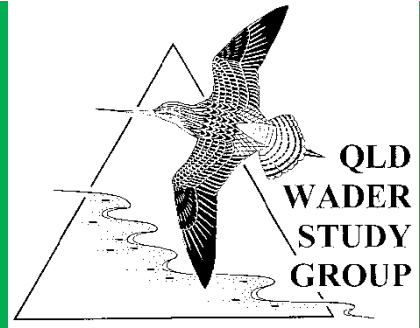


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## Message from the Chairperson

Following on from the annual report, which highlights just how much we do as a group I wanted to follow that up with a more personal note to all our members.

For those that have been members for a while this is my fourth year as chairperson and I'll be standing down this year as its time for a new Chair. This ensures we don't become stale and my hope is to stay on the committee to continue helping to steer such an active and important group.

We've achieved a lot in the last four years, our web site is not only live but also the focal point for all our data entry now and along with moving into the digital age we've continued to do many surveys, count roost sites repeatedly through the year and now are responsible for managing one of the most important sources of data about shorebird populations that is available today. We've also been involved as a pressure group on environmental issues as well as recently playing a role in the Queensland Gulf being recognised as an internationally important site for shorebirds.

One area that's always worried me however is engagement from our members as its often a very small core who do a lot of the activity and I don't want anyone to feel that it's an exclusive group or in any way feel uncomfortable about asking to be involved in activities. The reality is we need more people helping in surveys, helping with banding and we need new committee members to bring new ideas and thinking to the group. I suspect many members would like to join in with surveys, banding and counting but aren't sure how to.

I really want to address this for those of you that do want to do more, so when the shorebirds return, you'll see some new things appear on the news page of the website. We'll be posting dates for surveys and looking for some new people to join the regular team, same with banding, we'll post all dates for the summer online so new people have a chance to plan ahead and get in touch and we'll organise some sausage sizzle wader id days for members only so those that want to, can meet as a broader group at least a couple of times next summer and talk. We always need new counters as well and as with all the activities don't worry about experience, you'll be mentored, trained helped and never put on the spot in a situation you feel uncomfortable in.

Some of you I know are happy just to support the group with a subscription and that is absolutely fine, but for those of you looking for a way to get more involved we'd love to hear from you and you'll be welcomed to join in, so keep an eye on the news page for activities, give me a call 0467 785 682 or email me [chairperson@waders.org.au](mailto:chairperson@waders.org.au) in the interim if you want to get involved sooner.

Looking forward to seeing some of you out and about!  
Jon

## Outbound Visit to Yatsu Higata by Linda Cross

The outbound visit to Japan should have taken place during 2014, but difficulties arose trying to put it together so it was delayed until 2015. The dates selected for a four day visit to Yatsu Higata Nature Observation Centre (YNOC) were on 23<sup>rd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> May 2015.

The visit was to be an informal one and I was elected to represent the QWSG and David Fitzgibbon represented the Brisbane City Council. My husband Phil decided to tag along too, but turned the four or five day visit into a trip lasting 21 days for the both of us to do some bird watching as well.

We left Brisbane on 8<sup>th</sup> May and caught up with David a couple of weeks later at our hotel in Narashino on the first day of our very busy four days of activities at YNOC. It was wonderful seeing some of the people again whom we had met on their inbound visits to Brisbane over many years. We also made lots of new friends and acquaintances during the whole of our 21 day visit to Japan.

YNOC had lots of interesting, informative and fun activities organised for us every day and to say we were treated like royalty would be an understatement.

Day one started with an introduction to the staff at YNOC and orientation, followed by bird watching around Yatsu Higata with the senior rangers and some of the volunteers, where I spotted a Grey-tailed Tattler with a blue flag on the upper left leg (flagged in Hokkaido).

After lunch all three of us tried our skills at Yoshizu-mat making, made origami peacocks, and looked through microscopes to see what creatures were in the water that had been collected from Yatsu tidal flat before we watched a short play. We then met with Mr Akhito Hasegawa and a couple of the bird carving group who presented us with some carved birds that had been made for both our organisations. We received a Grey-tailed Tattler and a Red-necked Stint, while Boondall Wetlands received an Eastern Curlew and two Red-necked Stint (one breeding and one non-breeding). The birds that the carving group make are on display in the centre and are so exact to detail.



**Three members of the carving group at YNOC**



**Some of the exquisite bird carvings at YNOC**

We had a brief rest prior to joining the welcome party held in the centre in our honour. The amount of food was overwhelming and I had to contend with a very large platter full of vegetarian food just for myself! Needless to say, all three of us (and others), took a few snacks away with us that night.

Day two began with a session lasting a few hours engaged in a number of activities with the junior rangers. David, Phil and I had a group of around six or seven children each to work with and conduct a number of different games and exercises. After lunch we headed to the lecture room where a very large group of people had arrived to hear David give a presentation on Brisbane and Boondall Wetlands, I would give one on the QWSG count programme and Phil to finish off with a presentation on QWSG leg flag data.

All three presentations were well received and we all had many questions from the floor after each presentation. After the lecture we had a meeting about what the agenda was for our visit to an Elementary school on the last day.



**Some of the Junior Rangers at YNOC Exchange Society Members**

That evening we were taken to dinner at an Italian restaurant hosted by the Yatsu Higata and Boondall Wetland Exchange Society which was very enjoyable and memorable.



