

## 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 fitted to. 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 – Moreton Bay area

In each Qld Wader issue there are quite a number of green leg flag sightings recorded within the Moreton Bay area, which is where the bird was banded originally, however depending on the space available we may not be listing each individual sighting of engraved green flag in the printed version of this newsletter. A complete list of all engraved flags reported in the last three months will be loaded on to the website.

Sightings in Moreton Bay & Environs totalled 676 since the last newsletter three months ago, the species recorded and the number of observations was as follows. Bar-tailed Godwit 234, Curlew Sandpiper 16, Eastern Curlew 2, Great Knot 32, Grey Plover 1, Grey-tailed Tattler 279, Lesser Sand Plover 17, Pacific Golden Plover 11, Pied Oystercatcher 26, Red-capped Plover 1, Red-necked Stint 28, Ruddy Turnstone 5, Sharp-tailed Sandpiper 7, Terek Sandpiper 13, Whimbrel 2, White Headed Stilt 2.

They were sighted by Susan Chisholm, Jimmy Choi, Deidre Chrzescijanski, Judith Coles, Tony Cotter, Phil Cross, Linda Cross, Kristy Currie, Mavis Gan, Renate Hottmann-Schaefer, Mary Hynes, Yifei Jia, Arthur Keates, Sheryl Keates, Penn Lloyd, Virginia Ridgley, Peter Rothlisberg, Michael Strong, Mike Vincent, Chris Walker and Melissa Whitby.

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

Bar-tailed Godwit – AE, AR, BC, CN, CS, CU, CX, ET, EU, FJ, FM, FY, HL, JA, JE, JH, JJ, JY, KM, KN, NC, NV, NZ, PA, PD, PP, PR, PU, PV, PY, RL, RM, RN, RP, RY, AAB, AAH, AAL, AAM, ABJ, ACA, ACJ, ACL, ADV, ADW, ADX, AEB, AEJ, AEN, AEU, AHL, AHN, AHT, AHZ, AJM, AKD, AKN, AKS, AKY, ALL, ALM, ALU, ALV, AMD, ANA, ANB, ANH, ANW, ANX, APJ, APP, ARD, ARJ, ARU, ARV, ASA, ASM, ASR, ASU, ASZ, ATD, AVA, AVB, AXU, AXV, AYD, AYU, AZB, AZC, AZR, AZS, AZT, AZU, AZV, BAB, BAE, BAK, BAP, BAW, BAX, BAZ, BBA, BBD, BBJ, BBN, BBX, BCB, BCE, BCX, BJN, BJU, BJZ, BKJ, BKK, BKM, BKP, BKR, BKS, BNA, BNJ, BPC, BPL, BPS, BRB, BRP, BRT, BRX, BTA, BTD, BTH, BTK, BTL, BTN, BTT, BTY, BTZ, BUA, BUD, BUF, BUH, CPT .

Black-winged Stilt – AAS, BB.

Curlew Sandpiper – FN, AAM, ACR, ACZ, ADJ, AJA, AJL, AJU, AKJ, ASC, ASJ.

Great Knot – NA, AAP, AJU, ALA, ATL, BAZ, BBE, BCN, BCP, BRY, BTL, CMJ, CMX, CMY.

Grey Plover – JT.

Grey-tailed Tattler – AR, AV, AX, BN, BT, CA, CD, CU, DV, EM, EN, HK, HV, JC, JD, JN, JX, JY, JZ, KA, KV, KX, KZ, LH, LN, RH, RM, RU, RY, AAC, AAD, AAE, AAK, AAR, AAZ, ABD, ABE, ABU, ACD, ACE, ACJ, ACK, ACN, ACU, ACX, ADH, ADT, ADY, AKC, AKJ, AKU, AKV, AKX, AKZ, AMB, ANN, ANT, APD, APJ, APL, APP, APS, APT, APV, APW, APY, ARD, ARL, ARP, ART, ARV, ASE, ASL, ASU, ATB, ATE, ATM, ATP, ATS,

ATV, ATW, AUA, AUB, AUH, AUN, AUP, AUS, AUT, AUU, AUY, AUZ, AVB, AVC, AVD, AVE, AVH, AVL, AVN, AVT, AWL, AWP, AWV, AXB, AXE, AXL, AXP, AXR, AXS, AXW, AXX, AYD, AZL, AZU, AZX, BAD, BAJ, BAL, BAM, BCJ, BDC, BDD, BDH, BDJ, BDK, BDM, BDN.

