

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

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 92 in the last three months, the species recorded and the number of observations was as follows. Australian Pied Oystercatcher 51, Bar-tailed Godwit 1, Curlew Sandpiper 1, Double-banded Plover 18, Eastern Curlew 5, Red-capped Plover 5, and White Headed Stilt 11.

They were sighted by Laurel Allsopp, Sarah Beavis, Tony Cotter, Phil Cross, Linda Cross, Liz Crawford, Arthur Keates, Sheryl Keates, David Milton, Brian Russell, and Melissa Whitby.

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

Australian Pied Oystercatcher – AAB, AAE, AAH, AAK, AAT, AAU, AAY, ABC, ABE, ABU, B4, C4, C6, EX and Unread
Bar-tailed Godwit - CPD
Curlew Sandpiper - Unread
Double-banded Plover – ABU, AZA, AZD and Unread
Eastern Curlew – Unread
Red-capped Plover – CP, JH and Unread
White-headed Stilt – AAS, AAV, AAX, AAZ, BB, BZC, EA

Green leg flag sightings seen Interstate

Australian Pied Oystercatcher

1 Pied Oystercatcher (A6 on flag) – Iluka Bay NSW – Neil Edwards -22.5.2016

Green leg flag sightings seen Overseas

North Korea

Bar-tailed Godwit

1 with plain flag – David Melville & Adrian Riegen – Sema-ri - 22.4.2016

1 flag unread - Adrian Riegen – Mundok Rong Rimri – 23.4.2016

South Korea

Bar-tailed Godwit - All these Godwit seen at Aphae Island (south) by Andreas Kim

EC on flag – 4, 9, 11, 15 & 20.5.2016

PR on flag – 4, 5, 7, 11, 13 & 15.5.2016

ALV on flag – 4 & 13.5.2016

ATA on flag – 4.5.2016

AVB on flag – 5 & 13.5.2016

AYB on flag – 4.5.2016

AZX on flag – 4.5.2016

BSD on flag – 4.5.2016

BTF on flag – 4.5.2016

Great Knot

Flag unread – 8.5.2016 – Nial Moores

Ruddy Turnstone

EY on flag – 13.5.2016 – Andreas Kim

China

Great Knot

Flag unread - 8.4.2016 – Chongming Dongtan Nature Reserve Shanghai – observer not recorded

Red-necked Stint

Z5 on flag – 24.5.2016 – Dongling of Rudong County Jiangsu Province _ observer not recorded

Japan

Bar-tailed Godwit

Flag unread – 9.4.2016 – Arao Beach Arao Kumamoto – Nishiki Isao

BAK on flag – 30.4.2016 – Arao Beach Arao Kumamoto – Machitori Kaname

BJX on flag – 26.4.2016 – Arao Beach Arao Kumamoto – Ryuji Shimazaki

Grey-tailed Tattler

ANA on flag - 10.5.2016 – Tsukinoki-cho Ikeda-shi Osaka – Imai Nana

ATU on flag – 15.5.2016 – Mouth of Kako River Takasago Hyogo – Onishi Nagamichi

AYE on flag – 13.5.2016 – Hanatsuru River mouth Koga-shi Fukuoka-ken – Koji Takenaka

BPK on flag – 26.5.2016 – Tone River Gyouda-shi Saitama-ken – Takako Shinozaki

BWX on flag – 5.5.2016 – Mouth of Shigenobu River Iyo Ehime – Jiro Ogawa

ATN on flag – 14.5.2016 – Shimoichiki Mihama-cho Mie-ken – Setsuji Nakamura

AYN on flag – 5.5.2016 – Tokyo Bird sanctuary Tokyo – Hiroshi Toyamori

ASE on flag – 15.5.2016 – Wajo-cho Hamamatsu-shi Shizuoka-ken – Sumio Suzuki

AKV on flag – 20.5.2016 – Toyomisaki Fishing Harbour Shosanbetsu-mura Hokkaido –

Yukihiro Matsudaira

BAD on flag – 21.5.2016 – Koroen Beach Nishinomiya-shi Hyogo-ken – Takashi Hirooka

