

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 seen in QLD

A quantity of 8 plain flags together with 56 unread engraved flags, 70 misread flags and 1625 engraved flags have been added to the database since the last newsletter. The species recorded and the number of observations were as follows. Bar-tailed Godwit 414, Curlew Sandpiper 28, Double-banded Plover 7, Eastern Curlew 4, Great Knot 69, Greater Sand Plover 40, Grey Plover 5, Grey-tailed Tattler 407, Lesser Sand Plover 358, Pacific Golden Plover 43, Pied Oystercatcher 76, Pied Stilt 12, Red-capped Plover 2, Red-necked Stint 157, Ruddy Turnstone 69, Sharp-tailed Sandpiper 15, Terek Sandpiper 9 and Whimbrel 44.

They were sighted by Margaret Baker, Tony Baker, Sarah Beavis, Ian Brown, Jill Brown, Michele Burford, Rae Clark, Rob Collyer, Tony Cotter, Rod Cox, Ken Cowell, Phil Cross, Kristy Currie, Graham Donaldson, David Edwards, Richard Fuller, Christian Gante, Matteo Grilli, Paul Hinds, Renate Hottmann-Schaefer, Arthur Keates, Sheryl Keates, Sue Lee, Athol Klieve, Penn Lloyd, Wayne Matthews, Gordana Pozvek, Peter Rothlisberg, Gavin Ruffell, Darren Smallwood, Michael Strong, Chris Walker, Melissa Whitby and Floss Wainwright.

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

Bar-tailed Godwit – AAA, AAB, AAH, AAM, ACA, ACJ, ACK, ACR, ACX, ADK, ADX, ADY, AEJ, AEM, AEN, AES, AHA, AHM, AJB, AJE, AJL, AJN, AJS, AJV, AJW, AKA, AKD, AKE, AKH, AKU, ALM, ALN, ALP, AMH, APH, APP, APU, APV, ARA, ARN, AR, ASL, ASX, ATD, AUN, AUS, AUV, AUW, AUZ, AVA, AVB, AVX, AVZ, AWE, AXD, AXH, AX, AYB, AYD, AYJ, AYK, AYN, AYR, AYU, AYX, AYY, AYZ, AZB, AZM, AZT, AZU, BAJ, BBK, BBL, BBP, BBY, BCA, BCC, BCE, BCN, BCP, BCS, BCT, BCV, BCW, BCZ, BDC, BDE, BDH, BDJ, BDL, BDM, BDT, BDX, BDY, BEB, BES, BEV, BHB, BHC, BHJ, BHK, BHN, BHP, BHR, BHS, BHU, BHZ, BJZ, BKK, BKP, BKR, BKS, BLA, BNC, BNP, BNS, BPC, BPH, BPP, BPS, BPU, BPV, BP, BRL, BRN, BRP, BRU, BTD, BTF, BTH, BTJ, BTZ, BUA, BUJ, BUS, BUT, BUU, BUV, BUX, BUY, BZA, BZH, BZK, BZL, CAB, CAC, CAJ, CAK, CAL, CAS, CAT, CAU, CAZ, CBA, CBB, CBC, CBL, CBX, CCF, CCJ, CCK, CCL, CCN, CCP, CCT, CCV, CCX, CJC, CJD, CJP, CPL, CS, CU, CX, DBF, DBJ, DBK, DCV, DCX, DDA, DDB, DDD, DN, EC, EL, HL, HP, HR, HU, JA, JB, JE, JJ, JN, JX, KM, KN, PA, PD, PE, PJ, PP, PR, RL, RM, RR & quantity 31 unread.

Curlew Sandpiper – AAE, AAN, AAP, ABH, ABV, AJS, AJW, ANL, ATB, ATC, AUB, AVF, AXA, AYC, AYD, AYP, AYS, AZV, AZX, and quantity 5 unread.

Double-banded Plover – AVJ and 3 unread.

Eastern Curlew – AR & quantity 3 plain flag.

