

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

A quantity of 17 plain flag together with 66 unread engraved flag and 1687 engraved green flag records have been added to the database in the last 3 months. The species recorded and the number of observations were as follows. Bar-tailed Godwit 821, Broad-billed Sandpiper 1, Curlew Sandpiper 47, Far Eastern Curlew 20, Great Knot 57, Greater Sand Plover 34, Grey Plover 10, Grey-tailed Tattler 365, Lesser Sand Plover 112, Pacific Golden Plover 51, Pied Oystercatcher 49, Pied Stilt 20, Red-capped Plover 2, Red Knot 1, Red-necked Stint 97, Ruddy Turnstone 36, Sharp-tailed Sandpiper 21, Terek Sandpiper 11 and Whimbrel 15.

They were sighted by Jeremiah Abberdan, Mick Barker, Chris Barnes, John Bell, Ken Bissett, Frank Burch, Terry Burgess, Tony Cotter, Ken Cowell, Linda Cross, Phil Cross, Graham Donaldson, Sandra Harding, Renate Hottmann-Schaefer, Arthur Keates, Sheryl Keates, Penn Lloyd, Gillie Matthew, Wayne Matthews, Stewart Melton, Gordana Pozvek, Zac Robba, Ruby Rosenfield, Peter Rothlisberg, Michael Strong, Nicola Udy, Melissa Whitby, Craig Wilson and Brad Woodworth.

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, ACL, ACX, ADD, ADH, ADK, ADN, ADX, ADY, ADZ, AEA, AED, AEH, AEU, AEV, AEW, AHL, AHT, AHV, AJM, AJX, AKA, AKB, AKD, AKE, AKJ, AKN, AKR, AKS, AKW, AKY, ALN, ALU, ALZ, AMH, AMK, ANK, ANM, ANV, ANW, ANX, APH, APM, APP, ARN, ASB, ASE, ASH, ASK, ASL, ASP, ASR, ASZ, AUP, AUR, AUZ, AVA, AVB, AVC, AVE, AVJ, AVK, AVX, AVY, AVZ, AXD, AXH, AXU, AYD, AYN, AYW, AYZ, AZB, AZM, AZS, AZT, AZV, BAA, BAB, BAJ, BAN, BAS, BAW, BAX, BBA, BBD, BBK, BBL, BBS, BBU, BBV, BBY, BC, BCE, BCN, BCP, BCV, BDA, BDH, BDJ, BDL, BDS, BDT, BDV, BDW, BDX, BDY, BDZ, BER, BEU, BEV, BEW, BEX, BHB, BHC, BHD, BHH, BHJ, BHK, BHP, BHU, BHV, BJN, BJP, BKC, BKJ, BKK, BKL, BKM, BKP, BKR, BKU, BKV, BKX, BKY, BKZ, BLA, BNK, BNP, BPB, BPF, BPH, BPS, BPU, BPY, BRL, BRP, BRS, BRT, BRU, BSB, BSX, BSZ, BTA, BTD, BTF, BTJ, BTL, BTP, BTV, BTY, BTZ, BUA, BUJ, BUK, BUX, BUY, BVB, BVC, BX, BZA, BZD, BZF, BZK, BZL, BZU, BZY, CAB, CAD, CAF, CAK, CAL, CAS, CAU, CAV, CAY, CBA, CBB, CBD, CBK, CBL, CBN, CBT, CBX, CBY, CCD, CCJ, CCL, CCV, CCY, CCZ, CJB, CJC, CJD, CJE, CJK, CJL, CJN, CN, CPM, CS, CU, CX, DBB, DBD, DBJ, DBK, DCV, DCX, DCY, DDA, DDB, DDD, DN, DU, EC, EL, ET, FA, FJ, FM, HL, HP, HR, HU, JA, JB, JE, JH, JJ, JP, KM, PA, PC, PD, PE, PJ, PP, PR, PU, RL, RM, RP & quantity 27 unread.

Broad-billed Sandpiper – BFA.

Curlew Sandpiper – AAM, AAY, ABC, ABD, ACL, ACT, ACU, AHA, AHM, AJL, AKH, AKL, ANU, APD, ASH, ATB, ATC, AUB, AVF, AXA, AYB, AYF, AYP, AYS, AZV, BDY, BDZ and quantity 1 unread.

Far Eastern Curlew – AAD, AAL, AAN, AAP, AHA, AR, CB & quantity 2 unread.