**Some of the Yatsu-Higata & Boondall Wetlands Exchange Society members**

Day three we were collected and driven to Kasai Rinkai Park to look at bush birds and shorebirds. While David and Phil headed off to look for birds, I spent time with three of the women staff from YNOC discussing some of the botanical species that were in the park. They were surprised when I told them that the Melia Azedarach (White Cedar) was a native rainforest tree from Australia. We had lunch at the restaurant in the hotel that is positioned within the park before heading off to Mihamaen (Japanese Garden) to experience a tea ceremony; where just after we arrived we also experienced a 5.3 magnitude earthquake which really did shake the ground! We were able to change into more formal clothes after the tea ceremony before being whisked away to the pw



After the Rose Garden we headed off for a courtesy visit to the Mayor of Narashino where we presented gifts from Brisbane City Council and QWSG before joining the Mayor and other delegates at Takimoto (a traditional Japanese restaurant) a short time later. Phil sat opposite the Mayor who explained what each dish they were consuming consisted of. Quite a bit of beer and Sake was consumed during the evening.

**Exchange of gifts with the Mayor of Narashino City**  
 Day four was our last day with YNOC staff and volunteers which started with a visit to the Minami

Elementary School where 69 third grade pupils from one class and 61 fourth grade pupils from another class entertained us with a dance. After their dance Phil and I joined one class and David joined another. In the class that Phil and I had joined, one of the senior rangers from YNOC did a brief presentation on shorebird migration to the children. The children then played a game where they became the birds migrating from Australia to Russia, some sporting blue plastic bands as leg flags. A sign at one end of the large long room said Australia, the other end was Russian while in the middle on one side was Japan and the other side had a 'Dead' sign. It was entertaining watching the children migrate back and forth along the room, some making it to the breeding grounds, some 'dying' on the way, some stopping in Japan, and then the return to Australia. It was interesting that the ranger had calculated the number of 'birds' that would complete the whole journey (which was very few), to emphasis to the children how precarious life is for a migratory shorebird. After many photographs and excitement by the children we joined them in their classroom for lunch, where a lot of questions were asked.



**School children from Minami Elementary School  
entertaining us with a traditional dance**

After lunch we left the elementary school, David joined YNOC staff to discuss the children's education at the centre, and Phil and I were taken to Sanbase in Funabashi to see the large tidal flat and view some waders. The tide was coming in quite fast and there were only a few waders about, but I managed to spot a non-breeding female Bar-tailed Godwit with Yatsu Higata flags (blue cut flag right tibia, white cut flag right tarsus) adorning her leg.

Finally our visit to YNOC finished with dinner at a restaurant that is renowned for its tempura battered food (particularly the vegetables), where some of the staff and volunteers joined us for a wonderful meal and where the beer and Sake flowed quite freely during the meal.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the staff and volunteers at Yatsu-Higata Nature Observation Centre for their wonderful hospitality and making our first trip to Japan very memorable.



**YNOC staff and volunteers**

## Lodge Furen, Hokkaido, Japan

by Linda Cross

As reported earlier in this newsletter, I represented QWSG on an outbound visit to Yatsu Higata Nature Observation Centre (YNOC) in May 2015. Initially I thought I was going alone, but Phil in his wisdom yet again decided to turn what would have been a five day visit into a 21 day visit to the country. Ideally we would have preferred to go earlier than we booked so we could view the shorebirds as they staged for food and rest in Japan on their northward migration, but the YNOC visit was set for the end of May, and Golden Week (a week of national holidays) in Japan did not finish until the first week in May, so we had to contend with a couple of weeks before the YNOC visit and two days afterwards.

We had two weeks available prior to our outbound visit to YNOC and nearly three full days afterwards. Our plan was to visit two of the other islands of Japan and we chose Okinawa and Hokkaido. During our internet research on bird watching trip reports and places to visit, these two islands featured predominately in most of the information.

Naturally the appeal of an Okinawa Rail, Okinawa Woodpecker and other new birds had Phil hooked, so we booked to spend five days on Okinawa. Hokkaido appealed to both of us as this northern island of Japan was more rural and had many new species of birds that interested us both, which included the Red-crowned Crane, White-tailed Sea Eagle, many waterbirds and wader species that may still be staging on migration when we planned to stay. When reading the internet trip reports we came across a very interesting one on Lodge Furen close to Nemuro in north-east Hokkaido, and as the report stated that the owner was a knowledgeable bird watcher and supplied maps and places to see different species, we emailed him to book for a five night stay at the lodge.

A couple of weeks later when Phil was putting together his presentation on leg flag data for the YNOC visit, with an emphasis on flagged birds from Brisbane and Japan, he came across a name in the leg flag database that he recognised, Mr Takeyoshi MATSUO. We emailed Mr Matsuo to advise him the reason for our visit to Japan and to let him know what positions we held within our group. To our complete surprise Mr Matsuo informed us that he had been banding waders at Lake Furen since 1979! Numerous emails went back and forth with much more interest now on waders and how we were all looking forward to making our acquaintance with each other.



**Banding area on island at right rear of photograph**

It was a lovely sunny, but cool day when we arrived at Lodge Furen on 14<sup>th</sup> May to a very warm welcome from Mr Matsuo and his wife Masako. Mr Matsuo resigned from his job in Tokyo in 1973 and he and his wife moved to Tobai, Nemuro, Hokkaido for what we Australians would call a 'Sea Change'. Lodge Furen opened in 1978 and sits on the south eastern shore of Lake Furen near where Shunkunitai Island is joined to the mainland via a bridge. Mr Matsuo started banding birds in the same year. He would row a boat across to that Island and set up mist nets that were open only at night, and he used the tattler breeding calling tape to attract the birds into the nets.

Mr Matsuo has kept meticulous records of his banding regime recording all relevant data. All the banding and flagging was undertaken by Mr Matsuo himself, apart from three years (1995 to 1997), when he was joined by the Yamashina banding team. The banding of waders started in 1979, and from 1992 to 2010 flags were added to each bird caught. Lake Furen waders have a blue flag on left tibia and metal band on right tibia.

From 1979 through to 2013 a total of 35 species of waders were caught and banded, of which 28 species have a leg flag fitted as well. The most common species caught was Grey-tailed Tattler (8,399), with 7,525 sporting leg flags. The next most common bird banded was Red-necked Stint (3,556), and 2,647 of them were fitted with a leg flag. A much lesser number of 472 Ruddy Turnstone were also captured with 365 of them having a leg flag attached.

