

The Wrybill

Canterbury Regional Newsletter



May 2022

What's on at Birds NZ Canterbury:
May - July 2022

Field Trips

May 14/15 - The aim is to use 5-minute bird count techniques to cover some atlas squares. Contact Nick (nick_allen@xtra.co.nz) if you're interested in helping out.

June 19 - The annual winter wader count at Lake Ellesmere. We will meet at the end of Embankment Road. Contact Don (breadmandon@gmail.com) if you're able to assist.

July 16 - The annual Ashburton Lakes survey. Contact Don Geddes (don.geddes@fireandemergency.nz) for further details.

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.

May 30 - Speaker to be confirmed.

June 27 - Speaker to be confirmed.

July 25 - Speaker to be confirmed.

Don will send an email round prior to each meeting announcing who the speaker is.

New Zealand Bird Conference 2022

The annual New Zealand Bird Conference will be held here in Christchurch, at the University of Canterbury, from 4-6 June. Scientific presentations run over the Saturday and Sunday, with organized field trips held on the Monday, as well the option to attend a week long atlassing trip to the West Coast following the conference. This is a great way of catching up with old friends and meeting new ones. For more information, or to register, go to <https://www.birdsnz.org.nz/news/2022-new-zealand-bird-conference/>.

Rambles

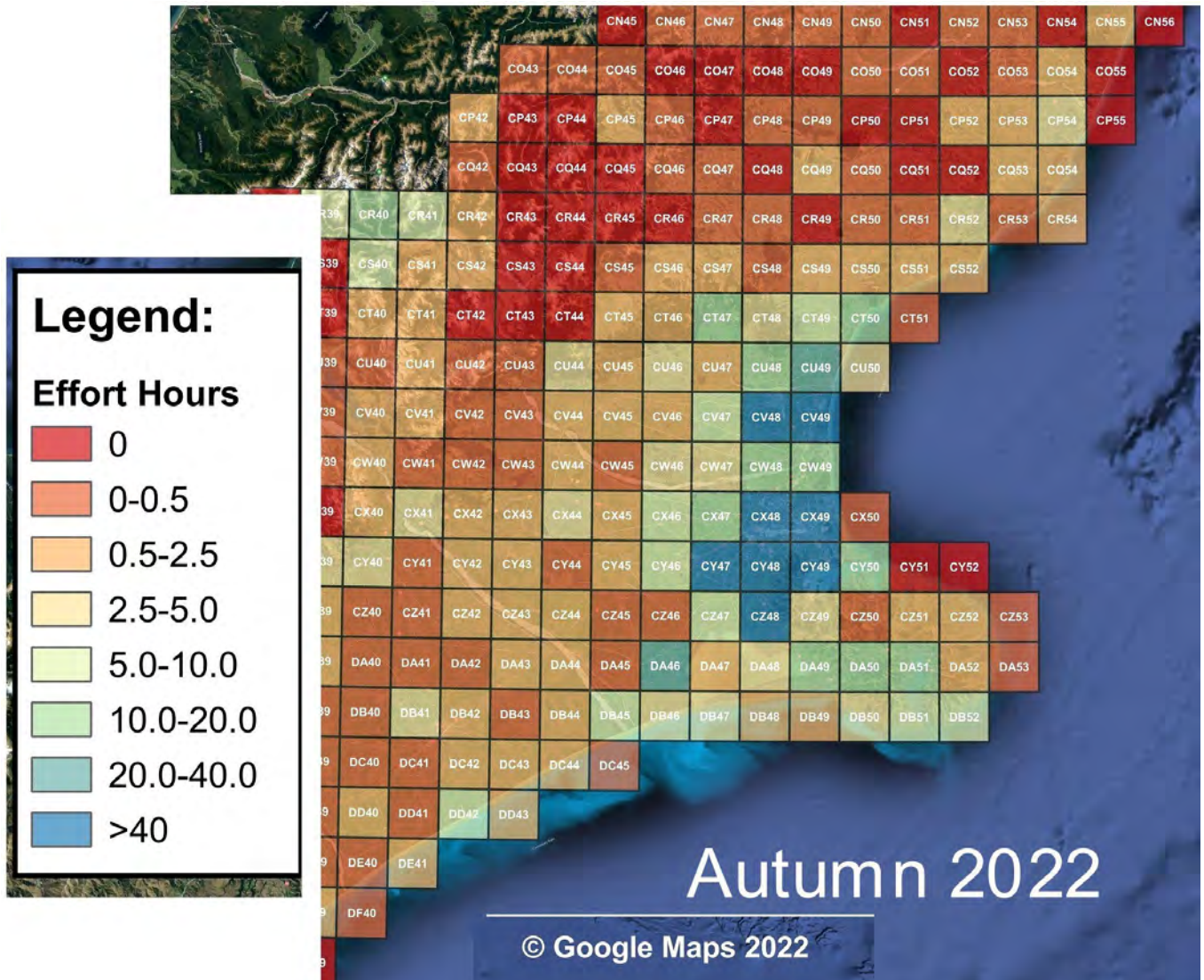
Rambles have been paused over winter, but may be continued later on in the year if there is enough interest.

Westport Pelagic

A pelagic trip is being held off Westport on the weekend of May 14/15. If you are interested, contact Steve Wood (stevewood@xtra.co.nz) to check if spaces are still available.

