, CA, DV, KB, KE, KL, KX, LY, MB, ME, ML, MM, NA, NC, NJ, NR, NS, NZ, PC, PP, RC, RL, RS, RU, SA, SB, SC, SD, SF, SH, SJ, SK, SL, SU, SV, SX, SY, SZ, TC, TF, TH, TJ, TK, TP, TS, TT, TU, TV, TY, UA, UB, UK, UL, UN, UP, US, UT, UU, UY, UZ, VA, VB, VC, VJ, VK, VL, VN, VP, VS, VT, VU, VX, VY, VZ, XB, XF, XH, XJ, XN, XS, XT, XX, XY, XZ, YA, YB, YF, YJ, YK, YL, YN, YP, YS, YT, YU, YX, YZ, ZB, ZF, ZH, ZL, ZN, ZU, ZV, ZY, ZZ.

**(Tattler, A7, APJ, AVC and AVD, AVH, BAD, has green flag right tibia, yellow flag and geolocator on left tibia and metal band left tarsus**

### **Interstate & overseas Green leg flag sightings**

1 Red Knot (AKM on flag) - Stockton Sandspit, Hunter Estuary, near Newcastle, NSW – Liz Crawford & Chris Herbert – 20.11.14

### **Orange (Victoria) leg flag sightings**

- 1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Kougari Street claypan, Boonooroo – Chris Barnes & Jann Capell – 18.02.15
- 1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates – 17.02.15
- 1 Bar-tailed Godwit (CHH on flag) – Oyster Point – Penn Lloyd – 14.02.15
- 1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates – 27.01.15
- 1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Queen’s Esplanade, Thorneside – Arthur Keates – 22.01.15
- 2 Bar-tailed Godwit – Kougari Street claypan, Boonooroo – Chris Barnes – 19.01.15
- 1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates & Hebo Pang – 19.01.15
- 1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Reeder’s Point Moreton Island – Arthur Keates – 09.01.15
- 1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Manly Harbour – David Milton – 04.01.15
- 1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Cairns Esplanade – Tony Neilson – 03.12.14
- 1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Port of Brisbane Artificial Roost – Arthur Keates, David Edwards & Linda Cross – 28.11.14
- 1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Toorbul – Dez Wells – 23.11.14
- 1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates – 21.11.14
- 1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates – 04.11.14
- 2 Bar-tailed Godwit – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates – 03.11.14
- 1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Port of Brisbane (Fisherman Island) – Arthur Keates – 26.10.14
- 1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Toorbul – Dez Wells – 25.10.14
- 2 Bar-tailed Godwit – Amity Point sandbank – Arthur Keates – 24.10.14
- 1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates – 23.10.14
- 1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates – 21.10.14
- 1 Bar-tailed Godwit (NP on flag) – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates – 17.10.14
- 1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates – 17.10.14
- 1 Bar-tailed Godwit (CAB on flag) – Shellgrit Creek entrance, Mackay – Marlis Schoeb – 14.10.14
- 2 Bar-tailed Godwit – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates – 13.10.14
- 1 Bar-tailed Godwit (ANH on flag) – Toorbul – Judy Coles – 27.09.14
- 1 Bar-tailed Godwit (ADP on flag) – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter – 27.09.14
- 1 Bar-tailed Godwit (ABU on flag) – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter – 27.09.14
- 1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter – 27.09.14
- 1 Great Knot – Toorbul – Arthur Keates & Jimmy Choi – 15.11.14
- 1 Great Knot – Toorbul – Dez Wells – 25.10.14
- 1 Red Knot – Amity Point sandbank – Arthur Keates – 24.10.14
- 1 Red Knot – Wynnum Esplanade – Arthur Keates – 23.10.14
- 1 Red Knot – Wynnum Esplanade – Arthur & Sheryl Keates – 22.10.14
- 1 Red Knot – Lytton – Arthur Keates, Virginia Ridgley & Sandra Harding – 16.10.14
- 1 Red Knot – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter – 27.09.14

