



THE WRYBILL

Canterbury Regional Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2023

Field Trips:

February 12 - Annual bird survey of Lake Ellesmere. Meeting at Coes Ford. Remember to bring suitable footwear, clothing, food and water. Contact Denise Ford for more details. Email: Denise.ford@selwyn.govt.nz Phone: 027346017

February 18 - A beach patrol. Meet at the seaside car park at Spencer Park at 9:30 am.

February 19 - A final Godwit watch before they leave. Meet at the end of Rockinghorse road at 4:30 pm.

March 4 - Group birdwatch. Meeting at Birdlings Flat at 9:30 am.

March 12 - Need people to help cover Atlas Squares with Nick Allen. Contact Don or Nick Allen for details. nick_allen@xtra.co.nz

Further trips are to be announced at a later date. (Contact Don if you would like to host a trip).

Indoor Meetings:

Evening Meetings will 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 available,

February 27 - Fraser Gurney is giving us his results from his studies on the Black Fronted Tern.

March 27 - Our AGM. A zoom meeting with Ariel-Micarah Heswall who is giving us a talk entitled *Exploring threats to seabirds from the sensory perspective*.

April 24 - Kurien Yohannan the Birds NZ membership officer is giving us a talk called *Wildlife photography painting with light*.



Black Fronted Tern - Ashley Estuary - Samuel Amaris

RR's Report

2023, a month gone already and I hope you had a good holiday period. The AGM is on March 27 at 7:30 pm at 31 Nga Mahi Road. Nominations are required for Regional Representative, Regional recorder, Treasurer and other committee members. Our last meeting was a successful quiz night, thanks to William, Janet and Sam's input.

I have reports of Bittern's breeding at Otukaikino Reserve as well as the Haswell River mouth where 9 were spotted at one time. Lots of reports of little owls still with breeding success. Lots of waders at Lake Ellesmere to note, Pectoral and Sharp-tailed

Sandpipers, Ruddy Turnstone, a Greater Sand Plover, Red-necked Stint, Marsh Sandpiper and Long-toed Stint. A Little Tern has also been seen at Birdlings Flat and a juvenile Antipodes Albatross was photographed on the Little River Rail Trail. Also lots of Skua showing along the coast recently.

Don Goodale

Birds NZ Canterbury Kaikoura Trip

In October, Birds NZ Canterbury hosted a trip to Kaikoura. It lasted 5 days (However some birders stayed for less) and included birding trips around Kaikoura and a pelagic hosted by Albatross Encounters.

We had talks about the conservation being done on Banded Dotterels and Hutton's Shearwaters. We visited nesting sites and saw a whole variety of species around the Kaikoura peninsula.

The pelagic was run by a knowledgeable skipper and we saw a variety of albatrosses, petrels, shearwaters, other seabirds and even dolphins. An enjoyable experience even if some of our members ended up suffering from seasickness.

On the final day a few birders went up with Nick Allen to Lake Elterwater and Lake Grassmere to see Great Crested Grebes, Hoary Headed Grebes and New Zealand Grebes.

A few other highlights were seeing the New Zealand Fur Seals, Red-billed Gull colonies and baby Banded Dotterels “little balls of cotton fluff” at the beach. Overall the trip was a great experience and would encourage more members to come in the future.

Samuel Amaris



Rambles with Bev Alexander

Rambles are “unofficial” birding field trips hosted by Bev Alexander. All are welcome to participate and most rambles are at accessible locations.

Upcoming Rambles:

March 8 - Birding around the Styx Mill river, meeting at 9:30 am at the Janet Stewart Reserve, Styx Mill Road, (just off Marshlands Rd).

April Ramble (exact date TBC) - Birding along the Liffey Stream. Meeting at 9:30 am; on Liffey Place, (just off North Belt) Lincoln.

Please let Bev know if you plan to come on either of these rambles.

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Recent Sightings

Canterbury and West Coast Bird Report September to November 2022

This report covers the period 1st September to 30th November 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) Kohaihai Campground: 1 21/9 BS. Stern Valley Hut: 2m 7/11 CM. Lyell Saddle Hut: 3 5/11 CM. Bullock Creek, Punakaiki: 4 24/10 GR, 1 27/10 JO. Crooked River near Mt Alexander: 1 6/11 ACa. Near Jack's Hut, Arthur's Pass: 1m 3/10 AC, 1m 1f 26/11 PA.

