

The Wrybill

Canterbury Regional Newsletter



February 2022

What's on at Birds NZ Canterbury:
February - April 2022

Field Trips

February 19 - The Waihora Ellesmere Trust's annual bird survey of Te Waihora/Lake Ellesmere, which involves counting all the birds on the lake. The survey begins at 8 am. Please contact Denise Ford (Denise.Ford@Selwyn.govt.nz or 027 343 6017) as soon as possible if you are able to help out so she can organise teams.

March 20 - The Ashley River Estuary. Meet in the Waikuku Beach car park at 9 am. We will cover the east end to the rivermouth before shifting under the bridge to the west side. People could visit Pegasus Wetlands afterwards if they wish. Contact Don (birds.canterbury@birdsnz.org.nz) if you'd like to attend.

April 9/10 - Don and Bev are organising a weekend trip to Akaroa, with a minimum of eight people (on a first in, first served basis). Details and costs are currently being arranged. Sites visited over the weekend as part of the trip may include Flea Bay, the entrance to the Akaroa Harbour, Hinewai Reserve, and the headland reserve. There will also be space to pitch a tent on the lawn for extra people. People will need to bring their own food, drinks, and other needs. Contact Don (birds.canterbury@birdsnz.org.nz) if you're interested in attending.

Rambles

February 8 - McCormacks Bay. Meet in the car park by the community centre at 9:30 am.

March 8 - Victoria Park. Meet in the car park near the Christchurch City Council headquarters at 9:30 am.

April 12 - Travis Wetlands. Meet in the Beach Road car park (near the information centre) at 9:30 am.

If you intend to go on any ramble, please let Bev know (birdiebev@xtra.co.nz or 027 318 4713).

Indoor Meetings

Evening meetings take place at 7.30 pm on the last Monday of the month at Mahaanui Area DOC Office, 31 Nga Mahi Road, off Blenheim Road, Sockburn. Plenty of parking is available.

Please note that while we are currently allowed to use this venue again, it is DOC's requirement that vaccine passes are used. Therefore, these will be checked at the door, and you must have a valid vaccine pass in order to enter the venue.

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February 28 - Member's night, with local members sharing short talks and/or photos from their birding over the holidays. Please let Don (birds.canterbury@birdsnz.org.nz) know as soon as possible if you would like to give a talk, so he can organise the evening.

March 28 - Fraser Gurney will talk about his trip to the Kermadec Islands. He may hopefully also have pictures of the Black Tern seen at Waikanae recently. There will also be a short AGM.

May 2 - To be confirmed at a later date.



Immature male Rifleman having a relaxing sunning session, Arthur's Pass Village.

(Mostly) Bird Photos



Immature New Zealand Bellbird, Arthur's Pass Village.



Young male Tomtit, Arthur's Pass Village.



South Island Robin with its tail fanned out, Bealey Spur Track, Arthur's Pass National Park.



Kea having a very close look at my camera, Arthur's Pass Village. This Kea was literally only a few centimetres away from my camera when this photo was taken. It pecked my camera before moving on!



Female Mountain Giant Dragonfly, Bealey Spur Track, Arthur's Pass National Park. Even though not a bird by any means, I still think this photo deserves to be included! These beautiful insects are pretty much equally as adapted for the air as the birds, and their wingspan does rival some of our smallest birds, such as the Rifleman.

Photos and text by William Harland



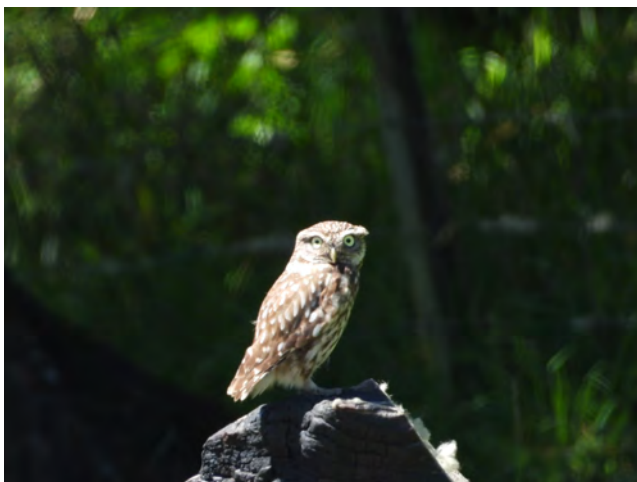
A young South Island Tomtit seen at Lake Ruataniwha. Later an adult was seen, so there was a family beside the lake. A good few bellbirds were around too.

Photos and text by Janet Burton

New Zealand Bird Conference 2022

The annual New Zealand Bird Conference will be held in Christchurch from 4-6 June 2022. For more information, or to register, go to <https://www.birdsnz.org.nz/news/2022-new-zealand-bird-conference/>.

Bird Photos



A Little Owl seen on Kaiapoi Pa Road, Waikuku.

Banded Wrybill



This banded Wrybill was photographed by Jill Hanna at the Ashley Estuary on December 21. If you see a banded bird like this, try to note down information such as which legs bands are on, the colour combinations (if the bird is colour banded, like this one is), the numbers on any bands, the date, and the location. This information can then be submitted to the banding office: <https://www.doc.govt.nz/our-work/bird-banding/finding-a-banded-bird/>. This information can be gathered from living birds, and also if you find a dead bird.

