



Birds New Zealand

Auckland Regional Programme 2024

JAN – JULY 2024

Meetings held on the 1st Tuesday of every month (except January), 7.30pm at Unitec Institute of Technology (Mt Albert, Entry 4, Building 115).

All visitors welcome. \$3 koha.

Further information on meetings, venues and activities:

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JANUARY

- 20 Annual Summer Picnic: Picnic: Matuku Link** - Meet at 10:00am and bring your lunch. Matuku Link is 37 hectares of wetland and native bush at 111 Bethells Road, Te Henga, West Auckland. Possible sightings include bittern, spotless crane, fern bird and brown teal. Contact Chris Thompson (021426839) for details and carpooling chrisandpeter@hotmail.com.

FEBRUARY

- 03** Wetland Festival at Matuku Link, Te Henga 10:00am - 3.00pm *Member assistance for our promotional stand: setup from 8am*: Contact Ian McLean (021535121).
- 08 Monthly meeting (Thursday) 7.30pm: Ornithological potpourri**
Members' summer reports & regional roundup.
- 17** Muriwai beach patrol 9.30am: Contact Ian McLean (021352995).
- 25** eBird Fieldtrip at Te Atatū Peninsula 10:00am. Meet at Harbourview Orangihina Park northern carpark – *bring your smartphone with eBird app*. Contact Trina Smith to register by 18th Feb (021352995/ trinasmith.eco@gmail.com).

MARCH

- 03** Pukorokoro Miranda Autumn Migration/Open Day: Guest speaker at 10am (HT1318).
- 05 Monthly meeting 7.30pm: John Sumich (Matuku Link): More on matuku – a national Australasian bittern survey.**
- 10** NZ dotterel post-breeding flock counts, Big Sand Island/Manukapua (& other west coast sites): Contact Gwenda Pulham (0210553365).
- 16** NZ dotterel post-breeding flock counts, Mangawhai (& other east coast sites). *Limited observers needed* - Contact Gwenda Pulham (0210553365).
- 16** Muriwai beach patrol 9:30am: Contact Ian McLean (021535121).
- 17** Pūweto (spotless crane) monitoring, Harbourview Orangihina Park, Te Atatu Peninsula 7:30am: Contact Trina Smith (021352995).
- 24** Ambury Park guided walk 10:30am (HT1118 3.9m) - *ornithological helpers needed, ideally with telescopes/binoculars*. Contact Ian McLean (021535121).

APRIL

- 04 **Monthly meeting (Thursday) 7.30pm: Katie Vanderstok (Auckland Uni.): Cautiousness in the Eurasian blackbird and song thrush.**
- 13 Muriwai beach patrol 9.30am: Contact Ian McLean (021535121).
- 22 (Monday) Children's guided bird walk (for Cornwall Park School Holiday Programme), Cornwall Park 10.00am: *assistants needed*. Contact Ian McLean (021535121).
- 25 (Thursday) South Kaipara Lakes dabchick survey 9.00am: Contact Denise Poyner (094209885).

MAY

- 04 Muriwai beach patrol 9.30am: Contact Ian McLean (021535121).
- 07 **Monthly meeting 7.30pm: Dr Diane Fraser (Unitec) Day-time roost patterns of new and previously translocated North Island brown kiwi (*Apteryx mantelli*).**
- 12 Michael Taylor Memorial guided bird walk, Cornwall Park 10.00am: *ornithological helpers needed, ideally with binoculars*. Contact Ian McLean.
- 19 Pakiri beach patrol 9.30am: Contact Ian McLean (021535121).

1 – 3 June NZ BIRD CONFERENCE & AGM, Nelson

JUNE

- 04 **Monthly meeting 7.30pm: Shaun Lee (TEEF): Shorebirds of the Tamaki Estuary.**
- 15 Muriwai beach patrol 9.30am: Contact Ian McLean (021535121).
- 22 Kaipara wader census (HT1041 3.8m): Contact Adrian Riegen (8149741).
- 23 Manukau (HT1128 3.8m) & Waitemata (HT0804 3.1m) wader census: Contact Adrian Riegen (8149741).
- 29 Mangawhai wader census *-limited numbers* (HT1309 3.1m): Contact Gwenda Pulham (0210553365).
- 30 Firth of Thames wader census (HT1407 3.1m): Contact Adrian Riegen (8149741).

JULY

- 02 **Monthly meeting 7.30pm: Dr Brian Gill (ex. Auckland Museum): Diet of the shining cuckoo.**
- 07 Ambury Park guided walk 10.45am (HT11.30 3.8m) - *ornithological helpers needed, ideally with telescopes & binoculars*. Contact Ian McLean (021535121).
- 13 Muriwai beach patrol 9.30am: Contact Ian McLean (021535121).



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