Cape Barren Goose (A) Travis Wetland: 1 14/9 BA. Englishs Road: 4 27/11 AC. Washdyke Lagoon: 2 26/10, PS, 1 1/11 DB, DA, SLa, SR, 1 3/11 JO, 1 9/11 ACh.

Mute Swan (S) Waipara: 3 4/10 BA. Te Korani Street, Prestons: 1 14/9 BA.

Blue Duck (A) Oparara River W of Mirror Tarn: 2 17/9 FG. Upper Crooked River: 1 6/11 ACa. Lower Arahura Hut: 1 24/10 ACa.

Muscovy Duck (S) Gore Bay: 1 9/10 KM. Tramway Road, Kirwee: 2 21/9 BA. Dalziels Road, Fernside: 4 29/11 BA. West Melton Road, West Melton: 2 21/9 JHe. Old Tai Tapu Road nr Golf Links Road: 2 3/9 BA. Saltwater Creek, Timaru: 1 15/10 DL.

Northern Shoveler (V) Pegasus Wetlands: 1 27/9 BA.

Helmeted Guineafowl (A) Dobson township: 2 22/10 NWo, WW. Timberyard Road: 2 26/11 BA.

Peafowl (A) Karamea Estuary: 1 17/9 FG. Kawatiri Beach: 1 26/11 CT. Banks Road, Sefton: 2m 2f 9/10 BA. Factory Road, Sefton: 8 17/9 BA, 1 14/11 BA. Inwoods Road, Southbridge: 3f 26/11 BA, JB.

Chukar (A) Blind Saddle, Seaward Kaikoura Range: 2 24/10 MB. Godley Peaks Road: 1 10/11 DH. Mt John: 2 6/11 BS, 1 18/11 RB.

Turkey (A) Chapmans Rd, Kaikoura: 2 12/10 SK. Mt Virginia Sta: 16 6/11 NA. SH73 E of Turiwhate: 1 16/9 FG. Gormans Road, Hakatamea Valley: 9 24/9 NA. Penticotico Stream, Waitaki Valley: 8 24/9 NA.

Australasian Crested Grebe (S) Lake Opuha: 2 14/9 PD.

New Zealand Dabchick (V) St Annes Lagoon: 2 20/9 DB, EB.

Fiordland Crested Penguin (A) Munro Beach: 17 12/11 TW, 2 14/11 BSt, 5 17/11 SK, 5 25/11 LM. Moeraki Wilderness Tour: 27 19/11 JF. Ship Creek: 1 17/11 AM. Near Knights Point: 3 2/9 BS. Haast Beach: 1 7/11 BS.

Little Black Shag (S) Wilson Road Pond, Kerrytown: 1 26/10 PS, JS. Okarito: 2 21/10 NWo, WW.

Australasian Bittern (A) Granite Creek nr Karamea Estuary: 1 17/9 FG. Otukaikino Wetland: 1 booming 20/11 DAn. Halswell RM: 4 25/9 '9 filmed in flight by someone else a few days ago' FG, 3 28/9 JB. 1 1/10 AC. Maori Lakes: 1 booming 11/11 DGe. Waterwheel Wetland: 1 10/11 DH, 1 17/11 RB.

White Heron (A) Ashley Estuary: 1 7/9 BA, 11/9 AL, 23/9 BA, 7/10 MB, 24/10 NF, 26/10 MJo, 29/10 ACh, 5/11 JBr, 11/11 BA, 12/11 KM, 25/11 AM. Linwood Canal: 1 5/10 DG. Wolfes Road: 1 21/11 OT, NF. Lower Selwyn Huts: 1 22/10 SA. Nursery Lakes, Hakatere Potts Road: 1 10/9 FG.

Reef Heron (A) Kaikoura Peninsula Walkway: 1 4/9 MO. Albatross Encounters pelagic: 1 2/10 CB.