RR's Update

While a little bit late getting started, the September meeting last year went ahead on Zoom, with Celia King talking about the Avon-Heathcote Estuary. Thanks Celia. October's meeting was cancelled due to problems with Zoom. Fraser Gurney was supposed to talk, and he has kindly agreed to talk in March instead. Zoom was used because we have been unable to use the DOC office due to COVID-19 restrictions. However, I booked a different venue for our meeting on November 29, so it could be held in person. I started with a quiz, followed by another from Bev. Nick then gave us a quiz, including a bird song quiz. Finally, William gave us an interesting quiz on 'what bird is that' from his bone collection. Well done. It was a successful evening, with twenty or so of us attending - if you didn't come, you don't know what you missed.

The Farewell to the Godwits has been cancelled this year.

The last few months at Lake Ellesmere have seen several sightings of migratory wader birds. However, numbers are down from several years ago. This usual amount of Bar-tailed Godwits have been seen, but low sightings include Curlew Sandpiper, Sharp-tailed Sandpiper, Wrybill (some banded), Red-necked Stint, Ruddy Turnstone, Red Knot, Pacific Golden Plover and Banded Dotterel. Results from our summer wader count at the lake in December can be found attached at the end of the newsletter. Royal Spoonbills, White-faced Herons, Black-billed Gulls and Caspian Terns have been reported breeding, as have several species of cormorants. At Harts Creek, Spotless and Marsh Crakes, Australasian Bitterns, Shining Cuckoos and Guineafowl have all been reported. Pied and Little Cormorants have bred there in good numbers. Australasian Crested Grebe have been breeding at Lake Forsyth and Sulphur-Crested Cockatoo have been seen in Ataahua Valley (Price's Valley) in good numbers.

Elsewhere, Spotted Doves have been seen at Charing Cross Road. More sightings of this species in the area would help add to the

knowledge of the population there. Andrew Crossland has posted a map on Birding NZ Forum with sightings of them from eBird (<https://www.birdingnz.net/forum/viewtopic.php?f=9&t=11238>). Two Grey-tailed Tattlers were seen at the Ashburton Rivermouth in late October, and one was seen later in Southland. A Pomarine Skua has been seen at the Avon-Heathcote Estuary, along with a good number of Bar-tailed Godwits and smaller numbers of Wrybill and other waders. Two Little Penguins were found near Sandy Bay, apparently killed by dogs. Large number of both varieties of oystercatchers have also been seen at the Avon-Heathcote Estuary. At the Ashley Estuary, a Sanderling has been seen, as well as a banded Black Stilt, and some Banded Dotterels and Wrybills. Royal Spoonbills have been breeding at Pegasus Wetlands. An Eastern Reef Heron was seen at Purau Bay. An Adelie Penguin was recovered at Birdlings Flat on November 10 before being released by Anita Spencer on November 12 at Flea Bay. Another was seen at the Rangitikei Rivermouth on November 15.

Further afield around New Zealand, several notable sightings have been a Black Tern (the first New Zealand record) at Waikanae from 14-22 January, with sightings of a Common Tern there as well. The carcass of a Chinstrap Penguin was recovered at Mason Bay, Rakiura on December 31. In Southland, members have recorded a Northern Pintail, Little Curlew, Little Tern (which has also been seen at the Ashburton Rivermouth), Australian Shelduck, Glossy Ibis, and a range of migratory waders. An Oriental Cuckoo was seen on the West Coast in late November.

Northwards, a Red-footed Booby and Brown Booby were reported at the Muriwai Gannet Colony over the Christmas period. Australasian Little Grebe and Australian Wood Duck have been reported in the Mapua area, with New Zealand Dabchick and Hoary-headed Grebe at Lake Elterwater and Glossy Ibis in Blenheim. A leucistic Grey Teal has also been seen at Lake Elterwater.

Don Goodale

Recent Sightings

**Canterbury and West Coast Bird Report
September to November 2021**

This report covers the period 1st September to 30th November 2021 and is compiled from reports posted onto eBird and the Birding NZ internet discussion site. Your regional recorder would welcome news of any interesting bird sighting, unusual behaviour or searchable sources of other sightings. Email christchurchnzbirder@gmail.com.

Key to letters after bird names:

A = all reported occurrences (for rare/scarce species or escaped/released species etc)

S = significant numbers/occurrences (for species regularly encountered in the regions)

V = vagrant

Great Spotted Kiwi (A) McCallums Mill Road: 1 14/9 SJ. Bullock Creek Road: 3 14/10 WA. Klondyke Corner camping area: 1m 6/11 GA.

Cape Barren Goose (A) St Anne's Lagoon: 1 12/11 WA. Travis Wetland: 2 2/11 PC. Englishs Road, Lincoln: 2 20/9 EG, SW.

Mute Swan (A) Taranaki Creek, Waikuku: 2 13/9 DG, 1 22/9 DG, 1 29/9 BA, JB, 2 14/10 DG, 1 20/10 DG, 1 27/10 DG, 1 30/10 BA, 2 3/11 DG. Pegasus Wetlands: 2 1/9 CC, 6 3/9 BA, 2 4/9 CC, 5 6/9 CC, 6 14/9 BA, 6 17/9 VB, 6 23/9 DG, 4 25/9 BA, 3 3/10 CC, 5 5/10 BA, 1 7/10 CC, 7 9/10 CC, 1 12/10 BA, 6 22/10 DG, 1 25/10 JB, SL, 8 30/10 CC, 2 31/10 WA, 5 9/11 BA, DG, 5 14/11 HR, 1 21/11 BA, 4 27/11 CC, 1 28/11 CC.

