

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 711 in the last three months, the species recorded and the number of observations was as follows. Australian Pied Oystercatcher 35, Bar-tailed Godwit 228, Curlew Sandpiper 28, Double-banded Plover 10, Eastern Curlew 14, Great Knot 56, Grey-tailed Tattler 286, Grey Plover 2, Lesser Sand Plover 1, Red-capped Plover 8, Red-necked Stint 20, Ruddy Turnstone 1, Sharp-tailed Sandpiper 11, Terek Sandpiper 3, Whimbrel 4, and White Headed Stilt 4.

They were sighted by Chris Barnes, Karen Blake, Sarah Beavis, Robert Bush, Jimmy Choi, Diedre Chrzescijanski, Max Chrzescijanski, Tony Cotter, Phil Cross, Linda Cross, Arthur Keates, Sheryl Keates, Elliott Leash, Neale Maynard, Steve Poppo, Julie Sarna, Michael Strong, Ged Tranter, Dez Wells, 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 – AAD, AAE, AAK, AAT, AAU, ABC and EX.

Bar-tailed Godwit – AAA, AAB, AAE, ABL, ACA, ACJ, ACK, ACL, ACM, ACX, ADK, ADW, ADX, ADZ, AEA, AEJ, AES, AEU, AHA, AHE, AHS, AHT, AJD, AJE, AJM, AJZ, AKA, AKB, AKR, AKY, ALM, ALU, ALZ, AMH, AML, AND, ANX, APN, APP, APV, AR, ASM, AST, ATA, ATB, AVA, AVB, AVC, AVK, AVU, AXT, AXU, AXV, AYB, AYC, AYD, AYK, AYW, AZB, AZM, AZS, AZU, BAP, BAR, BBD, BBE, BBJ, BBN, BBR, BBS, BCC, BJK, BJZ, BKJ, BKK, BKL, BKP, BKS, BKT, BNP, BNS, BNU, BPL, BPP, BPS, BPU, BPY, BRL, BRP, BRS, BTC, BTB, BTG, BTH, BTI, BTJ, BTK, BTL, BTN, BTY, BTZ, BUA, BX, CPD, CU, EC, FY, HL, HP, HR, HU, JA, JB, JE, JH, JJ, JP, PA, PE, and PU.

Curlew Sandpiper – AAN, AAP, AAY, ABP, AHX, AJD, AJK, AJL, AJS, AJX, AKD, ANU, ASC, ASJ.

Double-banded Plover – ABU, AZA, AZD

Eastern Curlew – ADF, AHA, AR,

Great Knot – AAP, AAV, ADA, AEL, AEU, AHM, AHY, AJE, AJN, AJU, AJV, AJW, ALE, ALL, ALU, AMJ, ATH, ATK, ATL, ATZ, AUA, AWK, AYU, BAZ, BBT, BBX, BBZ, BCA, BCY, BRY, CMB, CMP and CNH.

Grey Plover – JT.

Grey-Tailed Tattler – ABD, ACA, ACD, ACJ, ACK, ACW, ADH, ADZ, AKB, AKC, AKJ, AKU, AKV, AMA, ANA, ANN, ANT, ANZ, APJ, APL, APP, APS, APT, APU, APY, ARD, ARJ, ARL, ARP, ARS, ARY, ASE, ASL, ASN, ASP, ASU, ASY, ASZ, ATA, ATB, ATC, ATD, ATE, ATH, ATJ, ATL, ATP, ATS, ATV, ATW, AUA, AUB, AUK, AUN, AUP, AUS, AUT, AUU, AUW, AUX, AUZ, AVC, AVN, AWN, AWU, AWV, AWW, AWX, AWY, AWZ, AXB, AXD, AXS, AXX, AYJ, AZJ, AZM, AZU, AZV, AZW, AZX, AZY, BAJ, BAL, BAM, BDB, BDH, BDJ, BDL, BT, BWC, BWX, BXC, BXH, BXN, DX, EM, EN, JC, KV, KX LM and RC.

Lesser Sand Plover – DL.

