

The Wrybill

Canterbury Regional Newsletter



August 2022

What's on at Birds NZ Canterbury: August - October 2022

Field Trips

August 20 - A visit to Okuti Valley Reserve to do some bird counts. We will also stop to look for Australasian Crested Grebes at Lake Forsyth and Sulphur-crested Cockatoo at Ataahua Valley.

September 3 - A beach patrol south of Birdlings Flat. Meet there at 9:30 am. Good footwear and clothing required.

September 17 - A trip to Washpen Falls. This is a 2-3 hour round loop track on a working high country farm with waterfalls and plenty of birds. Moderate fitness is required. Since it is a private property there will be a cost of \$10 per person. Please contact Don by September 10 if you would like to attend.

October 1 - A beach patrol, meeting at the car park at the sea end of Spencer Park at 9:30 am.

October field trip - The Canterbury Underwater clubrooms in Kaikoura have been booked for October 13-18 (5 nights, 6 days). People will take independent transport to Kaikoura, parking I'm told is pretty good. Members can stay for one night, the whole time, or choose your preference. The preferences of those first in will be accommodated as well as possible. The cost is \$35 per night for adults and \$5 for children. Pillows, undersheet and mattress are supplied, but take your own bedding and kitchen linen. Note that there is a \$5 one-off fee per person

for the club cleaners to wash the sheets and pillowcases. There may be some sharing in dorms. Please contact Janet for specific bedroom numbers in each room. There is plenty to see, with lots of good walks, and an Albatross Encounter pelagic trip can be booked if enough people are interested. Please contact Don or Janet Burton (022 0388 668 or huish2006@hotmail.com) if there are any questions. Further details will be available closer to the time.

For all field trips, please contact Don (birds.canterbury@birds.nz.org.nz) if you would like to attend, unless otherwise stated.

Rambles

September, Wednesday 14 - Avon-Heathcote Estuary, meeting at the end of Rockinghorse Road, South New Brighton at 9:30 am.

October, Tuesday 4 - Adventure Park, Port Hills. Time and meeting place to be advised.

November, Wednesday 16 - Kaiapoi River, meeting at 9:30am .

Please let Bev know if you intend to come on any of the rambles (birdiebev@xtra.co.nz or 027 3184 713)

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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.

August 29 - Andrew Crossland will speak on breeding of dotterels in New Zealand compared to South East Asia.

September 26 - Fraser Gurney will talk on his Kermadec trip so people have a chance to see it (not on Zoom).

October 31 - Harry Boorman will give us a talk about his big year in 2021. Please note this will be a Zoom meeting.



Ashburton Lakes Count Photos

Don, Nick, Bev and I went on the Ashburton Lakes count on 23rd July. It was an amazing day weatherwise after all the dreadful storms, just fantastic to be out among the magnificent snow-covered mountains and still reflective lakes. Not a hint of wind and blue sky, low temperatures of course though we kept busy surveying for birds.

Photos and text by Janet Burton



RR's Update

Lots of bird counts have been undertaken over the last few months including the garden bird count - well done everybody! Sightings have been made of Marsh Crake at Styx Mill, Halls Creek, and Travis Wetlands. A Northern Shoveler has been seen at the Ashley and is still at Pegasus. A Sharp-tailed Sandpiper was photographed at Travis Wetlands, as well as a Chestnut Teal. There have been reports of Barn Owl at Rakaia and an Intermediate Egret at Lake Ellesmere. Australasian Crested Grebe are doing well at Lake Forsyth. The wader count at Lake Ellesmere and the Ashburton Lakes count didn't reveal anything out of the ordinary. Results of the Lake Ellesmere count can be seen at the end of the *Wrybill*. Australasian Gannets have been reported off Taylors Mistake.

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The Birds NZ AGM and Conference held over the Queen's Birthday weekend was a success in every way possible. Thanks to Jim Briskie for organizing a diverse and interesting range of speakers. Right from the first talk to the last was excellent and enjoyed by everyone who attended, with lots of positive feedback. Thanks to Nick Allen for a superb effort in organizing the conference. He did a sterling job with help from Sandra, Jan and the other organizing committee members.

