



THE WRYBILL

Canterbury Regional Newsletter

October 2023

Field Trips:

Rambles with Bev Alexander:

December 3 - Annual Summer wader count. Meeting at the end of Embankment Road at 8:30 as usual. Remember to bring adequate footwear, sunscreen, food, water and wind protection. This is an excellent trip to learn about wader birds. A good turnout is required, please let Nick know if you plan to come. Nick_allen@xtra.co.nz or 021 111 9885.

February 2024 - Farewell to the Godwits. A city council annual trip in conjunction with BirdsNZ. Meeting at the end of Rockinghorse road at Southshore reserve. Date still to be confirmed

February 18 2024 - Te Waihora/Lake Ellesmere bird count meeting at Coes Ford and then getting into teams to go out to lake. Each team will be lead by an experienced birder that knows the lake. Please let Denise if you are keen or require more information. Denise.Ford@selwyn.govt.nz More details out soon

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.

November 27 - End of year quiz bring a plate of food to share

NO MEETINGS December and January

February 26 - Speaker TBC



Terek Sandpiper - Embankment Road - Ben Ackerley

RR's Report

Lots of exciting sightings recently. Spring brings us the breeding season. The odd sightings of Little Egret and Little Owls still popping up, same as the Curlew Sandpiper at the Ashley Estuary and Lake Ellesmere. Also at Ellesmere, Sharp-Tailed Sandpipers, Red Knot, Wrybill, Pacific Golden Plover, Ruddy Turnstone, Red-necked Stint and a Terek sandpiper have all been seen recently. As well as the Myna being back in New Brighton.

We have also had some great meetings with good attendance. Thanks to Mailee Stanbury, Frances Schmechal, Peter Schofield and Maia Gerard.

Also the Global Big Day on October 14 was an awesome success despite the windy conditions.

Sharon took the Canterbury top spot with 66 species. Good to see our young members such as Christian, Ben and Samuel out there, well done. A shame Canterbury was only 5th in New Zealand. The Albatross team recorded 13 species.

We still need a Regional Representative to replace me. Any suggestions would be appreciated. Contact me:

breadmandon@gmail.com or 027 224 4441

I will be unavailable for most of December from the end of November. Please contact a committee member if you have any issues.

Happy Birding

Don Goodale

Birding Podcasts

Over the COVID lockdowns when it was difficult to go anywhere interesting to watch birds, or work on the bird atlas, during the spare time I had it led me to discover birding podcasts. Unfortunately, there don't seem to be any New Zealand podcasts devoted entirely to birds but some overseas ones are entertaining and informative.

From Australia The Birding Today Podcast usually offers an interview featuring an Australian birder or ornithologist. The subject is quite often familiar as I've visited the country a few times, including Cairns where the presenter lives. It's good to relive experiences overseas and hear news of what is happening there.

I look forward to each episode of The Birding Life Podcast from South Africa, hearing about the amazing birds and wild places on the African continent – generally Zimbabwe southwards. Recent episodes on the Flock to Marion (an expedition cruise to Marion Island searching out seabirds) and a virtual contest between green and gold SA birds and all black NZ birds before the Rugby World Cup

final were highlights for me.

The Bird Podcast is based in India but has an international subject range, sometimes a scientifically-based topic or focussing on birding spots and travel overseas, featuring the special birdlife that can be found there.

Though not focussing solely on birds Nature News from RSPB Scotland provides news on what is happening in that country, especially in that bird conservation organisation's reserves, and issues with bird conservation there. Recent episodes on what is happening to Scotland's seabirds were very thought-provoking, and the podcast often features recordings and interviews undertaken on location in some rather evocative places. I do wonder why only the Scottish section of RSPB produces a podcast.

There are quite a few birding podcasts based in the United States. Probably the best is The American Bird Podcast, produced weekly by the American Birding Association. It's always interesting to hear what rare birds have been reported in the first section of the podcast. In the past year Limpkins and American Flamingos have been reported all over the country, sometimes ridiculously far north, no doubt a feature of a warming climate. Subjects discussed are diverse, sometimes including social issues and birding, sometimes overseas birding, sometimes an interview with a birding book author, sometimes an informal chat about birdy issues of the day. When there isn't anything particularly scheduled there is a 'random birds' programme when US species are picked at random and their features and status in the west and east of the country discussed. Nate Swick does a good job presenting the podcast.