Red-capped Plover – AH, CP, CR and JH.

Red-necked Stint – F6, K7, N2, N4, N5, SJ, X2, XD, XT, Y4, Y9, Z2, Z6 and ZZ.

Ruddy Turnstone – AXT.

Sharp-tailed Sandpiper – ACY, AEL, AJK, AJM, AJR, AXC, AXJ, AXZ and BXN.

Terek Sandpiper – EJ, HD.

Whimbrel – FX.

White-headed Stilt – AAZ, BB, BZC, EA.

Green leg flag sightings seen Interstate

Australian Pied Oystercatcher

(A6 on flag) – Iluka Bay NSW – Keith Collicat -15.9.2016

Green leg flag sightings seen Overseas

South Korea

Great Knot

BTS on flag – 17.4.2016 – Chang Wan Kang

China

Red-necked Stint

H3 on flag – 18.8.2016 – Tiaozini Dongtai County Jiangsu Province – Wu Cheng-Wen

Japan

Grey-tailed Tattler

C2 on flag – 12.5.2012 – Tama River Chofu City Tokyo – Kimiko Shimazaki

APY on flag - 1.8.2016 – Ikawazu Tidal Flat Tahara-shi Aichi-ken – Minoru Sugihara

ASY on flag – 20.8.2016 – Arao Beach Arao-shi Kumamoto Kyushu – observer unknown

ANK on flag – 21.8.2016 – Moro-machi Shuuchi-gun Shizuoka-ken – Sachiko Nakamura

CD on flag – 20.8.2016 – Mihara River Matsuho Wakita Minamiawaji-shi Hyogo-ken – Kensuke Ariga

JU on flag – 19.5.2016 – Sohara-cho Matsusaka-shi Mie-ken – Mitsumasa Imai

AYN on flag – 23.7.2016 – Tokyo Bird sanctuary Tokyo – Hatsue Mmori

BWB on flag – 5.9.2016 – Kizu Beach Kahoku Ishikawa Prefecture – Ichiro Ohno

BWX on flag – 7.9.2016 – Ninomi-cho Tsu-shi Mie-ken – Seishi Imahori

BWC on flag – 11.9.2016 – Mouth of Ohtsu River Izumiohtsu-shi Osaka – Toshio Kohno

ATL on flag – 16.8.16 Estuary of Onosato River Izumisano-shi Osaka

New Zealand

Bar-tailed Godwit

ASJ on flag – 10 & 23.8.2014 – Karaka Manukau Harbour Auckland – Tony Habraken

ALR on flag – 27.9.14 – Clark's Bay Manukau Harbour Auckland – Tony Habraken

AKU on flag – 28.8.2014 – Karaka Manukau Harbour Auckland – Tony Habraken

ALJ on flag – 22.11.14 – Kaipara Harbour Auckland – Tony Habraken

ALX on flag – 22.11.14 – Kaipara Harbour Auckland – Tony Habraken

FX on flag – 4.12.14 & 16.2.2015 – Clifton Beach Whitford Auckland – Tony Habraken

AVY on flag – 27.12.2014 – Karaka Manukau Harbour Auckland – Tony Habraken & David Lawrie
EP on flag – 2nd & 31.1 & 1.2.2015 – Big Sand Island Kaipara Harbour – Tony Habraken
AKE on flag – 2.1.2015 – Big Sand Island Kaipara Harbour – Tony Habraken
AET on flag – 2.1 & 1.2.2015 – Big Sand Island Kaipara Harbour – Tony Habraken
ALB on flag – 26.1.2015 – Karaka Manukau Harbour Auckland – Tony Habraken
AJT on flag – 15.2.2015 – Mangere Sewage Ponds Manukau Harbour – Tony Habraken
ASJ on flag – 8.2.2015 – Kawakawa Bay North Island – Ian Southey
AEN on flag – 28.2.2015 – Big Sand Island Kaipara Harbour – Tony Habraken
AMJ on flag – 28.2.2015 – Big Sand Island Kaipara Harbour – Tony Habraken
ASB on flag – 18.1 & 28.2.2015 – Karaka Manukau Harbour Auckland – Tony Habraken

