

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.

1 Red-necked Stint – Bushland Beach, north of Townsville – Brin Crowther – 22.11.14

Sightings in Moreton Bay & Environs totalled 664 between 16.02.15 and 27.04.15. They were sighted by Sarah Beavis, Michele Burford, Robert Bush, Susan Chisholm, Tony Cotter, Linda Cross, Renate Hottman-Schaefer, Arthur Keates, Sheryl Keates, Penn Lloyd, Katrina Logan, Pierce Logan, Paul Maxwell, Natalie Reed, Peter Rothlisberg, Julie Sarna, Ross Smith, Betty Walker, Chris Walker, Lois Wooding and Jessica Young.

1 Eastern Curlew, 6 Whimbrel, 347 Bar-tailed Godwit, 1 Black-tailed Godwit, 34 Pied Oystercatcher, 8 Black-winged Stilt, 1 Pacific Golden Plover, 34 Great Knot, 171 Grey-tailed Tattler, 7 Terek Sandpiper, 8 Ruddy Turnstone, 5 Sharp-tailed Sandpiper, 10 Lesser Sand Plover, 1 Curlew Sandpiper, 2 Red-capped Plover and 28 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.

Whimbrel – FT, AAD, ABT.

Bar-tailed Godwit – AE, BC, BM, CS, CU, CX, DT, DZ, EC, EL, EM, ET, EX, EY, FA, FJ, FK, FL, FM, HA, HL, HP, HR, HU, JE, JJ, JR, JX, KN, NC, NK, NU, NV, NZ, PA, PC, PD, PM, PN, PR, PV, PX, RM, RP, RR, RY, AAA, AAB, AAE, AAH, AAL, AAT, AAU, ABJ, ACA, ACB, ACH, ACJ, ACM, ACN, ACT, ACW, ACY, ADC, ADD, ADJ, ADT, ADV, ADW, ADX, ADY, AEB, AEJ, AEM, AEN, AES, AEW, AHA, AHC, AHL, AHN, AHT, AHW, AHZ, AJS, AJY, AJZ, AKA, AKD, AKS, AKV, AKW, ALA, ALL, ALM, ALN, ALR, ALV, AMA, AMH, ANP, ANU, ANW, ANX, APJ, APP, APT, APX, ARA, ARC, ARJ, ARN, ART, ARU, ARZ, ASA, ASD, ASE, ASH, ASM, ASN, ASR, AST, ASU, ATA, ATB, ATC, AVA, AVB, AVC, AVK, AVX, AVZ, AWA, AXT, AXU, AXZ, AYA, AYD, AYH, AYK, AYN, AYP, AYV, AYW, AZB, AZC, AZD, AZE, AZK, AZM, AZN, AZR, AZU, AZX, BAA, BAK, BAP, BAV, BAW, BAX, BBA, BBD, BBE, BBJ, BBK, BBL, BBM, BBR, BBU, BCB, BCC, BCE, BCK, BCX, BCZ, BJC, BJN, BJP, BJZ, BKJ, BKK, BKM, BKR, BND, BNJ, BNL, BNN, BNP, BNU, BNY, BNZ, BPC, BPK, BPL, BPS, BPT, BPU, BPV, BPY, BRD, BRF, BRH, BRJ, BRK, BRL, BRP, BRT, BRY, BSD.

Black-tailed Godwit – APA.

Pied Oystercatcher – B7, C4, D8, J4, AAC, AAD, AAT, AAU, AAV, AAW, AAX, AAY, ABC, ABE.

Black-winged Stilt – BB, EA, KC, AAN, AAU, ABE, BZC.

Pacific Golden Plover – BVA.

Great Knot – EV, AAN, AAP, ADA, ADC, AEJ, AEK, AEL, AHC, ALB, ALZ, ATJ, ATN, ATT, ATX, AUD, AYX, BBK, BBN, BBX, BBY, BCH, BCP, BCR, BCZ.

Grey-tailed Tattler – A7, AR, AV, AX, BN, BT, BU, HY, JC, JD, JM, JN, JZ, KB, KV, KX, KZ, LE, LH, LM, LN, RC, RM, AAA, AAK, AAR, ABB, ABN, ACA, ACH, ACJ, APL, ACP, ACR, ACW, ACX, ADH, ADJ, AHR, AKC, AKE, AKP, AKW, AMB, ANC, ANN, ANU, APJ, APM, APN, APP, APT, APU, APX, APZ, ARC, ARE, ARJ, ARL, ARU, ASL, ASV, ASW, ATL, ATP, ATV, ATX, AUC, AUH, AUJ, AUN, AUS, AUV, AUY, AVA, AVC, AVD, AVE, AVL, AVM, AWL, AWN, AWS, AWV, AXA, AXB, AXC, AXD, AXE, AXL, AXP, AXR, AXX, AYD, AZJ, AZM, AZN, AZU, AZW, BAJ, BAL, BAM, BDH, BDJ, BDP.

