

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 seen in QLD

A quantity of 3 plain flags together with 6 misread, 6 unread and 485 engraved green flag sightings have been added to the database since the last newsletter. A total of 14 different species recorded and the number of observations were as follows. Bar-tailed Godwit 211, Curlew Sandpiper 26, Eastern Curlew 3, Great Knot 10, Greater Sand Plover 10, Grey-tailed Tattler 135, Lesser Sand Plover 21, Pacific Golden Plover 10, Pied Oystercatcher 18, Pied Stilt 5, Red-necked Stint 21, Ruddy Turnstone 9, Sharp-tailed Sandpiper 10 and Whimbrel 11.

The observers were Chris Barnes, Arthur Carew, Rae Clark, Tony Cotter, Arthur Keates, Sheryl Keates, Penn Lloyd, Andrew Lowe, Wayne Matthews, Deb Merton, Zachary Robba, Peter Rothlisberg, Michael Strong, Dez Wells and Brad Woodworth.

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 – AAA, AAB, AAH, AAK, AAM, ADX, ADY, AHT, AJJ, AKA, AKV, ALU, AMH, AMK, AND, APP, ASC, ATB, AUN, AUT, AUZ, AVA, AVB, AVC, AXA, AYN, AZB, BAW, BAX, BBD, BBM, BBP, BCS, BCT, BDH, BDJ, BDS, BDW, BDX, BDY, BDZ, BHB, BHH, BHS, BJA, BKK, BKL, BKP, BKU, BKV, BKW, BLA, BPD, BPS, BPZ, BRL, BRP, BTA, BTB, BTD, BTF, BTV, BTZ, BUS, BVC, BZA, BZD, BZK, BZL, CAF, CAK, CAY, CBA, CBS, CBT, CBZ, CCD, CCJ, CCN, CCV, CCY, CJA, CJB, CJC, CJN, CS, CU, CX, DAA, DBB, DBF, DBJ, DCV, DCX, DCY, DDA, DDB, DDD, DL, EL, FZ, HL, HR, JA, JB, JE, JH, JJ, KM, PA, PD, PE, PP, PR, RL, RM & quantity 9 unread.

Curlew Sandpiper – AAM, ABV, ABZ, ACT, AHM, AJK, AJL, ANJ, ANU, APD, ATB, ATC, AUB, AVF, AXA, AYB, AYP, AYS, AZV, BAC & BDZ.

Eastern Curlew – AHA, AR & quantity 1 unread ELF.

Great Knot – AAP, AJH, BCK, BET, BRD & BRU.

Greater Sand Plover – CAC, CAF, CCB, CCC, CVB & CVJ.

Grey-Tailed Tattler – AAC, AAK, ABD, ACD, ACE, ACH, ACK, ACX, ACY, ADZ, AKC, AKJ, AKR, AKV, AMA, AMB, ANN, ANT, APY, AR, ARD, ARH, ARJ, ARL, ARW, ARY, ASE, ASL, AST, ASU, ASZ, ATA, ATC, ATD, ATE, ATL, AUA, AUK, AUN, AUS, AUT, AUY, AUZ, AVC, AVN, AWU, AWV, AWW, AWZ, AXE, AYA, AZP, BAD, BAJ, BAL, BAM, BDJ, BDN, BHE, BPY, BPZ, BSN, BSP, BSS, BST, BT, BXD, BXH, BXJ, BXL, BXP, BXS, DAD, EN, HK, JU, JX, JZ, KM, KV, LN & quantity 1 unread ELF.

Lesser Sand Plover – AER, ALR, AMA, AMC, AME, AVP, AVT, AXU, AXV, AXY, AXZ, AYZ, AZD, BUD, BUH, BUL & CVD.

Pacific Golden Plover – BHK, BHN, BSB, BSC & BSJ.

Pied Oystercatcher – AAE, AAK, AML, A6, and EX.

Pied Stilt – ABC, BEH, BEP, BEZ.

Red-necked Stint – 2P, 3B, 4H, 5L, 7D, 7L, 7P, 8H, 8L, D4, M3, N3, VS, X5, Z2, Z6, ZZ & 1 unread ELF.

Ruddy Turnstone – ABY, ACZ, ATK, ATN, ATT, AUH & CSA.

Sharp-tailed Sandpiper – AAP, AKB, CCD, CTB, CTM & CVK.

Whimbrel – ABT, BXX, BYH, BYP, DAH, DAM, DAV, DBP, DCJ & FV.

