



THE WRYBILL

Canterbury Regional Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2024

Field Trips:

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 led by an experienced birder that knows the lake. Please let Denise if you are keen or require more information.

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March 10 - 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

Further trips are to be announced at a later date.
(Contact Anita 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 26 - Brenda Green will talk to us on New Zealand Scaup and what eBird can tell us about the population.

March 25 - Our AGM and Richard Holdaway speaking about Bird Migration and a new way of studying the movements of animals.

April 29 - Frances Schmechel on Birds & Braids - Canterbury's braided river birds.

Can you all please give some consideration to whether there is someone you could ask to speak at our meetings. Whether it has been project, birding holiday, or birding topic. It would be wonderful to hear from all of you.



Far Eastern Curlew - Ashley Estuary - Samuel Amaris

RR's Report

We welcome our new RR, Anita Spencer

The National Australasian Crested Grebe/Kāmana/Pūteketeke Census was on the 27th of January. I know many members took part, although the weather was less than ideal with hot NW weather on the plains and windy inland. I'm looking forward to finding out how numbers have changed since the last census 10 years ago.

Bev Alexander, Sharon Lake and I went to the mouth of the Rakaia River hoping to see a Common Tern or a White-winged Black Tern which had recently been spotted there. We had no luck with them but the long skeins of spotted shags coming in to roost at the river mouth from sea was remarkable, like something out of a David Attenborough documentary.

Interesting bird sightings since Christmas include: 12 Cattle Egrets counted by Bev Alexander on the corner of Lake Road, South near Te Waihora, some still in breeding plumage. A landowner living near Hawarden is regularly having a kaka visit his garden, feeding in the pine trees, and there has also been sighting of kaka in the Mt Cass area. Little Egrets are still regularly being sighted at the Ashley Estuary as well as a Common tern and Far Eastern Curlew. Andrew Crossland has also spotted 2 NZ Dabchicks at the northern end of Lake Forsythe on the 30th of January. Someone reports a spotless crane with chicks at Otukaikino Reserve.

Anita Spencer

News Bulletin

2024 BirdsNZ AGM Conference:

The 2024 New Zealand Bird Conference and AGM of Birds New Zealand will be held in Nelson from 1 to 3 June (King's Birthday Weekend).

Speaker for Gardening Club in Opawa:

Forest and Bird has asked if any members would be available to speak to about 45 members of a gardening club on 9th April at 2pm. They are interested in garden birds, but also endangered species. There is a \$50 gift voucher as a thank you. Please contact Maggie Preston directly: maggieston49@gmail.com

Funding Opportunities:

BirdsNZ is offering a variety of scholarships, grants and fundings for ornithological projects. <https://www.birdsnz.org.nz/research/#funding>

Makarora Youth Camp Report:

The latest 5 day Youth Camp held in the Makarora Valley and delivered by the Aspiring Biodiversity Trust was a great success! Read the report at: <https://www.birdsnz.org.nz/news/2024-birds-nz-youth-camp/>

NZ BIRD CONFERENCE & AGM 2024

NELSON

1 - 3 JUNE

(King's Birthday Weekend)

Join us for a weekend of fascinating lectures and presentations focusing on the study and enjoyment of birds!

Take part in exciting field trips and share the great company of other members!

Online registration at **www.birdsnz.org.nz**

Enquiries: conference@birdsnz.org.nz or 02102993509



Identifying Bird Nests and Eggs

Identifying New Zealand bird nests and eggs can be a useful skill for birdwatchers. Here's a quick guide to recognizing and identifying nests and eggs of common species like the starling, blackbird and goldfinch:

Starling:

- **Nest:** Messy and untidy nests in various locations like building crevices or trees, made of grass, twigs, and sometimes bits of trash.
- **Eggs:** Pale blue or greenish with sparse speckling, usually glossy in appearance.

Blackbird:

- **Nest:** Sturdy and well-built nests in dense vegetation, often cup-shaped and lined with mud and finer materials.
- **Eggs:** Pale blue or greenish-blue with reddish-brown or black speckles, more concentrated towards one end.

Goldfinch:

- **Nest:** Look for a small, cup-shaped nest made of fine grasses, often found in trees or shrubs.
- **Eggs:** Pale blue or greenish-blue with delicate specks or spots.

Tips:

Location: Consider habitat preferences and the birds you see in the area when trying to identify nests.

Appearance: Note the size, shape, and construction materials of nests.

