

Beach Patrol Scheme 2018

Report from co-ordinator Lloyd Esler on 22 March 2019

This is the preliminary report for 2018. There will be more cards and forms to come and I will update this report from time to time.

The process of transcribing all of the beach patrol cards and forms into the online database has been completed.

2018 produced no significant wrecks and no particularly unusual species.

Only one banded bird was noted on cards, a Short-tailed shearwater picked up on Oreti Beach, Southland.

The returns compared to the previous year show a slight increase in cards, kilometres and bird numbers.

The figures as at 22 March 2019 are:

Cards or forms returned: 242 (230 in 2017, 253 in 2016, 210 in 2015, 231 in 2014, 262 in 2013, 324 in 2012 and 352 in 2011)

Birds: 2,919 (1,315 in 2017, 1,483 in 2016, 1,325 in 2015, 1,388 in 2014, 4,851 in 2013, 1,924 in 2012 and 57,920 in 2011)

Kilometres: 940.7 (885.3 in 2017, 1,189 in 2016, 1,014 in 2015, 1,069 in 2014, 1,388 in 2013, 1,625 in 2012 and 1,846 in 2011)

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