Lake Kate Sheppard: 3 27/10 SL. Liffey Stream, Lincoln: 1 3/10 MFr. Lincoln Wetlands: 2 28/9 PR, 1 18/10 JB, 3 24/10 PR, 1 29/10 MFr, 1 20/11 PR. Embankment Road: 1 22/10 DGe. Yarrs Bay: 3 11/9 ACh, GA, 4 1/10 DG, 3 22/10 DGe. Wolfes Road: 3 1/9 WA, 4 18/9 PC, 3 25/9 AC, 2 9/10 FG, 2 25/10 PR, BA, PM, 1 26/11 DGe. LII Mouth: 1 18/9 PC. Harts Creek: 2 11/9 FG, 2 13/9 FG, 1 30/9 FG, 2 1/10 DG, 2 9/10 FG, 2 11/10 DG, 1 17/10 DG, 1 22/10 PM, 1 23/10 KW, 1 24/10 PM, 1 29/10 JB, 2 16/11 IH.

Timberyard Road: 2 14/10 AS, MF. Coopers Lagoon: 7 10/11 BA. Spider Lagoon: 2 26/11 PS, JS.

Blue Duck (A) Huia River: 1 18/11 ACa. Alexander River: 1 15/10 ACa. Upper Mingha River: 2 25/10 FG, MM. Kawhaka Creek: 1 13/10 WA, 1 22/11 GA, EH, OT.

Muscovy Duck (A) Nelson Quay Lagoons, Greymouth: 2 20/10 IW. Aerodrome Lake, Greymouth: 2 22/10 IW. Ross Lake: 2 3/10 ACa.

Tutaepatu Lagoon: 1 14/10 CC. The Groyne: 1 20/9 BA. Riccarton House: 1 5/10 WA, 1 10/10 DG, 1 13/10 DG, 1 15/10 DG, 1 18/10 DG, 1 22/10 NA, 1 29/10 DG, 1 1/11 DG, 1 4/11 DG, 1 7/11 DG, 1 19/11 DG, 1 29/11 NA. Lake Victoria, Hagley Park: 2 9/10 HR. Christchurch Botanic Gardens: 1 22/11 BA. Westlake Reserve: 2 12/10 PR. Liffey Stream, Lincoln: 3 3/10 MFr.

Northern Shoveler (V) Pegasus Wetlands: 1 23/9 DG.

Helmeted Guineafowl (A) Racecourse Road, Amberley: 4 7/11 BA. Harts Creek: 3 16/10 BD. Timberyard Road: 2 28/9 JB, 2 17/10 JB, 3 24/10 PM, 4 4/11 JB.

Peafowl (A) Sandersons Road, Rotherham: 3 22/10 VB. Factory Road, Sefton: 1 29/10 BA. Banks Road, Sefton: 12 7/11 BA. Metro Place, Bromley: 23/10 GA. The Gums, Lyttelton: 1 9/9 JJ. Okana River, Little River: 1 21/9 WH, NM. Timberyard Road: 5 28/9 JB. **Chukar (A)** Lake Tekapo Walkway: 1 18/10 WH, NM. Mount John: 2 3/10 AT, 4 10/10 SD, 2 14/10 FG, 1 18/10 NM, WH, 2 13/11 FG.

Red-legged Partridge (A) Waikuku Beach: 1 12/11 BA.

Turkey (A) Inland Kaikoura Road near Kahutara River: 2 20/9 WH. W of Oaro: 2 25/10 CC. Timberyard Road: 1 24/10 PM.

Golden Pheasant (A) Ellesmere Cemetery: 2 hybrid/domestics 26/11 DGe. Glentanner: 2 14/10 FG.

Australasian Crested Grebe (A) Lake Grasmere: 2 5/11 MVi. Lake Pearson: 1 18/9 BAI, 2 9/10 HR, 1 10/10 JB, 2 19/11 WA. Lake Lyndon: 2 29/9 JH, 1 10/10 JW, JB, 1 25/10 BM. Pegasus Wetlands: 2 1/9 BA, 1 4/9 CC, 1 6/9 CC, 2 14/9 BA, 2 17/9 VB, 5 23/9 DG, 2 25/9 BA, 1 12/10 BA, 2 22/10 DG, 2 9/11 DG, BA, 1 22/11 CC. Kaiapoi Ponds: 2 2/9 DG, 2 6/10 DG, 4 17/10 BA, 2 23/10 DG, 4 30/10 DG, 2 31/10 SA, 2 14/11 WA. Roto Kohatu: 5 19/10 DG, 3 20/10 WH, 6 8/11 DG, 3 29/11 DG. Avon Heathcote Estuary N arm: 1 30/9 DG. Lake Forsyth: 14 18/9 BA, SL, 13 19/9 WA, 29 21/9 JB, 16 1/10 DG, 4 19/10 PR, 8 21/10 SL, 22 22/11 DG. Birdlings Flat: 2 20/9 PG, JB, PRo, 2 21/9 NM, WH. Embankment Road: 4 11/9 ACh, GA, FG. Harts Creek: 6 6/9 MA, 2 11/9 FG, 1 13/9 FG, 2 16/9 MA, 6 20/9 FG, 4 1/10 DG, 1 9/10 FG, 2 11/10 DG, 2a 1juv 16/10 BD, 1 16/11 IH. Lake Coleridge W end: 1 7/11 NA. Lake Henrietta: 1 3/10 GA. Lake Selfe: 5 11/9 HR, 2 3/10 GA, 2 7/11 NA. Lake Evelyn: 1 3/10 GA, 5 7/11 NA. Lake Georgina: 2 11/9 HR, 2 3/10 GA. Lake Coleridge, Ryton Bay: 2 13/11 GA. Lake Clearwater: 5 7/11 DGe. Lake Alexandrina: 14 3/10 AT, 7 9/10 MV. Lake McGregor: 10 3/10 AT. Lake Ruataniwha: 1 10/11

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DD. Lake Middleton: 1 2/9 VS. Pukaki Delta: 2 14/11
FG. Otematata Wetlands: 2 24/10 HR. Ki-Wainono: 2
19/9 ACr. PC.