Also from the US The Science of Birds is a lighthearted podcast about the biology of birds, which is building into a useful library of information. The presenter is zoologist Ivan Phillipson, who makes each edition fun, entertaining and informative.

One issue with podcasts is that most are produced on a voluntary basis, or with the help of donations. Some are unpredictable in their appearance over time, with gaps between series, or long periods when they go into abeyance. There is often a means of supporting the podcast and usually one of leaving a rating, which is perhaps the least a listener should do as a token of thanks.

Nick Allen



Recent Meeting - Accelerating Native Growth of Pasture

Maia Gerard, a master's student at the University of Canterbury presented her thesis at the October meeting. Her focus is on trialling methods to accelerate native forest growth from pastures in Banks Peninsula.

“High 'Bare' Peak was once covered in podocarp forest overlooking Lake Wairewa/Forsyth but was cleared for timber and grazing in the 19th century. Now in the 21st century it's set for reforestation, yet returning pastures of exotic grasses back to native bush is no simple task. Research involves testing different treatments of grass reduction to improve germination of native seedlings. This even includes a study on whether maintaining some grazing by sheep can be used to suppress grass cover, and encourage native species while minimising their impact on secondary forest growth. A survey of the bird fauna is also being used to track changes as the forest regenerates. The project is being funded by Brian Mason Trust and will be used to improve regeneration and conservation efforts across Banks Peninsula.”



Seedlings of native trees poking through the exotic pasture. Seeds were collected and sown across the study site.



Current view from the top of High Bare Peak. The area was once covered with native forest, and may soon be again in the near future.

Global Big Day For Canterbury and More

By Sharon Lake

A very, very windy Global Big Day on the 14th October

Bev and I started at Ravenswood before 8am, Bev can drive safely and spot birds that Janet and I don't ever/usually see. She is always encouraging and patient with new birders. We met Janet in Lincoln and Bev spotted a SIPO possibly nesting in a new housing development. It had a backpack solar transmitter and banding.

The spotless crane did not get the memo to show up at the Lincoln wetlands and so we headed to Lake Ellesmere. The Emergency text alert confirmed that it was exceptionally windy and more trees were likely to fall so we headed home. The wind dropped by late afternoon so I birded at Styx Mill staying away from trees. Thanks to Bev and Janet I have become a proper birder!

My book recommendation:

New Zealand's Biggest Year by Harry Boorman with Felicity Boorman

I was keen to read this as Harry gave a great talk over Zoom at a BirdsNZ Canterbury meeting. I read through it very quickly, constantly thinking to stop after just one more chapter but with my chocolates and the intriguing story, I just couldn't finish. The photos and maps complement the engaging text. I agree with Oscar Thoma , " An exciting , emotional and humble journey full of twists and turns, Harry's dedicated avian efforts will inspire anyone to give birding a go."

A highly recommended read.

Harts Creek Bird Hide and Boardwalk.

This has been closed for a while due to health and safety issues. The Ellesmere Lions, with support of landowners, put this in 30 years ago. There was a meeting on the 1st November to discuss if it is to be rebuilt. There was strong support for the rebuilding and a working group set up. We are fortunate that a passionate birder Steve Attwood (Auldwood Birds) agreed to be in this group. There were comments on looking at other wetland site bird hides as well. Possibly something to bring up in the next meeting.

Sharon Lake



Bev and Sharon at Yarrs Bay - Janet Burton



Barbary Dove just outside of Rolleston - Janet Burton

Black-billed Gull Canterbury and National Census

With the help of Birds NZ Research Fund, Environment Canterbury, Environment Southland, and DOC project River recovery we are once again undertaking a national Tarapuka/black-billed gull census.

This will update the 2016 census and determine the population trend for this species, which is a key piece of mahi to inform the threat classification process. Aerial surveys are planned for many South Island rivers, but often black-billed gulls nest off rivers. We are therefore keen for people to keep an eye out and report any breeding colonies anywhere in both the district or the country! We are keen to hear of colonies as they form up to gauge breeding timings in areas, this will help ensure we do the flights at the best time. Please use breeding codes and write notes in the comments field in your eBird Atlas submissions, or send any sightings to mike@toroiconsulting.co.nz and cmischler@doc.govt.nz.

Don't hesitate to reach out to us for more information.

