

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.

Sightings in Moreton Bay & Environs totalled 90 between 30.01.14 and 02.08.14. They were sighted by Diane Blewett, Greg Clancy, Tony Cotter, Ian Craigie, Linda Cross, Phil Cross, Detlef Davies, Kiran Dhanjal-Adams, Eduardo Gallo-Cajiao, Arthur Keates, Sheryl Keates, Chris Martinez, Jeremy Ringma, Ayesha Tulloch, and Dez Wells.

1 Eastern Curlew, 42 Bar-tailed Godwit, 25 Pied Oystercatcher, 3 Black-winged Stilt, 4 Great Knot, 1 Grey-tailed Tattler, 1 Terek Sandpiper, 5 Sharp-tailed Sandpiper, 5 Curlew Sandpiper, and 4 Red-necked Stint.

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

Bar-tailed Godwit – **BC, JE, PM, AAB, ABJ, ACC, ACJ, ADD, AHT, AKV, ALV, ANP, APP, ARC, ASE, AVM, AVS, AYH, BAC, BAD, BCA, BCY, BCZ, BKJ, BNA, BNH, BPT.**

Pied Oystercatcher – **A7, B7, AAE, AAH, AAK, AAT, AAU, AAX, AAY, AAZ, ABB, ABC, ABE.**

Black-winged Stilt – **BB, AAR, BWJ.**

Great Knot – **NA, AAN, AAP.**

Terek Sandpiper – **ALE.**

Sharp-tailed Sandpiper – **ACB, AEL, AEM, ALM.**

Curlew Sandpiper – **ABP, ACK, APD.**

Red-necked Stint – **ZA, ZF.**

Interstate & overseas Green leg flag sightings

All sightings notified to database since the previous newsletter.

1 Bar-tailed Godwit (**AYD on flag**) – Aphae Island (north), South Korea – Andreas Kim – 18.05.14

1 Bar-tailed Godwit – (**AKB on flag**) – Lian Yun Gang (Qing he River Mouth) China – Li Jing – 18.05.14

1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Songdo Mudflat, Incheon, South Korea – Judit Szabo – 15.05.14

1 Bar-tailed Godwit (**BPP on flag**) – Mouth of Kongo River, Matsusaka Mie, Japan – IMAI Mitsumasa – 13.05.14

1 Bar-tailed Godwit (**PR on flag**) – Aphae Island (south), South Korea – Andreas Kim – 13.05.14 & 18.05.14

1 Bar-tailed Godwit (**EC on flag**) – Aphae Island (south), South Korea – Andreas Kim – 13.05.14 & 18.05.14

1 Bar-tailed Godwit (**BNN on flag**) – Mokpo Wetland, South Korea – Andreas Kim – 07.05.14 & 09.05.14 & 12.05.14 & 13.05.14 & 14.05.14 & 15.05.14 & 16.05.14 & 17.05.14

1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Guangli-Zima Rivers Mouth, China – Ying Chen – 03.05.14

1 Bar-tailed Godwit (**ASL on flag**) – Yalu Jiang Nature Reserve, Liaoning, China – Arthur Keates & Hebo Peng – 01.05.14

1 Bar-tailed Godwit (**AVK on flag**) – Yalu Jiang Site 2, China – BAI Qing Quan – 28.04.14

1 Bar-tailed Godwit (**BNK on flag**) – Yalu Jiang Site 5, China – BAI Qing Quan – 25.04.14

1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Songdo Mudflat, Incheon, South Korea – Nam Seon Jeong – 20.04.14 & 28.04.14

1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Shuangtaizihekou Nature Reserve, Liaoning, China – Zhang Ming – 20.04.14

1 Bar-tailed Godwit (**ANK on flag**) – Hasaki Beach, Hasaki-shi, Ibaraki, Japan – Sugiyama Yoshiko – 20.04.14

1 Bar-tailed Godwit (**AAH on flag**) – Yalu Jiang Site 5, China – BAI Qing Quan – 13.04.14

1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Motueka Sandspit, Nelson, South Island, New Zealand – Ingrid Hutzler – 03.03.14