Terek Sandpiper – AV, CY, EE, ACU, AKY, ALE.

Ruddy Turnstone – EY, AJB, AKV, AKW, ALC, AXY, AYH.

Sharp-tailed Sandpiper – AEP, AKB, AXP.

Curlew Sandpiper – ACS.

Lesser Sand Plover – EP, AJZ, ANV, APB, APT.

Red-necked Stint – A9, B4, C5, LZ, MT, PS, SJ, SK, SY, TS, TV, UP, UY, VA, VB, VU, VY, YL, YT, ZF, ZZ.

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

Interstate & overseas Green leg flag sightings

1 Pied Oystercatcher (A8 on flag) – Pattch’s Beach, NSW – Stephen Totterman – 18.03.15

1 Pied Oystercatcher (A8 on flag) – Robin’s Beach, NSW – Bo Totterman – 01.12.14

2 Bar-tailed Godwit (1 engraved flag AKC) – Seocheon tidal flat, Geum Barrage, South Korea – Ju Yung Ki – 20.04.15

7 Bar-tailed Godwit (engraved flags EC, NU, AET, AEU, AKS, AZX, BPX) – Aphae Island (south), South Korea – Andreas Kim & Kim Seok-Yee – 20.04.15.

5 Bar-tailed Godwit (engraved flags EC, NU, AET, AZX, BAP) – Aphae Island (south), South Korea – Andreas Kim – 18.04.15.

15 Bar-tailed Godwit (13 engraved flags EC, PR, AEU, ASW, AWE, AYD, AZX, BBE, BKJ, BKT, BRD, BRF, BRN) – Aphae Island (south), South Korea – Andreas Kim – 15.04.15

11 Bar-tailed Godwit (9 engraved flags NC, PR, ABM, AET, ALV, ASW, AYD, AZX, BPY) – Aphae Island (south), South Korea – Andreas Kim – 12.04.15

5 Bar-tailed Godwit (4 engraved flags ABW, ALV, ASW, ATA) – Aphae Island (south), South Korea – Andreas Kim – 08.04.15

5 Bar-tailed Godwit (engraved flags AET, ALV, ASW, AWE, AYB) – Aphae Island (south), South Korea – Andreas Kim & Kim Seok-Yee – 06.04.15

1 Bar-tailed Godwit (AET on flag) – Aphae Island (south), South Korea – Andreas Kim – 31.03.15, 02.04.15 and 04.04.15

1 Bar-tailed Godwit (ATB on flag) – Song Do Korea, South Korea – Spike Millington – 04.04.15

1 Bar-tailed Godwit (AJN on flag) – Miranda Firth of Thames, South Auckland, South Island, New Zealand – Ian Southey – 11,17, 20 and 22.03.15

1 Bar-tailed Godwit (AJZ on flag) – Miranda Firth of Thames, South Auckland, South Island, New Zealand – Ian Southey – 10.03.15

1 Bar-tailed Godwit (ABZ on flag) – Miranda Firth of Thames, South Auckland, South Island, New Zealand – Ian Southey – 07.03.15

1 Bar-tailed Godwit (AJN on flag) – Miranda Firth of Thames, South Auckland, South Island, New Zealand – Ian Southey – 06.03.15

1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Omaha, North Auckland, North Island, New Zealand – Marie Ward – 04.03.15

1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Motueka sandspit, near Nelson, South Island, New Zealand – Rob Schuckard – 20.02.15

