# **BIRDS NEW ZEALAND (Auckland)**

ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND

# Programme 2018



Meetings 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month (except January), held 7.30pm at Unitec Institute of Technology (Mt Albert, Building 115, Entry 4). All visitors welcome.

Further information on meetings, venues and activities: Ian McLean (Regional Representative) - IMcLean@southernworld.com ph. (AH) 021535121

# JANUARY

Jan 23 Annual summer picnic: Arataki (self-catered): contact Chris Thompson (021426839). Meet at the <u>Arataki Visitor Centre</u> car park, Scenic Drive, Titirangi. Picnic from **6pm**; short walk from 7pm.

## FEBRUARY

- 6 Monthly meeting 7.30pm: Ornithological potpourri Regional meeting / Members' reports & regional roundup
- 10 Muriwai beach patrol 9.30am: contact Mel Galbraith (4801958).

## MARCH

- 3 *Goodbye to the godwits*, Ambury Regional Park, 11am-3pm (HT1239). Public event, ornithological helpers needed, ideally with telescopes & binoculars.
- 6 Monthly meeting 7.30pm: Hendrick Schultz (Ak. Univ.): Distribution, movement patterns and diet of brown skua on the Chatham Islands
- 10 Muriwai beach patrol 9:30am: contact Mel Galbraith (4801958).
- 17 NZ dotterel post-breeding flock counts, Big Sand Island/Manukapua (& other west coast sites), HT 1139 more details TBA: contact Gwenda Pulham (4805535).
- 18 Ambury Park Public Guided Walk 11.45am (HT 1216) Public event, ornithological helpers needed, ideally with telescopes & binoculars. Contact Ian McLean (021 535 121).
- 24 NZ dotterel post-breeding flock counts, Mangawhai (& other east coast sites), HT 1335 more details TBA: contact Gwenda Pulham (4805535).

# APRIL

- 3 Monthly meeting 7.30pm: Todd Landers (Ak. Council): Seabirds of Auckland's west coast
- 7 Muriwai beach patrol: contact Mel Galbraith (4801958).
- 25 South Kaipara Lakes Dabchick Survey: contact Denise Poyner (09 4209885).
- 29 Pakiri Beach Patrol 9.30am (HT 0645) Contact Ian McLean (021 535 121)

## MAY

- 1 Monthly meeting 7.30pm: Graeme Taylor (Dept of Conservation) : topic tba
- 12 Muriwai beach patrol: contact Mel Galbraith (4801958).

### JUNE

### 2 - 4 June NZ BIRD CONFERENCE & AGM, Waitangi / Paihia

- 5 Monthly meeting 7.30pm: Abby McBride: Observations on NZ's extraordinary conservation efforts as the "seabird capital of the world."
- 9 Muriwai beach patrol: contact Mel Galbraith (4801958)
- 16 Kaipara wader census (HT 1230): contact Adrian Riegen (8149741).
- 17 Manukau (HT 1320) & Waitemata (HT 1004) wader census: contact Adrian Riegen (8149741).
- 23 Mangawhai wader census (HT 0920): contact Gwenda Pulham (4805535).
- 24 Firth of Thames wader census (HT 1016): contact Adrian Riegen (8149741).

#### JULY

- 1 Ambury Park Public Guided Walk @ 12pm noon (HT 1228) Public event showcasing the shorebirds and their habitats in the park *ornithological helpers needed, ideally with telescopes & binoculars*. Contact Ian McLean (021 535 121).
- 3 Monthly meeting 7.30pm: Adrian Riegen (Pukorokoro Miranda Naturalists Trust): What bands and flags have taught us about waders.
- 7 Muriwai beach patrol: contact Mel Galbraith (4801958).



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