Egg Color and Markings: Pay attention to color, pattern, and texture.

Observation: Make sure not to touch or get too close to nests that have eggs or chicks



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:

20 February - Visiting Otukaikino Reserve in Belfast, meeting at 9:30 am in the carpark.

13th March - Birding around the Christchurch Botanic Gardens. Meeting at 9:30 am at the old information center.

16th April - Birding at the Brooklands Lagoon, meeting at 9:30 am at Spencer Park.

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

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Blue Duck - Pegleg Creek - Simon Binzegger

Recent Sightings

Canterbury and West Coast Bird Report September to November 2023

This report covers the period 1st September to 30th November 2023 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 behavior 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) Okari Terraces: 1 1/9 RN. Bucklands Peak Hut: 1m1f 2/9 RN. NW of Mawheraiti: 1m1f 29/9 DD. Bullock Creek Road, Punakaiki: 1m 2f 26/11 DM. Arthur's Pass Track: 1m 25/11 VF, DH, MD, RR. Bealey Valley Track: 1f 23/11 ST. Arthur's Pass township: 1 27/10 BW, 3 28/10 BMa, NM, BW. Hawdon Valley: 1 25/11 BAc.

Emu (A) Jeffs Road, Woodend: 4 26/9 BA. Englishs Road, Lincoln: 1 5/10 BA, JBu, SL, 23/10 DGo.

Cape Barren Goose (A) Englishs Road: 4 5/9 WA, 2 5/10 BA, JBu, SL, 2ad 1juv 13/11 WA, 2ad 1juv 18/11 PD.

Mute Swan (S) Ashworth's Beach Lagoons: 2 19/11 WA. Travis Wetland: 1 25/9 KRo. Anzac Drive Reserve: 1 4/10 BAc. Lake Kate Sheppard: 1 7/10 WA, 1 14/10 MR. Quaifes Road Wetland: 1 2/10 PR. Creamery Reserve, Halswell: 3 imm 19/11 PR.

Blue Duck (A) Ugly River (Karamea R catchment): 2 29/10 ACa. Helicopter Flat Hut: 1 20/10 CB. Wangapeka Track, Upper Karamea R: 3 20/10 CB. Specimen Point Hut: 2 18/10 JWi, SLe, KO. Pegleg Creek: 2ad 2 small chicks 9/11 RS, 2ad 2 small chicks 17/11 LM, 2a 2chicks 29/11 AB. Hawdon East Branch: 2a2chicks 7/10 SH. Edwards Hawdon Route: 1 21/10 KW. Kawhaka Creek: 1 23/10 RN. Barlow River: 2 11/11 CCo. Perth River nr Scone Hut: 2a 1 yng 30/10 BS. Architect Creek, Copland Ra: 1 10/11 ACa.

Wild Turkey (A) Timberyard Road: 4 9/11 ER, FM.

Helmeted Guineafowl (A) Timberyard Road, Lakeside: 8 1/11 BA, 2 21/11 ER, FM.

Peafowl (A) Banks Road, Sefton: 2f 14/10 BA. Factory Road, Sefton: 1m 23/11 BA. Kaiapoi Ponds: 1 29/9 BAc. Peacock Springs: 5 6/9 JB. Metro Refuse Transfer Sta: 1f 23/11 CC. Lincoln University Arboretum: 2 15/9 JR. Grange Road, Burnham: 1f 22/10 BAc.

Chukar (A) Mt John: 2 16/11 PD. Godley Peaks Road: 2 26/10 KW.

Golden Pheasant (A) Glentanner: 1m 4/10 KM, ME.

Turkey (A) Taaffes Glen Road, Loburn: 1 22/9 BA. Whites Road, Ohoka: 1 12/10 WA.

New Zealand Dabchick (V) St Anne's Lagoon: 1 13/9 JW, AM.

Australasian Little Grebe (V) Karamea: 2 5/9 Karamea Wild. Styx Mill Walkway: 1 25/11 WA, KR, CC, TB, SL, 26/11 DGo. Franz Josef WTP: 1 29/9 BS, 30/9 BS, 1/10 BS, 2/10 BS, 2 29/10 BS, CCo, 1 30/10 BS, 1 1/11 BS, 1 3/11 ACa, 1 10/11 RS, BS.

Pied Shag (S) Ohau Canal/Pukaki Canal Intersection: 1 (very unusual so far inland) 11/9 NF.