Yellow-eyed Penguin (A) Shell Bay: 1 16/9 PC, 7/10
PC. Otanerito Bay: 1 7/10 PC.

Adelie Penguin (V) Magnet Bay: 1 12/11 (found at
Birdlings Flat 10/11 and held in rehab for 2 days) AS.

Little Black Shag (A) Clarence RM: 1 17/11 DB, EW.
Ashley Estuary: 1 4/9 BA, 9 29/10 BA, 7 30/10 BA, 1
6/11 BA, 1 21/11 CC, 2 29/11 BA. Taranaki Creek: 1
2/10 BA, 2 11/11 BA. Pegasus Wetlands: 1 14/9 BA,
1 17/9 CC, 1 3/10 CC, 4 16/10 BA, 19 14/11 HR, 1
23/11 CC. Kaiapoi Ponds: 3 2/9 DG, 1 30/10 DG.
Lake Kate Sheppard: 16 24/10 PC, 8 27/10 SL, 4
25/11 NF. Bexley Wetland: 1 7/10 WA, 1 16/11 WA.
Bromley Oxidation Ponds: 1 14/9 JB, 2 20/10 JB, 3
23/22 OT, GA, 2 24/11 OT. Windsurfer's area, Avon-
Heathcote Est: 1 14/9 JB, 1 29/11 JB. Kaituna
Lagoon: 1 15/9 SL. Harts Creek: 1 11/9 FG, 1 13/9
FG, 5 20/9 FG, 3 30/9 FG, 4 1/10 DG, 7 9/10 FG, 3
11/10 DG, 5 23/10 KW, 4 24/10 PM, 4 29/10 JB, 1
31/10 VB, 2 16/11 IH. Timberyard Road: 1 6/9 JB.
Okarito Lagoon: 1 24/11 SD.

Australasian Bittern (A) Karamea nr River Motels: 1
25/11 ACa. Harts Creek: 1 11/9 GA, 1 1/10 DG, 1
9/10 FG, MA, 1 16/10 BD, 1 17/10 MFr, DG, 2 26/10
MFr, 1 29/10 JB, 1 31/10 VB, 2 8/11 DD. Timberyard
Road: 1 16/10 AS. Haast Visitor Centre swamp: 1 2/9
SF.

White Heron (A) Stream E of Lake Taylor Campsite:
1 17/10 NA. Ashley Estuary: 1 6/9 DG, 2/10 BA, 7/10
DG. Pegasus Wetlands: 1 1/9 CC, 1 3/9 BA, 2 4/9 CC,
1 14/9 BA, 1 17/9 VB, 1 23/9 DG. Seafield Lagoon: 1
2/9 AW. Brooklands Lagoon: 2 4/9 AS, MF, 1 21/10
DG. Bexley Wetlands: 1 13/9 LR, FG, MM. Lake
Forsyth: 1 21/9 NM, WH. Kaituna Lagoon: 1 11/9
GA, ACh, FG, JR, 1 1/10 DG. Yarrs Bay: 1 1/10 DG.
Wolfes Road: 1 12/9 MFr, 13/9 FG. Drain Road,
Lakeside: 1 9/9 PR, BA. Harts Creek: 1 1/10 DG,
11/10 DG.

Reef Heron (A) Ohau Point: 1 20/9 MP. Rakautara: 2
9/11 PCr. Kaikoura Peninsula: 1 11/9 WA. Albatross
Encounter Pelagic: 1 24/10 CC. Near Pinnacle Rock S
Kaikoura Coast: 1 13/9 DB, MB. Hinekura, S Kaikoura
Coast: 1 13/11 NA.

Little Egret (V) SH6 ~1km S of Hokitika River: 1
12/11 KR. Saltwater Creek, Timaru: 1 4/9 Vijay, 1
5/9 WF.

Cattle Egret (A) Martins I flats W of Westport: 8
23/10 RN. Tulls Road, Waikuku: 1 22/11 BA. Wolfes
Road: 1 11/10 DG. Drain Road, Lakeside: 7 9/9 BA,
PR, 7 30/9 FG, 5 23/10 BA, 5 25/10 BA, PR, PM, 4
10/11 BA.

Australian White Ibis (V) Between Dunsandel and

Southbridge: 1 17/11 JSw.

Glossy Ibis (V) Ki-Wainono: 1 25/11 PS, JS, DH.

Weka (S) Goat Pass: 1 24/10 FG, MM. Arthur's Pass
Village: 1 24/10 BM.

Marsh Crake (A) Halswell: 1 22/9 NMu. Harts Creek:
1 13/9 FG, 1 1/10 DG, 1 11/10 DG. Ohau C Ponds: 1
26/10 FG.

Spotless Crake (A) Harts Creek: 1 11/9 GA.

