

## 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

Slightly fewer sightings of green flags in Moreton Bay & Environs in the last three months compared to the previous three months, down by 85 which is roughly 5%. The species recorded and the number of observations was as follows. Australian Pied Oystercatcher 47, Bar-tailed Godwit 622, Curlew Sandpiper 24, Double-banded Plover 3, Eastern Curlew 4, Great Knot 114, Greater Sand Plover 2, Grey Plover 6, Grey-tailed Tattler 243, Lesser Sand Plover 33, Pacific Golden Plover 63, Red-capped Plover 4, Red-necked Stint 133, Ruddy Turnstone 77, Sharp-tailed Sandpiper 12, Terek Sandpiper 4, Whimbrel 122, and White Headed Stilt 9.

They were sighted by Sarah Beavis, Robert Bush, Susan Chisholm, Jimmy Choi, Judith Coles, Rob Collyer, Tony Cotter, Phil Cross, Linda Cross, Michael Daley, Ken Doy, David Edwards, Peter Driscoll, Stephen Haase, Micha Jackson, Arthur Keates, Sheryl Keates, John Lawson, Penn Lloyd, Wayne Matthews, Steve Popple, Peter Rothlisberg, Brian Russell, Michael Strong, Chris Walker, Marj Webber, Dez Wells, Brian Willey and Desley Willgoss.

The following is a list of the individually marked green flags that have been seen on these species during this reporting period.

Australian Pied Oystercatcher – AAB, AAD, AAK, AAT, AAU, AAY, ABC, ABE, ABL, ABM, B6, C4, EX and H7.

Bar-tailed Godwit – AAA, AAB, AAE, AAH, AAM, ABJ, ABN, ACA, ACH, ACK, ACL, ACN, ACT, ACX, ACY, ADA, ADB, ADC, ADH, ADW, ADX, AEA, AEJ, AEN, AES, AEU, AEV, AHA, AHE, AHL, AHM, AHS, AHT, AJD, AJL, AJM, AJS, AJZ, AKA, AKB, AKD, AKS, AKV, ALH, ALM, ALN, ALZ, AMC, AMH, AMK, AML, ANW, ANX, APN, APP, APU, APY, AR, ARA, ARJ, ARM, ARN, ART, ASA, ASD, ASE, ASH, ASM, AST, ASX, ASZ, ATA, ATB, ATD, AVB, AVK, AVM, AVP, AVS, AVW, AVX, AWC, AWD, AX, AXT, AXU, AXZ, AYB, AYC, AYD, AYK, AYN, AYV, AZA, AZB, AZC, AZN, AZU, AZX, BAA, BAK, BBA, BBD, BBJ, BBK, BBL, BBM, BBN, BBP, BBR, BBS, BBX, BBY, BCC, BCE, BCE, BCX, BCZ, BDA, BFP, BJZ, BKJ, BKK, BKL, BKT, BNB, BNH, BNL, BNN, BNS, BPB, BPC, BPD, BPF, BPH, BPK, BPL, BPS, BPU, BPV, BPY, BR, BRD, BRK, BRL, BRT, BSD, BTA, BTH, BTK, BTL, BTN, BUH, BUK, BX, CAB, CAC, CAD, CAF, CAH, CAJ, CAK, CAL, CAN, CAS, CAT, CAU, CAV, CAX, CAY, CAZ, CBA, CBB, CBD, CBF, CBH, CBJ, CBK, CBL, CBP, CBS, CBT, CBV, CBX, CBY, CBZ, CCA, CCB, CCC, CCD, CCF, CCH, CCJ, CCK, CCL, CDC, CJA, CJB, CJC, CJD, CJF, CJH, CJJ, CJK, CJL, CJM, CJN, CJP, CJS, CPB, CPL, CU, CX, DX, EC, EL, ET, EX, FJ, FY, HA, HL, HR, HU, JB, JE, JJ, JY, KN, NC, PA, PC, PD, PE, PN, PP, PU, RL, RP AND RR.

