

WADER WATCH Phil Cross

There is a slight change in the format recording the leg flag sightings in this and future issues of the newsletter. Linda used to do them previously, but Phil has now taken over his job of typing them up, reducing Linda's already heavy workload.

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 55 between 22.03.15 and 02.08.2015. They were sighted by Sarah Beavis, Tony Cotter, Renate Hottman-Schaefer, Arthur Keates, Sheryl Keates, and Penn Lloyd.

1 Bush Stone Curlew, 1 Eastern Curlew, 3 Bar-tailed Godwit, 3 Double-banded Plover, 22 Pied Oystercatcher, 8 Black-winged Stilt, 1 Great Knot, 13 Grey-tailed Tattler, 1 Lesser Sand Plover, 1 Red-capped Plover and 1 Red-kneed Dotterel.

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

Bush Stone Curlew – K4

Bar-tailed Godwit – AZN, BPC, BRK.

Pied Oystercatcher – C4, AAA, AAC, AAD, AAH, AAX, AAY, ABC, ABE.

Black-winged Stilt – BB, EA, AAY, ABE.

Double-banded Plover – DD, ABU.

Red-capped Plover – AH.

Great Knot – AJC.

Grey-tailed Tattler – A7, CD, EN, ACW, ARE, ATY, AUJ, AUS, AZP, AZS, AZU, AZW, BDM.

Lesser Sand Plover – AKY.

Red-kneed Dotterel – ADN.

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

Interstate & overseas Green leg flag sightings

Bar-tailed Godwit

1 – Suncheon Bay (south), South Korea – Ju Yung Ki – 18.05.15

- 2 – Aphae Island (south), South Korea – Ju Yung Ki – 18.05.15
- 1 – Chonsu Bay near Seosan, South Korea – Andreas Kim – 16.05.15
- 3 – Seocheon Tidal Flat, Geum Barrage, South Korea – Ju Yung Ki – 14.05.15
- 1 (EC on flag) – Aphae Island (south), South Korea – Andreas Kim – 14.05.15
- 1 – Yalu Jiang Site 10, China – David Melville – 10.05.15

- 1 (APN on flag) – Seocheon Tidal Flat, Geum Barrage, South Korea – Ju Yung Ki – 10.05.15
- 1 (RP on flag) – Gunsan Jeollabukdo, South Korea – Ju Yung Ki – 07.05.15 & 12.05.15
- 1 (ABR on flag) – Seocheon Tidal Flat, South Korea – Ju Yung Ki – 07.05.15
- 1 – Zhongak-Ku Ponds, North Korea – Adrian Riegen & David Melville – 07.05.15
- 1 (ALV on flag) – Aphae Island (south), South Korea – Andreas Kim – 07.05.15
- 1 (EC on flag) – Aphae Island (south), South Korea – Andreas Kim – 07.05.15
- 2 – Seocheon Tidal Flat, Geum Barrage, South Korea – Ju Yung Ki – 04.05.15
- 1 (PR on flag) – Aphae Island (south), South Korea – Andreas Kim – 02.05.15 & 05.05.15
- 1 – Aphae Island (south), South Korea – Andreas Kim – 02.05.15
- 1 – Seocheon Tidal Flat, Geum Barrage, South Korea – Ju Yung Ki – 01.05.15
- 1 – Gochang Tidal Flat, South Korea – Ju Yung Ki – 30.04.15
- 1 (CU on flag) – Gunsan Jeollabukdo, South Korea – Ju Yung Ki – 25.04.15
- 1 (AKH on flag) – Yalu Jiang Site 5, China – David Melville – 18.04.15
- 1 (BAK on flag) – Yalu Jiang Site 5, China – David Melville – 17.04.15
- 2 – Yalu Jiang Site 5, China – David Melville – 16.04.15
- 1 – Yalu Jiang Site 5, China – David Melville – 15.04.15
- 1 – Golden Bay, South Island, New Zealand – Ingrid Hutzler – 01.12.14

Curlew Sandpiper

- 1 (AAV on flag) – Bohai Oil Rig, China – Chris Hassell – 14.05.15

Great Knot

- 1 (AJV on flag) – Ola Lagoon, central Russia – Alexander Kondratyev – 24.05.15
- 1 (AJV on flag) – Ola Lagoon, central Russia – Igor Dorogoy – 23.05.15
- 1 (AHC on flag) – Gaizhou Yingkou, China – David Melville – 16.05.15
- 1 – Gochang Tidal Flat, South Korea – Ju Yung Ki – 26.04.15
- 1 (BCZ on flag) – non specific site, Taiwan – Emilia – 17.04.15
- 1 (AUD on flag) – Tayuan Taoyuan County, Taiwan – Liang-Li Liu – 16.04.15
- 1 (AUD on flag) – non specific site, Taiwan – Roger Rao – 13.04.15