Red-necked Stint

V8 on flag – 28.5.2016 – Lake Komuke Monbetsu Hokkaido – Kazuhiro Oodate

Taiwan

CNP on flag – 19.4.2016 – Zhuangwei Yi-Ian County – Chen Han-Yu

Yellow (Western Australia) leg flag sightings

Red Knot

Jimmy Choi – Gladstone - 30.9.2015

Orange (Victoria) leg flag sightings

All below seen by Jimmy Choi in Gladstone area

Bar-tailed Godwit

1 with plain flag – 1.10.2015

CHV on flag – 1.10.2015

Great Knot

30.9.2015

Red Knot

2 birds – 30.9.2015

1S on flag - 30.9.2015

Red-necked Stint

30.9.2015

2 birds 16.12.2015

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

All these China flagged sightings by Jimmy Choi in Gladstone area

Bar-tailed Godwit

9Z on flag – 23.10.2015, 15.1.2016 & 7.2.2016

Great Knot

1 with plain flag – 30.9.2015, 11.12.2015

2 with plain flag – 16.12.2015

C25 on flag – 30.9.2015 & 16.12.2015

E69 on flag – 15.1.2016

Terek Sandpiper

1 with plain flag – 16.1.2016

Greater Sand Plover

1 with plain flag – 11.12.2015

Blue over Yellow black (Bohai Bay, China) leg flag sightings

Red Knot

2 birds – 30.9.2015

Green over Blue (Tiaozini Jiangsu, China) leg flag sightings

Red-necked Stint

16.12.2015

White (New Zealand) leg flag sightings

Red Knot (All seen in Gladstone area on 30.9.2015)

Dylan Moffitt – white flag right tibia

Dylan Moffitt – white flag right tibia, red over blue band left tarsus, yellow over blue band right tarsus

Jimmy Choi – white flag right tibia, red over red band left tarsus, blue over yellow band right tarsus

Jimmy Choi – white flag right tibia, yellow over yellow band left tarsus, blue over blue band right tarsus

Jimmy Choi – white flag right tibia, blue over red band left tarsus, blue over white band right tarsus

Blue (Japanese) leg flag sightings – use four combinations

None reported

White over blue (Taiwan) leg flag sightings

Greater Sand Plover

Jimmy Choi – Gladstone area - (059 on flag) – 16.12.2015

Black over Yellow (Kamchatka Peninsula Russia) leg flag sightings

Red-necked Stint

Floss Wainwright & Ken Cowell – Redcliffe Aerodrome - 7.5.2016

Black (Alaska USA) leg flag sightings

Bar-tailed Godwit

Jimmy Choi – Gladstone area – (YO on flag) – 14.1.2016

Other wader leg flag and banded sightings

None reported

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.

Brian Russell – (P2 on flag) – Point Halloran – 29.4.2016

Laurel Allsopp – (H1 on flag) - Tweed Heads – 11.6.2016

Laurel Allsopp – (P2 on flag) - Tweed Heads – 8.8.2016

Arthur Keates & David Milton – (K3 on flag) – St Helena Island – 9.8.2016

Other leg flag sightings and banded birds

Caspian Tern

Orange (63 on flag) left tarsus, metal band right tarsus – Coolangatta – Laurel Allsopp – 6.6.2016 & Tweed River entrance – 11.6.2016

Orange (A1 on flag) right tarsus, metal band left tarsus – Noosa River sandbanks – Jill Denning – 10.6.2016

Orange (24 on flag) right tarsus, metal band left tarsus – Buckley's Hole Sandspit Bribie Island – Phil Cross – 22.7.2016

Orange (E3 on flag) left tarsus, metal band right tarsus – Kakadu Beach Bribie Island – Michael Strong – 24.7.2016