

QUEENSLAND WADER STUDY GROUP

Shorebird research and conservation in Queensland, Australia



This course offers a unique opportunity to learn about a special group of birds, waders. These birds are magnificent athletes, flying up to 25,000 km every year. They range from tiny 24-gram birds to the world's largest wader, the Far Eastern Curlew, weighing in at over 1 kilogram. Moreton Bay, on Brisbane's doorstep, is an internationally significant area for waders, but most people are oblivious to their presence.

Seventeen resident and 36 migrant species of wader occur in Australia; in total, about 3 million birds. They feed on the shorelines of coastal and inland wetlands of Australia. The majority breed in the higher latitudes of the Northern Hemisphere in places like Siberia and Alaska, and travel the East Asian/Australasian flyway twice a year on migration. From September to April, a large number of species can be found in Moreton Bay, and we have an ideal opportunity to study these species. They face increasing pressures from

burgeoning human populations and habitat destruction throughout the flyway.

During this one-day course you will be introduced to these fascinating birds through specific topics that include:

- What are waders, their evolution and taxonomy
- Field identification
- Migration and breeding
- Importance of Moreton Bay
- The East Asian/Australasian Flyway
- Challenges and threats
- National and International conservation agreements.

The field trip will give you the opportunity to have a 'hands on' chance to identify many of the species mentioned in the lectures with experienced wader-watchers.

THE QWSG WADER COURSE CONSISTS OF A MORNING OF LECTURES AND AN AFTERNOON FIELD TRIP

COST: \$60.00 To confirm your registration; please transfer your fee using the details below. Receipts will be issued on receipt of fee. Places are limited so register soon.

REGISTRATION: Saturday 15 December 2018, from 8:30 am at the Manly NPRSR Office, 34 Trafalgar Street Manly 4179

LECTURES: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, morning tea and buffet lunch included.

FIELD TRIP: Saturday 15 December 2018, 2:00 to 4:00 pm, at Manly Harbour Roost
Please note that the field site is exposed – remember to bring a hat, sunscreen and water bottle. A condition of entry is wearing closed shoes for the field visit.

CLOSING DATE: Please enrol by Monday 10 December 2018. Remember places are limited.

ENQUIRIES: secretary@waders.com.au

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ENROLMENT FORM (email to treasurer@waders.org.au) **INTRODUCTION TO WADERS (SHOREBIRDS) IN AUSTRALIA AND MORETON BAY**

Course Fee: \$60.00 pay by direct transfer to Qld Wader Study Group BSB: 313 140 Account Number: 08305297 Please use "Surname as the identifier" for the EFT.

Title:First Name:Last Name:

Address:

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Organisation (if applicable):Phone Number:.....

Do you require a vegetarian or other special lunch? Please specify