Stewart Island Shag (A) Ashburton RM: 1 10/9 PL. Timaru Harbour: 3 20/11 SV.

Australasian Bittern (A) Brooklands Lagoon N: 1 26/11 KRo, 1 28/11 CC. Halswell River @ Hudsons Road: 5 1/9 KR, 3 5/10 JBu, 2 20/11 WA. Halswell RM: 1m 28/11 VK. Taumutu Wetlands: 2 10/9 KR. Western Maori Lake (Ashburton Lakes): 1 18/11 DG.

White Heron (A) Hurunui River ~3km E of Hurunui No 3 Hut: 1 17/9 LJ. Ashley Estuary: 1 15/10 BAc, 24/11 BA. Taranaki Creek, Waikuku: 1 4/9 WA, 18/9 BA, 29/9 BA, 15/10 BAc 20/10 MA, 9/11 BA, 11/11 PDU, 25/11 VF, DH, MD, RR, 27/11 BA, PR, DL, RS, EW, TW, CC. Lake Kate Sheppard: 1 24/10 BAc. Linwood Canal: 1 28/9 BAc, 29/9 DGo, 3/10 WA, 29/10 BAc, JB, 30/10 DGo. Ferrymead Lagoons: 1 14/10 BAc. Kaituna Lagoon: 1 9/9 BAc, ACh, SL, 22/10 DGo, 30/10 FG. Halswell River @ Hudsons Road: 1 1/9 KR. Wolfe's Road Bay: 1 5/9 WA. Lower Selwyn River: 1 10/9 SA. Harts Creek: 1 7/10 JL, PC. Otematata Wetlands: 1 16/9 BM, 1 25/9 NF. Wainono Lagoon: 1 30/11 SL.

Little Egret (V) Ashley Estuary: 1 12/9 BA, SL, AM, JW, 13/9 CC, 15/10 BAc, 18/10 BA, 23/10 DG, 16/11 MJ, CC, 17/11 WB, 19/11 DG, 20/11 PD, 2 23/11 EG, 2 24/11 BA, 1 25/11 VF, DH, MD, RR, TB, 1 26/11 NA. Taranaki Creek, Waikuku: 1 18/9 BA, 15/11 BA, 1 27/11 PR, BA, CC. Lake Forsyth: 1 16/9 BAc.

Reef Heron (A) Kaikoura Peninsula Walkway: 1 5/10 BAc. South Bay: 2 28/11 RS, LMi. Albatross Encounter pelagic: 1 6/11 PD. Raramai: 1 28/9 JL, PC. Goose Bay area: 1 6/10 BAc. Pukerau I, Port Levy: 1 6/11 PCr. Pigeon Bay: 1 6/11 PCr.

Cattle Egret (A) N of Karamea town: 4 29/10 ACa. Camside Road, Tuahiwi: 11 19/9 BA, 12 15/10 BA. Marsh Road, Tuahiwi: 11 7/9 BA, 8 8/11 BA. The Lake Road/Drain Road area: 29 2/9 AC, JC, BAc, ACh, 26 3/11 RH, 15 19/11 BA.

Royal Spoonbill (S) Ashburton River near Hakatere Huts: 1 nest with 3 eggs within a Black-backed Gull colony in the river bed 11/11 DG.

Marsh Crake (A) Taranaki Creek Wetlands: 1 27/11 CC. Harts Creek: 4 2/9 BAc, ACh. Ohau C Ponds: 4 23/10 DoG, CA, DK, JK, RS, 1 23/11 DL, RS, TW, EW, 5 24/11 DL, RS, TW.

Spotless Crake (A) Okarito Wetland: 1 22/10 OT, BS, JCa, LE, 2 25/10 BS, CCo. Lincoln Wetlands: 1 1/9 WA, 1 2/9 CC, 1 10/9 JB, 1 11/9 CC, 1 5/10 BA, JBu, SL, 2 7/10 JL, PC, 1 14/10 JB. Harts Creek: 2 2/9 BAc, ACh.

