

## 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.

Sightings in Moreton Bay & Environs totalled **825** between 05.02.14 and 08.05.14. They were sighted by Tony Cotter, Ken Cowell, Linda Cross, Phil Cross, Kristy Currie, Cameron Davidson, Kiran Dhanjal-Adams, David Edwards, Pip Grant-Taylor, Sandra Harding, Mary Hynes, Arthur Keates, Sheryl Keates, Paul Maxwell, David Milton, Anthony Muyt, Natalie Reed, Michael Strong, Katya Thompson, Nicola Udy, Ivell Whyte and Dez Wells.

12 Whimbrel, 311 Bar-tailed Godwit, 32 Pied Oystercatcher, 12 Black-winged Stilt, 1 Grey Plover, 76 Great Knot, 321 Grey-tailed Tattler, 17 Terek Sandpiper, 9 Sharp-tailed Sandpiper, 1 Red-kneed Dotterel, 28 Curlew Sandpiper, 1 Lesser Sand Plover, 3 Red-caped Plover and 24 Red-necked Stint.

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

Whimbrel – **UE, UJ, UP, AAD, ABT,**

Bar-tailed Godwit – **AE, BX, CN, CU, HL, JE, JL, NN, PA, PC, PJ, PN, PP, PR, PU, RJ, RL, AAA, AAB, AAD, AAM, ABJ, ABN, ACD, ACJ, ACK, ACL, ACP, ACR, ACT, ACX, ACY, ADA, ADD, ADN, ADP, ADT, ADX, AEJ, AEN, AEV, AHA, AHR, AHZ, AJE, AJH, AJL, AJS, AJZ, AKA, AKC, AKK, AKS, AKT, ALB, ALM, ALP, ALV, AMA, AMD, AMH, ANJ, ANK, ANZ, APH, APM, APP, APT, APX, ARA, ARD, ARJ, ARK, ARN, ARS, ART, ASA, ASC, ASE, ASH, ASK, ASL, ASM, ASS, ASW, ASX, ATA, ATB, ATC, ATD, AVA, AVB, AVD, AVH, AVJ, AVL, AVN, AVP, AVR, AVS, AVZ, AWA, AWC, AWD, AWH, AWJ, AXT, AXY, AYA, AYD, AYE, AYH, AYK, AYL, AYN, AYP, AYT, AYU, AYV, AZC, AZD, AZX, BAC, BAD, BAE, BAH, BAJ, BAS, BAV, BBH, BBJ, BBK, BBL, BBM, BBN, BBP, BBR, BBS, BBT, BBU, BBV, BCA, BCB, BCC, BCE, BCJ, BCK, BCW, BCY, BCX, BJB, BJD, BJZ, BKC, BNA, BNC, BND, BNJ, BNN, BNP, BNS, BNT, BNX, BNY, BNZ, BPA, BPC, BPD, BPF, BPH, BPJ, BPK, BPS, BPT, BPU, BPX, BPY, BRH.**

Pied Oystercatcher – **B7, D3, KZ, AAE, AAK, AAT, AAU, AAV, AAY, ABC, ABD, ABE.**

Black-winged Stilt – **EA, AAR, AAS, AAY, ABE, BZB, BZC.**

Great Knot – **EV, NA, AAN, AAP, AJB, ALA, ALB, ALH, ATH, ATL, ATR, ATT, ATU, ATV, ATX, ATZ, AUC, AUD, AUE, AVZ, AWD, AWJ, AYR, AYU, AYZ, AZC, BAZ, BBE, BBJ, BBP, BBT, BBU, BCB, BCC, BCL, BCM, BCN, BCR, BCS, BCT, BCV.**

Grey-tailed Tattler – **A6, B3, B4, B7, C4, AE, AR, AV, AX, AY, BN, BT, CA, HV, HY, JD, JE, JH, JK, JM, JN, JY, KA, KB, KH, KR, KV, KX, KY, KZ, LB, LF, LM, LN, RC, RD,**

