

## 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](mailto: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 9 plain flags together with 22 misread, 17 unread and 1631 engraved green flag sightings have been added to the database since the last newsletter. A total of 19 different species recorded - Bar-tailed Godwit, Broad-billed Sandpiper, Curlew Sandpiper, Double-banded Plover, Far Eastern Curlew, Great Knot, Greater Sand Plover, Grey Plover, Grey-tailed Tattler, Lesser Sand Plover, Pacific Golden Plover, Pied Oystercatcher, Pied Stilt, Red-capped Plover, Red-necked Stint, Ruddy Turnstone, Sharp-tailed Sandpiper, Terek Sandpiper and Whimbrel.

### GREEN leg flag sightings seen INTERSTATE

None

### GREEN leg flag sightings seen OVERSEAS

A reconciliation of the Qld Wader Study Group leg flag database to the equivalent database in New Zealand has resulted in more than 60 green flag sightings (some dating back to 2009) being added to the Qld database, all of these have been listed below.

#### Bar-tailed Godwit

ABW on flag – 2.4.2018 – Yalu Jiang China – David Melville

DAA on flag – 8.4.2018 – Yalu Jiang China – David Melville

APH on flag – 19.4.2019 – Daijyu-garami Higashiyoga-cho Saga-ken Japan – Unknown observer

EP on flag – 1.1.2011 – Big Sand Island Kaipara Auckland – Tony Habraken

EP on flag – 30.1.2011 – Big Sand Island Kaipara Auckland – Tony Habraken

FX on flag – 21.3.2009 - Clifton Beach Whitford Auckland – Tony Habraken

FX on flag – 6.4.2009 - Clifton Beach Whitford Auckland – B. Keeley

FX on flag – 14 & 24.12.2009 - Clifton Beach Whitford Auckland – Tony Habraken

FX on flag – 11 & 25.2.2010 - Clifton Beach Whitford Auckland – Tony Habraken

FX on flag – 3.11.2010 - Clifton Beach Whitford Auckland – Tony Habraken

FX on flag – 6.12.2010 - Clifton Beach Whitford Auckland – Tony Habraken

FX on flag – 3 & 19.1.2011 - Clifton Beach Whitford Auckland – Tony Habraken

FX on flag – 16.2.2011 - Clifton Beach Whitford Auckland – Tony Habraken

FX on flag – 1.3.2011 - Clifton Beach Whitford Auckland – Tony Habraken

HC on flag – 10.10.2011 – Bells Island Waimea Inlet Nelson – David & Julia Melville

HC on flag – 10.3.2012 – Motueka Sandspit Nelson – Robert Schuckard

AK on flag – 9.3.2013 – Miranda North Island N Z - Tony Habraken

ACU on flag – 12.4.2013 – Papakanui Spit Kaipara Harbour – Ian Southey

ALB on flag – 13, 14 & 18.4.2013 – Karaka Manukau Harbour Auckland – Tony Habraken

