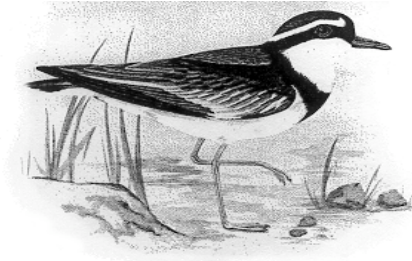


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## SPRING PROGRAMME 2009

### SEPTEMBER

MONTHLY MEETING, THURSDAY SEPT. 10.

at 4 Clara Anne Grove, Greytown. 7 P.M. Note this earlier start please.  
Colin Miskelly, from DOC Wellington Conservancy, will give an illustrated presentation entitled .....

**“SOUTH ATLANTIC SOJOURNS: BIRDS OF THE FALKLANDS, SOUTH GEORGIA, TRISTAN DA CUNA, THE ANTARCTIC PENINSULAR AND SOUTH AMERICA.** Colin was a resource lecturer on an Expedition Cruise ship to this part of the world. As the presentation will take over an hour, the meeting will start half an hour earlier than usual.

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FIELD TRIP SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 12. Meet at Farmlands Greytown  
1 p.m. for a visit to **LAKE WAIRARAPA RESERVE & BARTONS' LAGOON.**  
Followed by coffee at The Tin Hut.

### OCTOBER

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8** Glen and Natalie Holland have invited us to a farewell dinner and slide evening at their home, 38 Colville St. Masterton. They are leaving in November for Namibia, where Glen will be Director of Operations for the Cheetah Conservation Fund. Glen will show pictures of Namibia, and also of his recent work with the South Pacific Regional

Environment Programme on an off-shore island in Samoa. Once again, Natalie will serve for dinner, the national dish of South Africa, Bobotie. However, this time, to share the catering task, and to have a bit of fun, selected cooks will be invited to bring their own Bobotie dish for a Gordon Ramsey "Celebrity Cook " contest ( minus the f-word though.) More details nearer the time.

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, Field Trip to **MT. HOLDSWORTH**. Meet at the car park, MT. HOLDSWORTH at 2 p.m.  
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## NOVEMBER

THURSDAY 7.30 P.M. November 12. MEETING .  
PETER FROST, R.R. WANGANUI will give an illustrated presentation on **THE NANKEEN NIGHT HERON, AND HERONS , GENERALLY, BOTH IN NZ AND IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD**  
. Peter was a very significant member of our Expedition to the Whanganui River, in June of this year. Peter is a scientist whose original area of expertise was ornithology, and he has worked in various countries. He is now involved in ecological fields and especially agro-forestry. he continues to have a passion for birds, and is a vibrant speaker. This will also be an opportunity for our members to meet Peter in his new capacity as a member of OSNZ Council, and the Convenor of Council's Activities and Projects Committee. Peter will welcome our feed-back on how we can contribute to to the implimenting of projects and activites at a regional or wider level.

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SATURDAY NOV. 14 Field Trip to **PATUNA** , south-west of Martinborough. We will be the guests of our own member, Alan Wilkinson.  
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## DECEMBER

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5 . ANNUAL END-OF-YEAR DINNER.**  
will be held this year at Glenys Hansen's delightful home, which looks across a beautiful pond, wetland and garden, in Matahiwi, out from Masterton. Details nearer the time.

**ANNUAL VISIT TO ONOKE SPIT FOR BANDING OF BLACK-BACKED GULL CHICKS, AND MONITORING OF CASPIAN TERN COLONY.**  
This will be in conjunction with the OSNZ Wellington Region. Date to be announced nearer the time.