Our meetings have gone well with Terry Thompson giving a talk on his book *The Lonely Islands - The Evolutionary Phenomenon that is New Zealand*. Nick Allen has shown us some British birds and Sarah Wilson gave us a talk on her work with Predator Free Banks Peninsula.

Don Goodale

Waikuku Visit Photos

On Wednesday (3rd August) Bev, Jan and I looked around the Waikuku area. The Ashley Estuary at low tide had a good selection of the usual wading birds. On Kaiapoi Pa Road we found Cattle Egret with the cows and a White Heron flew in, settling happily with the White-faced Herons and Pied Stilts in the flooded paddocks.



A White Heron on Kaiapoi Pa Road.



The Cattle Egret.



A Little Owl on Kaiapoi Pa Road.

A Little Owl was peeping out suspiciously at us from a hollow broken bough, probably sheltering there from the cool wind blowing. It seemed to be telling me to push off as its mouth and bill were moving rapidly in a none too friendly way.

Photos and text by Janet Burton

Wrybill Editor Vacancy

I'm looking for someone to volunteer to take over as the Editor of the *Wrybill*. Eleanor Gunby has resigned as editor as of December 31 2022. I'd like to take the opportunity to thank Eleanor for an excellent job being the editor for many years and wish her all the best for the future. If anyone would like to become the Editor, please contact me and Eleanor will help you take it on.

Don Goodale

Recent Sightings

**Canterbury and West Coast Bird Report
March to May 2022**

This report covers the period 1st March to 31st May 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/scarce species or escaped/released species etc)

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

V = vagrant

Great Spotted Kiwi (A) NW of Saxon Hut, Heaphy Track: 2 16/4 SL. Heaphy Hut: 1m 1f 14/4 CCo. Denniston: 1 6/5 RN, 1f 18/5 RN. Bullock Creek, Punakaiki: 1m 1f 17/4 CCo. Hidden Valley Lodge, Poerua: 1 6/3 JR. Lake Poerua: 1f 5/4 MC, 1f 4/5 MC, 1 25/5 MC. Locke Stream Hut, Taramakau River: 1 2/3 VT. Arthur's Pass township: 1 28/4 SDe, LD. Hawdon Hut 1 8/4 JN.

Cape Barren Goose (A) St Annes Lagoon: 2 6/5 DG. Cheviot Oxidation Pond: 1 15/4 VB, 23/4 DH. Peacock Springs: 4 27/4 ACr. Travis Wetland: 2 14/3 PC, 1 25/3 HR, 2 31/3 PC. Englishs Road nr LII River: 4 27/5 KW. Kingsburys Road, Dorie: 9 6/5 DGe. Sheates Road, Westerfield: 2 10/4 DGe. Washdyke Lagoon: 2 11/3 DG, 1 15/3 PS, 1 22/4 PM.

Mute Swan (A) Taranaki Creek, Waikuku: 2ad 4juv 18/3 BA, 4 20/5 BA. Pegasus Wetlands: 4 10/3 BA, 4 15/3 KA, 2 22/3 BA, 2 3/4 BA, 2 13/4 SW, EG, 8 15/4 AR, 6 25/4 BA, 1 28/4 CC, 4 29/4 NF, 4 30/4 CC, 8 1/5 NA, 4 4/5 BA, JB, 4 6/5 DG, 4 7/5 KW, 10 10/5 ACa, 6 14/5 BA, 1 18/5 CC, 2 22/5 CC, 2 23/5 BA, 4 28/5 CC, 5 29/5 SAm. Ernle Clark Reserve: 2 1/3 DG, 2 7/3 DG, 2 8/3 NA, 2 10/3 DG, 2 18/3 DG, 2 24/3 NA, 2 29/3 DG, 2 30/3 DG, 2 11/4 DG, 2 18/4 DG, 1 3/5 NA, 2 27/5 DG. Ballinger Street Wetlands, Lincoln: 3 23/5 JB. Lincoln Wetlands: 1 2/4 PSc, 2 9/4 KW. Harts Creek: 4 8/3 DG, 2 28/3 ACh, 2 18/4 JB, 2 29/5 NA.

