



BEACH PATROL DATA SHEET

Date of Patrol: / / Time of patrol : am/pm District:
 Length of beach patrolled: km.
 Name of beach: Nearest town:
 Start Point:
 Finish Point:

Name and address of observer/s:

Weather and tide (on day of patrol):

 Previous weather & any general remarks:

 Evidence of oiling. **Yes** (species & number of birds): **No:**

Species Found	No. of Birds Found	Age			Freshness		ID by
		Adult	Sub-adult	Unknown	A	B	
Total No. of birds found							

- Please follow these instructions for completing this Beach Patrol Record:
- Be accurate when describing the identity of birds. Use common names listed in *The Checklist of the Birds of New Zealand* (Checklist Committee, 2008).
 - Beach Patrol districts are available on the society's website, www.osnz.org.nz/studies.htm#beachpatrol or from the Beach Patrol Convenor.
 - Don't use a question mark if a bird is unable to be identified. Please record the lowest taxonomic level you are able to identify the bird to. e.g. Prion sp.; Gull sp.; Seabird Sp.; Bird sp.
 - The identity and number of dead non-oceanic birds (land, freshwater wetland species) found as well as sea birds should be recorded.
 - Always make an estimate of the age (maturity) of birds found. If you are able to distinguish immature from juveniles of a species please indicate number as 2 imm/ 3 juv. DO NOT leave this section blank. Enter the numbers of birds of each age counted during the patrol. DO NOT enter ticks or crosses.
 - Make an estimate of the freshness of birds found. Enter the numbers of birds of each age counted during the patrol. DO NOT enter ticks or crosses.
Freshness categories: A = Fresh or Decaying (< 7 days dead). B = Dried or Skeleton (> 7 days dead).
 - Clearly describe the start and end point of the beach patrol. This helps to confirm the length of beach that is patrolled.
 - This form may be sent to the Beach Patrol Convenor by postal mail, e-mail or by fax. Refer to the OSNZ website, www.osnz.org.nz/contacts.htm#conveners for the current address of the Beach Patrol Convenor.