Phil and I did not see a lot of Grey-tailed Tattler during our stay in Hokkaido, perhaps because they had not arrived yet given that they don't leave our shores until sometime around May. However, there were lots of Red-necked Stint and perhaps even more Ruddy Turnstone seen re-fuelling and in wonderful breeding plumage.

Interestingly, the next two highest captured species were Latham's Snipe (237), of which 215 had flags fitted, and Terek Sandpiper (215), with 198 flags fitted. Even more interesting is the fact that we don't have any records in QWSG leg flag database for Latham's Snipe, and only one Terek Sandpiper record from December 2004 attributed to Lake Furen. Of course, here in Australia these two species are less commonly seen.

Although we never saw any Terek Sandpiper while in Hokkaido, we did come across Latham's Snipe a few times, but in somewhat different habitat than what we associate them with here. In Hokkaido we would hear a wader calling, only to find it was a Latham's Snipe perched on top of a power pole!

Of all the other species caught three were in excess of one hundred, Lesser Sand Plover (115), Dunlin (114) and Long-toed Stint (109), and the remainder in much lesser numbers. Among the remaining birds caught and flagged there are four Spoon-billed Sandpiper records. Two were caught in 1994, one in 1996 and one in 2000.

During our stay in Hokkaido we ventured out to known wetland and wader sites that Mr Matsuo had directed us to, where we saw numerous new species of waterbirds (ducks in particular), added a new wader to our list (Dunlin) and saw the Red-crowned Crane a few times, with one being quite close feeding a newly fledged chick. Mr Matsuo also arranged a pelagic trip where we saw a few new species, but the bitterly cold day did not make for a particularly pleasant trip. Also arranged for us was an expensive overnight stay at a hotel in the foothills two hours north of Nemuro, where I wanted to visit to see the Blakiston's Fish Owl, which thankfully honoured us with its presence on the evening we stayed.



Variety of jam we consumed each morning

While staying with Mr and Mrs Matsuo we experienced wonderful meals that Masako made for us, and her home-made variety of jams from bought and collected wild fruit were a real treat at breakfast that had us going back for more each morning. Takeyoshi is pretty talented himself, making home-made Saki, giving us a different one to taste each night with our evening meal. We would report to him what we thought of each one, because although Takeyoshi made the Sake, he never drinks it!

The island of Hokkaido also draws people to its shores in winter for the dancing Red-crowned Cranes in the winter snow just outside Kushiro, the spectacular Steller's Sea Eagle seen along the east coast, many wintering waterbirds, the monkeys that sit in the hot springs and of course the ice sculptures. These things and the wonderful hospitality we know we would find at Lodge Furen, could certainly entice us back one day.



We would like to thank both **Takeyoshi and Masako Matsuo** for being such wonderful welcoming hosts during our stay and also organising and supplying us with directions for places to visit. We would like to especially thank Takeyoshi for supplying his banding details and information that has been used in this article.

Please feel free to contact us if you want any further information regarding this article.

## Gulf Cattle Company Sets Up 'Flyway' on Coast TO Protect Migratory Bird Habitat

From **QLD Country Hour** By Hailey Renault

A strip of coastline on Delta Downs, just outside Karumba in the Gulf of Carpentaria, has been designated as a "flyway" site for a number of bird species that land on Australian shores every winter. A flyway is an area that is recognised as a place where birds migrate to. It has become the ninth recognised habitat for migratory birds in the East Asian-Australasian Flyway Partnership.



**Photo:** Great Sand Plovers flock to the Gulf of Carpentaria coast when winter arrives in the northern hemisphere. (Roger Jaensch and Carpentaria Land Council Aboriginal Corporation)



**Photo:** Pelican Island sandbar is within the 43 kilometre stretch of coastline designated as a migratory bird flyway in the Gulf of Carpentaria. (Roger Jaensch and Carpentaria Land Council Aboriginal Corporation)

Morr Morr Pastoral Company chair Fred Pascoe said the declaration proves major cattle operations can operate in the Gulf of Carpentaria without damaging important environments. "Initially I was reluctant because I've seen the pressure the environment movement can put on government and on countries and the last thing we wanted to do was lock country up and don't let cattle on there," he said. "Cattlemen don't go out and hurt their country because if they hurt their country they hurt their pockets. At the end of the day I'm glad we did it because we can prove beyond any measure of doubt that we can operate our cattle company and not do so at the expense of the environment or wildlife."

Carpentaria Land Council senior ranger Paul Richardson worked with Morr Morr Pastoral Company to set up the flyway. He said the 43 kilometre stretch of coast on Delta Downs would play an important part in protecting species that often migrate further south to other coastlines in Australia and New Zealand.

"It is very significant for our area, being the third largest area in Australia for migratory shore birds," he said. Plus our area is very remote and I don't think you'd ever get habitat destruction from industries or anything like that. In some areas within the flyway a lot of habitat has been destroyed, especially around the Yellow Sea around China and Korea."

## Long-Distance Aussie Travellers Under Threat

Two once-common migratory birds have been listed this week as Critically Endangered in Australia.



Eastern Curlew – nominated this week as Endangered in Australia, a catastrophic decline for an elegant long distance migratory bird. Image (c) Dean Ingwersen.

Catastrophic recent declines in populations of the curlew sandpiper and eastern curlew have resulted in their nomination for threatened status, based on work led by researchers at the Fuller Lab and the NERP Environmental Decisions Hub.

“Australia is the end-point of one of the world’s great bird migration routes, that connects us with a dozen Asian countries,” project leader Dr **Richard Fuller** says. “The curlew sandpiper and eastern curlew both migrate from Australia each year to Arctic Russia where they breed, stopping off in China, Korea and other East Asian countries to refuel along the way.

