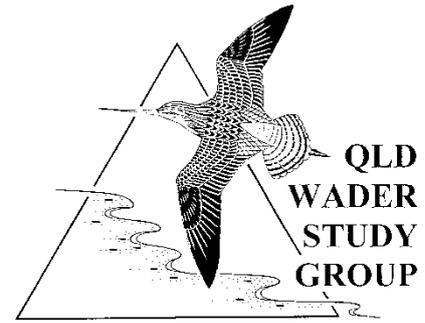


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A DOG'S BREAKFAST FOR THE BIRDS

by Vicki Campbell

In September QWSG chairperson, Andrew Geering and I travelled to Maaroom to attend a Doggy Breakfast organised by QWSG members Lesley and Don Bradley. Concerns had been raised about disturbance of waders by dogs (and people) at the Maaroom roost site. The purpose of the breakfast was to raise awareness of shorebirds in the Great Sandy Straits and help people understand the special needs of shorebirds when they are roosting at high tide. Specifically we were trying to encourage people to keep their dogs on the lead at the beach.

Approximately 40 people and 15 dogs attended the event. Dogs were provided with dog biscuits and water while their owners hoed into sausages, bacon and onion.

Scopes were set up for people to view the waders which were roosting a couple of hundred metres away. Andrew and I set up the QWSG display boards with wader ID sheets and posters about wader migration.

Birds Australia brochures on shorebirds and dogs were available for people to take home or give to neighbours. Burnett Mary Regional Group provided free stubby holders, postcards and dog leads. The postcards were the result of a competition in which primary school children from Bundaberg and Hervey Bay designed artwork to promote shorebird conservation. The dog leads, which carried the wording, "Show some restraint – help protect shorebirds!" were very popular.



At the height of the event Andrew spoke to the crowd about the significance of the Great Sandy Straits as a Ramsar site. Andrew spoke about the huge migrations that waders undertake and the need for them to feed and rest undisturbed in order to rebuild energy reserves. A journalist from the local Channel 7 station covered the event and interviewed Andrew so the message was heard by people other than those there at the time.

Was the day a success? Definitely. Although most of the locals claimed to always keep their dog on a lead, many of them had neighbours who didn't or they mentioned that it was the holiday makers who let their dogs loose on the beach. I think these people will now feel motivated to protect 'their' shorebirds by encouraging others to keep their dogs under restraint. Furthermore a representative from Fraser Coast Regional Council who attended the breakfast is very keen to set up some interpretive signs and perhaps even investigate the possibility of implementing temporary beach closures at times when the waders would be most affected by disturbance.



QWSG would like to thank Don and Lesley Bradley and their band of helpers from Lower Mary River Landcare for organising this event, Sue Sargent from Burnett Mary Regional Group for sponsoring the merchandise, Chris McCarthy from Fraser Coast Regional Council for sponsoring media coverage and food. Thank you also to birdwatchers who provided their scopes for use by the public.

Postscript....Towards the end of the breakfast two fishermen waded into the water just metres from the roost site, sending the birds up into the air and causing them to resettle further away. Three children then walked into the water close to the birds, disturbing them again.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new member who have joined recently :

Barry Davies, John McCabe
Keith Walker, Carl Moller
Karen & Spencer Shaw

A reminder to members to please let the Treasurer know if you change your email address. Many thanks too to those who have included a donation with their renewal or membership fee. This is greatly appreciated as such donations make on-going work possible.

Report warns of shorebird extinctions

BirdLife News Alert Thu Oct 30 12:00:01 2008

A report presented in South Korea today outlines the country's importance as a key refuelling stop for Globally Threatened migratory birds. It provides clear evidence that substantial declines are taking place in shorebirds populations in the East Asian-Australasian Flyway, and that the world's largest reclamation project could be driving Critically Endangered Spoon-billed Sandpiper *Eurynorhynchus pygmeus* towards extinction.

The joint Birds Korea / Australasian Wader Studies Group report entitled 'Saemangeum Shorebird Monitoring Program Report' was presented in Changwon, South Korea today at the 10th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands. The Australasian Wader Studies Group is a Special Interest Group of Birds Australia (BirdLife in Australia).

Saemangeum is one of the most important shorebird sites within the Yellow Sea and is being reclaimed for development, putting hundreds of thousands of migratory birds under threat. The 40,100 ha construction project on the west coast of South Korea involves damming the estuaries of the Mangyeong and Dongjin Rivers with a vast 33-km long seawall.

"The results of three years survey work clearly shows that there have been massive falls in shorebird numbers at Saemangeum", warned Nial Moores – Birds Korea. "Saemangeum used to support the largest-known congregations of Critically Endangered Spoon-billed Sandpiper and Endangered Spotted Greenshank *Tringa guttifer*, and its destruction could be a major factor in driving these birds towards extinction."

"The report presents evidence that the reclamation at Saemangeum alone may have caused a 20% drop in the global population of Great Knot *Calidris tenuirostris*, which winter in Australia, meaning that another shorebird species could soon become globally threatened", said Alison Russell-French, Birds Australia's President. The report also warns that there have also been severe impacts on the livelihoods of the many local people who relied on the fisheries at Saemangeum.

"We urge the governments of South Korea and China to carefully assess the findings in this report, and fully consider the impacts of coastal development on wetland biodiversity", said Dr Mike Rands – BirdLife's Director & Chief Executive.

"There are still opportunities to mitigate the impacts of the Saemangeum project and restore much of its biodiversity for the benefit of people and all life on Earth", commented Nial Moores. "Action must be taken soon. Once these magnificent mudflat habitats are lost, the biodiversity they support can never be recovered".

Birds Korea is dedicated to the conservation of birds and their habitats in South Korea and the wider Yellow Sea Eco-region. The Australasian Wader Studies Group aims to ensure the future of waders and their habitats in Australia through research and conservation programs and to encourage and assist similar programs in the rest of the East Asian-Australasian Flyway.

Credits: Birds Korea / Australasian Wader Studies Group

Electronic Newsletter ??

I ran this couple of paragraphs in the last newsletter and received six replies, all in favour of having the newsletter electronically. I'm running it again to see if there is more interest

Are you interested in receiving your "Queensland Wader" by email?

