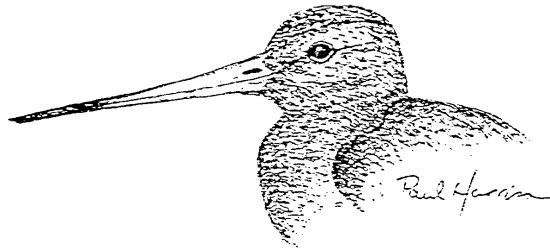


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**Newsletter of
South Auckland Branch
Birds New Zealand**



July-December 2013

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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 9 th	Rosemary Cotman	There are weka in the bottom of my garden
August 13 th	Emma Williams	Bitterns
September 10 th	Tim Lovegrove	An update on bird projects in Auckland parks
October 8 th	Terry Hatch	The trees birds need
November 12 th	Kerry Oates	Blue Ducks and the Tongariro power scheme

Christmas barbeque: December 7th, meet in Waiuku at the carpark on the corner of King Street and Queen Street at 9am for a day's birding on Awhitu Peninsula. Finish at, or just come to 150 Hamilton Rd, Awhitu, for a barbeque meal from 5.30pm. BYO meat, drink and something to share. Contact VivRutherford 09 2351145.

Beach Patrols:

Monthly when there are enough people to do them properly. If interested contact Wendy Goad 09 2927838 or 027 6883433. Meet at the carpark on the corner of King Street and Queen Street near the Kentish Hotel, Waiuku at 9 am.

July 14 th	November 10 th
August 11 th	December 15 th
September 29 th	January 12 th
October 27 th	

Wader Census: Dates for the annual summer census have been set, details will be given closer to the time. Contact Tony Habraken 09 2385284; or aahabraken@gmail.com

November 10 th	Firth of Thames	November 17 th	Manukau
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Field Trips

August 25th **Port Waikato**- Some local birding and help the locals setting up fences and signs for the nesting New Zealand Dotterels. Meet outside the driveway to New Zealand Bloodstock Ltd, on Hinau Road, Karaka Lakes at 9 am.

October 20th **Kidd's Shellbanks**. See the flocks of newly arrived Arctic migrants, check for bands and flags and hunt out any rarities among them. Meet outside the driveway to New Zealand Bloodstock Ltd, on Hinau Road, Karaka Lakes at 9 am.