Coopers Lagoon: 6 19/4 PR, BA, 2 10/5 PR, 5 28/5 PR. Rhodes Lagoon: 8 11/3 DG. Seadown Lagoon: 7 25/3 PC. Wilson Road irrigation pond, The Levels: 2ad 3juv 21/4 PS.

Blue Duck (A) Upper Edwards River: 1 17/4 MO.

Muscovy Duck (A) Dalziels Road, Fernside: 2 6/5 BA. Buchanans Road, Yaldhurst: 2ad 11 small chicks 21/3 JB. Roto Kohatu: 1 27/5 DG. Travis Wetland: 1 12/4 DG. Horseshoe Lake: 1 2/5 DG, 11/5 BCu. Little Hagley Park: 1 11/4 DG. Ernle Clark Reserve: 1 8/3 NA, 10/3 DG, 30/3 DG, 18/4 DG, 26/4 NA, 3/5 NA, 27/5 DG. Riccarton House: 1 23/3 DG, 2 8/4 DG, 1 12/4 KW, 1 22/4 DG. Victoria Lake, Hagley Park: 2 23/5 DG. Heathcote River nr MacKenzie Avenue: 2 18/3 DG, 1 8/4 DG, 1 19/4 DG. Westlake Reserve: 1 2/5 BA. Lake Forsyth: 1 6/3 JB. Ross Lake: 1 8/4 DB, SL, EB, 1f 24/4 ACa. Lake Hood: 1 5/4 ACr. Tinwald Domain: 9 8/5 DGe.

Northern Shoveler (V) Pegasus Wetlands: 1m 25/4 BA, 29/4 NF, 1/5 NA, 4/5 BA, JB, 6/5 DG, 7/5 KW, 10/5 ACa, 14/5 BA, 29/5 SAm.

Helmeted Guineafowl (A) Timberyard Road: 2 6/3 BA, 5 8/3 DG, 3 9/3 ACh.

Peafowl (A) Waiau River at Sandersons Road: 15 4/3 VB. Amesbury Road, Sefton: 9 29/4 BA. Factory Road, Sefton: 7 14/5 BA. Terrace Road, Ashton: 2 5/4 ACr.

Chukar (A) Glen Lyon Road, Lake Ohau: 5 20/3 DN.

Turkey (A) Inland Kaikoura Road #2791: 6 10/4 NA.

Australasian Crested Grebe (A) St Annes Lagoon: 2 6/5 DG. Lake Poerua: 1 9/3 MC, 13/4 MC, 25/5 MC, 1ad 1juv 26/4 MC, 2 1/5 MC. Lake Pearson: 2ad 1 juv 14/3 BA, JB, 6ad 1juv 8/4 JN, 1 17/4 KW, 2 26/4 LD, SDe, 2 29/4 SDe, LD. Lake Lyndon: 2 3/4 JB, 2 26/4 KW, 5 19/5 CS, JMc. Pegasus Wetlands: 1 22/3 BA, 1 13/4 EG, SW, 1 20/4 CC, 1 27/4 CC, 1 29/4 NF, 1 1/5 SAm, 1 4/5 BA, JB, 1 7/5 KW, 1 14/5 BA, 2 18/5 CC, 1 25/5 CC. Kaiapoi Lakes: 2 14/4 DG. Roto Kohatu: 1 25/3 JB, 4ad 2 juv 8/4 DG, 8 9/5 KW, 2 10/5 ACa, 4 15/5 MP. Lake Ida: 2 28/4 DA. Lake Selfe: 6 19/3 GA, 13 28/4 DA. Lake Evelyn: 6 19/3 GA, 4 26/3 DGe, 1 28/4 DA. Lake Georgina: 1 19/3 GA. Leto's Wetland, Lake Coleridge: 1 19/3 GA. Lake Forsyth: 12ad 6juv 6/3 JB, 3 8/4 BA, 2ad 2imm 11/4 JB, 23 23/4 HR. West Maori Lake: 1 15/4 DGe, 1 30/4 DGe. Cameron Fan, Lake Heron: 4 18/4 DGe. Lake Clearwater: 3 14/5 NA. Lake Opuha: 4 18/5 CS. Lake Ruataniwha, Wairepo Arm: 5 9/4 JWe, 2 17/4 AN, 2 14/5 JWe. Lake Middleton: 1 16/4 NA. Lake Benmore, head of