We are trying to determine if there is enough interest from the membership to issue the newsletter in a PDF format.

The committee is aware that we use a lot of paper with the newsletter, this would be reduced by the use of email, plus you could see the colour used in the production.

If you are interested email me on xxxx@xxxx.com.au. Could you use the subject line as Electronic Newsletter. Editor

Interesting report of a Pied Oystercatcher – from Email

Dear all

We've just received an exciting report, supported by good colour photos, of one of our Pied Oystercatchers which has been seen in Qld. This is the first VWSG oystercatcher to be reported from Qld and the 1407 km movement is a record for Australian oystercatchers.

The bird was originally banded as a juvenile on 10th February 1999 on North Spit, adjacent to Werribee Sewage Farm. It was recaptured there a month later and then on two further occasions over the next three years, once at Stockyard Point in Western Port and the other at Roussac's Farm in Corner Inlet.

It was first seen in Qld in December 2006, but was not reported to us at the time. The second sighting was in August this year. Full details are given below.

Pied Oystercatcher 101-15440

Originally banded	10/2/99	Werribee S.F.
Retrapped	11/3/99	
	11/6/01	Stockyard Point, Western Port
	28/5/02	Roussac's Farm, Foster, Corner Inlet
Seen & photographed	27/12/06	Southport, Queensland
	22/8/08	

The previous furthest movement of a VWSG Pied Oystercatcher was from Stockyard Point to Ballina in northern NSW (1269 km). This bird has remained in that region and nested there in the last three summers, producing several fledged chicks which have also been flagged and one of which has recently been reported near Sydney. Presumably the bird near Southport in Qld is also now breeding somewhere in that region.

Best wishes

Clive

AWSG CONFERENCE 2009

An important date for your diary:

7th Australasian Shorebird Conference Hobart, September 2009

The 7th AWSG-sponsored Australasian Shorebird Conference will be held in Hobart over the weekend of 4, 5 & 6 September 2009. These conferences are held every two years and provide an opportunity for everyone interested in all aspects of shorebird research, conservation and management to exchange information, discuss relevant issues and develop strategies for improving the status of these remarkable birds.

The theme of the 2009 Conference will be:

Resident and Migratory Shorebirds - Managing Their Future...

This will address several inter-related themes comprising:

- Future prospects for shorebirds in the East-Asian Australasian Flyway,
- Knowledge gaps for resident shorebirds,
- Beach-nesting birds and the implications from sea level rise predictions, and
- Conservation status and threats to beach-nesting birds.

It is planned to arrange a number of post-conference trips (if there is sufficient demand) to visit some of the key wader (and other birds) spots in Tasmania.

The Conference convenor is Dr Eric Woehler. If you would like to be included in all further email announcements, Conference information and post-conference trip details, etc, please send an email to:

xxxx@xxxxl.com

Please put the 7th Australasian Shorebird Conference in your 2009 diary now, and plan how you might contribute to the conference. A Call for Papers (including posters) will be made towards the end of the year.

Ken Gosbell

Eric Woehler

Subject: RE: Cross Tasman cooperation

From Rob Schuckard

Dear all,

Another godwit that passed through Australia has now returned home. At our latest wader census in the top of South Island, David picked up 1YWBV at the base of Farewell Spit at 16/11/08. This bird was recorded in Queensland at 28/9/08.

list of resightings

biometrics_colour code	date	plumage	sex	placename	region	country	name
1YWBV	11-Feb-08		3 m	Pakawau	Golden Bay	New Zealand	Rob Schuckard
1YWBV	28-Sep-08			Toorbul, Queensland	Australia	AUS	Linda and Phil Cross
1YWBV	16-Nov-08		M	Farewell Spit, base to Gobi Desert	Golden Bay	New Zealand	David Melville

This is the second bird back in NZ of a total of four that passed through Australia. All very interesting stuff.

list of resightings

biometrics_colour code	date	pluma ge	sex	placename	region	country	name
1RYRR	27-Jan-08			Avon-Heathcote Estuary	Canterbury	New Zealand	David Melville
1RYRR	20-Sep-08			Toorbul, Queensland	Australia	AUS	Dez Wells
1RYRR	28-Sep-08			Toorbul, Queensland	Australia	AUS	Linda and Phil Cross
1RYRR	19-Oct-08			Avon-Heathcote Estuary	Canterbury	New Zealand	David Melville
1RYRR	19-Oct-08			Avon-Heathcote Estuary	Canterbury	New Zealand	Jan Walker
1RYRR	21-Oct-08			Avon-Heathcote Estuary	Canterbury	New Zealand	Jan Walker

Cheers
Rob

ESTUARINE AND WETLAND BIRDS: HABITAT NETWORKS OF NORTHERN HEMISPHERE MIGRATORY WADERS

A project of Ornithological Society of New Zealand (OSNZ)

OBJECTIVE:

Determine the extent to which individual Bar-tailed Godwits and Red Knots use a network of estuaries while in New Zealand.

PROJECT PLAN:

The project will be undertaken by the Ornithological Society of New Zealand. Members of OSNZ and others will participate in both the capture/markings, and subsequent resighting of birds. The project has potential for considerable public involvement and thus increased public awareness of issues relating to shorebird conservation both locally and internationally.

The marking of birds using metal bands with unique alpha/numeric codes is an important tool in conservation management and research, but requires the subsequent capture of the bird. The use of colour marks provides a method to enable recognition in the field without the need for recapture.

Bar-tailed Godwits and Red Knots will be captured using either mist-nets or cannon nets.