Cattle Egret (A) Kohaihai Road S of McCallums Mill Road: 2 17/9 FG, 2 22/9 BS. Tulls Road: 1 21/10 BA. Waikuku Beach Road: 2 4/9 FG, 2 6/9 BA, 1 17/10 BA. Stokes Road: 2 19/9 BA. Kaiapoi Pa Road: 2 7/10 BA, 2 8/10 BA, SL. Haast Highway E of Haast: 5 18/11 ES, ATo, JA, LA.

Marsh Crake (A) Leader Road E nr Castaly River: 1 7/10 AC. Goulds Road, Springston: 1 25/9 AC. Waterwheel Wetland: 1 10/11 DH. Ohau C Ponds: 1 21/11 KD, MA, DLa, DS, MV, PK, 1 24/11 PH, FG et al, 1 25/11 FG.

Black Stilt (A) Ashley Estuary: 1 14/10 NF, 17/10 BA, 19/10 AW, MA, MJ, RS, SM, SH, 20/10 BA, 21/10 DG, 22/10 BA, 24/10 NF, 25/10 JO, 26/10 BA, 3/11 DH, 5/11 BA, JBr, 10/11 RB, MJo, 11/11 DH, BA, 12/11 KM. Rangitata River @ Mesopotamia: 2 23/9 PS. Lagoon NW of Cass RM: 8ad 10juv 21/9 MP. Godley Peaks nr Glenmore i/s: 6 PK. Lake Murray: 1 21/9 MP, 2 17/11 MJo, 2 18/11 WM, 2 19/11 LB, BSt. Lake McGregor: 2 29/9 Ala, OL, TL. Lake Tekapo McGregor inlet bay: 1 29/9 Ala, OL, TL, 2 6/10 JWe, 1 22/10 JHa, CS, 2 17/11 RB. Kettlehole SE Lake McGregor: 2 14/9 PD. Tasman Fan: 4 3/10 IN, 2 9/10 NWo, WW, 3 21/10 AW, MA, MJ, RS, SM, SH, 1 23/10 JHa, CS, 2 24/10 SL, 1 10/11 GG, 6 11/11 GG, 1 14/11 MP, 1 17/11 RB, 1 23/11 RS, 1 24/11 PH, FG et al.. Tekapo Canal nr Mary Burn: 1 16/11 MP. Ephemeral wetland nr Alpine Lavender SH80: 2 29/11 PA. Waterwheel Wetland: 2 24/11 EF, HA, CTh, JWi, MK, PDe, 2 25/11 PH, FG et al, 2 29/11 PA, 2 30/11 GK, TF. Lake Merino: 2 24/11 HA, JWi, PDe. Lower Ohau River: 2 3/10 LK. Ahuriri River 1km downstream SH8 bridge: 1 18/10 MP.

Pacific Golden Plover (A) Ashley Estuary: 1 3/11 DH.

Black-fronted Dotterel (A) Waiau River/Mason River confluence: 1 29/10 KM, 2 3/11 KM. Ashley Estuary: 2 23/10 DG, 2 26/10 BA. Kesteven Place Wetland, Ravenswood: 1 1/9 BA, 4 22/9 BA, 1 8/10 JB, 1 24/10 BA. Woodford Avenue, Ravenswood: 4 22/9 BA, 2 26/9 BA, 1 27/9 BA, 1 2/20 BA, 1 2/10 BA. Ashburton River @ River Road: 2 31/10 DGe. Ashburton River @ Wakanui School Road: 2 13/10 DGe. Rangitata RM: 2 23/11 DBe. Orari River @ Milton Road: 6 30/10 DGe. Washdyke Lagoon: 1 15/9 PS.

New Zealand Dotterel (V) Karamea Estuary: 1 18/9 FG.

Wrybill (S) Karamea Estuary: 1 18/9 FG. Pakiroa Beach Lagoons, Barrytown: 1 3/10 GH. Ashley Estuary: 65 7/10 NA, EBe. Tip of Kaitorete Spit: 1271 2/9 AC. Ashburton River adjacent Lake Hood: 1 6/11 DGe.