Black Stilt (A) Cass River Delta: 3 5/11 MH, 2 6/11 JCo, 2 7/11 KD, 2 28/11 NW. Lake Murray: 2 30/9 JL, PC, 1 3/10 KM, ME, 2 6/10 BF, 2 7/10 NF, 2 3/11 LM, 2 9/11 PLu, CKe, HR, MA, EBU, CAR. Lake Tekapo McGregor outlet bay: 3 21/9 AK, 2 6/10 BF, 2 23/11 MJ, 4 28/11 NW. Lake Tekapo SE Bay: 2 14/11 CBa. Near Tekapo Canal 'fishbowl': 1 30/11 JSe. Tasman Fan: 29 9/9 NF, 3 4/10 KM, ME, 4 15/10EF, 7 19/10 ES, 3 23/10 DoG, CA, DK, JK, RS, 4 2/11 WW, EF, MW, SD, 2 4/11 LM, 2 10/11 PLu, CKe, HR, MA, EBU, CAR, 4 12/11 RS, 3 15/11 PD, 5 17/11 NF, 2 18/11 KG, PF, 3 20/11 RDo, 4 juv 23/11 EF, EA, AS, BB, BCo, P&KF, 5 24/11 DL, RS, TW, EW. 1 30/11 NW.

Pacific Golden Plover (A) Jarvis Road: 12 8/10 SA, BAc, 4 11/11 BAc, 7 12/11 BAc, CC, 13 19/11 DG, 13 20/11 WA, 4 26/11 WB. Clarks Road: 2 23/10 RH. Embankment Road: 6 23/10 DGo, 1 12/11 BAc, CC.

Black-fronted Dotterel (A) Waiiau/Mason Confluence: 1 18/10 KMi, MO. Ashley River at SH1 Bridge: 1 30/11 BSt. Ashley Estuary: 2 25/9 EG, SW. Kesteven Place Wetland, Ravenswood: 1 13/9 CC, 3 7/10 JL, PC, 1 12/10 BA, 3 20/11 CC. Wards Road, Ravenswood: 2 2/9 BA. Woodford Avenue Wetland, Ravenswood: 2 23/9 BA, 1 14/10 BA, SL. Ashburton River at Smalls Road: 2 9/9 DG. Ashburton Road at Rickards: 2 9/9 DG. Ashburton River near Hakatere Huts: 3 11/11 DG. Ashburton RM: 2 26/9 DG. Rhodes Lagoon area: 1 25/10 PS. Opihi River below Kerrytown Road: 4 13/10 DG. Washdyke Lagoon: 2 30/9 BF, 1 30/10 PS, JS. Otipua Wetland: 2 23/9 CC. Saltwater Creek Track: 1 29/11 SL.

Far-eastern Curlew (A) Ashley Estuary: 1 16/11 CC. The first for a few years, but it didn't seem to stay.

Terek Sandpiper (V) Clarkes Road: 1 21/10 KR, PCr, 23/10 RH, DG. Embankment Road: 1 20/10 WA, 21/10 AC, 22/10 DGo, BAc, SA, 23/10 DGo.

Grey-tailed Tattler (V) Tapurangi-Monau Reef (CI): 1 24/10 MB.

Turnstone (A) Point Kean, Kaikoura: 25 5/10 BAc, 7 24/11 FM, ER. Kaikoura Peninsula Walkway: 5 6/10 BAc. Ashley Estuary: 1 11/10 CC. Jarvis Road: 2 12/11 CC, BAc, 4 20/11 WA. Clarkes Road: 2 21/10 KR, PCr, 5 23/10 DG, 5 29/10 DG. Embankment Road: 6 29/9 WA, 11 20/10 WA, 12 22/10 BAc, SA, 12 23/10 DGo. Tip of Kaitorete Spit: 10 7/9 WA, 16 16/9 BAc. Ashburton RM: 2 22/10 DG. Tapurangi-Monau Reef (CI): 4 7/10 SLa, MB, 15 24/10 MB.

Lesser Knot (A) Orowaiti Estuary: 1 30/10 RN. Okari Estuary: 2 8/10 BS. Ashley Estuary: 2 11/10 CC, 13 29/10 BAc. Jarvis Road: 11 25/10 BA, SL, 2 11/11 BAc, 2 12/11 BAc, CC, 5 19/11 DG. Clarkes Road: 6 21/10 KR, 4 23/10 DG, 12 29/10 DG. Embankment Road: 8 20/10 WA, 14 22/10 BAc, SA, 14 23/10 DGo, 1 4/11 KW. Wolfes Road: 6 4/10 WA.

Curlew Sandpiper (A) Jarvis Road: 1 4/11 KW. Clarkes Road: 2 21/10 KR, 1 23/10 DG. Embankment Road: 1 20/10 WA, 2 22/10 DGo, 1 23/10 DGo. Tip of Kaitorete Spit: 3 7/9 WA, 3 9/9 BAc.