“These amazing migrations are among the most awe-inspiring journeys of the natural world, with birds covering tens of thousands of kilometres each year,” he says. One bird, banded in Victoria, was next reported from Yakutia in Siberia, 11,812 kms distant.

“However populations of these great travellers have crashed, with drops in numbers over the past 20 years of more than 75% for the curlew sandpiper, and 68% for the eastern curlew”, says Dr Fuller. “This is a devastating loss for species that were once quite common.

According to **Nick Murray**, who studied coastal habitat loss in Asia for his PhD, there is a worrying possible explanation for the declines. “During their long migrations, the birds stop to feed at ‘refuelling’ sites in estuaries around the Yellow Sea. About two-thirds of this habitat has been lost in the past 50 years due to coastal development as the region undergoes an economic boom,” he says.

Other threats here in Australia are also impacting these shorebirds. “Along our increasingly crowded coastlines, there is intense demand for recreational and commercial use, and coastal biodiversity can suffer as a result”, explains Dr Fuller.

The Director of the NERP Environmental Decisions Hub Professor **Hugh Possingham** said “Conserving migratory animals is extremely hard because they fly across international borders. European countries, Canada and the US, have all worked closely with countries in Africa and Central or South America respectively, to conserve migrant birds”.

“The Australian Government has been instrumental in setting up international agreements to protect migratory species across the Flyway, and the challenge now is to implement action to stop further decline, and restore lost habitat. “Robust international action is needed to ensure protection of the whole migration route, because the whole system is only as strong as its weakest point” concluded Dr Fuller.

Listing documents for curlew sandpiper and eastern curlew.

News release from Richard Fuller Lab



## WADER WATCH - Phil Cross

There is a slight change in the format recording the leg flag sightings in this and future issues of the newsletter. Linda used to do them previously, but I have now taken over her job of typing them up, reducing Linda's already heavy workload.

Can everyone please remember to use the 'Leg Flag Observation Report' form. **Please email leg flag sightings to Phil on his new email address**

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 55 between 22.03.15 and 02.08.2015. They were sighted by Sarah Beavis, Tony Cotter, Renate Hottman-Schaefer, Arthur Keates, Sheryl Keates, and Penn Lloyd.

1 Bush Stone Curlew, 1 Eastern Curlew, 3 Bar-tailed Godwit, 3 Double-banded Plover, 22 Pied Oystercatcher, 8 Black-winged Stilt, 1 Great Knot, 13 Grey-tailed Tattler, 1 Lesser Sand Plover, 1 Red-capped Plover and 1 Red-kneed Dotterel.

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

Bush Stone Curlew – K4

Bar-tailed Godwit – AZN, BPC, BRK.

Pied Oystercatcher – C4, AAA, AAC, AAD, AAH, AAX, AAY, ABC, ABE.

Black-winged Stilt – BB, EA, AAY, ABE.

Double-banded Plover – DD, ABU.

Red-capped Plover – AH.

Great Knot – AJC.

Grey-tailed Tattler – A7, CD, EN, ACW, ARE, ATY, AUJ, AUS, AZP, AZS, AZU, AZW, BDM.

Lesser Sand Plover – AKY.

Red-kneed Dotterel – ADN.

(Tattler, **A7**, has green flag right tibia, yellow flag and geolocator on left tibia and metal band left tarsus)

### Interstate & overseas Green leg flag sightings

#### Bar-tailed Godwit

1 – Suncheon Bay (south), South Korea – Ju Yung Ki – 18.05.15

2 – Aphae Island (south), South Korea – Ju Yung Ki – 18.05.15

1 – Chonsu Bay near Seosan, South Korea – Andreas Kim – 16.05.15

3 – Seocheon Tidal Flat, Geum Barrage, South Korea – Ju Yung Ki – 14.05.15

1 (EC on flag) – Aphae Island (south), South Korea – Andreas Kim – 14.05.15

1 – Yalu Jiang Site 10, China – David Melville – 10.05.15

1 (APN on flag) – Seocheon Tidal Flat, Geum Barrage, South Korea – Ju Yung Ki – 10.05.15

1 (RP on flag) – Gunsan Jeollabukdo, South Korea – Ju Yung Ki – 07.05.15 & 12.05.15

1 (ABR on flag) – Seocheon Tidal Flat, South Korea – Ju Yung Ki – 07.05.15

1 – Zhongak-Ku Ponds, North Korea – Adrian Riegen & David Melville – 07.05.15

1 (ALV on flag) – Aphae Island (south), South Korea – Andreas Kim – 07.05.15

1 (EC on flag) – Aphae Island (south), South Korea – Andreas Kim – 07.05.15

2 – Seocheon Tidal Flat, Geum Barrage, South Korea – Ju Yung Ki – 04.05.15

1 (PR on flag) – Aphae Island (south), South Korea – Andreas Kim – 02.05.15 & 05.05.15

1 – Aphae Island (south), South Korea – Andreas Kim – 02.05.15

1 – Seocheon Tidal Flat, Geum Barrage, South Korea – Ju Yung Ki – 01.05.15

1 – Gochang Tidal Flat, South Korea – Ju Yung Ki – 30.04.15

1 (CU on flag) – Gunsan Jeollabukdo, South Korea – Ju Yung Ki – 25.04.15

- 1 (AKH on flag) – Yalu Jiang Site 5, China – David Melville – 18.04.15  
 1 (BAK on flag) – Yalu Jiang Site 5, China – David Melville – 17.04.15  
 2 – Yalu Jiang Site 5, China – David Melville – 16.04.15  
 1 – Yalu Jiang Site 5, China – David Melville – 15.04.15  
 1 – Golden Bay, South Island, New Zealand – Ingrid Hutzler – 01.12.14