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NZ Bird Atlas Autumn Coverage - Canterbury



The bird atlas team have recently started producing maps for each season showing time spent atlassing in each square with a better breakdown of time than that on the website, which has the lowest interval set at up to five hours. The map more easily shows squares which have had little time spent in them - 30 minutes or one hour is probably not sufficient to find all the species that are present in a square. Lists from squares coloured any shade of orange or red would be gratefully received - some are quite close to Christchurch, with one even in the urban area of the city, and others around Lake Ellesmere.

A map is available for the whole of Canterbury from me at christchurchnzbirder@gmail.com and help with atlassing and eBird is available via the NZ Bird Atlas website <https://ebird.org/atlasnz/about/atlas-essentials> or send me an email.

Nick Allen

Akaroa Visit Report



Spotted Shags and a White-fronted Tern in Akaroa.

I went with friends on a weekend trip to Akaroa early in April. The weather was fantastic, and we visited areas I had not been before in search of bird life. Up one valley road we came across a lady who regularly fed sweet juice to the Bellbirds and Tui who were plentiful around her large property. She gave us a bottle of juice and invited us to watch the birds as they flew in.



Bellbird at a feeder in Akaroa.

She also had a Tui frequently visit her. One Tui had bands on both legs which I sent to the DOC banding office upon my return home. His name is Jack, banded in 2018, and the office was delighted to hear he's still around.



Jack the Tui in Akaroa.

We saw approximately 50 different bird species, had a relaxing time, met friendly Akaroa residents, and look forward to going again sometime to find other interesting places and birds hidden away.

Text and photos by Janet Burton

RR's Update

Two zoom meetings have been held over the past few months. In February, Dan Burgin gave us an update on how the NZ Bird Atlas is getting on, while in March, Fraser Gurney gave us an illustrated tour of the Kermadec Islands. In May, we held an in-person AGM, followed by a quiz night. We'd like to welcome Fraser Gurney to the committee. Rambles were held to Pegasus Wetlands, McCormacks Bay, and Travis Wetlands. Numbers of participating members were well down, so rambles have been cancelled over the winter months. Field trips were the annual all-bird count of Lake Ellesmere (for results, see the spreadsheet at the end of the newsletter) and also to the Ashley Estuary.

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Some interesting sightings recently include a Northern Dhoiveler at Pegaus Wetlands, and, down south, an Eastern Rockhopper Penguin that was at Nugget Point.

Don Goodale

Cars For Conference Field Trips

As part of the upcoming New Zealand Bird Conference, several field trips around Christchurch will be held on Monday June 6th. If any local members have cars they would be willing to use to help provide transport for one of these trips, please contact Nick (nick_allen@xtra.co.nz).

Godwit Movement



This map shows the track of a juvenile Bar-tailed Godwit from Foxton. This bird came down to the Avon-Heathcote Estuary by about 9 am on February 21st, was at Lake Ellesmere that evening, and by 7 am the following morning was passing Kaikoura. After stopping for the afternoon at Lake Grassmere or nearby, it had returned to Foxton by about 9 pm.

Map and information courtesy of Phil Battley

Field Trip/Speaker Ideas

If any members have any ideas for places to visit for field trips, or speakers for evening meetings, please pass your suggestions on to any of the committee members. Their details can be found at the end of the *Wrybill*.

Recent Sightings

Canterbury and West Coast Bird Report December 2021 to February 2022

This report covers the period 1st December 2021 to 28th February 2022 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/scarcely species or escaped/released species etc)

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

V = vagrant

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Great Spotted Kiwi (A) S Glasgow Range: 1 13/1 Aca. Virgin Flat: 1m 1f 12/1 PF. Bullock Creek, Punakaiki: 6 7/12 SB, DT, 1 19/2 GA. Pororari Hut: 4 1/1 LT, 3 11/2 SL. Moonlight Tops Hut: 2 1/12 TR, JR. N of Graf Creek, Trent River: 4 17/1 GM. Tops between Cone Creek & Haupiri River: 3m 1f 17/1 EMc Hurunui South Branch Valley: 1m 1f 18/12 LR, MM, FG. Tops W of Otira: 5 12/1 EMc. Sudden Valley Biv: 1 1/1 CT. Hawdon Hut: 1m 1f 3/1 WA. Hawdon Valley: 1m 1f 15/1 ACr. Hawdon Shelter: 1 10/12 IW, 11/12 IW.

Cape Barren Goose (A) St Anne's Lagoon: 1 3/12 FG, SB, 2 22/1 DG, 2 7/2 DG. Lower Styx Road: 2 8/1 BA. Travis Wetland: 2 2/12 PC, 2 11/1 PC, 2 22/1 GA, 2 3/2 PC, 2 7/2 TM, BMa, 2 21/2 PC.

