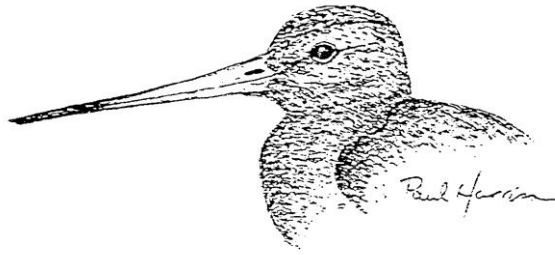


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**Newsletter of
South Auckland Branch
Birds New Zealand**



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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 9 th	Keith Woodley	Field guides
August 13 th	Mick Clout	Kakapo
September 10 th	Mel Galbraith	Ecological restoration of Motu Kaikoura
October 8 th	Emma Williams	TBA - some sort of a surprise from the swamps.
November 12 th	Matt Rayner	Ecosystem change in Hauraki Gulf seabirds.

Christmas barbeque: December 7th At Waikaretu this year hosted by David Walters 239 Nolan Rd, Wairamarama. Ph 09 328460. Car pooling from David Lawrie's place (09 2388407) is possible by arrangement. BYO meat, drink and something to share. Why not make a day of it and map some squares for the atlas.

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

July 18 th	September 19 th	November 21 st
August 22 nd	October 24 th	December 19 th

Summer Wader Census: Contact Tony Habraken 09 2385284; or aahabraken@gmail.com for details which will be given closer to the date.

Manukau Harbour, November 17th.

Firth of Thames, December 1st.

Field Trips

July 28th Tuakau Sewage Ponds. Great numbers and variety of waterfowl to count and some atlas work. Meet at the end of Friedlander Rd 10.00 am. Contact David Lawrie 09 2388407.

August 18th Lake Pokorua. Join with Awhitu Landcare for a hands on atlas workshop and to do some mapping. Meet 9.30 at the end of Douglas Rd. Contact Ian Southey 09 2982500 or iansouthey@yahoo.co.nz.

Waikato River bird counts, September 28th, October 5th & 12th. Continuing last year's work, the intention is to provide baseline estimates of swamp bird numbers on the lower Waikato and to see if their pest control is beneficial to them. This involves 5 minute bird counts and playback surveys in the morning and listening for booming bitterns in the evenings. Three repeat counts are required, come for just a morning or an evening if that suits. Meet at the old cheese factory on the corner of Otua Rd and Aka aka Rd 8.00 am and 6.15 pm. Best be in touch, dates may change with weather and meet times may alter a little. Contact Ian Southey 09 2982500 or iansouthey@yahoo.co.nz.