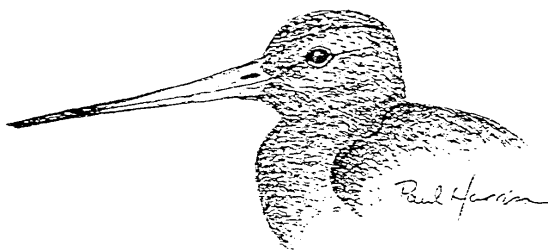


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Newsletter of
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Monthly Meetings: held on the second Tuesday of each month, at the Papakura Croquet Club, 1 Chapel Street Papakura. Meetings start at 7:30. Visitors welcome. \$3.00 donation to cover costs

July 11 th	Gillian Vaughan	Moult workshop 2. Do better this time.
August 8 th	Thomas Mattern	The marine life of New Zealand penguins
September 12 th	Tim Lovegrove	The Spotted Shags around Auckland
October 10 th	Adrian Riegen	What bands and flags have taught us about waders.
November 14 th	Nikki McArthur	E-bird tutorial: How to record your sightings.

Christmas barbeque December 3rd: This year hosted by Lyn and David Lawrie at 52 Mill Rd, Pukekohe East. BYO meat, drink and something to share. Meet at 2.00 pm for a walk and early dinner. Contact David Lawrie 09 2388407.

Beach Patrols: If interested contact Wendy Goad 09 2927838 or 027 6883433.

July 27th
August 24th

September 28th
October 26th

November 30th
December 14th

Summer Wader Census: Contact Tony Habraken 09 2385284; or aahabraken@gmail.com for details.

Firth of Thames - November 12th

Manukau Harbour – November 19th

Field Trips

Waterfowl count, Tuakau Sewage Ponds August 5th - Meet at the end of Friedlander Rd, Tuakau to count the waterfowl on the sewage ponds at 10.00 am. – contact David Lawrie 09 2388407.

Puhinui, September 24th – Look through the wetlands to see if the remnant population of Fernbirds still survives in the morning and have a look at the wader roost after lunch. High tide 2.00pm, 4.0m. Meet in the carpark at the end of Price Rd, off Puhinui Rd (to the airport) at 9.30 am. – contact Wendy Goad 09 2927838 or 027 6883433.

Muir's Swamp, Akaka October 7th – A wetland area beside the Waikato River that has been ecologically restored with predator control and has a good variety wetland birds. Come prepared for a serious survey as a report has been requested. Meet at the corner of Akaaka Rd and Otua Rd at 9.30 am. – contact Ian Southey 09 2982500.

Face book page: Thanks to Karen Opie the South Auckland branch of Birds New Zealand now has a presence on facebook and you can find us at <https://www.facebook.com/birdsnzsa> Please have a look at it, like it and contribute to it with local notes and pictures. We hope that this will allow us to interact more with the wider public.