

Regional Projects - Birds New Zealand

Below is a list of regional projects and studies the Society runs or is involved in.

If you would like to become involved in a project or get more details, please contact your Regional Representative.

<i>Title</i>	<i>Aim and Location</i>	<i>Method</i>
Far North		
National Wader Census*	Parengarenga, Walker Island, Kowhai Beach, eastern Bay of Islands	Census (3x per year)
Beach Patrols*	90 Mile Beach	Sightings
5 Minute Bird Counts	Ipiriri Census	5 MBC
Whangaroa Pelagic	Pelagic study	Sightings
Northland		
National Wader Census*	Whangarei + North Kaipara Harbour	Census (2x per year)
Beach Patrols*	East Coast (Ruakaka R.-Waipu R.) West Coast (Glinks Gully-Baylys Beach)	Sightings
Caspian Tern survey*	Nesting success on Knight I. and Whangarei Harbour.	Count of nests and chicks
Shag colonies survey	To observe and count birds at Taupiri Bay. Weekend camp.	Survey and observations
Auckland		
Beach Patrol*	Muriway Beach (monthly).	Sightings
National Wader Census*	Join South Auckland region: Manukau H., Waitemata, Mangawhai, Kaipara, Firth of T.	Census (2x per year)
NZ Dotterel Survey	Annual survey of post-breeding flocks, in collaboration with DOC.	Census (annual)
NZ Dabchick survey (and other waterfowl)	Annual survey on the dune lakes and farm ponds of the South Kaipara peninsula.	Survey (annual)
Motutapu Island survey	Annual monitoring as part of the ecological restoration of Motutapu I.	Monitoring (annual)
Shakespeare Regional Park Survey	Annual monitoring as part of the ecological restoration of the park.	Monitoring (annual)
Student Prize for AKL Sec Schools Science Fair	Contributed 1 prize (\$100) to a bird project	Student advocacy
Public advocacy events	Members regularly attend + contribute to public advocacy events	Public advocacy
South Auckland		
National Wader Census*	Manuka Harbour and Firth of Thames	Census (2x per year)

Waikato		
National Wader Census*	Kawhai, Aotea, Raglan Harbour	Census (2x per year)
Beach Patrol*	Regular patrols on 7 west coast beaches	Sightings
Census	Hamilton Lake	Monthly census
Census	Forest Lake	Monthly census
Census	Cambridge Lake	Monthly census
Morepork survey	Hamilton City	Counts
Bay of Plenty		
Grey-Faced Petrel study	Motuotau (Rabbit Island)?	Chick banding
5 Minute Bird Counts	Kaimai Mamaku F&B Reserve	5 MBC
National Wader Census*	Tauranga, Maketu, Ohiwa harbours	Census (2x per year)
Hawkes Bay		
Bittern Survey	Lake Hatuma (Waipukurau)	Study
National Wader Census*	Porangahau, Ahuriri, Waitangi	Census (2x per year)
Taranaki		
5 Minute Bird Counts	Rotokare Scenic Reserve	5 MBC
Wairarapa		
Shag survey	Shared with Wellington Branch	Survey
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Caspian Tern survey*	Nesting count at Onoke Spit	Count of nests and chicks
NZ Dotterel study	Riversdale Beach	
Buller's Black-Billed Gulls monitoring	Presence and breeding study, particularly on Ruamahunga + Henley Lake	Monitoring presence and breeding
Wanganui		

Hihi monitoring	Bushy Park. To study survival and habitat use following hihi introduction in 2013.	Observations
5 Minute Bird Counts	Bushy Park. To study the forest bird community at Bushy Park.	5 MBC
Wellington		
Mana Island Teen Field Camp	Mana Island	Field training - could become annual event
Beach Patrol*	Irregular patrols along Kapiti, Horowhenua, Manawatu, Wellington H. Beaches + Kapiti I.	Sightings
5 MBC	Rimutaka Forest Park	5MBC
Passerine banding in a metropolitan area	To study passerine movement in Wellington city+Zoo.	Mist-netting, banding moult studies
Little Blue Penguin study	Matiu/Somes Island	
Brown Kiwi translocation monitoring	Rimutaka Forest Park To monitor survival, movement, breeding.	Translocation monitoring
Bird survey	Rimutaka Forest Park	Monthly survey
5 Minute Bird Counts	Kapiti Island	5 MBC 4x per year
Bird Counts	Makaro/Ward Island	Census
Coastline bird survey	Kapiti Island	5MBC (4x per year)
NZ Shore Plover monitoring	Mana Island + mainland sites	Monitoring
Pied Shag breeding monitoring	Waikanae lagoons	Monitoring breeding
Shag counts	Karori Wildlife Sanctuary	Monthly census
Shearwater/prion/petrel translocation	Mana Island	Translocations
Marlborough		
National Wader Census*	Lake Grassmere	Monthly counts
Fluttering Shearwater Transfer monitoring	To monitor survival + breeding success of birds transferred to Maud I by OSNZ in 90s	Monitoring (2x per year)
Passerine banding	Jack Taylor's farm, Ward	Yearly mist netting + banding
Nelson		
Caspian Tern studies	Waimea Estuary	Banding chicks and monitoring (anually)
Welcome Godwits	Annual PR weekend in Motueka and GB, involves local community, attracts people.	Public advocacy

National Wader Census*	Nelson & Golden Bay (Waimea Estuary, Farewell Spit, Motueka Sandspit etc)	Census (3x per year)
Australasian Gannet monitoring	Farewell Spit	Band sightings
Variable Oystercatcher study	Tasman+Golden Bay. To determine distribution, abundance+age structure, investigate juv. movement	Banding chicks+adults, resighting, moult
South Island Pied Oystercatcher study	Waimea Estuary. To determine distribution, abundance+age structures	Banding adults, moult, resighting
Canterbury		
National Wader Census*	Lake Ellesmere, Ashley Estuary, CHC sewage works.	Census
Crested Grebe survey	Canterbury Lakes	Survey
Bird Count	Ashburton Lakes	Annual winter census
Bird Count of breeding waders	Ashley River	Count (2x each spring)
5 MBC of native passerines	Banks Peninsula (DOC Reserve)	5 MBC (3x per year) Presence/absence
5 MBC in bush reserves	Port Hills and Banks Peninsula	5 MBC (3x per year)
Farewell to godwits	Avon Estuary (February).	Public advocacy
Birds NZ rambles	Visiting various birding spots to attract new members. Held on Tuesdays. Very popular.	Public advocacy
West Coast		
Survey of swamps and lakes	Ross area, West Coast	Survey
Otago		
Wetland Survey	Sinclair Wetlands. Counting waterbirds and fernbirds. Also 5 MBC of forest birds.	Seasonal Survey + 5 MBC
National Wader Census*	Aramoana, Papanui Inlet, Hooper's Inlet, Otago Harbour (h. survey=summer count)	Census (2x per year)
Beyond Orokonui Survey	Survey of native bird distributions in East Otago. Landscape Connections Trust.	5 MBC
Southland		
Crested grebe counts		Census
Southland Bird Week	Held yearly.	Public advocacy
National Wader Census*		Census

* Some national schemes are listed here to provide details at regional level