Curlew Sandpiper – AAK, ADA, AHH, AJK, AJS, AJV, AKD, AKL, AVF, AXA, AYB, AYP, AYS.

Eastern Curlew – AHA, AHC, AR.

Great Knot – AAP, ADA, AEE, AEU, AHA, AHZ, AJH, AJT, AJU, ALT, ALU, AMK, ATH, ATL, ATN, ATR, ATT, ATU, ATX, ATY, ATZ, AWK, AYR, AYX, AYY, BAZ, BBD, BBE, BCE, BEE, BEH, BEJ, BEL, BEM, BEN, BER, BES, BET, BEU, BEV, BEW, BEX, BEY, BHA, BLA, BNA, BNS, BRD, BTK, BTT, CMY, CNS, and NA.

Greater Sand Plover – CCB.

Grey Plover – JT.

Grey-Tailed Tattler – AAC, AAD, AAK, ABB, ABD, ACC, ACK, ACR, ACW, ACX, ACY, ADH, ADJ, ADK, ADN, ADT, ADU, ADY, AKB, AKJ, AKV, AKW, ANK, ANN, ANT, APJ, APL, APP, APT, APU, APV, APY, AR, ARW, ARY, ASE, ATC, ATD, ATJ, ATL, ATP, ATV, AUN, AUS, AUT, AUU, AUW, AUY, AV, AVA, AVC, AVD, AVE, AVN, AWU, AXB, AXD, AXP, AXV, AXX, AYB, AYD, AZL, AZT, AZV, AZX, AZZ, BAD, BAJ, BAL, BAM, BCJ, BDD, BDJ, BDL, BDN, BHE, BT, BXC, BXD, BXF, BXH, BXS, CA, CD, DAC, DAD, DD, DX, EM, HY, JC, JD, JN, JU, JY, JZ, KM, KV, KX, KY, KZ, LN, RD and RX.

Lesser Sand Plover – ABJ, AJZ, AKX, ALR, ALU, ANP, ANV, APT, AUP, AUT, AUV, AUZ, AVC, AYT and DL.

Pacific Golden Plover – AVS, AVV, AVW, BHK, BHL, BHM, BSA, BSC, BSF, BVA, DAA and DAB.

Red-capped Plover – CP.

Red-necked Stint – 2A, 2F, 2J, 2P, 2T, 2X, 2Y, 2Z, 3A, 3C, 3D, 3L, 3X, 4B, 4C, 4L, 4T, 4Y, 4Z, 5D, 5F, 5M, 5N, 5P, 5Z, 6C, 6F, 6H, 6V, 7A, 7F, 7H, 7L, 7N, 7U, 7X, 8B, 8N, 8T, 8U, 8X, 8Z, 9F, A5, A6, AT, AV, AY, J5, S5, UK, V9, VJ, X9, XS, Z2, Z7, Z9, ZA, ZH, ZJ, ZV, ZX and ZZ.

Ruddy Turnstone – ABY, AJB, AKW, AKX, ALC, APJ, ATA, ATB, ATC, ATD, ATF, ATK, ATL, ATN, ATS, ATT, ATU, ATV, ATY, ATZ, AUA, AUB, AUC, AUD, AUF, AYH and HE.

Sharp-tailed Sandpiper – ACY, AEL, AJT, CCA and CCD.

Terek Sandpiper – ACU.

Whimbrel – AAD, ABT, BXA, BXC, BXD, BXJ, BXK, BXN, BXP, BXY, BXZ, BYA, BYB, BYD, BYH, BYJ, BYK, BYL, BYN, BYP, BYS, BYT, BYU, CJV, CJX, CJY, CKA, CKB, CKD, CT, DAD, DAF, DAK, DAL, DAM, DAN, DAP, DAS, DAT, DAV, DAX, DAY, DJA, DJB, DJC, DJD, DJF, DJH, DJJ, DJM, DJN, DJP, DJS, FV, FX and UP.

White-headed Stilt – AAZ.