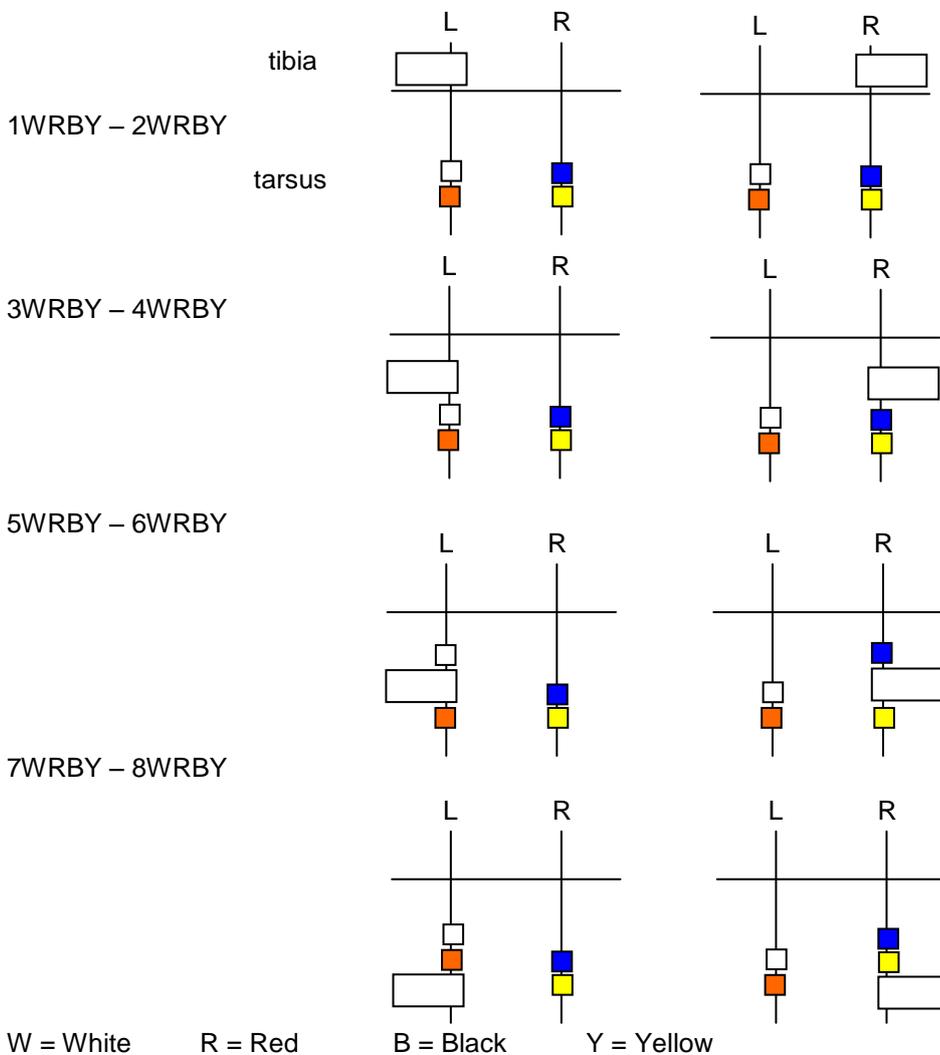
Birds will be marked using a unique colour band combination (4 bands), together with one leg flag. The leg flag (white) will both form part of the individual code as well as identify the bird for observers in the East Asian-Australasian Flyway as being from New Zealand. Any Turnstones caught incidentally will also be marked, but this species will not be a focus for the study.

It is not possible to attempt to mark birds in all estuaries in New Zealand with significant wader populations and the selection of areas has been made taking into account logistic implications of catching, the availability of observers for resighting, and known concentrations of birds.

PROJECT TEAM (KEY PERSONNEL):

- Dr Phil Battley – Principal Investigator
- Adrian Riegan – North Island team leader
- Rob Schuckard – South Island team leader
- David Melville – Project Manager

Figure 1. Example of the banding scheme in which the position of a leg-flag varies. Explanation of notation in the field on the left.



A project of Ornithological Society of New Zealand (OSNZ)

If you would like a colour image of this page Email the Editor with the heading "NZ Flags"

Alaskan Sharpies visit Cairns

This brilliant photo was taken by Frank Harrison on the 5th of November 2008 @ 16.00 hrs, on the Cairns foreshore. It shows a Sharp-tailed Sandpiper with on its left leg; tarsus bronze coloured metal ring, tibia green plastic flag above which was light blue plastic ring. Whilst its right leg shows tibia yellow plastic ring.



The reply from Bob Gill about the flagging of this bird
Dear Frank (and others),
Great photos! I've never seen an adult, let alone a look right up its bum.

Unmistakably one of ours that was ringed on either 1st October 2006 (9 this combo) or on 2nd October 2006 (4 this combo). All were captured as juveniles. The location was Ugashik Bay on the Alaska Peninsula (see below). The other marked bird referred to below was one of ten marked 28th-30th Sep 2006, BUT the combination on these 10 was the reverse of the bird you saw, with the yellow on the upper left and blue/green flag on the upper right. Sooooo....appears at least two birds from this cohort of 23 have been seen. Makes for either a large needle or a small hay stack!

The stain on the metal ring is interesting.

This makes the fourth sharp-tailed sandpiper (all different) from our Alaska study sites to either be seen in transit or in Australia (one PNG).

NB We already had a report of a bird with the same flag and band combination, but on opposite legs, so maybe similar.

That one was seen in China and had the following comment:

Banded by Bob Gill, one of 24 juvenile sharp-tailed captured on the Alaska Peninsula at Ugashik Bay (57.4929 N, 157.5868 W). One of ten of these birds given this exact flag combination during the three days 28th-30th September 2006.

We will be interested to find out about the origins of the Cairns birds.

Count Programme by Linda Cross

Now that I have stepped down as count coordinator, this is the last count programme article that I write. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all counters for their commitment to the programme and hope you will continue to contribute many more in the future.

I will miss seeing what species you are getting at your sites and reading the comments some of you make on your count sheet. Dawn will be checking in with me on your sightings if she thinks they look out of place, so you won't be getting away with recording Black-tailed Godwits, when they should be Bar-tails, Banded Stilts that should be Black-winged, Broad-billed Sandpiper that should be Curlew Sandpiper and Wandering Tattlers that are Grey-tails. That's just to name a few of them!

Please remember to send all future counts to Dawn Beck, who will take over this role.