GREEN leg flag sightings seen INTERSTATE

None

GREEN leg flag sightings seen OVERSEAS

Bar-tailed Godwit

AEW on flag – 8.10.2017 – Karaka Manukau Harbour Auckland – Tony Habraken

AHH on flag – 28.1.2016 – Omaha N Z – J. Kotlarz

AHY on flag – 19.2.2015 – Ohiwa Harbour N Z - Tim Bernard

AJN on flag – 29.11.2015 – Miranda North Island N Z - Tony Habraken

AJN on flag – 28.12.2015 – Miranda North Island N Z - Tony Habraken

AKE on flag – 7.11.2015 – Big Sand Island Kaipara Auckland – Tony Habraken

AKE on flag – 27.1.2018 – Big Sand Island Kaipara Auckland – Tony Habraken

ALB on flag – 1.6.2015 – Karaka Manukau Harbour Auckland – Tony Habraken

ALB on flag – 31.10.2015 – Karaka Manukau Harbour Auckland – Tony Habraken

ALB on flag – 19.11.2017 – Karaka Manukau Harbour Auckland – Andries Berghuis

AMJ on flag – 28.11.2015 – Waller Island – Tony Habraken

AVY on flag – 27.12.2014 – Karaka Manukau Harbour Auckland – Tony Habraken

AVY on flag – 19.3.2017 – Karaka Manukau Harbour Auckland – Tony Habraken

AVY on flag – 19.11.2017 – Karaka Manukau Harbour Auckland – Andries Berghuis

DM on flag – 14.1.2018 - Clifton Beach Whitford Auckland – Tony Habraken

EP on flag – 13.10.2015 – Big Sand Island Kaipara Auckland – Ian Southey

EP on flag – 7 & 8.11.2015 – Big Sand Island Kaipara Auckland – Tony Habraken

EP on flag – 26.11.2017 – Big Sand Island Kaipara Auckland – Tony Habraken

EP on flag – 27.1.2018 – Big Sand Island Kaipara Auckland – Tony Habraken

FX on flag – 28.9.2015 - Clifton Beach Whitford Auckland – Tony Habraken

FX on flag – 6 & 8.2.2017 - Clifton Beach Whitford Auckland – Tony Habraken

FX on flag – 17.10.2017 - Clifton Beach Whitford Auckland – Tony Habraken

FX on flag – 28.2.2018 - Clifton Beach Whitford Auckland – Tony Habraken

JC on flag – 13.9.2015 – Karaka Manukau Harbour Auckland – Tony Habraken

JC on flag – 27.9.2015 – Karaka Manukau Harbour Auckland – Tony Habraken

Engraved flag unread – 7 & 28.9.2014 – Karaka Manukau Harbour Auckland – Tony Habraken

Engraved flag unread – 1.1.2015 – Big Sand Island Kaipara Auckland – Tony Habraken

Engraved flag unread – 4.1.2015 – Miranda North Island N Z - Tony Habraken

Engraved flag unread – 27.2.2015 – Mangere Manukau Harbour – Tony Habraken

Engraved flag unread – 29.11.2015 – Miranda North Island N Z - Tony Habraken

Engraved flag unread – 19.12.2015 – Big Sand Island Kaipara Auckland – Tony Habraken

Engraved flag unread – 16.1.2016 – Karaka Manukau Harbour Auckland – Tony Habraken

Engraved flag unread – 3.10.2016 – Karaka Manukau Harbour Auckland – Tony Habraken

Engraved flag unread – 18.12.2016 – Karaka Manukau Harbour Auckland – Tony Habraken

Engraved flag unread – 8.2.2017 – Clifton Beach Whitford Auckland – Tony Habraken

Engraved flag unread – 4.3.2017 – Karaka Manukau Harbour Auckland – Tony Habraken

Red Knot

ABE on flag – 19.12.2015 – Big Sand Island Kaipara Auckland – Tony Habraken

ABJ on flag – 26.12.2014 – Karaka Manukau Harbour Auckland – Tony Habraken

ABJ on flag – 13.3.2016 – Karaka Manukau Harbour Auckland – Tony Habraken

ABJ on flag – 5.11.2017 – Karaka Manukau Harbour Auckland – Tony Habraken

ANB on flag – 30.9.2018 – Karaka Manukau Harbour Auckland – Tony Habraken

Engraved flag unread – 28.11.2015 – Waller Island NZ – Tony Habraken

ORANGE (Victoria) leg flag sightings seen in QLD.