**RH, RM, RX, RY, AAB, AAE, AAJ, AAR, ABB, ABD, ABE, ABH, ABS, ACC, ACD, ACE, ACH, ACJ, ACP, ACR, ACX, ACZ, ADH, ADK, ADT, ADV, ADY, ADX, AKB, AKC, AKD, AKJ, AKL, AKR, AKS, AKV, AKW, AKX, ANB, ANH, ANJ, ANK, ANL, ANN, ANP, ANS, ANT, ANZ, APD, APH, APJ, APK, APL, APM, APN, APP, APS, APU, APV, APY, ARA, ARB, ARC, ARD, ARE, ARK, ARL, ARN, ARP, ARS, ARV, ARX, ARY, ASC, ASE, ASH, ASJ, ASL, ASM, AVB, AVC, AVD, AVE, AVJ, AVL, AWL, AWM, AWP, AWR, AWS, AWT, AWX, AXC, AXD, AXJ, AXL, AXP, AXR, AXS, AXT, AXU, AXX, AYA, AYB, AYC, AYD, AYH, AYK, AYS, BAH, BAL, BAM, BCJ.**

Terek Sandpiper – **AV, ALB, ALE, ALH, AMJ, AMK.**

Sharp-tailed Sandpiper – **AAC, AAH, AAR, AEM, ALL.**

Red-kneed Dotterel – **ADV.**

Curlew Sandpiper – **BT, DE, AAC, AAN, AAP, AAY, ABN, ABP, ABZ, ACT ACU, ANF, APF.**

Red-necked Stint – **A3, LA, LZ, MR, MT, NA, ZA, ZC, ZF, ZP.**

**(Tattler, B4, B7, C4, RX, AKH, ANB, ANJ, ANL, ANZ, APD, APJ, AVC and AVD 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 (**AHZ on flag**) – Aphae Island (south), South Korea – Andreas Kim – 29.04.14

1 Bar-tailed Godwit (**AYD on flag**) – Aphae Island (south), South Korea – Andreas Kim – 29.04.14

1 Bat-tailed Godwit – Aphae Island (south), South Korea – Andreas Kim – 29.04.14

1 Bar-tailed Godwit (**AYB on flag**) – Aphae Island (south), South Korea – Andreas Kim – 25.04.14

1 Bar-tailed Godwit (**ALV on flag**) – Aphae Island (south), South Korea – Andreas Kim – 25.04.14

1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Aphae Island (south), South Korea – Andreas Kim – 21.04.14

1 Bar-tailed Godwit (**PR on flag**) – Aphae Island (south), South Korea – Andreas Kim – 21.04.14 & 25.04.14

1 Bar-tailed Godwit (**EC on flag**) – Aphae Island (south), South Korea – Andreas Kim – 21.04.14 & 29.04.14

1 Bar-tailed Godwit (**ASW on flag**) – Aphae Island (south), South Korea – Andreas Kim – 21.04.14 & 25.04.14

1 Bar-tailed Godwit (**AEU on flag**) – Aphae Island (south), South Korea – Andreas Kim – 21.04.14

1 Bar-tailed Godwit (**AB on flag**) – Seocheon tidal flat, Geum Barrage, South Korea – Ju Yung Ki – 20.04.14

1 Bar-tailed Godwit (**ARE on flag**) – Seocheon tidal flat, Geum Barrage, South Korea – Ju Yung Ki – 20.04.14

4 Bar-tailed Godwit – Aphae Island (south), South Korea – Andreas Kim – 15.04.14

1 Bar-tailed Godwit (**BJE on flag**) – Aphae Island (south), South Korea – Andreas Kim – 15.04.14

1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Seocheon tidal flat, Geum Barrage, South Korea – Ju Yung Ki – 14.04.14

2 Bar-tailed Godwit – Muan tidal flat, South Korea – Ju Yung Ki – 13.04.14

1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Gomso Bay, South Korea – Ju Yung Ki – 12.04.14

1 Bar-tailed Godwit (**BJE on flag**) – Gomso Bay, South Korea – Ju Yung Ki – 12.04.14

1 Bar-tailed Godwit (**BNN on flag**) – Mokpo Wetland, South Korea – Andreas Kim – 12.04.14 through to and including 05.05.14