Email Dawn at: xxxx@xxxx.com.au

Snail mail: xxxxxxxxxxxxxx. Q4xxx Phone: xxxx xxxx

The count dates for the count programme and the Port of Brisbane Corporation have been set down for all of 2009 and appear under Count Activities on the back page of this issue. Please remember to put them on your 2009 calendar. **The National Summer count is Saturday 31st January 2.19m high at 12:22.** If you know that you will not be able to do your count please contact Dawn, who will try and arrange someone to do it for you.

Phil & I would like to wish everyone and their families, a very merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and peaceful 2009.

I have again extracted information from your counts, which are listed below.

Counts and count sheets

Could all counters please take note that we will not be using any Birds Australia count sheets. We will continue to use our own QWSG count sheet, and have agreed to share data between each other.

Happy counting.
Linda Cross.

Double-banded Plover

Last few records of this species at our sites are:-

1 at Fisherman Island on 21.09.08
12 at Kakadu Beach, Bribie Island on 24.08.08
25 at Manly Boat Harbour on 23.08.08
5 at Geoff Skinner Reserve east on 23.08.08 (full breeding plumage)
18 at Noosa River sandbanks on 15.08.08

The southward migration during the last couple of months was evident on some of your count sheets with larger numbers of some species.

Red Knot

Recorded at Cairns Esplanade (2), Deception Bay south (101), Fisherman Island (68 & 30), Horsehoe Bay Gold Coast (1), Lytton (159), Manly Boat Harbour (15 & 87), Maaroom (100 & 15), Mathiesen Homestead (20), Pine Rivers northside (71), Pine Rivers Wetland Reserve (112), Toorbul (15 & 26) between 23.08.08 & 03.11.08

Eastern Curlew

Recorded at Boonooroo (348), Days gutter Moreton island (257), Geoff Skinner Reserve west (365, 479 & 550), Mathiesen Homestead (347), Toorbul (455 & 306) between 23.08.08 & 01.11.08

Whimbrel

Recorded at Geoff Skinner Reserve west (109), Toorbul (333 & 356) between 20.09.08 & 04.10.08

Breeding records.Beach Stone-curlew

1 egg at Redcliffe Island, north of Mackay on 22.09.08

Bush-Stone-curlew

2 nesting at Seaforth Beach, north of Mackay on 31.10.08

Black-winged Stilt

Nests and young at Kedron Brook Wetlands on 04.10.08

Nesting at Kakadu Beach, Bribie Island on 21.09.08

1 chick at Glass Mountain Creek, Pumicestone Passage on 21.08.08

Masked Lapwing

1 chick at Seaforth Beach, north of Mackay on 31.10.08

2 young at Norman Point, Tin Can Bay on 05.10.08

4 young at Maaroom on 23.08.08, plus 4 eggs on 20.09.08 & 4 eggs on 04.10.08

Nesting at Kakadu Beach, Bribie Island on 21.09.08

Nesting at Seaforth Beach creek mouth, north of Mackay on 19.09.08

Pied Oystercatcher

What a pleasure it is to record these breeding records, which are very few and far between.

2 chicks at Kinka Beach sandbar, Yeppoon on 01.11.08

2 chicks at Barrabra Island spit, Bundaberg on 21.09.08

2 chicks at Kakadu Beach, Bribie Island on 13.08.08

Red-capped Plover

2 chicks at Kinka Beach sandbar, Yeppoon on 01.11.08

Nest at Young Avenue, Kinka Beach, Yeppoon on 01.11.08

2 chicks at Barrabra Island spit, Bundaberg on 21.09.08

Nesting at Kakadu Beach, Bribie Island on 14.09.08 & 21.09.08

There are a number of other records under 'interesting sightings', in the Wader Watch section of this newsletter.

Additional counts: *We normally struggle to get good tide heights and times for the count programme, but in 2009 there are quite a few to choose from. There are other good tide heights and times during the first three months of the year, and extra counts would be a real bonus to get an indication on the northward migration. Apart from the dates selected above there are 3 other weekends in January, 2 in February and 1 in March that are all suitable for a high tide roost count. If you would like to do more, that would be great. If you need more details please contact Dawn Beck or Linda Cross.*

Once again NEW COUNT CO-ORDINATOR DAWN BECK:

- **MAIL TO:** xxxxxxxxxxxxxx Q4xxx or
- **EMAILED TO** xxxx@xxxx.com.au

Help Wanted !!!

As most of you would know, QWSG conducts a monthly count of the number and species of Waders in the reclamation area, the lake, saltpan and the bird hide at the Port of Brisbane.

At peak times, there are literally thousands of migratory waders using these areas. This accounts for approximately 30% of the birds in Moreton Bay. Therefore, it is essential that we maintain these monthly counts in order to monitor such things as changes in population etc.

Unfortunately, over the last few months, many of our regular counters have been on holidays or unable to attend and it has been left to just a few people to cover quite a large area.

We'd like to ask all members (in the Brisbane area) to think about coming along, on a regular basis, to help with these counts.

Don't worry if you're not too sure about identifying some of the species. You'll be able to go with experienced counters who will happily assist you in identifying the different birds.

The count programme is always printed in the newsletter so it's very easy to mark one's diary for the entire year and try to plan around these dates. If you can give a couple of hours each month to this programme, or wish further details of the count please contact:

Peter Rothlisberg (07) xxxx xxxx or
Linda Cross (07) xxxx xxxx for more information.

Dear Birds Korea Overseas Member,

Although there are numerous issues that require an urgent response, here as everywhere!, the proposed **Korean Grand Canal Project** is one of such extreme scale that we would like to ask please for your immediate support, by sending an email, either personalised to us (see below) or through the following link: <http://www.foei.org/en/get-involved/take-action/great-korea-canal-project/>

Background

In February this year, South Korea's new president took office. One of his main election pledges was to help rebuild the national economy through a series of infrastructure projects, including the construction of a series of new canals, the Grand Canal Project.

If completed this project would entail the concreting and canalization of **ALL** of South Korea's four major rivers, with highly significant negative impacts on possibly eight of the nation's Important Birds Areas, on Upo Ramsar site, and on species such as **Scaly-sided Merganser**, **Mandarin Duck**, and both **White-naped** and **Hooded Cranes**.