1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Ohiwa Island, Bay of Plenty, North Island, New Zealand – Tim Barnard – 19.02.15
1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Big Sand Island, Kaipara Harbour, North Island, New Zealand – Tony Habraken – 02.01.15
1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Pakawau, Golden Bay, near Nelson, South Island, New Zealand – Ingrid Hutzler – 01.12.14
1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Bells Island, Waimea Inlet, near Nelson, South Island, New Zealand – Willie Cook – 01.10.14
1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Motueka sandspit, near Nelson, South Island, New Zealand – Rob Schuckard – 29.09.14
1 Bar-tailed Godwit (ASD on flag) – Daijyu-garami, Higashiyoga-cho, Saga-ken, Japan – Miyazaki Yasuo – 29.04.15
1 Bar-tailed Godwit (BJT on flag) – Daijyu-garami, Higashiyoga-cho, Saga-ken, Japan – Sayaka Nakamura – 15.04.14
1 Bar-tailed Godwit (ASD on flag) – Arao Beach, Arao, Kumamoto, Japan – Muratomi Mitsuaki – 07.04.14
1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Miranda Firth of Thames, South Auckland, South Island, New Zealand – Sue Chatfield, N. Dyson and J. Mitchell – 03.03.14
1 Great Knot (AYU on flag) – Aphae Island (south), South Korea – Andreas Kim – 18 & 20.04.15
1 Red Knot – Stockton sandspit, Hunter Estuary, near Newcastle, NSW – Liz Crawford & Chris Herbert – 11.10.14
1 Red Knot – Stockton sandspit, Hunter Estuary, near Newcastle, NSW – Liz Crawford & Chris Herbert – 16.10.14 & 18.10.14 & 22.10.14
1 Grey-tailed Tattler (BAH on flag) – Kusuchou-Minamigomitsuka, Yokkaichi-shi, Mie-ken, Japan – Ando Nobuaki – 06.09.14
1 Grey-tailed Tattler (APV on flag) – Matsunaga Bay, Matsunaga-cho, Fukuyama-shi, Hiroshima-ken, Japan – Imagaway Yoshibumi – 19.05.14
1 Grey-tailed Tattler (DH on flag) – mouth of Kongo River, Matsusaka Mie, Japan – Tanaka Yoko – 03.05.14

Orange (Victoria) leg flag sightings

1 Bar-tailed Godwit (CHH on flag) – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates – 18.04.15
1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Lytton claypan – Arthur Keates – 18.04.15
1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Lytton roost – Arthur Keates – 04.04.15
1 Bar-tailed Godwit – (CHH on flag) – Oyster Point – Chris Walker – 20.03.15
1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Adair Street, Boonooroo – Chris Barnes – 20.03.15
1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Kougari Street claypan, Boonooroo – Chris Barnes – 20.03.15
1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Manly Harbour – Arthur & Sheryl Keates, Pierce & Katrina Logan – 15.03.15
1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Queen’s Esplanade, Thorneside – Arthur Keates – 13.03.15
1 Bar-tailed Godwit – St. Helen’s Beach, north of Mackay – Marlis Schoeb – 02.03.15
1 Bar-tailed Godwit (CHH on flag) – Oyster Point – Penn Lloyd – 24.02.15
1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Cairns Esplanade – Norton Gill – 05.11.14
1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Cairns Esplanade – Lars Olausson – 25.10.14

White (New Zealand) leg flag sightings

No sightings.

Blue (Japanese) leg flag sightings – use four combinations

1 Grey-tailed Tattler – cut blue flag right tibia and cut orange flag right tarsus – Toorbul – Dez Wells – 05.04.15 (flagged Kyushu, Japan)

1 Grey-tailed Tattler – cut blue flag left tibia and cur orange flag left tarsus – Toorbul – Dez Wells – 12.03.15 (flagged Kyushu, Japan)

1 Grey-tailed Tattler – engraved 60 on blue flag left tarsus over white flag left tarsus – King Island, Moreton Bay – Penn Lloyd – 28.02.15 (flagged Miyagi-ken, central Japan)

1 Grey-tailed Tattler – engraved 60 on blue flag left tarsus over white flag left tarsus – King Island, Moreton Bay – Penn Lloyd – 25.02.15 (flagged Miyagi-ken, central Japan)

1 Grey-tailed Tattler – engraved 90 on blue flag left tarsus over white flag left tarsus – Redland Bay mudflat – Penn Lloyd – 25.02.15 (flagged Miyagi-ken, central Japan)

All birds below flagged in Northern Japan (Hokkaido)