(Tattler, APD, AVC, AVD, AVH and BAD, have green flag on right tibia, yellow flag and geolocator on left tibia and metal band left tarsus).

Lesser Sand Plover – ALU, ANP, ANV, APT.

Pacific Golden Plover – BUB, BUN, BUP, BUU, BUY, BVD, BVL, BVP, BVT, BVY.

Pied Oystercatcher – B6, C4, AAE, AAH, AAK, AAT, AAU, ABC, ABE.

Red-capped Plover – AH.

Red-necked Stint – H2, M3, N3, S8, S9, U3, X4, X5, Y5, Z2, TT, VL, ZN, ZU, ZZ.

Ruddy Turnstone – HE, ABX, AKX, ALC, AYH.

Sharp-tailed Sandpiper – ACW, ACX, ACY, AJS, AXC.

Terek Sandpiper – AV, DY, EE, EJ, HD, ACK, ACU, AJN, ALB.

Whimbrel – UH.

### **Green leg flag sightings - Outside Moreton Bay area**

Great Knot – ELF unable to read - Maaroom – Arthur Keates – 21.2.2016.

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

#### **China**

Great Knot – Plain flag - Tongzhou Bay – Zhang Lin – 16.4.2016

#### **Japan**

Bar-tailed Godwit

ARB on flag – Yoshino River Estuary Tokushima – Kouhei Shinomiya – 20.4.2014

BTC on flag – Sone Tidal Flat Kitakyushu-shi Fukuoka – Yoshibumi Shiroy – 10.4.2016

CPC on flag – Saga Japan – Sayaka Nakamura – 10.4.2016

Great Knot

CMC on flag – Asa River Estuary Santo Onoda-shi Yamaguchi-kin – Nobuhiro Hashimoto 13.4.2016

Grey-tailed Tattler

AXH on flag – Arai Motomiya-shi Fukushima – Yukio Arakawa – 8.5.2014

CD on flag – Mihara River Matsuhokawa Wakita Minamiawaji Hyogo – Kensuke Ariga – 10.5.2014

ATL on flag – Mouth of Onosato River Sennan Osaka – Tsuyoshi Nakagawa – 2.9.2015

Pacific Golden Plover

BUA on flag – Ibaraki Prefecture – Utaka Godo – 24.4.2016

#### **New Zealand**

Bar-tailed Godwit – Plain flag – Tasman Bay Nelson Haven – Rob Schuckard – 8.2.2016

Red Knot

ELF unable to read – Big Sand Island Kaipara Harbour Auckland – Tony Habraken – 2.1.2015

ABE on flag - Big Sand Island Kaipara Harbour Auckland – Tony Habraken – 28.2.2015

ELF unable to read – Big Sand Island Kaipara Harbour Auckland – Tony Habraken – 8.11.2015