Sharp-tailed Sandpiper (A) Jarvis Road: 2 11/11 BAc, 3 12/11 CC, BAc, 2 19/11 DG. Clarkes Road: 3 21/10 KR, 1 29/10 DG. Embankment Road: 1 29/9 WA, 2 20/10 WA, 3 22/10 DGo, 3 23/10 DGo.

Red-necked Stint (A) Jarvis Road: 16 4/11 KW, 5 11/11 BAc, 28 12/11 BAc, CC, 28 19/11 DG. Clarkes Road: 46 21/10 KR, 35 23/10 DG, 17 29/10 DG. Embankment Road: 1 18/9 WA, 6 29/9 WA, 22 20/10 WA, 44 22/10 DGo, 16 23/10 DGo, 3 12/11 CC, BAc. Tip of Kaitorete Spit: 20 7/9 WA, 26 9/9 BAc, 23 16/9 BAc, 31 26/9 BAc.

Australian (Gull-billed) Tern (V) Jarvis Road: 1 25/10 BA, SL, 20/11 WA. Clarks Road: 1 23/10 RH. Embankment Road: 1 20/10 WA, 23/10 DGo, 12/11 BAc, CC. Tip of Kaitorete Spit: 1 24/9 WH.

Barbary Dove (A) Crofton Road, Nunweek: 2 5/10 BA, JBu, SL. Marshland Road #240: 1 24/10 BA. Hills Road: 1 21/11 CC. Waterholes Road, Weedons: 4 23/9 JB. Charing Cross area: 2 23/10 OT, JCa, LE. East of Greendale: 1 9/9 BA.

Spotted Dove (A) Charing Cross area: 6 23/10 LE, JCa, OT. East of Greendale: 2 9/9 BA.

Shining Cuckoo (S) Riccarton Bush: 1 18/9 DGo was the first reported. The species was widespread by the start of October.

Long-tailed Cuckoo (S) Temple Stream South Branch: 1 20/10 NF. This seems to be a regular site for the species.

New Zealand Falcon (S) Riccarton Bush: 1 3/10 NK.

Kea (S) (Sightings from Arthur's Pass, Okarito and Franz Josef areas excluded) Hutton's Shearwater Kowhai Colony: 1 20/11 MO, 2 22/11 MO. Lake Daniell Track: 1 6/10 ACa, 2 27/10 HC. Marble Hill: 1 10/10 ACa. Haupiri-Amuri Road, Mt Ajax: 1 22/10 ACa. Taramakau Settlement Road nr Greenstone Cemetery: 2 21/10 SC, KMi. Lake Poerua: 1 16/9 MC, 4 26/9 MC. Kawhaka Water Race: 1 24/10 MC. Saltwater Lagoon: 1 22/10 MO, RN. North Huxley Valley: 4 30/10 NF. Brodrick Hut, N Huxley Valley: 1 30/10 NF, 3 31/10 NF. Upper Temple Stream South Branch: 1 11/10 NF, 1 12/10 NF, 2 20/10 NF, 1 29/11 NF. SH6 nr Havelock Creek: 1 10/11 ACa. Gordon Creek NW of Karangarua: 1 26/9 CCo. Architect Creek, Copland Ra: 8 10/11 ACa, 1 11/11 ACa. Governor's Bush Walk Mt Cook: 1 12/11 RS. Haast-Paringa Pack Track: 1 5/10 M&RP. Munro Beach: 4 25/11 ST. South Turnbull Road end: 1 13/9 RN. Thunder Creek Falls, Haast R: 1 29/10 KW.

