



THE WRYBILL

Canterbury Regional Newsletter

August 2023

Field Trips:

Rambles with Bev Alexander:

August 16 - Walking east down the Kaiapoi River.
Meeting in the New World carpark, Charles St, 9:30 am.

September 13 - Birding around Southshore Spit.
Meeting at the south end of Rockinghorse Rd at 9:30 am.

October 11 - Ramble at Yarrs bay. Meeting at the end of Wolfes Rd, 9:30 am.

Everyone is welcome, please let Bev know if you plan to come. birdiebev@xtra.co.nz or 027 3184 713

If you can't come to these but still want to do some birding you could contact Nick Allen for some information on filling up some atlas squares. At nick_allen@xtra.co.nz

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,

August 28 - Speaker TBC

September 25 - Speaker TBC

October 30 - Speaker TBC



Wrybill - Ashley Estuary - Samuel Amaris

RR's Report

As you are aware, I resigned from the representative position at our AGM due to ill health. I have no energy to organize anything anymore.

I attended the AGM in New Plymouth in June. This was well organized with very professional and interesting talks. I also attended the RR meeting. A trip to lake Rotokare was organized on Monday where Whitehead, Saddleback, Stitchbird, N.I. Robin, Spotless Crake and Tomtits were seen. I also saw 8 Nankeen Night Herons at Upokongaro.

Locally Little Egrets have been seen with one recently spotted at the Ashley Estuary. Cattle egrets are about, especially around Lincoln and plenty of Little Owls are regularly spotted.

Don Goodale

Colour Banding Harriers

Several Birds New Zealand members have been trapping and banding Harriers (often referred to as Hawks) in the Canterbury Region. Both metal DOC bands and numbered colour bands are used. The metal bands have a unique number and a return address to the DOC Banding Office in Wellington. The colour bands have a unique combination of colours and a 3 digit number. The combinations vary according to the region of the country. Here in Canterbury we use a Red band with White numbers. Over the last year there have been over 100 wild caught birds banded. These have been banded in the Ellesmere area around Lakeside and Southbridge, Cashmere Road/Hoon Hay Valley, Motukarara and Kaitorete Spit.

As well as the wild caught birds over 30 rehabilitated Harriers have been banded prior to their release back into the wild. These birds have mostly been released at or near the site from where they originated. This could be anywhere from Kaikoura to Twizel.

So far we have had 4 banded birds recovered dead. Three of these have been found dead on roads after being hit by a vehicle and the other was found in a tall fodder crop after it had apparently landed and been unable to fly out, eventually starving. We have also recaptured a number of banded birds, most at or near, the original banding site. The largest movement was one banded in the Hoon Hay Valley and recaptured at Motukarara.

One of the purposes of this study is to confirm whether or not Harriers migrate north in the autumn and back South in the spring. Other aspects of the birds' life history are also studied, especially the eye and plumage colour changes, with age and between sexes.

If you find a banded bird please report it to the DOC Banding Office. The reporting site is <https://www.doc.govt.nz/non-gamebird-band-report-form>. If the bird is dead record the numbers on all bands. If the bird is injured it can be taken to a Wildlife Hospital, the nearest being 'The South Island Wildlife Hospital' <https://www.wildlifehospital.co.nz/> located at 'Willowbank Wildlife Refuge'. If the bird is alive record the 3 digit number which is on the colour band. Also record the colour of both the band and the numbers and report these. This can sometimes be done with binoculars if it's feeding on a road kill or perched on a fence post. Also required is the date and location of the sighting.

For further information or enquiries contact

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H5N1 Virus Avian Influenza

Members will be aware that high pathogenicity H5N1 avian influenza has spread rapidly across much of the world in recent years. This has resulted in the deaths of tens, if not hundreds, of thousands of wild birds, in particular seabirds including gulls, terns, shags and penguins. BirdsNZ members, especially beach patrollers, have an important role in surveillance. If you find any unusual mortality events or see sick birds, especially those exhibiting neurological symptoms (for examples see: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/u9f3jpuy4SKQr1Lw9>) please **contact the MPI hotline 0800-809966 immediately**. As there is a potential risk that bird flu may be transmitted to humans, please make sure you wait for instructions before handling any sick or dead birds.