2 Bar-tailed Godwit – Seocheon tidal flat, Geum Barrage, South Korea – Ju Yung Ki – 11.04.14

1 Bar-tailed Godwit (**BBD on flag**) – Seocheon tidal flat, Geum Barrage, South Korea – Ju Yung Ki – 11.04.14

2 Bar-tailed Godwit – Aphae Island (south), South Korea – Andreas Kim – 11.04.14

1 Bar-tailed Godwit (**BNT on flag**) – Aphae Island (south), South Korea – Andreas Kim – 11.04.14

1 Bar-tailed Godwit (**AZX on flag**) – Aphae Island (south), South Korea – Andreas Kim – 11.04.14

1 Bar-tailed Godwit (**AYB on flag**) – Aphae Island (south), South Korea – Andreas Kim – 11.04.14

1 Bar-tailed Godwit (**AWE on flag**) – Aphae Island (south), South Korea – Andreas Kim – 11.04.14

1 Bar-tailed Godwit (**ASW on flag**) – Aphae Island (south), South Korea – Andreas Kim – 11.04.14

1 Bar-tailed Godwit (**AEU on flag**) – Aphae Island (south), South Korea – Andreas Kim – 11.04.14

2 Bar-tailed Godwit – Aphae Island (south), South Korea – Andreas Kim – 09.04.14

1 Bar-tailed Godwit (**AET on flag**) – Tapora South, Kaipara Harbour, Auckland, North Island, New Zealand – Tony Habraken – 06.04.14

2 Bar-tailed Godwit – Aphae Island (south), South Korea – Andreas Kim – 06.04.14

1 Bar-tailed Godwit (**ABR on flag**) – Seocheon tidal flat, Geum Barrage, South Korea – Ju Yung Ki – 01.04.14

1 Bar-tailed Godwit (**AJT on flag**) – Kidds, Karaka, Auckland, North Island, New Zealand – Tony Habraken – 24.03.14 & 25.03.14

1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Motueka Sandspit, Nelson, South Island, New Zealand – David Melville – 19.03.14

1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Miranda, Firth of Thames, South Auckland, North Island, New Zealand – Tony Habraken – 14.03.14 & 15.03.14

1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Miranda, Firth of Thames, South Auckland, North Island, New Zealand – Tony Habraken – 09.03.14 & 11.03.14

1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Miranda, Firth of Thames, South Auckland, North Island, New Zealand – Tony Habraken – 27.02.14

1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Waimea Inlet, Best Island, near Nelson, South Island, New Zealand – David Melville & Willie Cook – 17.02.14

1 Bar-tailed Godwit (**FX on flag**) – Clifton Beach, Whitford, Auckland, North Island, New Zealand – Tony Habraken – 27.01.14

1 Bar-tailed Godwit (**FX on flag**) – Clifton Beach, Whitford, Auckland, North Island, New Zealand – Tony Habraken – 15.01.14

1 Bar-tailed Godwit (**EP on flag**) – Tapora South, Kaipara Harbour, Auckland, North Island, New Zealand – Tony Habraken – 28.12.13

1 Bar-tailed Godwit (**AKE on flag**) – Tapora South, Kaipara Harbour, Auckland, North Island, New Zealand – Tony Habraken – 28.12.13

1 Bar-tailed Godwit (**BJK on flag**) – Miranda, Firth of Thames, South Auckland, North Island, New Zealand – Adrian Boyle – 19.12.13

1 Bar-tailed Godwit (**AJN on flag**) – Miranda, Firth of Thames, South Auckland, North Island, New Zealand – Adrian Boyle – 17.12.13

1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Miranda, Firth of Thames, South Auckland, North Island, New Zealand – Tony Habraken – 16.12.13

1 Bar-tailed Godwit (**AEC on flag**) – Kidds, Karaka, Auckland, North Island, New Zealand – Tony Habraken – 15.12.13

1 Bar-tailed Godwit (**AJU on flag**) Clark’s Bay, Manukau Harbour, South Auckland, North Island, New Zealand – Tony Habraken – 11.12.13

1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Big Sand Island, Kaipara Harbour, North Island, New Zealand – Phil Battley – 06.12.13