Russia

All seen at Khairusovo and Belogovaya Rivers estuary Kamchatka

Great Knot

BCM on flag – 10.7.2016 – Dmitry Dorofeev

BNJ on flag – 26.7.2016 – Ric Else

CMM on flag – 1.8.2016 – Peter Crighton

AEE on flag – 5.8.2016 – Peter Crighton

BTK on flag – 4.7.16 – Dmitry Dorofeev

BTJ on flag – 9.7.2016 – Peter Crighton

Grey-tailed Tattler

BWB on flag – 19.7.2016 – Peter Crighton

Yellow (Western Australia) leg flag sightings

Red Knot

Arthur Keates – Manly Harbour – 25 & 30.8.2016

Arthur Keates – Manly Harbour – 1.9.2016

Arthur & Sheryl Keates – Manly Harbour – 26.8 & 3.9.2016

Tony Cotter – Wynnum Esplanade – 11.9.2016

Great Knot

ANH on flag – 18.9.2016 – Kakadu Beach Bribie Island – Michael Strong

Chris Barnes – Maaroom – 24.9 & 14.10.2016

Orange (Victoria) leg flag sightings

Bar-tailed Godwit

2 with plain flag – 15.9.2016 – Boonooroo – Chris Barnes & Karen Blake

CNL on flag – 15.9.2016 – Boonooroo - Chris Barnes & Karen Blake

1 with plain flag – 15.9.2016 – Maaroom – Chris Barnes & Karen Blake

JW on flag – 15.9.2016 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates

1 with plain flag – 15.9.2016 – Rose Bay Manly – Arthur Keates

1 with plain flag – 17.9.2016 – Lytton Claypan No.1 – Arthur Keates

CBB on flag – 19.9.2016 – Kakadu Beach Bribie Island – Linda Cross

CKV on flag – 20, 22 & 24.9.2016 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates

1 with plain flag – 22.9.2016 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates

2 with plain flag – 24.9.2016 – Maaroom – Chris Barnes

1 with plain flag – 27.9.2016 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates

1 with plain flag – 18.9.2016 – Port of Brisbane – Arthur & Sheryl Keates

2 with plain flag – 6.10.2016 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates

AJJ on flag – 8.10.2016 – Toorbul – Arthur Keates

CBB on flag – 8.10.2016 – Toorbul – Arthur Keates

CWS on flag – 9.10.2016 – Kakadu Beach Bribie Island – Michael Strong

1 with plain flag – 27.9.2016 – Pine Rivers Wetland – Ged Trantere

Great Knot

1 with plain flag – 5.9.2016 – Toorbul - Dez Wells

Red Knot

2 with plain flag – 25.8.2016 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates
1 with plain flag – 3.9.2016 – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter
2 with plain flag – 9.9.2016 – Toorbul - Dez Wells
1 with plain flag – 11, 17.9.2016 – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter
1 with plain flag – 13.9.2016 – Wynnum Esplanade – Arthur & Sheryl Keates
1 with plain flag – 14.9.2016 – Wynnum Esplanade – Arthur Keates
1 with plain flag – 15.9.2016 – Maaroom – Chris Barnes & Karen Blake
1 with plain flag – 17.9.2016 – Lytton Claypan No.1 – Arthur Keates
1 with plain flag – 20.9.2016 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates
1 with plain flag – 24.9.2016 – Maaroom – Chris Barnes
3Z on flag – 24.9.2016 – Maaroom – Chris Barnes
1N on flag – 9, 15 & 22.10.2016 – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter
1N on flag – 10.10.2016 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates
1 with plain flag – 15.10.2016 – Wynnum Esplanade – Stewart Pickering