Although bird viruses don't usually affect people, there have been some rare cases of human infection. If you happen to find a dead or injured seabird whilst on a beach stroll the best thing to do is to NOT touch it! Even if the bird is not infected with H5N1, it can still carry germs and other diseases. Instead, you can call DOC (if you believe the bird is still alive) or if it's dead, try to identify what bird it was.

If you want to learn more about the virus and updates suggest going to these websites (they will provide you with reliable facts and updates):

Bird Flu advisory for Wildlife Managers and Bird Banders - A useful pdf with important information about the influenza:

<https://prod-birdbanding-spa-client-infr-userassetsbucket-1kfkzr4gfvsv0.s3-ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/public/cms-attachments/Bird%20Flu%20advisory%20for%20wildlife%20managers%20and%20bird%20banders%20-%20DOC-7109612.pdf>

Risk To NZ - A Website on it's risk to New Zealand:

<https://www.mpi.govt.nz/biosecurity/pests-and-diseases-not-in-new-zealand/animal-diseases-not-in-nz/high-pathogenicity-avian-influenza-and-the-risk-to-nz/>

CDC - The Centers for Disease Control has all the information you need to know about Bird Flu:

www.cdc.gov/flu/avianflu/index.htm

WHO - The World Health Organization has an article about the ongoing H5N1 virus:

www.who.int/news/item/12-07-2023-ongoing-avian-influenza-outbreaks-in-animals-pose-risk-to-humans

BirdsNZ AGM at Taranaki

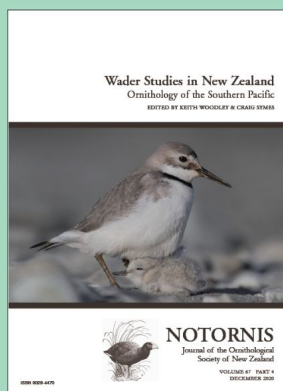
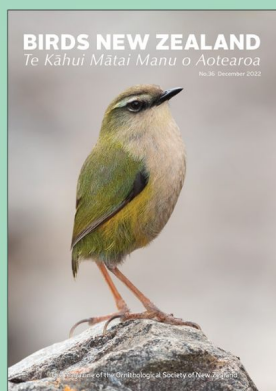
The Birds NZ Conference went ahead in Taranaki. Visitors were treated with great scientific bird presentations, speakers and, best of all, guided field trips. The most popular of these was the Rotokare Scenic Reserve trip where birders saw a variety of species; Pāteke, Tīeke, Hihi, Mātātā and many other natives! Other trips spotted a Black-fronted Tern, 10 Cape Barren Geese, 6 Dabchick and two offshore White-capped Mollymawk.



Peter Fryer Opening Conference - Taranaki - Michael Szabo

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Makarora Field Camp for Young Birders

(13 - 18 years)

8 – 13 January 2024

Led by Aspiring Biodiversity Trust with Birds New Zealand,
based at Makarora near the head of Lake Wanaka.



- See wrybill/ngutuparore, black-fronted tern/tarapirohe, black-billed gull/ tarapuka, banded dotterel/pohovera breeding on the braided river. The nearby beech/podocarp forest provides habitat for pīpīpi, mohua, kākā, ruru. Remnant populations of rock wren/pīwauwau, kea and whio live in the alpine areas.
- Take part in mist-netting, bird banding, 5 minute bird counts, predator control, river-bird survey, acoustic survey for bats, and more.
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Include this unique birding experience in your summer holidays!

Cost \$450 per person (possible bursaries).
Accommodation in cabins and all meals catered.
To register your interest and obtain further details,
email info@aspiringbiodiversity.co.nz

Please pass this news about the camp to any young birders you know.

