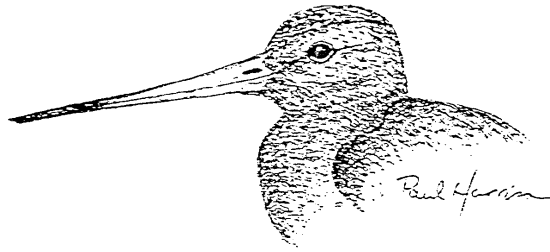


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Newsletter of  
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**Monthly Meetings:** held on the second Tuesday of each month, at the Papakura Croquet Club, 1 Chapel Street Papakura. Meetings start at 7:30. Visitors welcome. \$3.00 donation to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

February 13th	Members Evening	The regional AGM and your latest exploits, interests and achievements
March 13 <sup>th</sup>	Serena Simmonds	The carrying capacity of Norfolk National Park for the Tasman Parakeet
April 10 <sup>th</sup>	Imi Dencer-Brown	Biodiversity surveys in Manukau mangroves
May 8 <sup>th</sup>	Emma Williams	Secrets from the swamp: an update and future directions
June 12 <sup>th</sup>	Nikki MacArthur	A beginner's guide to ebird

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

February 8th  
March 15<sup>th</sup>

April 5<sup>th</sup>  
May 24<sup>th</sup>

June 21<sup>st</sup>

**Winter Wader Census:** Contact Tony Habraken 09 2385284; or [aahabraken@gmail.com](mailto:aahabraken@gmail.com) for details which will be given closer to the date.

Manukau Harbour, June 17<sup>th</sup>.

Firth of Thames, June 24<sup>th</sup>

## Field Trips

**Goodbye Godwits, Mangere, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 11.00 am to 3pm.** Come along, with your telescope, to Ambury Regional Park to show off our migratory waders and talk to the public. Contact Ian Southey 09 2982500.

**Te Papa Wetland, Waikato River, April 1st.** Sounds like a really good swamp, restored and with predator control by Stu and Kim Muir with Bitterns and Fernbirds etc. We pay our way by making a bird list for the owners so come prepared. Meet at Akaaka on the corner of Otatau Rd and Akaaka Rd at 9.00 am. Some walking may be required. Contact Ian Southey 09 2982500 or [iansouthey@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:iansouthey@yahoo.co.nz).

## Notices

**AGM** This year the Birds NZ AGM and conference is at Paihia, June 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup>. A good chance to catch up with people and their projects. Earlybird registrations close on March 31<sup>st</sup> and you can find the register online here <https://www.osnz.org.nz/civicrm/event/register?id=12&reset=1or> down load forms from the Birds NZ website <https://www.osnz.org.nz/sites/osnz.org.nz/files/2018%20Conference%20Registration%20Form%20Updated%20180115.pdf>