For more details, please go to: http://www.birdskorea.org/Habitats/Grand_Canal/BK-HA-Grand-Canal.shtml

Calls for the start of construction have continued to increase. Worse, in April this year there will be a general election, and soon after (if inadequately opposed) likely the start of construction.

What You Can Do

For Korea's birds, this issue is clearly one of extreme importance and urgency. Pending further assessment, and as an organisation dedicated to the conservation of birds and their habitats (with strictly no public opinion on either economics or politics), Birds Korea is helping to promote an ongoing e-mail petition targeting non-Korean nationals that are opposed to the Grand Canal project. This email campaign is run by the Korean Federation for Environmental Movements (KFEM/Friends of the Earth, Korea) and Friends of the Earth International, at: <http://www.foei.org/en/get-involved/take-action/great-korea-canal-project/>

Mails sent directly through the above address should be received, if possible, by MARCH 25th.

1. We would like to encourage you, our overseas members, to please:
2. Pass this URL on to others;
3. Cut and paste the URL for the Birds Korea online account (below), and post it to bird and conservation listservers worldwide: http://www.birdskorea.org/Habitats/Grand_Canal/BK-HA-Grand-Canal.shtml
4. To write your own short emails of concern, for posting on our websites and for passing on (to KFEM, media and government).

All such personalised emails sent to Birds Korea should please:

- a) Include your name, nationality and affiliation (as appropriate);
- b) Focus on anticipated impacts on birds and their habitats (please avoiding any political or other negative overtones);
- c) Encourage wise use of wetlands and greater fulfillment of obligations held under international conventions, such as Ramsar and the Convention on Biological Diversity.

These individually sent emails should then be sent back to this address please.

With many thanks, both to KFEM for their work in setting up this international email petition, and, as always, to you our members, for your continuing and much-valued support of Korean bird conservation.

Birds Korea, March 15, 2008
<http://www.birdskorea.org>

WADER WATCH Linda and Phil Cross, Joyce Harding

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, I 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 between 06.08.08 to 17.11.08

10 Eastern Curlew, 1 Whimbrel, 34 Bar-tailed Godwit, 19 Pied Oystercatcher, 1 Pacific Golden Plover, 4 Black-winged Stilt, 3 Great Knot, 8 Grey-tailed Tattler, 2 Terek Sandpiper, 2 Greater Sand Plover, 4 Lesser Sand Plover, 3 Curlew Sandpiper & 1 Red-capped Plover.

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

Eastern Curlew – **AR**

Whimbrel – **AC**

Bar-tailed Godwit – **AK, BK, CL, CN, CP, CR, CX, DX, FN, FS, FT, FY**

Pied Oystercatcher – **AB, AC, AE, AM, AN, AP, AS, AT, BN**

Pacific Golden Plover – **EZ**

Black-winged Stilt – **KB, KC, KD**

Grey-tailed Tattler – **EB, DB**

Terek Sandpiper – **BE**

Curlew Sandpiper – **BV**

Grey-tailed Tattler **EU** – was seen on Cairns Esplanade by Jun Matsui on 07.09.08

Grey-tailed Tattler – was seen on Cairns Esplanade by Sue McNeill et al 06.09.08

Interstate & overseas Green leg flag sightings

1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Bell's Island, Waimea Inlet, Nelson. SI, New Zealand – David Melville – 22.09.08

1 Bar-tailed Godwit (CU) – Geum Barrage, South Korea – Danny Rogers – 20.05.08

1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Shell Fish Harbour, South Korea – Chung-Yu Chiang – 13.05.08

1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Shell Fish Harbour, South Korea – Liz Crawford – 08.05.08

2 Bar-tailed Godwit – Okgu, South Korea – Chung-Yu Chiang – 06.05.08

1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Shell Fish Harbour, South Korea – David Milton – 02.05.08

1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Geum Barrage, South Korea – Gillian Vaughan – 01.05.08

1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Geum Barrage, South Korea – David Milton – 30.04.08

1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Okgu, South Korea – Wendy Hare – 29.04.08

1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Okgu, South Korea – Geoff Styles – 29.04.08

1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Sone Estuary & tidal flat, Kitakyushu, Fukuoka, Japan – Takeishi Masayoshi – 22.04.08

1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Okgu, South Korea – Nial Moores – 19.04.08

1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Shell Fish Harbour, South Korea – Nial Moores – 16.04.08

1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Geum Barrage, South Korea – Fred van Gessel – 16.04.08

1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Sone Shinden, Kokura, Fukuoka, Japan – Hayashi Osamu – 13.04.08

1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Yubu Island, South Korea – Ju Yung-ki – 06.04.08

1 Bar-tailed Godwit – mouth of Hayatue River, Kawazoe Saga, Japan – Miyazaki Yasuo – 05.04.08

1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Miranda Firth of Thames, South Auckland, NI, New Zealand – Tony Habraken – 08.03.08

- 1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Clifton Road, Whitford, Auckland, NI, New Zealand – Tony Habraken – 05.02.08 & 19.02.08
2 Bar-tailed Godwit – Miranda Firth of Thames, South Auckland, NI, New Zealand – Tony Habraken – 26.01.08
1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Clifton Road, Whitford, Auckland, NI, New Zealand – Tony Habraken – 07.01.08
1 Great Knot – Yubu Island, South Korea – Nial Moores – 06.04.08
3 Red Knot – Karaka Manukau Harbour, South Auckland, NI, New Zealand – Tony Habraken – 10.02.08
1 Red Knot – Papakanui Spit, Kaipara Harbour, Auckland, NI, New Zealand – Tony Habraken – 09.02.08
1 Red Knot – Karaka Manukau Harbour, South Auckland, NI, New Zealand – David Lawrie – 26.01.08
1 Red Knot – Clark's Bay, Manukau Harbour, South Auckland, NI, New Zealand – Tony Habraken – 12.01.08
1 Terek Sandpiper (AM) – Gan-No-Su, Higashi-Ku, Fukuoka, Japan – Takenaka Takashi – 27.04.08