Turnstone (A) Esplanade, Kaikoura: 15 9/11 SK. Point Kean: 3 14/10 BA, 8 18/10 AW, MA, RS, SH, 9 10/11 BSt, 6 24/11 OT, EH, ACh, NF. Kaikoura Peninsula Walkway: 1 20/10 CS, JHa. South Bay, Kaikoura: 3 18/11 DD. Ashley Estuary: 1 26/9 BA, 1 14/10 NF, 2 21/10 DG, 1 24/10 NF, 1 26/10 MJo, 2 30/10 FG, 1 3/11 DH, 1 12/11 KM, 1 20/11 BA, RS, 2 21/11 EG, 1 24/11 24/11 KD, MA, DLa, DS, MV. Embankment Road: 4 26/10 ACo, 3 6/11 NF. Tip of Kaitorete Spit: 2 2/9 AC, 13 25/9 FG, 5 30/9 JJ, AC. Okarito Lagoon: 1 30/10 BS. Tapurangi-Monau Reef, Chatham I: 22 9/10 MBe, SR.

Lesser Knot (A) Karamea Estuary: 1 16/9 FG, 1 17/9 FG, 1 18/9 FG. Orowaiti Lagoon: 1 14/9 NW, 1 15/9 NW, 1 16/9 FG. Ashley Estuary: 5 30/10 FG, 7 3/11 DH, 2 4/11 BA, JB, 2 5/11 BA, JBr, 1 17/11 PH, FG et al. 1 21/11 EG, 2 24/11 KD, MA, DLa, DS, MV, 2 26/11 AM. Southshore Spit: 1 30/10 HR. Embankment Road: 1 26/10 ACo, 2 5/11 NF. Tip of Kaitorete Spit: 5 25/9 FG. Haast Beach: 8 30/10 ACa. Ocean Mail Reserve, Te Whanga Lagoon: 17 27/11 TH.

Curlew Sandpiper (A) Ashley Estuary: 1 20/10 Birds NZ Canterbury, 22/10 BA, 23/10 SA, DG, 24/10 NF, 29/10 ACh, 30/10 FG, BA, 3/11 DH.

Sharp-tailed Sandpiper (A) Tip of Kaitorete Spit: 1 30/9 JJ, AC.

Pectoral Sandpiper (A) Embankment Road: 1 26/10 ACo, 1 6/11 NF.

Red-necked Stint (A) Ashley Estuary: 1 7/10 Birds NZ Canterbury, 1 30/10 FG, BA. Embankment Road: 23 26/10 ACo, 13 6/11 NF, 6 21/11 NF, OT, 8 26/11 AM. Tip of Kaitorete Spit: 3 2/9 AC, 11 25/9 FG.

Pomarine Skua (A) Dolphin Encounter boat trip, Kaikoura: 1 28/11 AT, CBo.

White-winged Black Tern (A) Cass River Delta: 1 24/11 PH, FG et al. Timaru Port: 1 5/11 GB.

Barbary Dove (A) Kippenberger Avenue, Rangiora: 3 24/9 BA, 1 12/11 BA. Waitikiri Drive: 1 30/9 OE. Prestons Road #317: 2 4/11 AC. Marshland Road #406: 6 14/9 BA, 1 30/10 AC.

Spotted Dove (A) Charing Cross area: 6 20/9 AC, 1 21/9 AC.

Fork-tailed Swift (V) Kowhai Bush, Kaikoura: 2 16/11 JiB.

Shining Cuckoo (S) Puhī Peaks Sta: 1 28/9 DB. Eyre River W of Two Chain Road: 1 7/9 AC. Mitcham Place, Bexley: 1 5/9 AC. Rakaia River near Bankside: 1 20/9 AC. Widespread by 29/9.

Long-tailed Cuckoo (S) Punakaiki Westland Petrel Colony: 1 19/10 AW, MA, MJ, RS, SM, SH. Arthur's Pass Wilderness Lodge: 1 21/10 JHa, CS. Franz Josef township: 1 20/10 BS.

New Zealand Falcon (S) Quail Island: 1 4/9 NA. Cooptown: 1 11/9 AD. Stony Bay Saddle: 1 20/9 PC.