Mute Swan (A) Taranaki Creek, Waikuku: 2ad 3juv 16/12 BA, 2ad 4juv 7/1 BA, 2 9/1 DG, 1 11/1 WA, 1 25/1 DG, 2ad 3juv 27/2 NA. Preeces Road, Pegasus: 1 4/2 BA. Pegasus Wetlands: 6 8/12 BA, 10 12/12 CC, 1 16/12 CC, 1 18/12 CC, 4 5/1 BA, 1 7/1 CC, 2 8/1 BA, 2 14/1 CC, 4 17/1 BA, 5 25/1 DG, 6 26/1 CC, 3 31/1 CC, 1 1/2 CC, 2 2/2 CC, 6ad 1juv 27/2 NA. Lotus Spa, Ernlea Terrace: 2 17/12 DG, 2 29/12 DG, 2 8/1 DG, 2 11/1 NA, 4 26/1 DG, 2 27/1 NA, 4 7/2 DG, 2 16/2 DG. Southfield Drive, Lincoln: 2ad 4juv 2/2 PR. Lincoln Wetlands: 2 22/12 PR, 4ad 1imm, nesting 24/1 JW, 3 25/1 PR. Kaitorete Drive, Lincoln: 1 5/12 NF, 1 14/2 JB. Yarrs Flat: 1 16/1 DGe. Lower Selwyn Huts: 2 27/12 OE. Harts Creek: 2 2/12 AC, JC, 3 3/12 WA, 3 4/12 BA, 2ad 1 juv 5/12 JB, 2 8/12 AC, JC, 2 9/12 MF, 4 18/1 DG, 2 27/2 JB. Fishermans Point: 2 4/12 BA. Coopers Lagoon: 8 4/12 BA, 16 3/1 ACr, 12 7/2 JB, 9 15/2 PM. Rhodes Lagoon: 21 15/1 PS.

Blue Duck (A) Oparara Basin: 1 26/1 EM. Garden Gully Hut, Croesus Track: 2 1/12 TR. Kawhaka Water Race: 2ad 2juv 7/12 SB, Kawhaka Creek: 1 2/1 NF.

Muscovy Duck (A) Aerodrome Lake, Greymouth: 3 23/2 IW. Ross Lake: 2 2/1 NA. Northbrook Wetlands: 1 27/2 CC. Riccarton House: 1 6/12 DG, 10/12 DG, 3/1 DG, 25/1 DG, 31/1 DG. Victoria Lake: 1 16/2 DG. Christchurch Botanic Gardens: 1 19/2 ZC. Lotus Spa, Ernlea Terrace: 1 7/2 DG, 1 16/2 DG. Heathcote River @ Richardson Terrace: 1 2/2 GA, 7/2 DG. Heathcote River @ Brougham Street: 1 1/12 GA. Westlake Reserve: 1 30/1 PR, 2 18/2 SA. Halswell Domain: 1 23/1 JW. Timberyard Road: 1 18/1 DG. Ashburton Domain: 8 23/1 CC.

Helmeted Guineafowl (A) Old Tai Tapu Road: 2 13/2 BA. Timberyard Road: 1 19/12 BA, PR, 2 2/1 PR, 5 13/1 NF, 5 18/1 PR, 2 5/2 PR, 7 7/2 GA, 5 25/2 PR.

Peafowl (A) Banks Road, Sefton: 2 9/1 BA. Metro Place, Bromley: 1 18/1 PC. Timberyard Road: 1 18/1 DG.

Chukar (A) Lilybank Road: 1 26/2 PC. Mt John: 3 8/12 SB, 4 19/12 GA, 3 24/1 WAb, 2 14/2 MT.

Red-legged Partridge (A) Coleridge St, Hanmer Springs: 1 6/12 KM, SR.

Turkey (A) Timber Yard Road: 1 27/12 GA, 1 13/1 NF, 4 18/1 DG. SH73 nr Taipo River: 4 8/12 DT.

Australasian Crested Grebe (A) St Annes Lagoon: 2 22/1 DG. Lake Poerua: 2ad 1juv 21/2 JWe. Lake lanthe: 2 14/1 NW. Northbrook Estate: 1juv 26/2 BA. Pegasus Wetlands: 1 8/12 BA, 1 16/12 CC, 2 ad 2 chicks 1/1 CC, 2 ad 2 chicks 5/1 BA, 4 7/1 CC, 2ad 1chick 25/1 DG, 4 26/1 CC, 4 28/1 CC, 3 1/2 CC, 1 2/2 CC, 1 27/2 NA. Kaiapoi Lakes: 2 (active nest) 1/12 BA, 1 14/12 BA, 1 31/12 DG, 2ad 1yng 8/1 BA, 2ad 1yng 9/1 SA, 3 25/1 DG, 2 12/2 BA, 2 27/2 NA. Roto Kokatu: 1 16/12 JB, 5 4/1 DG, 5 6/1 EG, SW, 1ad 2yng 28/1 WA, 7 3/2 BA. Lake Forsyth: 7 7/1 KR, 9 18/1 CG, 11 28/1 SW, EG, 15 29/1 BA, PR, 16 11/2 DG, 6 18/2 PR. Kaituna Lagoon: 1 18/1 DG, 1 30/1 WA. Selwyn RM: 1ad 2juv 26/2 ACr. Harts Creek: 2 3/12 WA, 4 18/1 DG. Lake Coleridge N end: 3 30/1 NA. Lake Henrietta: 1 30/1 NA. Lake Selfe: 3 30/1 NA, 3ad 2juv 6/2 AT, 8 7/2 RHu. Lake Ida: 2 and nest with eggs 28/12 DA. Lake Evelyn: 4 30/1 NA, 1 7/2 RHu. Lake Georgina: 1 23/2 VT. Ryton Bay, Lake Coleridge: 1 25/12 GA. West Maori Lake: 1 29/1 DGe. Lake Emma: 4 8/1 DGe. Lake Opuha: 4ad 2chicks 9/1 JB. Lake Alexandrina: 56 (42 occupied nests) 18/12 DGe, 32 28/12 PR, 30 2/1 IW, 15 5/1 JB, 40 (17 occupied nests) 6/1 JB. 21 16/1 WAb. Lake McGregor: 2 2/1 IW, 2 3/1 IW, 4 6/1 JB. Lake Ruataniwha Wairepo Arm: 2ad 1chick 26/12 NA, 13 29/12 JB, 1 imm 21/1 JWe. Sailors Cutting, Lake Benmore: 5 7/12 MT.