Recent Sightings

Canterbury and West Coast Bird Report March to May 2023

This report covers the period 1st March to 31st May 2023 and is compiled from reports posted onto eBird and the Birding NZ internet discussion site. Some records require confirmation either locally or nationally, but are included here as provisional records. 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) Tauranga Bay Road, S of Cape Foulwind: 1m 2/3 RN. Bullock Creek, Punakaiki: 2 28/3 LL. Near Otututu River, Mawheraiti: 1 2/3 DD. Lake Poerua: 2 2/3 MC, 1 24/4 MC. Otira township area: 1m 8/4 DT, JR, 1m 9/4 DT. Arthur's Pass township: 2 2/3 JC, 2 4/5 AH, JSm.

Cape Barren Goose (A) Lower Styx Road #83-161: 2 7/3 BA. Travis Wetland: 4 2/3 BC, 2ad 2imm 8/3 WA, 2ad 2imm

9/3 NF, 4 10/3 CW. Englishs Road: 4 4/3 CS, SC. Washdyke Lagoon: 1 20/3 PS, 1 26/3 MM, TC, 1 23/4 CCo, 1 28/4 PS.

Plumed Whistling Duck (V) Somerville Road, Mawheraiti: 12 3/4 DD, 12 6/4 DD, 7 27/4 BSh, 7 28/4 DD, 6 16/5 P&CF.

Blue Duck (A) Oparara Basin: 3 7/3 CM.

Muscovy Duck (S) Beach Road, Charleston: 1 19/4 MBe.

Northern Shoveler (V) Pegasus Wetland: 1m 30/3 BA, 31/3 TB, 1/4 WA, AF, GD, 7/4 BSh, 24/4 CCo, 25/4 MP, SA, 26/4 SL, BA, 27/4 CCo, 28/4 CCo, 30/4 KW, 4/5 CCo, 5/5 CCo, 6/5 CCo, 7/5 AT, 13/5 CCo, BA, 21/5 DG, BA CCo, 22/5 EG.

Helmeted Guineafowl (A) Gladstone Road, Woodend: 2 26/3 CCo. Burnt Hill Road, Oxford: 4 23/5 BA. Timberyard Road: 9ads 9juvs 3/4 OT, TD, 13 7/4 PR, 9ads 9juv 8/4 MH, 2 6/5 RH, 1 11/5 PR, 20 18/5 TB.

Peafowl (A) Leader Road West, east of Waiiau: 1 26/5 KM. Banks Road, Sefton: 2m 9/4 BA. Amesbury Road, Sefton: 2m 4f 3/3 SL, BA. Bromley Oxidation Ponds: 10 25/3 ACr. Inwoods Road, Southbridge: 2 12/3 TB, 15 23/3 ACo, 2f 8/5 PR, 6 11/5 PR. Terrace Road, Ashton: 1 28/3 DGe.

Chukar (A) Mt John: 8 2/3 WA, 3 1/4 PJ, 3 15/4 TB, 3 27/4 WA, 11 22/5 WA.

Golden Pheasant (A) Karamea Hwy: 1 19/4 AC. Kinloch Road, Little River: 1 16/5 MR, 1f 28/5 PC.

Turkey (A) Mt Virginia Sta: 8 25/4 NA. Two Chain Road, Burnham: 1f 5 chicks 17/4 ACr. Hakataramea Valley: 3 27/5 NA.

Australasian Crested Grebe (S) Bromley Oxidation Ponds: 3 15/5 PC. Lake Forsyth: 191 27/4 ACr.

New Zealand Dabchick (V) St Annes Lagoon: 2 1/5 DB, GDe, 13/5 P&CF. Pegasus Wetland: 1 15/4 BA, 16/4 CCo, 19/4 WA, CCo, 23/4 BA, 24/4 BAc, 25/4 SA, MP, 26/4 SL, 28/4 NF, 30/4 KW, 22/5 EG. Lake Forsyth: 1 22/5 ACr, 29/5 PC.

Pink-footed Shearwater (V) Albatross Encounter pelagic: 1 3/3 GM.