Kea (S) Oparara Basin: 1 17/9 FG. Stern Valley Hut: 1 8/11 CM. Old Ghost Road 32-34 km: 1 7/11 CM. Old Ghost Road 20-22 km: 1 11/11 RN. Lower Buller Gorge: 1 15/9 NW. Kowhai Hutton's Shearwater colony: 1 23/11 MO, 6 24/11 MO, 5 imms 25/11 MO. Nelson Creek nr Ngahere: 2 6/10 DD. Lewis Pass: 1 19/11 SK. Lake Brunner Eco Lodge: 1 3/10 IM, 2 10/10, IM, 1 12/10 IM, 2 20/10 IM, 1 23/10 IM, 1 24/10 IM, 1 5/11 IM, 1 6/11 IM. Arahura River N of The Cesspool: 3 25/10 ACa. Styx Saddle: 1 24/10 ACa. Lake Ianthe: 1 9/11 GH. Hooker Glacier Track: 1 26/11 JC. Whataroa Highway: 2 9/11 ACa. Okarito Pakihi Walk: 1 9/9 BS, 2 4/11 DH, 5 17/11 BS, 1 23/11 KD, MA, DLa, DS, MV, PK. Okarito Trig Walk: 1 20/11 AnL. Three Mile Lagoon: 1 16/10 BS. E of Three Mile Lagoon, Okarito: 2 16/10 BS. Franz Josef: 2 25/9 ALa, OL, TL, 2 30/9 JWe. Callery Gorge Track: 1 9/11 EE, 4 17/11 AM. Sealey Tarns: 2 22/10 SL. Lake Mathieson: 2 30/9 CB. Minnehaha Walk, Fox Glacier: 1 26/11 JL, HZ. Near Coppermine Creek Hut, Haast: 3 6/10 JB. Haast Township: 3 25/11 PD.

Kaka (A) Kohaihai: 1 17/9 FG. Oparara Basin: 1 17/9 FG. Adams Flat, Oparara: 1 4/9 JH. Specimen Point Hut: 1 8/11 CM. Old Ghost Road 46-48 km: 1 8/11 CM. Old Ghost Road 36-38 km: 3 7/11 CM.

Old Ghost Road 30-32 km: 1 7/11 CM. Old Ghost Road 22-24 km: 1 6/11 CM. Old Ghost Road 20-22 km: 2 6/11 CM, 1 11/11 RN. Old Ghost Road 14-16 km: 1 5/11 CM. Lyell Saddle Hut: 2 5/11 CM, 1 6/11 CM. Old Ghost Road 12-14 km: 2 5/11 CM. Lyell Campground: 1 20/11 CT. Gibbstown: 2 10/11 RN. Nelson Creek Walks: 2 7/11 DD. Slab Hut Creek: 2 20/11 JBI. Lake Daniells Track: 1 21/11 JBr. Near Coppermine Creek Hut, Haast: 1 6/10 JB. Munro Track: 1 20/10 WW, NoW, 1 12/11 MJo, 1 17/11 SK. Pleasant Flat, Haast Valley: 2 19/11 PH, FG et al.

Sulphur-crested Cockatoo (A) Kaituna Valley: 1 3/9 ASH. Prices Valley: 6 3/9 DG, BA, 1 8/10 SG, MH, 2 6/11 NF. SH75 near Birdlings Flat/Lake Forsyth: 15 27/10 PC.

Yellow-crowned Parakeet (A) Three Mile Lagoon: 2 16/10 BS. Arahura River N of Mt Newton: 1 24/10 ACa. Lower Barlow River: 4 10/11 BS. Ridge N of Totarakaitorea River: 1 10/10 BS, 2 14/10 BS. E of Five Mile Lagoon, Waiho: 1 15/10 BS. E of Alpine Lake, Waiho: 5 13/10 BS. Paringa Village: 1 31/10 MBo.

Rock Wren (A) Otira Valley: 4 6/11 ACo, 1 14/11 SK, 1 27/11 PA.