Erect-crested Penguin (V) Onuku: 1 30/1 JD.

Rockhopper Penguin (V) NE of Ashburton RM: 1 24/2 GA, NF.

Australasian Gannet (S) Maunganui Beach, Chatham I: 1 24/2 SRo.

Little Black Shag (A) Lake Ryan, Greymouth: 6 12/1 NW, 7 30/1 ACr, 8 11/2 SLA, 5 15/2 IW. Ashley

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Estuary: 2 9/1 GA, NF, ACh, 1 14/1 CC, 1 25/2 KW. Taranaki Creek, Waikuku: 2 27/12 MMc, 2 3/1 BA, 2 9/1 DG, 1 4/2 BA, 3 27/2 NA. Pegasus Wetlands: 9 25/1 DG, 22 5/2 BA, 2 27/2 NA. Kaiapoi Lakes: 1 1/12 BA. Travis Wetland: 1 21/12 SA. Lake Kate Sheppard: 7 10/12 NF, 7 3/1 PC, 6 9/1 NF, GA. Lake Victoria: 1 16/2 DG. Christchurch Botanic Gardens: 1 17/12 BA. Bromley Oxidation Ponds: 2 31/12 DG, 2 13/1 DG. Linwood Canal: 9 24/12 NF, 1 22/2 DG. Avon-Heathcote Est: 1 2/1 AC, JC, 2 25/2 MO. Lyttelton Port: 1 29/12 DG. Heathcote River near Beckenham Park: 1 17/1 DG. Westlake Reserve: 1 18/2 SA. Halswell Domain: 1 23/1 JW. Lake Forsyth: 1 18/1 CG. Selwyn RM: 6 1/12 Birds NZ Canterbury. Harts Creek: 1 5/12 JB, 3 8/12 AC, JC, 1 9/12 MF, 1 13/12 AC, JC, 1 18/1 DG. Coopers Lagoon: 1 7/2 JB.

Otago Shag (A) Timaru Port: 2 20/1 CC.

Australasian Bittern (A) Lake Road South, lake end: 1 4/12 BA. Harts Creek: 1 2/12 AC, JC, 1 4/12 BA, 1 8/12 AC, JC, 1 9/12 MF, 1 18/1 DG.

White Heron (A) Ashley Estuary: 1 23/2 BA, 1 27/2 NA.

Reef Heron (A) Esplanade, Kaikoura: 1 4/12 SK. Raramai: 2 16/1 PCr. Purau Bay: 3 2/12 ACr, 1 4/12 AC, JC. Wainui: 1 11/1 CC.

Little Egret (V) Opihi RM: 1 10/1 DGe.

Cattle Egret (A) Tulls Road, Waikuku: 1 28/1 BA, 1 23/2 BA, 1 26/2 VB. Drain Road, Lakeside: 4 12/12 BA. The Lake Road, Lakeside: 1 13/12 JC. Lower Lake Road: 9 23/1 KR, 3 22/2 BA. Johnstons Road: 3 22/2 BA

Royal Spoonbill (S) West Maori Lake: 1 very far inland, probable juvenile 29/1 DGe. Lake Tekapo, McGregor inlet bay: 6 26/2 PC.

Weka (S) Greyneys Shelter: 1 7/12 TR, JR. Edwards Hut: 1 30/12 CT.

Marsh Crake (A) W of Halswell: 1 9/12 NM. Harts Creek: 1 27/12 GA, 2 18/1 DG, 1 23/1 BA, 1 28/1 PR. West Maori Lake: 2 29/1 DGe.

Spotless Crake (A) Water Walk Road, Greymouth: 1 6/2 DD. Travis Wetland: 4 22/2 PC. Harts Creek: 2 2/12 AC, JC, 2 3/12 WA, 1 8/12 AC, JC, 1 9/12 MF, 1 13/12 JC, AC, 1 27/12 GA, 1 13/1 NF, 2 18/1 DG.

Black Stilt (A) Ashley Estuary: 1 24/12 BA, 26/12 FG, 1/1 BA, 9/1 NF, ACh, GA, DG, 11/1 WA, 1ad 1juv 11/1 MP, SA, 1 14/1 VB, BA, 1 31/1 BA, 1 23/2 BA, 1 27/2 NA. Jarvis Road: 1 7/2 PR, BA. Embankment

Road: 2 13/1 WA, 1juv 18/1 BK, ASH, BS. Brooklands Lagoon: 1 30/12 DG. Beach Road, Seadown: 1 18/12 ACr. Lake McGregor: 1 26/2 PC. Tasman Fan: 3 9/12 SB.

Pied Stilt (S) Jarvis Road: 2600 14/1 JC.