1 Bar-tailed Godwit (**FX on flag**) – Clifton Beach, Whitford, Auckland, North Island, New Zealand – Tony Habraken – 02.12.13

1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Miranda, Firth of Thames, South Auckland, North Island, New Zealand – Tony Habraken – 01.12.13

1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Kidds, Karaka, Auckland, North Island, New Zealand – Tony Habraken – 23.11.13

1 Bar-tailed Godwit (**FX on flag**) – Clifton Beach, Whitford, Auckland, North Island, New Zealand – Tony Habraken – 01.11.13

1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Clark’s Bay, Manukau Harbour, South Auckland, North Island, New Zealand – Tony Habraken – 20.10.13

1 Bar-tailed Godwit (**FX on flag**) – Clifton Beach, Whitford, Auckland, North Island, New Zealand – Tony Habraken – 17.10.13

1 Bar-tailed Godwit (**ALB on flag**) Clark’s Bay, Manukau Harbour, South Auckland, North Island, New Zealand – Tony Habraken – 06.10.13

1 Bar-tailed Godwit (**ALX on flag**) Clark’s Bay, Manukau Harbour, South Auckland, North Island, New Zealand – Tony Habraken – 06.10.13

1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Miranda, Firth of Thames, South Auckland, North Island, New Zealand – Tony Habraken – 07.09.13

1 Bar-tailed Godwit (**ABR on flag**) – Kidds, Karaka, Auckland, North Island, New Zealand – Tony Habraken – 25.08.13

1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Yalu Jiang Site 5, China – Tan Kun – 11.05.13

1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Yalu Jiang Site 5, China – Tan Kun – 09.05.13

1 Bar-tailed Godwit (**BC on flag**) – Yalu Jiang Site 5, China – Tan Kun – 07.05.13

1 Bar-tailed Godwit (**BC on flag**) – Yalu Jiang Site 6, China – Tan Kun – 05.05.13 & 07.05.13

1 Great Knot – Aphae Island (south), South Korea – Andreas Kim – 11.04.14

1 Great Knot – Aphae Island (south), South Korea – Andreas Kim – 09.04.14

1 Great Knot – Seocheon tidal flat, Geum Barrage, South Korea – Ju Yung Ki – 05.04.14

1 Great Knot – Yalu Jiang Site 5, China – Tan Kun – 15.05.13

1 Great Knot (**AEV on flag**) – Yalu Jiang Site 5, China – Tan Kun – 09.05.13

1 Great Knot – Yalu Jiang Site 5, China – Tan Kun – 07.05.13

1 Great Knot – Yalu Jiang Site 5, China – Peng Hebo – 05.05.13

1 Great Knot – Yalu Jiang Site 5, China – Peng Hebo – 25.04.13

1 Red Knot (**ABH on flag**) – Taporā South, Kaipara Harbour, Auckland, North Island, New Zealand – Tony Habraken – 08.02.14

1 Red Knot (**ABH on flag**) – Taporā South, Kaipara Harbour, Auckland, North Island, New Zealand – Tony Habraken – 11.01.14

1 Red Knot – Taporā South, Kaipara Harbour, Auckland, North Island, New Zealand – Tony Habraken – 28.12.13

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

1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Queen’s Esplanade, Thorneside – Arthur & Sheryl Keates – 04.04.14

1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Queen’s Esplanade, Thorneside – Arthur & Sheryl Keates – 24.03.14 & 25.03.14

2 Bar-tailed Godwit – St. Helen’s Beach, north of Mackay – Marlis Schoeb – 17.03.14

1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Queen’s Esplanade, Thorneside – Arthur Keates – 24.02.14

1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Tuan, Great Sandy Strait – Mary Hynes – 20.02.14

1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Manly Harbour – Kiran Dhanjal-Adams – 16.02.14

1 Bar-tailed Godwit – Queen’s Esplanade, Thorneside – Arthur Keates – 07.02.14

### **White (New Zealand) leg flag sightings**

No sightings

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

1 Grey-tailed Tattler – blue flag over white flag left tarsus – Toorbul – Arthur Keates & Linda Cross – 22.03.14 (flagged in Obitsu Estuary, Chiba)

All the birds listed below had blue flag left tibia, and where flagged in Hokkaido.