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Ahuriri Arm: 5 17/4 NA. Lake Benmore, Sailors
 Cutting: 2 17/4 NA. Otematata Wetlands: 5 17/4 JJ.
 Lake Aviemore: 2 17/4 NA.
New Zealand Dabchick (V) St Annes Lagoon: 1 28/5
 BA.
Erect-crested Penguin (V) Kaikoura: 1 6/3 via Michael
 Szabo.
Little Black Shag (A) Lake Ryan, Greymouth: 2 26/5
 BA. Lake Brunner: 1 9/4 JN, 1 23/5 MC. Mananui
 Tramline, Mahinapua: 1 21/5 SL. Ashley Estuary: 6
 1/4 BA, 1 23/4 AC, 4 1/5 NA, 1 3/5 KA. Taranaki
 Creek, Waikuku: 2 1/3 BA, 2 18/3 BA, 2 14/5 BA.
 Pegasus Wetlands: 3 10/3 BA, 1 15/3 KA, 6 3/4 BA, 1
 15/4 AR, 1 25/4 BA, 2 4/5 BA, 8 6/5 DG, 3 7/5 KW, 1
 14/5 BA, 1 23/5 BA. Kaiapoi Lakes: 2 2/4 BA.
 Brooklands Lagoon: 1 17/5 JRi. Orana Wildlife Park: 1
 21/4 JBr. Styx Mill Reserve: 2 26/3 BA. Horseshoe
 Lake: 2 2/5 DG. Riccarton Park pond: 1 19/4 DG.
 Christchurch Botanic Gardens: 2 18/4 JBr. Victoria
 Lake: 1 10/3 PR. Avon-Heathcote Estuary northern
 arm: 5 14/5 SLa. Linwood Canal: 1 1/3 DG, 2 17/3 DG,
 1 16/5 DG. Avon Heathcote Estuary windsurf area: 1
 4/4 DG. Heathcote River nr MacKenzie Avenue: 1 8/4
 DG. Quail Island: 2 1/5 CC. Harts Creek: 6 29/5 NA.
Otago Shag (A) Timaru Harbour: 7 11/3 DG.
Australasian Bittern (A) Pegasus Wetlands: 1 15/4
 AR. Lake Ellesmere, Dickies Road: 1 6/3 BA. Harts
 Creek: 1 8/3 DG, 6/5 ACh. Lake Matheson: 1 23/4
 KW.
White Heron (A) Upper Waiau River: 2 flew low
 overhead 8/3 VT. Tulls Road: 1 31/5 BA. Ashley
 Estuary: 1 1/3 BA, 12/3 BA, 18/3 SW, 20/3 Birds NZ
 Canterbury, 1/4 BA, 23/4 AC, 3/5 BA, KA. Pegasus
 Wetlands: 1 29/4 NF, 6/5 DG. Waianiwaniwa Road,
 Malvern Hills: 1 16/3 AT. Linwood Canal: 1 4/5 DG,
 24/5 DG. Halswell River, Motukarara: 1 9/4 PC.
 Kaituna Lagoon: 1 8/5 SAm. Harts Creek: 1 10/4 MF.
 Harper Road: 1 26/3 DGe. Lake Clearwater: 1 5/3 KA.
Little Egret (V) Saltwater Creek, Timaru: 1 26/3 SD.
Reef Heron (A) Point Kean, Kaikoura: 1 21/3 PR, 1 6/5
 DG. Taylors Mistake: 1 28/4 WB.
Cattle Egret (A) Ruatapu Road, Ruatapu: 2 27/5 BA.
 Tulls Road, Waikuku: 1 1/3 BA, 25/3 BA. Lower Lake
 Road, Lakeside: 9 8/3 PR, BA, DG.
Glossy Ibis (V) Yarrs Bay: 1 6/3 SA, JD, FS, AC, ACh.
Marsh Crake (A) Wolfes Road: 2 25/3 KW. Harts
 Creek: 3 28/3 ACh, 3 30/3 GM, 3 6/5 ACh, 3 14/5 NF.
 Rakaia RM south bank: 1 11/4 ACr.