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:

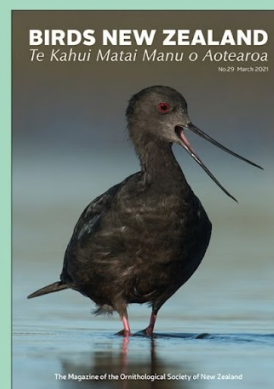
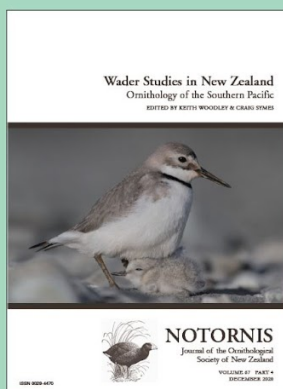
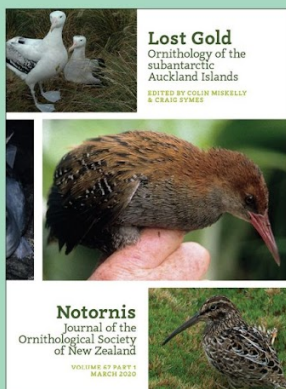
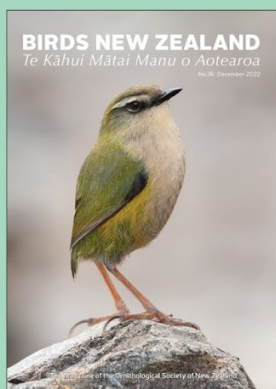
14 November - Birding at Styx Mill Reserve. Meeting at the car park off Styx Mill Road at 9:30 am.

If you can't make this date but would still like to go on an alternative trip you can let Bev know. Also let her know if you plan to come on either of these rambles.

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Notice of National Survey of Australasian Crested Grebe

Saturday 27 January 2024



A national crested grebe census is being planned for **Saturday 27 January 2024**, ten years after the last national survey. The census is being organised as a volunteer project by Rosalie Snoyink and Leslie Jensen.

We are again seeking the assistance of the Department of Conservation, Ornithological Society NZ, South Island Fish and Game, Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society, Federated Mountain Club members, and enthusiastic individuals, to help count about 100 lakes in the South Island, all on the same day.

Please let us know if you will be at a South Island lake at that time and can assist in counting crested grebes.

Please email or phone:

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Nation-wide Royal Spoonbill Colony and Nest Count

2024/2025 breeding season

At the last nation-wide count in 2013, 20 colonies were identified, mainly in the South Island. There are now reports of colonies in the North Island and with the increase in royal spoonbill numbers and sightings all over NZ we expect that more new colonies will be discovered. Birds NZ is planning a survey to locate colonies and count nests of royal spoonbill during the 2024/2025 breeding season to find out whether Royal Spoonbill are continuing to extend their breeding range within NZ.

Tasks this summer

This summer (December/January) Regions should be thinking about how to survey their areas for Royal spoonbill nesting colonies. This season we should undertake a general look-around to find out if these birds are now nesting in your region and if in hard-to-get-to locations, thinking about strategies to try to count the number of active nests. Some areas may need boat access, or flying over, and are use of drones possible?

I will be applying on behalf of all regions for funds from the Project Assistance Fund to help with the Spoonbill Survey, so early in the New Year I will be asking Regions to provide me with estimates of funds needed for this, such as boat transport costs, perhaps light aeroplane flight, or whatever. Some Regions may have enough reserves to fund the survey of their region themselves.

Mary Thompson, Survey Coordinator.

Publicity

The public could also be asked to keep a lookout and report any colonies and/or nesting behaviour of royal spoonbill such as carrying twigs for nest building, courtship displays, or congregating together in trees near water. Royal Spoonbill colonies are invariably located in sites particularly inaccessible to humans so try to survey remote areas. They are usually surrounded by or above water. They are on islands, small islets, rock stacks off the coast, islands within river estuaries, or deep within wetland areas, including the dense kahikatea

The site of the nest ranges from on the ground to many metres high in trees. The type of nest ranges from simply flattened grasses without much nest material to large loose constructions of interwoven sticks and twigs.



Recent Sightings

Canterbury and West Coast Bird Report June to August 2023

This report covers the period 1st June to 31st August 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 christchurchnzbirdier@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

Cape Barren Goose (A) Englishs Road: 2 25/6 DG, 2 6/7 KM, 2ad 3imm 22/7 KW. Embankment Road: 1 18/6 CC. Washdyke Lagoon: 1 3/6 WA, 1 4/6 BAc, 1 4/7 CC.

