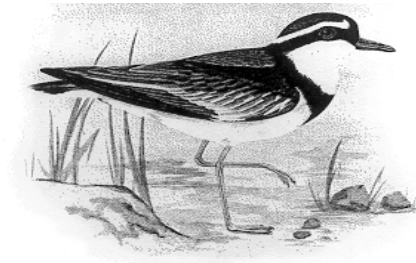


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**SPRING PROGRAMME. 2008**

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 11, 08**

**GLEN HOLLAND WILL GIVE A PRESENTATION ON HIS RECENT VISIT TO NAMIBIA. ( FORMERLY GERMAN WEST AFRICA )**

Glen will host the evening and has very kindly invited us all to a light South African-style meal, at 6.30p.m. at his home, 36 COLVILLE ST. MASTERTON. Directions: from Upper Plain Rd., turn R. into Edith St. then dog-leg to the L into Oak St. Then 2nd on L there is a sharp turn into Colville St. This is a most generous offer of hospitality and will be another highlight in our calendar. Your editor suggests that prior to Sept. 11, she indicates to Glen possible numbers of those who will be attending. To this end, please, via email or phone, RSVP to Barbara Lovatt (contact details above) before Tuesday, Sept.9..

**N.B. venue & commencement 6.30 p.m.**

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**SATURDAY, SEPT.13, 08**

**WESTERN LAKE ROAD FIELD TRIP.**

Meet at Farmlands, Greytown at 11 a.m. for a visit to Denise and Dougal Mackenzie's Western Lake Rd. property, where they have done extensive tree planting on their hillside garden, with resultant birdlife. Denise has

very generously offered to serve a cuppa when we arrive at 3.p.m. Prior to that, we will visit the adjacent spit / wetlands where there should be some interesting birding. We will eat our lunch at the wetlands.

**BRING:** Gumboots / boots, wet-weather gear, warm clothing, binoculars, thermos and lunch, and donation towards driver's petrol.

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## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 08.

At 7.30 p.m. 4 Clara Anne Grove, Greytown. Geoff and Jenny Doring will speak on their recent Birding Safari led by Glen Holland.

### **BIRDS WITH STRANGE-SOUNDING NAMES, A BIRDING SAFARI IN SOUTH AFRICA.**

This will be a sequel to Glen Holland's presentation on Namibia, at our Sept. meeting. It promises to be another enthralling opportunity to armchair travel to these exotic birding sites.

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## OCTOBER & NOVEMBER FIELD TRIPS

During these months, we will be doing a survey of Black-Billed Gulls nesting sites on the Ruamahanga and other rivers, in response to a request from DOC.Wairarapa. We suggest individuals do their own reconnoitre to discover possible nesting sites on the Waiohine, Waingawa, & Ruamahanga rivers, and to report their findings to Colin Scadden, our co-ordinator.

**Official FIELD TRIPS will be on Saturday, Oct. 4 and Sunday Nov.2. when we will meet at the Gladstone Pub at 1.30 p.m. to make up small groups for an organised reconnoitre of possible nesting sites in the vicinity.**

Convenor: Colin Scadden.

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## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13

7.30pm at 129 Renall St. Masterton. Tenick Dennison will present

### **THE FOLKLORE OF BIRDS.**

This will be a different and very interesting presentation, from one of our most knowledgeable and experienced members

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**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6. 6 p.m POT-LUCK  
DINNER** at 4 Clara Anne Grove, Greytown. An annual **MUST** for your calendar. Details nearer the time.