Spotless Crake (A) Travis Wetland: 2 13/3 PC, 1 27/3
 JR. Harts Creek 3 28/3 ACh, 1 6/5 ACh, 2 14/5 NF.
Black Stilt (A) Ashley Estuary: 1 1/3 BA, 9/3 SAm.
 Wolfes Road: 1 25/3 KW. Opihi RM: 1 25/3 PC. Lake
 Opuha: 2 18/5 CS. Twin Stream Delta, Glentanner: 1
 22/4 MD, DDe, MDe.
Black-fronted Dotterel (A) Kesteven Place Wetland,
 Ravenswood: 9 25/3 BA, 9 21/4 BA, PR, 10 28/4 BA, 9
 6/5 DG, 3 10/5 ACa, 5 14/5 BA. Ashburton RM: 1 6/5
 DGe. Hinds RM: 4 5/4 ACr. Opihi RM: 1 12/3 NA.
 Seadown Lagoon: 1 25/3 PC. Washdyke Lagoon: 6
 11/3 DG, 1 15/3 PS. Otipua Wetland: 1 23/4 CC.
Turnstone (A) Point Kean, Kaikoura: 1 21/3 PR, 8
 24/5 MPe. Kaikoura Peninsula: 15 10/4 SK. Kaikoura
 South Bay Coastguards: 30 19/3 WP. Ashley Estuary:
 1 23/4 AC. NE Te Whanga Lagoon: 25 6/3 TH, 17
 13/3 JM.
Lesser Knot (A) NE Te Whanga Lagoon: 70 6/3 TH.
Sanderling (V) Ashley Estuary: 1 12/3 BA, 13/3 CC,
 20/3 Birds NZ Canterbury. Embankment Road: 1
 15/3 ACh.
Red-necked Stint (A) Embankment Road: 4 15/3
 ACh. Wolfes Road: 2 3/5 AC.
Pomarine Skua (A) Kaikoura Whale Watch: 1 7/5 SK.
Black-billed Gull (S) Lake Hood: 2000 5/4 ACr.
Barbary Dove (A) Kippenberger Ave, Rangiora: 8 4/5
 BA, 1 14/5 BA. Bottle Lake Ranger HQ: 1 13/3 PC, 1
 28/3 PC. Marshland Road near Prestons Road: 2 27/5
 DG.
Spotted Dove (A) Charing Cross/Greendale area: 1
 20/4 PR, 1 30/4 ACr.
New Zealand Falcon (A) Denniston: 1 6/5 RN. Glen
 Alton: 1 29/3 PG. Cromer Street, Kaikoura: 1 29/4 SK.
 Warden Hut, Seaward Kaikoura Ra: 1 28/3 NBT.
 Bushy Saddle, Seaward Kaikoura Ra: 1 28/3 NBT.
 Lower Pororari River: 1 18/5 RE. Lake Tennyson: 1
 4/4 JN. Maling Pass: 1 25/4 VB. Lewis Valley N of
 Boyle Settlement: 1 28/4 PS. Iveagh Bay, Lake
 Brunner: 1 14/3 MC. Kahutara River nr Inland Road:
 1 28/5 PCr. Tophouse Road nr Clarence Valley Road:
 1 28/3 BC. Marble Point, Waiau River: 1 5/4 JN.
 Kaiwara Road West, Amuri: 1 5/3 VB. Hawdon Valley:
 1 7/4 JN. SH73/Mt White intersection: 1 8/4 JN.
 Parapet Rock, Craigieburn: 1 1/4 PC. Mt Cavendish: 1
 20/5 SK. Halswell Quarry Park: 1 21/3 NA. Kennedys
 Bush Road: 1 imm m 18/3 JW. Misty Peaks Reserve:
 1 12/5 PC, 2 17/5 PC, 2 19/5 PC. Stony Bay Saddle: 1
 20/4 PC. Motukarara: 1 14/5 PC, 19/5 PC, 24/5 PC.