Mute Swan (S) Halswell Creamery Reserve: 1 14/6 PR.

Blue Duck (A) Heaphy Track Swanburn Bridge: 1 30/8 'Gavin and Mal'. Oparara Basin: 1 11/6 SK. Otira Viaduct Lookout: 1 12/6 KB, ACh, EA. Perth River: 4 7/7 CCo. Welcome Flat, Copland Valley: 2 5/8 EF, JBi, 3 12/8 CCo, BS, 3 13/8 BS, CCo.

Northern Shoveler (V) Pegasus Wetland: 1 2/6 BA.

Chestnut Teal (V) Ashburton RM: 1 21/6 AC, 22/6 WA, TB, 24/6 DT, 2/7 CC, 28/8 AC.

Peafowl (A) Banks Road, Sefton: 6 3/6 BA, 7 4/6 CC, 6f2m 20/8 BA. Factory Road: 4m 1f 11/7 BA. Metro Recycling Depot, Bromley: 3 10/6 HT. Inwoods Road, Southbridge: 6 2/6 KW/

Chukar (A) Mount John: 3 6/7 CC. Murchison Valley, east spur of Ron Adair Basin: 3 9/8 GL.

Lady Amherst's Pheasant (A) Kinloch Road, Little River: 1m 9/8 PC.

Turkey (A) Inland Kaikoura Road E of Charwell River: 1 6/8 NA. Timberyard Road: 12 26/7 BA.

Australasian Crested Grebe (S) Lake Forsyth: 239 27/6 AC. Wainono Lagoon: 1 29/6 PSa.

New Zealand Dabchick (V) Barrytown Lagoons: 1 20/6 KM, 28/6 BS. Pegasus Wetlands: 1 5/6 BA. Lake Forsyth: 2 27/6 AC. Irrigation pond intersection Barford & Maronan Valetta Roads, Westerfield: 1 18/6 NA, 19/6 DGe, 20/6 TB. This species seems to be becoming more regular in the region.

Australasian Little Grebe (V) Franz Josef WTP: 1 12/7 BS, CCo, 13/7 BS, 14/7 BS, 16/7 BS, 17/7 BS, 18/7 BS, 19/7 BS, 20/7 BS, 22/7 BS, 30/7 BS, 2 4/8 BS, 1 7/8 BS, 1 9/8 BS, CCo, 1 11/8 BS, CCo, 15/8 BS, 17/8 BS.

Fiordland Crested Penguin (V) Sumner Lifeboat Inst: 1 14/8 BAc, CC.

Australasian Bittern (A) Cape Foulwind Road E of former cement works: 1 23/6 RN. Halswell Canal, Greenpark Huts: 6 25/8 NF. Harts Creek: 2 8/7 DC. Leto's Wetland, Lake Coleridge: 1 6/7 JC.

White Heron (A) Dicks Road, Sefton: 1 11/7 BA. Saltwater Creek, Waikuku: 1 11/7 BA. Tulls Road: 1 11/7 BA. Ashley Estuary: 1 17/7 AU, CJ, 7/8 NF, 9/8 BA. Taranaki Creek, Waikuku: 1 18/8 JB. Marsh Road, Rangiora: 1 21/8 BA. Travis Wetlands: 1 4/8 BC. Naughty Boys Island: 1 16/7 WB. Bridge Street, Avon-Heathcote Estuary: 1 14/7 WB. Linwood Canal: 1 6/6 BAc, 11/6 BAc, 12/6 DG, 17/6 CC, 30/6 WA, 4/7 WA, 12/7 WA, 13/7 WA, 25/7 WA, 27/7 WA, 21/8 WA. Ferrymead Retention Wetlands: 1 6/6 BAc, 17/6 WA, 20/7 NF, 26/8 KW. Lake Forsyth: 3 27/6 AC. Kaituna Lagoon: 1 1/6 WA, 3/6 PS AR. Halswell Canal, Greenpark Huts: 1 25/8 NF, 31/8 SL. Coaltrack Road nr Coalgate: 1 1/6 TB. Nursery Lake, Ashburton Lakes: 1 1/7 DGe, 15/7 HR. Wainono Lagoon: 1 29/6 PSa.