Black-fronted Dotterel (A) Waiau River nr Mason River confluence: 1 8/12 SR, KM. Waipara RM: 2 12/12 NA, 1 28/12 BA, 2 30/1 BA, 5 27/2 NA. Kowai River South Branch, Leithfield: 2 5/1 DS. Kowai RM: 1 23/1 MF. Ashley River at Tulls Rd: 2 18/1 Birds NZ Canterbury. Kesteven Place Wetland, Ravenswood: 1 8/12 BA. Brooklands Lagoon: 2 30/12 DG. Rakaia RM: 2 22/12 DG. Ashburton River South Branch @ Hills Road: 2 4/12 DGe, 1 & nest with 2 eggs 12/12 DGe, 4 9/1 DGe. Ashburton RM: 3 19/12 GA, 4 21/12 GA, FG, 4 22/12 DG, 6 24/12 WA, 1 29/12 KR, 3 16/1 WAb. Lowcliffe Creek Mouth: 1 28/2 KR. Rangitata River @ Old Main South Road: 1 2/12 FG.

Banded Dotterel (S) Jarvis Road: 1500 14/1 JC. Tip of Kaitorete Spit: 1500 12/1 AC.

Large Sand Dotterel (V) Ashley Estuary: 1 18/12 BA.

Wrybill (S) Waiau River nr Mason River confluence: 2 8/12 SR, KM.

Pacific Golden Plover (A) Greenpark Huts: 10 5/12 AS, FG. Jarvis Road: 10 5/12 FG, AS, 19 3/2 NF. Stilt Pond, Te Awapatiki, Chatham I: 9 16/1 MB, 9 21/2 MB, DB.

Turnstone (A) Paparoa Pt (Kaikoura N Coast): 1 6/1 KH. Armers Beach: 6 7/2 DG. Point Kean: 5 6/1 BM. Kaikoura Peninsula: 8 2/1 SK, 1 11/2 HR. Ashley Estuary: 3 4/12 NA, 3 7/12 BA, 7 18/12 BA, 1 24/12 BA, 1 27/12 MMc, 2 1/1 BA. Brooklands Lagoon: 2 30/12 DG. Jarvis Road: 3 4/2 AC. Clarkes Road: 2 22/1 EG, SW. Embankment Road: 3 13/1 WA, 1 18/1 ASH, BS, BK, 1 20/1 SA, 7 7/2 GA. Lower Selwyn Huts lagoon: 1 23/1 KR. Tip of Kaitorete Spit: 20 5/12 PC, 4 12/1 AC, 2 17/1 ACr. Ashburton RM: 4 19/12 GA, 1 24/12 WA. Washdyke Lagoon: 1 22/12 PS, 1 29/12 KR. Cape Pattinson (Chatham I): 57 5/1 MB, 54 21/2 DB, MB. Waitangi West Spit: 2 27/12 AR, 33 10/1 AR, 35 19/1 EMa, 40 25/1 OT, 32 2/2 EH, OT, 33 20/2 MB. Waitangi West Beach: 17 19/1 EMa, 7 20/1 AR. Okahu Point (Chatham I): 23 24/12 AR, 13 28/12 AR. Te Whanga Lagoon nr Lake Kaimouni: 29 16/1 TH, 83 22/1 MB. Te Whanga Lagoon Wairua Flats: 58 22/1 MB. Te Whanga Lagoon nr Lake Rangitai: 19 22/1 MB. Te Whanga Lagoon nr Hapupu: 27 22/1 MB. Stilt

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Pond, Te Awapatiki, Chatham I: 35 16/1 MB, 5 21/2 MB, DB.

Lesser Knot (A) Ashley Estuary: 1 4/12 NA, 2 18/12 BA, 1 24/12 BA, 3 14/1 CC. Brooklands Lagoon: 1 30/12 DG. Jarvis Road: 3 7/2 DGe. Embankment Road: 1 7/2 GA, 1 27/2 JC. Wolfes Bay: 3 5/12 NA. Tip of Kaitorete Spit: 1 5/12 PC. Te Whanga Lagoon N end: 19 10/1 AR. Te Whanga Lagoon nr Lake Kaimouni: 113 16/1 TH, 6 22/1 MB. Te Whanga Lagoon Wairua Flats: 8 22/1 MB. Te Whanga Lagoon nr Lake Rangitai: 14 22/1 MB. Te Whanga Lagoon nr Hapupu: 22 22/1 MB.

Sanderling (V) Ashley Estuary: 1 4/12 NA, 7/12 BA, 24/12 BA, 26/12 FG, 9/1 ACh, GA, NF, DG, 11/1 WA, 14/1 BA, 18/1 BA, JB, 25/1 DG, 23/2 BA.

Red-necked Stint (A) Jarvis Road: 15 14/1 JC, 1 4/2 AC, 1 7/2 DGe. Clarkes Road: 21 22/1 EG, SW. Embankment Road: 42 5/12 NA, JW, 11 18/1 BS, ASH, BK, 2 20/1 SA, 7 30/1 JC, 1 7/2 GA. Crescent Island: 16 16/2 PR, PM. Tip of Kaitorete Spit: 8 12/1 AC, 4 17/1 ACr. Waitangi West Spit: 1 25/1 OT. Te Whanga Lagoon nr Hapupu: 1 22/1 MB.

Sharp-tailed Sandpiper (A) Aggie's: 9 11/12 FG. Coop's: 11 5/12 PC, ACr, 2 9/12 WA. Jarvis Road: 1 7/1 KR, 5 14/1 JC, 1 7/2 DGe. Clarkes Road: 1 22/1 SW, EG. Embankment Road: 1 18/1 BK, BS, ASH, 4 30/1 JC, 10 27/2 JC. Lower Selwyn Huts lagoon: 3 23/1 KR. Tip of Kaitorete Spit: 3 12/1 AC, 1 17/1 ACr.