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Lower Otira Gorge: 1 22/4 KW. Lyndon Road: 1 19/5 CS. Mt Barossa: 1 25/4 KRo. Near Camp Stream Hut, Two Thumbs Range: 1 11/4 PGI, JBI. Godley Peaks Road nr Cass River: 1 31/3 NBT. Castle Hill homestead: 1 26/4 LD, SDe. Aoraki Mt Cook township: 1 18/4 PS. Temple Valley Camp: 1 21/5 JRi. Greta Stream, Lake Ohau: 1 20/3 DN. Freehold Creek, Lake Ohau: 2 2/3 SH. Clay Cliffs, Omarama: 1 18/4 NA. Thirsty Ridge, Haast Range: 1 13/3 AS.

Kea (S) Mt Arthur Tableland Circuit: 4 23/4 DB. Crooked River: 1 29/4 MC. Lake Poerua: 1 5/4 MC, 11/4 MC. Harper Pass: 1 2/3 VT. Kelly Range: 2 28/5 JH. Edwards River: 4 1/4 PC. Lake Ianthe: 1 4/4 IH. Okarito Pakihi Walk: 1 4/4 R&ST. Franz Josef township: 1 14/3 KR, 1 15/3, 1 29/3 EM, LT, 1 7/4 DB, SL, 4 8/4 DB, 2 25/4 KW. Callery Gorge Walk: 8 26/3 DD, 2 7/4 SL, DB. Lake Matheson: 6 28/3 LT, EM. Hooker Valley: 1 23/4 DDe. Tasman Valley Road: 1 22/4 DDe, MD. Minim Mere, Haast Range: 3 14/3 AS. Thirsty Ridge, Haast Range: 2 14/3 AS. Waitototo Saddle: 2 29/4 ACa.

Kaka (A) NW of Saxon Hut, Heaphy Track: 1 16/4 SL. Denniston: 1 10/5 RN. Hawdon Shelter: 1 7/4 JN. Hawdon Route: 1 7/4 JN. Callery Gorge Walk: 1 7/4 DB, SL. Waitototo Saddle: 1 29/4 ACa.

Sulphur-crested Cockatoo (A) Prices Valley: 47 18/4 JB, 39 25/4 SAM.

Yellow-crowned Parakeet (A) Leslie-Karamea Track W of Salisbury Lodge: 1 10/3 R&ST. Lake Kaurapataka Route: 2 8/4 PC. Lower Avalanche Peak Track: 3 9/3 PC. Mingha Valley: 4 29/4 PC. Hawdon Valley: 1 28/3 ACa, 2 7/4 JN. Munro Track, Lake Moeraki: 2 4/4 IH. Landsborough Valley: 8 12/3 ACa. Lower Arawhata River: 1 28/4 ACa. Waitototo Saddle: 1 29/4 ACa.

Orange-fronted Parakeet (A) East Hawdon Biv: 1 18/3 MO

Rock Wren (A) Otira Valley Track: 1 6/5 ACh. Minim Mere, Haast Range: 3 14/3 AS. Thirsty Ridge, Haast Range: 2 13/3 AS.

Yellowhead (A) Hawdon Hut: 4 7/4 JN. Landsborough Valley: 3 12/3 ACa.

Cirl Bunting (A) Kaikoura Peninsula Walkway: 2 16/5 SK. Waikari Valley Road, Scargill: 1 27/3 NA. Leslie Hills Road, Leslie Hills: 2 21/5 NA. Halswell Quarry Park: 1 19/4 NA, 2/5 NA, 6/5 NA. Loch Laird Road, Otematata: 3 18/4 NA.