Curlew Sandpiper

- 1 (AAV on flag) – Bohai Oil Rig, China – Chris Hassell – 14.05.15

Great Knot

- 1 (AJV on flag) – Ola Lagoon, central Russia – Alexander Kondratyev – 24.05.15  
 1 (AJV on flag) – Ola Lagoon, central Russia – Igor Dorogoy – 23.05.15  
 1 (AHC on flag) – Gaizhou Yingkou, China – David Melville – 16.05.15  
 1 – Gochang Tidal Flat, South Korea – Ju Yung Ki – 26.04.15  
 1 (BCZ on flag) – non-specific site, Taiwan – Emilia – 17.04.15  
 1 (AUD on flag) – Tayuan Taoyuan County, Taiwan – Liang-Li Liu – 16.04.15  
 1 (AUD on flag) – non-specific site, Taiwan – Roger Rao – 13.04.15

Greater Sand Plover

- 1 – Han-Pao Changhua County, Taiwan – Chih-Hui Liu – 07.04.15

Grey-tailed Tattler

- 1 (ATR on flag) – Mouth of Kako River Takasago Hyogo, Japan – Muneo Haraki – 18.06.15  
 1 (AZW on flag) – Gamo Tidal Flat, Sendai-shi, Miyagi-ken, Japan – Kazuko Kamata – 15.05.15  
 1 (KZ on flag) – Zaimokuza, Kamakura-shi, Kanagawa-ken, Japan – Hideo Ike – 15.05.15  
 1 (ATL on flag) – Mouth of Onosato River Sennan Osaka, Japan – Masashi Fujimura – 14.05.15  
 1 (ARV on flag) – Matsunaga Bay, Hiroshima, Japan – Kunihiko Watanabe – 11.05.15  
 1 (ATU on flag) – Mouth of Kako River Takasago Hyogo, Japan – Fumio Kinoshita – 11.05.15  
 1 (ARK on flag) – Yatsu Estuary Chiba Tokyo, Japan – Shouta Sawamoto – 06.05.15  
 1 (APR on flag) – Yoshikawa-cho Kochiken, Japan – Dai Ikeuchi – 06.05.15

Red Knot

- 1 – Bohai Oil Rig, China – Chris Hassell – 10.05.15  
 1 (ABE on flag) – Bohai Oil Rig, China – Chris Hassell – 28.04.15

Red-necked Stint

- 1 – Saga, Japan – Sayaka Nakamura – 20.05.15  
 1 (SF on flag) – Dongling Rudong Jiangsu Province, China – Zhang Lin – 16.05.15

**Orange (Victoria) leg flag sightings**Bar-tailed Godwit

- 1 (CJW on flag) – Wynnum Esplanade – Tony Cotter – 31.05.15  
 1 (AJS on flag) – Cairns Esplanade – Jun Matsui – 01.11.14

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

No sightings.

**Blue (Japanese) leg flag sightings – use four combinations**Grey-tailed Tattler

- 1 – King Island, Moreton Bay – Penn Lloyd – 02.05.15 (flagged Hokkaido)  
 1 – Cairns Esplanade – Jun Matsui – 13.12.14 (flagged Hokkaido)

Red-necked Stint

- 1 – blue flag left tarsus and white flag left tarsus – Cairns Esplanade – Jun Matsui – 20.05.15 (flagged Tokyo Bay)  
 1 – blue flag left tarsus and white flag left tarsus – Cairns Esplanade – Don Hadden – 10.06.15 (flagged Tokyo Bay)  
 1 (195) on cut blue flag left tibia and cut white flag left tarsus – Mackay – Jun Matsui – 09.11.14 (flagged Yatsu Tidal Flat)

**Black over white or white over black (Shanghai, China) leg flag sightings**Red-necked Stint

- 1 Cairns Esplanade – Jun Matsui – 09.10.14

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

No sightings.

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

No sightings.

**Other wader leg flag and banded sightings**

No sightings.

**Other leg flag sightings and banded birds****Caspian Tern**

- 1 (47) on orange flag right tarsus, metal band left tarsus – Toorbul – Judy Coles, Mary Hynes & Robyn Duff – 20.07.15  
 1 (47) on orange flag right tarsus, metal band left tarsus – Toorbul – Sarah Beavis – 15.07.15  
 1 orange flag right tarsus, metal band left tarsus – Lytton claypan – Arthur Keates – 04.07.15  
 1 (47) on orange flag right tarsus, metal band left tarsus – Toorbul – Sarah Beavis – 25.05.15  
 1 (24) on orange flag right tarsus, metal band left tarsus – Buckley's Hole sandspit, Bribie Island – Michael Strong – 17.05.15  
 1 orange flag right tarsus, metal band left tarsus – Buckley's Hole sandspit, Bribie Island – Michael Strong – 17.05.15  
 1 (E6) on orange flag left tarsus, metal band right tarsus – Toorbul – Renata Hottmann-Schafer – 22.03.15

**Interesting wader sightings**

- 4 Beach Stone-curlew – Wave Break sand island, Gold Coast – 21.07.15  
 69 Red-kneed Dotterel – Lytton claypan – 16.05.15  
 18 Red-kneed Dotterel – Nathan Road wetland, Kippa-ring – 13.06.15  
 15 Red-kneed Dotterel – Kinka Wetlands, Yeppoon – 16.05.15  
 24 Black-fronted Dotterel – Bundaberg Port – 17.05.15 (20 still on site 05.07.15)  
 20 Black-fronted Dotterel – Caboolture River mouth – 05.05.15  
 5 Sooty Oystercatcher – Wickham Point, Caloundra – 16.05.15  
 5 Broad-billed Sandpiper – Port of Brisbane – 19.04.15  
 445 Black-winged Stilt – Maaroom – 04.07.15  
 422 Black-winged Stilt – Lytton claypan – 16.05.15  
 160 Eastern Curlew – Kakadu Beach roost, Bribie Island – 17.05.15  
 135 Red-necked Avocet – Trute's Bay, Tweed Heads – 25.07.15  
 58 Masked Lapwing – Garnett's Lagoon No. 2, Hervey Bay – 04.07.15  
 51 Masked Lapwing – Cairns Esplanade – 22.06.15  
 47 Masked Lapwing – Luggage Point – 04.07.15