Orange leg flag sightings

- 1 Eastern Curlew with orange flag right tibia and orange flag left tibia – Cairns Esplanade – Sue McNeill, John Crowhurst, Bill & Brian Venables – 06.09.08
1 Eastern Curlew with orange flag right tibia and orange flag left tibia – Mathiesen Homestead – John Knight – 24.08.08
1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Oyster Point – Joyce Harding – 17.11.08
1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Horseshoe Bay South Stradbroke Island – Terry Dillon & Jason Searle – 20.10.08
1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Horseshoe Bay, South Stradbroke Island – Terry Dillon & Jason Searle – 18.10.08
1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Wynnum – Heather Smith – 06.10.08
1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Manly Boat Harbour – Laurie Knight – 05.10.08
1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Deception Bay south – Phil Cross – 04.10.08
1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Maaroom – John Bell & Glen Hastie – 04.10.08
1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Toorbul – Dez Wells & Deborah Metters – 04.10.08
1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Toorbul – Gavin O'Brien – 03.10.08
1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Maaroom – Chris Barnes & John Bell – 29.09.08
1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Toorbul – Esther Townsend – 28.09.08
1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Manly Boat Harbour – Laurie Knight – 14.09.08
1 Great Knot – Toorbul – John Kooistra – 04.10.08
1 Great Knot – Maaroom – John Bell & Glen Hastie – 20.09.08
1 Great Knot – Toorbul – Dez Wells – 20.09.08
1 Red Knot – Manly Boat Harbour – Laurie Knight – 05.10.08
1 Red Knot – Maaroom – John Bell & Glen Hastie – 04.10.08
2 Red Knot – Maaroom – Chris Barnes & John Bell – 28.09.08
1 Sharp-tailed Sandpiper – Wynnum – Heather Smith – 06.10.08
1 Curlew Sandpiper – Fisherman Island – Arthur Keates – 02.11.08
1 Curlew Sandpiper – Horseshoe Bay, South Stradbroke Island – Terry Dillon & Jason Searle – 20.10.08
1 Curlew Sandpiper – Horseshoe Bay, South Stradbroke Island – Terry Dillon & Jason Searle – 12.10.08

Yellow (North-west Australia) leg flag sightings

Errata

The two entries below that appeared in the last newsletter (issue number 65), are not a north-west Western Australia flagged bird, but in fact a bird flagged in **Kamchatka, Russia**. The stint below was seen again at Fisherman Island on 24.08.08 with a yellow flag on the left tibia, a black flag on the left tarsus and a metal band on the right tarsus.

- 1 Red-necked Stint – yellow flag left tibia, metal band right tarsus – Fisherman Islands – Ken Cowell, Jon Coleman, Richard Fuller, Melanie Dixon – 06.07.08
1 Red-necked Stint – yellow flag left tibia, metal band right tarsus – Fisherman Islands – Graham & Brenda Smith, Phil and Linda Cross – 18.05.08

The bird was seen in May and July in a muddy reclamation pond, where the black flag was hidden by the mud. However, in August the bird was seen on a dry open section of another pond, and the black flag was seen. Details of the sighting are under 'Other wader leg flag sightings'

White (New Zealand) leg flag sightings

The Bar-tailed Godwits listed below with a variety of colour bands are used by Phil Battley in New Zealand. It would appear that a few of the New Zealand Bar-tailed Godwits flying direct from Alaska on their southward migration arrive on our shores.

- 1 Bar-tailed Godwit with white flag on right tibia, white band over white band right tarsus, yellow band over red band left tarsus – Toorbul – Dez Wells & Deborah Metters – 04.10.08
- 1 Bar-tailed Godwit with white flag right tibia, white band over white band right tarsus, red band over yellow band left tarsus, and metal band left tibia – Toorbul – Dez Wells & Deborah Metters – 04.10.08
- 1 Bar-tailed Godwit with white flag right tibia, yellow band right tarsus (left leg not lowered during sighting) – Toorbul – Dez Wells & Deborah Metters – 04.10.08
- 1 Bar-tailed Godwit with white flag right tibia, blue band over white band right tarsus, red band over yellow band left tarsus and metal band left tibia – Toorbul – Dez Wells & Deborah Metters – 04.10.08
- 1 Bar-tailed Godwit with white flag left tibia, blue band over red band left tarsus, red band over blue band right tarsus and metal band right tibia – Toorbul – Linda & Phil Cross – 28.09.08
- 1 Bar-tailed Godwit with white flag left tibia, red band over yellow band left tarsus, red band over red band right tarsus – Toorbul – Linda & Phil Cross – 28.09.08
- 1 Bar-tailed Godwit with white flag left tibia, yellow band over white band left tarsus, blue band over yellow band right tarsus, and metal band right tibia – Toorbul – Linda & Phil Cross – 28.09.08
- 1 Bar-tailed Godwit – white flag right tibia, blue band over white band right tarsus (left leg not lowered during sighting) – Toorbul – Linda & Phil Cross – 28.09.08
- 1 Bar-tailed Godwit – white flag left tarsus, white band over blue band left tarsus, red band over red band right tarsus and metal band right tibia – Manly Boat Harbour – Laurie Knight – 28.09.08
- 1 Bar-tailed Godwit – white flag left tibia, red band over yellow band left tarsus, red band over red band right tarsus – Dez Wells – 20.09.08
- 1 Red Knot – white flag right tibia – Toorbul – Dez Wells & Deborah Metters – 04.10.08
- 1 Red Knot – white flag right tibia – Maaroom – Chris Barnes & John Bell – 29.09.08
- 1 Sharp-tailed Sandpiper - white flag right tibia – Cairns Esplanade – John Crowhurst – 06.09.08
- 1 Sharp-tailed Sandpiper – white flag right leg – Cairns Esplanade – John Crowhurst – 06.09.08

Blue (Japanese) leg flag sightings

- 1 Grey-tailed Tattler – blue flag on left tibia – Toorbul – Dez Wells – 23.09.08
- 1 Grey-tailed Tattler – blue flag on left tibia and metal band right tibia – Cairns Esplanade – Jun Matsui – 18.09.08 (flagged in Northern Japan)
- 1 Grey-tailed Tattler – blue flag left tibia, white flag left tarsus and metal band right tarsus – Cairns Esplanade – Jun Matsui – 18.09.08 (flagged in Central Japan)