#### **Palau Micronesia**

Great Knot

BEA on flag – Ngimal – Glenn McKinlay – 8th, 9th & 11.4.2016

#### **Taiwan**

Curlew Sandpiper

ACA on flag – Hanbou ChangHwa County – Chung-Yu Chiang – 7.4.2016

Great Knot

BBB on flag – Wang-Gong Chang-Hua County – Chung-Yu Chiang – 7.4.2016

## **South Korea**

Bar-tailed Godwit – all seen at Aphae Island South – Andreas Kim

ABM – 4<sup>th</sup> & 9.4.2016

ABW – 4.4.2016

ADA – 6.4.2016

AEA - 11<sup>th</sup> & 18.4.2016

AET – 23, 28, 31.3.2016, & 3rd, 4<sup>th</sup> & 9.4.2016

AEU – 24.4.2016

AHZ – 19, 21, 22 & 24.4.2016

AJM – 8.4.2016

AJY – 8.4.2016

ALV – 8, 9, 11, 14, 18, 19, 22, 24, 26 & 30.4.2016

ATA – 11, 18, 24 & 26.4.2016

AVB – 6, 15, 22 & 30.4.2016

AWE – 6.4.2016

AX – 8, 9 & 22.4.2016

AYB – 4, 14 & 24.4.2016

AYD – 14, 15, 21, 22 & 26.4.2016

BAP – 11, 19, 26 & 30.4.2016

BCC – 18.4.2016

BJE – 11, 14 & 15.4.2016

BPY – 8, 9 & 11.4.2016

BRN – 11 & 15.4.2016

BSD – 15 & 19.4.2016

BTF – 11.4.2016

BTY – 11.4.2016

CDC – 3, 6, 8, 9 & 14.4.2016

EC – 9, 11, 14, 15, 21, 24 & 26.4.2016

NC – 14.4.2016

PN – 8 & 9.4.2016

PR – 9, 11, 15, 18, 21, 22, 24 & 26.4.2016 & 2.5.2016

ELF – unable to read – 6.4.2016

ELF – unable to read – 8.4.2016

Plain green flag – 8, 9, 11, 14 & 18

Plain green flag – Geum Barrage – Nial Moores & Tim Edelsten – 25.4.2016

BX – Songdo Mudflat Incheon – Eugene Cheah - 1.5.2016

## Great Knot

AEL – Aphae Island South – Andreas Kim – 9 & 11.4.2016

BNL - Aphae Island South – Andreas Kim – 8.4.2016

ELF- unable to read - Aphae Island South – Andreas Kim – 8.4.2016

## Ruddy Turnstone

EY – Mokpo Namhang Tidal Flat – Andreas Kim – 30.4.2016

## **BIRDS FLAGGED OVERSEAS - sighted in Qld**

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

Great Knot – Lucinda near Hinchbrook – Annette Sibson – 21.2.2016

Lesser Sand Plover – Sandgate – Renate Hottmann-Schaefer - 15.3.2016

### **White over blue (Taiwan) leg flag sightings**

Greater Sand Plover

Burnett Heads – Chris Barnes – 11.2.2016

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

### **Black-tailed Godwit**

Lytton Roost – Arthur & Sheryl Keates – 12, 15 & 16.3.2016

### **Great Knot**

L75 on white flag - Port of Brisbane – Arthur & Sheryl Keates, Barbara Collier & Diedre Chrzescijanski – 14.2.2016

J74 on white flag – Port of Brisbane – Arthur Keates – 24.2.2016

J62 on white flag – Toorbul – Arthur Keates – 27.2.2016

Boonooroo – Arthur Keates – 20.2.2016

Seaforth Beach near Mackay – Denise Holder – 29.2.2016

Pelican Island Claremont Isles National Park – Andrew McDougall – 8.3.2016

### **Pacific Golden Plover**

Bushland Beach near Townsville – Mark Horvath – 19.3.2016

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

### **Bar-tailed Godwit**

Toorbul – Alison Nisbett – 21.12.2015

Blue over white band left tarsus, yellow over yellow band right tarsus - three sightings of this same bird at this site on these dates:

Toorbul – Judith Coles – 23.2.2016

- Arthur & Sheryl Keates, Linda & Phil Cross – 27.2.2016

- Brian Coates – 28.3.2016

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

### **Bar-tailed Godwit**

Toorbul – Alison Nisbett – blue flag left tibia, orange flag left tarsus – 30.12.2015 – flagged Arao Coast Kyushu Japan

### **Broad-billed Sandpiper**

Port of Brisbane – Arthur Keates - blue flag right tibia, blue flag right tarsus – 29.2.2016 – (flagged Komuke Lake, Hokkaido)