**Not waders but of interest anyway**

- 5 Hoary-headed Grebe – Nathan Road wetland, Kippa-ring – 04.07.15  
 1 Great-crested Grebe – Ewan Maddock Dam – 24.05.15  
 2 Australasian Grebe – Lytton claypan – 16.05.15 (unusual at this site).  
 5 Black Swan – Manly Harbour – 25.07.15 (includes 3 cygnets on nest, unusual at this site).  
 16 Black Swan – Port of Brisbane reclamation area – 05.07.15 (most unusual inside the reclamation area).  
 10 Brolga – Garnett's Lagoon No. 1 – 04.07.15  
 5 Brolga – Kinka Wetlands, Yeppoon – 04.07.15  
 1 Black-necked Stork – Redcliffe Airport northside – 13.06.15  
 1 Kelp Gull (immature) – sandbank off Munna Point, Noosa – 26.05.15  
 2 Gull-billed Tern (race affinis) – Toorbul – 05.07.15 (one also recorded on 15.07.15).  
 2,941 Crested Tern – Noosa River sandbanks – 09.07.15  
 13 Lesser Crested Tern – Seaforth Beach creek mouth, north of Mackay – 17.05.15  
 8 Lesser Crested Tern – sandbank off Amity Point, Moreton Island – 06.07.15  
 5 Lesser Crested Tern – Manly Harbour – 04.07.15 (three still present on 06.08.15)  
 1 Whiskered Tern – Luggage Point – 04.07.15  
 6 Australasian Shoveler – Nathan Road wetland, Kippa-ring – 13.06.15  
 155 Plumed Whistling Duck – Bishop's Marsh, Toorbul – 05.07.15  
 11 Wandering Whistling Duck – Buckley's Hole, Bribie Island – 31.07.15  
 712 Chestnut Teal – Nathan Road wetland, Kippa-ring – 04.07.15  
 552 Chestnut Teal – Port of Brisbane reclamation area – 05.07.15  
 212 Chestnut Teal – Port of Brisbane Artificial roost – 05.07.15  
 320 Grey Teal – Nathan Road wetland, Kippa-ring – 04.07.15  
 8 Yellow-billed Spoonbill – Garnett's Lagoon No. 1, Hervey Bay – 04.07.15  
 2 Yellow-billed Spoonbill – Kinka Wetlands, Yeppoon – 16.05.15  
 133 Royal Spoonbill – Visitors Centre Lake, Port of Brisbane – 17.05.15  
 32 Glossy Ibis – Garnett's Lagoon No. 2, Hervey Bay – 04.07.15  
 16 Glossy Ibis – Nathan Road wetland, Kippa-ring – 16.05.15 (15 still on site 13.06.15)  
 10 Glossy Ibis – Kedron Brook Wetlands – 10.06.15

3 White-necked Heron (includes one juvenile) – Wellington Point Reserve – 06.06.15  
 120 White-faced Heron – Mathiesen Homestead, Hervey Bay – 04.07.15  
 85 White-faced Heron – total for Geoff Skinner Reserve east and west – 04.07.15  
 29 Eastern Great Egret – Port of Brisbane Artificial roost – 05.07.15  
 5 Nankeen Night Heron – Buckley’s Hole, Bribie Island – 31.07.15  
 5 Great Cormorant – Kedron Brook Wetlands – 31.05.15  
 3 Great Cormorant – Maroochy River northshore – 15.05.15  
 3 Great Cormorant – Trute’s Bay, Tweed Heads – 12.05.15  
 550 Pied Cormorant – sandbank off Amity Point, Moreton Island – 06.07.15  
 700 Little Black Cormorant – Kedron Brook Wetlands – 31.05.15  
 1 Spotted Harrier – Bundaberg Port – 05.07.15 (juvenile bird)

## Count Programme - Linda Cross

I start this article with a plea for help which has come about due to one counter (Geoff Skoien) moving from Tin Can Bay area to Noosa, where thankfully when settled he will join the counters covering that area. Also, the counter for St. Helen’s Beach north of Mackay (Marlis Schoeb) cannot continue to do regular counts at this site, but will do them when she is able to.

For some time now we have been struggling to find replacement counters for people who have had to stop counting, and standby counters to cover sites when the regular counter is on holiday. A lot of our regular counters are either in retirement, or have ailments that hinder their abilities to count on a regular basis, and I worry what the future will be for the QWSG count programme if we cannot get people interested in committing just one day a month to gather the important wader numbers for our database. The database equips QWSG with the knowledge to advise all levels of government on the status of shorebirds. If you are a new, or old member and would like to get involved in this very important work, but don’t think you have the necessary skills, rest assured we can assist you with what is required. It might take a few months to get you to the stage you are comfortable with, but we are happy to help in many ways. A lot of counters started off not knowing most of the wader species but in time practice makes nearly perfect. Please give some serious thought to helping us continue to support shorebirds, by contacting myself or any other member of the QWSG committee. We have plenty of count sites throughout Queensland waiting to be counted.

Thank you to all the counters for entering and posting their July (National Winter Count) results so quickly, which have all been validated and sightings extracted to include in this article.

Our cross Tasman visitors (Double-banded Plover) have over wintered at 17 count sites in Queensland from 19 April through to 6 August, which included nine sites in Moreton Bay, two on the Sunshine Coast, three in the Great Sandy Strait region, one in Bundaberg, one in Yeppoon and one in Mackay. The last record I currently have is 19 at Manly Harbour on 6 August. Below is a table of sites, dates and highest numbers for the sightings.