Kaka (A) Ugly River (Karamea R catchment): 2 28/10 ACa. Old Ghost Road NE of Ghost Lake: 1 17/10 KO, SLe. Old Ghost Road Lyell area: 2 15/10 JW, SLe, KO. E of Reefton town: 2 27/11 DD. Creighton Peak, Maruia: 1 15/11 ACa. Lake Daniell Track: 10 6/10 ACa. Marble Hill: 15 10/10 ACa, 2 6/11 PD. Palmer Road, Springs Junction: 2 9/10 ACa. E of Lady Lake, Rotomanu: 1 29/11 ACa. E of Gloriavale: 6 27/11 ACa. Hawdon Valley: 4 3/9 WA, 2 20/11 PD, 1 21/11 PD, 2 25/11 BAc, 7 26/11 BAc, 1 28/11 MCo, 1 30/11 ED. Hawdon Shelter: 2 29/10 NA, 1 10/11 SL. Cockayne Nature Walk: 4 7/10 CK. Mt Mueller: 1 22/11 BS. Callery Gorge: 1 10/10 BS. Architect Creek, Copland Ra: 1 10/11 ACa. Lake Moeraki: 1 9/11 PD. Munro Beach Track: 1 4/10 M&RP, 1 7/11 PD. Lake Moeraki Wilderness Lodge area: 4 4/10 M&RP. Murphys Beach track: 1 8/9 BS. Knights Point: 1 16/11 BS, CCo. Ship Creek: 1 17/11 ER, FM. South Turnbull Road end: 2 13/9 RN.

Sulphur-crested Cockatoo (A) Prices Valley: 3 16/9 BAc, 3 20/9 BC, 4 22/10 DGo.

Yellow-crowned Parakeet (A) Ugly River (Karamea R catchment): 1 28/10 ACa. Paparoa Pack Track near Bullock Creek: 4 7/9 R&ST. Lake Daniell Track: 1 6/10 ACa. Nelson Creek Road, Hochstetter: 1 22/10 JN. Devils Punchbowl Track, Arthur's Pass: 2 19/11 DS. Hawdon Valley: 15 3/9 WA, 16 25/11 BAc, 21 26/11 BAc. Hawdon Shelter: 1 16/11 MJ. Kidson House: 2 11/11 SL. Okarito Forest N nr Okutua Crk: 1 26/10 BS, 2 31/10 BS. Barlow River: 4 30/10 BS, 10 7/11 BS. Perth Barlow Confluence: 1 30/10 BS, 6 7/11 CCo. Nolans Hut, Perth Valley: 1 3/9 BS, 4 4/9 CCo. Perth River nr Five Finger Stream: 1 11/11 BS. Scone Hut, Perth Valley: 1 1/9 CCo. Hughes Creek, Perth Catchment: 3 3/9 BS, 19 4/9 CCo, 6 30/9 BS. Whataroa River near Twister Creek: 5 4/9 BS. Barrowman Flat, Whataroa River: 5 4/9 BS. N of Lake Wahapo: 1 27/9 BS. Okarito Township: 2 10/9 WA, 2 22/10 JN. SE end of Okarito Lagoon: 2 27/10 CCo. SH6 S of Lake Wahapo: 3 13/10 BS, 2 27/11 BS. W of Pakihi Walk: 2 27/10 CCo. Pakihi Walk: 1 3/11 DV, 1 16/11 CCo, BS, LL. N of Alpine Lake: 5 25/10 BS. N of Lake Mapourika: 5 8/11 CCo. W of Alpine Lake: 5 25/10 BS. W of Lake Mapourika: 1 23/10 CCo, 7 8/11 BS, 1 9/11 CCo. Echo Bay, Lake Mapourika: 2 8/11 BS. Five Mile Creek, Okarito Forest: 5 13/9 BS. NW of Lake Pratt: 1 9/11 BS. Donovan Drive, Franz Josef: 1 28/9 BS. Lake Matheson: 3 30/10 KW. Architect Creek, Copland Ra: 1 11/11 ACa. Brodrick Hut, N Huxley Valley: 3 30/10 NF, 31/10 NF. Hidden Bog, Hopkins Valley: 4 20/11 NF. Haast-Paringa Pack Track: 2 5/10 M&RP. Munro Beach Track: 1 29/10 KW.

Orange-fronted Parakeet (A) Hawdon Valley: 1 3/9 WA, 2 25/11 BAc.

Rock Wren (A) Grindley Ridge (above Ugly River): 2 29/10 ACa. Otira Valley Track: 1 28/10 BMa, BW, NM, 1m1f 29/10 NA, CBU, 1 19/11 BSh.

Tui (S) Mistletoe Flat, Craigieburn FP: 1 17/10 MC.

Yellowhead (A) Hawdon Valley: 2 3/9 WA, 1 26/11 BAc.

Common Myna (V) Avon River red zone nr Hawke Street: 1 31/10 GB, 1/11 CC, BAc, CM, 2/11 RH, 3/11 BC, 4/11 DGo, 5/11 WA, AF, 6/11 DGo, 11/11 LW, 12/11 GA, 17/11 DGo, 25/11 TB, 30/11 JR.

