

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.

1 Great Knot (**ATL on flag**) – Boonooroo – Christ Barnes – 03.02.14

1 Great Knot (**ATZ on flag**) – Maaroom – Christ Barnes – 03.02.14

1 Great Knot – Maaroom – John Bell & David Edwards – 07.12.13

Sightings in Moreton Bay & Environs totalled **805** between 10.11.13 and 14.02.14. They were sighted by Kiran Dhanjal-Adams, Michele Burford, Lou Coles, Tony Cotter, Linda Cross, Phil Cross, Kristy Currie, David Edwards, Pip Grant-Taylor, Sandra Harding, Mary Hynes, Arthur Keates, Sheryl Keates, Paul Marty, David Milton, Peter Rothlisberg, Brian Russell, Julie Sarna, Andrew Seaton, Michael Strong, Ged Tranter, Nicola Udy, Marjorie Webber, and Dez Wells.

1 Eastern Curlew, 7 Whimbrel, 480 Bar-tailed Godwit, 2 Black-tailed Godwit, 13 Pied Oystercatcher, 3 Black-winged Stilt, 2 Grey Plover, 4 Pacific Golden Plover, 99 Great Knot, 176 Grey-tailed Tattler, 1 Terek Sandpiper, 14 Sharp-tailed Sandpiper, 24 Curlew Sandpiper, 5 Lesser Sand Plover and 6 Red-necked Stint.

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

Whimbrel – **AD**.

Bar-tailed Godwit – **AB, AE, CN, CU, ET, FC, HL, JB, JE, JH, JL, PA, PC, PD, PR, PU, RJ, AAB, AAE, AAM, ABN, ABS, ACB, ACC, ACD, ACH, ACK, ACL, ACT, ACW, ACX, ACY, ADB, ADD, ADZ, AED, AEH, AEJ, AEK, AEM, AEN, AEP, AES, AEU, AEV, AHA, AHL, AHN, AHR, AHS, AHZ, AJB, AJC, AJE, AJJ, AJL, AJM, AJS, AKB, AKS, AKZ, ALM, ALT, AMA, AML, AMN, AND, ANP, ANY, APA, APL, APP, APR, APT, ARA, ARB, ARC, ARD, ARL, ARM, ARN, ARS, ART, ARU, ARW, ARY, ASA, ASC, ASD, ASE, ASH, ASK, ASL, ASM, ASP, ASR, ASS, AST, ASU, ASW, ASY, ASZ, ATA, ATB, ATC, ATD, AVA, AVB, AVC, AVD, AVH, AVJ, AVK, AVL, AVP, AVR, AVT, AVU, AVW, AVY, AWA, AWB, AWC, AWD, AWE, AXS, AXT, AXY, AYB, AYD, AYN, AYP, AYS, AYT, AYU, AYZ, AZX, BAB, BAT, BAV, BAY, BBC, BBE, BBH, BBJ, BBL, BBM, BBN, BBP, BBR, BBT, BBU, BBV, BBY, BBZ, BCE, BCJ, BCW, BCY, BCX, BJU, BJY, BJZ, BKK, BNA, BNB, BNC, BNK, BNS, BNT, BNU, BNX, BNY, BPA, BPC, BPD, BPH, BPK, BPS, BPT, BPV, BPY, BRB, BRD, BRF.**

Black-tailed Godwit – **ANY**.

Pied Oystercatcher – **B6, B7, KZ, AAT, AAU, AAW, ABC, ABE**.

Black-winged Stilt – **ABA, BZB**.

Pacific Golden Plover – AVS.

Great Knot – AAN, AAT, AAV, AAW, AAY, ADA, ADC, AEJ, AEK, AEM, AEP, AEU, AHA, AHC, AHU, AHW, AJB, AJM, ALA, ALB, ALJ, ALP, ALU, ALV, AMJ, AMK, ATH, ATJ, ATL, ATP, ATR, ATT, ATV, ATW, ATX, ATY, AUD, AUE, AUH, AUJ, AUL, AYP, AYR, AYU, AYZ, AZC, AZE, BAP, BAV, BBE, BBH, BBL, BBT, BBW, BBZ, BCH, BCK, BCS, BCT, BCU, BCV, BCX, BCZ.

Grey-tailed Tattler – AX, BN, BT, CD, EM, HV, JB, JD, JN, JY, KB, KZ, LM, RY, AAA, AAC, AAK, AAR, ABA, ABD, ABE, ABV, ACJ, ACN, ACP, ACX, ADH, AHD, AKS, AKV, AND, ANK, ANL, ANM, ANN, ANS, ANU, ANZ, APD, APH, APJ, APK, APM, APN, APP, APS, APT, APY, ARA, ARL, ARM, ARN, ART, ASC, ASE, ASH, ASJ, AVA, AVC, AVD, AVE, AVL, AVN, AWS, AWV, AWW, AXA, AXC, AXD, AXL, AXP, AXR, AXS, AXT, AXU, AXV, AXX, BAD, BAH, BAJ, BAM.

Terek Sandpiper – ALA.

Sharp-tailed Sandpiper – AAL, AAN, ACP, AEL, AEM, ALL.

Curlew Sandpiper – DR, FP, AAB, AAE, AAM, AAN, ABH, ABP, ABV, ABY, ABZ, ACK, ADA, ANF, ANH, APD.

Lesser Sand Plover – EP, ANV, ANT, ANX.

Red-necked Stint – ZA.