Pectoral Sandpiper (A) Aggie's: 2 11/12 FG, 2 16/12 WA, SB. Coop's: 1 5/12 PC, 9/12 WA. Jarvis Road: 2 3/2 NF, 2 4/2 AC, 2 7/2 PR, BA. Embankment Road: 2 7/2 GA. Tip of Kaitorete Spit: 2 17/1 ACr.

Bar-tailed Godwit (S) Ashley Estuary: 400 (very large number for this site) 18/12 HR.

Grey-tailed Tattler (A) Ashburton RM: 2 22/12 DG.

Wandering Tattler (V) Cape Pattison (Chatham I): 1 5/1 MB, Waitangi West Spit: 1 10/1 AR, 2 25/1 OT, 2 2/2 OT, EH, 2 21/2 MB, DB.

Pomarine Skua (A) Avon-Heathcote Estuary: 1 9/2 DG.

White-winged Black Tern (A) Sunset Point, Hokitika: 1 7/12 R&ST. Waimakariri RM: 1 3/1 LC.

Caspian Tern (S) Greenpark Sands: 252 in colony 5/12 FG, AS.

Little Tern (V) Ashburton RM: 1 21/12 FG, GA, 22/12 DG, 24/12 WA, 9/1 NF, GA. Okarito Lagoon: 1 27/1 BR. Stilt Pond, Te Awapatiki, Chatham I: 1 16/1 MB.

White-fronted Tern (S) Opihi RM: 3000 in colony 10/1 DGe.

Barbary Dove (A) Kippenberger Avenue, Rangiora: 1 20/2 NA, 1 26/2 BA. Northbrook Wetlands, Rangiora: 1 5/1 BA. Bottle Lake: 1 13/12 PC, 1 23/12 PC, 1 9/1 PC, 10/1 PC, 13/1 PC, 17/1 PC, 3 21/1 VB, 1 25/1 PC, 1 31/1 PC, 1 17/2 PC, 1 20/2 PC. Waitikiri Drive: 3 2/2 PC. Marshland Road nr Lower Styx Rd: 2 11/1 PC. Marshland Road nr Prestons Rd: 2 31/12 DG, 1 4/1 BA, 2 9/1 DG, 3 21/1 Birds NZ Canterbury. Marshland Road near Homepage: 2 19/12 PC. Roydvale Ave: 3 3/1 SW, 1 6/1 SW, EG. Akaroa Street, Shirley: 1 23/12 PC. Waterholes Road, Templeton: 3 4/12 BA. Courteney Road, Charing Cross: 4 7/2 DGe. Ellesmere Cemetery: 1 27/12 GA, 2 7/1 PC, 2 22/2 BA, PR.

Spotted Dove (A) Charing Cross area: 8 1/12 ACr, 3 4/12 ACr, 1 31/12 GA, 2 1/1 ACr, 2 4/2 VB, 6 7/2 DGe, 4 11/2 GA.

Long-tailed Cuckoo (S) Amuri Ave, Hanmer Springs: 1 flew over 5/12 KM.

New Zealand Falcon (A) S Glasgow Range: 1 14/1 ACa. Ghost Lake Hut: 1 24/1 BR. Mt Fyffe Road: 1 18/12 SK. Paia Point: 1 30/1 TH, 6/2 TH, 7/2 TH. Pororari River: 1 28/2 RHa. Doubtful Valley: 1 7/2 PC, 1 8/2 PC. SH7 N of Mt Culverden: 1 7/1 ACr. Hurunui North Branch upstream Camerons Hut: 1 31/12 GM. Hurunui North Branch upstream No 3 Hut: 1 1/1. GM. Hurunui South Branch Valley: 2 18/12 LR, MM, FG, 1 19/12 FG, LR, MM. Hawdon Valley: 1 21/1 WA. Woolshed Hill, Hawdon: 1 10/12 PC. Temple Basin track: 1 18/1 GM. Otira Valley Track: 1 2/1 NF. Castle Hill: 1 14/2 BSh. Hinewai Reserve: 1 1/1 DR, 1 11/2 DG. Confluence Matthias & Rakaia Rivers: 2 10/1 PR, BA, 1m 1f 1juv 15.1 PR. Mystery Lake Track: 1 7/1 PC. Inkerman Saddle: 1 29/12 29/12 Bowyers Stream nr Staveley: 1f 30/1 HR. Native Birds Taranaki. Orari Gorge: 1 10/1 DGe, 1 2/2 PS, JS. Macaulay River: 1 24/1 JS. Round Hill Skifield access road: 1 26/2 PC. Pakihi Walk, Okarito: 1 24/2 RHa. Okarito township: 1m 1f 1/1 NA. Lake Mapourika: 1 4/1 RN. Hooker Valley Track: 1 25/12 NA. Aoraki/Mt Cook village: 1f 26/12 PS, 1 28/12 PR. Governors Bush, Aoraki/Mt Cook: 1 25/12 PS. Pleasant Flat, Haast Valley: 1 1 6/1 PD.