2 Bar-tailed Godwit – Motueka Sandspit, Nelson, South Island, New Zealand – Jesse Conklin – 10.02.14
1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Miranda Firth of Thames, South Auckland, North Island, New Zealand – Tony Habraken – 29.01.14 & 01.01.14
1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Ohiwa Harbour, North Island, New Zealand – Tim Barnard – 05.01.14
1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Bell's Island, Waimea Inlet, Nelson, South Island, New Zealand – Peter Field – 23.11.13
1 Bar-tailed Godwit (**ACE on flag**) – Kowhai Beach, Hohoura, North Island, New Zealand – Steve Wood – 01.03.13
1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Motueka Sandspit, Nelson, South Island, New Zealand – Rob Schuckard – 13.01.13
1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Tasman Bay, Marahou, South Island, New Zealand – Rob Schuckard – 14.12.12
1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Farewell Spit (Lagoon to Lighthouse) – South Island, New Zealand – Steve Wood – 17.11.12
1 Bar-tailed Godwit (**HC on flag**) – Motueka Sandspit, Nelson, South Island, New Zealand – Rob Schuckard – 16.11.12
1 Great Knot – Dongling Rudong, Jiangsu Province, China – Guy Anderson – 30.04.14
1 Great Knot (**BCC on flag**) – Han-Bou (Han-Pao), ChangHwa county, Taiwan – Chung-Yu Chiang – 13.04.13
1 Ruddy Turnstone (**EY on flag**) – Mokpo Wetland, South Korea – Andreas Kim – 13 & 14.05.14
1 Grey-tailed Tattler (**KZ on flag**) – Zaimokuza, Kamakura-shi, Kanagawa-ken, Japan – Ike Hideo – 11.05.14
1 Grey-tailed Tattler (**ASH on flag**) – Tijimae Tidal Flat, Nahoya-shi, Aichi-ken, Japan – Ohta Tsuguo – 11.05.14
1 Grey-tailed Tattler (**JU on flag**) – Sone-machi, Matsusaka-shi, Mie-ken, Japan- Tanaka Yoko – 10.05.14
1 Grey-tailed Tattler (**ARE on flag**) – Mouth of Kongo River, Matsusaka Mie, Japan – Tanaka Yoko – 07.05.14
1 Grey-tailed Tattler (**ABB on flag**) – Mouth of Tama River, Kawasaki, Kanagawa, Japan – Sumatu Naotsugu – 04.05.14
1 Greater Sand Plover – Han-Bou, (Han-Pao), ChangHwa County, Taiwan – I-Cheng Chen – 04.04.13
1 Greater Sand Plover (**BR on flag**) – Fubou, ChangHua County, Taiwan – Stan Ho – 09.05.12
1 Greater Sand Plover – Han-Pao, Changhua County, Taiwan – Chih-Hui Liu – 06.04.12

1 Curlew Sandpiper – Han-Bou (Han-Pao), ChangHwa County, Taiwan – Chung-Yu Chiang – 02.15.14
1 Curlew Sandpiper (**ACS on flag**) – Tainan county, Taiwan – Jui-Lin Chen – 15.08.13
1 Curlew Sandpiper – Tainan County, Taiwan – Jui-Lin Chen – 11.08.13
1 Curlew Sandpiper (**CM on flag**) – non specific site, Taiwan – Chih Wen-Jay – 10.04.13

Orange (Victoria) leg flag sightings

1 Whimbrel – Shellgrit Creek entrance, Mackay – Gerry Woodruff & Barry Heinrich – 17.05.14 & 12.07.14
1 Bar-tailed Godwit (**ADY on flag**) – Maaroom, Great Sandy Strait – Chris Barnes – 14.08.14
1 Bar-tailed Godwit (**ADY on flag**) – Maaroom, Great Sandy Strait – John Bell & Bill Price – 12.07.14
1 Bar-tailed Godwit (**ADY on flag**) – Maaroom, Great Sandy Strait – John Bell – 14.06.14
1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Queen's Esplanade Thorneside – Kiran Dhanjal-Adams – 07.03.14

White (New Zealand) leg flag sightings

1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Norman Point, Tin Can Bay – Kelvin & Amelia Nielson – 18.05.14

Blue (Japanese) leg flag sightings – use four combinations

1 Bar-tailed Godwit with blue flag left tibia and orange flag left tarsus (both flags cut diagonally) – Toorbul – Dez Wells – 14.06.14 (flagged in Kyusu, Japan)

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

1 Great Knot – Maaroom – Chris Barnes – 14.08.14

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

No sightings

Other wader leg flag 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.

K3 on flag – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter – 12.07.14 & 27.07.14

Other leg flag sightings and banded birds

1 Caspian Tern – orange flag (**24 on flag**) – Buckley's Hole sandbar – Greg Clancy – 21.07.14

1 Caspian Tern – orange flag – Toorbul – Phil & Linda Cross – 30.06.14

1 Caspian Tern – orange flag – Kakadu roost, Bribie Island – Michael Strong – 15.06.14

1 Caspian Tern – orange flag (**C1 on flag**) – Toorbul – Dez Wells – 17.05.14

1 Caspian Tern – orange flag (**37 on flag**) – Toorbul – Dez Wells – 17.05.14

1 Gull-billed Tern – green flag – Buckley's Hole sandbar – Greg Clancy – 21.07.14