Little Egret (V) Ashley Estuary: 1 2/7 HR, 11/7 GS, 6/8 BAc, SA, 7/8 NF, 12/8 CH, 30/8 BA, BD. Lake Forsyth: 3 11/6 SA, 3 27/6 AC, 1 30/8 AC. Saltwater Lagoon: 1 12/7 BS, 2 17/7 BS, CCo.

Reef Heron (A) Point Kean: 2 11/6 KB, ACh, EA, 1 23/6 BZ, 1 7/7 EM, HK. Kaikoura Peninsula: 1 6/6 SK, 2 12/7 MO. Raramai: 2 16/7 WA, 1 23/8 SN.

Cattle Egret (A) Karamea Estuary: 10 30/8 'Gavin and Mal'. Marchmont Road, Rangiora: 1 1/6 BA. Tulls Road: 2 3/6 BA, 2 16/6 BA, 2 22/6 BA, 1 11/7 BA. Marsh Road, Rangiora: 10 21/8 BA, 7 30/8 BA. Camside Road, Kaiapoi: 12 7/8 BA, 10 12/8 BA. Tuahiwi Road, Kaiapoi: 7 28/7 BA. Lincoln Wetlands: 6 21/7 WA, 8 23/8 WA. Springs Road, Lincoln:

13 5/7 WA, 6 7/7 IS, 2 11/7 CC, 9 12/7 JB, 6 14/7 BAc, SA, MP, LM, 7 30/7 HT, 10 31/7 JB. The Lake Road/Drain Road/Lower Lake Road: 2 10/6 TB, 10 17/6 BA, 22 11/7 DT, 15 26/8 Young Birders NZ, 27 31/8 PR. McKeown Road, Woodbury: 1 29/8 PSa. Wainono Lake Road: 2 2/6 JB. More Cattle Egrets than usual (of late) seem to have crossed the Tasman this winter.

Glossy Ibis (V) Embankment Road: 1 27/8 BAc, SAM.

Marsh Crake (A) Ashley Estuary, Taranaki Creek end: 1 9/6 CC. Styx Mill Wetlands: 1 7/6 TB, 13/6 PR. Lincoln Wetlands: 1 5/7 WA, 2 25/8 WA. Harts Creek: 4 25/6 BAc, 2 8/7 DC, 1 14/7 SA, BAc, 2 14/8 WA. Franz Josef WTP: 1 13/7 BS, 1 4/8 BS, 1 7/8 BS, 2 17/8 BS.

Spotless Crake (A) Lincoln Wetlands: 3 25/8 NF.

Black Stilt (A) Ashley Estuary: 1 17/6 NA, 30/7 BAc, 18/8 WA. Lake Opuha: 2ad 1imm 5/7 PSa, JS. Lake Tekapo SW bay: 4 5/7 RW. Lake McGregor: 1 6/7 CC. Tasman Fan: 4 4/7 HM, 5 30/7 RM, 11 26/11 OE.

Black-fronted Dotterel (A) Leslie Hills Road: 1 16/7 NA. Waipara RM: 2 17/6 NA, 4 21/8 JBr. Kowai RM (Leithfield): 2 10/6 BA. Ashworths Lagoons: 1 3/6 BA. Wards Road, Ravenswood: 5 22/8 BA. Kesteven Place Wetland, Ravenswood: 3 10/6 CC, 1 14/6 BAc, 4 26/7 CC. Ashburton RM: 4 11/6 DGe, 1 22/6 WA, 2 25/6 WA, 9 14/7 DGe. Spider Lagoon: 2 13/6 PSa. Opihi RM: 2 13/6 PSa. Washdyke Lagoon: 10 15/6 PSa, JS, 3 30/8 JS, PSa. Saltwater Creek, Timaru: 3 3/6 LE, JC, 10 2/8 GF.

Turnstone (A) Point Kean, Kaikoura: 5 2/7 BAc, 5 3/7 BAc. Ashley Estuary: 1 30/7 BAc. Crescent Island: 6 25/6 PC, MF. Tip of Kaitorete Spit: 1 25/6 PC, MF.

Curlew Sandpiper (A) Tip of Kaitorete Spit: 1 20/8 BAc, SAT, 23/8 BAc, ACh, 26/8 JR.