### **Grey-tailed Tattler**

2 birds Lytton Roost – Arthur Keates – 13.2 & 2.3.2016 (flagged Hokkaido)

1 bird Lytton Roost – Arthur Keates, Jimmy Choi, Mavis Gan, Yifei Jia – 6.3.2016 (flagged Hokkaido)

1 bird Lytton Roost – Arthur & Sheryl Keates – 13 & 15.3.2016 (flagged Hokkaido)

1 bird Lytton Roost – Arthur Keates – 16.3.2016 (flagged Hokkaido)

Wellington Point – Renate Hottmann-Schaefer – 20.3.2016 (flagged Hokkaido)

Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter – 4, 5, 16 & 17.4.2016 (flagged Hokkaido)

Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates – 26.4.2016 (flagged Hokkaido)

2 birds Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates – 21.4.2016 (flagged Hokkaido)

Manly Lota Esplanade – Arthur Keates – 12 & 17.4.2016 (flagged Hokkaido)

2 birds Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter – 23.4.2016 (flagged Hokkaido)

Manly Lota Esplanade – Arthur Keates – blue & white flag left tarsus 17.4.2016 (flagged Hokkaido)

Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates – blue & white flag left tarsus 19 & 21.4.2016 (flagged Hokkaido)

Cairns Esplanade – Julia Hazel – 22.4.2016

Toorbul – Linda Cross & Arthur Keates – 23.4.2016

## **White over orange (Korea) leg flag sightings**

### **Lesser Sand Plover**

Pelican Island Claremont Isles Nat Park – Andrew McDougall – 8.3.2016

## **BIRDS FLAGGED INTERSTATE - sighted in Qld**

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

Bar-tailed Godwit

CHH – Oyster Point – Penn Lloyd – 11.11.2015

CHH – Oyster Point – Penn Lloyd – 22.3.2016

Plain flag – Boonooroo – Arthur Keates – 20.2.2016

Plain flag – Boonooroo – Linda Cross – 21.2.2016

Plain flag - Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates – 23.2.2016

Plain flag - Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates, Jimmy Choi, Mavis Gan – 6.3.2016

Plain flag - Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates, Melissa Whitby – 26.3.2016

Plain flag – Thornside Queens Esplanade – Kristy Currie – 12.3.2016

Great Knot

Plain flag – Toorbul – Alison Nisbett – 21.12.2015

Sharp-tailed Sandpiper

Plain flag – Bundaberg Port - Chris Barnes – 20.3.2016

### **Yellow (Western Australia) leg flag sightings**

Great Knot

Plain flag – Maaroom – Arthur Keates Sheryl Keates – 21.2.2016

### **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 two other projects 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 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates & Melissa Whitby – 26.3.2016

C4 – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter – 8.4.2016

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

Caspian Tern

E1 on orange flag left tarsus - Kakadu Beach – Michael Strong – 21.2.2016

1 orange flag left tarsus – Kakadu Beach Bribie Island – Michael Strong – 6.3.2016

E6 on orange flag left tarsus – Toorbul – Mary Hynes – 2.4.2016

E6 on orange flag left tarsus – Toorbul – Linda Cross & Arthur Keates – 23.4.2016

E3 on orange flag left tarsus - Kakadu Beach – Michael Strong – 10.4 & 8.5.2016

47 on orange flag right tarsus – Toorbul – Linda & Phil Cross – 11 & 23.4.2016

37 on orange flag right tarsus – Toorbul – Linda & Phil Cross – 23.4.2016

24 on orange flag right tarsus – Buckleys Hole Sandbar – Michael Strong – 24.4.2016

1 orange flag right tarsus – Buckleys Hole Sandbar – Michael Strong – 24.4.2016

ELF orange flag unable to read – Port of Brisbane – Arthur & Sheryl Keates – 10.4.2016

Little Tern

Green flag ALX – South Ballina Beach NSW – Steve McBride – 16.4.2016

Green flag ALX – Evan's Head NSW – Steve McBride – 30.4.2016