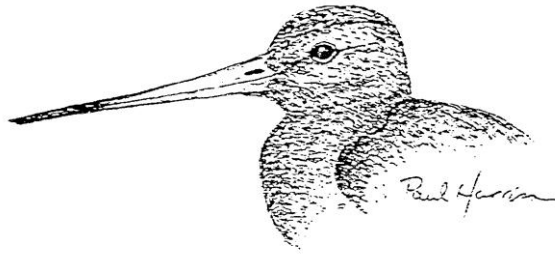


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**Newsletter of  
South Auckland Branch  
Birds New Zealand**



**July-Dec 2015**

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**Monthly Meetings:** held on the second Tuesday of each month, at the Papakura Croquet Club, 1 Chapel Street Papakura. Meetings start at 7:30. Visitors welcome. \$3.00 donation to cover costs.

July 14th	Mel Galbraith	<b>Changes in the Black-backed Gulls breeding on Ranigitoto Island since 1920.</b>
August 11 <sup>th</sup>	Craig Gillies	<b>Monitoring predators in Whangamarino wetland</b>
September 8 <sup>th</sup>	Andrew Sinclair	<b>Birds of Bald Hill</b>
October 13 <sup>th</sup>	David Lawrie	<b>50 years of wader counts in the Manukau</b>
November 10 <sup>th</sup>	Kyle Morrison	<b>Rockhopper Penguins and predators on Campbell Island</b>

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**Christmas barbeque December 12<sup>th</sup>:** This year hosted by David Lawrie at 52 Mill Rd, Pukekohe East arrive from 5.30pm. BYO meat, drink and something to share. Contact David Lawrie 092388407.

**Beach Patrols:** If interested contact Wendy Goad 09 2927838 or 027 6883433.

July 23 <sup>rd</sup>	September 24 <sup>th</sup>	November 26 <sup>th</sup>
August 20 <sup>th</sup>	October 22 <sup>nd</sup>	December 17 <sup>th</sup>

**Summer Wader Census:** Contact Tony Habraken 09 2385284; or [aahabraken@gmail.com](mailto:aahabraken@gmail.com) for details.

**Firth of Thames November 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Manukau Harbour November 29<sup>th</sup>**

## Field Trips

**Bird Walks at the Auckland Botanic Gardens July 8<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>.**

More bird walks for the public. Help to locate birds and chat to people would be appreciated. Meet in the visitor's centre at 10.00 am. Contact Wendy Goad 092927838 or Ian Southey 092982500 [iansouthey@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:iansouthey@yahoo.co.nz).

**Tuakau Sewage Ponds August 1<sup>st</sup>** – Waterfowl count. Meet Friedlander Rd end 9am. Contact David Lawrie 09 2388407.

**Port Waikato work day August 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Help set up Caspian Tern decoys and sound anchor, the dotterel fence and signs, look for Banded Dotterel territories. Carrot cake to follow (highly recommended). Contact Karen Opie 09 2329690.

**Puhinui September 19<sup>th</sup>** - Local birding, find and count the remnant Fernbird population and the wader roost after lunch – high tide 1.58pm. Meet at the carpark on Price's Rd, off Puhinui Rd 9a.m. Contact Bartek Wypych 021379099.

**Kidd's October 11<sup>th</sup>** – See the newly arrived Godwits and other waders at one of New Zealand's best roosts. Meet outside the driveway to New Zealand Bloodstock Ltd, on Hinau Road, Karaka Lakes at 9 am. Contact Ian Southey 09 2982500.

**National Red-billed Gull Survey:** This is the big year. We need to count the colonies we know about already, have a good look for any we might have missed and count them too. The Coromandel coast, especially the remoter parts would be well worth a look if you get the opportunity. Contact Ian Southey 09 2982500; or [iansouthey@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:iansouthey@yahoo.co.nz).