Great Knot – AAP, AEH, AEK, AEL, AEV, AJH, ALN, BBB, BBE, BBH, BBZ, BEC, BEU, BEW, BHR, BHT, BRD, BRN, BTF, BTJ, BTT, BTX, CMA, CMJ, CNA, CNV & 11 unread.

Greater Sand Plover – CAC, CAD, CAF, CCB, CCC, CSB, CVB, CVH, CVJ & 2 unread.

Grey Plover – JT.

Grey-Tailed Tattler – AAC, AAK, AAR, ABD, ACD, ACE, ACK, ACW, ACY, ADH, ADZ, AKC, AKJ, AKL, AKP, AKR, AKU, AKV, AKW, AMA, AMB, ANN, ANT, APS, APU, APY, AR, ARD, ARH, ARJ, ARL, ARW, ARY, ASE, ASL, ASU, ASZ, ATA, ATC, ATD, ATE, ATH, ATJ, ATL, ATW, AUA, AUK, AUS, AUT, AUX, AUY, AUZ, AVC, AVN, AWU, AWV, AWW, AWZ, AXB, AXE, AXH, AXP, AXW, AXX, AYA, AZP, AZT, AZY, BAD, BAJ, BAL, BAM, BDB, BDJ, BDL, BDN, BHE, BHP, BHV, BN, BPY, BSN, BSP, BSS, BST, BT, BXB, BXD, BXH, BXJ, BXL, BXP, BXS, BXT, DAD, HK, HV, HY, JN, JU, JX, JY, JZ, KM, KV, KX, KZ, LM, LN, RU & quantity 5 unread.

Lesser Sand Plover – AEL, AEN, AER, AES, AEU, AEX, AEZ, AKV, ALU, AMA, AMB, AMD, AMH, ANP, AUC, AUH, AUS, AUX, AUY, AVA, AVN, AVP, AVS, AVV, AVX, AVZ, AXC, AXD, AXH, AXK, AXN, AXS, AXU, AXV, AXY, AXZ, AYT, AYV, AYZ, BUA, BUC, BUD, BUH, CVD, HZ & quantity 4 unread.

Pacific Golden Plover – BHK, BHN, BHU, BHW, BHY, BHZ, BJA, BJB, BSB, BSC, BSD, BSH, BSJ, & quantity 1 unread.

Pied Oystercatcher – AAC, AAE, AAK, AAY, ABC, ABD, ABE, ABL, ALA, AML, B3, B4, B6, C4, EX, H7 & quantity 2 unread.

Pied Stilt – BEE, BEH, BEJ, BEP, BEZ, BWA, BWB, BZC.

Red Knot – 1 unread.

Red-capped Plover – CP, JH.

Red-necked Stint – 2B, 2P, 2U, 3A, 3B, 3D, 3V, 4B, 4H, 4J, 4L, 4T, 4U, 4Y, 4Z, 5D, 5F, 5V, 6F, 6H, 6X, 7B, 7D, 7F, 7P, 7X, 8A, 8D, 8M, 8N, 8T, 8V, 8Y, D4, J2, K3, K7, N3, SX, TP, V9, VL, VT, X2, Y4, YF, Z2, Z6, ZZ & quantity 3 unread.

Ruddy Turnstone – ABY, AKW, AKX, APJ, ATA, ATB, ATD, ATK, ATL, ATN, ATT, ATU, ATY, AUC, AUF, AYH, CSA, CSD & quantity 3 unread.

Sharp-tailed Sandpiper – AEL, AKB, ALL, APT, AUN, AXN, AXP, AXZ, CCD, CTM & CVK.

Terek Sandpiper – ACU, DX, HD & quantity 1 unread.

Whimbrel – BXD, BXX, DAM, DAX, DBN, DBP, DBS, DBZ, DCC, DJD, DJH, DJS, & quantity 2 unread.

GREEN leg flag sightings seen INTERSTATE

None

GREEN leg flag sightings seen OVERSEAS

In Japan

Grey-tailed Tattler

APY on flag - 12.8.2018 – Ii-shinden, Ikawadu-chom, Tahara-shi, Aichi-ken – Yoshihiro Kurahashi

AXD on flag - 12.8.2018 – Hama Koshien Nishinominya Hyogo – Fumiyo Komatsu

In New Zealand

Bar-tailed Godwit

CJS on flag – 23.9.2018 – Bells Island, Waimea Inlet, Nelson – Willie Cook

CJS on flag – 8.12.2018 – Rabbit Island, Waimea Inlet, Nelson – David Melville

BDY on flag – 25.11.2018 – Farewell Spit, Gobi, Nelson – Steve Wood

ORANGE (Victoria) leg flag sightings seen in QLD.