Cirl Bunting (A) Kaikoura Peninsula Walkway: 1m1f 5/10 BAc. Scarborough Street, Kaikoura: 2 24/9 KW. Russley Road: 1 22/11 BN. Godley Head: 1m1f 22/10 PCr, 1m1f 29/10 JR. Wigram Retention Basin: 1m 20/10 DGo. Halswell Quarry Park: 1m 7/10 AC, 1m1f 9/10 WA, 2m1f 13/10 AC, 1 24/11 CC. Wainono Lagoon: 1 3/10 KM, ME.

Observers: BAc Ben Ackerley, CA Cindy Alberico, BA Bev Alexander, CAR Carol Allen Rasoul, NA Nick Allen, WA Warwick Allen, SA Samuel Amaris, GA Georgie Archibald, EA Ellen Askum, MA Mark Ayre, CBa Chris Barnes. AB Alan Bell, GB Grahame Bell, MB Mike Bell, BB Bahar Bilgen, LB Lori Blanc, WB William Brice, CB Chris Brobin, TB Tom Broughton, JB Josh Brown, EB Erica Buhrmann, JBu Janet Burton, CBu Cole Burrell, ACa Arna Carlson, DC Daniel Cassel, JC Janina Castro, PC Po-Wei Chin, ACh Annette Ching, BCo Brian Coleman, AC Adam Colley, JC Jack Colley, JCo Jesse Conklin, CC Christian Cosgrove, HC Hannah Cossey, CCo Chad Cottle, MC Marilyn Court, MCo Mike Coverdale, SC Serge Crottaz, PCr Phil Crutchley, BC Brett Curry, MD Marshall Dahl, DD Dylan Davies, ED Eric De Fonso, PD Peter de Jongh, KD Kaspar Delhey, RD Robin DeMeo, RDo Rob Dougherty, SD Susan Drown, PDu Petrina Duncan, LE Lily E, ME Matthew Egan, BF Brendon Fagan, VF Virginia Fairchild, P&KF Paul & Koni Fank, NF Noah Fenwick, P&CF Peter & Charmaine Field, AF Aleisha Fisher, EF Erik Forsyth, PF Paul Friesan, DG Don Geddes, FG Faye Giddy, KG Katy Globus, DoG Doug Gochfeld, DGo Don Goodale, EG Eleanor Gunby, WH William Harland, MH Mark Hegnauer, SH Sam Holt, DH Dave Howes, RH Richard Hurt, MJ Matt Jones, LJ Leo Juby, DK Daryl Kellenberger, JK Jane Kellenberger, CKe Carolyn Keilig, VK Vanessa Kennard, CK Charles Kerby, NK Noel Knight, AK Ann Kovich. SL Sharon Lake, SLa Simon Lamb, LL L Lamm, DL Daniel Lane, PL Peter Langlands, SLe Stephen Legg, JL Jeran Lin, PLu Pat Lueders, CM Christine McCormack, BM Bruce McKinlay, FM Faye Manning, BMa Barbara Maytom, NM Neville Maytom, DM Dale Middleton, LMi Leanne Middleton, KMi Keegan Miskimmin, KM Kerrilee Moore, LM Leona Mukai, AM Allan Munro, JN Janet Newell, BN Bhubordee Ngamphueak, RN Richard Nichol, KO Kirsten Olsen, MO Mats Olsthoorn, DP Dawn Palmer, AP Andrew Pearce, M&RP Mary & Ralph Powlesland, RR Robert Rackliffe, HR Husam Rasoul, ER Eamon Riordan-Short, KRo Kenny Rose, MR Matt Rose, KR Kieran Rowe, JR Jesse Rubenstein, JS Joy Sagar, PS Paul Sagar, RS Richard Schofield, JSe Johanna Serquet, BS Bradley Sheilds, BSh Bill Shelmerdine, ES Ellen Shelton, AS Alice Smith, DS Des Smith, BSt Brent Stephenson, OT Oscar Thomas, ST Shifaa Thowfeequ, R&ST Robin & Sandy Toy, DV Deborah Vath, SV Steven Vozzo, SW Sandra Wallace, LW Lauren Waller, MW Marianne Walsh, BW Bruce Wedderburn, EW Eileen Wheeler, TW Tom Wheeler, NW Nathan Williams, JWi Janet Wilson, KW Kely Withington, WW W Wonderley, JW Janice Woon.

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*.



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