Yellow-eyed Penguin (A) Point Kean, Kaikoura: 1juv 6/3 HB.

Little Black Shag (S) Avon River @ Kibblewhite Street: 32 7/5 WA. Otipua Wetland: 1 20/4 CCo.

Stewart Island Shag (A) Timaru Harbour: 1 20/4 CCo.

Australasian Bittern (A) Beach Road, The Pines Beach: 1 12/4 CCo. Otukaikino Reserve: 1 9/3 DG. SH6 @ Black Creek (W of Fox Glacier): 1 14/3 RN.

White Heron (A) Wetland at SH7 start of Harper Pass Route: 1 10/3 JB. Saltwater Creek (nr Waikuku): 1 3/3 BA, SL. Ashley Estuary: 1 26/4 CCo, 27/4 CCo, 1/5 SL, 16/5 EG, SW, 28/5 LJ. Taranaki Creek: 1 6/5 CCo, 27/5 BA. Pegasus Wetland: 1 10/4 NA, C&LB, 16/4 CCo, 17/4 NF, 23/3 BA, 24/4 BAc, 25/4 BA, 26/4 BA, SL, 1 5/5 CCo, 13/5 CCo. Avon-Heathcote Estuary: 1 29/4 CCo, 1 7/5 WA. Linwood Canal: 1 18/4 DG, 3/5 WA, DG, 10/5 DLo, 11/5 WA, 15/5 WA, AF, 16/5 DG, 20/5 DLo, 21/5 KW, 22/5 DG, 29/5 DL, 30/5 DG, 2 31/5 WA. Ferrymead Wetlands: 1 14/5 BAc, 17/5 BAc, 18/5 WA, 23/5 BAc, 24/5 BAc, 2 27/5 BAc, 1 28/5 BAc, 29/5 BAc. Lake Forsyth: 4 27/4 ACr, 1 28/4 BSh, 2 29/4 WA, 3 30/4 JCo, ACo, 1 2/5 JB, SL, 1 5/5 PR. Clarkes Road: 1 18/3 ACr. Drain Road: 1 11/5 PR. Timberyard Road: 1 8/4 MH, 6/5 RH, 9/5 TB. Nursery Lake, Hakatere: 1 12/3 DGe, 1 27/3 DL, 1 23/4 HR. Opihi RM: 1 14/3 WA. Normanby Lagoon: 1 14/5 NA. Glentanner: 1 23/3 RW, ED, MDu, 1 24/3 MDu, 1 5/4 MA, 1 13/4 JR, DT, 1 18/4 MI. Birchwood Homestead Wetlands, Ahuriri Valley: 1 18/3 JJ. Kaki Lagoons, Twizel: 1 5/4 MA. Lake Ruataniwha, Wairepo Arm: 1 13/4 DT, JR. Waitaki River at SH1 bridge: 1 1/5 JLi.

Little Egret (V) Ashley Estuary: 1 18/4 BA, BAc, 22/4 ACo, 24/4 ACh, BAc, 27/4 CCo, 29/4 BA, 30/4 KW, 1/5 SL, 16/5 EG, SW, 30/5 BA. Pegasus Wetland: 1 19/4 CCo. Avon River @ Kibblewhite Street: 1 7/5 WA, JRu. Avon-Heathcote Estuary: 1 13/5 ACr, 1 16/5 DG. Ferrymead Wetlands: 1 14/5 BAc, 16/5 BAc, 18/5 GA, 20/5 BAc, 21/5 BAc, NF, 22/5 DG. Lake Forsyth: 3 27/4 ACr, 1 28/4 BSh, 2 29/4 WA, 2 30/4 ACo, JCo Sat, 1 2/5 SL, JB, 1 13/5 PR, 2 17/5 SR. Jarvis Road: 1 14/5 TB, 16/5 ACo, 17/5 SR.

Reef Heron (A) Kaikoura Peninsula Walkway: 1 21/5 CZ, JA. South Bay, Kaikoura: 3 2/3 SK, 1 9/3 SK. Paia Point: 1 9/3 PN, 1 27/3 TH.