Black Stilt (A) Taranaki Paddocks, Waikuku: 1 13/9
BA. Brooklands Lagoon: 1 29/9 DG. Irrigation Pond,
Ashburton Forks: 2 8/9 DGe. Rangitata River near
Forest Creek: 1 9/10 DT, PS. Lake Tekapo SE bay: 2
24/11 DH. Cass Delta: 1 16/10 FG, 2 28/10 FG, 1
13/11 FG. Tasman Fan: 3 9/10 SD, 5 10/10 MV, 6
16/10 FG, 3 24/10 JW, 2 24/11 DH. Pukaki Delta: 2
14/11 FG.

Black-fronted Dotterel (A) Waiau River ~1km
downstream Leslie Hills Road bridge: 3 5/11 KM.
Waipara River at Webbs Road: 1 7/11 BA. Waipara
RM: 5 14/11 WA. Kowai RM: 1 13/11 BA. Ashley
River @ Marchmont Road: 1 20/11 AS, MF. Ashley
Estuary: 2 6/11 BA, 2 29/11 BA. Kesteven Place
Wetland, Ravenswood: 13 1/9 DG, BA, 5 4/9 JR, 2
11/9 DG, 10 19/9 BA, 7 22/9 DG, 4 25/9 BA, 6 29/9
DG, 5 8/10 DG, 7 14/10 DG, 5 16/10 BA, 6 21/10 DG.
Harts Creek: 2 1/10 DG. Selwyn River S of SH1: 4
10/10 ACr. Lake Hood: 2 25/10 DGe. Ashburton RM:
4 23/10 GA, 3 24/10 DGe, 2 29/10 FG. Rangitata River
N of SH1 bridge: 2 25/11 FG. Rangitata River SE of
SH1 bridge: 1 4/11 FG, 1 11/11 DGe. Rangitata RM: 2
17/11 FG. Opihi RM: 1 19/9 PC, 1 26/11 JS, PS.
Otipua Wetland: 2 15/9 PS, JS. Saltwater Creek
Preserve, Timaru: 1 20/9 FG, 2 16/10 WA.

Wrybill (S) Tip of Kaitorete Spit: 561 8/9 AC, FG, 704
9/9 ACr. Washdyke Lagoon: 17 15/9 JS, PS.

Pacific Golden Plover (A) Jarvis Road: 1 26/11 DGe.
Embankment Road: 15 9/10 FG, 15 10/10 GA, 15
11/10 DG, 10 15/10 AC, 5 22/11 DG.

Turnstone (A) Kaikoura Peninsula: 1 24/10 VB.
Ashley Estuary: 3 30/10 DH. Brooklands Lagoon: 1
4/11 DG, 3 29/11 BA. Embankment Road: 3 9/10 FG,
3 10/10 GA, 3 11/10 DG, 14 22/10 DGe, 11 28/10 AC,
6 29/10 MFr, 2 22/11 DG. Wolfes Road: 3 18/11 FG,
3 22/11 DG. Aggies: 3 12/11 AC, 1 28/11 FG, AC. Tip
of Kaitorete Spit: 15 8/9 FG, AC, 18 11/9 ACh, GA, FG,
1 9/9 ACr, 15 19/9 WA, 13 1/10 DG. Ashburton RM: 3
22/10 ACr, 3 24/10 DGe. Ki-Wainono: 1 25/11 PS, JS,
DH. Cape Patisson, Chatham Is: 8 19/10 SR, 16
20/11 SLa.

Lesser Knot (A) Orowaiti Lagoon: 5 27/10 RN, 8
28/10 RN. Barrytown Flats: 1 10/10 GH, 8 25/10 GH.
Ashley Estuary: 1 27/10 DG, 5 21/11 CC. Aggies: 13
12/11 AC, 2 28/11 AC, FG. Embankment Road: 1 11/9
GA, FG, ACh, 1 9/10 FG, 2 11/10 DG, 15 22/10 DGe, 4

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28/10 AC, 3 29/10 MFr, 2 22/11 DG, 5 26/11 DGe.
Yarrs Bay: 1 22/10 DGe. Wolfes Road: 3 25/10 PM,
BA, PR, 2 19/11 GA, 2 22/11 DG, 6 23/11 OT. Tip of
Kaitorete Spit: 2 1/10 DG.

Curlew Sandpiper (A) Tip of Kaitorete Spit: 1 8/9 AC,
FG, AC, 1 11/9 GA, FG, ACh, 1 9/9 ACr, 1 1/10 DG.

Sanderling (V) Ashley Estuary: 1 17/11 BA.

Red-necked Stint (A) Embankment Road: 3 11/9 FG,
GA, ACh, 7 12/9 AC, 7 13/9 FG, 11 9/10 FG, 3 10/10
GA, 3 11/10 DG, 24 22/10 DGe, 17 28/10 AC, 11
29/10 MFr, 5 22/11 DG, 26 26/11 DGe. Tip of
Kaitorete Spit: 8 8/9 FG, AC, 7 11/9 FG, GA, ACh, 2
9/9 ACr, 6 19/9 WA, 8 1/10 DG.

Sharp-tailed Sandpiper (A) Linwood Paddocks: 1
13/9 ACr. Embankment Road: 1 12/9 AC. Wolfes
Road: 2 18/11 FG, 2 19/11 GA, 2 21/11 AB, 2 22/11
DG, 2 23/11 OT. Aggies: 8 28/11 FG, AC. Ki-Wainono:
1 25/11 JS, PS.

Pectoral Sandpiper (A) Waipara RM: 1 13/11 BA.
Aggies: 1 26/11 DGe.

Marsh Sandpiper (V) Embankment Road: 1 22/11
DG. Yarrs Bay: 1 8/9 WA, 11/9 FG, GA, ACh, 1/10 DG.
Wolfes Road: 1 25/9 AC, 1 11/10 DG.