AJU on flag – 14.4.2013 – Clark's Bay Manukau Harbour Auckland – Tony Habraken

ABR on flag – 18 & 25.4.2013 – Karaka Manukau Harbour Auckland – Tony Habraken  
ABR on flag – 25.5.2013 – Clark’s Bay Manukau Harbour Auckland – Tony Habraken  
AMJ on flag – 27.4.2013 – Big Sand Island Kaipara Auckland – Tony Habraken, Gwen Pulham & D. Wilson  
AJN on flag – 4.5.2013 – Miranda North Island N Z - Tony Habraken  
ALK on flag – 19.5.2013 – Miranda North Island N Z - Tony Habraken  
AJU on flag – 25.5.2013 – Clark’s Bay Manukau Harbour Auckland – Tony Habraken  
BJK on flag – 16.12.2013 – Miranda North Island N Z - Tony Habraken & Adrian Boyle  
AHY on flag – 28.2.2015 – Ohiwa Harbour Bay of Plenty N Z - Tim Barnard  
AJN on flag – 7.3.2015 – Miranda North Island N Z – Ian Southey  
AJN on flag – 15.3.2015 – Miranda North Island N Z - Tony Habraken  
AJN on flag – 30.11.2015 – Miranda North Island N Z - Theunis Piersma  
AJN on flag – 10.12.2017 – Miranda North Island N Z - Emilla Lai  
ABW on flag – 11.10.2015 – Omaha Sandspit North Auckland – Sue Cook  
ABW on flag – 24.10.2015 – Omaha Sandspit North Auckland – Jonas Kotlarz  
ABW on flag – 26.12.2015 – Omaha Sandspit North Auckland – Jonas Kotlarz  
ABW on flag – 22.1.2016 – Omaha Sandspit North Auckland – Marie Ward  
ABW on flag – 15.2.2017 – Omaha Sandspit North Auckland – Gwen Pulham  
ABW on flag – 4.3.2017 – Omaha Sandspit North Auckland – Marie Ward  
ABW on flag – 3 & 17.2.2018 – Omaha Sandspit North Auckland – Marie Ward  
ABW on flag – 10 & 15.3.2018 – Omaha Sandspit North Auckland – Marie Ward  
ABW on flag – 16.3.2018 – Omaha Sandspit North Auckland – Sue Cook  
ABW on flag – 23.9.2018 – Omaha Sandspit North Auckland – Marie Ward & Sue Cook  
ABW on flag – 26.10.2018 – Omaha Sandspit North Auckland – Marie Ward  
ABW on flag – 23.2.2019 – Omaha Sandspit North Auckland – Marie Ward  
ACC on flag – 21.9.2015 – Maketu Bay of Plenty – Tim Barnard  
AHH on flag – 21.1.2016 – Omaha Sandspit North Auckland – Jonas Kotlarz & Paul-August Schult  
AHH on flag – 12.2.2016 – Omaha Sandspit North Auckland – Marie Ward  
AHH on flag – 3.1.2018 – Omaha Sandspit North Auckland – Marie Ward  
AHH on flag – 25.2.2018 – Omaha Sandspit North Auckland – Sue Cook  
AHH on flag – 6 & 13.3.2018 – Omaha Sandspit North Auckland – Sue Cook  
AHH on flag – 17 & 21.3.2018 – Omaha Sandspit North Auckland – Marie Ward  
AHH on flag – 5.1.2019 – Omaha Sandspit North Auckland – Marie Ward & Sue Cook  
AHH on flag – 23.2.2019 – Omaha Sandspit North Auckland – Marie Ward & Sue Cook  
AHH on flag – 16.3.2019 – Omaha Sandspit North Auckland – Marie Ward & Sue Cook  
AKX on flag – 21.11.2017 – Miranda North Island N Z – Louise Clewley  
ANJ on flag – 16.2.2016 – Miranda North Island N Z – Andreas Kim  
BET on flag – 25.11.2018 – Banana Mullet Farewell Spit – Willie Cook  
BEY on flag – 23.2.2019 – Farewell Spit Gobi Nelson – David Melville  
BDE on flag – 25.3.2019 – Miranda North Island N Z – Amanda Hunt  
BDE on flag – 12.4.2019 – Miranda North Island N Z – David Melville

#### Red Knot

ABE on flag – 11.1.2014 – Big Sand Island Kaipara Auckland – Tony Habraken

#### Far Eastern Curlew

AAL on flag – 9.4.2019 – Komesu Beach Itoman City Okinawa Japan - Manami Tomida

#### Grey-tailed Tattler

Engraved flag unread – 6.5.2019 – North of Sukagawa Japan – Ishikawa Shigeru

#### **ORANGE (Victoria) leg flag sightings seen in QLD.**

#### Bar-tailed Godwit

CHH on flag – 7.3.2019 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates

### Great Knot

Plain flag – 13.2.2019 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates  
Plain flag – 16.2.2019 – Manly Lota Esplanade – Tony Cotter  
Plain flag – 25.2.2019 – Queens Esplanade Thorneside – Sue Lee  
Plain flag – 2 & 3.3.2019 – Manly Lota Esplanade – Tony Cotter  
Plain flag – 9.3.2019 – Queens Esplanade Thorneside – Kristy Murray  
Plain flag – 17.3.2019 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates & Melissa Whitby  
Plain flag – 31.3.2019 – Manly – Arthur Keates & Tony Cotter  
Plain flag – 2.4.2019 – Manly Lota Esplanade – Tony Cotter  
Plain flag – 3.4.2019 – Queens Esplanade Thorneside – Ian & Jill Brown