Greater Sand Plover

- 1 – Han-Pao Changhua County, Taiwan – Chih-Hui Liu – 07.04.15

Grey-tailed Tattler

- 1 (ATR on flag) – Mouth of Kako River Takasago Hyogo, Japan – Muneo Haraki – 18.06.15
- 1 (AZW on flag) – Gamo Tidal Flat, Sendai-shi, Miyagi-ken, Japan – Kazuko Kamata – 15.05.15
- 1 (KZ on flag) – Zaimokuza, Kamakura-shi, Kanagawa-ken, Japan – Hideo Ike – 15.05.15
- 1 (ATL on flag) – Mouth of Onosato River Sennan Osaka, Japan – Masashi Fujimura – 14.05.15
- 1 (ARV on flag) – Matsunaga Bay, Hiroshima, Japan – Kunihiko Watanabe – 11.05.15
- 1 (ATU on flag) – Mouth of Kako River Takasago Hyogo, Japan – Fumio Kinoshita – 11.05.15
- 1 (ARK on flag) – Yatsu Estuary Chiba Tokyo, Japan – Shouta Sawamoto – 06.05.15
- 1 (APR on flag) – Yoshikawa-cho Kochiken, Japan – Dai Ikeuchi – 06.05.15

Red Knot

- 1 – Bohai Oil Rig, China – Chris Hassell – 10.05.15
- 1 (ABE on flag) – Bohai Oil Rig, China – Chris Hassell – 28.04.15

Red-necked Stint

- 1 – Saga, Japan – Sayaka Nakamura – 20.05.15
- 1 (SF on flag) – Dongling Rudong Jiangsu Province, China – Zhang Lin – 16.05.15

Orange (Victoria) leg flag sightings

1 Bar-tailed Godwit – (CJW on flag) - Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter – 31.05.15

1 Bar-tailed Godwit – (AJS on flag) - Cairns Esplanade – Jun Matsui – 01.11.14

White (New Zealand) leg flag sightings

No sightings.

Blue (Japanese) leg flag sightings – use four combinations

Grey-tailed Tattler

1 – King Island, Moreton Bay – Penn Lloyd – 02.05.15 (flagged Hokkaido)

1 – Cairns Esplanade – Jun Matsui – 13.12.14 (flagged Hokkaido)

Red-necked Stint

1 – blue flag left tarsus and white flag left tarsus – Cairns Esplanade – Jun Matsui – 20.05.15 (flagged Tokyo Bay)

1 – blue flag left tarsus and white flag left tarsus – Cairns Esplanade – Don Hadden – 10.06.15 (flagged Tokyo Bay)

1 (195) on cut blue flag left tibia and cut white flag left tarsus – Mackay – Jun Matsui – 09.11.14 (flagged Yatsu Tidal Flat)

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

1 Red-necked Stint – Cairns Esplanade – Jun Matsui – 09.10.14

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

No sightings.

White over blue (Taiwan) leg flag sightings

No sightings.

Other wader leg flag and banded sightings

No sightings.

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.

No sightings.

Other leg flag sightings and banded birds

Caspian Tern

1 (47) on orange flag right tarsus, metal band left tarsus – Toorbul – Judy Coles, Mary Hynes & Robyn Duff – 20.07.15

1 (47) on orange flag right tarsus, metal band left tarsus – Toorbul – Sarah Beavis – 15.07.15

1 orange flag right tarsus, metal band left tarsus – Lytton claypan – Arthur Keates – 04.07.15

1 (47) on orange flag right tarsus, metal band left tarsus – Toorbul – Sarah Beavis – 25.05.15

1 (24) on orange flag right tarsus, metal band left tarsus – Buckley's Hole sandspit, Bribie Island – Michael Strong – 17.05.15

1 orange flag right tarsus, metal band left tarsus – Buckley's Hole sandspit, Bribie Island – Michael Strong – 17.05.15

1 (E6) on orange flag left tarsus, metal band right tarsus – Toorbul – Renata Hottmann-Schafer – 22.03.15