### **Green leg flag sightings seen Interstate**

#### Australian Pied Oystercatcher

(A6 on flag) – Iluka NSW – S Ward -4.3.2017

(A8 on flag) – Kingsford Smith Park Ballina NSW – Observer unknown – 17.3.2017

#### Curlew Sandpiper

(AZA on flag) – Stockton Bridge Newcastle NSW – Tony Neilson – 24.3.2017

### **Green leg flag sightings seen Overseas**

#### **Japan**

##### Grey-tailed Tattler

ASP on flag - 28.4.2017 – Fujimae Tidal Flat Nagoya Aichi – Tomoko Nomura

#### **South Korea**

##### Bar-tailed Godwit

ADX on flag – 11.4.2017 – Song Do Incheon City – Spike Millington

#### **Taiwan**

##### Great Knot

ALN on flag – 8.4.2017 – Wang-Gong Chang-Hua County – Kunchang Li

### **Orange (Victoria) leg flag sightings**

#### Bar-tailed Godwit

1 with plain flag – 26.3.2017 – Tuan – Sarah Beavis

#### Great Knot

1 with plain flag – 15.1.2017 – Toorbul – Dez Wells

1 with plain flag – 26.3.2017 – Fisherman Island – Peter Rothlisberg & Penn Lloyd

#### Red Knot

1 with plain flag – 26.2.2017 – Port of Brisbane – Arthur Keates & Sheryl Keates

### **Overseas flagged birds seen in Qld**

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

#### Great Knot

J62 on white flag – 2.3.2017 – Wynnum Esplanade – Arthur Keates

J74 on white flag – 24.2.2017 – Wynnum Esplanade – Wayne Matthews

J74 on white flag – 3.4.2017 – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter

J74 on white flag – 26.2.2017 – Port of Brisbane – Arthur Keates & Sheryl Keates

#### Lesser Sand Plover

1 plain flags right tibia – 6 & 8.3.2017 – Gatakers Bay Point Vernon – Bill Price

### **Green over Blue (Jiangsu, China) leg flag sightings**

#### Lesser Sand Plover

1 plain flags left tibia – 21 & 22.2.2017 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates

### **Green over Orange (Yalu Jiang Nature Reserve, China) leg flag sightings**

#### Bar-tailed Godwit

Also blue over white band left tarsus, yellow over yellow band right tarsus and metal band left tibia.

15.1.2017 – Toorbul – Dez Wells

4.3.2017 – Toorbul – Arthur Keates

12.3.2017 – Toorbul – John Lawson

29.3.2017 – Toorbul – Michael Strong

1.4.2017 – Toorbul – Arthur Keates & Jimmy Choi

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

#### Great Knot

EH on yellow flag – 2.3.2017 – Bushland Beach Townsville – John Lowry

### **Blue (Japanese) leg flag sightings – use four combinations**

#### Grey-tailed Tattler

18.3.2017 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates & Robert Bush

18.3.2017 – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter

25.3.2017 – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter

1.4.2017 – Toorbul – Jimmy Choi & Micha Jackson

1 & 22.4.2017 – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter

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

#### Grey-tailed Tattler

315 on blue flag – 22.2.2017 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates

315 on blue flag – 10.4.2017 – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter

191 on blue flag – 22.2.2017 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates

191 on blue flag – 13.3.2017 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates

191 on blue flag – 16.3.2017 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates

191 on blue flag – 21.3.2017 – Manly Harbour – Arthur & Sheryl Keates

### **White & Blue (Taiwan) leg flag sightings**

#### **Red-necked Stint**

080 on white flag – 21.2.2017 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates

### **Other wader leg flag and banded sightings**

None reported

### **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 – 3.4.2017 – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter

### **Other leg flag sightings and banded birds**

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

37 on flag, right tarsus - 26.2.2017 – Toorbul – Dez Wells

UO on flag, right tarsus - 26.3.2017 – Buckley's Hole Sandbar – Dez Wells

**MORE DETAILED INFORMATION OF THE SIGHTINGS LISTED ABOVE IS INCLUDED IN THE DIGITAL VERSION OF THIS NEWSLETTER AND ON THE WEBSITE.**