Red-necked Stint (A) Clarkes Road: 5 25/6 BAc. Tip of Kaitorete Spit: 1 25/6 PC, MF, 12 20/8 BAc, 17 23/8 BAc, ACh.

White-winged Black Tern (A) Tip of Kaitorete Spit: 4 20/8 BAc, SAT, 4 23/8 BAc, ACh. Chertsey Road, Chertsey: 1 13/7 AC.

Gull-billed Tern (V) Embankment Road: 1 7/7 IS.

Common Tern (V) Akaroa Heads: 1 18/6 NM.

Antarctic Tern (V) Wainono Lagoon: 1imm 10/7 PL.

Barbary Dove (A) Kippenberger Avenue, Rangiora: 2 1/6 BA. Janet Stewart Reserve, Marshland: 3 20/6 BA, 1 24/6 BAc, CC. Ellesmere Cemetery: 2 8/6 PR, 1 10/6 TB.

Spotted Dove (A) Charing Cross area: 2 3/6 AC, 4 25/6 CC, 4 2/7 TB, 2 29/7 AC, 11 5/8 AC. East of Greendale: 5 29/7 AC, 2 5/8 AC, 1 13/8 AC.

Fork-tailed Swift (V) Opihi River near Pleasant Point: 3 19/8 DGe.

New Zealand Falcon (S) Kaiapoi Pa Road, Waikuku: 1 16/6 BA. Darfield Recreation Ground: 1 3/6 AC. Ilam Gardens: 1 6/6 SW, EG, 6/9 DG. Castle Rock Reserve, Heathcote: 1 subad f 1/8 DT. Halswell Quarry Park: 1 23/6 JW.

Kennedys Bush: 1 18/7 PC. Misty Peaks: 1 7/6 PC, 8/6 PC. Geraldine town edge: 1 4/6 MM, 24/6 MM, 25/6 MM.

Kea (S) Waiuta: 1 6/7 JN. Hurunui South Branch: 1 27/6 JBr. Hawdon Valley: 1 19/6 BAc. Hans Bay, Lake Kaniere: 3 29/7 MO. Whataroa River above Whymper Hut: 2 9/6 BS. N Okarito Forest: 4 20/6 BS, 2 1/8 BS. Okarito Forest NW of Lake Mapourika: 2 23/6 BS, 1 7/8 BS. Okarito Forest N of Lake Mapourika: 1 29/8 BS. E of Lake Mapourika: 2 5/8 BS. Okatito Township: 5 2/8 EF, JBi. S of Totarakaitorea River, Okarito Forest: 1 25/6 BS. E of Five Mile Lagoon: 1 18/8 BS. Alpine Lake, S Okarito Forest: 1 3/8 BS. Five Mile Creek: 2 6/8 BS. Waitangitaona Valley: 3 21/7 BS, 1 22/7 BS, 2 10/8 BS, 2 21/8 BS. W of Lake Mapourika: 1 8/8 BS. SE of Lake Mapourika: 1 24/6 BS. Upper Barlow River: 2 31/8 CCo. Barlow River: 3 4/7 BS, 1 30/8 BS. Upper Perth River: 1 31/8 BS. Franj Josef township: 2 10/7 BS, 1 16/8 BS. Copland Track W: 3 3/7 AU, CJ. Architect Creek Hut: 1 14/8 BS. Welcome Flat, Copland Valley: 4 5/8 JBi, EF, 2 12/8 BS, CCo, 3 13/8 CCo, BS, 2 14/8 BS. Hooker Terminal Lake: 1 4/7 CB. Tasman Glacier: 1 3/7 CB. Godley Maude Moraine: 1 30/8 GL. Classen Lake Outlet: 1 29/8 GL.

Kaka (A) Lake Daniell, Manson Nicholls Hut: 1 9/6 SK. Marble Hill, Maruia Valley: 1 9/6 SK, 3 10/6 SK, 4 11/6 SK. Hurunui South Branch: 1 28/6 JBr. Hawdon Valley: 7 19/6 BAc. Andrews Valley: 5 28/8 NF. Welcome Flat, Copland Valley: 1 12/8 CCo, BS, 1 13/8 BS, CCo, 3 14/8 BS.

Sulphur-crested Cockatoo (A) Prices Valley Road: 30 1/6 WA, 7 2/6 PR, 3 18/6 CC, 3 .