Observers: BA Bev Alexander, KA Karla Allan, NA Nick Allen, SAm Samuel Amaris, DA David Anderson, GA Georgie Archibald, SA Steve Attwood, EB Elizabeth Bell, JBI Joseph Bliss, WB William Brice, JBr Josh Brown, VB Victor Buckwater, DB Dan Burgin, JB Janet Burton, ACa Arna Carlson, ACh Annette Ching, AC Adam Colley, CC Christian Cosgrove, ACr Andrew Crossland, BC Baylee Connor-McClean, CCo Chris Cooke, MC Marilyn Court, PC Philip Crutchley, PCr Patrick Crowe, BCu Brett Curry, DD Dylan Davies, LD Lucy Dean, SDe Sara Dean, DDe Donavin de Jager, MD Maria de Jager, MDe Marius de Jager, SD Sarah Dietrich, JD John Dunlop, RE Robyn Evans, NF Noah Fenwick, MF Mark Fraser, PG Peter Gaze, DGe Don Geddes, PGI Penelope Gillette, DG Don Goodale, EG Eleanor Gunby, DH Don Hadden, SH Sally Hanchet, JH John Hughes, IH Ingrid Hutzler, JJ Jon Jackson, SLA Sharon Lake, SL Sara Larcombe, GM Greg McKenzie, SK Stefan Kopec, SL Susannah Lyes, PM Peter McClelland, JM Jess MacKenzie, JMc Joanna McVeagh, EM Ed Marshall, DN Dean Nelson, JN Janet Newell, RN Richard Nichol, AN Arthur Norman, MO Mats Olsthoorn, WP Will Parsons, MPe Manaia Pearmain, MP Micah Pomare, PR Peter Reese, AR Abraham Reid, JRi Jennifer Rickett, KR Kathryn Richards, HR Heather Rogers, KRo Kieran Rowe, JR Jesse Rubenstein, PS Paul Sagar, FS Frances Schmechel, PSc Paul Scofield, CS Colin Shore, AS Anita Spencer, AT Anna Tabea Aichele, NBT Native Birds Taranaki, LT Lydia Titterton, R&ST Robin & Sandy Toy, VT Vaughan Turner, JW Jan Walker, SW Sandra Wallace, JWe Jill West, KW Kely Withington.

Health and Safety

For everyone to have an enjoyable time on field trips and other activities we 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 (sandrav67@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 October 20 for inclusion in the next issue of *The Wrybill*, which is due out in early November. 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 JUNE 2022

Species	Waipara RM	Ashley/Saltwater Crk Est	Taranaki Creek 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 A	Birdlings B	Kaituna Lagoon	Halswell Flats B	
Counters/NC	NA	NA	NA	AC	AC GJ	KR JSk HM GJ	AC	AC	AC	AC	AC	AC	AC	PC	PC	AC	AC	AC	MR JF Ach HM GJ MFI LP	
Notes																				
Date counted	19-Jun	24-Jun	24-Jun	28-Jun	28-Jun	22-Jun	21-Jun	26-Jun	6-Jul	6-Jul	6-Jul	6-Jul	6-Jul	19-Jun	19-Jun	19-Jun	19-Jun	19-Jun	19-Jun	
Aus Crested Grebe																			3	2
Mute Swan			5																	
Little Black Shag																				
White Heron		1					1													
Cattle Egret																				
Royal Spoonbill		10					15	5			1	1			7			18	5	
Pied Oystercatcher		37	34		22		2170	267	24	25	59	101				3		3		
Variable Oystercatcher		7			6		66	21	10	6	11	24								
Hybrid Oystercatcher		15	1																	
Pied Stilt	4	42	13		63	27	125	87	2		4	29	2	15	1	2			20	
Black Stilt		2																		
Hybrid Stilt		1																		
Banded Dotterel		52	3		67		52	7						17	24	76			94	
Black-fronted Dotterel																				
Wrybill		1																		
Spur-winged Plover	12	3	13		17	26	98	1	18	8	10	71	8		10	10	28	9		
Bar-tailed Godwit		11			62		155	16				1								
Black-billed Gull		18	1																	
Black-fronted Tern	1	2		3	8		6							20						
Caspian Tern	2	3		2	5		5	2		1	1		23	2						
White-fronted Tern		110					4							52						
Site totals	19	315	70	5	250	53	2697	406	54	40	86	227	33	106	42	91	28	33	121	
Wader site totals	0	171	64	0	237	53	2666	399	54	39	84	226	10	32	35	91	28	12	114	
% of total count	0.00	2.88	1.08	0.00	4.00	0.89	44.97	6.73	0.91	0.66	1.42	3.81	0.17	0.54	0.59	1.53	0.47	0.20	1.92	
# wader species at site	0	10	5	0	6	2	6	6	4	3	4	5	2	2	3	4	1	2	2	