### **OVERSEAS FLAGGED birds seen in QLD**

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

##### Great Knot

J62 on white flag – 13.2.2019 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates  
X28 on white flag – 24.2.2019 – Bushland Beach Townsville – John Lowry  
Plain flags – 29.3.2019 – Maaroom – Cecile Espigole

#### **Blue (Japanese) leg flag sightings**

##### Grey-tailed Tattler

Plain flag – 21.3.2019 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates  
Plain flag – 6.4.2019 – Toorbul Sandfly Bay – Dez Wells  
Plain flag – 13.4.2019 – Manly Lota Esplanade – Tony Cotter  
Plain flag – 13.4.2019 – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter  
Plain flag – 18 & 24.4.2019 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates  
Plain flag – 26, 27 & 29.4.2019 – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter

#### **Blue over White (Japanese) leg flag sightings**

##### Grey-tailed Tattler

191 on blue flag – 13.2.2019 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates  
191 on blue flag – 26.3.2019 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates  
191 on blue flag – 13.4.2019 – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter  
191 on blue flag – 22.4.2019 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates & Melissa Whitby  
315 on blue flag – 7.3.2019 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates  
315 on blue flag – 17.3.2019 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates & Melissa Whitby  
315 on blue flag – 31.3.2019 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates  
315 on blue flag – 2, 4 & 12.4.2019 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates  
315 on blue flag – 10 & 11.4.2019 – Manly Lota Esplanade – Tony Cotter  
315 on blue flag – 16.4.2019 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates  
568 on blue flag – 16.3.2019 – Manly Lota Esplanade – Tony Cotter  
568 on blue flag – 26 & 31.3.2019 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates  
568 on blue flag – 2.4.2019 – Manly – Tony Cotter & Arthur Keates  
568 on blue flag – 28.4.2019 – Manly Lota Esplanade – Tony Cotter  
569 on blue flag – 13.2.2019 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates  
569 on blue flag – 17.2.2019 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates & Melissa Whitby  
569 on blue flag – 24.3.2019 – Manly Lota Esplanade – Tony Cotter  
569 on blue flag – 2.4.2019 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates  
667 on blue flag – 3.3.2019 – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter  
667 on blue flag – 17.3.2019 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates & Melissa Whitby  
667 on blue flag – 24.3.2019 – Manly Lota Esplanade – Tony Cotter

667 on blue flag – 31.3.2019 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates  
667 on blue flag – 12.4.2019 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates  
667 on blue flag – 13 & 14.4.2019 – Manly Lota Esplanade – Tony Cotter  
667 on blue flag – 27.4.2019 – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter  
667 on blue flag – 4.5.2019 – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter  
Engraved flag unread – 30.3.2019 – Manly Lota Esplanade – Tony Cotter  
Engraved flag unread – 6.4.2019 – Toorbul Sandfly Bay – Dez Wells  
Engraved flag unread – 7.4.2019 – Manly Lota Esplanade – Tony Cotter  
Engraved flag unread – 18.4.2019 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates  
Engraved flag unread – 25 & 26.4.2019 – Manly Lota Esplanade – Tony Cotter  
Engraved flag unread – 2.5.2019 – Manly Harbour – Tony Cotter & Arthur Keates

#### Red-necked Stint

Plain flags - 12.3.2019 – Cairns Esplanade – Hidetoshi Kudo  
K95 on blue flag - 17.3.2019 – Cairns Esplanade – Sally Sheldon  
Plain flags - 8.4.2019 – Qld Aluminium Gladstone – Margaret Worthington

#### **Black over Yellow (Russia) leg flag sightings**

##### Red-necked Stint

Plain flags – 12.3.2019 – Cairns Esplanade – Hidetoshi Kudo  
Plain flags – 17.3.2019 – Cairns Esplanade – Sally Sheldon

#### **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.

P2 on flag – 7.3.2019 – Mouth Currumbin River Palm Beach – Andrew Mitchell

#### **Caspian Tern Orange flag (Victoria)**

V3 on flag – 8.12.2018 – Buckley's Hole Sandbar – Dez Wells  
K9 on flag – 8.12.2018 – Buckley's Hole Sandbar – Dez Wells  
47 on flag – 7.4.2019 – Buckley's Hole Sandbar – Dez Wells