Kea (S) Kohaihai Campsite: 2 26/1 EM. Puhi Peaks Sta: 1 11/1 PCr, 1 12/1 PCr. Chasm Creek Walkway: 1

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26/1 BR. N of Graf Creek, Trent River: 3 17/1 GM. SW of Dido Creek, Trent River: 1 18/1 GM. SE of Pororari Hut: 1 11/2 SL. Lake Daniell: 1 27/2 RN. Hurunui South Branch Valley: 1 19/12 FG, LR, MM. Upper Sudden Valley: 3 1/1 CT. Upper Hawdon Valley: 1 3/1 WA. Woolshed Hill: 2 10/12 PC. Tops between Toms & Taverners Creeks, Taramakau River: 2 18/1 GM. Lagoon Saddle Track: 2 12/1 DS. Mt Brown, Kaniere: 1 6/12 TR. Hills SSE of Ross: 2 7/12 R&ST. Harihari: 1 15/1 PC. Okarito Pakihi Walk: 1 13/12 SB, 2 22/1 EM, 1 26/1 BR, 3 24/2 RHa. Fox Range: 7 5/1 LT. Franz Josef township: 1 6/12 SB. Gillespies Beach: 1 29/12 WA. Okarito Forest: 2 30/12 GA. NE of Fox Glacier township: 1 1/1 NA. Mueller Hut: 5 9/12 JR, TR. Mueller Hut Route: 1 28/12 NJ. Hooker Valley Track: 2 25/12 NA. Sealey Tarns: 3 28/12 NJ. White Horse Hill campsite: 1 25/12 NA, 2 17/1 EM. Aoraki/Mt Cook Township: 2 14/2 JS. Pine Grove, Karangarua: 1 21/1 EM. Lake Paringa: 1 6/1 PD, 1 7/1 PD. Paringa-Haast Pack Track: 4 7/1 PD. Roaring Billy Falls: 2 10/1 KH. Stafford Hut Inland Track: 1 30/12 WA. Haast Pass Lookout: 1 13/1 RH.

Kaka (A) Roaring Lion Valley: 1 9/1 ACa, 11/1 ACa. Chasm Creek Walkway: 3 26/1 BR. Ghost Lake Hut: 4 24/1 BR. Slab Creek Camp: 1 2/1 NJ. Snowy River Road: 2 10/1 JH. N of Graf Creek, Trent River: 2 17/1 GM. N of Lake Daniell: 5 26/2 RN. 5 27/2 RN. Lower Nina Valley: 1 31/12 PC. Carlyle Valley, upper Waiau: 1 27/1 DS. Doubtful Valley: 1 8/2 PC. Hurunui North Branch upstream Camerons Hut: 1 31/12 GM. Hurunui North Branch Camerons Hut: 2 31/12 GM. Hurunui North Branch upstream No 3 Hut: 1 1/1. Hurunui South Branch Valley: 2 18/12 LR, MM, FG. Kelly Range: 2 17/2 JH. Hawdon Valley: 1 10/12 PC, 2 16/1 ACr. Hawdon Shelter: 2 2/1 NF. Andrews Valley Track: 1 30/1 GM. Lake Paringa: 1 7/1 PD. Paringa-Haast Pack Track: 1 7/1 PD. Ship Creek: 1 1/1 NA. Smoothwater Track: 1 8/1 PD. Stafford Hut Inland Track: 3 30/12 WA. Stafford Bay Hut: 5 29/12 WA. Lake Ellery Track: 1 9/1 PD. Jackson River Road: 1 9/1 PD.

Sulphur-crested Cockatoo (A) Prices Valley: 20 16/12 WA, SB, 14 18/12 GA, 1 14/1 VB, 22 18/1 DG, 1 28/1 EG, SW, 3 29/1 PR, BA, 1 30/1 WA, 14 11/2 DG, 6 16/2 PM, PR, 23 26/2 JRu.

Yellow-crowned Parakeet (A) Roaring Lion Valley: 2

11/1 ACa. SE of Goat Creek Hut: 2 25/1 BR. N of Lake Daniell: 1 27/2 RN. Doubtful Valley: 1 9/2 PC. Hurunui North Branch upstream Camerons Hut: 2 31/12 GM. Hurunui North Branch upstream No 3 Hut: 2 1/1. Hurunui South Branch Valley: 3 18/12 LR, MM, FG, 3 19/12 FG, LR, MM. Kelly Range: 1 17/2. Hawdon Valley/Woolshed Hill: 5 10/12 PC. Andrews Valley Track: 1 30/1 GM. Thunder Creek Falls: 2 10/1 KH. Lake Ellery Track: 1 9/1 PD. Jackson River Road: 1 9/1 PD. Haast Pass Lookout: 2 13/1 RH.

Orange-fronted Parakeet (A) Hurunui South Branch Valley: 3 18/12 LR, MM, FG, 5 19/12 FG, LR, MM.

Rock Wren (A) Otira Valley: 2ad 1juv 14/1 WA.

Avalanche Peak: 3 22/1 ACa. Upper Edwards Valley: 3 31/12 CT. Fox Range: 6 5/1 LT.

Yellowhead (A) Hurunui South Branch Valley: 9 18/12 LR, MM, FG, 6 19/12 FG, LR, MM. Hawdon Valley: 3 14/1 WA, 2 21/1 WA.

Fernbird (S) Wainono Lake Road: 1 29/12 KR, 1 31/1 WA.

Cirl Bunting (A) Puhi Peaks Sta: 2 11/1 PCr.

Scarborough Street, Kaikoura: 1 3/12 FG, 1 26/2

ACh. Blythe Road, Motunau: 1 16/1 NA. Halswell Quarry Park: 1m 18/1 NA. Jarvis Road: 1 7/2 DGe.

Hanmer Road, Leeston: 2 3/1 ACr. Rangitata Island: 1f 1imm 27/1 FG.

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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.