Sandbank off Amity Point Moreton Is	06.07.15	87	Maroochy River sandbar	15.05.15	9
Reeder’s Point, Moreton Island	06.07.15	51	Noosa River sandbanks	09.07.15	14
Geoff Skinner Reserve east	16.05.15	122	Cooloola, Tin Can Bay	05.07.15	2
King St mudflat, Thornlands	04.07.15	15	Garnett’s Lagoon No 1, Hervey Bay	16.05.15	39
Manly Harbour	02.08.15	39	O’Reagan’s Creek westside, H/Bay	16.05.15	3
Port of Brisbane	05.07.15	15	Bundaberg Port	05.07.15	2
Nathan Road wetlands, Kippa-ring	16.05.15	11	Kinka Beach sandbar, Yeppoon	04.07.15	1
Redcliffe Airport northside	04.07.15	19	Shellgrit Creek, Mackay	04.07.15	45
Kakadu Beach roost, Bribie Island	19.07.15	18			

Although the last few months would normally be a quiet time for wader species and quantities, I have been surprised at some of the sightings (particularly the July records) which include:

One Sanderling – sandbank off Amity Point, Moreton Island – 06.07.15

26 Common Greenshank – Maaroom – 04.07.15  
 116 Whimbrel – Mathiesen Homestead, Hervey Bay – 04.07.15  
 115 Red-capped Plover – Shellgrit Creek, Mackay – 04.07.15  
 Seven Marsh Sandpiper – Bishop's Marsh, Toorbul – 05.07.15  
 Three Marsh Sandpiper – Garnett's Lagoons, Hervey Bay – 04.07.15  
 793 Black-winged Stilt – Toorbul – 16.05.15  
 20 Terek Sandpiper – Toorbul – 16.05.15

The Port of Brisbane Pty Ltd (PBPL) has also produced a couple of interesting records during the last couple of months. In the last newsletter I reported the exceptionally high total of 1,398 Red-necked Avocet recorded at the PBPL in April. Imagine my surprise when I received an email from Arthur Keates while I was on holiday telling me that they had counted a staggering 2,810 of this species on 17.05.15. I was sent confirmation in the form of a photograph as evidence! During the July count 729 avocets were still present, along with 12 Common Greenshank which is a very uncommon species within the reclamation area, so to have 12 in July is most unusual.



**Red-necked Avocets – Port of Brisbane 17 May 2015 – Photograph Ivell Whyte**

A number of inland bird species have been sighted at some sites during the last couple of months and I have listed some of them under 'Not waders but of interest anyway' section. Although I have put a list together for 'Interesting wader sightings' and 'Not waders but of interest anyway' section, for the last four issues of the Queensland Wader, we have to apologise that they have not appeared due to a lack of space in each of the issues. It is hoped that the Editor might find room to print them in this issue.

#### **Breeding records.**

Beach Stone-curlew – possible chick taken by Whistling Kite – Wave Break Island South, Gold Coast – 10.04.15  
 Pied Oystercatcher – one chick and a pair nesting – Kakadu Beach roost, Bribie Island – 19.07.15. A pair building scrape and a pair mating – Kakadu Beach roost, Bribie Island – 31.07.15.  
 Masked Lapwing – nesting Kakadu Beach roost, Bribie Island – 19.07.15  
 Red-capped Plover – recently hatched chick – Kakadu Beach roost, Bribie Island – 31.07.15

Counters not entering their counts online, please continue to send them to me at my email or postal address as follows

**A reminder that Leg flag sightings must not be entered online during count entry. Please also note that flag sightings emailed to Phil should be sent to his new email address** Please contact Phil or myself for the Leg Flag Observation Report Form

Happy counting. Linda Cross.

## Wader ID Days 2015

### **Saturday 12 September at Toorbul**

High tide at 08:56 hours (plus 30 minutes later for Toorbul 09:26 hours). Tide height will be 1.95m. Meeting time 08:30.

Take the Bruce Highway north from Brisbane to the Donnybrook/Toorbul exit. Turn off here and head east over the highway overpass. Continue on this road to Toorbul. Turn right at the T-junction then first left and then right, which brings you onto the Esplanade. Follow this road to the end (approximately 2kms); we will be on the left.

Bring water, food and a chair. It is a good idea to have a hat, sunscreen and insect repellent. Most importantly bring your binoculars or telescopes. Hopefully we can provide the answers to all your questions.

Please contact any of the following people if you have any questions. Phil & Linda Cross or Arthur & Sheryl Keates.

## Stop Press.

**At the time of going to print we have just heard the sad news of the passing of Trevor Ford on 22 August 2015.**

**A special tribute to this long standing QWSG member will appear in the next issue of the Queensland Wader.**

### From Manly to Yatsu-Higata



The above Grey-tailed Tattler with green engraved leg flag 'ARK' was sighted and photographed at Yatsu-Higata Nature Observation Centre (YNOC) on 6 May 2015 by Shota Sawamoto.

The interesting thing about this bird is that it was caught and flagged at Manly Harbour in Brisbane on 27 October 2013 as an adult, which was the day that the YNOC delegates were visiting and assisting the QWSG team with the cannon netting, banding and flagging. So potentially one of the YNOC delegates could have handled this very bird that landed in Japan on its northward migration.

### New Counters for Monthly and Port of Brisbane Counts

As mentioned in the Count Co-ordinators Annual report we are looking for counters. Taking part in the counts helps you to speed up your recognition skills and helps the waders. We do need a pool of counters for the Port of Brisbane (PoB), because of the size of the site and the number of waders, plus regular counters need to have a break. Having your own site or visiting the PoB is a great learning experience as well as providing vital information that is used in so many ways.