### **White (New Zealand) leg flag sightings**

- 1 Red Knot (AVH on flag) – Wynnum Esplanade – Arthur & Sheryl Keates – 22.10.14
- 1 Red Knot (EHD on flag) – Queens’s Esplanade, Thorneside – Arthur Keates – 20.10.14
- 1 Red Knot – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter – 27.09.14

### **Blue (Japanese) leg flag sightings – use four combinations**

- 1 Bar-tailed Godwit – cut blue flag left tibia, orange flag left tarsus – Toorbul – Dez Wells – 12.01.15 (flagged in Kyushu, Southern Japan).
- Following birds flagged in Miyagi Prefecture Central Japan
- 1 Bar-tailed Godwit – C2 on blue flag over white flag left tarsus – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates – 16.01.15
- 1 Bar-tailed Godwit – blue engraved flag over white flag left tarsus – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates & David Edwards – 01.11.14

1 Bar-tailed Godwit – C2 on blue flag over white flag left tarsus – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates – 17.10.14

1 Grey-tailed Tattler – blue flag over white flag left tarsus – Wilson Island, east of Rockhampton – Andrew McDougall – 27.11.14

1 Grey-tailed Tattler – blue engraved flag over white flag left tarsus – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates – 03.11.14

All birds below flagged in Northern Japan (Hokkaido)

1 Great Knot – blue flag left tibia – Toorbul – Dez Wells – 12.01.15

1 Grey-tailed Tattler – blue flag left tibia – Lytton – Arthur Keates – 12.01.15

1 Grey-tailed Tattler – blue flag left tibia – Lytton roost – Arthur Keates – 07.02.15

1 Grey-tailed Tattler – blue flag left tibia – King Island Moreton Bay – Penn Lloyd – 07.02.15

1 Grey-tailed Tattler – blue flag left tibia – King Island Moreton Bay – Penn Lloyd – 08.01.15

1 Grey-tailed Tattler – blue flag left tibia – King Island Moreton Bay – Penn Lloyd – 03.01.15

1 Grey-tailed Tattler – blue flag left tibia – King Island Moreton Bay – Penn Lloyd – 30.12.14

2 Grey-tailed Tattler – blue flag left tibia – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates – 13.11.14

1 Grey-tailed Tattler – blue flag left tibia – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter – 08.11.14

1 Grey-tailed Tattler – blue flag left tibia – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates – 04.11.14

1 Grey-tailed Tattler – blue flag left tibia – Wynnum Esplanade – Arthur Keates – 03.11.14

2 Grey-tailed Tattler – blue flag left tibia – Wynnum Esplanade – Arthur Keates – 27.10.14

2 Grey-tailed Tattler – blue flag left tibia – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates & David Edwards – 21.10.14

1 Grey-tailed Tattler – blue flag left tibia – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter – 26.10.14

1 Grey-tailed Tattler – blue flag left tibia – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter – 19.10.14

1 Grey-tailed Tattler – blue flag left tibia – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates – 17.10.14

1 Red-necked Stint (337 or 33Z on flag) – blue flag right tibia, blue flag right tarsus – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates & Hebo Pang – 19.01.15

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

1 Great Knot – Adair Street Boonaroo – Chris Barnes – 19.01.15

1 Great Knot – Kougari Street claypan Boonaroo – Chris Barnes – 19.01.15

1 Great Knot – Maaroom – Chris Barnes – 24.11.14

1 Red Knot – South Esplanade, Deception Bay – Madeleine Stigner – 23.10.14

### **Green over orange (Yalu Jiang Nature Reserve, China) leg flag sightings**

1 Bar-tailed Godwit – green flag over orange flag right tibia, yellow band over yellow band right tarsus, blue band over white band left tarsus, metal band left tibia (two flags and four bands) – This bird is known as Mr Bling and has been seen at Toorbul by the following people.