4 Great Knot – blue flag left tibia – Buckley’s Hole sandbar, Bribie Island – Dez Wells – 07.02.15

2 Grey-tailed Tattler – blue flag left tibia – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter – 27.04.15

2 Grey-tailed Tattler – blue flag left tibia – King Island, Moreton Bay – Penn Lloyd – 25.04.15

1 Grey-tailed Tattler – blue flag left tibia – Wynnum Esplanade – Arthur & Sheryl Keates – 24.04.15

1 Grey-tailed Tattler – blue flag left tibia – Shellgrit Creek entrance, Mackay – Gerry Woodruff – 16.04.15

1 Grey-tailed Tattler – blue flag right tibia – Lytton roost – Arthur Keates – 04.04.15

1 Grey-tailed Tattler – blue flag left tibia – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter – 28.03.15

1 Grey-tailed Tattler – blue flag left tibia – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter – 21.03.15

2 Grey-tailed Tattler – blue flag left tibia – Kougari Street claypan, Boonooroo – Chris Barnes – 20.03.15

1 Grey-tailed Tattler – blue flag right tibia – Kougari Street claypan, Boonooroo – Chris Barnes – 20.03.15

1 Grey-tailed Tattler – blue flag left tibia – Toorbul – Dez Wells – 12.03.15

1 Grey-tailed Tattler – blue flag left tibia – Lytton roost – Arthur Keates & Judy Leitch – 11.03.15

1 Grey-tailed Tattler – blue flag left tibia – Lytton roost – Arthur Keates & Robert Bush – 10.03.15

1 Grey-tailed Tattler – blue flag left tibia – King Island, Moreton Bay – Penn Lloyd – 28.02.15

1 Grey-tailed Tattler – blue flag left tibia – Lytton roost – Arthur & Sheryl Keates & Margaret Cameron – 24.02.15

1 Red-necked Stint – blue flag left tibia and blue flag left tarsus – Burdekin Delta, east of Home Hill, near Townsville – Denise & Graham Holder – 20.03.15

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

1 Pacific Golden Plover – Bushland Beach, north of Townsville – Ed Pierce – 06.04.15

1 Great Knot – Burdekin Delta, east of Home Hill, near Townsville – Denise & Graham Holder – 04.03.15

1 Great Knot – St. Helen’s Beach north of Mackay – Marlis Schoeb – 02.03.15

1 Greater Sand Plover – McArthur IBA, Warna – Paul Barden – 01.03.15

1 Red-necked Stint – Burdekin Delta, east of Home Hill, near Townsville – Denise & Graham Holder – 20.03.15

1 Red-necked Stint – McArthur IBA, Warna – Paul Barden – 01.03.15

1 Red-necked Stint – Burdekin Delta, east of Home Hill, near Townsville – Denise & Graham Holder – 06.03.15

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 (Mr Bling - two flags and four bands) – Toorbul – Dez Wells – 12.03.15

White over blue (Taiwan) leg flag sightings

1 Greater Sand Plover – engraved AX on white flag, over blue flag left tibia, metal band right tibia – Burdekin Delta, east of Home Hill, near Townsville – Denise & Graham Holder – 20.03.15

1 Greater Sand Plover – white flag, over blue flag left tibia – Burdekin Delta, east of Home Hill, near Townsville – Denise & Graham Holder – 20.03.15

1 Greater Sand Plover – engraved 072 on white flag, over blue flag left tibia, metal band right tibia – Burdekin Delta, east of Home Hill, near Townsville – Denise & Graham Holder – 06.03.15

1 Greater Sand Plover – engraved EP on white flag, over blue flag left tibia, metal band right tibia – Burdekin Delta, east of Home Hill, near Townsville – Denise & Graham Holder – 04.03.15

1 Greater Sand Plover – white flag, over blue flag left tibia, metal band right tibia – Burdekin Delta, east of Home Hill, near Townsville – Denise & Graham Holder – 04.03.15

Other wader leg flag and banded sightings

1 Pacific Golden Plover – blue band over green band right tibia, metal band right tibia – Pilot Station Reserve, Burnett Heads – Chris Barnes & Nev Capell – 06.03.15 (flagged Alaska, USA)

1 Great Knot – yellow flag right tibia, orange flag right tarsus, metal band left tarsus – St. Helen's Beach, north of Mackay – Marlis Schoeb – 02.03.15 (flagged south-west, Western Australia)

1 Red Knot – black flag right tibia, yellow flag right tarsus, metal band left tarsus – Burdekin Delta, east of Home Hill, near Townsville – Denise & Graham Holder – 20.03.15 (flagged Kamchatka Peninsula, Russia).

1 Broad-billed Sandpiper – white flag over orange flag left tibia – McArthur IBA, Warna – Paul Barden – 01.03.15 (flagged Korean Peninsula)

1 Red-necked Stint – yellow flag right tibia, white flag right tarsus – Burdekin Delta, east of Home Hill, near Townsville – Denise & Graham Holder – 20.03.15

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.

(ELF unable to read) – Port of Brisbane – Arthur & Sheryl Keates – 19.04.15

C5 on flag – Reeder's Point, Moreton Island – Arthur Keates & David Milton – 07.04.15

D3 on flag – Reeder's Point, Moreton Island – Arthur Keates & David Milton – 07.04.15

K3 on flag – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates – 31.03.15

C4 on flag – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter – 18.04.15

C4 on flag – Wynnum Esplanade – Arthur Keates – 18.04.15

C4 on flag – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter – 21.03.15

H1 on flag – Tony's Island, Tweed River, Tweed Heads, NSW – Laurel Allsopp – 13.03.15

Other leg flag sightings and banded birds

1 Caspian Tern – (E2) on orange flag left tarsus, metal band right tarsus – Kakadu Beach roost, Bribie Island – 22.03.15

1 Caspian Tern – (47) on orange flag right tarsus, metal band left tarsus – Toorbul – Renata Hottmann-Schafer – 22.03.15