Grey-tailed Tattler (A) Ashburton RM: 2 22/10 ACr.

Wandering Tattler (V) Cape Pattison: 1 20/11 SLA.

Red-billed Gull (S) Kaikoura Peninsula: 4000+ in
breeding colony 12/11 WA.

Black-billed Gull (S) Tip of Kaitorete Spit: 2900 9/9
ACr. Rangitata RM: 4000 11/9 DGe.

Caspian Tern (S) Jarvis Road: 160 26/11 DGe.

White-fronted Tern (S) Birdlings Flat: 2000 16/11 IH.

Barbary Dove (A) Kippenberger Avenue, Rangiora: 1
1/11 BA. Northbrook Wetlands, Rangiora: 1 16/11
BA. Blakes Rd, Belfast: 1 20/10 ACr. Bottle Lake: 2
17/10 PC, 1 18/10 PC, 2 19/10 PC, 1 28/10 PC, 2
1/11 PC, 3 4/11 PC, 1 7/11 PC, 1 10/11 PC, 1 14/11
PC, 1 15/11 PC, 2 24/11 PC. Marshland Road #375: 5
9/9 ACr. Cnr Mairehau & Burwood Roads: 2 14/11
PC. Marshland Road #287: 1 21/11 PC. Hills Road
#355: 1 26/11 WA.

Spotted Dove (A) Charing Cross/Greendale area: 4
22/9 ACr, 9 3/11 ACr, 1 20/11 KR.

Oriental Cuckoo (V) Arthurs Road, Lake Mapourika:
1 17/11 LG, 18/11 WA, 19/11 FG, DH, NR.

Shining Cuckoo (S) Conway Flat Road: 1 26/9 NA.
Living Springs: 1 20/9 PG, JB. Ashburton River S
Branch, Greenstreet: 1 14/9 DGe. Geraldine Downs:
1 28/9 JS. Widespread from first week of October.

Long-tailed Cuckoo (S) Marble Point: 1 26/9 RHa.

White-throated Needletail: SH6 @ Paringa River: 3
21/11 OT.

New Zealand Falcon (A) Heaphy Hut: 1 7/10 AS, MF.
Karamea Highway N of Seddonville: 1 15/10 P&CF.
Waipapa Bay: 1 14/10 SK. Blue Duck Road: 1 20/11

SK. SH67A nr Buller Bridge: 1 21/9 RN. Upper Buller
Gorge: 1 6/11 JN. Lake Daniell Track: 1 3/10 WA.
Marble Hill, Maruia: 2 23/10 BC. Inland Kaikoura
Road near Kahutara River: 1 20/9 WH. Molesworth
Road nr Jacks Pass Road: 1 15/9 DB, MB, 1 29/9 FM.
Clarence Valley Road: 1 1/10 PC. Hanmer Springs: 1
7/10 BA, 1 9/10 BA, 2 10/10 BC. Hanmer Springs
Forest Camp: 1 9/11 CC. Kaiwara Road West nr
Culverden: 2 2/9 VB. Waipara Hills: 1 29/10 AC.
Upper Mingha River: 1 25/10 MM, FG. Klondyke
Corner: 1 7/11 GA. Treetop Walk, Lake Mahinapua: 1
12/10 CS. Lake Sarah: 1 10/10 JB. Castle Hill: 1 9/10
HR. Porters Pass: 1 9/10 HR. Riccarton Bush: 1 10/10
DG. Lake Selfe: 1 11/9 HR. Moa Saddle Track: 1
24/10, AS, MF. Kahikatea Loop Track, Peel Forest: 1
22/9 WH, NM. Cass Delta: 1 28/10 FG. Okarito: 1
18/11 WA. Mount Cook township: 1 24/9 BM. Lake
Matheson: 1 15/9 ACa. Glentanner: 2 9/10 SD.
Hunters Hills nr Matata Reserve: 1 24/9 PC. Mt
Nimrod Scenic Reserve: 1 24/9 PC. Studholme Bush:
1 3/10 ZS. Meyers Pass Road: 1 19/11 PC. Paringa
River at SH6 bridge: 1 23/11 SRo.

Kea (S) Karamea Highway NE of Seddonville: 1 15/10
P&CF. Shearwater Hut, Kaikoura: 1 24/11 PCr.
Mokihinui Valley: 1 19/11 RN. Mokihinui River S
branch: 1 24/11 ACa. Denniston: 1 9/11 RN. Pororari
Hut: 1 3/11 JN. Lewis Pass: 2 2/10 NA. Lake Brunner
Road, Inchbonnie: 1 26/9 PC. Wilberforce River
Valley N of Cascade Ra: 1 24/10 MF, AS. La Fontaine
Road, Wanganui River: 1 28/9 JH. Okarito Forest: 1
18/11 WA, 4 19/11 FG, DH. Okarito Trig: 1 24/11 SD.
Gillespies Beach: 1 29/11 TR. Fox Glacier Township: 1
23/10 BM, 1 24/10 BM. Franz Josef township: 5
22/11 OT, EH, GA. Hooker Valley Track: 1 9/10 SD.
Aoraki Mount Cook township: 1 9/10 SD, 1 10/10 SD.
Mt Eggeling: 3 5/11 ACa. Mt Watney: 1 2/11 ACa. E
of Carmichael Plateau: 1 1/11 ACa. Haast Pass
lookout: 1 5/9 RH.