Cattle Egret (A) Awatuna: 1 26/5 AC. SH67A W of Buller River: 12 4/5 RN. Tulls Road, Waikuku: 2 3/3 BA, SL, 2 7/3 OT, NF, 2 19/3 TB, NF, 2 20/3 PM, BA, 2 29/3 BA, 2 2/4 BA, 2 8/4 JR, DT, 2 10/4 NA, C&LB, 2 18/4 BA, 2 19/4 WA, 2 23/4 BA, 2 1/5 SL, 2 4/5 BA, 2 5/5 BAc, 2 6/5 CCo, 2 7/5 BA, 2 21/5 BA DG. Marchmont Road, Rangiora: 1 7/5 BA, 10/5 BA, 13/5 BA, 2 19/5 BA, 2 21/5 BA, 2 27/5 BA. Drain Road/The Lake Road: 5 12/3 BA, 10 6/5 KRo, 14 9/5 TB, 4 11/5 PR, 12 14/5 NF. Lakeside Soldiers Memorial Hall: 15 6/5 RH. Coopers Lagoon: 3 9/3 PR. Karangarua: 4 9/4 JHa, 3 17/4 SK.

Marsh Crane (A) Kawatiri Coastal Trail NE of SH67A: 2 19/5 RN. St Annes's Lagoon: 1 13/5 P&CF. Kesteven Place Wetland: 1 13/5 BA. Styx Mill Walkway: 1 8/5 WA. Avon River at Kibblewhite Sreet: 1 29/4 BAC. Wigram Retention Basin: 1 2/5 WA. Lincoln Wetlands: 1 18/4 SL. Harts Creek: 1 13/5 KRo.

Black Stilt (A) Lake Opuha: 1 29/5 NA. Lake Tekapo McGregor inlet bay: 2 13/3 PW, 3 14/3 PF, 2 15/4 TB, 2 17/4 LH, JK. Tasman Fan: 5 12/3 MG, MBu, 2 24/3 MDu, 2 28/3 TC, MM, 30 6/4 OT, 2 13/4 DT, JR, 8 17/4 MI. E of No More Pines, Lake Pukaki: 2 13/3 WA. Ahuriri Delta: 1 27/3 MM, TC.

Pacific Golden Plover (A) Jarvis Road: 1 12/3 TB, 1 30/4 NF. Crescent Island: 2 12/3 PC.

Black-fronted Dotterel (A) Leslie Hills Road, Waiau: 4 19/3 NA. Waipara RM: 1 7/3 MD, LL. Ashley River @ Rossiters Road: 1 1/3 BA. Ashley Estuary: 1 3/3 SL, BA, 1 15/3 TB, 2 16/3 MBu, 1 19/3 NF, 1 20/3 ACh. Kesteven Place Wetland, Ravenswood: 8 2/4 BA, 2 16/4 BA, 7 17/4 CCo, 5 26/4 SL, 6 4/5 BA, 1 6/5 CCo, 5 7/5 CCo, 4 13/5 BA, 2 20/5 CCo, 6 21/5 DG. Ashburton RM: 1 29/3 DL, 2 13/5 DGe. Spider Lagoon: 1 14/3 WA. Opihi River W of SH1: 1 26/3 TC, MM. Opihi RM: 1 14/3 WA. Washdyke Lagoon: 4 28/4 PS. Otipua Wetland: 2 20/3 KR, 8 20/4 CCo.

Greater Sand Plover (V) Greenpark Huts: 1 6/5 BAC.

Turnstone (A) Wakatu Quay, Kaikoura: 30 16/3 SP, 6 8/4 BA. Point Kean, Kaikoura: 9 16/3 SP, 1 27/3 JHa, 3 5/4 DT, JR, 5 6/4 JR, DT. South Bay, Kaikoura: 1 7/4 DT, JR. Jarvis Road: 1 1/3 WA. Tip of Kaitorete Spit: 1 2/4 PC. Lake Ellesmere opening: 1 9/4 KRo. Ashburton RM: 1 29/3 DL. Point Somes, Chatham I: 1 8/3 TH. Te Whanga Lagoon, Muirsons Ponds: 37 12/3 TH. Waitangi West: 12 15/3 TM. Hikurangi Channel, Chatham I: 36 27/3 SLa, MBe.