Any experience will be useful and you will quickly become proficient. We all are continuing to learn. Don't be shy contact Linda Cross

### ERRATA

On page one of issue number 092 Queensland Wader, article 'Port of Brisbane Count Results by Linda Cross', two words were left out on the first line of the article. The first line should read:

QWSG now has data for twelve years of extensive counts conducted by the group for the Port of Brisbane Pty Ltd (PBRL) at the Port of Brisbane complex (formerly known as Bishop or Fisherman Island).

My apologies for the error – Linda Cross

## Other Conservation Activities of Interest



QWSG is a special interest group of the Birds Queensland Inc. whose object is:  
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BQ will have an AGM in December so these positions might change.

### Monthly Meetings Birds Queensland

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday each month except January, when there is no meeting.

Royal Geographical Society Meeting Room, 237 Milton Road, Milton.

Arrive after 7:15pm for a 7:30pm start.

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Please could you use the subject line as "Electronic Newsletter". Editor

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 Jeanie NASH, Zena DINESEN, Cynthia JONES

A reminder to members, please let the Treasurer know if you change your email address. If you do please make sure that it does allow delivery and not send downloads to spam.

Many thanks too to those who have included a donation with their renewal or membership fee. This is greatly appreciated as such donations make on-going work possible.

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**QWSG Course – Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2015**

This course offers a unique opportunity to learn about a special group of birds, waders. These birds are magnificent athletes, flying up to 25,000 km every year. They range from tiny 24-gram birds to the world’s largest wader, the Eastern Curlew, weighing in at over 1 kilogram. Moreton Bay, on Brisbane’s doorstep, is an internationally significant area for waders, but most people are oblivious to their presence.

Seventeen resident and 36 migrant species of wader occur in Australia; in total, about 3 million birds. They feed on the shorelines of coastal and inland wetlands of Australia. The majority breed in the higher latitudes of the Northern Hemisphere in places like Siberia and Alaska, and travel the East Asian/Australasian flyway twice a year on migration. From September to April, a large number of species can be found in Moreton Bay, and we have an ideal opportunity to study these species. They face increasing pressures from burgeoning human populations and habitat destruction throughout the flyway.

During this one-day course you will be introduced to these fascinating birds through specific topics that include:

- What are waders, their evolution and taxonomy;
- Field identification;
- Migration and breeding
- Importance of Moreton Bay;
- The East Asian/Australasian Flyway;
- Challenges and threats;
- National and International conservation agreements.

The field trip will give you the opportunity to have a ‘hands on’ chance to identify many of the species mentioned in the lectures with experienced wader-watchers.

***THE QWSG WADER COURSE CONSISTS OF A MORNING OF LECTURES AND AN AFTERNOON FIELD TRIP***

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**REGISTRATION:**             **Sunday 1st November 2015, 8.30am to 9.00am**  
**at the Manly NPRSR Office, 34 Trafalgar Street Manly 4179**

**LECTURES:**                   **9.00 am to 1.00 pm, Morning tea and lunch included.**

**FIELD TRIP:**                 **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2015, 2.00 to 4.00 pm, at Manly Marina Roost**  
**Please note that the field site is exposed – remember to bring a hat, sunscreen and water bottle. We also recommend wearing closed shoes for the field visit.**

**CLOSING DATE:**           **Please enrol by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2015. Remember places are limited.**

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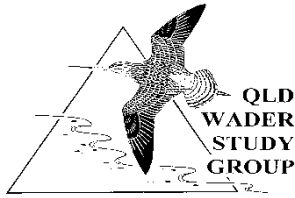
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**Count Activities – 2015**

**QWSG High Tide – Monthly Count Program – 2015**

Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Sep 2.04m at 07:47  
 Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Oct 2.16m at 11:53  
 Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Nov 2.33m at 10:58  
 Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Dec 2.44m at 10:06

**Port of Brisbane Count Dates – 2015**

Sun 27<sup>th</sup> Sep 2.18m at 08:36 Meet: 06:50  
 Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Oct 2.11m at 12:34 Meet: 10:45  
 Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Nov 2.30m at 11:36 Meet: 09:45  
 Sun 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 2.45m at 10:44 Meet: 08:55

The Port of Brisbane is a work site and we are doing the survey for the Port and ourselves. Unfortunately we cannot accept people who turn up on the day for a bird watching day.

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## Wader Banding

QWSG have a program of shorebird banding throughout the year and we welcome helpers who want to come along, assist, learn about banding and potentially get involved in banding longer term.

Proposed dates for the coming season are:

Cannon Netting; Sunday August 23<sup>rd</sup> Manly Roost

Cannon Netting; Sunday October 4<sup>th</sup> Manly Roost

Cannon Netting; Sunday October 18<sup>th</sup> Toorbul Roost

Cannon Netting; Sunday October 25<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October Gladstone/Rockhampton area

Mist Netting; Saturday November 15<sup>th</sup> Geoff Skinner Reserve, Wellington Point

Cannon Netting; Sunday November 22<sup>nd</sup> Port of Brisbane

Cannon Netting; Sunday January 17<sup>th</sup> Manly Roost

Cannon Netting; Sunday January 31<sup>st</sup> Toorbul Roost

Mist Netting; Saturday February 13<sup>th</sup> King Street Roost, Thornlands

Cannon Netting; Sunday February 28<sup>th</sup> Port of Brisbane

Mist Netting; Saturday March 12<sup>th</sup> Geoff Skinner Reserve, Wellington Point

Cannon Netting Sunday March 27<sup>th</sup> Manly Roost

All dates are to be confirmed and numbers may be limited so anyone wishing to attend must ensure they have spoken to the organiser before trying to attend. If you are interested in helping out please contact Jon Coleman at [Chairperson@waders.org.au](mailto:Chairperson@waders.org.au) for more information. For insurance purposes you will need to be a member of either Birds Queensland or the Queensland Wader Study Group.