- 1 Grey-tailed Tattler – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter – 03.05.14
- 1 Grey-tailed Tattler – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter – 27.04.14
- 2 Grey-tailed Tattler – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter – 21.04.14
- 1 Grey-tailed Tattler – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter – 18.04.14
- 1 Grey-tailed Tattler – Toorbul – Dez Wells – 12.04.14
- 1 Grey-tailed Tattler – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter – 05.04.14
- 1 Grey-tailed Tattler – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter – 29.03.14
- 2 Grey-tailed Tattler – Wynnum Esplanade – Arthur & Sheryl Keates – 25.03.14
- 1 Grey-tailed Tattler – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter – 22.03.14
- 1 Grey-tailed Tattler – Lytton roost – Arthur & Sheryl Keates – 20.03.14
- 1 Grey-tailed Tattler – Toorbul – Dez Wells – 15.03.14
- 1 Grey-tailed Tattler – Kougari Street, Boonooroo – Chris Barnes – 17.03.14
- 1 Grey-tailed Tattler – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter – 16.03.14
- 1 Grey-tailed Tattler – Lytton roost – Arthur & Sheryl Keates – 15.03.14
- 1 Grey-tailed Tattler – Kougari Street, Boonooroo – Chris Barnes – 12.03.14
- 1 Grey-tailed Tattler – Lytton roost – Arthur Keates – 07.03.14
- 1 Grey-tailed Tattler – Queen’s Esplanade, Thorneside – Arthur Keates – 24.02.14
- 1 Grey-tailed Tattler – Lytton roost – Arthur Keates – 21.02.14
- 1 Grey-tailed Tattler – Lytton roost – Arthur Keates – 17.02.14
- 1 Grey-tailed Tattler – Lytton roost – Arthur Keates – 05.02.14

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

- 1 Whimbrel – North Keppel Island – Allan Briggs – 30.03.14
- 1 Great Knot – St. Helen’s Beach, north of Mackay – Marlis Schoeb – 17.03.14
- 1 Great Knot – Seaforth Beach creek mouth, north of Mackay – Marlis Schoeb – 27.02.14
- 1 Terek Sandpiper – Boat Harbour, Burnett Heads – Chris Barnes – 25.02.14
- 1 Red-necked Stint – Maaroom – Bill Price & Peter Tierney – 12.04.14

**Green over orange (Yalu Jiang Nature Reserve, China) 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 – Arthur Keates – 22.03.14
- 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 – Dez Wells – 15.03.14
- 1 Bar-tailed Godwit – green flag over orange flag right tibia – Acacia St, Wellington Point – Nicola Udy – 15.03.14
- 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 – Arthur Keates, Phil & Linda Cross – 22.02.14
- 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 – Brian Russell – 16.02.14
- 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 – Pip Grant-Taylor – 14.02.14
- 1 Bar-tailed Godwit – metal band over green flag over orange flag left tibia – Toorbul – Pip Grant-Taylor – 14.02.14

**Other wader leg flag sightings**

1 Greater Sand Plover – white flag over blue flag left tibia, metal band right tibia – Burnett River, Burnett Heads – Chris Barnes – 08.03.14 (flagged in Taipei-Kaohsiung, Taiwan)

### **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 – 05.04.14 & 05.05.14

**P9 on flag** – Adair Street, Boonooroo – Chris Barnes – 12.03.14 & 17.03.14

**J4 on flag** – Ocean Beach, Bribie Island – Kristy Currie – 12.11.13

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

1 Caspian Tern – orange flag (**C1 on flag**) – Kakadu roost, Bribie Island – Michael Strong – 27.04.14

1 Caspian Tern – orange flag (**O7 on flag**) – Toorbul – Arthur Keates – 22.03.14

1 Caspian Tern – orange flag (**C1 on flag**) – Toorbul – Arthur Keates & Phil Cross – 22.03.14

1 Caspian Tern – orange flag (**C1 on flag**) – Kakadu roost, Bribie Island – Michael Strong – 16.03.14

1 Caspian Tern – orange flag (**C1 on flag**) – Toorbul – Dez Wells – 15.03.14