Bar-tailed Godwit

AMB on flag – 12.5.2018 – Maaroom – John Bell

CPE on flag – 26.9.2018 – Maaroom – John Bell
CHH on flag – 15.11.2018 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates & Gordana Pozvek
CHH on flag – 4.12.2018 & 5.1.2019 – Oyster Point – Mick Barker
CHH on flag – 6 & 12.1.2019 – Manly Lota Esplanade – Tony Cotter
Plain flag – 17.9.2016 & 26.9.2018 – Maaroom – John Bell
Plain flag – 22.1.2019 – Christine St Boonooroo – Chris Barnes

Great Knot

Plain flag – 21.10.2017 & 26.9.2018 – Maaroom – John Bell
Plain flag – 5.11.2018 to 9.2.2019 on 9 occasions – Manly Harbour – various observers
Plain flag – 30.12.2018 to 2.2.2019 on 6 occasions – Manly/Lota Esplanade – Tony Cotter
Plain flag – 6.1.2019 – Kakadu Beach – Michael Strong
Plain flag – 2.12.2018 – Thorneside – Ken Bissett
Plain flag – 29.12.2018 – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter

Red Knot

1C on flag – 17.9.2016 – Maaroom – John Bell
CY on flag – 27.5.2017 – Maaroom – John Bell
Plain flag - 26.9.2018 – Maaroom – John Bell
Plain flag – 11.11.2018 – Port of Brisbane – Arthur Keates

Red-necked Stint

Plain flag – 18.11.2018 – Bundaberg Port Swamp – Chris Barnes & Nev Capell

YELLOW (Western Australia) leg flag sightings seen in QLD.

Great Knot

Plain flag – 17.12.2017 – Maaroom – John Bell

Red Knot

Plain flag - 26.9.2018 – Thorneside – Mick Barker

OVERSEAS FLAGGED birds seen in QLD

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

Great Knot

Plain flags – 17.9.2016 & 17.12.2017 – Maaroom – John Bell
Plain flags – 20.10.2018 - Tuan – Mary Hynes
Plain flags – 11.11.2018 – Port of Brisbane – Arthur Keates
Plain flags - 4.1.2019 - Bushland Beach Townsville – John Lowry
Plain flags – 22.1.2019 – Maaroom – Chris Barnes
Plain flags – 2 birds – 22.1.2019 – Christine St Boonooroo – Chris Barnes
E40 on white flag – 22.1.2019 - Christine St Boonooroo – Chris Barnes
X61 on white flag – 22.1.2019 - Christine St Boonooroo – Chris Barnes
A94 on white flag – 4.1.2019 – Bushland Beach Townsville – John Lowry
J62 on white flag – 15.11.2018 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates & Gordana Pozvek
J62 on white flag – 1 & 29.12.2018 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates
J62 on white flag – 2, 14, 19 & 31.1.2019 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates
J62 on white flag – 27.1.2019 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates & Terry Burgess
J62 on white flag – 28.1.2019 – Manly Harbour – Tony Cotter & Arthur Keates
J62 on white flag – 2.2.2019 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates
J62 on white flag – 9.2.2019 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates & Brad Woodworth
J62 on white flag – 29.11.2018 – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter
J62 on white flag – 13.1.2019 – Thorneside – Michael Daley

J62 on white flag – 10.2.2019 – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter
J62 on white flag – 12, 17 & 27.1.2019 – Manly/Lota Esplanade – Tony Cotter
J74 on white flag – 2.1.2019 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates

Lesser Sand Plover

Plain flags – 25.11.2018 – Point Vernon Hervey Bay – Jane Barnes

Terek Sandpiper

Plain flags – 1.1.2019 – Burnett River mudflats – Chris Barnes

Green over Blue (Jiangsu, China) leg flag sightings

Red-necked Stint

Plain flags – 30.12.2018 – O'Reagans Creek Hervey Bay – Sally Sheldon

Plain flags – 23.12.2018 – West Geoff Skinner Reserve – Michael Daley

Black over Yellow (Kamchatka Russia) leg flag sightings

Great Knot

1K on yellow flag – 16.12.2018 – Port of Brisbane – Arthur Keates, Melissa Whitby, Robert Bush & Peter Rothlisberg

