



The Ornithological Society of New Zealand Conference and AGM, Tauranga

Queen's Birthday Weekend 2nd to 4th June 2012

The 2012 Conference and Annual General Meeting of the Ornithological Society of New Zealand will be held in Tauranga, Bay of Plenty. The conference will comprise two days of scientific papers and workshops, with field trips to local birding highlights on the third day. The AGM will be held on Saturday afternoon.

Conference programme:

All meetings will be held at **Bureta Park Motor Inn**, Vale Street, Tauranga

Friday 1st June Council & Regional Representative meetings

Saturday 2nd June

08.00 Registration
08.50 - 15.40 Scientific Day
15.40 - 17.30 AGM
17.30 - 18.45 Happy hour, art launch & poster session
19.00 Informal dinner at Zaggers Licensed Cafe, 65 Chapel Street

Sunday 3rd June

08.00 Registration
08.50 - 10.45 Choice of workshops
11.15 - 17.00 Scientific papers
18.30 Conference dinner and OSNZ award presentations

Monday 4th June

The field trip programme is designed to give conference attendees a taste of our region. All trips will leave from Bureta Park Motor Inn and need to be booked on your registration form.

All field trips subject to alteration if circumstances dictate.

Tuhua / Mayor Island

07.00 - 17.30

A dawn-to-dusk sea trip to this pest-free island. Choose between the steep walk to the lakes where orange-fronted kakariki and pateke have been successfully released or a seabird-seeking circumnavigation of the island. Possible seabirds on the trip include albatross, fluttering and flesh-footed shearwaters, diving petrels, blue penguins, also sea mammals. *Minimum number 20, weather dependent.*

Websites: www.blueoceans.co.nz

www.doc.govt.nz/parks-and-recreation/places-to-visit/bay-of-plenty/tauranga-area/tuhua-mayor-island

Rotorua Lakes & Wingspan Birds of Prey Centre

08.00 - 17.00

Winter assemblies of dabchick and other waterbirds on Lakes Rotoiti and Rotorua, including the gull roosts at Sulphur Point. Then a visit to Wingspan Birds of Prey Centre, including flight displays.

Website: www.wingspan.co.nz

Otanewainuku Forest & Maketu / Little Waihi Estuaries

08.00 - c16.00

Otanewainuku Kiwi Trust has successfully reintroduced kiwi and kokako to this forest, one of the best sites for bush birds in the Western Bay of Plenty. Maketu and Little Waihi make up one of our best wader sites – the rarer species often turn up here. Low tide, but participants should still see a good variety of birds.

Website: www.kiwitrust.org.

Athenree Wetlands & Brian Chudleigh Memorial Bird Sculpture Trail

08.00 - c16.00

Guided tour of this restored wetland, hoping to see fernbird, bittern, spotless crane and banded rail. *Gumboots needed.* Then a stroll along the Uretara River, for river and estuarine birds, real and sculpted.

Websites: www.doc.govt.nz and www.katikati.co.nz

Registration Notes

Your choices:

- 1) Complete the following form and mail it to: *OSNZ Conference, PO Box 13102, Tauranga 3141*
Either enclose a cheque (payable to Bay of Plenty Ornithological Society of New Zealand) or deposit funds to account 02-0466-0258230-00 Bank of New Zealand, Cameron Road, Tauranga.
Account name: Bay of Plenty Ornithological Society of New Zealand.
Be sure to include your surname in the particulars / reference code.
- 2) Register online and pay by cheque or direct deposit – as above.
- 3) Register and pay online at www.osnz.org.nz - follow link to <http://osnz.org.nz/events/2012-conference>

Confirmation of your registration with a digital, printable GST receipt will be made by e-mail, or by postal mail if an e-mail address is not provided. The OSNZ GST number is: 49-411-923. All prices are GST inclusive.

Refunds: Following registration, if you are unable to attend, a full refund will be made for cancellations advised up to **15 May** 2012. From **16 May** 2012, a refund of 90% of the value of the registration will be made. In the event of cancellation and consequent re-selection of field trips, refund of price difference will be made after the conference.

Registration Form - OSNZ Conference and AGM 2012

A separate registration is required **for each person attending** and must be accompanied by the payment of specified costs.

Title/Name _____ Region _____

Address _____

E-mail _____ Phone () _____ Mobile _____

A. Registration and Meals

A1 Full Conference Registration

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conference registration –
<i>includes attendance at both scientific days, lunch, morning and afternoon refreshments</i> | \$ 110 | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Late registration (from 15 April) | \$ 125 | \$ _____ |

A2 Daily Registration - *Includes lunch, morning and afternoon refreshments*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday 2nd June (<i>presentations, poster session, etc</i>) | \$ 65 | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday 3rd June (<i>workshops and presentations</i>) | \$ 65 | \$ _____ |

A3 Meals

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday dinner at Zaggers (<i>cash bar available</i>) | \$ 35 | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday dinner - guest (<i>maximum 1</i>) | \$ 35 | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday conference dinner (<i>cash bar available</i>) | \$ 38 | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday conference dinner - guest (<i>maximum 1</i>) | \$ 38 | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monday packed lunch | \$ 15 | \$ _____ |