(Tattler, AND, ANL, ANZ, APD, APJ, AVC, AVD and BAD, has green flag right tibia, yellow flag and geolocator on left tibia and metal band left tarsus)

Interstate & overseas Green leg flag sightings

1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Wulpo, Republic of Korea – Nial Moores, Mark Harris, Matt Poll – 13.05.13

1 Bar-tailed Godwit (**JD on flag**) – Yalu Jiang Nature Reserve, China – Jimmy Choi – 10.05.12

1 Bar-tailed Godwit (**JD on flag**) – Yalu Jiang Nature Reserve, China – Jimmy Choi – 28.04.12

Orange (Victoria) leg flag sightings

1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Queen’s Esplanade, Thorneside – Kristy Currie – 18.01.14

1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Acacia Street, Wellington Point – Nicola Udy – 18.01.14

1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Queen’s Esplanade, Thorneside – Kiran Dhanjal-Adams – 15.01.14

1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Manly Harbour – David Milton & Sandra Harding – 14.12.13

1 Great Knot – Toorbul – Dez Wells – 14.12.13

White (New Zealand) leg flag sightings

1 Red Knot (**BXD on flag**) – Lytton roost – Sheryl Keates – 16.11.13

Blue (Japanese) leg flag sightings – use four combinations

1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Boonooroo – Linda Cross & Karyll Butler – 07.12.13

1 Great Knot – Boonooroo – Chris Barnes – 03.02.14

1 Grey-tailed Tattler – Lytton roost – Arthur & Sheryl Keates – 18.01.14

1 Grey-tailed Tattler – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter – 28.12.13

1 Grey-tailed Tattler – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter – 23.11.13

All birds had blue flag left tibia – flagged in Hokkaido.

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

1 Great Knot – Boonooroo – Chris Barnes – 03.02.14

1 Great Knot – Maaroom – John Bell & David Edwards – 07.12.13

1 Red-necked Stint – Elim Beach, north of Cooktown – Kath Shurcliff & Dave Houghton – 19.11.13

Other wader leg flag sightings

1 Bar-tailed Godwit – green flag over orange flag right tibia, yellow band over yellow band right tarsus, blue band over white band left tarsus, metal band left tibia – Toorbul – Mary Hynes – 14.02.14 (flagged in Yalu Jiang Nature Reserve, Liaoning Province, China).

1 Bar-tailed Godwit – green over orange flag right tibia – Toorbul – Pip Grant-Taylor – 05.02.14 (flagged in Yalu Jiang Nature Reserve, Liaoning Province, China).

1 Bar-tailed Godwit – green flag over orange flag right tibia, yellow band over yellow band right tarsus, blue band over white band left tarsus, metal band left tibia – Kakadu Beach roost, Bribie Island – Michael Strong – 02.02.14 (flagged in Yalu Jiang Nature Reserve, Liaoning Province, China).

1 Bar-tailed Godwit – green flag over orange flag right tibia, yellow band over yellow band right tarsus, blue band over white band left tarsus, metal band left tibia – Toorbul – Linda & Phil Cross – 23.01.14 (flagged in Yalu Jiang Nature Reserve, Liaoning Province, China).

1 Bar-tailed Godwit – green over orange flag right tibia, metal band left tibia – Toorbul – Dez Wells & Andrew Seaton – 19.01.14 (flagged in Yalu Jiang Nature Reserve, Liaoning Province, China).

1 Bar-tailed Godwit – green flag over orange flag right tibia – Acacia St, Wellington Point – Nicola Udy – 18.01.14 (flagged in Yalu Jiang Nature Reserve, Liaoning Province, China).

1 Bar-tailed Godwit – green flag over orange flag right tibia, yellow band over yellow band right tarsus, blue band over white band left tarsus, metal band left tibia – Toorbul – Linda & Bernie McIvor – 09.12.13 (flagged in Yalu Jiang Nature Reserve, Liaoning Province, China).

1 Bar-tailed Godwit – green flag over orange flag right tibia, yellow band over yellow band right tarsus, blue band over white band left tarsus, metal band left tibia – Kakadu Beach roost, Bribie Island – Michael Strong – 17.11.13 (flagged in Yalu Jiang Nature Reserve, Liaoning Province, China).

1 Great Knot – yellow flag right tibia – Maaroom – John Bell & David Edwards – 07.12.13 (flagged in North Western Australia).

1 Grey-tailed Tattler – pale green flag left tibia, orange band over pale green band right tarsus – Shoalwater Bay, Qld – Andrew McDougall – 11.02.14 (flagged in Meinypilgyno, southern Chukotka, Russia).

1 Curlew Sandpiper – blue flag over yellow flag right tibia, metal band left tibia – Nudgee Beach – Arthur Keates – 17.12.13 (flagged Bohai Bay, China).

1 Curlew Sandpiper – yellow flag right tibia, metal band left tarsus – Jon Coleman, Phil & Linda Cross – Port of Brisbane (Fisherman Island) – 17.11.13 (flagged in North Western Australia).

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.

C4 on flag – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter – 25.01.14

Other leg flag sightings and banded birds

1 Caspian Tern – orange flag (**34 on flag**) – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter – 22.02.14 (flagged off Mann's Beach, Corner Inlet, Victoria).

1 Caspian Tern – orange flag – Broadwater, Gold Coast – Robert Westerman – 17.02.14

1 Caspian Tern – orange engraved leg flag – Redcliffe Airport northside – Floss Wainwright & Ken Cowell – 14.02.14

1 Caspian Tern – orange flag (**47 on flag**) – Toorbul – Dez Wells – 14.12.13 (flagged off Mann's Beach, Corner Inlet, Victoria).