Lesser Knot (A) Jarvis Road: 9 30/4 NF, 4 14/5 TB, 9 16/5 ACo. Crescent Island: 14 12/3 PC. Hikurangi Channel, Chatham I: 27/3 MBe, SLa.

Curlew Sandpiper (A) Jarvis Road: 1 14/5 TB.

Sharp-tailed Sandpiper (A) Jarvis Road: 1 1/3 WA, 4 10/3 MD, LL, 1 10/4 WA. Embankment Road: 2 2/4 ACo. Tip of Kaitorete Spit: 5 12/3 PC. Te Whanga Lagoon, Muirsons Ponds: 1 12/3 TH.

Pectoral Sandpiper (A) Jarvis Road: 3 1/3 WA, 4 12/3 TB, 1 10/4 WA. Embankment Road: 2 2/4 ACo. Tip of Kaitorete Spit: 1 12/3 PC. Te Whanga Lagoon, Muirsons Ponds: 3 12/3 TH.

Sanderling (V) Ashley Estuary: 1 9/3 Birds NZ Canterbury, 14/3 'GrantD', 24/3 BA, 29/3 BA, 31/3 TB, 26/4 CCo.

Red-necked Stint (A) Jarvis Road: 5 1/3 WA, 6 10/3 MD, LL, 27 10/4 WA, 38 11/4 WA. Clarkes Road: 24 1/3 WA, 10 9/3 PN. Embankment Road: 13 1/3 WA, 18 2/4 ACo. Tip of Kaitorete Spit: 1 12/3 PC.

Whimbrel (A) Hikurangi Channel, Chatham I: 2 27/3 MBe, SLa.

Chatham Snipe (S) Caravan Bush, Pitt I: 1 20/3 MBe.

Marsh Sandpiper (V) Jarvis Road: 1 10/3 MD, LL, 12/3 TB. Clarkes Road: 1 9/3 PN. Embankment Road: 1 2/4 ACo, 1 4/4 NF.

White-winged Black Tern (A) Tip of Kaitorete Spit: 9 12/3 PC, 3 2/4 PC. Lake Ellesmere opening: 2 9/4 KRo. Coopers Lagoon: 2 8/3 TB, 2 11/3 WA, 5 12/3 TB, 9 18/3 NM. Ashburton RM: 1 24/4 ACr.

Little Tern (V) Birdlings Flat: 1 7/4 BSh, 8/4 MC. Tip of Kaitorete Spit: 2 12/3 PC, 1 2/4 PC.

Barbary Dove (A) Grey View Grove, Rangiora: 1 2/4 BA. Kippenberger Avenue, Rangiora: 1 18/4 CCo, 1 6/5 CCo. 1 13/5 CCo, 1 21/5 BA. Janet Stewart Reserve, Lowe Styx Rd: 2 7/3 BA, SL.

Spotted Dove (A) Charing Cross area: 4 26/3 ACr, 1 27/3 ACr, 2 10/4 ACr, 1 12/4 ACr, 1 17/4 ACr, 1 9/5 TB, 1 14/5 ACr, 10 27/5 ACr. East of Greendale: 1 26/3 ACr, 1 27/3 ACr, 6 10/4 ACr, 2 16/4 WA, 5 27/5 ACr. NW of Norwood: 5 26/3 ACr, 4 10/4 ACr, 1 11/4 KW, 4 14/5 ACr. Telegraph Road nr SH1: 1 6/5 ACr.

Chatham Island Pigeon (S) Taiko Camp paddock: 193 29/5 CMA.