1K on yellow flag – 2.1.2019 – Manly Harbour - Arthur Keates

ZB on yellow flag – 2.1.2019 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates

EH on yellow flag – 4.1.2019 – Bushland Beach Townsville – John Lowry

L2 on yellow flag – 4.1.2019 – Bushland Beach Townsville – John Lowry

Y0 on yellow flag – 4.1.2019 – Bushland Beach Townsville – John Lowry

Yellow over White (Sakhalin Island Russia) leg flag sightings

Great Knot

Plain flags – 22.1.2019 – Maaroom – Chris Barnes

White (New Zealand) leg flag sightings

Bar-tailed Godwit

White flag & bands (2BRRB) – 17.9.2016 – Maaroom – John Bell

Plain flag – 25.9.2018 – Oyster Point – Mick Barker

Red flag & bands - 21.10.2017 – Maaroom – John Bell

Red Knot

ECL on flag – 26.9.2018 – Maaroom – John Bell

EEL on flag – 26.9.2018 – Maaroom – John Bell

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

Grey-tailed Tattler

Plain flag - 15.11.2018 – Manly Harbour - Arthur Keates, Gordana Pozvek

Plain flag – 6 & 26.1.2019 – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter

Plain flag – 2.2.2019 – Manly Harbour - Arthur Keates

Blue over White (Japanese) leg flag sightings

Grey-tailed Tattler

667 on blue flag – 5.11.2018 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates, Melissa Whitby

667 on blue flag – 15.11.2018 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates, Gordana Pozvek
667 on blue flag – 20.11.2018 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates
667 on blue flag – 29.12.2018 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates
667 on blue flag – 28 & 30.1.2019 – Manly Harbour – Tony Cotter, Arthur Keates
667 on blue flag – 2.2.2019 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates
667 on blue flag – 27.1.2019 – Manly Lota Esplanade – Tony Cotter
568 on blue flag – 5.11.2018 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates, Melissa Whitby
568 on blue flag – 15.11.2018 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates, Gordana Pozvek
315 on blue flag – 15.11.2018 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates, Gordana Pozvek
315 on blue flag – 29.12.2018 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates
315 on blue flag – 2.1.2019 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates
Engraved flag unread – 1.12.2018 – Manly – Arthur Keates, Sheryl Keates, Gordana Pozvek
Engraved flag unread – 15.12.2018 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates, Gordana Pozvek
Engraved flag unread – 27.1.2019 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates, Terry Burgess
Engraved flag unread – 30.1.2019 – Manly Harbour - Tony Cotter, Arthur Keates
Engraved flag unread – 10.2.2019 – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter
Engraved flag unread – 26.1.2019 – Manly/Lota Esplanade – Tony Cotter

Bar-tailed Godwit

C2 on flag – 16.12.2018 – Port of Brisbane – Arthur Keates, Melissa Whitby, Robert Bush, Peter Rothlisberg

Red-necked Stint

CA7 on flag - 5.11.2018 – Cairns Esplanade – Hidetoshi Kudo
CA7 on flag - 15.11.2018 – Cairns Esplanade – Hidetoshi Kudo

White over Blue (Taiwan) leg flag sightings

Red-necked Stint

White flag unread – 30.1.2019 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates & Tony Cotter

No flag (bands only) Alaska USA

Pacific Golden Plover

Blue over green band – 10.1.2019 – Burnett River Heads mudflat – Chris Barnes

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.

C4 on flag – 14.11.2018 – St Helena Island – Ken Cowell, Sandra Harding, Wayne Matthews
Engraved flag unread – 2.12.2018 – Oyster Point – Mick Barker
S6 on flag – 4.12.2018 – Oyster Point – Mick Barker
R1 on flag – 16.12.2018 – Oyster Point Mick Barker
Engraved flag unread – 7.1.2019 – Reeders Point Moreton Island – Melissa Whitby

Caspian Tern Orange flag (Victoria)

K9 on flag - 15.12.2018 – Toorbul – Brian Russell
U8 on flag - 15.12.2018 – Toorbul – Brian Russell