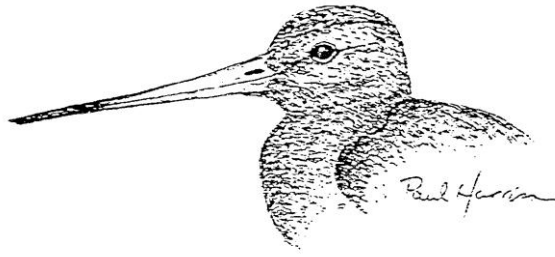


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**Newsletter of
South Auckland Branch
Birds New Zealand**



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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 9 th	Members Evening	The regional AGM and your latest exploits, interests and achievements
March 9 th	Nat Fosdick	Conservation genomics for kakī/black stilts.
April 13 th	Hannah Clement and James Roberts	A summer studying Fairy Terns
May 11 th	Jaques de Satge	Understanding mangrove-avifauna relations in New Zealand - studying the Banded Rail
June 8 th	TBA	TBA

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

March 26th (Friday)
April 29th (Friday)

May 20th
June 24th

Field Trips

South-eastern atlas expedition April 3rd: Hauraki Plains and southern Coromandel Ranges – test your birding skills and cover an area seldom visited by us. To plan strategy, contact Sue Frostick 09 2672495 or suefro@xtra.co.nz.

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

Manukau Harbour, June 27th.

Firth of Thames, June 20th.

Notices

AGM: This year we are organising the Birds NZ AGM and conference in Thames, June 4th to June 7th. A particularly good chance for us to catch up with people and their projects. Further information and registration can be found here: <https://www.birdsnz.org.nz/nz-bird-conference/>. The organisers are working hard but at some point we will probably be looking help with other chores around the event.

Bird Atlas project: We're doing quite well, but there's always more to do. Please make an effort to record for the atlas where you live and maybe try a little exploring. We've had a least one count in almost every square but completing seasonal counts requires a bit more work. The Autumn coverage at present is shown on the map below, please make an effort to target the empty squares and the yellow squares. There's lots of choice. 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