New Zealand Falcon (S) Purple Heights Drive, Loburn: 1 17/3 ACo. Cones Road N of Rangiora: 1 16/5 GMA. Ilam Gardens: 1 2/5 GA, 11/5 NF, 13/5 DG, NF, 19/5 BP, 20/5 DG, WA, 21/5 DG, 23/5 DG, KW, 24/5 BP, 28/5 BAC. Long Bay Road, Akaroa: 1 14/3 MBu, MG. Misty Peaks: 1 12/4 PC, 1 20/4 PC. Millers Road, Gebbies Valley: 1 18/4 MHa.

Kea (S) Fenian Track: 1 30/3 LL. Garibaldi Ridge N: 2 15/3 JN. Lewis Pass: 1 19/3 TB. Hokitika Gorge: 2 9/4 JN. Mt Murchison, Wilberforce Valley: 1 26/3 AC. Barlow Valley (Perth catchment): 2 24/5 BSh Pakihi Walk, Okarito: 1 1/3 JR, 1 13/3 SP, 1 20/3 HB. Okatito Township: 1 12/3 PN, 1 20/3 HB. McCormacks Bey: 1 6/3 'chris'. Lake Mapourika: 9 1/3 JC, 4

21/3 ES. Franz Josef township: 2 1/3 MB, 5 4/3 CJ, 1 8/3 BS, 5 13/3 SP, 6 14/3 SP, 1 25/3 JL, 6 29/3 LM, GMo, 4 4/4 MMu. 1 6/4 TO, 5 19/4 AS, 2 30/4 PG. Callery Gorge Walk: 6 5/3 WT, 3 9/3 BS, 4 19/3 HB, 3 27/3 CT. Franz Josef Glacier Walk: 1 7/5 AH. Rata Lookout, Alex Knob Track: 1 19/3 HB. Glacier Lookout, Gillespies Beach Road: 15 12/4 RS, 2 13/4 RS. Cook Flat Road: 1 13/4 RS. Fox Glacier township: 4 2/3 EL, EB, 1 17/3 MG, 4 26/3 PE, 2 5/5 IA. Hooker Glacier Track: 2 22/4 SA. Aoraki Mt Cook township: 1 21/3 AM, 2 31/3 JS. SH6 @ Ohinemaka River: 1 6/4 AC. SH6 @ Haast Pack Track: 1 6/4 AC. Boulder Creek Bridge, Moeraki R: 1 6/3 AC. Moeraki Wilderness Lodge area: 9 7/3 LT, WT, 4 2/4 PSc.

Kaka (A) Oparara Basin: 2 7/3 CM. Old Ghost Road near Lyall Camp: 10 17/4 MBe. Red Jacks Creek: 6 2/3 JH. Lewis Pass: 2 19/3 TB. Callery Gorge Walk, Franz Josef: 1 20/3 ES.

Sulphur-crested Cockatoo (A) Prices Valley: 9 29/4 WA. SH75 N of Birdlings Flat: 16 7/4 BSh, 27 28/4 BSh.

Yellow-crowned Parakeet (A) Barlow Valley (Perth catchment): 13 23/5 BSh, 35 24/5 BSh. Lake Matheson: 1 12/4 RS. Landsborough Valley: 2 4/3 AC.

Rock Wren (A) Beach W of Okarito Township: 1 9/3 CC, 1 9/4 BSh. Tasman Glacier Terminal Lake area: 1 12/3 MBu, MG. W of Barron Peak, Landsborough: 4 4/3 AC.

Yellowhead (A) Landsborough Valley: 6 4/3 AC. Fantail Falls, Haast River: 2 9/4 JHa.

Fernbird (S) Lake Wainono: 2 7/4 BSh.

Cirl Bunting (A) Scarborough Street, Kaikoura: 1 7/4 JR, DT. South Bay, Kaikoura: 1 2/3 SK. Kaiwara Road nr Random Spur Road: 2 5/5 NA. Richardson Terrace, St Martins: 1 25/4 DG.

Rook (A) SH73 south of Waddington: 1 14/5 P&CF.

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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:

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