Great Knot – AAP, ADC, AEE, AEH, AEK, AEL, AEV, AJH, AJK, AJN, ALN, ALS, ALU, ATN, ATP, ATY, AVY, AWE, AYY, BAZ, BCW, BCY, BEH, BEJ, BEL, BEU, BEV, BEW, BHS, BNS, BRD, BRP, BTH, BTT, CMJ, CMS, CNS & 10 unread.

Greater Sand Plover – APS, CAC, CAD, CAF, CCB, CSB, CVB, CVF, CVH, CVJ & 3 unread.

Grey Plover – JT.

Grey-tailed Tattler – AAC, AAK, AAR, ABC, ABD, ACA, ACE, ACH, ACJ, ACK, ACT, ACW, ACX, ADH, ADJ, ADL, ADM, ADV, ADX, AHD, AKJ, AKP, AKS, AKV, AKZ, AK, AMA, AMB, ANN, ANT, APD, APJ, APS, APU, APW, APY, ARH, ARS, ARW, ARY, ASA, ASE, ASH, ASL, ASN, AST, ASU, ASZ, ATC, ATD, ATE, ATL, ATS, ATT, AUA, AUK, AUN, AUP, AUS, AUT, AUX, AUY, AUZ, AVA, AVC, AVJ, AVN, AWN, AWR, AWU, AWW, AWX, AWZ, AXB, AXD, AXE, AXH, AXP, AXR, AXU, AXV, AXX, AYA, AYD, AYS, AZJ, AZL, AZP, AZU, AZX, AZY, AZZ, BAD, BAJ, BAL, BAM, BDC, BDH, BDJ, BDL, BDM, BDN, BDP, BHE, BHH, BHJ, BPY, BPZ, BSN, BSP, BSS, BST, BT, BXD, BXH, BXJ, BXP, BXT, DAD, EN, HK, HL, HY, JD, JL, JN, JX, JY, JZ, KM, KZ, LN, RU & quantity 27 unread.

Lesser Sand Plover – ABJ, ACX, AEJ, AEK, AEL, AEM, AEN, AEP, AER, AES, AET, AEU, AEV, AEW, AEX, AEY, AEZ, AJT, AJZ, AKX, ALK, ALR, ALT, ALU, AMA, AMB, AMC, AMD, AME, AMH, AML, AMM, ANP, APS, AST, AUC, AUD, AUF, AUH, AUL, AUS, AUT, AUU, AUX, AUY, AUZ, AVA, AVC, AVK, AVL, AVN, AVP, AVS, AVT, AVV, AVX, AVY, AVZ, AXB, AXC, AXD, AXF, AXH, AXJ, AXK, AXL, AXN, AXP, AXS, AXT, AXU, AXV, AXX, AXY, AXZ, AYT, AYV, AYX, AYY, AYZ, AZD, AZT, BAA, BAZ, BNA, BUA, BUB, BUD, BUF, BUH, BUK, BUL, CVD, HZ & quantity 15 unread.

Pacific Golden Plover – AVV, BHK, BHM, BHN, BSB, BSC, BSD, BSH, BSJ, BSK & quantity 4 unread.

Pied Oystercatcher – AAA, AAD, AAE, AAK, AAT, AAU, AAX, AAY, ABC, ABE, ABL, ABM, ABN, ABP, ABR, AML, B6, C4, D3, H7, J4, EX, quantity 2 unread & 1 plain flag.

Pied Stilt – AAU, AAZ, BDB, BDP, BZC, EA, KC, KH & quantity 1 unread.

Red-capped Plover – CP & JH.

Red-necked Stint – 2A, 2B, 2L, 2P, 2S, 2Y, 2Z, 3F, 3J, 3K, 3L, 3S, 3U, 3V, 3X, 3Z, 4F, 4H, 4J, 4L, 4P, 4S, 4T, 4Y, 4Z, 5B, 5D, 5F, 5Z, 6A, 6C, 6D, 6F, 6H, 6V, 6Y, 7B, 7H, 7P, 7U, 7V, 7X, 7Y, 8B, 8C, 8L, 8N, 8S, 8T, 8V, 8Y, 8Z, AK, AUH, AU, AV, BN, BT, BU, C5, F7, J2, K3, KT, N2, N5, P6, S9, SJ, TD, TU, UK, UZ, VL, VS, X2, X5, Z6, Z9, ZH, ZZ, quantity 6 unread & 2 plain flags.