Cirl Bunting (A) Beach Road, Kaikoura: 1 11/9 SK. Kaikoura Peninsula Walkway: 1 12/9 SK, 1 11/10 SK, 3 15/10 NA. South Bay Parade, Kaikoura: 4 6/9 NW. Inland Kaikoura Road @ Cribb Creek: 1 21/10 MBe. Woodford Avenue, Ravenswood: 1 2/10 BA. Spencer Park: 2 1/10 DG. Lower Styx Road: 1m 19/9 AS. Charlesworth Wetlands: 1m 20/11 AC. Victoria Park: 1 9/9 GN. Worsleys Road Wetlands: 1 25/10 AC. Cashmere Road #381: 1m 1f 11/11 JW. Halswell Quarry Park: 2 21/9 JW. Quaifes Road, Halswell: 1m 10/9 PR. Menzies Bay Road: 3 1/10 NA. Little Akaloa: 3 1/10 NA. SH75 at Ataahua: 1 3/9 DG. Jarvis Road: 1m 1f 28/9 BA, JB, SL.

Observers: BA Bev Alexander, HA Heather Alexander, NA Nick Allen, SA Samuel Amaris, DAN David Anderson, JA John Anderson, LA Lorrie Anderson, PA Paul Ashley, DA Deleece Augustyn, MA Mark Ayre, MB Michael Beaumont, EB Elizabeth Bell, MBe Mike Bell, EBe Erik Bergman, DBe Della Bennet, LB Lloyd Blakie, JBI Jacob Blokland, MBo Megan Bogisch, CB Cree Bol, CBo Cara Borre, JiB Jim Briskie, JBr Josh Brown, RB Ross Brown, GB Glen Brown, DB Dan Burgin, JB Janet Burton, ACa Arna Carlson, ACh Annette Ching, ACo Adam Colley, JC Josh Craddock, AC Andrew Crossland, PC Philip Crutchley, DD Dylan Davies, AD Ana de Joux, PDe Patricia Deventer, KD Kathy Drake, PD Petrina Duncan, OE Oskar Ehrhardt, EE Ellen Evans, JF John Facchini, NF Noah Fenwick, TF Tom Feild, EF Erik Forsyth, GG Glenn Gade, SG Sue Galvin, DGe Don Geddes, DG Don Goodale, EG Eleanor Gunby, FG Fraser Gurney, JHa Jeff Hambleton, PH Phil Hammond, JHe Jake Herd, GH Garry Hill, TH Tom Hitchon, SH Susan Hood, MH Maureen Howard, DH Dave Howes, JH John Hughes, EH Ela Hunt, JJ Jean Jack, MJ Mark Johnson, MJo Matt Jones, MK Mike Kelly. LK Louise Kennett, GK Geraldine King, PK Paul Koker, SK Stefan Kopek, SL Sharon Lake, DLa Daniel Lane, AnL Andrew Langford, JL Jacob Langford, SLa Sara Larcombe, ALa Andrew Lau, OL Oliver Lau, TL Trevor Lau, AL Ashley Lennon, DL Don Lovett, IM Ian McCann, SM Sarah MacLellan, AM Alex Mann, WM William Marengo, LM Liz Mattinson, CM Colin Miskelly, KM Keegan Miskimmin, RN Richard Nichol, GN Graham Norton, IN Isaiah Nugent, JO Jean Olson, MO Mats Oltsthoorn, MP Mathieu Poot, SR Samantha Ray, PR Peter Reese, GR Greg Roberts, HR Heather Rogers, JS Joy Sagar, PS Paul Sagar, CS Carlos Sanchez, RS Richard Schofield, ASH Andrew Shamy, BS Bradley Shields, DS Dixie Sommers, AS Anita Spencer, BSt Brent Stephenson, ES Elizabeth Szekeres, CTh Cathy Theisen, OT Oscar Thomas, AT Asta Tobiassen, ATo Abram Tompkins, CT Christopher Tuffley, MV Martha Vandervoort, AW Andy Walker, JW Jan Walker, NW Noel Ward, JWe Jordan Webber, JWi Jack Winterbottom, NWo Nina Wolf, WW Warren Wolf, TW Tim Wood, HZ Hanna Zhao.

Health and Safety

For everyone to have an enjoyable time on field trips and other activities we need to 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; a 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 pre-existing 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 (sandraw67@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 for the next issue of *The Wrybill*. Please email any contributions through to samuel.amaris.home@gmail.com. Many thanks to everybody who contributed to this edition of *The Wrybill*.



Buller's Shearwater - Kaikoura Offshore - Samuel Amaris

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