Kaka (A) Oparara Basin: 2 10/9 RN. Huia Valley: 1
18/11 ACa. Mokihinui Valley: 2 19/11 RN. Denniston:
1 9/11 RN. Rahu Saddle: 3 13/10 ACa. Alexander
River Valley: 2 15/10 ACa. Lake Daniell Track: 9 24/10
BC. Marble Hill: 3 9/10 NA. SH7 Maruia Valley: 1
2/10 WA. Nelson Creek, Lake Hochstetter: 1 13/10
JH. Red Jack's Creek: 1 3/11 JH. Hawdon Valley: 2
6/11 AC. Mt Eggeling: 2 5/11 ACa. Mt Watney: 1
2/11 ACa, 1 3/11 ACa. E of Carmichael Plateau: 1
1/11 ACa.

Sulphur-crested Cockatoo (A) Motukarara: 5 10/10
PC. Prices Valley: 16 11/9 JR, 10 18/9 BA, SL, DG, 21
1/10 DG, 3 2/10 NF, 16 13/10 DG, 14 22/11 DG.

Yellow-crowned Parakeet (A) Huia Valley: 1 18/11
ACa. Hochstetter: 1 22/10 JH. Hawdon Valley ~15
6&7/11 AC.

Rock Wren (A) Otira Valley Track: 2 6/11 GA, 1 22/11 EH, OT, GA.

Tomtit (S) Jollies Bush (above Sumner/Lyttelton): 1 9/10 WA.

Cirl Bunting (A) Deal Street, Kaikoura: 4 28/10 SK. Gore Bay Road: 1m 7/9 AC. Dixons Road, Sefton: 2 18/9 GM. Ferry Road, Kaiapoi: 1 11/9 BA. Bottle Lake Forest Park: 1m 27/9 NF. Charlesworth Wetland: 1m 1f 8/9 NF. Cashmere Road: 1f 16/9 PR. Halswell Quarry Park: 2 1/10 NA, 1m 1f 15/10 NA, 2 29/10 NA, 1m 1f 2/11 NA, 2 30/11 NA. Kennedys Bush Rd: 1 2/9 RK. Prices Valley: 1 12/9 JB.

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Health and Safety

In order for everyone to have an enjoyable time on field trips and other activities we first need make sure everyone stays safe. Here's how you can do your bit.

1. Wear clothing appropriate for the activity such as plenty of warm layers, hat and gloves in winter; sunhat and sunglasses in summer. Bringing a raincoat is always a sensible option. Footwear needs to be suitable as well – think sturdy soles and good ankle support for many walks especially on hills, something that can get wet and muddy especially at Lake Ellesmere in winter. Walking poles could be helpful to some on steep and/or uneven ground.

2. Be honest and open about your physical abilities. Not all trips will be suitable for everyone. If you have a preexisting medical condition that could impact the trip (such as – but not limited to - asthma, allergy to bee stings, diabetes) please notify the trip leader of the condition, any problems that could arise and what the trip leader and others may be required to do to assist you. This information will be kept confidential unless a medical event requires it being shared. Make sure you bring whatever medications you may need.

3. Bring enough food and drink for the event plus a little extra in case the trip takes longer than planned. Fresh water is not always available and dehydration can be a concern in summer so bring your own drinking water.

4. Listen to the health and safety briefing given at the beginning of each trip. Keep your eye out for any unexpected hazards and talk to the trip leader and others if you have any concerns along the way. Let the trip leader know of any accidents or near misses.

5. Stay with the group at all times unless you have the trip leader's okay.

6. The trip leader reserves the right to decline participation in any trip if they have concerns about anyone being unable to participate safely or not being suitably equipped.

7. Health and safety incidents or concerns must be reported to the trip leader/RR immediately.

Scopes for Loan

If you are in Canterbury and wish to borrow a scope, contact Sandra (sandra67@gmail.com). If you are on the West Coast and wish to borrow a scope, contact Liz Meek (ronmeek555@gmail.com).

Submissions

The editor invites members to submit articles and/or photos - by April 20 for inclusion in the next issue of *The Wrybill*, which is due out in early May. Please email any contributions through to eleanor.gunby@gmail.com. Many thanks to everybody who contributed to this edition of *The Wrybill*.

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CANTERBURY WADER COUNT NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2021