Ruddy Turnstone – ABY, AKW, AKX, APJ, ATA, ATB, ATC, ATD, ATF, ATH, ATJ, ATK, ATL, ATN, ATP, ATT, ATV, ATZ, AUC, AUD, AUF, AUH, AYH, CSA, HE & quantity 5 unread.

Sharp-tailed Sandpiper – ABV, AJS, ALL, AUX, CAA, CCD, CTM, CVK & quantity 1 unread.

Terek Sandpiper – HD & quantity 6 unread.

Whimbrel – ABT, BXF, BXK, BXX, BYK, BYT, CT, DAB, DAN, DAY, DBL, DBP, DBU, DBY, DBZ, DCB, DCD, DJA, DJF, DJH, DJM, DJN, FV, FX, UE, UF, UH, UP & quantity 8 unread.

GREEN leg flag sightings seen INTERSTATE

None

GREEN leg flag sightings seen OVERSEAS

In Japan

Grey-tailed Tattler

BWN on flag - 24.5.2017 – Miwatari River Estuary Ozucho Matsusaka – Hiroyuki Kimura

AEL on flag - 24.5.2017 – Daijyu-garami Higashiyoga Saga – Kazuhisa Onoe

In China

None

ORANGE (Victoria) leg flag sightings seen in QLD.

Great Knot

All with Plain flag

14.11.2017 – Manly Lota Esplanade – Wayne Matthews

15.2.2018 – Thorneside – Arthur Keates

17.3.2018 – Thorneside – Tony Cotter

29.3.2018 – Thorneside – Arthur Keates

March 2018 - on 5 occasions – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates et al

2.4.2018 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates

OVERSEAS FLAGGED birds seen in QLD

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

Great Knot

J62 on white flag – 21.2 & 14.11.2017 – Manly/Lota Esplanade – Wayne Matthews

J62 on white flag – 23, 24 & 30.1.2018 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates et al

J62 on white flag – 28.3.2018 – Manly/Lota Esplanade – Arthur Keates et al

J62 on white flag – 29.3.2018 – Thorneside – Graham Donaldson

X61 on white flag – 4.4.2018 – Manly/Lota Esplanade – Tony Cotter

X61 on white flag – 7.4.2018 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates et al

Plain flag – 27.3.2018 – Sandgate Tenth Avenue – Renate Hottmann-Schaefer

Green over Blue (Jiangsu, China) leg flag sightings

Lesser Sand Plover

plain flags left tibia – 30.3.2018 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates

plain flags left tibia – 7.4.2018 – Manly Harbour – Arthur & Sheryl Keates

Black over Yellow (Kamchatka Russia) leg flag sightings

None

White (New Zealand) leg flag sightings

None

Blue (Japanese) leg flag sightings

Grey-tailed Tattler

plain flag – 15.2.2018 – Thorneside – Arthur Keates

plain flag – 19.2.2018 – Wynnum Esplanade – Arthur Keates & Melissa Whitby

plain flag - 24.2.2018 – Manly/Lota Esplanade – Tony Cotter

plain flag – 3.3.2018 – Manly Harbour – Tony Cotter

plain flag – 10, 11 & 24.3.2018 – Lytton Roost – Tony Cotter

plain flag – 22.3.2018 – Wynnum Esplanade – Gordana Pozvek & Paul Hinds

plain flag – 23, 25 & 26.3.2018 – Manly Harbour - Arthur Keates

plain flag – 28.3.2018 – Wynnum Esplanade – Arthur & Sheryl Keates

plain flag – 2 & 6.4.2018 – Wynnum Esplanade – Gordana Pozvek & Paul Hinds

plain flag – 4, 8, 14, 15 & 25.4.2018 – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter

plain flag – 5, 8 & 26.4.2018 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates

plain flag – 7.4.2018 – Thorneside – Tony Cotter

plain flag – 22.4.2018 – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter, Gordana Pozvek & Paul Hinds

plain flag – 24.4.2018 – Wynnum Esplanade - Arthur Keates

Lesser Sand Plover

Plain flag – 14.2.2018 – Wellington Point – Tony Cotter

Blue over White (Japanese) leg flag sightings

Grey-tailed Tattler

Engraved blue flag unread – 14.2.2018 – Manly/Lota Esplanade – Arthur & Sheryl Keates

