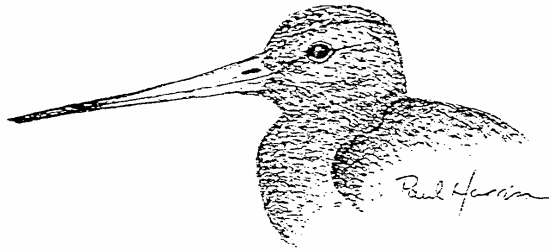


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**Newsletter of
South Auckland Branch
Birds New Zealand**



January-June 2014

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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.

February 11 th	Member's evening	Your latest exploits, observations and interests.
March 11 th	John Dyer	Ducks and duck hunting, monitoring and management
April 8 th	Rob Shuckard	King Shags
May 13 th	Rosemary Gatland	The Hunua Kokako project.
June 10 th	Kerry Oates	Blue Ducks and the Tongariro power scheme

Beach Patrols: If interested contact Wendy Goad 09 2927838 or 027 6883433. Meet at the car park on the corner of King Street and Queen Street near the Kentish Hotel, Waiuku at 9 am.

January 26 th	April 26 th
February 8 th	May 24 th
March 22 nd	June 7 th

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

Manukau Harbour June 15th

Firth of Thames June 22nd

Field Trips

Lower Waikato River. February 22nd. An ornithological exploration of the channels and islands in the lower Waikato River. Boats are being organised so if you want to come let me know in advance to get a seat, either at the meeting or call me on 09 2982500 if you want to be sure you get a seat. Meeting details given when you sign up.

Hunua Ranges Kokako April 19th (20th as a backup day). Meet 9.00 am at the car park at the end of Moumoukai Hill Rd (off Ness Valley Rd, about 5km east of Clevedon). Carpool to the start of the Kohukohunui Track with one pair of Kokako not far away and a slow climb up to the hut (2km) looking for more. Contact Tony Woodroffe 09 2961413.

Librarian needed: Kathy Barrow has retired from her role as the OSNZ librarian and a replacement, reasonably close to the Auckland Museum, is being sought. If you might be interested, please contact me to find out more.

National Projects: The Royal Spoonbill breeding survey is underway so please keep an eye for nests as the population is expanding fast. The Caspian Tern breeding survey finishes this summer so send in any records of colonies or lone pairs.

I am never entirely sure who does or does not receive the program when I send it out. If you know a member who doesn't get it please tell me and I'll try to do better.