Species	Waipara RM	Ashley/S water Crk Est	Taranaki Creek paddocks	Waimakariri Bridges	Brooklands Lagoon & Kaiapoi SP	Travis Wetland	Avon-Heathcote Estuary	Lyttelton Harbour	Purau	Port Levy	Pigeon Bay	Okains Bay	Le Bons Bay	Akaroa Harbour	Lake Forsyth	Tip of Kaitorete Spit	Kaitorete Spit	Birdlings Flat A	Birdlings Flat B	Kaituna Lagoon	Halswell Flats B	Halswell Flats A	Osbornes	Greenpark Huts - Jarvis Road	Jarvis-Embankment Roads	Embankment Road end	Embankment Road	Wolles Road	Lil Pools
Counters/NC	NA	NA	NA	AC	AC GJ	PC JSk	AC	AC	AC	AC	AC	AC	AC	AC	AC	PC GJ	PC GJ	AC	AC	AC	MR HM JF	DM ASH	DG	FG AS	NF BN	FG NF	JW NA	NA	n/c
Date counted	12-Dec	4-Dec	4-Dec	13-Dec	13-Dec	8-Dec	10-Dec	2-Dec	2-Dec	2-Dec	9-Dec	9-Dec	26-Nov	9-Dec	2-Dec	5-Dec	5-Dec	5-Dec	5-Dec	5-Dec	5-Dec	5-Dec	5-Dec	5-Dec	5-Dec	5-Dec	5-Dec	5-Dec	5-Dec
Mute Swan																													
Australasian Bittern																													
Reef Heron								1																					
Glossy Ibis																													
Royal Spoonbill		10			5	12	20	9						4		7	5	1	5	17	255	9	6	3	2			18	
Pied Oystercatcher	2	43		16	24	24	1101	11		2	2	6	1	35			1	4	2	2			1		1	35	1		
Variable Oystercatcher	2	25			8		126	22	4	6	6	2	6	9	2														
Hybrid Oystercatcher		23																											
Black Stilt																													
Pied Stilt	5	14			19		52	31							8	40	36	120	244	196	316	199	98	304	77	25	286	137	
Hybrid Stilt		1																							1				
Pacific Golden Plover																		1							10				
Banded Dotterel	5	8		3											4	82	5	63	8		13		5	20	15		21	13	
Black-fronted Dotterel	2																				2								
Wrybill																3				1					32	2		3	
Spur-winged Plover	1	49	3	105	20	14	58	20		2	2	50	8	95	26	7	2	14	10	10	3	11				34		4	
Turnstone		3														20													
Sanderling		1																											
Lesser Knot		1														1												3	
Pectoral Sandpiper																		1											
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper																		11											
Red-necked Stint																												42	
Bar-tailed Godwit		207	2				1160	403										43	24		44		1	2			49	12	
Grey-tailed Tattler																													
Black-billed Gull		1000																							3			34	
Black-fronted Tern		1	1	5																									
Little Tern																													
White-fronted Tern		930														15													
Caspian Tern	1	9			2		10	4						3	1	10				1	1	2		1	252	4	16	3	
Site totals	18	2325	6	129	78	50	2527	500	5	10	10	58	15	146	41	185	49	258	295	226	635	219	112	628	102	94	470	172	0
Wader site totals	17	375	5	124	71	38	2497	487	4	10	10	58	15	139	40	153	44	257	289	208	378	210	105	368	96	94	402	169	0
% of total count	0.21	4.56	0.06	1.51	0.86	0.46	30.37	5.92	0.05	0.12	0.12	0.71	0.18	1.69	0.49	1.86	0.54	3.13	3.52	2.53	4.60	2.55	1.28	4.48	1.17	1.14	4.89	2.06	0.00
# wader species at site	6	11	2	3	4	2	5	5	1	3	3	3	3	3	4	6	4	8	6	3	5	2	4	5	5	3	6	5	0

Notes: Lake Ellesmere level 0.75m. Approx 9% more waders than 2020

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Species	Selwyn Huts	Rennie's Bay/Lake Road South	Irwell RM	Boggy Creek	Drain Road	Harts Creek	Timberyard Road	Johnstons Road	Lower Lake Road nr Taumutu	Fisherman's Point	Subtotal Lake Ellesmere	Coopers Lagoon	Ashburton RM	Spider Lagoon	Opiri RM/Millford Lagoon	Beach Road Wetlands	Washdyke Lagoon	Ki-Wairongo	TOTAL	
Counters/NC	DG	BA	BA	BA	BA	BA	BA	BA	BA	BA		BA	AC	PS JS	PS JS	AC	PS	PS JS		
Date counted	5-Dec	4-Dec	4-Dec	4-Dec	4-Dec	4-Dec	4-Dec	4-Dec	4-Dec	4-Dec		4-Dec	18-Dec	26-Nov	26-Nov	18-Dec	22-Dec	25-Nov		
Mute Swan						2				2	4	8		2						14
Australasian Bittern		1				1					2									2
Reef Heron											0									1
Glossy Ibis											0								1	1
Royal Spoonbill	47		6	5	3		2		11		402		15	10	1	6			27	521
Pied Oystercatcher									2		49	2	23	8	6	59	2	14		1430
Variable Oystercatcher											0		2	2		12	25			259
Hybrid Oystercatcher											0									23
Black Stilt											0					1				1
Pied Stilt			9	41		22	1	8	12		2171	31	18	17	9	211	158	566		3310
Hybrid Stilt				1							2								1	4
Pacific Golden Plover											11									11
Banded Dotterel											245	1	6		1	17	17	20		327
Black-fronted Dotterel											2		4		1					9
Wrybill											41		1				1	1		44
Spur-winged Plover			2	6	3			1	2		109	2	4	16	2	97	26	52		761
Turnstone											20		3				1	1		28
Sanderling											0									1
Lesser Knot											4									5
Pectoral Sandpiper											1									1
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper											11								1	12
Red-necked Stint											42									42
Bar-tailed Godwit											175						1		5	1953
Grey-tailed Tattler											0		1							1
Black-billed Gull				7						2	46	2		81	104	2	9	305		1549
Black-fronted Tern											0		12						1	20
Little Tern											0		1							1
White-fronted Tern											17			3	990	46				1986
Caspian Tern				2	3						295		5	1				2		333
Site totals	47	1	17	62	9	25	3	9	27	4	3649	46	95	140	1114	452	241	995		12650
Wader site totals	0	0	11	48	3	22	1	9	16	0	2883	36	62	43	19	398	230	661		8221
% of total count	0.00	0.00	0.13	0.58	0.04	0.27	0.01	0.11	0.19	0.00	35.07	0.44	0.75	0.52	0.23	4.84	2.80	8.04		100.00
# wader species at site	0	0	2	3	1	1	1	2	3	0	15	4	9	4	5	7	7	9		17

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