Arthur Keates et al on 15.11.14

Sarah Beavis on 02.11.14

Graeme Toft & Gary Knight on 29.12.14

1 Bar-tailed Godwit – green flag over orange flag right tibia, yellow band over yellow band right tarsus, blue band over white band left tibia and blue band over yellow band left tarsus (two flags and six bands) – Toorbul – Dez Wells – 25.10.14, 23.11.14, 16.12.14 & 12.01.15 (most probably a Yalu Jiang flagged bird, but yet to be confirmed)

### **White over orange (South Korea) leg flag sightings**

1 Great Knot – white flag over orange flag right tibia, metal band left tarsus – Bushland Beach, north of Townsville – Brin Crowther – 01.01.15 (flagged Korean Peninsula)

### **Other wader leg flag and banded sightings**

1 Pacific Golden Plover – red over blue band right tibia, red (or orange band) left tibia, metal band right tibia – O'Reagan's Creek eastside, Hervey Bay – Christine Heiser – 01.02.15 (Banding region yet to be determined)

1 Grey-tailed Tattler – 90 on blue flag left tarsus over yellow flag left tarsus – Redland Bay mudflat – Penn Lloyd – 09.01.15 (possibly Bohai Bay, China. Yet to be confirmed)

1 Grey-tailed Tattler – 60 on blue flag left tarsus over yellow flag left tarsus – King Island, Moreton Bay – Penn Lloyd – 08.01.15 (possibly Bohai Bay, China. Yet to be confirmed)

1 Grey-tailed Tattler – engraved blue flag on left tarsus above yellow flag on left tarsus – King Island, Moreton Bay – Penn Lloyd – 03.01.15 (possibly Bohai Bay, China. Yet to be confirmed)

1 Red Knot – lime green band right tibia, metal band left tibia – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates – 04.11.14 (possibly Chukotka, Russia. Yet to be confirmed)

1 Red Knot – lime green band right tibia, metal band left tibia – Wynnum Esplanade – Arthur & Sheryl Keates – 22.10.14 & 27.10.14 (possibly Chukotka, Russia. Yet to be confirmed)

1 Red Knot – black flag left tibia – Toorbul – Dez Wells – 16.12.14 (possibly flagged Chongming Island, China. Old white flag maybe above the black flag and unable to see, or it has lost the white flag)

1 Red-necked Stint – pale green flag right tibia – King Island, Moreton Bay – Penn Lloyd – 31.12.14 (possibly Chukotka, Russia. Yet to be confirmed)

### **Pied Oystercatcher 2 digit Yellow leg flag 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.**

N3 on flag – Oyster Point – Penn Lloyd – 11.02.15

N3 on flag – Point Halloran, Redlands – Penn Lloyd – 07.02.15

L6 on flag – Point Halloran, Redlands – Penn Lloyd – 07.02.15

R8 on flag – Oyster Point – Penn Lloyd – 11.02.15

R8 on flag – Point Halloran, Redlands – Penn Lloyd – 07.02.15

S1 on flag – Point Halloran, Redlands – Penn Lloyd – 07.02.15

C4 on flag – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter – 07.02.15

C4 on flag – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates – 31.01.15

C4 on flag – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter – 17.01.15

C4 on flag – Wynnum Esplanade – Arthur Keates – 16.01.15

D3 on flag – Reeder's Point, Moreton Island – Arthur Keates – 09.01.15

### **Other leg flag sightings and banded birds**

1 Caspian Tern – orange flag right tarsus (47 on flag) – Toorbul – Arthur Keates et al – 15.11.14

1 Caspian Tern – orange engraved flag right tarsus – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates & David Edwards – 01.11.14

1 Crested Tern – red band over light green band right tarsus and metal band left tarsus – Pelican Park, Clontarf – Renate Hottmann-Schaefer – 23.01.15

1 Roseate Tern – white flag right tarsus, metal band left tarsus – Lady Musgrave Island – Peter Rothlisberg – 15.11.14

1 Little Tern – blue flag left tarsus (and possible geolocator) – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates – 04.11.14 & 13.11.14

1 Little Tern – blue engraved flag left tarsus, metal band right tarsus – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates – 03.11.14