Yellow-crowned Parakeet (A) Hawdon Valley: 8 19/6 BAc. Andrews Valley Track: 3 30/6 PC. Kawhaka Intake: 1 30/7 BS. Upper Butler River (Whataroa Catchment): 1 9/6 BS. W of Pakihi Lookout, Okarito Forest: 1 19/6 BS. Okarito Trig Track: 2 8/8 CCo. Okarito Forest W of The Forks: 1 29/8 BS. Okarito Forest NW of Lake Mapourika: 19 23/6 BS, 6 7/8 BS. Okarito Forest N of Lake Mapourika: 1 29/8 BS. E of Lake Mapourika: 6 5/8 BS. Okarito Township: 1 24/8 BS, CCo. Three Mile Track, Okarito: 4 4/8 BS. N of Totarakaitorea River, Okarito Forest: 19 22/6 BS. Totarakaitorea River, Okarito Forest: 4 25/6 BS. S of Totarakaitorea River, Okarito Forest: 10 25/6 BS. E of Five Mile Lagoon: 7 18/8 BS. Alpine Lake, S Okarito Forest: 1 2/8 BS, 7 3/8 BS. Five Mile Creek, S Okarito Forest: 5 23/6 CCo, 1 6/8 BS. W of Lake Mapourika: 2 8/8 BS. SH6 at Okarito River: 3 29/8 BS. Upper Barlow River: 6 31/8 CCo. Barlow River: 10 4/7 CCo, 16 4/7 BS, 7 10/7 BS, 7 30/8 BS. Upper Perth River: 1 11/7 BS. SE of Lake Mapourika: 3 24/6 BS, 2 24/6 CCo.

Orange-fronted Parakeet (A) Hurunui South Branch: 3 28/6 JBr.

New Zealand Kingfisher (S) Ashley Estuary: 80 17/6 (my highest count for well over a decade) NA.

Tui (S) Gore Bay: 1 5/6 PS. There may be a southerly range expansion/population increase of this species in coastal Hurunui.

Yellowhead (A) Hurunui South Branch: 5 27/6 JBr.

Cirl Bunting (A) Kaikoura Peninsula: 1 6/6 SK. Kaikoura Lookout: 2 11/6 KB, ACh, EA, 2 14/7 WA. South Bay, Kaikoura: 2 3/8 SK. Bellewood Avenue, Belfast: 2m1f 28/8 BA. Ferrymead Historic Park: 1 20/8 CC. Otaio River Road: 1 4/6 NA.

Observers: BAc Ben Ackerley, BA Bev Alexander, NA Nick Allen, WA Warwick Allen, SA Samuel Amaris, EA Erin Anderson, SAt Steve Attwood, KB Katy Banning, JBi Jez Bird, WB William Brice, TB Tom Broughton, JBr Josh Brown, JB Janet Burton, CB Chris Bycroft, DC D Callaghan, JC Janina Castro, ACh Annette Ching, JC Jack Colley, CC Christian Cosgrove, CCo Chad Cottle, AC Andrew Crossland, PC Phil Crutchley, BC Brett Curry, BD Brian Darlow, LE Lily E, OE Oskar Ehrhardt, NF Noah Fenwick, EF Emma Flittner, MF Matt Francke, GF Giverny Forbes, DGe Don Geddes, DG Don Goodale, EG Eleanor Gunby, CH Clint Hook, CJ Colin Jensen, HK Han Sheng Khor, SK Stefan Kopec, SL Sharon Lake, PL Peter Langlands, GL Graeme Loh, LM Lauren McAuley, RM Richard Maarschall, EM Esteban Martinez Fredes, MM Michelle Miles, KM Keegan Miskimmin, NM Niall Mugan, HM Hadley Muller, JN Janet Newell, RN Richard Nichol, SN Sue North, MO Mats Olsthoorn, MP Micah Pomare, PR Peter Reese, HR Heather Rogers, AR Alex Rossi, JR Jesse Rubenstein, JS Joy Sagar, PSa Paul Sagar, IS Ian Saville, GS Garth Shaw, BS Bradley Shields, PS Pablo Silber, HT Heather Targett, DT David Thomas, AU Antonia Ulle, JW Jan Walker, SW Sandra Wallace, RW Rebecca Wheeler, KW Kely Withington, BZ Benjamin Zerante.

Banded Dotterel - Kaikoura - Samuel Amaris



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:

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