

## **Beach Patrol Scheme 2019**

### **Report from co-ordinator Lloyd Esler on 1 April 2020**

2019 produced no significant wrecks and no particularly unusual species.

No banded birds were noted on cards.

The returns compared to the previous year show a sharp decline and represent a drop of about 50% in the number of kilometres and patrols done in about six years. Only five regions – Wellington West, Bay of Plenty, Auckland West, Auckland East and Southland – were averaging more than one beach patrol per month.

The figures as at 1 April 2020 are:

Cards or forms returned: 160 (270 in 2018, 230 in 2017, 253 in 2016, 210 in 2015, 231 in 2014, 262 in 2013, 324 in 2012 and 352 in 2011)

Birds: 1,071 (3,069 in 2018, 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: 710 (1,013 in 2018, 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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