667 on blue flag – 20.2.2018 – Manly/Lota Esplanade – Tony Cotter

667 on blue flag – 21.4.2018 – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter

667 on blue flag – 13, 23.3.2018 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates

667 on blue flag – 24 & 25.3.2018 – Lytton Roost – Tony Cotter

667 on blue flag – 2.4.2018 – Thorneside – Athol Klieve

667 on blue flag – 24 & 26.4.2018 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates

667 on blue flag – 5.5.2018 – Wynnum Esplanade – Gordana Pozvek & Paul Hinds

568 on blue flag – 10.3.2018 – Lytton Roost – Tony Cotter

568 on blue flag – 13, 20 & 26.3.2018 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates

568 on blue flag – 18.3.2018 – Manly/Lota Esplanade – Tony Cotter

568 on blue flag – 6.4.2018 – Wynnum Esplanade – Gordana Pozvek & Paul Hinds

568 on blue flag – 8 & 26.4.2018 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates

568 on blue flag – 22.4.2018 – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter, Gordana Pozvek & Paul Hinds

569 on blue flag – 26 & 30.3.2018 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates

569 on blue flag – 5, 8 & 26.4.2018 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates

191 on blue flag – 23 & 30.3.2018 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates

191 on blue flag – 5, 6 & 24.4.2018 – Manly Harbour - Arthur Keates

315 on blue flag – 15.2.2018 – Thorneside – Arthur Keates

315 on blue flag – 10, 13 & 23.3.2018 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates

315 on blue flag – 5, 12 & 26.4.2018 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates

Engraved blue flag unread – 14.2.2018 – Manly/Lota Esplanade – Arthur & Sheryl Keates

Engraved blue flag unread – 20.2.2018 – Manly/Lota Esplanade – Tony Cotter

Engraved blue flag unread – 11.3.2018 – Manly/Lota Esplanade – Tony Cotter

Engraved blue flag unread – 23.3.2018 – Wynnum Esplanade – Gordana Pozvek & Paul Hinds

Engraved blue flag unread – 24 & 31.3.2018 – Thorneside – Tony Cotter

Engraved blue flag unread – 25.3.2018 – Manly Harbour – Arthur Keates

Engraved blue flag unread – 27.3.2018 – Thorneside – Athol Klieve

Engraved blue flag unread – 28.3.2018 – Manly/Lota Esplanade – Arthur & Sheryl Keates

Engraved blue flag unread – 29.3.2018 – Thorneside – Arthur Keates

Engraved blue flag unread – 1, 8 & 27.4.2018 – Manly/Lota Esplanade – Tony Cotter

Engraved blue flag unread – 7.4.2018 – Thorneside – Tony Cotter

Engraved blue flag unread – 13.4.2018 – Thorneside – Athol Klieve

Engraved blue flag unread – 29.4.2018 – Wynnum Esplanade – Gordana Pozvek & Paul Hinds

White over Blue (Taiwan) leg flag sightings

Greater Sand Plover

Plain flags – 18.3.2018 – Black River Mouth Townsville – Ed Pierce

Pied Oystercatcher Yellow leg flag (2 digit) 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 – 7.4.2018 – Manly Harbour – Arthur & Sheryl Keates

C4 on flag – 7.5.2018 – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter

Caspian Tern Orange flag (Victoria)

E6 on flag - 15.4.2018 – Kakadu Beach Bribie – Michael Strong

UO on flag - 15.4.2018 – Kakadu Beach Bribie – Michael Strong

K9 on flag – 20.3.2018 – Toorbul Roost – Rod Cox & Linda Sulakatku

Orange flag unread – 18.1.2018 – Kakadu Beach – Michael Strong