Sub-Total A: Registration and Meals: \$ _____

Please specify any special dietary requirements

- Vegetarian Vegan Allergies

B. Field Trips Monday, June 4th

Choose ONE of the following – all trip costs include transport but not lunch

Tuhua / Mayor Island	\$ 130	\$ _____
Waterbirds of the Rotorua Lakes & Wingspan Birds of Prey Centre	\$ 50	\$ _____
Otanewainuku Forest & Maketu / Little Waihi Estuaries	\$ 35	\$ _____
Athenree Wetlands / Katikati Bird Walk	\$ 35	\$ _____

C. T-SHIRT with OSNZ logo

Shirt Colour	Print colour	S	M	L	XL	XXL	Qty	Price	Total
White	blue							\$ 20	
Beige	blue							\$ 25	
Pale blue	blue							\$ 25	
Yellow	blue							\$ 25	
Black	white							\$ 25	
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TOTAL for A, B and C: *Please pay this amount...* \$ _____

Workshops

Please tick which of these workshops you would be interested in attending. This is to help in planning and does not commit you.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Mist netting | <input type="checkbox"/> How to set up and run a birding project |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shorebird identification | <input type="checkbox"/> Putting it all on paper - how to get that article published |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Organising shorebird census | <input type="checkbox"/> Ebird – bring your queries and problems |

Additional meal options

- I would be interested in a \$21 full cooked breakfast buffet at Bureta Park (minimum numbers needed).
- Saturday Sunday Monday
- I would be interested in an informal dinner after the field trip on Monday.

Scientific presentations

Paul Cuming is co-ordinating the scientific presentations. Expressions of interest from members and non-members are welcome. If you know of any non-members who may be interested in presenting a paper or poster, please ask them to contact us at the conference email or check the webpage. Student members presenting a paper receive a discount of \$20 on the full conference registration fee.

More details are available in the December issue of *Southern Bird*, and on the OSNZ conference webpage, or send any queries to the conference address conference@osnz.org.nz

If you wish to present a paper or poster, please indicate below.

- I wish to make an oral presentation at the 2012 OSNZ Conference.
- I wish to present a poster at the 2012 OSNZ Conference.

Travel

Please book early for cheap flights to Tauranga. There is a regular bus service from the airport to downtown Tauranga - www.baybus.co.nz. Intercity Coaches and Naked Bus both run services to Tauranga. If you choose to fly into Auckland or Hamilton, we will do our best to arrange a pick-up by local members, or shared travel with other attendees, if needed. **The best option is book early for Tauranga.** Those on the Rotorua field trip could be dropped at Rotorua Airport at approximately 16.15 on Monday.

- I am interested in transport from Hamilton airport.
- I am interested in transport from Auckland airport.
- I am interested in transport from Rotorua airport.
- I would like to car share (as driver or passenger). I am travelling from _____
- I agree to my contact details being shared with prospective co-travellers.

Accommodation

Bureta Park Motor Inn, Vale Street, Otumoetai www.buretapark.co.nz All rooms reserved for conference. Apply to hotel early to secure a place, saying you are attending the conference and whether you are willing to share a room. 1 to 3 persons per room.

The closest alternative accommodation is at Cobblestone Motel or The Duck's Nuts Backpackers, but other hotels, motels and backpackers are also within walking distance.

Reservations should be made with the accommodation of your choice. Location maps are shown on accommodation websites. **Please note that June is kiwifruit picking time and backpacker accommodation will be limited. Book early.**

A selection of accommodation:

1. Cobblestone Motel, 86 Chapel Street; 0800-506-306 or (07) 576-9028; enquiries@cobblestonecourt.co.nz; www.cobblestonecourt.co.nz
2. Just The Ducks Nuts Backpackers, 6 Vale Street; (07) 675-1366; info@justtheducksnuts.co.nz; www.justtheducksnuts.co.nz
3. YHA Tauranga Backpackers, 171 Elizabeth Street West; 0800-278-299 or (07) 578-5064; yha.tauranga@yha.co.nz; www.yha.co.nz/hostels/north-island-hostels/yha-tauranga
4. Hotel Armitage, 9 Willow Street; (07) 578 9119; www.hotelarmitage.co.nz
5. Harbour City Motor Inn, 50 Wharf Street; (07) 571-1435; motel@taurangaharbourcity.co.nz; www.taurangaharbourcity.co.nz
6. Sebel Trinity Wharf Tauranga, 51 Dive Crescent; 0800 937-373; www.mirvachotels.com
7. City Suites Tauranga, 32 Cameron Road; 07 577-1480; www.citysuites.co.nz
8. Academy Motor Inn, 734 Cameron Road; 0800-782-922 or (07) 578-9103; stay@academymotorinn.co.nz; www.academymotorinn.co.nz
9. Roselands Motel, 21 Brown Street; 0800-363-093 or (07) 578-2294; stay@roselands.co.nz; www.roselands.co.nz
10. Mt. Maunganui Beachside Holiday Park, 1 Adams Avenue; (07) 575 4471; www.mountbeachside.co.nz.

Websites for Tauranga area: www.bayofplentynz.com and www.bestoftauranga.com.

Contacts

If necessary, contact the conference organisers via conference@osnz.org.nz or
OSNZ Conference, PO Box 13102, Tauranga 3141

If you need to speak to someone regarding the conference, phone the Regional Representative:
Eila Lawton 07 549 3646

We look forward to welcoming you to the ~~oily~~ ^{sunny} Bay of Plenty