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Species	Halswell Flats A	Osbornes	Greenpark Huts- Jarvis Road	Jarvis-Embankment Rds	Embankment Rd- Yarrrs	Wolfes Road Bay	Lower LII Pools	Lower Selwyn Huts	Boggy Creek	Irwell RM	Drain Road	Harts Creek	Timberyard Point	Johnston's Bay	Lower Lake Road Flats/Paddocks	Fishermans Point	Subtotal Lake Ellesmere
Counters/NC	KR MF GM	AS	FG	DG DS	NA HR P	NA HR P	n/c	NA HR P	BA JB	n/c	BA JB	BA JB	BA JB	BA JB	BA JB	BA JB	
Notes																	nil count
Date counted	19-Jun	19-Jun	19-Jun	19-Jun	19-Jun	19-Jun		19-Jun	18-Jun		18-Jun	18-Jun	18-Jun	18-Jun	18-Jun	18-Jun	
Aus Crested Grebe	3																8
Mute Swan			2		8												10
Little Black Shag									1								1
White Heron														1	1		2
Cattle Egret									11								11
Royal Spoonbill	15			2													47
Pied Oystercatcher											3	3			1		13
Variable Oystercatcher																	0
Hybrid Oystercatcher																	0
Pied Stilt	13	82	36	89	2			23	1				2		18		304
Black Stilt																	0
Hybrid Stilt																	0
Banded Dotterel		4	39	38	21			4									317
Black-fronted Dotterel																	0
Wrybill				3													3
Spur-winged Plover	2		10		3	4		2			5	4	6	1	22		116
Bar-tailed Godwit		1		1													2
Black-billed Gull			39														39
Black-fronted Tern					1												21
Caspian Tern																2	4
White-fronted Tern																	52
Site totals	33	87	126	133	35	4	0	29	13	0	8	7	8	2	42	2	950
Wader site totals	15	87	85	131	26	4	0	29	1	0	8	7	8	1	41	0	755
% of total count	0.25	1.47	1.43	2.21	0.44	0.07	0.00	0.49	0.02	0.00	0.13	0.12	0.13	0.02	0.69	0.00	12.73
# wader species at site	2	3	3	4	3	1	0	3	1	0	2	2	2	1	3	0	6

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Species	Coopers Lagoon	Ashburton RM	Spider Lagoon	Ophi RM/Milford Lagoon	Washdyke Lagoon	Ki-Wainono	TOTAL
Counters/NC	BA JB	AC	PS JS	PS	PS	PS	
Notes	nil count						
Date counted	18-Jun	21-Jun	20-Jun	20-Jun	23-Jun	22-Jun	
Aus Crested Grebe							8
Mute Swan							15
Little Black Shag							1
White Heron				1		1	6
Cattle Egret							11
Royal Spoonbill							79
Pied Oystercatcher		17	1	2	9	45	2826
Variable Oystercatcher		1	2		35		189
Hybrid Oystercatcher							16
Pied Stilt		66		4	118	377	1267
Black Stilt							2
Hybrid Stilt							1
Banded Dotterel		1		1	17	73	590
Black-fronted Dotterel		2			2		4
Wrybill							4
Spur-winged Plover		94	11	10	4	279	799
Bar-tailed Godwit							247
Black-billed Gull				72	5	8	143
Black-fronted Tern			7	21		1	70
Caspian Tern		1		1		12	62
White-fronted Tern				46			212
Site totals	0	182	21	158	190	796	6552
Wader site totals	0	181	14	17	185	774	5929
% of total count	0.00	3.05	0.24	0.29	3.12	13.05	100.00
# wader species at site	0	6	3	4	6	4	12

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