Black over white/white over black (Shanghai, China) flag sightings

- 1 Great Knot – black flag over white flag on right tibia – Toorbul – Dez Wells & Deborah Metters – 04.10.08
- 1 Great Knot – black flag over white flag on right tibia – Toorbul – John Kooistra & Russ Lamb – 04.10.08
- 1 Great Knot – white flag left tibia, black flag left tarsus and metal band right tarsus – Maaroom – Chris Barnes – 02.09.08
- 1 Greater Sand Plover – white flag over black flag right tibia and metal band left tibia – Chillii Beach FNQ – John Barkla & Geoffrey Jones – 13.09.08

Other wader leg flag sightings

The Sharp-tailed Sandpipers below are birds flagged in **Alaska** as juveniles during September/October 2006. Birds have a green flag (**Alaska**) on either right or left tibia, with a blue band above it, and a yellow band on the opposite tibia. The metal band will be on either tarsus. There appear to be a few inconsistencies on three of the sightings below, which we hope to sort out, but looks like they are certainly Alaskan flagged birds.

- 1 Sharp-tailed Sandpiper – yellow band right tibia, blue band above green flag left tibia and metal band left tarsus – Cairns Esplanade – Frank Harison – 05.11.08
- 1 Sharp-tailed Sandpiper – yellow flag right tibia, metal band right tarsus, blue flag left tibia and green flag left tarsus – Yu Ota – Cairns Esplanade – 04.11.08
- 1 Sharp-tailed Sandpiper – yellow band right tibia, blue band above green flag left tibia – Cairns Esplanade – Jun Matsui – 08.10.08
- 1 Sharp-tailed Sandpiper – green flag right tibia and metal ring right tibia (could be blue band) – Cairns Esplanade – Jun Matsui – 08.10.08
- 1 Red-necked Stint – yellow flag left tibia, black flag left tarsus and metal band right tarsus – Fisherman Island – Linda Cross, Alan Crawford & Peter Rothlisberg – 24.08.08 (flagged in Kamchatka, Russia)

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.

- C9** – Godwin Beach – Russ Lamb – 06.08.08
C5 – Godwin Beach – Russ Lamb – 06.08.08
C9 – Buckley's Hole Sandbar, Bribie Island – Michael Strong – 24.08.08
C1 – Manly Boat Harbour – David Milton – 24.09.08
G3 – Manly Boat Harbour – David Milton – 24.09.08
C1, C4 – Fisherman Island – David Edwards & Heather Smith – 02.11.08

Other leg flag sightings and banded birds

- 1 Caspian Tern – orange flag right tarsus and metal band left tarsus – Toorbul – Dez Wells & Deborah Metters – 04.10.08
1 Caspian Tern – orange flag right tarsus and metal band left tarsus – Toorbul – Graham & Brenda Smith – 08.09.08
1 Common Tern – orange flag left tarsus – Sandbank No.2, Caloundra – Barb Dickson & Jill Dening – 08.10.08

Interesting sightings

Please note these sightings are not authenticated records.

* = to be submitted to BQ RAC ** = to be submitted to BARC

- 6 Wandering Tattler – Wickham Point – Barbara Dickson – 01.11.08
110 Black-tailed Godwit – Pine Rivers Northside – Graham & Brenda Smith – 04.10.08
2104 Bar-tailed Godwit – Toorbul – Dez Wells & Deborah Metters – 04.10.08
18 Red-kneed Dotterel – Pine Rivers Northside – Graham & Brenda Smith – 20.09.08
9 Red-kneed Dotterel – Kedron Brook Wetlands – Dez Wells – 04.10.08
15 Black-fronted Dotterel – Cairns Esplanade – Jun Matsui – 05.07.08
154 Ruddy Turnstone – Fisherman Island – QWSG team *et al* – 21.09.08
239 Red-necked Avocet – Fisherman Island – QWSG team *et al* – 21.09.08
177 Red-necked Avocet – Deception Bay south – Phil & Linda Cross – 23.08.08
1423 Curlew Sandpiper – Fisherman Island – QWSG team *et al* – 02.11.08
1961 Red-necked Stint – Fisherman Island – QWSG team *et al* – 02.11.08
464 Sharp-tailed Sandpiper – Fisherman Island – QWSG team *et al* – 02.11.08
1 Sanderling – Horseshoe Bay, Gold Coast – Terry Dillon *et al* – 16.09.08
1 Wood Sandpiper – Garnet's Lagoons, Hervey Bay – John Knight – 23.08.08
1550 Great Knot – Mathiesen Homestead, Hervey Bay – John Knight – 23.08.08
239 Red-necked Avocet – Fisherman Island – QWSG team *et al* – 21.09.08
177 Red-necked Avocet – Deception Bay south – Phil & Linda Cross – 23.08.08

Not waders but of interest anyway

- 6 Buff-banded Rail (3 adults and 3 young) – Mirrapool, Moreton Island – QWSG count team – 03.10.08
1 Spotless Crake – Buckley's Hole – Dez Wells & Deborah Metters – 23.08.09
324 Chestnut Teal – Gold Coast Sewerage Treatment Plant – Terry Dillon & Nicola Lord – 22.08.08
14 Lesser Crested Tern – Seaforth Beach, north of Mackay – Peggy Harding & Stella Mearns – 19.09.08
8 Lesser Crested Tern – Buckley's Hole sandbar, Bribie Island – Dez Wells & Deborah Metters – 23.08.08
7 Whiskered Tern – Trutes Bay, Tweed Heads – Laurel Allsopp & K.Wilk – 13.10.08
2272 Pied Cormorant – sandbank off Amity Point – QWSG team – 03.10.08
2249 Crested Tern – Noosa River sandbanks – Jill Dening – 30.10.08
2 Black-necked Stork (standing on nest) – Lime Pocket, Pumicestone Passage – Jill Dening – 21.08.08
1 Black-necked Stork – Mirrapool, Moreton Island – QWSG team – 04.07.08
419 Chestnut Teal – Kedron Brook Wetlands- Dez Wells – 24.08.08

Once three Curlew were going in a straight line. The first Curlew said that there are 2 Curlew behind me. The last Curlew said that there are 2 Curlew in front of me, and the middle one said that there are 2 Curlew in front of me and 2 Curlew at the back of me.