Bar-tailed Godwit

Plain flag – 13.10.2018 – Toorbul Sandfly Bay – Dez Wells
CNP on flag – 13.10.2018 – Toorbul Sandfly Bay – Dez Wells
CUV on flag – 13.10.2018 – Toorbul Sandfly Bay – Dez Wells
CHH on flag – 22.10.2018 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates
Plain flag – 28.10.2018 – Kakadu Beach – Michael Strong

Curlew Sandpiper

HBU on flag – 16 & 22.9.2018 – Bundaberg Port Swamp – Chris Barnes

Great Knot

BXW on flag – 17.10.2018 – Brisbane Airport Claypan – Penn Lloyd
Plain flag – 30.10.2018 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates
Plain flag – 1.11.2018 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates
Plain flag – 6.11.2018 – Queens Esplanade Thorneside – Sue Lee

Red Knot

45 on flag – 11.10.2018 – Port of Brisbane – Arthur Keates
45 on flag – 16.10.2018 – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter
45 on flag – 27.10.2018 – Queens Esplanade Thorneside – Tony Cotter
45 on flag – 28.10.2018 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates
Plain flag – 13, 15, 16 & 19.10.2018 – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter
Plain flag – 13.10.2018 – O'Reagans Creek Harvey Bay – Marilyn Sweetnam
Plain flag – 30.10.2018 – Manly Harbour – Arthur 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 – 20.10.2018 – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter
J62 on white flag – 28 & 30.10.2018 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates
Plain flags – 1.11.2018 – Maaroom – Chris Barnes

Red Knot

Plain flags – 30.11 & 1.12.2017 – Wynnum Esplanade – Wayne Matthews
Plain flags – 4.10.2018 – Queens Esplanade Thorneside – Tony Cotter

Yellow over White (Sakhalin Island Russia) leg flag sightings

Red Knot

Plain flags – 15.10.2018 – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter

White (New Zealand) leg flag sightings

Bar-tailed Godwit

Yellow band over White flag over yellow band left tarsus, blue over blue band right tarsus (5YYBB) – 9.10.2018 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates
BMC on flag – 12.10.2018 – Port of Brisbane – Arthur Keates & Rae Clark
ZYW on flag – 13.10.2018 – Toorbul – Dez Wells
Yellow over yellow band left tarsus, yellow band over White flag over yellow band right tarsus, geolocator right tibia (6YYYY) – 20.10.2018 – GJ Walter Park Cleveland – Arthur Keates

Red Knot

White flag right tibia, yellow over blue band left tarsus, yellow over white band right tarsus (2YBYW) – 16 & 17.9.2018 - Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates & Melissa Whitby

White flag right tibia, yellow over yellow band left tarsus, yellow over red band right tarsus (2YYYYR) – 16.9.2018 - Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates & Melissa Whitby

AVH on flag – 9.10.2018 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates

AVH on flag – 10.10.2018 – Queens Esplanade Thorneside – Arthur Keates

AVH on flag – 13 & 16.10.2018 – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter

Red over yellow band left tarsus, White flag over red band over yellow band right tarsus (4RYRY) - 13 & 15.10.2018 – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter

CHE on flag on left tibia – 15.10.2018 – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter

CHE on flag on left tibia – 28.10.2018 – Queens Esplanade Thorneside – Tony Cotter

CHE on flag on left tibia – 30.10.2018 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates

Blue (Japanese) leg flag sightings

Grey-tailed Tattler

Plain flag – 27.10.2018 – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter

Plain flag – 30.10 & 1.11.2018 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates

Blue over White (Japanese) leg flag sightings

Bar-tailed Godwit

C2 on blue flag – 1.11.2018 – Port of Brisbane - Arthur Keates & Sue Lee

Grey-tailed Tattler

667 on blue flag – 9, 22 & 30.10.2018 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates

315 on blue flag – 17 & 30.10.2018 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates

568 on blue flag – 17 & 30.10.2018 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates

568 on blue flag – 1.11.2018 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates

Engraved flag unread – 13.10.2018 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates

Lesser Sand Plover

Engraved flag unread – 13.10.2018 – O'Reagans Creek Harvey Bay – Marilyn Sweetnam

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.

C3 on flag – 26.10.2018 – Reeders Point Moreton Island – Arthur Keates

Caspian Tern Orange flag (Victoria)

37 on flag – 11.8.2018 – Toorbul Roost – Dez Wells

47 on flag – 11.8.2018 – Toorbul Roost – Dez Wells

E6 on flag - 9.9.2018 – Buckley's Hole Sandbar Bribie – Dez Wells

U8 on flag - 9.9.2018 – Buckley's Hole Sandbar Bribie – Dez Wells

U0 on flag - 9.9.2018 – Buckley's Hole Sandbar Bribie – Dez Wells

T3 on flag – 16.9.2018 – Toorbul Roost – Dez Wells

U0 on flag - 15.10.2018 – Buckley's Hole Sandbar Bribie – Dez Wells

K9 on flag – 15.10.2018 – Kakadu Beach – Michael Strong