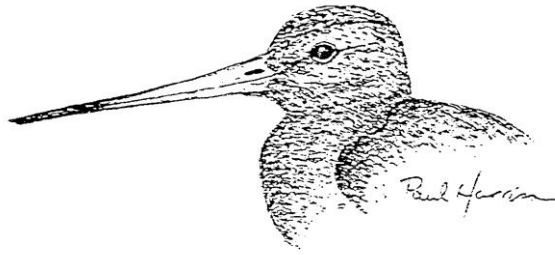


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**Newsletter of  
South Auckland Branch  
Birds New Zealand**



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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.

February 11 <sup>th</sup>	Members Evening	The regional AGM and your latest exploits, interests and achievements
March 10 <sup>th</sup>	Thomas Bodey	Modern living and the Brent Goose – urbanisation, social behaviour and migration.
April 14 <sup>th</sup>	Lynn Miller	Bird rescue
May 12 <sup>th</sup>	Matt Rayner	Ecosystem change in Hauraki Gulf seabirds
June 9 <sup>th</sup>	Wendy Goad	The ancient history of birds and dinosaurs

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

February 20<sup>th</sup>  
March 19<sup>th</sup>

April 23<sup>rd</sup>  
May 21<sup>st</sup>

June 25<sup>th</sup>

## Field Trips

**Hot Water Beach overnight, May 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.** Contact Noel Knight 09 53443044. There's accommodation for eight and if it's really popular we might find more beds. A chance to explore the Coromandel from hills to harbours and to complete a whole lot of atlas squares.

**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 7<sup>th</sup>.**

**Firth of Thames, June 28<sup>th</sup>.**

## Notices

**AGM:** This year the Birds NZ AGM and conference is in Christchurch, May 30<sup>th</sup> to June 1<sup>st</sup>. A good chance to catch up with people and their projects. Further information and registration can be found here <https://www.birdsnz.org.nz/nz-bird-conference/>

**Bird Atlas project:** We're doing quite well, but so we should with good roads to most places. All of our mainland squares have been covered at least once although the square that runs north of the Pinnacles Hut has had just one bellbird recorded – a good bird for us, but looking rather lonely. The parts we haven't got to are islands and I'm not sure how we'll do them. Autumn has just started so it's a clean slate, all squares need a list from this season. Please make an effort to record for the atlas where you live and maybe try a little exploring. Our regional recorder, Sue Frostick is keeping an eye on progress and can be contacted for advice on where to go or how to do it. Contact her at 09 2672495 or [suefro@xtra.co.nz](mailto:suefro@xtra.co.nz)