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

Great Knot

1 white flag unread – 3.9.2016 – Toorbul – Deidre Chrzescijanski & Robert Bush
1 white flag unread – 19.9.2016 – Kakadu Beach Bribie Island – Linda Cross
J62 on white flag – 2.9.2016 – Toorbul – Dez Wells
J62 on white flag – 6, 7, 15 & 20.9.2016 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates
J62 on white flag – 20.9.2016 – Wynnum Esplanade – Arthur Keates
J62 on white flag – 28.9.2016 – Thornside Queens Esplanade – Arthur Keates
J62 on white flag – 15.10.2016 – Thornside Queens Esplanade – Kristy Currie
J62 on white flag – 10.10.2016 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates
J62 on white flag – 5.11.2016 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates & Melissa Whitby
T58 on white flag – 24.9.2016 – Toorbul – Steve Popple
1 plain flags – 1.10.2016 – Mouth Black River Townsville – John Lowry
1 plain flags – 3.10.2016 – Mouth Black River Townsville – Ed Pierce
1 plain flags – 14 & 28.10.2016 – Maaroom – Chris Barnes
U04 on white flag – 22.10.2016 – Cairns Esplanade – Hidetoshi Kudo

Red Knot

1 with plain flags – 14.9.2016 – Wynnum Esplanade – Arthur Keates
1 with plain flags – 17.9.2016 – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter
1 with plain flags – 17.9.2016 – Lytton Claypan No.1 – Arthur Keates
NC on white flag – 27.9.2016 – Pine Rivers Wetland Reserve – Ged Tranter

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

Red Knot

E19 on blue flag – 9 & 15.10.2016 – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter
E19 on blue flag – 10.10.2016 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates

Green over Orange (Yalu Jiang Nature Reserve, China) leg flag sightings

Bar-tailed Godwit

Also blue over white band left tarsus, yellow over yellow band right tarsus and metal band left tibia – 8.10.2016 – Toorbul – Arthur Keates & Linda Cross
30.10.2016 – Toorbul – Stuart Pickering
6.11.2016 – Toorbul – Jon Coleman

Yellow over White (Sakhalin Island Russia) leg flag sightings

Red Knot

26.10.2016 – Cairns Esplanade – Nana Hoshino

Great Knot

28.10.2016 – Maaroom – Chris Barnes

White (New Zealand) leg flag sightings

Bar-tailed Godwit

BJE on flag - 19.8.2016 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates

BCY on flag – 7.9.2016 – Toorbul – Brian Russell

BCY on flag – 9.9.2016 – Toorbul – Dez Wells

Plain white flag – 15.9.2016 – Maaroom – Chris Barnes & Karen Blake

BAB on flag – 17.9.2016 – Maaroom – Cecile Espigole

ZSH on flag – 17.9.2016 – Maaroom – Cecile Espigole

Plain white flag – 24.9.2016 – Maaroom – Chris Barnes

BAB on flag – 24.9.2016 – Maaroom – Chris Barnes

AXH on flag – 24.9.2016 – Maaroom – Chris Barnes

ZAY on flag – 27.10.2016 – Toorbul – Sarah Beavis

BNA on flag – 7.11.2016 – Burnett Heads Bundaberg – Chris Barnes

White flag left tarsus, red over yellow band left tarsus, white over yellow band right tarsus – 9.9.2016 – Toorbul – Dez Wells

White flag right tibia, red over yellow band left tarsus, yellow over blue band right tarsus – 15.9.2016 – Maaroom – Chris Barnes & Karen Blake

White flag over white band left tarsus, red over red band right tarsus – 20 & 22.9.2016 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates

Red over white band left tarsus, red band over white flag over red band right tarsus, geolocator right tibia – 27 & 30.9.2016 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates

Red over white band left tarsus, red band over white flag over red band right tarsus, geolocator right tibia – 1.10.2016 – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter

Red over yellow band left tarsus, blue band over white flag over red band right tarsus, geolocator right tibia – 8.10.2016 – Toorbul – Arthur Keates & Linda Cross

White flag right tibia, red over red band left tarsus, white over blue band right tarsus – 17.9.2016 – Pine Rivers Wetland Reserve - Ged Tranter

Red Knot

BLT on flag - 25.8 & 1.9.2016 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates

BLT on flag - 28.9.2016 – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter

Plain white flag – 1.9.2016 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates

CHB on flag - 3.9.2016 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates & Sheryl Keates

White flag unread - 3.9.2016 – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter

Plain white flag – 11.9.2016 – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter

CHE on flag – 11.9.2016 – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter

CHE on flag – 14.9.2016 – Wynnum Esplanade – Arthur Keates

BRU on flag – 14.9.2016 – Wynnum Esplanade – Arthur Keates

White flag unread - 17.9.2016 – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter

ADJ on flag – 27.9.2016 – Pine Rivers Wetland Reserve – Ged Tranter

ANS on flag – 27.9.2016 – Pine Rivers Wetland Reserve – Ged Tranter

Plain white flag – 27.9.2016 – Pine Rivers Wetland Reserve – Ged Tranter

Plain white flag – 28.10.2016 – Maaroom – Chris Barnes

CCW on flag – 28.10.2016 – Maaroom – Chris Barnes

White flag right tibia, white over white band left tarsus, white over blue band right tarsus – 11.9.2016 – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter

White flag right tibia, yellow over unknown colour band left tarsus, yellow over yellow band right tarsus – 28.10.2016 – Maaroom – Chris Barnes

White & Green (New Zealand) leg flag sightings

Bar-tailed Godwit

White & Green flag left tibia – 9.9.2016 – Toorbul – Dez Wells

Red (New Zealand) leg flag sightings

Bar-tailed Godwit

Red flag left tibia, blue over blue band left tarsus, blue over red band right tarsus – 9.9.2016 – Toorbul – Dez Wells

Red flag left tibia, blue over red band left tarsus, yellow over red band right tarsus – 24.9.2016 – Maaroom – Chris Barnes

Red flag over blue band over red band left tarsus, blue over yellow band right tarsus – 8.10.2016 – Toorbul – Arthur Keates

Blue (Japanese) leg flag sightings – use four combinations

Great Knot

28.10.2016 – Maaroom – Chris Barnes

Grey-tailed Tattler

2 plain flag – 19.4.2016 – Toorbul – Dez Wells

17.9.2016 – Lytton Roost – Arthur Keates

28.9.2016 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates

1, 2, 9 & 15.10.2016 – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter

3 & 12.10.2016 – Wynnum Esplanade – Arthur Keates

5.11.2016 - Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter

Blue & White (Japanese) leg flag sightings

Grey-tailed Tattler

191 on blue flag – 7.9.2016 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates

315 on blue flag – 20.9.2016 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates

Blue flag unread – 30.9.2016 - Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates

Plain flags – 15.9.2016 – Cairns Esplanade – Darren O’Connell

Red-necked Stint

Blue left tibia, white left tarsus – 15.9.2016 – Karumba Gulf of Carpentaria – Roger Jaensch

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.

J4 on flag – 27.10.2016 – Ocean Beach Bribie Island – Kristy Currie

Other leg flag sightings and banded birds

Caspian Tern Orange flag (Victoria)

E6 on flag, left tarsus - 9.5.2016 – Toorbul – Dez Wells

24 on flag, right tarsus – 20.8.2016 - Buckley’s Hole Bribie Island – Dez Wells

37 on flag, right tarsus – 9.5.2016 -Toorbul – Dez Wells

39 on flag, right tarsus – 18.9.2016 – Port of Brisbane – Arthur & Sheryl Keates

47 on flag, right tarsus – 19.4.2016 & 9.5.2016 – Toorbul – Dez Wells

47 on flag, right tarsus – 20.8.2016 & 2.9.2016 – Toorbul – Dez Wells

Unread engraved flag, right tarsus – 20.8.2016 – Caboolture River Mouth – Phil Cross

Unread engraved flag, right tarsus – 21.8.2016 – Port of Brisbane – Arthur Keates

Plain flag, right tarsus – 30.9.2016 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates

Little Tern

ALX on green flag, right tarsus – 25.4.2016 – South Ballina Beach NSW – Steven McBride