How was that possible?

Because the middle Curlew was lying !!
 Sorry! I had a space to fill! Editor

Whitley Award for 'Shorebirds of Australia'

It was a great thrill to receive news from the Royal Zoological Society of New South Wales that *Shorebirds of Australia*, produced by the Queensland Wader Study Group, was awarded a Certificate of Commendation for best book in the category of field guide. This year's field of entries was very competitive and we were just pipped for the major award, the Whitley Medal, by *A Fragile Balance, the extraordinary story of Australian marsupials* by Professor Christopher Dickman. Nevertheless, the Certificate of Commendation is a great achievement.

About the Whitley Awards (from the Press Release, 13 September 2008).

The awards are for outstanding publications that deal with the promotion and conservation of Australasian fauna. Of the awards, the Whitley Medal is the most sought after prize in Australian zoological publishing. The Whitley Awards, first presented in 1979, are hosted by the Royal Zoological Society of NSW and presented at a ceremony at The Australian Museum in Sydney. They are a tribute to Gilbert Whitley (1903-1975), who was the Curator of Fishes at the Australian Museum from 1922 to 1964.

Andrew Geering, Chairperson of the Queensland Wader Study Group

WADER ID DAYS

Saturday 24th January at Lytton roost

High tide at 08:35am with a height of 2.29m. Meeting time 07:30am

One of the few roosts that usually have Black-tailed and Bar-tailed Godwits at the same roost, which will help you sort out the difference between them. To get to Lytton, drive east along Lytton Road following the signs to the Port of Brisbane, follow Pritchard Street from the turn off to Fort Lytton National Park, turn left into Wynnum North Road, continue to the end of the road and park in the car park. UBD 143 F11.

Please contact either Phil & Linda Cross (07) xxxx xxxx or David Edwards (07) xxxx xxxx if you have any questions.

Saturday 14th March 2009 at Toorbul

2.08m high tide at 11.26am (plus 30 minutes later for Toorbul). Meeting time 10am

Take the Bruce Highway north from Brisbane to the Donnybrook/Toorbul exit. Turn off here and head east over the highway overpass. Continue on this road to Toorbul. Turn right at the T-junction then first left and then right, which brings you onto the Esplanade. Follow this road to the end (approximately 2kms); we will be on the left.

Bring water, food and a chair. It is a good idea to have a hat, sunscreen and insect repellent. Most importantly bring your binoculars or telescopes. The birds should be sporting their breeding plumage, which will help make for easier identification.

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Other Conservation Activities of Interest



QWSG is a special interest group of the Birds Queensland Inc. whose object is:

"To promote the scientific study and conservation of birds by all means possible, with particular reference to the birds of Queensland".

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Birds Queensland - 7.45pm

1st Thursday each month except January, when there is no meeting.

Royal Geographical Society Meeting Room, 237 Milton Road, Milton.

Arrive after 7:15pm for a 7:45pm start.

QWSG MERCHANDISE

Should you wish to purchase any of the QWSG Merchandise, items may be purchased at BQ Inc meetings held 1st Thursday of the month at the Royal Geographical Society Meeting Room, 237 Milton Road, Milton.

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Contact Dawn Beck Phone 07 xxxx xxxx or email xxxx@xxxx.com.au

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We are having more polo shirts made and there will be smaller sizes available again. So contact to place your order.

Annual General Meeting

Annual General Meeting will be held at the port of Brisbane Visitors’ Centre at noon on Sunday 7th of December before the Port of Brisbane Court (12:00). We are always keen to have new members on the committee who bring enthusiasm and new ideas to the committee. It can seem daunting but you will be welcome to sit and observe at first. A great way to become more involved with Waders. If you want further details please contact Andrew Geering (07) xxxx xxxx

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Position:

Name of Proposer:

Name of Secunder:

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I accept the nomination for the position on the management committee of the Queensland Wader Study Group as indicated.

Signature of Nominee:

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Count Activities 2008 and 2009

QWSG High Tide – Monthly Count Programme – 2008 and 2009

Sat 6 th Dec	2.00m at 15:11 (3:11pm)				
Sat 31 st Jan	2.19m at 12:22	National Summer Count	Sat 25 th Jul	1.99m at 11:57	National Winter Count
Sat 28 th Feb	2.20m at 11:25		Sat 22 nd Aug	2.10m at 10:47	
Sat 28 th Mar	2.15m at 10:24		Sat 19 th Sep	2.18m at 09:42	
Sat 25 th Apr	2.06m at 09:17		Sat 17 th Oct	2.22m at 08:39	
Sat 23 rd May	1.94m at 08:04		Sat 14 th Nov	2.21m at 07:33	
NO COUNT IN JUNE			Sat 19 th Dec	2.33m at 11:09	

SEE NOTE AT BOTTOM OF COUNT PROGRAMME SECTION

Port of Brisbane Count Dates – 2008 and 2009

Sun 7 th Dec 08	1.95m at 16:12	Meet: 14:20 (2:20pm)	AGM at 12:00 at PoB Visitors' Centre		
Sun 1 st Feb	2.06m at 12:59	Meet 11:10	Sun 26 th Jul	2.00m at 12:45	Meet 10:55
Sun 1 st Mar	2.07m at 11:57	Meet 10:10	Sun 23 rd Aug	2.13m at 11:30	Meet 09:40
Sun 29th Mar	2.04m at 11:00	Meet 09:10	Sun 20 th Sep	2.23m at 10:24	Meet 08:35
Sun 26 th Apr	1.99m at 10:00	Meet 08:10	Sun 18 th Oct	2.30m at 09:20	Meet 07:30
Sun 24 th May	1.90m at 08:54	Meet 07:05	Sun 15 th Nov	2.31m at 08:18	Meet 06:30
Sun 28 th Jun	1.88m at 14:07	Meet 12:15	Sun 20 th Dec	2.29m at 11:43	Meet 09:55

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