

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

Only 307 sightings of green flags in Moreton Bay & Environs added to the database in the last three months compared to 1,522 in the previous three months, down by 80%, which is to be expected as most of migratory waders would have gone to the northern hemisphere to breed. The species recorded and the number of observations were as follows. Pied Oystercatcher 30, Bar-tailed Godwit 25, Curlew Sandpiper 17, Double-banded Plover 27, Eastern Curlew 3, Great Knot 2, Grey-tailed Tattler 27, Lesser Sand Plover 29, Red-necked Stint 47, Ruddy Turnstone 82, Terek Sandpiper 2, Whimbrel 4, and White-headed Stilt 12.

They were sighted by Diane Blewett, Kathy Clark, Tony Cotter, Kristy Currie, Arthur Keates, Sheryl Keates, Steve McBride, Georgia Sneesby, Andrew Thelander, Dez Wells and Melissa Whitby. Arthur Keates was an observer on 274 occasions (89% of the sightings)!

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 – ACZ, BEB, BRX, CBA, CBD, CBY, CCD, CJD, CJS, CPT, and JE.

Curlew Sandpiper – ABE, AJL, AKA, AUB, AYH, AYF, AYS.

Double-banded Plover – AVJ, AZA, AZD,

Eastern Curlew – AHB, AHC.

Great Knot – Flag unread.

Greater Sand Plover – CCB.

Grey Plover – JT.

Grey-Tailed Tattler – AAJ, AAK, ACD, ACN, ACZ, ADL, AKC, APU, APZ, ARE, ARJ, ASL, ATW, AUK, AZZ, BDB, BSP, BXD, FA and RC.

Lesser Sand Plover – AUD, AUH, AUU, AUY, AUZ and AVC,

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

Pied Oystercatcher – AAA, AAD, AAE, AAK, AAT, AAU, AAY, ABC, ABD, ABE, ABM, AML and C4.

Red-necked Stint – 2A, 2Y, 4F, 4T, 4Z, 5D, 5Z, 6A, 6C, 6D, 6P, 8N, 8S, 8Y and 8Z.

Ruddy Turnstone – APJ, ATA, ATB, ATC, ATD, ATF, ATH, ATJ, ATK, ATL, ATN, ATP, ATT, ATU, ATV, ATY, ATZ, AUD, AUH and AXY.

Terek Sandpiper – AJN.

Whimbrel – DAD, DAN and FV.

White-headed Stilt – AAS, AAU, AAZ, ABD, BB, BDP and KC.

Green leg flag sightings seen Interstate

None

Green leg flag sightings seen Overseas

Japan

Bar-tailed Godwit

ASD on flag – 29.4.2016 – Daijyu-garami, Higashiyoga-cho, Saga-ken – Hitomi Yagi
ASD on flag – 30.4.2017 - Daijyu-garami, Higashiyoga-cho, Saga-ken – Shota Sawamoto

Great Knot

BRJ on flag – 29.4.2017 – Torinoumi, Wafari, Miyagi – Miho Maruko

Grey-tailed Tattler

BXJ on flag - 6.5.2017 – Mouth of Tsukui River – Kohno Yasutoshi

KZ on flag 8.5.2017 – Zaimokuza, Kamakura-shi, Kanagawa-ken – Ike Hideo

APP on flag – 8.5.2017 – Minato, Minamiizu-cho, Shizuoka-ken – Akira Nishiyama

ADS on flag – 20.5.2017 – Fijimae Tidal Flat, Nahoya-shi, Aichi-ken – Tsuguo Ohta

DAC on flag – 21.5.2017 – Yodo River, Fukushima, Osaka – Masakazu Tanuguchi

ATC on flag – 29.7.2017 – Mouth of Arakawa River Kotoku – Tatsuo Yanagi

ANN on flag – 3.8.2017 – Koromozaki, Isshiki-cho, Nishio-shi Aichi-ken – Hikaru Asai

Sharp-tailed Sandpiper

AEL on flag – 30.4.2017 – Komesu beach, Itoman-shi, Okinawa – Kouzo Hashimoto

South Korea

All recorded at Aphae Island (south) by Andreas Kim

Bar-tailed Godwit

ATA on flag – 2, 4, 11 & 15.4.2017

AWE on flag – 5.4.2017

ARA on flag – 7.4.2017

BSD on flag – 8.4.2017

BBL on flag – 11.4.2017

CDC on flag – 11.4.2017

BAP on flag – 12.4.2017

AZX on flag – 15.4.2017

PR on flag – 15, 18, 22 & 23.4.2017

1 unread flag – 8.4.2017

AYB on flag – 4, 5 & 6.4.2017

AJM on flag – 6.4.2017

ANB on flag – 7.4.2017

AYD on flag – 11 & 12.4.2017

BJE on flag – 11 & 15.4.2017

PN on flag – 11.4.2017

NC on flag – 12, 18, & 23.4.2017

EC on flag – 15, 18, 22, & 23.4.2017

1 plain flag – 8.4.2017

Great Knot

CMX on flag – 13.4.2017

China

Great Knot

BNP on flag – 1.4.2017 – Wenzhou Bay, Zhejiang China – Guanghui Chen & Banaboo Tidot

Ruddy Turnstone

ABY on flag – 25.5.2015 - Jalu Jiang Nature Reserve – unknown observer

USA

Whimbrel

CJX on flag – 2.6.2017 – St George Island, Pribilof Islands, Alaska – Nat Drumheller

Orange (Victoria) leg flag sightings seen in Qld.

Bar-tailed Godwit

CKV on flag – 17 & 19.9.2015 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates

Great Knot

1 with plain flag – 29.4 & 24.6.2017 – Thorneside Queens Esplanade – Kristy Currie

1 with plain flag – 16.7 & 8.8.2017 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates

Yellow (West Aust) leg flag sightings seen in Qld.

Red-necked Avocet

82 on flag – 25.6.2017 – Maaroom Great Sandy Strait – Arthur & Sheryl Keates

Overseas flagged birds seen in Qld

None

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

Grey-tailed Tattler

1 plain flag 17.9.2015 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates

Other wader leg flag and banded sightings

None

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 – 25.7.2017 – St Helena Island Pier - Kristy Currie

Other leg flag sightings and banded birds

Beach Stone Curlew

Engraved Yellow (NSW) flag unread – 25.6.2017 -Lucinda Bay Moreton Island – Kristy Currie

Caspian Tern Orange flag (Victoria)

E_ on flag (second digit unread) – 26.3.2017 – Kakadu Beach Bribie Island – Michael Strong

U8 on flag, right tarsus - 27.5 & 23.7.2017 – Toorbul – Dez Wells

E6 on flag, right tarsus - 23.7.2017 – Toorbul – Dez Wells

Engraved flag unread – 23.7.2017 – Port of Brisbane – Arthur & Sheryl Keates

24 on flag – 30.7.2017 – Toorbul – Steve McBride, Kathy Wilk & June Harris

47 on flag – 30.7.2017 – Toorbul - Steve McBride, Kathy Wilk & June Harris