Submissions

The editor invites members to submit articles and/or photos - by July 20 for inclusion in the next issue of *The Wrybill*, which is due out in early August. 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 FEBRUARY 2022

Species	Waipara RM	Ashley/S water Crk Est	Taranaki Paddocks	Waimakariri Bridges	Brooklands Lagoon	Travis Wetland	Avon-Heathcote Estuary	Lyttelton Harbour	Port Levy	Pigeon Bay	Okains 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	Eastern Greenpark	Embankment Rd
Counters/NC	NA	NA	NA	AC	AC DR GJ Ach YW	PC JS MR DR GJ	AC	AC	AC	AC	AC	AC	AC										
Notes																							
Date counted	27-Feb	27-Feb	27-Feb	23-Feb	23-Feb	24-Feb	22-Feb	27-Feb	28-Feb	28-Feb	28-Feb	28-Feb	28-Feb	6-Mar	6-Mar	6-Mar	6-Mar	6-Mar	6-Mar	6-Mar	6-Mar	6-Mar	6-Mar
Cape Barren Goose																							
Mute Swan																							
Australasian Bittern																							
White Heron		1																					
Royal Spoonbill		9			14	19	65	4			1	16	17	4	26	1	320	5	76	32	1	2	
Pied Oystercatcher		184			227		3306	547	38	10	61	318			1		1		25	6		3	
Variable Oystercatcher		13			12		109	40	4	2	12	28	2							5			
Hybrid Oystercatcher		22									1												
Pied Stilt		65			139	8	113	119	2		2	32		200	49	464	404	80	267	277	254	2500	83
Black Stilt		1																					
Hybrid Stilt																	2					7	
Banded Dotterel		13			53			319						344		1	162		101	17	32	65	504
Black-fronted Dotterel	5																						
Wrybill		3																					96
Pacific Golden Plover																							
Spur-winged Plover	5	11	2	12	26	8	90	12	7	3	11	146	12	27	44	40	138	65	34	35	24	181	23
Turnstone																							
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper														11									
Lesser Knot																							
Pectoral Sandpiper																							
Red-necked Stint														3									33
Bar-tailed Godwit		170			257		1181				2												
Black-billed Gull	3	134												305	155				11		3917	214	3
Black-fronted Tern	3	6		1	19		2							54	20		4	1		62	2		
Caspian Tern		14			18		32	5				5	8	6	3		2	5	3	3			
White-fronted Tern		31												1									
Site totals	16	677	2	13	765	35	4898	1046	51	15	88	547	39	955	298	506	1031	158	517	437	4230	2972	742
Wader site totals	10	482	2	12	714	16	4799	1037	51	15	87	526	14	585	94	505	705	147	427	340	310	2756	739
% of total count	0.06	2.86	0.01	0.07	4.24	0.09	28.48	6.15	0.30	0.09	0.52	3.12	0.08	3.47	0.56	3.00	4.18	0.87	2.53	2.02	1.84	16.35	4.39
# wader species at site	2	9	1	1	6	2	5	5	4	3	5	5	2	5	3	3	4	3	4	5	3	5	5

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Lake Ellesmere wind-affected level 0.7 m, lake closed to sea.

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Species	Yarls Flat	LII RM to Selwyn Huts	Rennie's Bay	Doyleston	Harris Creek	Lakeside	Taumutu	Subtotal Lake Ellesmere	Coopers Lagoon	Rakata RM	Otari RM	Spider Lagoon	Ophi RM	Washdyke Lagoon	Ki-Wainono	TOTAL
Counters/NC							n/c		n/c	AC	DG	NA	NA	DG	PS	
Notes																
Date counted	6-Mar	6-Mar	6-Mar	6-Mar	6-Mar	6-Mar				20-Mar	11-Mar	12-Mar	12-Mar	11-Mar	14-Mar	
Cape Barren Goose								0						2		2
Mute Swan		3			2			5								5
Australasian Bittern		1		1				2								2
White Heron								0								1
Royal Spoonbill	1	256	48	1	97	23		893			15	10			29	1092
Pied Oystercatcher	13							49	2			1		5		4748
Variable Oystercatcher								5	2				2	35		266
Hybrid Oystercatcher								0								23
Pied Stilt	726	115	21			17		5457			16	21		335	530	6839
Black Stilt								0								1
Hybrid Stilt	1							10						1		11
Banded Dotterel	43	3						1272	74	11	1			51	46	1840
Black-fronted Dotterel								0				1		6		12
Wrybill								96	1	5						105
Pacific Golden Plover								0								0
Spur-winged Plover	77	45	45			8		786	6			2	2		12	1153
Turnstone								0	71							71
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper								11								11
Lesser Knot	4							4								4
Pectoral Sandpiper								0								0
Red-necked Stint								36								36
Bar-tailed Godwit	115		2					117						2	3	1732
Black-billed Gull	50			5				4660				19	180	350		5346
Black-fronted Tern	11							154	7		10	3	5			210
Caspian Tern			3					25	4					3	3	117
White-fronted Tern								1				110				142
Site totals	1041	423	119	7	99	48	0	13583	0	167	47	64	298	795	623	23769
Wader site totals	979	163	68	0	0	25	0	7843	0	156	32	25	5	435	591	16852
% of total count	5.81	0.97	0.40	0.00	0.00	0.15	0.00	46.54	0.00	0.93	0.19	0.15	0.03	2.58	3.51	100.00
# wader species at site	7	3	3	0	0	2	0	11	0	6	3	4	3	7	4	15

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